



Keep Washington Evergreen



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Last year, DNR launched an initiative to:

- **Conserve** one million acres of forest;
- **Reforest** one million acres;
- **Increase equity** in urban tree canopy cover.

Keep Washington Evergreen 2.0

- Make bold investments in **reforestation science** and **nursery capacity**
- Level up our commitment to **equity in urban tree canopy cover**
- Revitalize TLT, one of DNR's **most popular conservation tools**
- Kick off the next 50 years of the **Natural Heritage and Natural Areas Programs**

Reforestation and Nursery Capacity Expansion

\$975K – Strategic plan, mapping and prioritizing opportunity areas

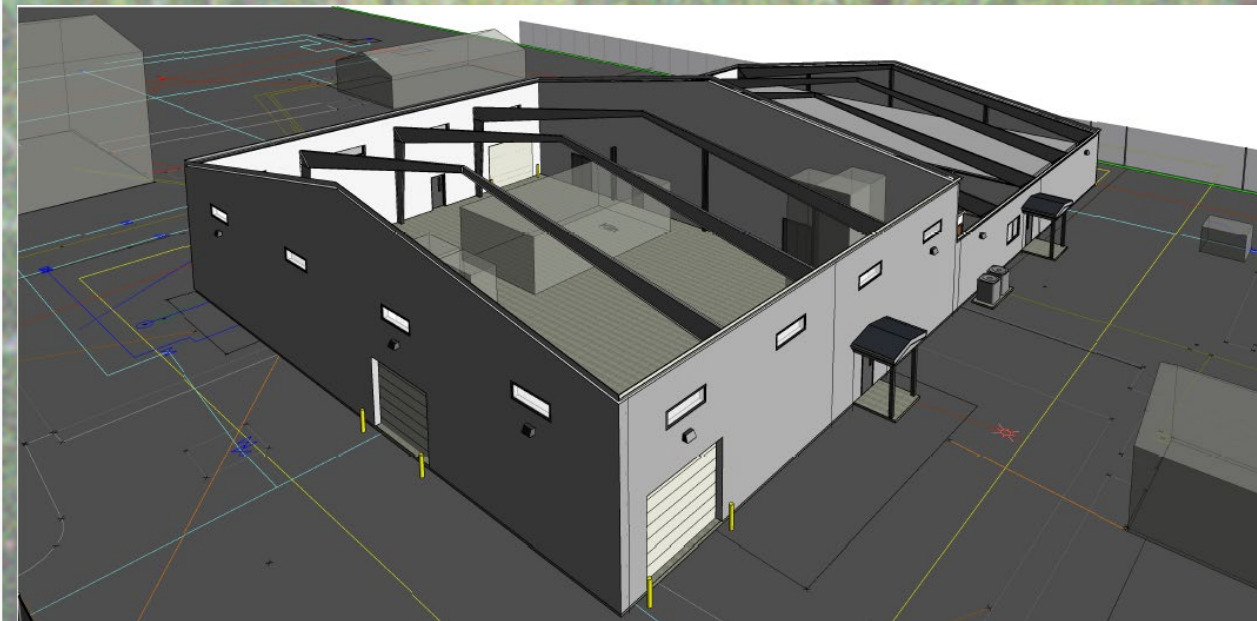
\$7M – New seed processing plant

\$1.5M – Nursery capacity expansion

Total: \$9.5M

Seed Processing Plant

- \$7M capital funding
- 15,200 ft² (50% increase)
- +9,000 pounds of seed
- June 2025 construction



Webster Nursery Expansion

- \$1.5M capital SBCA
- 150,000 ft² growing space
- +4M seedlings (50% increase)
- June 2027 construction

