



COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Item No. 11a

BRIEFING ITEM

Date of Meeting May 10, 2022

DATE: May 3, 2022

TO: Stephen P. Metruck, Executive Director

FROM: Andy Gregory, Sr. Program Manager Environmental Engagement

SUBJECT: Forterra ACE Green Cities Close-Out Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Port of Seattle contracted with non-profit Forterra in 2017 to launch Green City Partnership Programs in Burien, Des Moines and SeaTac as part of the Airport Community Ecology (ACE) Fund. Forterra conducted urban forest canopy assessments in the three cities to identify priorities for forest restoration and enhancement. Forterra then developed Urban Forest Stewardship Plans for each city to guide the work over the coming decades.

BACKGROUND

Airport Community Ecology Fund

Recognizing that neighboring communities that experience more impacts from airport operations should also experience more benefits, the Port Commission adopted the Airport Community Ecology (ACE) Fund in 2016, dedicating \$1 million to support environmental stewardship in Burien, SeaTac, and Des Moines. The Port committed \$550,000 for a Small Matching Grants Program, which allowed local community organizations to apply to receive funding for stewardship projects. The Port awarded \$450,000 to Forterra to support long-term urban forestry efforts through the development of new Green Cities Partnerships in Burien, SeaTac, and Des Moines.

Forterra's Green City Partnerships bring together local government agencies, businesses, schools, non-profit groups, and community members to create a sustainable network of healthy forested parks and natural spaces in urban areas throughout the region. These Partnerships create and implement community-based models that ensure ongoing restoration and stewardship of these vital outdoor spaces. Forterra works with cities to identify restoration opportunities within the jurisdiction, and recruits, trains, and supports passionate volunteers to participate in stewardship activities. The current Green Cities Network consists of Partnerships in 14 cities and one county throughout Western Washington.

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KEY METRICS

- 2,765 Plants and Trees Planted, including 982 Trees
- 836 Volunteers
- 2,113 Volunteer Hours (valued at \$67,040)
- 78 Volunteer Events
- 475 Yard Trees Distributed
- 11 Parks in Restoration
- 14 Forest Stewards
- 26 City Council and Community Meetings
- 4,339 Paid Youth Crew Hours (valued at \$134,459)

SCOPE OF WORK 2018-2022

- Urban Forest Assessments
- Community Engagement
- Urban Forest Enhancement Plans
- Des Moines Memorial Drive Plan Enhancement
- Implement Priority Community-Based Urban Forestry Projects

URBAN FOREST ASSESSMENTS

Project Overview

With support from subcontractor Core GIS and in partnership with each city, Forterra worked to identify the forested parks and natural areas in SeaTac, Burien and Des Moines and completed a forest health assessment –totaling 738 acres across the three cities, which indicated where healthy forest ecosystems that need to be maintained were and where the partnerships needed to focus on invasive removal and replanting to ensure those areas continue to provide the ecosystem services, community health benefits and habitat for wildlife.

Under the Port’s guidance in thinking about the disparities and vulnerabilities in these cities, Forterra worked to expand upon the typical Green Cities model to look at city-wide canopy cover where programming could enhance and increase canopy in neighborhoods, extending beyond the traditional focus in forested parks and natural areas. Exploring city-wide canopy cover provided crucial baseline data to identify alternative areas for planting, restoration, and community building.

Key Insights

The forest assessment process showed that 30% of Burien is covered with tree canopy, Des Moines had a canopy cover of 29%. SeaTac had a canopy cover of 25% when not including the footprint of SEA airport and 21% including the footprint of SEA airport.

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Forterra and Core GIS then collaborated to cross-reference canopy findings with social vulnerabilities, identifying neighborhoods with elderly, low-income, and minority populations, as well as mapping schools and low-income housing locations to help inform equitable distribution of resources and support. Said mapping and analysis helped Forterra to think about where to perform focused outreach for tree distribution to residential neighborhoods that are lower in tree canopy cover. This analysis continues to help inform where Forterra hosts community tree planting projects. Furthermore, it helped Forterra select the sites for more focused park restoration work (Hilltop, Arbor Lake in Burien; Kiddie City Park in Des Moines; North SeaTac Park and Angle Lake Park in SeaTac).

