

# Agenda Bill

City Council Special Meeting

November 04, 2019



<b>SUBJECT:</b>	A Public Hearing to consider amendments to the Environment and Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.		
<b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b>	October 28, 2019		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Community Development		
<b>NEEDED FROM COUNCIL:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action <input type="checkbox"/> Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Informational		
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Complete the Public Hearing and pass a motion to direct staff to include the proposed amendments to the Environment and Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan in the consolidated amendment package to be considered by the City Council in early 2020.		
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	<a href="#">Exhibit 1 - Comprehensive Plan Amendments</a> <a href="#">Exhibit 2- Presentation</a>		
<b>BUDGET:</b>			
Total dollar amount	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Approved in budget</b>
Fund(s)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Budget reallocation required</b>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>No budgetary impact</b>
<b>WORK PLAN FOCUS AREAS:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation		<input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication & Engagement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Livability	
<input type="checkbox"/> High Performing Government		<input type="checkbox"/> Culture & Recreation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health & Protection		<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Sustainability	

## NEEDED FROM COUNCIL:

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## KEY FACTS AND INFORMATION SUMMARY:

### Summary Statement

In 2018, the Planning Commission recommended and the City Council approved placing a proposal on the annual docket to amend the Environment and Conservation Element to update Policy EC.10.10 and

to add a dynamic reference to the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). The proposed amendments (Exhibit 1) will ensure that the UFMP is appropriately referenced in the Comprehensive Plan and that there is consistency between the two documents.

The amendments proposed as part of this docket item include the following:

1. Amend Policy EC.10.10 in Volume I of the Environment and Conservation Element to revise and remove outdated references.
2. Add an Urban Forest section to Volume II of the Environment and Conservation Element and include text summarizing the purpose of the UFMP and add a dynamic reference to the adopted Plan.

In 2019, two public meetings were held to discuss amendments to the Environment and Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan:

1. [July 18, 2019](#), Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on draft amendments to the Environment and Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan related to the UFMP, deliberated, and voted 7-0 to recommend the proposed text amendments to City Council.
2. [October 15, 2019](#), Staff presented Planning Commission's recommended amendments to the Environment and Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan related to the UFMP for City Council review and comment.

### **Background**

The UFMP will be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan as a reference and is consistent with the guidelines established by the Growth Management Act. The docketed proposal is to amend the Environment and Conservation Element for consistency with the UFMP and is being reviewed concurrently with the UFMP itself. Concurrent review is more effective as the City Council can consider the impacts to the Comprehensive Plan at the same time as the UFMP is being reviewed. The proposed amendments are consistency and clean-up amendments to ensure that the UFMP is appropriately referenced in the Comprehensive Plan.

These amendments are dependent on the adoption of the UFMP by Resolution. If for some reason the UFMP is not adopted, these amendments will not be included in the consolidated Ordinance adopting the Consolidated Annual Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan which is tentatively scheduled for early 2020.

### **Next Steps**

On November 4, 2019, City Council will hold a Public Hearing and take testimony from the public on the proposed amendments to the Environment and Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. However, the City Council will not be voting on the proposed amendment following the November 4, 2019 public hearing; instead, any City Council deliberations at this meeting will carry forward to a City Council meeting to be scheduled for early 2020. At that meeting, there will be a final reading of a consolidated Ordinance and adoption of the Consolidated Annual Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan (i.e. simultaneous adoption of all approved docketed 2018-2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments). The reason the City Council will adopt a consolidated amendment of the Comprehensive Plan is to comply with RCW 36.70A.130(2)(a), which restricts the adoption of

amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to no more frequently than once every year, except under very specific circumstances. Since more than one proposed amendment was docketed ([Resolution R2018-811](#)), the consolidated amendment ordinance will ensure that the Comprehensive Plan is amended only once a year. Additionally, the consolidated approach allows the City Council to assess the cumulative impacts resulting from all docketed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, in accordance with the GMA.

**RELATED CITY GOALS, POLICIES, AND MASTER PLANS:**

[Comprehensive Plan Policy EC.10.10](#) - Create and support a robust and comprehensive Urban Forestry Management Plan starting in 2016.



Fall street trees near  
 Inglewood Middle School  
 (credit: Sammamish Friends)



Evergreen trees on  
 228th Ave SE

*Policy EC.10.3 Maintain and enhance a street tree maintenance program. Use trees and other vegetation, both native and non-native, as appropriate, in all restoration.*

*Policy EC.10.4 Encourage community residents and property owners to preserve the green and wooded character of existing neighborhoods.*

*Policy EC.10.5 Within the city, allow off-site options for replanting and restoration where not feasible on-site in order to meet tree retention requirements and achieve tree canopy coverage and storm water capture.*

*Policy EC.10.6 Develop and enforce effective regulatory penalties and practices for unauthorized removal or damage of trees.*

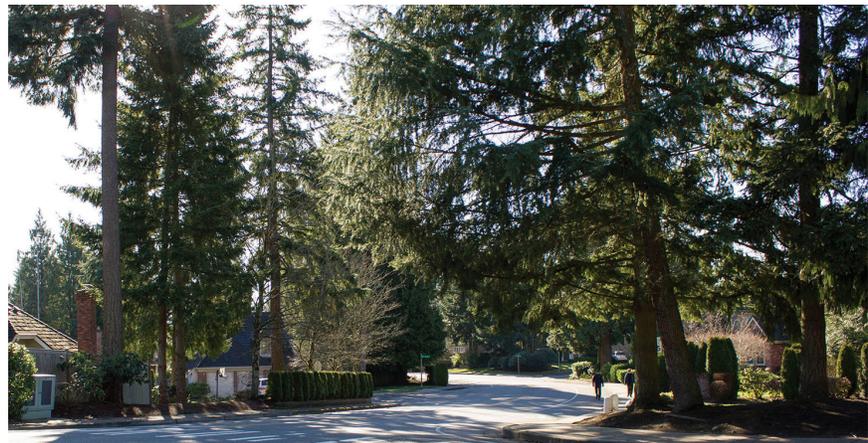
*Policy EC.10.7 Prioritize restoration and enhancement of environmentally critical areas and buffers, with the aim of enhancing ecosystem function.*

*Policy EC.10.8 Consider incentivizing retention of trees on existing lots, prioritizing clusters and/or a continuous canopy with trees on adjacent lots when feasible.*

*Policy EC.10.9 Promote regulatory tools that take into consideration the case-by-case context-sensitive nature of tree retention and canopy coverage.*

*Policy EC.10.10 ~~Create and s~~Support and implement the ~~a robust and comprehensive~~ Urban Forest Management Plan starting in 2016.*

*Policy EC.10.11 Develop incentives to prioritize the retention of high value trees, including heritage and/or landmark trees.*



Residential tree  
 coverage

## EC.22

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of buildings and other structures. They provide engineering design values based on the 2008 USGS National Seismic Hazard Maps probabilistic and deterministic ground motion parameters for designing structures.

- 2009 NEHRP Recommended Seismic Provisions for New Buildings and Other;
- Structures, FEMA P-750 (“2009 NEHRP Provisions”);
- 2010 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, ASCE 7-10;
- (“2010 ASCE-7 Standard”); and
- 2012 International Building Code.

These three similar manuals represent the best available engineering for seismic design of structures. The 2006 Geologic Map of King County is another BAS document. (Booth & Wisner 2006). It shows detailed soil types and the zone of the Seattle Fault. The purpose of the map is for more general geology uses, but it appears to be consistent with 2004 Liquefaction Susceptibility Map in terms of the location of soil types susceptible to liquefaction and the location of peat deposits.

Development in designated seismic hazard areas is addressed in the City’s Environmentally Critical Areas regulations, SMC 21A.50.

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**City Council Public Hearing**

# **Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

**Environment & Conservation  
Element**

**November 4, 2019**



# Meeting Agenda

City Council  
Public Hearing



- Staff Presentation
- Public Hearing

# Comprehensive Plan Amendment

## Environment & Conservation Element

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~~and comprehensive~~ Urban Forest Management Plan  
~~starting in 2016.~~*

# Comprehensive Plan Amendment

## Environment & Conservation Element

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# Urban Forest Management Plan

## Next Steps

DATE	MEETING	TOPIC
✓ May 16	Planning Commission	Work Session: Draft UFMP Review
✓ June 20	Planning Commission	Public Hearing: Draft UFMP
✓ July 18	Planning Commission	Public Hearing: Comprehensive Plan Amendments
✓ October 15	Joint City Council & Planning Commission	Work Session: Review Planning Commission's Recommended UFMP and Associated Comprehensive Plan Amendments
November 4	City Council	Public Hearing: UFMP Public Hearing: Comprehensive Plan Amendments
Early 2020	City Council	Ordinance: 2020 Consolidated Comprehensive Plan Amendments