



# Urban Forest Strategic Plan

## Draft Vision Statement

*Updated February 2014*

### DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

*Shoreline's urban forest is a healthy and cohesive ecosystem that is valued and cared for through community stewardship.*

#### **Definitions for Underlined Phrases:**

Urban Forest – Need to define an urban forest and explain how it is a cohesive ecosystem.

Cohesive Ecosystem- A community of organisms – plants, animals, microbes – interact as a system. Biodiversity, disturbance, and succession are influences to the system. Key concepts include: wildlife habitat, dynamic system, corridors, both natives and non-natives, private and public vegetation make it contiguous and functioning as a system.

Community Stewardship – Active management using best management practices, by City and citizens alike.



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*Shoreline is dedicated to protect and manage the vibrant urban forest to enhance its benefit to the environment and its contribution to the livability of the community today and for generations to come.*

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Benefit to the Environment – Wildlife/birds/bees, air & water pollution filters, abate flooding/erosion, shade fish-bearing creeks.

Livability of the Community – Economic (property values, improve businesses), health and other social benefits; balance with other community values (solar access, land use, landscapes).