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Urban Forest Management Plan Open House Draws a Crowd

(Edmonds - WA) Approximately 50 citizens came together on Thursday night to share a diversity of ideas on how the City should manage its urban forest. The City of Edmonds is in the process of developing an urban forest management plan to promote a shared vision for how the City manages trees on city property, public rights-of-way, and critical habitat areas.

The presentation indicated the Urban Forest Management Plan is intended to focus primarily on public properties but would identify ways to encourage tree management everywhere for example through education.

Ian Scott, project consultant from Davey Resource Group, was on hand to deliver initial research, including the results from an urban tree canopy assessment. According to the assessment, Edmonds currently enjoys 30-percent tree canopy coverage with the rest of land being covered by grass/vegetation, impervious surface, and water.

The Open House was the first public input opportunity on the subject. The project timeline includes public meetings before the Tree Board, Planning Board, and City Council. Davey Resources also intends to hold another public Open House as a draft plan is developed.

You are encouraged to participate in an online survey to share your thoughts. The survey can be accessed by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/EdmondsUFMP. More information on the Urban Forest Management Plan is available on the [City of Edmonds Development Services web page](#).

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