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Dear Council Members,

I understand that you will be discussing the **Resolution 494 Climate Emergency** in your next council meeting. I am glad to see that “ecosystems” are included and that you are listing things such as “incorporating green infrastructure” and “protecting natural assets” as part of the solutions to the climate crisis. I would definitely like to see that you include something to the effect of “protecting established trees” in that same list of possible solutions. Established trees are natural assets that we still have here in Shoreline. I am grateful for the trees that I live near, and I know that they help mitigate the heat that we are currently experiencing.

Thank you for considering this wording. While it is also helpful to plant new trees when there is a construction project, those new trees will take many years to reach the same level of efficiency at removing carbon and filtering water, providing shade and urban habitats for wildlife that our mature trees do. Please protect our established trees.

Sincerely,

Katherine Lockwood