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High Point Neighborhood Looking Back / Looking Forward Tree Canopy 100+ Years

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High Point Tree Canopy 100 +years

1850's 1941-2002... 2002... 2016









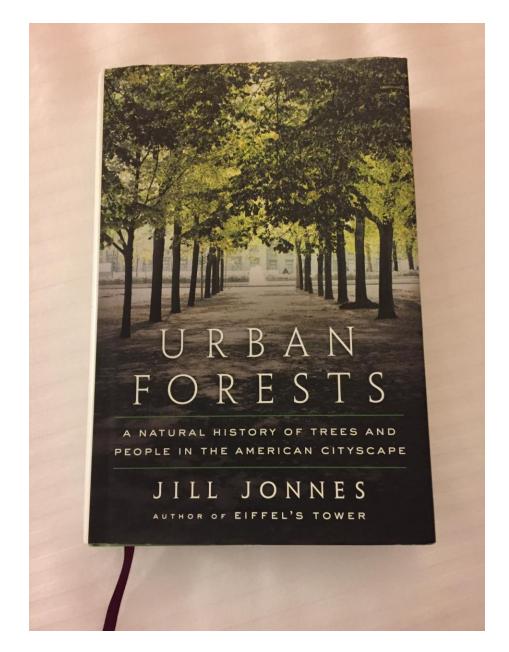
write, "If our ancestors found it wise and necessary to cut down vast forests, it is all the more needful that their descendants should plant trees. We

du –AHBSH people of the inside place



Discussion

- Urban Forestry
- Tree Selection 1950
- Tree Preservation
- Tree Selection 2002
- Canopy Diversity
- Room for Trees





Property of Museum of History & Industry, Seattle

Tree Canopy Timeline

1800's Forest Canopy-100% cover

1830's mid Logging Puget Mill Company

Denny party lands at Alki

Late 1800's John Longfellow and Puget Mill Company

Last tree cut down on Seattle waterfront

1903 Seattle begins planting street trees

1900's High Point Second growth, orchards and farms

1937 WPA West Seattle Golf Course, Camp Long

1940's Lanham Act – Housing 800 units Trees planted

1950's Seattle Housing Authority Ownership

1970's High Point Playfield area purchased (homes removed)

2000 HUD Hope VI Redevelopment Funding

2001-2004 1700 Unit Master Plan and Entitlements Trees

inventoried by Jim Barborinas & Arthur Lee Jacobson

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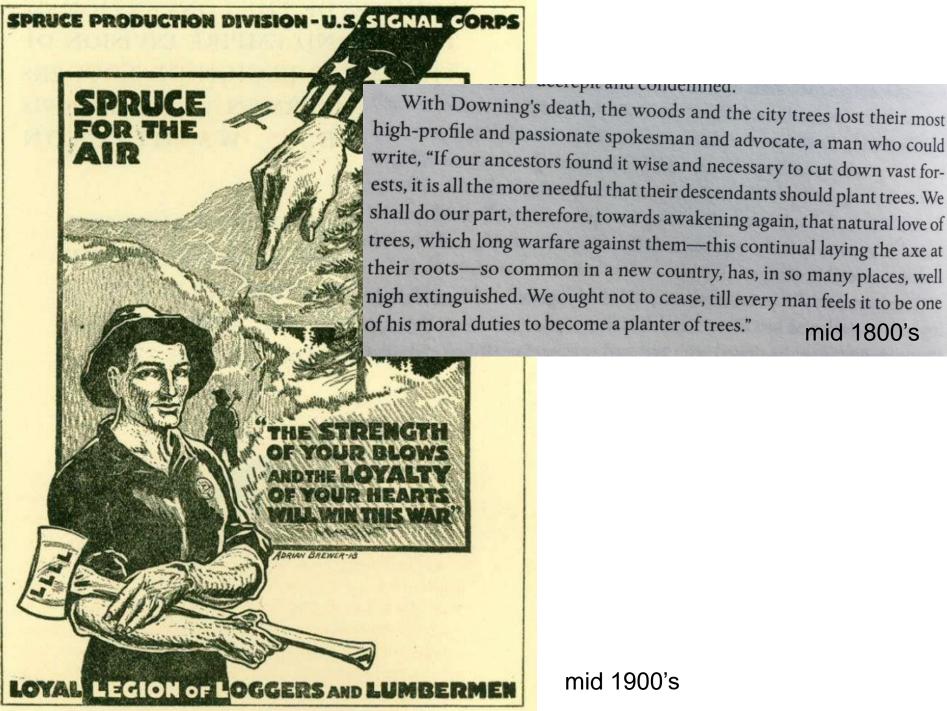
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2004 Begin Phase I – 100+ Trees preserved 650+ trees removed

