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Kathleen Russell/Resident of Shoreline

Save Shoreline Trees supports the need for housing but our hope is that housing and established neighborhood trees can co-exist.

As confirmed by the Director at the Planning Commission meeting on January 6 of this year, approximately 20% of development property in Shoreline is not subject to any tree code. This applies to seven zones CB, NB, MB, MUR-70', and TC-1,2, and 3. Per municipal code, developers do not have to retain any of the trees on these properties and there are no requirements for replacement trees.

This means that trees on approximately 20% of the property in Shoreline are not protected and are in the process of being clear cut. On the other 80% of property, 25% retention of significant trees is required. Please go over to Meridian and N 147<sup>th</sup> and see what is happening in the Parkwood neighborhood where hundreds of trees have been cut down. Soon this number will be in the thousands of trees removed for development.

This evening on the illustrations of the new apartment buildings, you might notice a few trees around the properties, but new landscaping will never provide the benefits of Shoreline's mature conifer and native trees.

Currently, since there is no tree retention or tree replacement on 20% of development property, the tree canopy of Shoreline is decreasing. We ask the City to protect Shoreline's tree canopy, protect the health and environmental benefits these trees provide to current residents of Shoreline and will provide to future residents if these trees are preserved. Thank you.