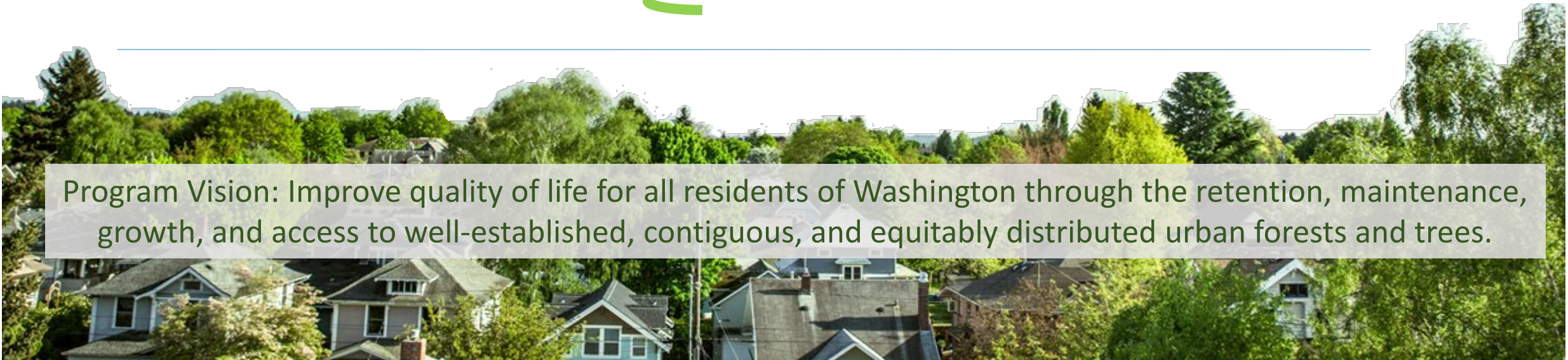


Urban & Community Forestry

**\$8M
Request**

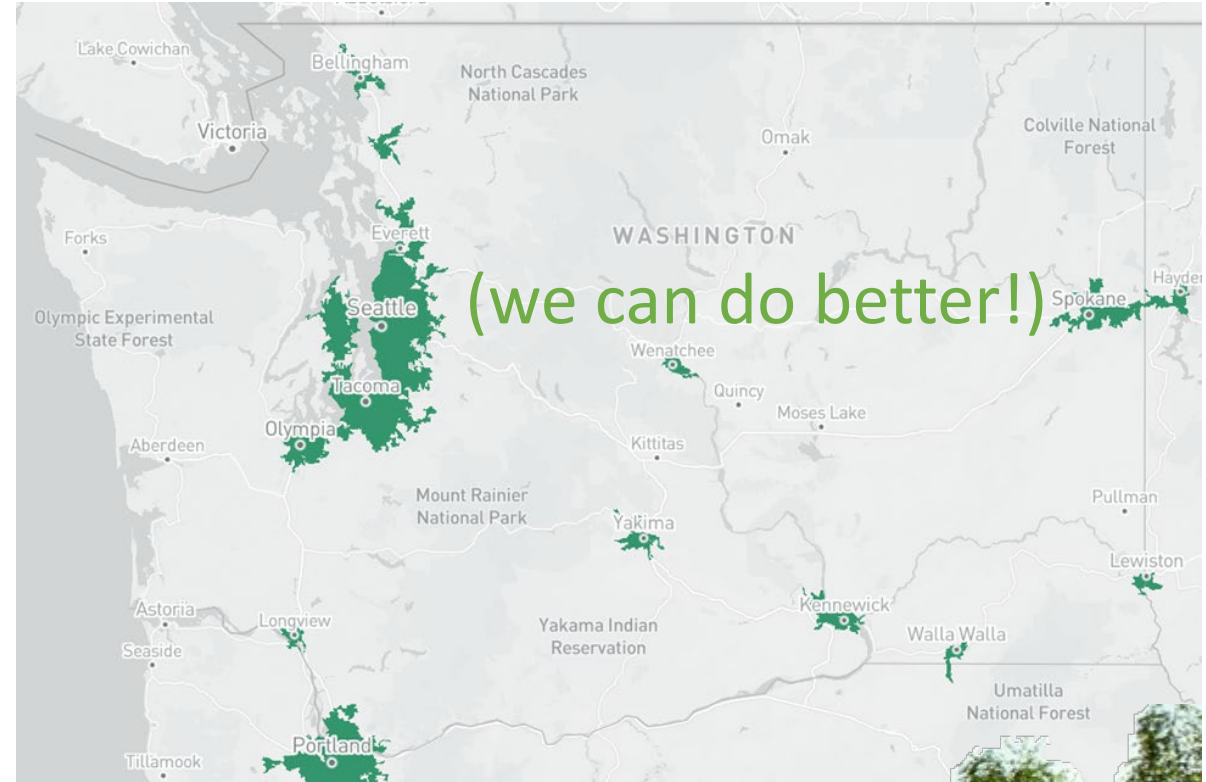
**Re-green Washington Cities
Expand Canopy Cover
Improve Tree Equity**

