

## Landoe, Brian

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Hello

I strongly encourage you to continue the Large Tree Amendment program.

I would like to see it strengthened, whether by increasing fees for development, or decreasing the DBH from 20" to perhaps 15, or both methods, or some other tactic.

I've lived in Portland since 1996, and I have seen a remarkable number of magnificent trees destroyed since then, most easily more than 75 years old. This is incredibly sad. Nothing that the developers plant to replace those trees will ever be large enough to create the kind of canopy that makes a city livable. And even if they did plant large tree saplings, it would take decades before the trees could provide significant canopy.

Portland's push to increase housing is contrary to the preservation of trees. In my neighborhood, 5 single family units were erected where one had been. At least 5 trees were over the 20" DBH. But what infuriates me is that Urban Forestry allowed a nuisance tree --a crab apple the UF designated as 'fair', to remain in the parking strip. Here at least was an opportunity to plant a more meritorious tree in better condition. I just went by to check on the street tree they planted. It was balled and burlapped, and both the burlap and orange strings are still in the planting hole... makes me wonder what the prognosis for that tree is!

Thanks, Sigrid Casey