

ACE Green City Partnerships Final Report

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Overview

- ACE Background
- Urban Forest Assessment
- Community Engagement
- Urban Forest Enhancement Plans
- Des Moines Memorial Drive
- Implementation
- Accomplishments
- Next Steps



Airport Community Ecology Fund

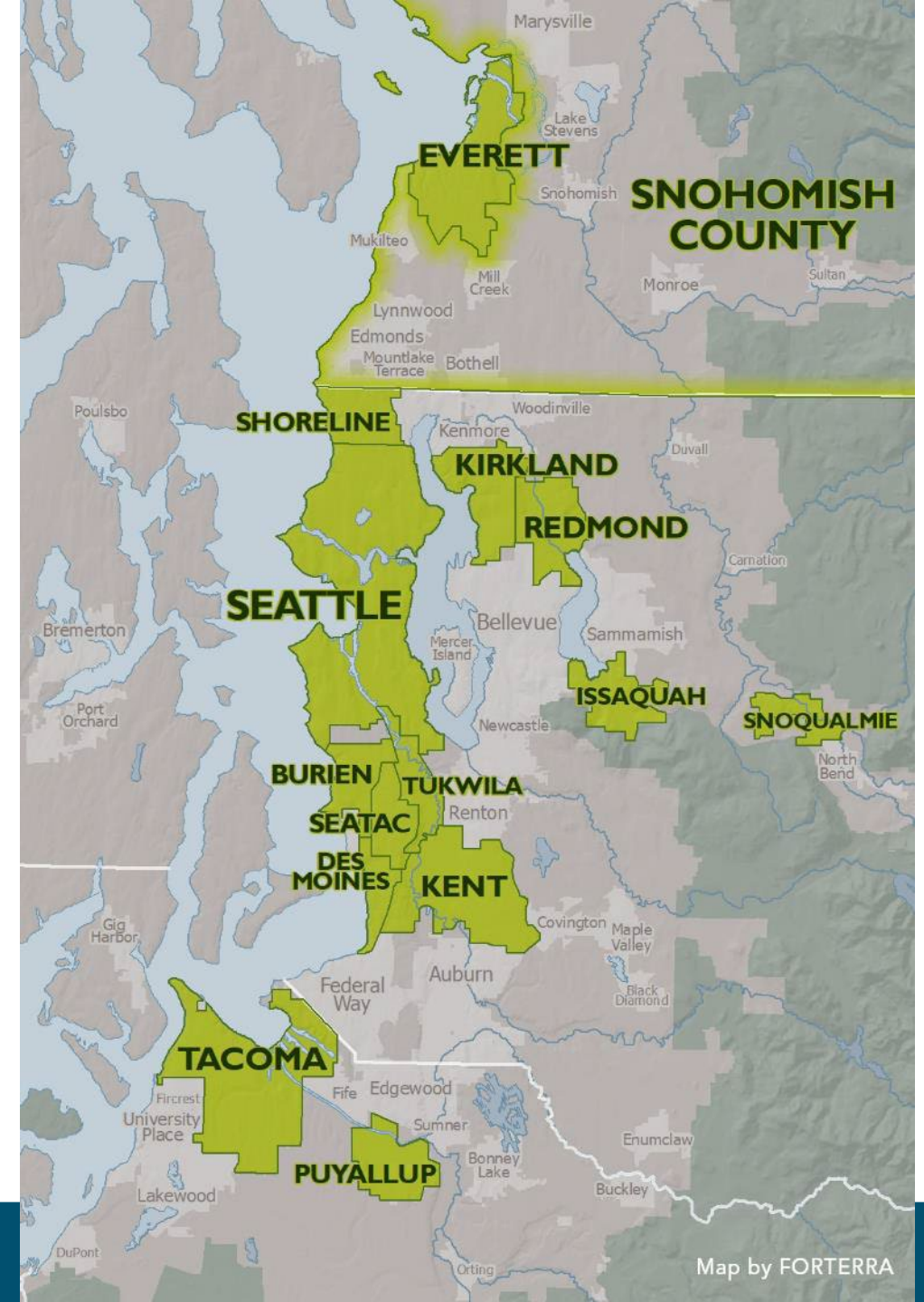
- \$1 Million in 2016 for Burien, Des Moines and SeaTac
- Small Matching Grants Program
- Forterra contract for Green City Programs



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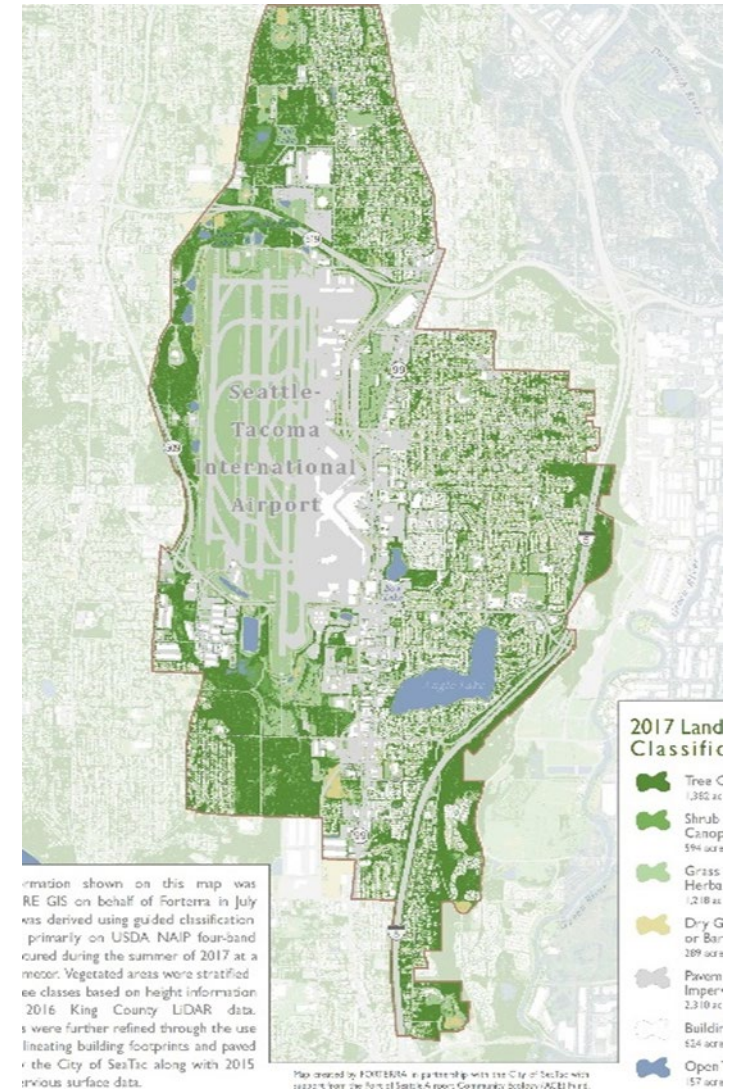
2005-2021 IMPACTS

- 15 GREEN CITIES/COUNTIES
- COMBINED GOAL: ~13,000 ACRES
- SERVING MORE THAN 1.6 M PEOPLE
- 1.5 M HOURS OF VOLUNTEERS
- MORE THAN 3360 ACRES IN RESTORATION
- 1.5 M FOREST TREES AND SHRUBS PLANTED



Urban Forest Assessments

- Forest Health Assessment
- Vulnerability mapping and disparities
- Canopy enhancement
- Priority site selection
- Outcomes:
 - Helped secure an additional \$260,000 from DNR
 - Increase canopy within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of four Highline schools



Community Engagement

- First comprehensive effort in the formation of GCP
- Access and participation barriers for most impacted communities
- Support from Global to Local using Community Connectors
- Community Priorities:
 - Public health, climate change, immediate basic needs, air quality for youth
- Shift in focus to increasing canopies near schools