Outcomes

This additional mapping layer and related work was key in that it helped Forterra secure an additional \$260,000 in funding for canopy enhancement projects in collaboration with Highline Public Schools and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. This funding enabled the program to increase canopy on or within on quarter mile of select public schools in SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines. It cannot be stressed enough that this grant would not have been awarded without the initial investment of the Port and guidance to expand forest assessment work and programmatic focus beyond public parks.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Project Overview

Given the high level of concern among residents about the impacts of Port activities, cumulative environmental impacts, as well as the existing socioeconomic disparities in South King County that serve to further exclude communities of color from decision-making processes, the Port and Forterra prioritized the role of public engagement in the Partnerships' first year. Through this work, it was evident that ACE communities care about engaging in public health and climate change work, especially as communities of color have traditionally been denied access to participating in environmental movements. However, due to systemic racism and socioeconomic inequities, they must address more immediate basic needs in their communities like poverty, job access, food insecurity, etc.

The community engagement work in Burien, SeaTac and Des Moines represents Forterra's first comprehensive effort to engage communities around the development of new Green Cities Partnerships. The goal was to ensure that community perspectives—particularly those of residents from historically overburdened groups—informed the priorities and activities of the new Partnerships from the outset.

Forterra worked collaboratively with Global to Local (G2L), a SeaTac-based non-profit to conduct outreach in two main ways: tailored engagement via the Community Connectors model which targeted individuals from difficult-to-reach communities; and traditional engagement in the form of Open Houses and surveys, which was meant to gather feedback from a broad audience.

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Connectors attended two trainings run by Forterra and G2L that oriented them to the Green Cities program and the expectations for the Connector role. They were also given the opportunity to provide feedback on the outreach materials and activities, including survey language and Open House times/locations. In addition to attending trainings, the Connectors were tasked with the following responsibilities: distributing and collecting paper surveys, distributing open house promotional flyers, recruiting individuals to attend Open House events, and helping to facilitate small community meetings.

Key Insights

While Forterra succeeded in gaining valuable feedback from stakeholders regarding the development of the Green Cities Partnerships in Burien, SeaTac and Des Moines, the partnerships nonetheless faced challenges throughout the outreach process. These challenges presented opportunities for further aligning the work with community needs to ensure the long-term success of the project.

First, Forterra experienced difficulties recruiting community members to attend the Open House events. Some Connectors mentioned that, while many of their contacts expressed interest in participating in stewardship events such as tree plantings, it was difficult to get people to provide meaningful feedback on the narrow topic of urban tree canopy, let alone take the time to participate in the Open Houses. The lack of community interest in the topic of urban forestry was particularly pronounced among historically marginalized groups. Community partners that were affiliated with these groups noted that the topics of urban forestry and urban tree canopy were not identified as priorities for many of these communities, as they oftentimes face more immediate needs such as affordable housing, attainable education, and employment opportunities.

In addition to challenges engaging communities around the specific topic of urban forestry, Forterra and G2L also faced issues with Connector attrition throughout the project cycle. Many Connectors worked full-time or were in school, and therefore had competing priorities that prevented them from being able to participate in outreach activities to the degree expected. This decline in Connector involvement throughout the course of the project may have been associated with the existing lack of community interest in the subject area, and ultimately served to compound the difficulties faced recruiting community members to participate in outreach activities.

Finally, there were policy issues outside of Forterra's work that posed challenges to our engagement goals. During Forterra's engagement activities, it was learned that some community members associated Forterra's work with the Port's larger development activities and their related impacts. Consequently, some community members were unreceptive to outreach efforts, and some attended Open House events. Their strongly vocalized opposition to the Port's

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development approach served to disrupt feedback activities, but ultimately shaped the way Forterra and partners prioritized future work and outreach.

Outcomes

Global to Local was tasked with recruiting and supporting Connectors for the ACE Green Cities Partnerships in South King County. In total, nine Connectors were recruited, representing the Somali, Latinx, Filipino and Kenyan communities, including four youth Connectors. This recruitment and relationship-building was successful in that it added representation and community input that more accurately reflected ACE Green Cities populations, aligning with the Port and Forterra’s goals for the project. In the recruitment process, many youths, most in high school, expressed interest in the Connector role. To Forterra, this indicated the need for more stipended youth positions in the field, and increased Forterra’s focus on youth opportunities through the ACE Green Cities Partnerships.

This shift in priority was further supported by the more general outcomes and feedback from Open Houses, as much of the stakeholder opposition highlighted concerns of air quality in spaces where young people live, learn and play. As a result of the feedback from Open Houses, Community Connector work and direct feedback from Community Connectors themselves, Forterra with support from cities and non-profit partners shifted work to support increased and enhanced tree canopy in and near public schools, working alongside students, youth crews and other volunteers.

