



FACT SHEET

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Overview

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Partnerships/Grants:

Cities of SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines; Forterra; funding from the Port of Seattle

The Green Cities Partnership supports healthy, sustainable, urban forests in the near SeaTac airport communities.



Project Summary: Green Cities Partnership funded through the Port of Seattle which supports healthy, sustainable, urban forests in the near airport cities of SeaTac, Burien and Des Moines through community-based projects that restore and maintain forested parks, open spaces, and other public and private landscapes.

Results:

- Forest Steward program to support forested park and natural area restoration.
- Neighborhood Tree program with trainings, tree walks, and tree planting/tree care activities.

Project components:

Urban Forest Assessment and Evaluation: Identifying the current state of urban forest health and community stewardship opportunities in Burien, in collaboration with Forterra utilizing Forest Landscape Assessment Tool. The assessment results in canopy cover assessment data and results, including riparian and WRIA 9 overlays; and a series of maps that correlate individually tree canopy and neighborhood access data in order to identify potential stewardship opportunities.

Community Engagement: A community engagement model that involves local stakeholders is in the process of establishing stewardship goals and priorities.

Community Supported Urban Forest Enhancement Plan: Research summary and background, program goals, vision, benchmarks, recommendations, cost estimates, volunteer hours needed, and suggestions on program implementation strategies.

Implement Priority Community-Based Urban Forestry Projects: Forest Steward Program Model: The Program provides training, technical expertise, tools, plants, and other materials for volunteer Forest Stewards to lead urban forest restoration work parties on their own or with Forterra staff support.

This work aligns with the Joint County – City Climate Commitments by supporting the countywide goals to reduce carbon emissions 80% from 2007 levels by 2050.



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Through focused, coordinated action, we will maximize the impact of our individual and shared efforts.