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I am encouraging you, the City Council, to include in MUR-70 sites 10% Significant tree retention with Ordinance 968.

The prospect of seeing large developments devoid of trees is disheartening. Add to this the stark image created by little to no setbacks and limited street tree replacement. What on-site tree replacement required is sometimes waived. We are unfortunately seeing this scenario already being played out throughout Shoreline, especially in development zones not requiring tree retention. Think N 185th, Parkwood area, now the massive development planned for Linden Ave N & N. 178th. Even the townhouses in the 5th Ave N. & N. 155th area are shockingly lacking in vegetation.

You have the opportunity to help change this mass clearcutting of Shoreline's trees.

A "walkable community," which appears frequently as a buzzword that accompanies "density," cannot and will not occur without trees. Where will residents be walking to, on new supersized sidewalks, without the necessary retail, services and restaurants that help to create a vibrant neighborhood? (another topic) ...and where are the trees, amongst these heat islands, that will shield them from the heat and cleanse the air they breathe?

Perhaps through looking at eco-design options, City Council can come up with solutions. I'm confident that you will do the right thing and reconsider the tree code for MUR-70.

Thank you,
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Save Shoreline Trees,
Tree Preservation Code Team Member