

## **SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

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City of Seattle Urban Forestry Core Team  
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Seattle Department of Transportation  
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RE: Cambium Carbon’s Reforestation Hubs pilot city application

Dear Urban Forestry Core Team:

The Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) was briefed by Cambium Carbon, a public-private partnership, about their Reforestation Hub Development initiative. This initiative seeks to support cities to build circular, self-sustaining, local wood economies and scale natural climate solution implementation.

The program offers to conduct a pro-bono needs assessment and provide a set of recommendations for “reforestation hub” improvements for pilot cities. The assessment will review the cycle of urban tree waste and collaborate with city departments and local businesses to capitalize on the value of trees that have either been removed over the course of the municipalities’ work or failed during extreme weather events. The program’s goal is to fund replanting of municipalities’ urban forests by selling trees removed by city government as re-useable products in the lumber, furniture, or other green industries.

The Cambium Carbon program is seeking applications to become a pilot city. Seattle has the opportunity to leverage this program to make Seattle’s urban forest a more financially stable resource.

The UFC views this program as a way to encourage the growth of our urban forest and meet the canopy goals currently set forth by the City, and encourages the Core Team to submit an application to take advantage of participating in the program as a pilot city.

Sincerely,

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Weston Brinkley, Chair

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Sarah Rehder

cc: Mayor Jenny A. Durkan, Council President Lorena González, CM Lisa Herbold, CM Debora Juarez, CM Andrew Lewis, CM Tammy Morales, CM Teresa Mosqueda, CM Alex Pedersen, CM Kshama Sawant, CM Dan Strauss, Jessica Finn Coven, Sam Assefa, Jesus Aguirre, Debra Smith, Nathan Torgelson, Sam Zimbabwe, Mami Hara, Urban Forestry Management Team, Urban Forestry Core Team, Yolanda Ho, Austin Miller

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