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On behalf of the Tree Preservation Code Team

The tree planting program by Sound Transit is beneficial though it will take years for the replacement trees to mature, store carbon, and provide the health benefits and beauty of established trees. It is very visible to all of us that Shoreline is losing trees. Look at the development density in the Parkwood neighborhood just north of N 145th between 3rd and Corliss. We have lost hundreds of trees on the MUR-70' zones, the Town Center and Neighborhood zones, where 100% of the trees can be cut down. Drive N 185th between Wallingford and 1st to see the void of trees. All the tall conifers along the east side of Linden at the Garden City apartments and north to N 182nd will soon be cut down, seriously impacting the neighborhood. We know there will be hundreds of tall conifers and native trees removed for the Bridge and the N 145th St renovation.

But we do not have to guess what residential/middle housing zones will look like in a couple of years when middle housing permits increase. Look at the developments on MUR-35' and MUR-45' zones, where 75% of the trees can be cut down, very few trees remain. This is what will happen to our residential lots, under current code, few tall trees will be retained. Council has another opportunity, most likely the last opportunity to retain established trees in our neighborhoods, to revise the existing residential tree code and retain some, a few more, trees on the residential/cottage/middle housing zone, and protect a few more of our 24-inch DBH and larger trees. **Please support Amendments 8, 9, 10, and 19. Thank you.**