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**To:** Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov> **Subject:** Reform Portland's Tree Code To Preserve Large Healthy Trees

Hello,

Like many other Portlanders, I'm concerned about the loss of large trees. Nature is a part of our city's fabric, and we should stem the loss of our fantastic trees - and do so in a systematic way. The best way to do this would be to update the codes.

I implore you to read the Audobon Society's statement and proposals to do so here: <a href="http://audubonportland.org/files/habitat/title-11-reform-position-statement">http://audubonportland.org/files/habitat/title-11-reform-position-statement</a>

Please help to continue making Portland a livable place. Increased density is rightly welcomed in Portland; but we mustn't lose our livability in the process. New trees can't simply be rebuilt - they take many decades to grow. So please, help us prevent further loss of our precious natural systems.

Thanks you, Mike Caputo