



Urban Forest Management Plan Progress Report

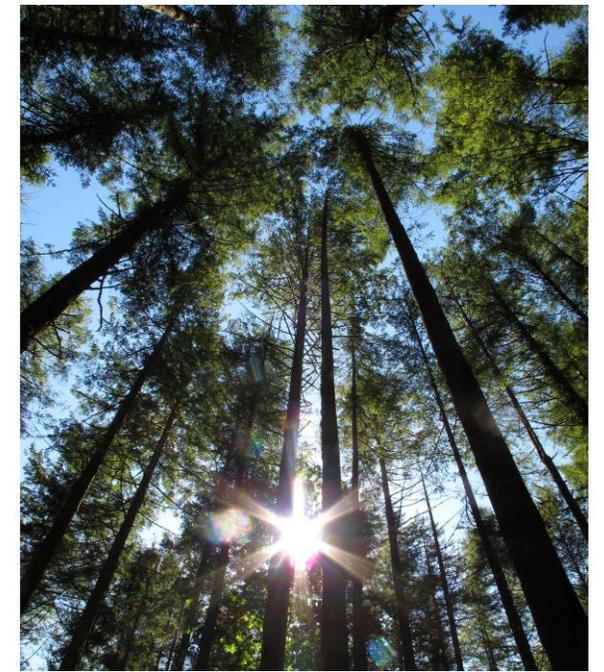
City Council Study Session · July 9, 2018

Presented by Davey Resource Group Inc.