Program Vision: Improve quality of life for all residents of Washington through the retention, maintenance, growth, and access to well-established, contiguous, and equitably distributed urban forests and trees.



Urban & Community Forestry

- \$4M: Local UCF projects
- \$2M: Youth corps crews
- \$1M: Tree Equity mapping
- \$1M: Staff ~3 FTEs



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Trust Land Transfer is an All-in-One Tool

- Transfer underperforming lands
- Purchase productive replacement lands
- Conserve awesome places

32 years | 125,968 acres transferred | 55,546 acres replaced



Nearly 15 percent of state park system | 43 DNR natural areas (20 at 100%)

Trust Land Transfer

- \$500,000 - **General funds** to launch revitalized TLT program
- \$20-30 million - **Capital funding** for parcel list guided by 2021 budget proviso
- **Statutory changes** for long-term success:
 - Codify intent of TLT
 - Establish new Land Bank account
 - Open State Forestlands to direct transfer

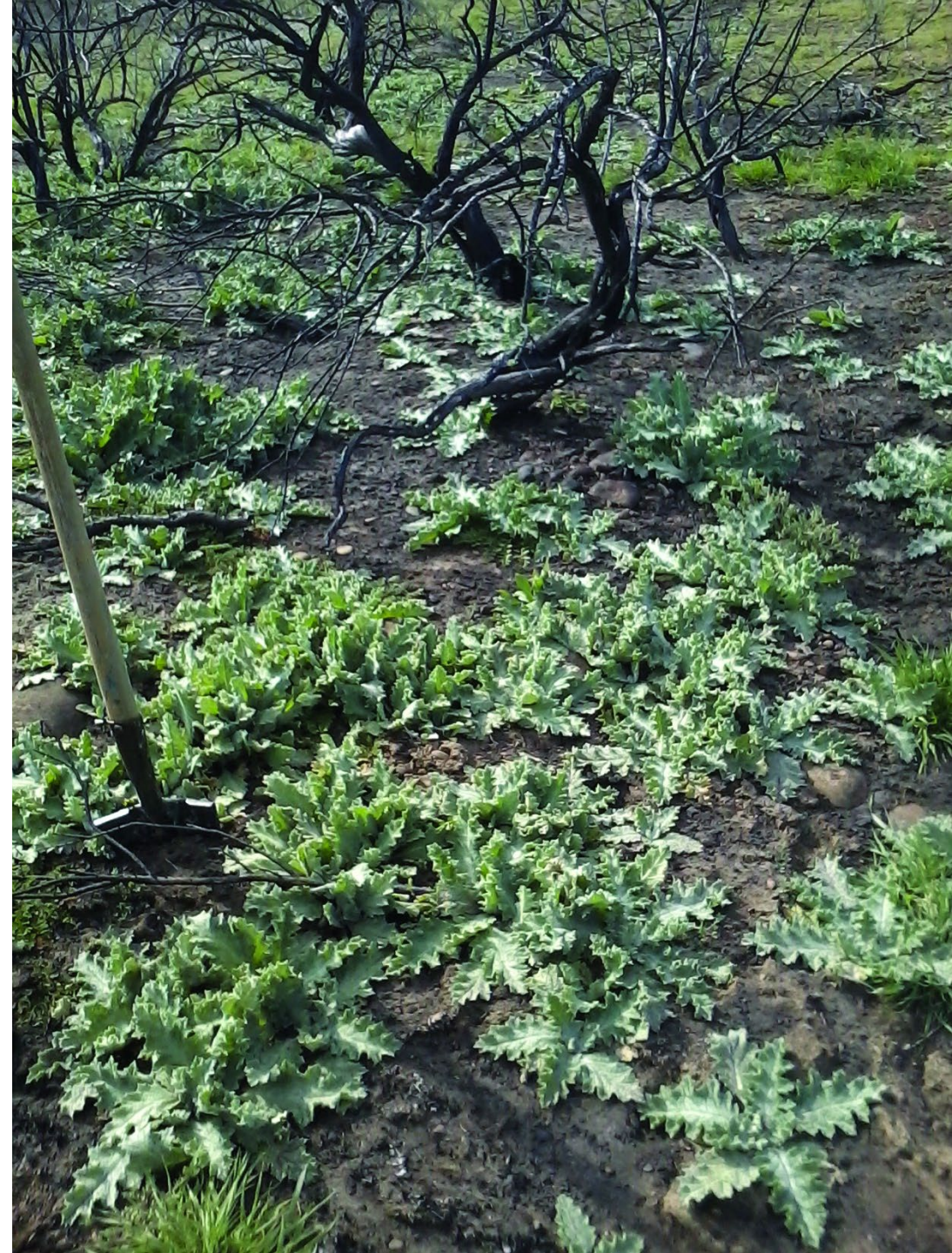
Reinvest in conservation

The Natural Area Preserves Act is 50!

As a State, we need to know **WHERE** to invest, strategically plan for **HOW** to manage, and have the experts **WHO** can make our lands truly resilient to the threats of climate change.

“Protecting the wrong land can be worse than protecting no land at all.”

-Bob Jenkins, The Nature Conservancy's First Science Director



Protect the best, restore the rest

\$2,000,000 = 3 Scientists, 3 Natural Area Managers

- Essential Conservation Areas (ECA) **mapping and modeling of forests at risk of conversion** that will guide the entire State in knowing **WHERE to prioritize** conservation dollars
- Stakeholder-driven **strategic planning on HOW to manage** our conservation lands