2005 1000 + Trees planted First residents move into units

2011- current For-Sale Ph II housing (last of 1700 units)

3600 + Trees planted; 100+ mature trees preserved 30% cover?

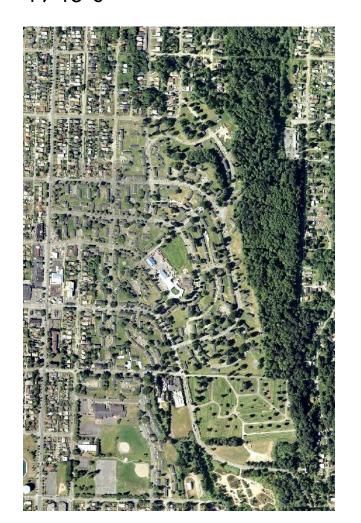


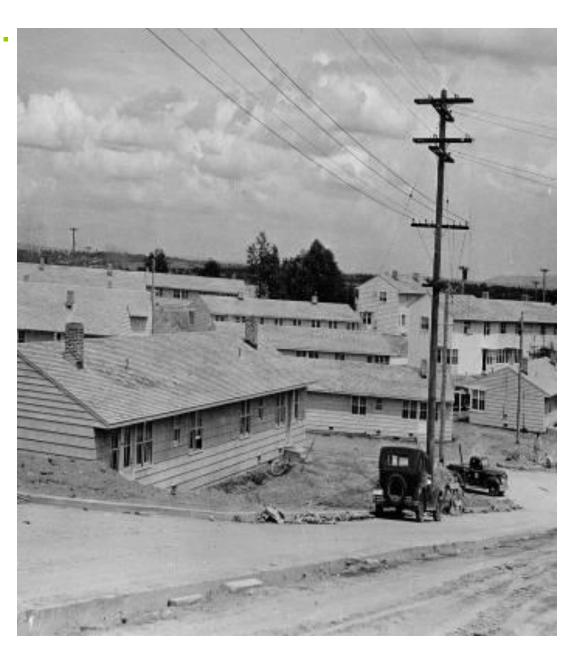
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The War Years.....

Housing & Transportation 1940's







Tree Selection Sample 1950's

Conifers 35%

- Douglas Fir
- Western Red Cedar
- Giant Redwood
- Giant Sequoia
- Deodar Cedar
- Port Orford Cedar
- Colorado Spruce
- Black Pine
- Lawson Cypress
- Green Column Cypress
- False Cypress
- Cedar of Lebanon
- Grand Fir
- Eastern Red Cedar
- Canada Hemlock
- Pacific Madrone
- Portugal Laurel

Deciduous 65%

- Big Leaf Maple
- Green Ash
- Gray Birch
- White Birch
- Red Maple
- Silver Maple
- Sugar Maple
- Norway Maple
- Wineleaf Maple
- Red Oak
- English Elm
- Siberian English Elm
- Horsechestnut
- Hawthorne spp
- Lavalle Hawthorne
- London Plane

- Mountain Ash
- Black Mulberry
- Pie Cherry
- Kwanzan Cherry
- Mazzard Cherry
- Bing Cherry
- Tulip Tree
- Little Leaf Linden

Then Seattle Housing Authority.....



