SEA Land Stewardship Program Update

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All Port of Seattle facilities exist on Indigenous land. We are grateful to respectfully live and work on these lands with the Coast Salish and Native people who walked here before us and who still walk here. This land acknowledgment is one small act in the ongoing process of working to be in good relationship with the land and the people of the land.

1. Land Stewardship Principles
2. Land Stewardship Plan
3. Tree Replacement Standards
4. Next Steps
The Port operates essential transportation infrastructure to ensure the efficient movement of people and goods in the region and must utilize its land for development and operations, which can include tree removal.

At the same time, the Port recognizes the importance of balancing our operations with responsible use of resources, related to economic development, transportation, and natural resources.
PORT-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL LAND STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

- Comprehensive application
- Capital program integration
- Equity lens
- Community partnerships
- Holistic ecology
SEA LAND STEWARDSHIP PLAN

Guidelines
• Exceed minimum regulations
• Enable sustainable operations/development
• Provide community and ecological benefits

Objectives
• Inventory, track and report
• Protect and restore habitat
• Connect and expand habitat
• Community partnerships
• Offset tree clearing impacts
# STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

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TREE REPLACEMENT STANDARDS
Every tree removed will be replaced with four “stewardship credits”

Stewardship credit options:

• **Plant new trees** to increase canopy *(1 tree planted = 1 credit)*

• **Protect the life of existing trees** by removing ivy *(1 tree protected = 1 credit)*

• **Clear invasive species** and restore a native understory *(200 sq feet restored = 1 credit)*
TREEREPLACEMENTLOCATIONS

- Maximize tree canopy on the development site
- Prioritize adjacent open-space for additional replacement
- Off-site ecological areas if necessary
NEXT STEPS

- **Public Webinar** (November 8)
- **Public Comment** (November 8 – November 15; extended one month from original deadline)
- **Comment Review** (Currently)
- **LSP and Tree Replacement Standards Finalized** (March 1)
- **Commission Review and Adoption**
  - Commission Notification (March 12)
  - Commission Authorization (March 26)
THANK YOU