The Process So Far

Topics for Tonight

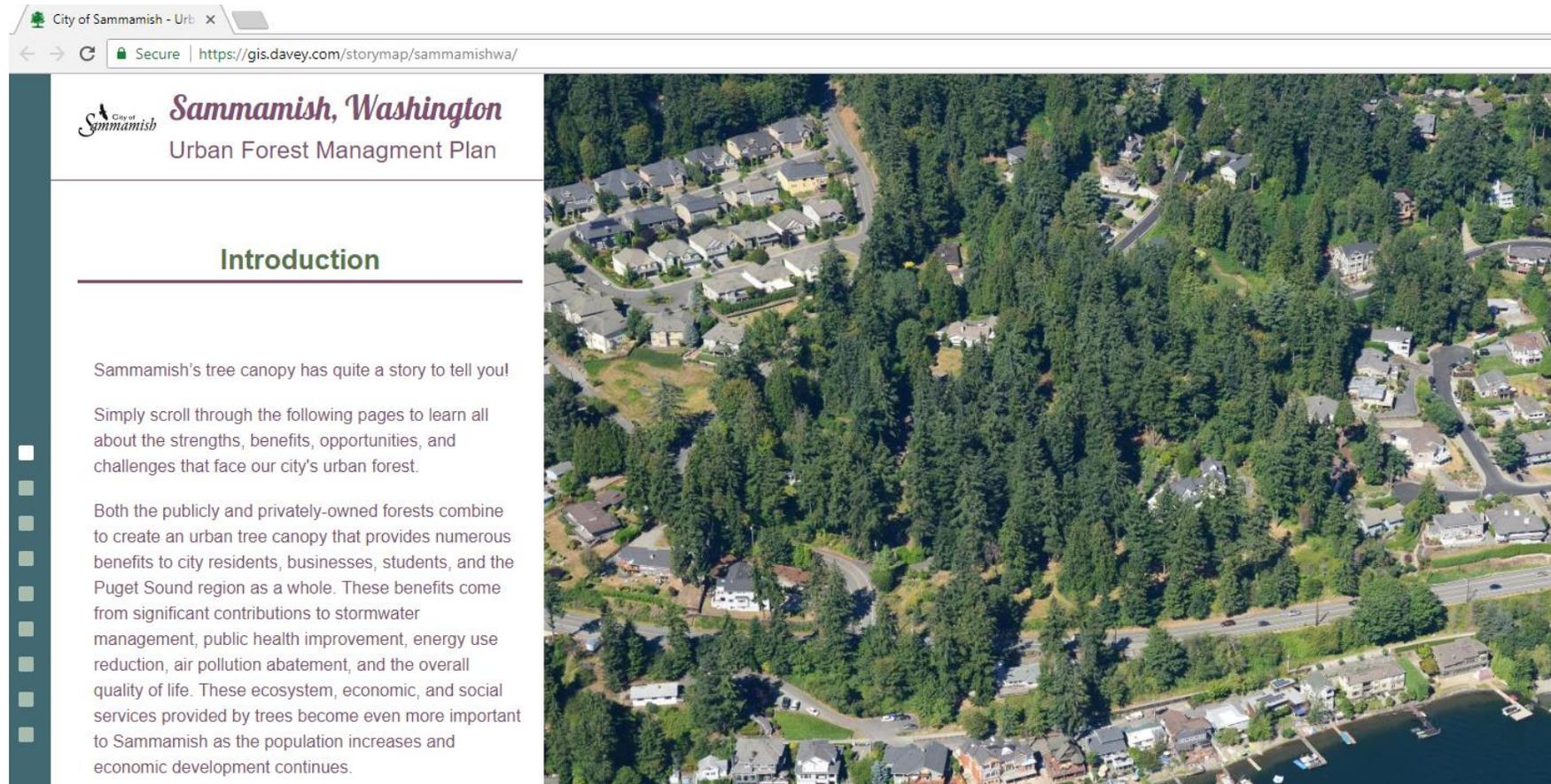
- Urban Tree Canopy Results
- Storymap Website
- Public Outreach & Engagement
- Next Steps...