...to New

- 120-acre mixed income housing redevelopment based on New Urbanist principles
- Neighborhood based natural drainage systems- GSI tools implemented at block scale and in the public right of way.
- 34 blocks of new streets, new utilities, street trees, sidewalks, parks and open space
- 1,600+ housing units, neighborhood center, library, and mixed-use complex
- Density ranges from 16 units/acre to 32 units/acre of ground-related housing





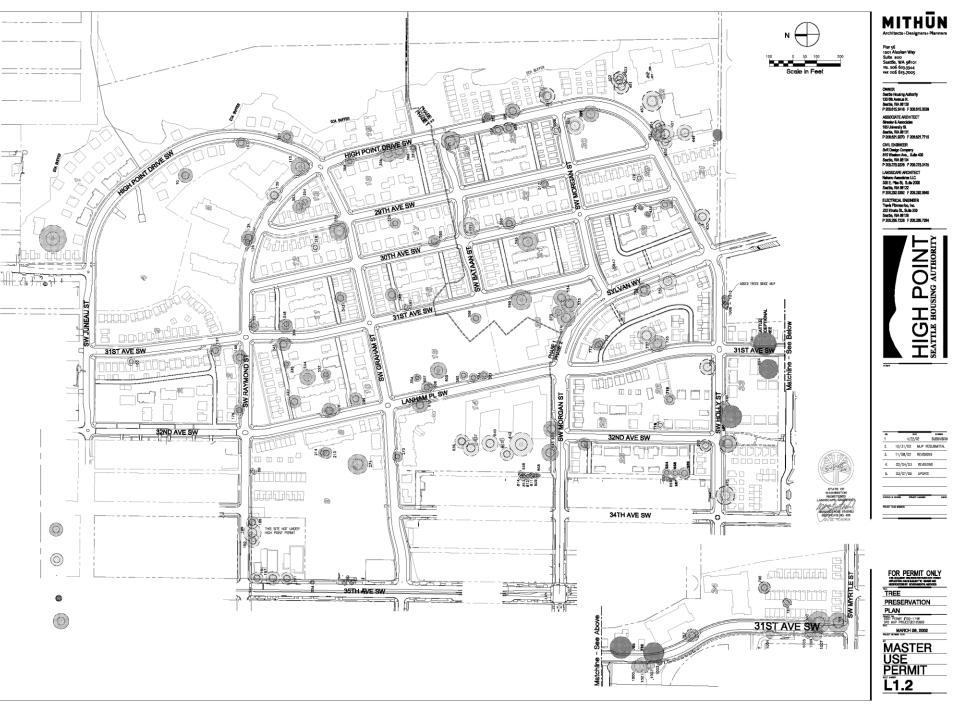
Andrew Downing, Jonnes

The first duty of an inhabitant of forlorn neighborhoods . . . is to use all possible influence to have the streets planted with trees."

Tree Preservation (100+ large trees)

look at the canopy and at the root zone space allowed "No Place for Old Trees" Cass Turnbull







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Theodore Roosevelt motto "He whas planted will preserve"





High Point Redevelopment



Tree # 785 London Plane / Platanus x acerifolia 31st Avenue SW Block 34

High Point Redevelopment











Tree Selection 2002

Conifers 15%

- Western Red Cedar
- Incense Cedar
- Doug Fir
- Silver Fir
- Subalpine Fir
- Shore Pine
- White Pine
- Lodgepole Pine
- Austrian Pine
- Serbian Spruce

Deciduous 85%

- Vine Maple
- Autumn Blaze Maple
- Paperbark Maple
- Green Japanese Maple
- October Glory Maple
- Pacific Sunset Maple
- Schmidt Maple
- Green Mountain Sugar Maple
- Red Horsechestnut
- Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry
- Heritage Birch
- Jacquemontii Birch
- Katsura
- Chinese Dogwood
- Cornelian Cherry
- Magnolia Kobus
- Magnolia Denudata
- Magnolia xLoebneri
- Turkish Filbert
- Malus Prairie Fire, Transitoria, Tschonoski
- Sweetgum
- Redbud

- Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn
- Summit Ash
- Raywood Ash
- Marshall's Seedless Ash
- Autumn Gold Gingko
- Kentucky Coffee Tree
- Witch Hazel
- Hazelnut
- Black Tupelo
- Yoshino Cherry
- Trinity Pear
- Chanticleer Pear
- Scarlet Oak
- Water Oak
- Sovereign Oak
- Red Oak
- Cardinal Royal Mountain Ash
- Green Vase Zelkova
- Frontier Elm
- Allee Elm
- Dynasty Elm
- Pioneer Elm
- Chinensis Dogwood
- Idahoensis Robinia
- Cascara
- California Laurel

1950's Mature Trees Still Here

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Seattle 2037 Canopy Goals

Seattle Urban Forest Stewardship Plan 2013

		High Point Neighborhood
Citywide		projection
Single Family	33%	20% (zero lot line)
Multifamily	20%	- 25%
Commercial Mixed Use 15%		- 15%
Downtown	12%	NA
Industrial	10%	NA
Institutional	20%	NA
Developed Parks	25%	- 25%
Parks's Natural Areas	80%	9 5%
Right of Way	24%	30%+ (at 10 years)

Seattle 2016 Tree Canopy assessment is due out May 2017

Seattle's Urban Forest Goals



- Ethic of Stewardship
 - Maintenance
 - Protection
 - Management
 - Community ethic
 - Community planting
- Function and Benefits
 - BMP's
 - Value
 - Native
 - Preservation

- Expand Canopy
 - Increase by management unit
- Health and Longevity
 - Age distribution
 - Suitability & evergreen
 - Species distribution 10%









Street Trees and Summer





Street Tree Canopy Across Seasons







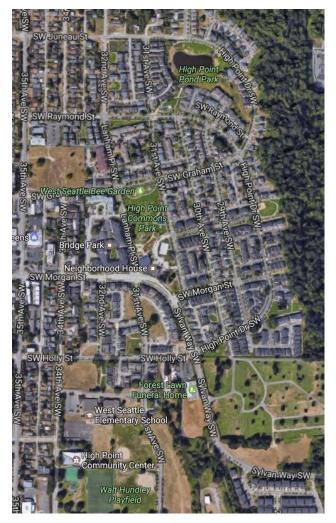






Room for Big Trees?

 Plat restricted impervious – overall NTE average 60% (Typical impervious for this density 65%-70%)





John Davey "tree roots require sufficient room and proper soil and air to thrive. Do it right or not at all." Jonnes pg 41-43

