

# UFS Questions

## Environmental Overlay Code Review

Urban Forestry Subcommittee Tasks - September 2020

Please review the new code (see links below) with an urban forestry lens to provide input to staff on how the new provisions preserve, protect, manage and overall regulate Gresham's trees (mature, hazardous, native, etc.) along with projected development. You can add to the list of questions collected below.

[Draft Natural Resources Overlay \(NRO\) Code](#)

[Draft Hillside and Geologic Risk Overlay \(HGRO\) Code](#)

### UFS Questions for staff

- What defines disturbance in this new code? Explain how large trees are protected under permanent and temporary disturbance.
- Using CRZ method vs. dripline for protection – how is this consistent with Tree Code in Section 9.1000?
- How is tree size protection consistent b/w Tree Code and NRO (6-inch DBH vs. 8-inch DBH)?
- Explain what density transfer is and what the provisions are for density transfer receiving areas? Do additional provisions need to be in place to protect mature trees in the receiving areas and ensure development is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood landscape?
- How can you we integrate stronger penalties and requirements in the NRO code for unauthorized tree removal and for tree protection?
- If using cluster housing as a tool to protect the natural resource, can explain how this explicitly includes mature trees? Can we update the Tree Code to be consistent?
- Can you explain where and how many properties will be affected by mandated cash in lieu mitigation requirements?
- Explain how decoupling provisions for trees in the new NRO code and Tree Code will work and how will average homeowner know the difference? Where can they be consistent?
- Are the new hillside maps consistent with the new DOGAMI maps with full support from DOGAMI on the new methodology in the NRO Code to protect properties?
- What approaches will be taken to help reduce the burden of a Mitigation Fee on vulnerable and low-income populations?
- Can the new code take into account effective canopy area in conjunction with the number of trees when determining mitigation ratios or will there be flexibility in the new?

### Acronyms

EOP – Environmental Overlay Project

NRO – Natural Resource Overlay

CRZ – Critical Root Zone

DBH – Diameter at Breast Height

DOGAMI – Dept. of Geologic and Mineral Industries