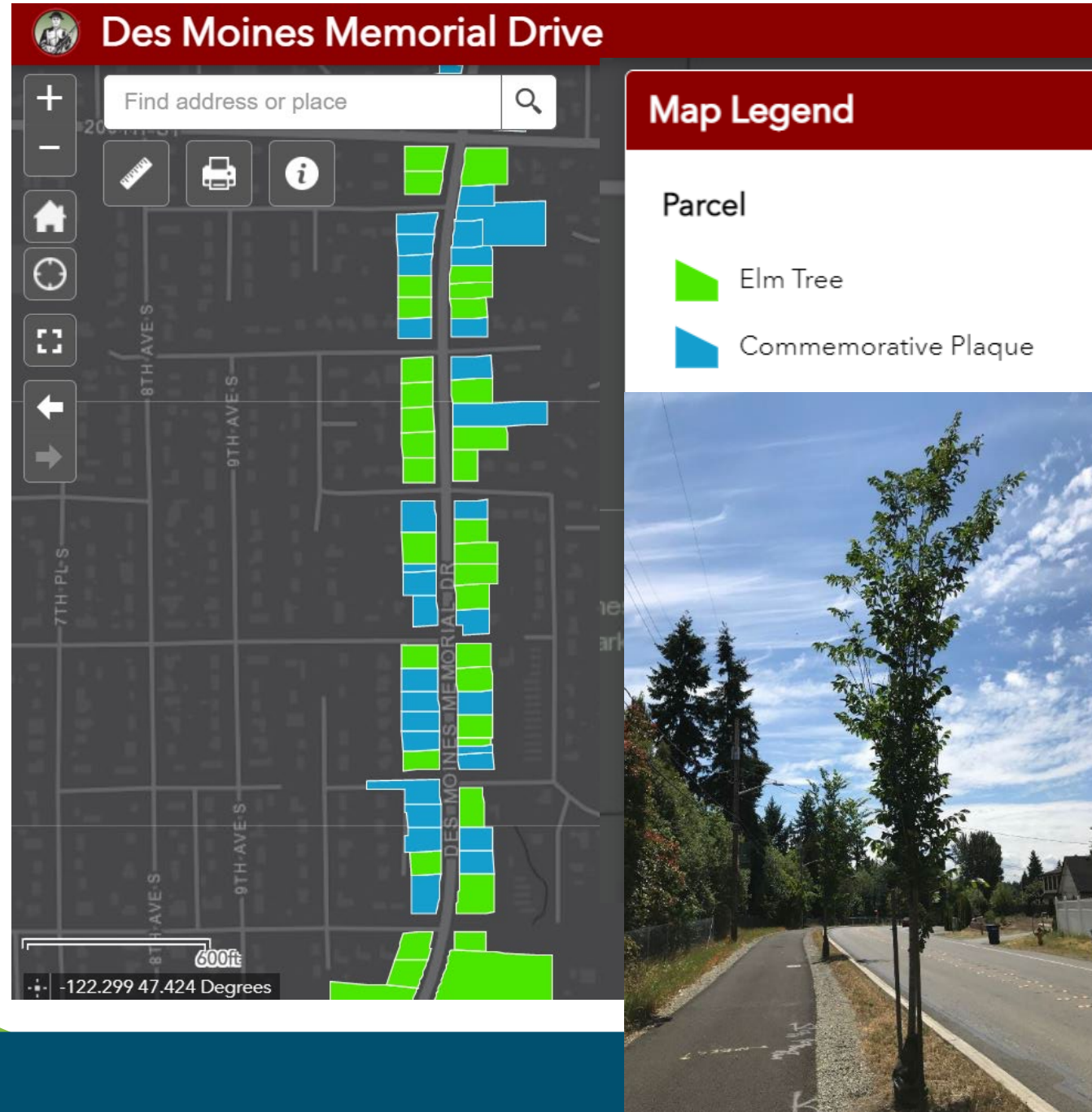
Urban Forest Enhancement Plans

- Incorporated results from FLAT analysis and Tree-iage model, and community engagement
- 20- year plans/guides, tailored to the needs of each city
- Formal adoption of plans by Burien and Des Moines
- Used for strategic planning, fundraising, and stewardship planning for each city



Des Moines Memorial Drive

- Interactive ArcGIS web map
 - Rates all properties along the Drive according to their suitability for elm trees or commemorative sidewalk plaque
- Outreach mailer and flyers created
- No Elm Trees planted



