

# Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

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Mayor Ed Murray and Councilmember Sally Bagshaw  
City Hall  
600 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Urban Forestry Commission 2015 Annual Report

Dear Mayor Murray and Councilmember Bagshaw,

The Urban Forestry Commission is pleased to submit the enclosed 2015 Urban Forestry Commission Annual Report, as required by Ordinance 123052.

In 2015, the Urban Forestry Commission's primary objectives were:

- To support implementation of the Urban Forest Stewardship Plan's goals:
  1. Create an ethic of stewardship for the urban forest among City staff, community organizations, businesses, and residents.
  2. Strive to replace trees and enhance specific urban forest functions and benefits when trees are lost, and achieve a net increase in the urban forest functions and related environmental, economic, and social benefits.
  3. Expand canopy cover to 30 percent by 2037.
  4. Increase health and longevity of the urban forest by removing invasive species and improving species and age diversity.
- To provide feedback and recommendations to City Council and the Mayor on specific policy actions that will ensure the long-term health and viability of Seattle's urban forest; and
- To provide a forum for public dialogue to assist the Commission in its advisory role.

We are looking forward to continuing to working closely with you and City departments on supporting the City's effort to achieve 30 percent canopy cover by 2037 and helping our city reap the many benefits that derive from a healthy urban forest.

Sincerely,

Tom Early, Chair  
Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

cc: Mayor Edward B. Murray, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant, Jessica Finn Coven, Eric McConaghy.

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