Sammamish Urban Forest Storymap

A walkthrough

<https://gis.davey.com/storymap/sammamishwa/>



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 **Sammamish, Washington**
Urban Forest Management Plan

Introduction

Sammamish's tree canopy has quite a story to tell you!

Simply scroll through the following pages to learn all about the strengths, benefits, opportunities, and challenges that face our city's urban forest.

Both the publicly and privately-owned forests combine to create an urban tree canopy that provides numerous benefits to city residents, businesses, students, and the Puget Sound region as a whole. These benefits come from significant contributions to stormwater management, public health improvement, energy use reduction, air pollution abatement, and the overall quality of life. These ecosystem, economic, and social services provided by trees become even more important to Sammamish as the population increases and economic development continues.

Public Engagement Community Pop-Ups

Outreach Sessions

- Workshops
- Earth Day
- Farmers Market 1 (Booth)
- Farmers Market 2
(Open House/Photo Contest)



Photo Contest

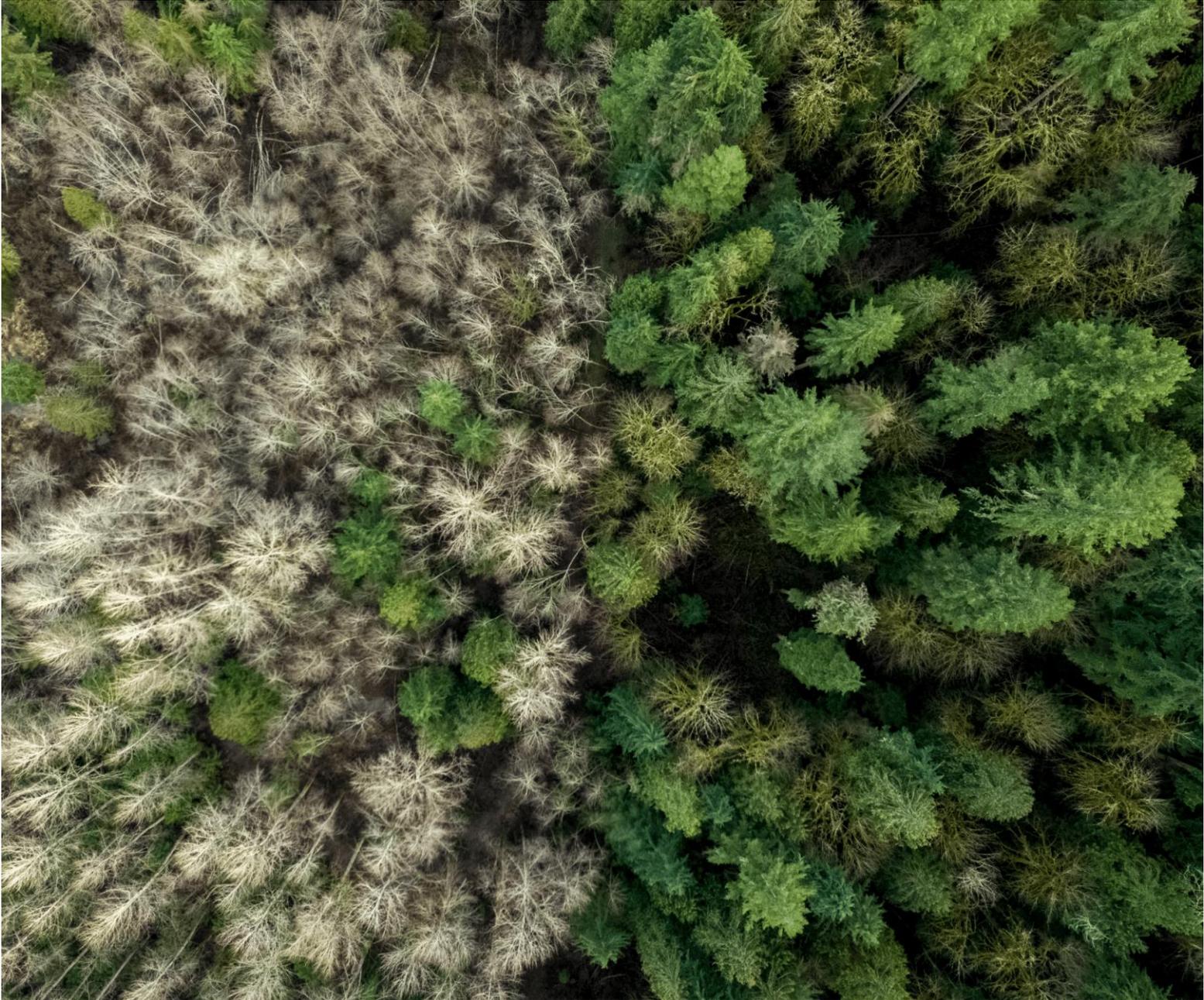
Community Participation – Connecting UF to the Arts

- 93 Sammamish photographers
- 250+ images

- Partnership with Arts Commission
 - Photo exhibit of 20 jury-selected photos
 - Opening reception **July 25 at 6PM**

