- Essential scientists and Natural Areas Managers **WHO can reduce the stressors** needed to truly make us resilient to threats like climate change



Washington supports a diverse range of ecosystem types such as temperate rainforests, foothill grasslands, shrub steppe, bogs, dry forests, and salt marshes. *Credit: 2022 Natural Heritage Plan.*

QUESTIONS?

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WATERSHED RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN

2023-2025 BUDGET REQUEST OVERVIEW

- KELP AND EELGRASS MONITORING
- LARGE WOODY DEBRIS PROGRAM
- AQUATIC RESTORATION GRANTS
- FISH PASSAGE BARRIER INVENTORY
- EXPANDED OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Kelp and Eelgrass Recovery

WHAT: ANeMoNe Station, community stewardship

WHY: Builds on Protection Zone, protects habitat

WRAP Outcomes:

- **Outcome 3:** Remove 150 tons of marine debris by 2024
- **Outcome 24:** ANeMoNe Station in Snohomish by 2024
- **Outcome 25:** Climate monitoring on actions by 2025

Large Woody Debris Program

WHAT: Woody debris bank

WHY: Builds local capacity, salmon habitat

WRAP Outcomes:

- **Outcome 15:** 1000 LWD installations by 2031

Aquatic Restoration Grants

WHAT: Funds for riparian projects like LWD

WHY: Helps increase pace of restoration, keeps surrounding forests healthy

WRAP Outcomes:

- **Outcome 15:** 1000 LWD installations by 2031

Fish Passage Barrier Removal

WHAT: Small forest land owner FBP inventory

WHY: Fills knowledge gap to improve habitat connectivity

WRAP Outcomes:

- **Outcome 7:** SFLO Culvert inventory by 2023
- **Outcome 8:** Full inventory by 2026

Watershed Expansion

WHAT: Establishes new partners and projects

WHY: Drives forward DNR's salmon recovery

WRAP Outcomes:

- Deliver systems-level salmon recovery to new watersheds

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