"No Place for Old Trees" Cass Turnbull

Still wonder is there









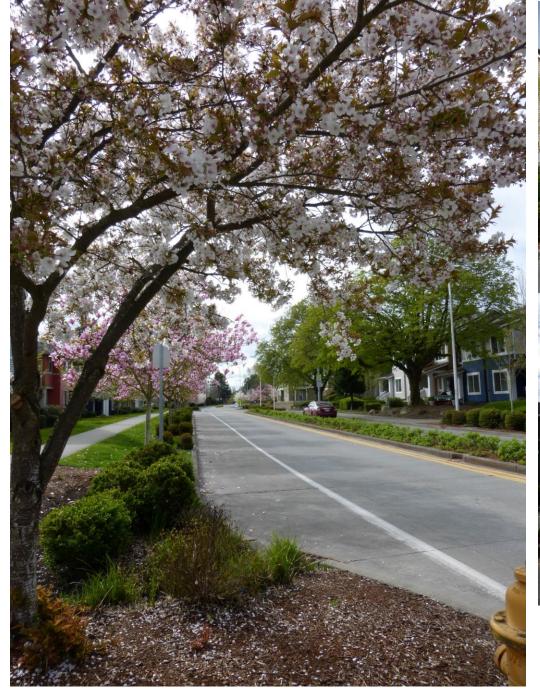












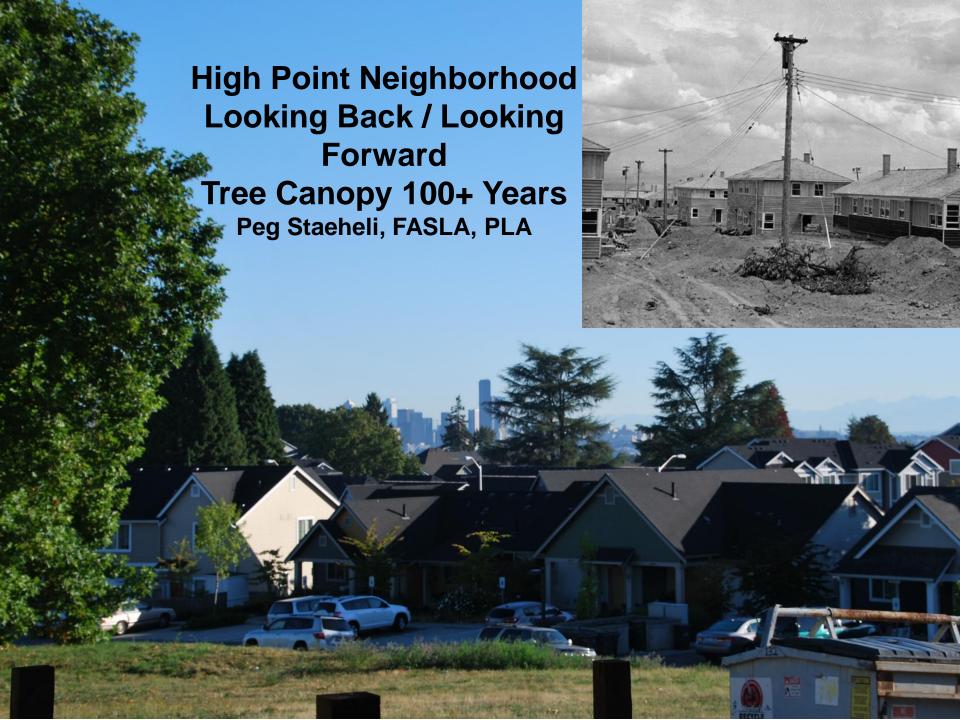




Owe US fascination with Spring flowering tree burst to Eliza Scidmore & John Fairchild WA DC







High Point Collaborative Interdisciplinary

Owner:

Seattle Housing Authority

2007 ULI Global Award of Excellence

2007 EPA National Award for Smart Growth



US Dept of Housing and Urban Development

Washington State Department of Ecology

Seattle Department of Planning and

Development

Seattle Department of Transportation

Seattle Public Utilities

Seattle City Light

Seattle Parks Department

Seattle School District

Seattle Fire Department

Seattle Office of Housing

Seattle Design Commission and Design Review

Citizen Groups

High Point Citizens Review Committee

West Seattle Chamber of commerce

Infrastructure Contractors:

Gary Merlino Construction Company - Ph I

T. Yorozu Gardening Co. – Phase I & II

TriState Construction - Phase II

Tree Solutions Inc.



Integrated Consultant Team:

Mithun Architects, Planners, Landscape Architects

Design Team Lead

MIG|SvR Design Company Civil Engineers & Landscape Architects Infrastructure, Natural Systems, ROW Trees, Landscape, Parks and Site civil

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McCoullough Hill PS- Land Use Attorney

Bush Roed Hitching - Survey

Stoneway Concrete

NW Chapter ACPA

Cedar Grove Composting

Concrete Specifications Council

Nakano Associates- Rental Landscape Design

Urban Forestry Resources

RW Beck- Hydrologic Modeling

Herrera-Hydrologic Modeling

PRR- Public Outreach

Fusion-Branding