Online Survey

Initial Results

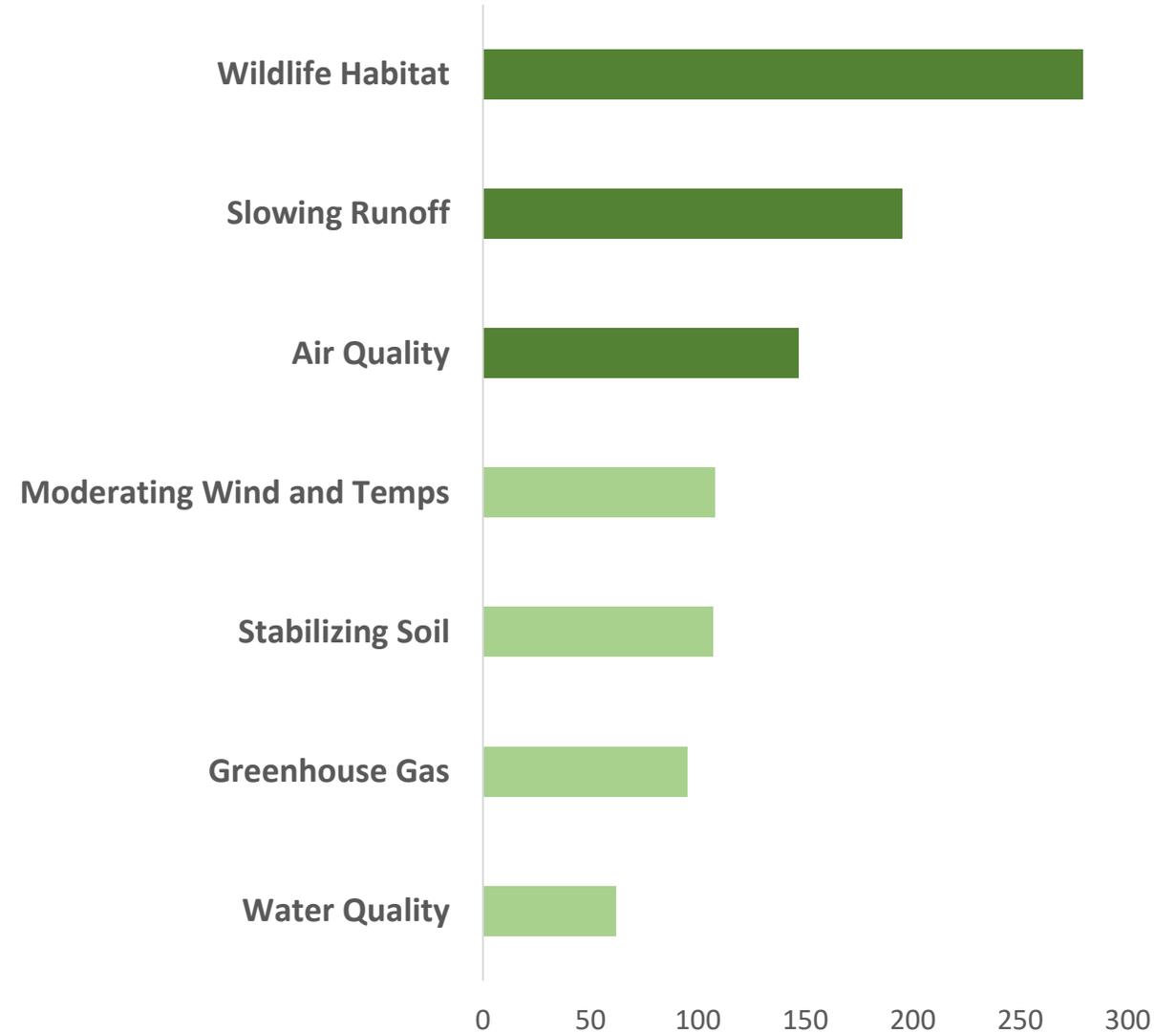
331 responses over 7 weeks

Trees Are Important to
Quality of Life in Sammamish

98%

Agree or Strongly Agree

What urban forest benefits are most important to citizens?

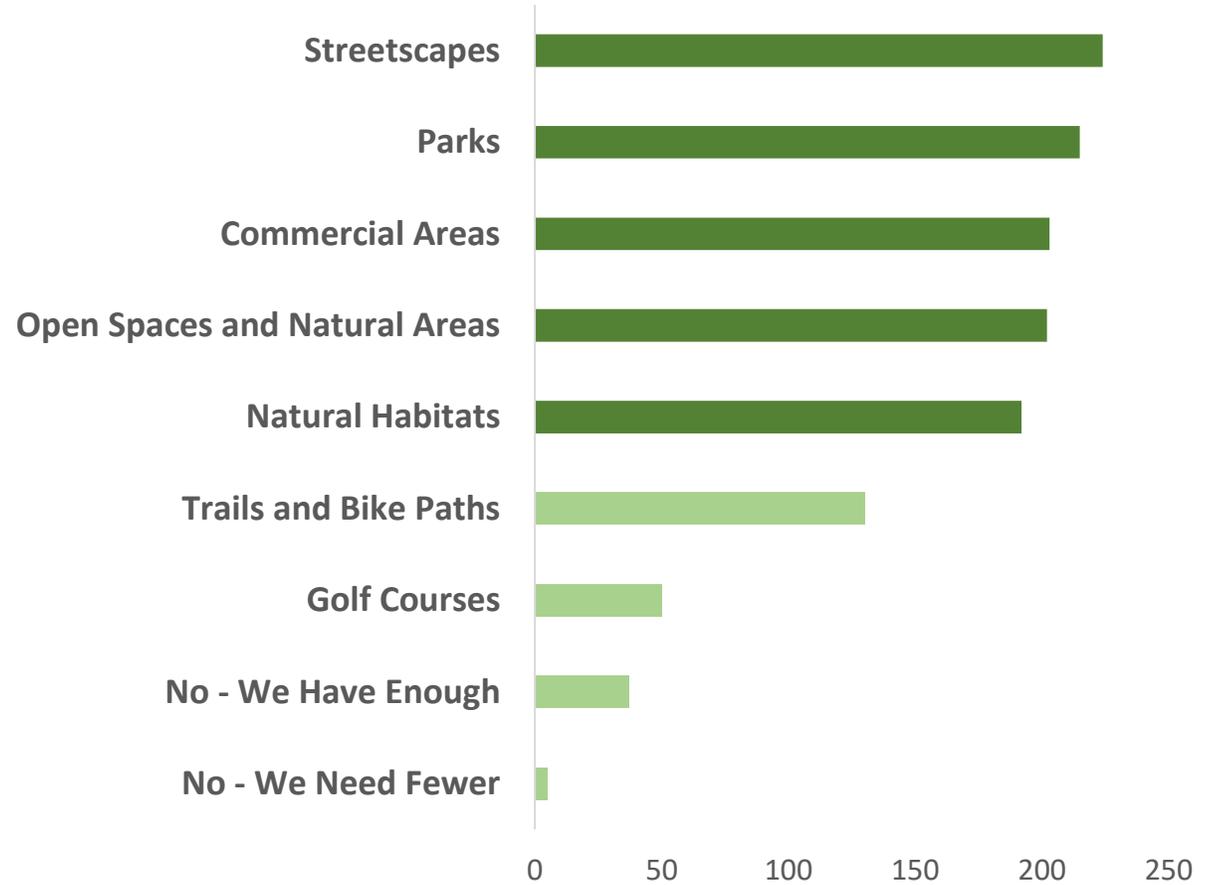


Sammamish Needs More Public Trees

81%

Agree or Strongly Agree

Where should we plant more public trees?



What is your satisfaction level with care of public trees?

Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied
58%	29%	13%

How often do you encounter...

Trees Blocking the Right-of-Way	Trees with Poor Structure	Trees in Poor Health
62%	64%	45%
Never	Never	Never

What is your awareness of City tree regulations?

Aware from Personal Experience	Aware from News Articles	Was Not Aware
38%	44%	20%

What is your experience with City tree regulations?

Easy and Reasonable	Difficult and Too Strict	No Opinion
15%	9%	56%

Do you support...