URBAN FOREST ENHANCEMENT PLANS

Project Overview

Forterra partnered with American Forest Management on a Forest Landscape Assessment Tool (FLAT) Analysis, developed by the Green Cities Research Alliance. FLAT is based on the “tree-iage” model, originally developed by the Green Seattle Partnership. Tree-iage is a prioritization tool based on the concept of medical triage that uses habitat composition (e.g., canopy cover or native plant cover) and invasive plant cover as the two parameters to prioritize restoration. Forterra shared the results of these canopy and forest assessments with the community and collected feedback and ideas. Forterra then compiled all the results from the community input of these assessments into a 20-Year Urban Forestry Stewardship Plan/guide for each city. Said plans also included strategies, benchmarks, estimated costs and projected volunteer numbers needed to restore and enhance the urban forest over the next 20 years.

Key Insights

Originally, Forterra was tasked to complete one combined 20-year plan for all three cities. Conversations and feedback from the cities stressed the desire for each city to have their own plan. While this meant that more staff time and resources were allocated to this deliverable, it aided in each city taking ownership of the process and partnership goals, essential to programmatic success. Ultimately, while the three plans are similar and have similar

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components, Forterra worked with each city to customize these plans to best meet the needs of the city and where they were at in terms of resources, political will, and interest.

Outcomes

At the time of plan development, city leadership from SeaTac and Forterra decided to publish an Urban Forest Management Guide, which was a less formal process being that it did not need approval from SeaTac City Council. It continues to serve as a tool for management needs and has been an important reference document in planning park-specific stewardship plans, applying for additional funding and setting Partnership priorities. Burien and Des Moines both opted for a formally adopted Plan that was adopted by their respective City Councils.

Moving forward, the real challenge and opportunity as these Partnerships grow and evolve is to continue with the foresight to hold planning meetings to strategize and plan long-term in support of 20-year plan goals. Ideally, these plans will continue to inform program priorities/expansion, city policies and strategic approaches and contribute to long-term budget planning and fundraising efforts.

DES MOINES MEMORIAL DRIVE

Project Overview

Des Moines Memorial Drive (DMMD) is an 8-mile stretch of road that passes through the three ACE cities. In the early 1920s, over 1,400 elm trees were planted to honor Washington citizens who died serving in WWI. One of the priorities for the Port was to address this unique, inter-jurisdictional, living historic monument. Over the years most of memorial elm trees died or were removed for various reasons. There has been an effort to restore the memorial with new elms and/or plaques where tree plantings are not possible, led by the Des Moines Memorial Drive Preservation Association. Because the Drive passes through several jurisdictions and runs adjacent to a mix of different private properties it has been a challenge, but also a great opportunity for different stakeholders to connect to the larger ACE Green Cities programs and goals.

Key Insights

Attempts to present a proposal to the DMMD Preservation Association were challenging; at the time the Association was not eligible to receive direct funding for this project from the Port and many conversations were needed to reach agreement on a scope of work that aligned with the overall project and the Association's Goals. Ultimately, the following deliverables were decided upon: creating an outreach and engagement document for landowners along the Drive, developing a parcel dataset and spreadsheet to identify which parcels along the Drive were suitable for tree planting(s) or a commemorative plaque, and community elm planting events in suitable areas should resources and needs align. These deliverables most strongly matched with Forterra's capacity and skillset and aligned with larger canopy enhancement goals beyond forested parks and natural areas.

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To ensure long-term sustainability of the project, Forterra identified a native elm tree species that would be most suitable for plantings. The Frontier Elm was determined to be most highly adapted to the region's climate and existing habitat conditions. Obtaining said trees presented more of a challenge as at present and over the life of the project, Frontier Elms needed to be sourced from out of state, requiring a minimum order quantity and a costly delivery fee.

Outcomes

Forterra provided a dataset to ACE cities partner staff, and a spreadsheet to the Association which identified which parcels along the Drive were suitable for planting trees and/or commemorative plaques, along with the address and type of property (public/private, zoning, land use, etc.). Forterra then took said datasets to build an interactive web map for landowners to easily search their property by address and learn whether they could accommodate an elm tree on their property.

