

The 2016 Seattle Canopy Cover Assessment stated there were only 6,338 trees of trunk diameter of 30 inches and greater left in the city.

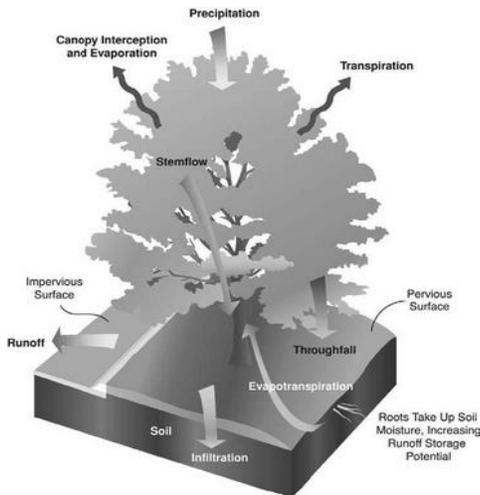
We now have nearly 1600 majestic trees submitted to our tree census by volunteers from every neighborhood in Seattle.

We treasure these majestic trees and are so impressed when people in neighborhoods step up to protect them. We wanted to focus on some of these efforts in this newsletter.

Congratulations to the sixteen neighbors who rallied for their majestic Western red cedar on South Mayflower Street in the Seward Park neighborhood. The tree was to be cut down for a development project. As of this date the developers said they would not cut down the tree.



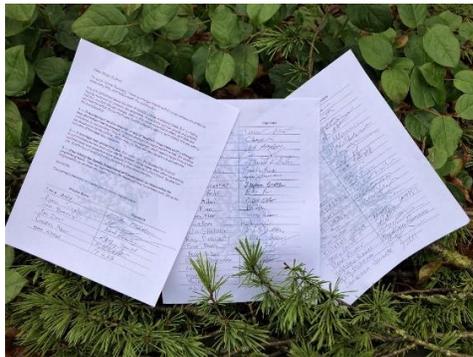
Let us see below what the Center for Urban Forest Research says about the flood reduction benefits for the neighborhood of this majestic Western red cedar.



"A 44-inch Western red cedar will intercept 6,023 gallons of stormwater runoff this year. Urban stormwater runoff (or "non-point source pollution") washes chemicals (oil, gasoline, salts, etc.) and litter from surfaces such as roadways and parking lots into streams, wetlands, rivers, and oceans. The more impervious the surface (e.g., concrete, asphalt, rooftops), the more quickly pollutants are washed into our community waterways. Drinking water, aquatic life and the health of our entire ecosystem can be adversely affected by this process. Trees act as mini reservoirs, controlling runoff at the source. Trees reduce runoff by: intercepting and holding rain on leaves, branches and bark; increasing infiltration and storage of rainwater through the tree's root system; reducing soil erosion by slowing rainfall before it strikes the soil."

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In West Seattle, 500 people signed a petition to build a sidewalk ramp around a healthy majestic Horse Chestnut Tree at the corner of Fauntleroy Way SW and SW Fontanelle Street, rather than cut it down. Currently the Department of Transportation is reviewing fresh design options.



At the University of Washington, fifty students in December signed a petition to the Mayor's Office to implement stronger tree protection measures. UW student Stephen S., who coordinated the letter, commented that "so many large old trees have been cut down in the U District, when developers could have worked around them."

Thank you, Charlie.

College student Charlie Y. contacted The Last 6000 Campaign with a gracious offer to donate over 20 young trees which he had grown from seed. He gave us western red cedars, douglas firs, deodar cedars as well as weeping willows and a horse chestnut. We are glad to have these beautiful young trees to give away at our events and raise community awareness about the value of Seattle's trees. Thank you, Charlie, for giving people trees to plant so there will be more majestic trees in the future!



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