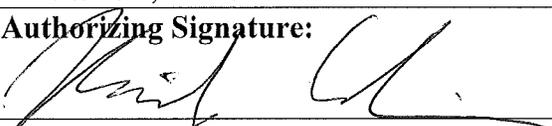


# City of Seattle

## Notice of Appointment

<b>Name:</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Leif Fixen</i></p>		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Eastlake</i></p>	<b>Zip Code:</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>98102</i></p>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(605) 691-3072</i></p>
<b>Appointed to:</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Urban Forestry Commission Position 5 - Arborist</i></p>		<b>Date of Appointment:</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>May 23, 2012</i></p>
<b>Authority (Ord., Res.):</b> <b>Ordinance 123052</b>		<b>Term of Office</b> <b>From:</b> <i>May 23, 2012</i> <b>To:</b> <i>December 1, 2014</i>
<b>Background:</b>  <p><i>City Council appointee to the Urban Forestry Commission Position #5 (Arborist with certification from the International Society of Arboriculture). This new appointment fills a vacancy. Previous commissioner was John Hushagen.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Fixen holds an arborist certification by the International Society of Arboriculture, and has extensive experience ranging from City Urban Forester and tree crews foreman, to District arborist and Certified Resource Planner.</i></p> <p><i>During his municipal experience Mr. Fixen developed and implemented tree planting, pruning, and removal projects and contracts; implemented a city-wide tree inventory and develop urban tree canopy goals; worked with landscape architects on park designs and public improvement projects. He currently works for the Snohomish Conservation District as certified resource planner, district arborist, and urban forester. He works with land owners to create resource management plans; and conducted tree risk assessments.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Fixen's broad experience and familiarity with municipal processes will be an asset to the Urban Forestry Commission. Mr. Fixen will be serving a two-an-a-half years term that expires on December 1, 2014.</i></p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature:</b> 		<b>Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:</b> <b>Councilmember Richard Conlin</b>



# Leif Fixen

Seattle, WA 98102

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## Education

**Bachelor of Science, Horticulture/Forestry, May 2005**  
**South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD**  
Business and Agronomy minors  
Member of SDSU Turf Club and Arboriculture Club.

- **Harvard University**, (Fall 06 – Spring 07)  
Subjects: Chemistry Program
- **Vaxjo University**, Sweden Exchange Program (07/2004 – 01/2005)  
Subjects: Forestry Science, International Economics, Swedish language
- **Disney University Internship**, Business Leadership Course (Spring 2002)  
Studied different leadership styles, researched motivation strategies for different personalities in the work place

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## Work Experience

### **Snohomish Conservation District (2010 – Present)**

Position: Certified Resource Planner

- Create resource management plans for land owners (farms, dairies, forests, etc.)
- District Arborist / Urban Forester
- Manage the district plant sale (sell 50,000 plants over 2 days)
- Firewise coordinator/consultant
- Manage Soil Testing Program
- Grant Writing
- Writing articles for our newsletter the "NEXUS" <http://snohomishcd.org/newsletters>

### **Boston Parks & Recreation Department (2005 – 2010)**

Position: City Urban Forester / Tree Crews Foreman

- Developed/implemented various city-wide tree planting, pruning, and removal projects and contracts (\$1,000,000 annually in tree plantings alone)
- Implemented a City-Wide Tree Inventory and developed a city Urban Tree Canopy Goal
- Organized and officiated Boston's Public Shade Tree Removal Hearings (MA Chapter 87)
- Worked with landscape architects on park designs & public improvement projects
- Boston's Urban Long Term Research Area (ULTRA) City Representative: A new project with the USFS to start the first network of urban forest experiment stations. I helped write the grant proposal for the Boston station.
- Interacted with community groups and youth organizations on planting projects and educational seminars (coordinated the planting of 1,000 trees for Arbor Day)

### **Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, DCR (2005-2007)**

Position: Assistant Forester (part-time)

- Identified & installed needed conservation measures along hiking trails, roadways, & streams (used level and transit)
- Completed trail inventories, along with identifying and removing hazardous trees

### **Schade' Vineyard (2002-2005)**

Position: Viticulturist / Vineyard Manager (Full-time & Part-time)

- Managed the care and harvest of the vineyard & orchard, supervised 2 employees
- Wine making and bottling
- Assisted customers in the wine tasting room

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**Professional Awards & Affiliations****Massachusetts Outstanding Citizen Forester Award (2008)**

Award given annually by the State of Massachusetts to a resident for their service and dedication to urban and community forestry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**ISA (International Society of Arboriculture)**

- Certification # NE-6494A
- Currently a member of the Pacific Northwest Chapter

**NRCS Resource Planner Certification****Boston Urban Forest Coalition Steering Committee Member****ULTRA Development Committee (Urban Long Term Research Area)**