While Forterra tabled at Veteran's Day events, community events and meetings across the three cities with flyers, the interactive web map and a sign-up sheet, few landowners along the Drive signed up to plant a free elm tree on their property. Because these trees are sourced from out of state, it did not make sense to pre-order them along with other yard tree distribution or Green Cities Days planting events without a pre-identified parcel or demonstration of landowner interest/support for the project in quantities that would justify the expense. Forterra continued to shift resources to projects that received strong community feedback and interest and kept shovel-ready project sites in mind should the Association identify a city or group of landowners interested in elm tree plantings.

Through this work, Forterra explored opportunities to include Frontier Elms in updates to city tree codes and had discussions with Parks and Public works staff about young tree care maintenance and city capacity and knowledge to care for street trees in the long-term. Forterra is exploring the possibility of designing more formal programming to support community plantings outside of parklands including long-term maintenance plans.

IMPLEMENT PRIORITY COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST PLANS

Forest Steward Program

Project Overview

Forest Stewards are individuals who adopt a restoration site to work on their own and with the community to help restore urban forests. The duties of a Forest Steward vary seasonally but includes talking to community members about the work, removing weeds, planting native plants and tending to newly planted plants. Forest Stewards are supported through the Partnership through access to workshops and training opportunities, plants, tools and other materials necessary to complete restoration work, as well as technical assistance from program staff including help hosting events and guidance on restoration practices. At the time of this report, are a total of 14 active stewards in all the ACE Cities.

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Key Insights

Covid-19 forced Forterra's Green Cities Team to reimagine public volunteer events, and in 2020 programming shifted to small, invite only (not publicly advertised) in-person events of five people or less in SeaTac and Burien, with Des Moines opting to put in-person events on hold entirely.

During this time, Forterra's team transitioned to preparing for the CEDAR database creation (Green Cities' custom-built Centralized Data Repository) which enabled Forest Stewards to create live event links, track volunteer sign ups, share event-related materials with volunteers in advance and track restoration activities, beginning in Q1 of 2021. During this time, Forterra also built virtual maps which helped stewards log the work they do. Stewards were also prepared for a pause in work parties by receiving trainings and tools for solo fieldwork.

In 2021, Forterra and program partners worked to regain momentum for the Forest Steward program, hosting new orientations, training Stewards on CEDAR, and planning for ACE Green Cities Days- enabling us to recruit 4 new Stewards!

Outcomes

As a larger programmatic goal, Forterra's Green Cities Program is actively looking for ways for the Forest Steward program to be accessible to all community members, recognizing that volunteerism is a privilege, and many times traditional volunteer models have barriers to entry. This includes piloting paid Forest Steward program models in 2022.

Partner in Employment Youth Restoration Crew*Project Overview*

In 2021, the Youth Restoration Training crew completed many restoration projects in ACE Cities. Partner in Employment employed and trained 25 youth on this project, brought in guest speakers from cities, non-profits, and other governmental organizations. Youth contributed their visions to the Hilltop Park Reimagination Plan and the Des Moines Parks and Recreation plan. They met with elected officials, including Burien Mayor Jimmy Matta and Port Commissioners Steinbrueck and Bowman.

Key Insights

While the crew had many successes this year a few that stand out are:

- Four youth applied for jobs with the Burien Parks Department after speaking with Gabbi Gonzales about further opportunities in Burien
- All youth wrote resumes to better prepare them to apply for jobs in the future.
- Youth worked with and met members of EarthCorps and learned about many different crew members environmental career journeys.
- Youth helped to lead three different Green Cities Days events. They did an excellent job teaching volunteers how to plant, introducing our crew and discussing tool safety.

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Challenges:

- Extreme weather posed the main challenge of the year. The crew experienced everything from snow to 115-degree days to unusually heavy rain. They adjusted to indoor activities as needed but crew members were remarkably resilient.
- Fall 2021 recruitment was a challenge for PIE's case managers. Because of the work schedule and weather conditions we ended up with a smaller crew than planned in the late fall.

Outcomes

After the Youth Restoration Crew completed final service directive projects in 2021 at three key ACE Green Cities restoration sites (Hilltop Park, North SeaTac Park and Sonju Park), the organization sought and was awarded funding from the Port of Seattle as part of the second round of the South King County Community Impact Fund to continue the Youth Restoration Training Crew. Additionally, PIE became a new partner of the Green Seattle Partnership and was awarded a contract with City of Seattle Parks and Recreation department to support restoration efforts in forested parks and natural areas in South Seattle.

