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Understanding you will be meeting to plan for 2022, I am encouraging you to do all you can do for protecting Shoreline's urban forest. Important issues for you to consider involve the proposed tree code amendments, amending the Land Use element of the Comprehensive Plan, creation of the proposed Urban Forestry Tree panel (which could help you with addressing your many environmental goals) and reviewing designs for the new sidewalk program.

The time to protect trees is NOW. Please adopt the tree code amendments as submitted by the Tree Preservation Code Team (TPCT).

Please add to the Comprehensive Plan "housing development and the preservation of significant trees can co-exist with the goal of maintaining and increasing Shoreline's urban canopy."

While voting for and supporting the new sidewalk program, I am very concerned with the proposed widths of residential streets. I am a Shoreline homeowner and appalled that tax dollars are paying for unnecessarily wide sidewalks. For example, the extremely wide new residential sidewalk on 1st NE looks out of place and wasteful. I see what has been proposed for the 6 ft. sidewalks on 5th ave NE, which will result in the loss of 16 vital trees and equally worry for the Landmark size trees on 20th ave NW in Richmond Beach. I would prefer my tax dollars go towards narrower sidewalks that provide save trees and money. As providing safety and saving trees are a priority, creative design may be necessary but it can be done—look at WSDOT's project on Dayton Ave N.!

Thank you,
Claudia Turner
Save Shoreline Trees
Tree Preservation Code Team