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Dear Councilmembers:

What will it take to get the City of Shoreline's decision makers to start making saving Shoreline's trees a priority in the fight against climate chaos? With more and more housing being built, the heat islands in Shoreline will only continue to increase. The Council continues to be focused on the premise that building environmentally friendly housing and increasing public transportation are the main solutions to decrease emissions, but neither of those two solutions reduce heat islands since neither are required to save few if any trees that are in their way when being built or implemented.

Therefore, I'm asking the Council to:

- Vote **YES** to approve [Amendment 2](#), to fund an Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) study in 2023. Budget \$50,000.
- Vote **YES** to approve [Amendment 3](#), to complete the inventory of public street trees. Budget \$200,000.
- **Please invoke [RCW 36.70A.390](#)** to place a moratorium on the removal of public trees on heat islands for the duration of [Climate Emergency Resolution 494](#).

I think we can agree that we need to drastically reduce human caused emissions to help offset the climate chaos caused disasters than are increasing every year. So continuing with the closed mindset that trees aren't a useful tool to help reduce urban heat centers and emissions is a losing proposition for today's and future Shoreline residents.

And it turns out that saving our mature urban trees is also good for our health:

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/planting-trees-in-a-city-30-years-ago-may-have-lowered-the-risk-of-deaths-from-diseases/>

For the trees,
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