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I find it ironic that in the process of doing a major home remodel I had to take down two trees. One was a non-native holly that was 2 stories tall and the other was a scraggly and half dead looking tree that was not at all attractive. I actually planned my remodel in a way that we could save those two trees, but it turned out they needed to be removed in order to get the large excavating machinery where it needed to be. My architect informed me that the city of Shoreline will likely require me to plant at least 6 new trees on my property to compensate.

I'd like to point out how unfair it is to put the burden of reforestation onto "the little people" while big developers get away with tearing down acres of trees without any requirements to replace them.

Come on people...we KNOW trees have a huge benefit to communities - improved air quality, cooler/shadier streets, the color green, homes for many local critters. Please vote to move away from this scorched earth mentality and vote to save trees - why stop at 10%? How about 25% plus require developers to mitigate by replacing another 75%?

I personally cannot fit 6 more trees on my property, so I am hoping the City of Shoreline will allow me to plant them somewhere else. Perhaps big developers could be required to do the same - if you cut down 50 trees, you have to plant another 50 somewhere else.

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