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To: [Keith Scully](#); [Chris Roberts](#); [Doris McConnell](#); [Betsy Robertson](#); [John Ramsdell](#); [Eben Pabee](#); [Laura Mork](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ADDEDNUM: Re: URGENT ACTION NEEDED ON Ordinance 968 (MUR-70") TO PRESERVE MORE TREES
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Dear Mayor Scully, Deputy Mayor Robertson, and Councilmembers:

Please read the attached 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 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. At the very least 10% retention of mature trees in MUR-70 zones offers a start to achieve better 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.

Regards,
Nancy Morris
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REFERENCE SOURCE:

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

On Jun 7, 2022, at 10:51 AM, Nancy Morris <taweyahnan@gmail.com> wrote:

To Mayor Scully, Deputy Mayor Robertson, and Councilmembers:

I urgently implore you to reconsider tree retention requirements on 7 zones in Shoreline. Most importantly you have the opportunity now to require at least a 10% tree retention on the MUR-70' zone sites (this is already code for MUR-80' zone). This could save a number of important significant Northwest native trees. Your actions now are so vital to save more mature trees in Shoreline before it is too late. It can be done.

Thank you,
Nancy Morris
Resident of Shoreline