Neighborhood Trees Program- CommuniTrees***Project Overview***

This area of programming has represented new territory for Forterra's Green Cities programs. Designing Tree Walks in collaboration with each city helped Forterra to develop relationships with new city staff as well as get a hyper-local understanding of these communities. Forterra is proud of creating a resource that allows community members to engage with the Green Cities Program in their local green space without participating in manual labor, another way in which the organization incorporated community feedback to support the community's engagement with the project in innovative ways.

Key Findings

The three tree distribution events were overwhelmingly popular among ACE Cities residents, even when events were rescheduled due to Covid-19. Event details spread quickly through word of mouth and quickly got picked up by local blogs and neighborhood platforms like NextDoor. This is energizing work that helped Forterra make new community connections and increased the visibility of the Partnership. However, designing and planning for these new events took well over the budgeted staff time allocated to the project. In the future planning could be done more equitably with continued targeted outreach to specific neighborhoods, support for apartment dwellers and tree planting support.

In fact, after the 2022 program was planned and advertised, Forterra learned of an interesting opportunity in Tacoma that Green Cities and other partners could certainly learn from in the future. The Tacoma Tree Care Foundation's Branch Out program used the Tree Equity Score to prioritize applications. The day of the distribution, community volunteers met applicants at the

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pick-up location to help them plant trees on their properties if desired, thus lowering additional barriers to participation.

Outcomes

Funding for plantings in non-forested parks and natural areas was removed and reallocated due to challenges in finding planting locations (mainly due to concerns over long-term maintenance) and to meet the demand and need to further support Forest Stewards and Green Cities Days events. Future non-forested park planting will require strategic planning with city public works and planning departments to ensure street trees and other plantings can be maintained in the long term. This could be an opportunity to pilot a “Street Tree Steward” model, where community stewards receive similar training and support from Green Cities to steward their local street trees.

It has been encouraging to engage in other means of non-forested plantings on public school grounds through the Highline Public School Project, and Forterra sees that as another meaningful area for programmatic growth and increased canopy enhancement in ACE Cities, in alignment with the Port’s goals and priorities.

Long-Term Sustainability & Next Steps

SeaTac

While the City of SeaTac initially expressed hesitancy towards the program at large, they have since gone on to seek additional funding opportunities to support urban forestry work, particularly in North SeaTac Park, engaging local politicians and community supporters alike.

Towards the end of the contract in 2021, Forterra brought on two new Forest Stewards to support work at Angle Lake and North SeaTac Park. We also met with King Conservation District to provide final comments on the stewardship plan for North SeaTac Park, taking into account FAA regulations.

The City of SeaTac has chosen to render Forterra’s services to coordinate their community stewardship program through a 2022 Green SeaTac Partnership Contract. The city will also continue to partner with King Conservation District (KCD) to organize crew days in North SeaTac Park. Because little of the original KCD funds remain for the park, city staff are pursuing additional funding opportunities to fund restoration crew time.

In 2022 they participated in Forterra’s Evergreen Carbon Capture Program and continue to be a good match for corporate sponsorship. City staff ensures proper tools, signage and day-of staff are available to support larger scale projects.

Also in 2022, with funding from the Port of Seattle, Forterra and the Green SeaTac Partnership will partner with Serve Ethiopians Washington (SEW) to help design, promote a new paid

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program for Forest Stewards at Angle Lake Park. The goal of the project is to increase environmental awareness within the communities that SEW serves, provide meaningful career-building opportunities to young people and to connect diverse community groups, especially Ethiopian and East African heritage families to the outdoors.

Burien

Over the past two years, the City of Burien has strongly shown their investment and initiative to grow the Green Burien Partnership in-house. Burien PARCs has developed many relationships with local schools and after school groups to support community greening and restoration efforts and has the largest number of parks in active restoration stewarded by community volunteers.

To support their long-term sustainability, Forterra is working to add all of Burien's active park sites (beyond what was mapped and outlined in the 20-year plan) for use on CEDAR. Forterra will hold a small agreement with the city to maintain and update the database as it meets Burien's needs.

Towards the end of 2021, Gabbi Gonzales joined the ACE Green Cities Forest Steward training to provide additional support to existing and future Burien Stewards. We recorded this session for future use. Additionally, as per the contract requirement to support the long-term sustainability of the Green Burien Partnership, Forterra shared a Green Cities Toolkit with tools to support community outreach and engagement, Forest Steward training and event support as well as tracking and reporting using the CEDAR database.

