

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add \$115,000 of GSF to the OSE BCL to develop the concept of eco-hood forest stewardship areas and to do a new tree canopy cover assessment

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Councilmembers: Bagshaw; Conlin; Licata; O'Brien

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2013 Increase (Decrease)	2014 Increase (Decrease)
General Subfund		
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Subfund Expenditures	\$0	\$115,000
Net Balance Effect	\$0	(\$115,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	(\$115,000)

Budget Action description:

This green sheet adds \$115,000 of General Subfund (GSF) to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) Budget Control Level (BCL) to develop the “eco-hood” concept of geographically distinct forest stewardship areas and do a new tree canopy cover assessment.

The Urban Forest Stewardship Plan (UFSP) identifies over 100 actions to reach a goal of 30% forest canopy cover in Seattle by 2037. Resolution 31477 adopted the 2013 UFSP update and established priorities for its implementation. The eco-hood concept is one of the priorities. Managing the urban forest through an eco-hood approach is the idea of identifying a geographic area with distinct ecological, built environment, and community characteristics that would help identify its forest protection and restoration potential relative to other areas of the city. This approach is new and further assessment is needed to determine whether it is the right management approach for Seattle’s urban forest; how to distinguish one area (or eco-hood) from another; how to identify whether boundaries between areas are most logically based on topography, land use or other

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factors; and how these areas might be used in implementing the UFSP. This green sheet provides funds to develop the eco-hood concept using consultant assistance, carry out a new tree canopy cover assessment, and create new geographic information system layers.

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Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add funds for a consultant to develop eco-hood forest stewardship areas				OSE	Office of Sustainability and Environment	X1000	00100	2014		\$115,000