- A project with the U.S. Forest Service to build the first network of Urban Forest Experiment Station.
- A committee comprised of researchers and practitioners from across the U.S. specializing in Urban Forestry, Sociology, & Urban Planning, that met to help the U.S. Forest Service during the developmental stages to help write the RFP for the project

**EHAP Training (Electrical Hazard Awareness Program)**

- Training for working around power lines

**South Dakota State University Program Council (UPC) (06/2003 – 05/2005)**

- Developed & supervised programming for the SDSU student body
- Recreation & Travel Coordinator (1<sup>st</sup> year), Showcase (2<sup>nd</sup> year) at SDSU
- Planned multi-day trips and recreational activities
- Coordinated big name concerts (Mark Wills, Everclear, Sister Hazel, Josh Turner)
- Homecoming week coordinator

**SDSU Student Senate Ex-officio for UPC (2004 - 2005)**

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**References**

<b>Monte Marti</b> District Manager: Snohomish Conservation District	425-335-5634 (ext. 107)
<b>Andrew Corbin</b> WSU: Extension Educator	425-357-6012
<b>Eric Seaborn</b> Mass. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation: Urban & Community Forestry Program Coordinator	617-626-1468
<b>Antonia Pollak</b> Boston Parks Dept. Commissioner, MA	617-635-4505
<b>Nancy Schade</b> Owner of Schade' Vineyards, SD	605-627-5545

## Urban Forestry Commission

March 2012

9 Commission members: Per S.M.C. 3.14.920, confirmed by City Council, **3-year terms\***

- 4 appointed by City Council
- 4 appointed by Mayor
- 1 appointed by Commission members

D*	G	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	M	John Floberg	12-01-10	12-01-13	1 <sup>st</sup>	1: Wildlife Biologist	Council
6	M	John Small	12-01-10	12-01-13	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2: Urban Ecologist – VICE-CHAIR	Mayor
6	M	Dr. Gordon Bradley	12-01-09	12-01-12	1 <sup>st</sup>	3: Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Council
6	F	Peg Staeheli	11-02-09	12-01-14	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4: Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Mayor
<b>6</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Leif Fixen</b>	<b>05-23-12</b>	<b>12-01-14</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5: Arborist</b>	<b>Council</b>
6	M	Tom Early	07-08-11	12-01-14	1 <sup>st</sup>	6: Landscape Architect	Mayor
6	M	Matt Mega	12-01-09	12-01-12	1 <sup>st</sup>	7: NGO Representative - CHAIR	Council
6	M	Jeff Reibman	11-02-09	12-01-12	1 <sup>st</sup>	8: Development Community or Utility Representative	Mayor
6	F	Nancy Bird	12-01-10	12-01-13	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9: Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor or Similar Professional	Commission

### Diversity

Appt. Authority	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic	(4) Native-American	(5) Other	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Council	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Commission	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

\*Membership shall include:

1. A wildlife biologist
2. An urban ecologist
3. A natural resource agency or university representative
4. A hydrologist
5. An arborist
6. A landscape architect
7. A non-profit or non-governmental organization representative
8. A development community or non-City utility representative, and
9. An economist, financial analyst, or realtor



## Seattle Urban Forestry Commission Fact Sheet

### **Background**

The City of Seattle set the bold goal of achieving 30% tree canopy cover by 2037 to increase the environmental, social, and economic benefits trees bring to Seattle residents. The Seattle Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP), adopted in 2007, is a comprehensive strategy for increasing Seattle's tree canopy cover to meet the 30% target. The UFMP lays out goals and a broad range of actions to be implemented over time to preserve, maintain, and plant trees as well as restore the public forested areas remaining in the city.

To create a baseline for measuring progress and support planning efforts, a high resolution satellite study was conducted in 2009 to map the extent of tree canopy cover across Seattle. The satellite study revealed that after decades of tree loss, canopy cover increased slightly between 2002 and 2007 to 23%. While these are encouraging findings, the research also shows that we need to double the pace of canopy gain in order to meet the 30% goal by 2037. Results of the canopy study have helped identify neighborhoods where tree cover is low and areas where there is significant potential for tree planting. This information will be used to inform urban forest outreach messages and program priorities. More information about Seattle's urban forest program can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/trees/management.htm>

### **Urban Forestry Commission**

The Urban Forestry Commission was established by Ordinance 123052 to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle. Commission meetings are held twice a month and Commission members generally must commit approximately 10 hours per month to Commission business and serve without compensation.

### Membership

The Commission is comprised of nine members:

*Position 1:* A wildlife biologist, preferably with expertise in ornithology

*Position 2:* An urban ecologist, preferably with expertise in the field of restoration ecology

*Position 3:* A representative of a local, state, or federal natural resource agency or an accredited university

*Position 4:* A hydrologist or similar professional, preferably with expertise in the study of natural drainage, climate or air quality, or a combination thereof

*Position 5:* An arborist, with one or more of the following qualifications: