



Snohomish County Council

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

2023 Annual Tree Canopy Monitoring Report

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development Services

ORIGINATOR: Long Range Planning

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Approved by Ken Klein 2/7/24

PURPOSE: To provide Council with an update to the annual tree canopy monitoring report, and to summarize the new urban residential tree canopy applications for the year 2023. And the latest updates to the new urban Tree Canopy subelement proposed by the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.

BACKGROUND: Snohomish County has been delivering annual tree canopy monitoring reports since amended motion 14-073 was passed in 2014. This motion requires that the County provide in a report the total amount of proposed and required 20-year tree canopy coverage, and the total new and retained tree canopy calculations for new applications. The report must be submitted to Council by January 31st of every year. The 2023 Annual Tree Canopy Report includes assessing the approved landscape plans for forty new residential applications, and whether current regulations are meeting community standards. This report compares previous applications with the newer methodologies for calculating more precise tree canopy coverage. This report also highlights the potential adoption of a new Urban Tree Canopy Subelement that would strengthen tree canopy regulations including establishing a no minimum net loss of 38% of tree canopy coverage in Snohomish County. The 2023 Tree Canopy Monitoring Report has been included as part of the ECAF Report.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS

TOTAL			
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DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES: Report only - no fiscal impact

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL	_____	CONTRACT#	_____	AMOUNT	_____
AMENDMENT	_____	CONTRACT#	_____	AMOUNT	_____

Contract Period

ORIGINAL	START	_____	END	_____
AMENDMENT	START	_____	END	_____

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: Reviewed/approved by Risk - Shelia Barker and Finance - Nathan Kennedy 2/7/24