**Business License
for Arborist?**

**Punitive Policies
for Violations?**

**Special Property Tax
for Urban Forestry?**

83%

Yes or

Maybe (With Conditions)

97%

Yes or

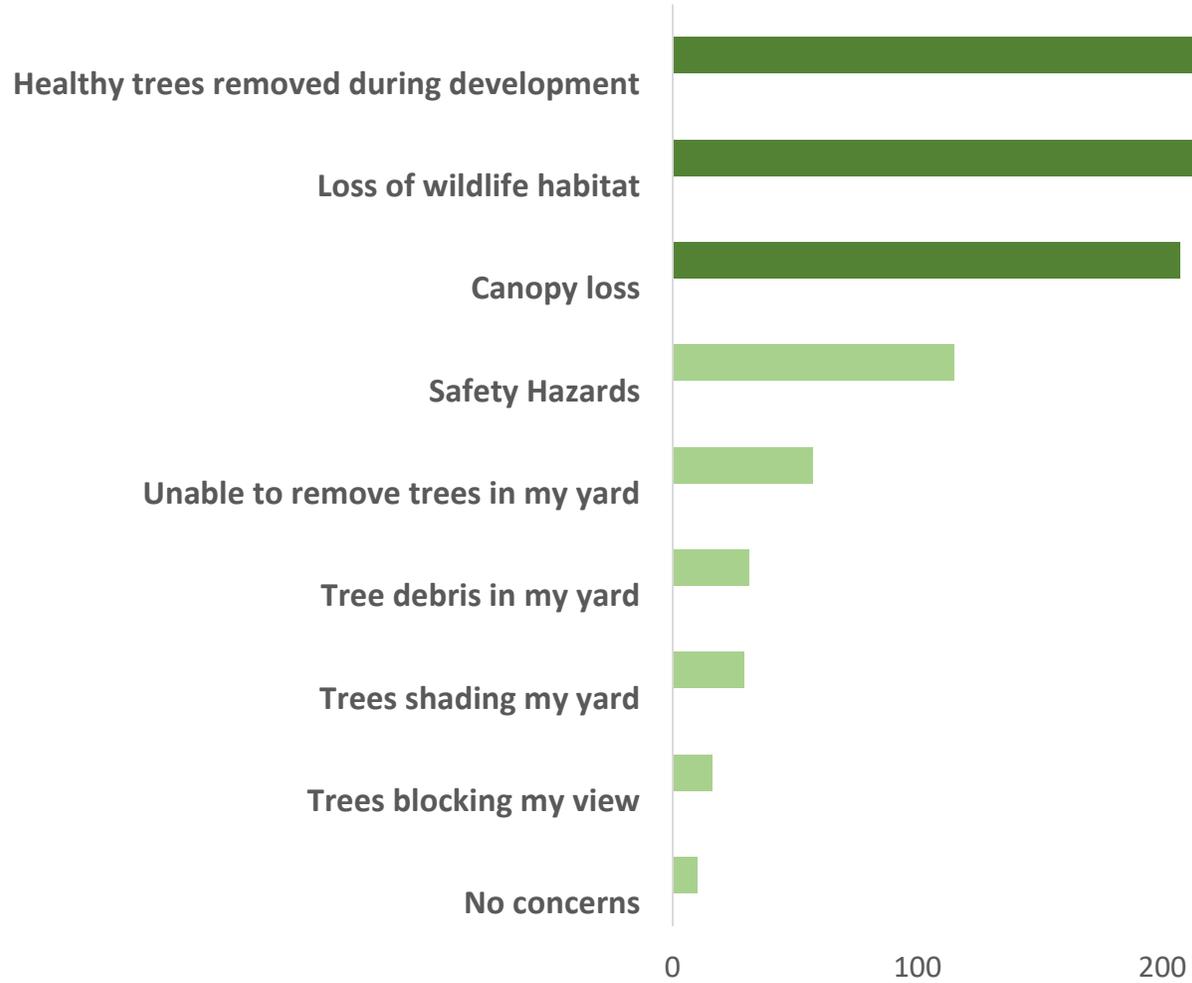
Maybe (With Conditions)

68%

Yes or

Maybe (With Conditions)

Top Concerns for Trees



Urban Forest Management Plan

Next Steps



Visit our Project Website

<https://www.sammamish.us/government/departments/community-development/current-projects/urban-forest-management-plan/>