At the time of this report, the City of Burien is advertising a temporary position funded by KCD in collaboration with the City of Tukwila to coordinate volunteers, conduct an urban forest needs assessment, and lead restoration projects in support of the City of Burien's and the City of Tukwila's urban forest programs. This position is full-time, temporary, term limited, ending on February 1, 2023, with an option to extend until February 2024. The city has also recently hired an Urban Forest Planner.

Forterra looks forward to continued collaboration with the City of Burien, building non-traditional Green Cities Programming at and with public schools in partnership with EarthCorps. Collectively and individually, partners will explore opportunities for youth-led or other stipend community stewardship programming, lowering barriers to participation and engaging with community members most impacted by climate change.

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Des Moines

Towards the end of the contract in 2021 and in early 2022, Forterra supported Forest Steward at Kiddie City Park to receive and plant 150 free trees from Sound Transit. Sound Transit has met with local Des Moines officials with the intention of giving away more free trees in 2022 (to offset the Light Rail Construction at the Federal Way Station). Forterra will work with city biologists, Public Works staff and community members to identify next steps for future planting events.

The City of Des Moines has also chosen to render Forterra's services to coordinate their community stewardship program through a 2022 Des Moines Partnership Contract. While the city has a strong Garden Stewards Program, recruitment for the Forest Steward Program has been challenging. Des Moines was the only ACE City that suspended restoration work parties entirely during the pandemic, thus causing the volunteer program to lose visibility and momentum.

However, Des Moines Parks have recently re-hired a volunteer coordinator and identified some new outlets for program outreach. Forterra and Des Moines City partners are confident that with continued collaboration and creativity the program will flourish. Given the current investment in the City's community gardens, nearby schools and city council support for the program Forterra is excited to explore new avenues to grow the Partnership.

In 2022, with funding support from the Port of Seattle, Forterra and the Green Des Moines Partnership will partner with the African Young Dreamers Empowerment Program International (AYDEPI) to support paid positions for youth to pick up litter, remove invasives and plant native species in Des Moines Parks.

Leverage/Match Funds

When first were discussing the Green City Partnership model, the Port was interested in establishing a program that would be long-term and set the foundation for future efforts and collaborations to continue. The amount that has been leveraged – is really a testament to how important it is to have that base funding, the funding to keep the core program going.

Many cities in the Green Cities Network are supported by Forterra in a two or three year start up period, rendering Forterra's services to coordinate a habitat assessment, 20-year urban forestry plan and scope of work for Forest Steward programming and other community engagement. In some cases, after this start up period, cities are provided a toolkit to manage their Green Cities program in-house. Each city and partnership have a distinct set of resources, priorities, policies and needs. Some cities are quite ready to take on the program on their own, or for other reasons they prefer to retain Forterra or another service provider to coordinate the program with them.

The programs Forterra has seen to be most successful have had a staff level champion, leadership level champion (council member/Port Commissioners), and community level champions –the forest stewards and community groups that are all invested.

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The Port can continue to be a leader and champion, encouraging investments, leading environmental initiatives, and continuing to support the stewardship of urban forest.

Additional Investments Supporting ACE-Funded Green Cities	Amount	Secured By
King Conservation District- Crew Time and Stewardship Plan for North SeaTac Park	\$50,000	City of SeaTac/ Forterra
US Forest Service- Highline Urban Forestry Project	\$300,000	Forterra/ Highline PS/ Port
McKinstry for Highline	\$30,000	Forterra
Weyerhaeuser- plants for ACE Green Cities Days	\$2,000	Forterra
DNR Environmental Equity Grant- Hilltop Park	\$20,000	City of Burien with support from Forterra/PIE/EarthCorps
Cotyledon Fund Urban Forest Justice Planning Grant for South King County	\$50,000	EarthCorps/Forterra
South King County Community Impact Fund (Port of Seattle) Projects continuing Green Cities work	\$340,000	Non-profits and community groups
Forterra Donated Time and Hours (funded by REI and corporate donors)	\$36,000	Forterra
TOTAL	\$828,000	

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BRIEFING

- (1) Presentation slides

PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS [\[For information and examples, follow this link.\]](#)

- April 13, 2021- The Commission was briefed on the plans for the final year of implementation of the ACE Green Cities Program
- September 24, 2019 – The Commission was briefed on the status of the ACE program including the Forterra Work
- June 13, 2017 – The Commission authorized a Sole Source Contract with Forterra
- November 22, 2016 – The Commission created a \$1 million Airport Community Ecology Fund (ACE Fund) to support projects and programs that improve ecological and environmental attributes in airport-area communities of Sea-Tac, Burien, and Des Moines. 11/22/16