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Dear Planning Commissioners:

Shoreline can do much more to preserve our urban forest canopy as intense development takes over Shoreline. Please read this PDF letter link [Letter from 134 Scientists Conserve Mature Forests and Large Trees \(PDF\)](#) on the importance of conserving mature forests and large trees (full reference below). All forest canopy is so vitally important now in our urban environments. The recognition of this important scientific fact regarding the irreplaceable value of our mature conifer trees in Shoreline should implore all of you to take immediate and strategic action to advise city staff and city council to preserve our mature tree groves and stands in urban environments; developers must utilize innovative design for new construction and stop the clearcutting in our city. Developers will only do this if it is required and in writing by code. There are 7 zones in Shoreline (NB, CB, MB, MJR-70', and TC-1, 2, 3) that city code allows all of the trees on these development zones to be destroyed and replacement trees are not stipulated in these zones. So 20% of the property in Shoreline has no tree protection. This needs to change immediately to far greater level of tree retention before it is too late. Again this is entirely doable. And the letter above has signatures from some scientists at our own University of Washington on the importance of preserving mature trees.

Regards,
Nancy Morris
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REFERENCE SOURCE:

Climate Forests: <https://www.nrdc.org/resources/climate-forests#undefined>