Des Moines Memorial Drive

Find address or place


Map Legend

Parcel

- Elm Tree
- Commemorative Plaque

600ft

-122.299 47.424 Degrees



Implementation

- Forest Steward Program
- Youth Restoration Crews
- Neighborhood Trees Program
- Green City Day Events

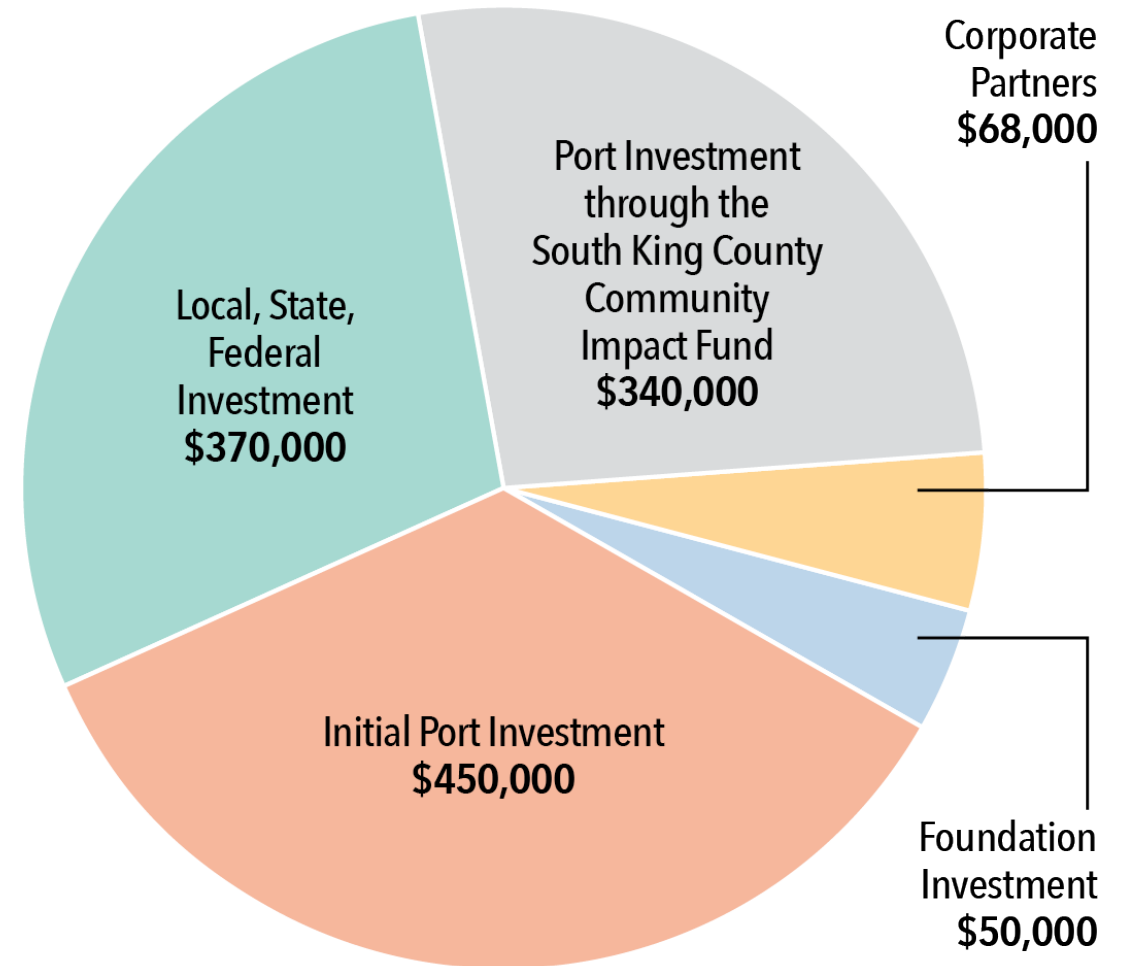


Key Measures of Success

- 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)

Continued Partnerships

- Continuing sources of funding
- Partnerships and leverage
- Key staff
- Community-level champions
- Total of \$1.28 Million invested
- \$488,000 in non-Port matching funds



Port Leadership Moving Forward

- South King County Community Impact Fund
- Current and future projects
 - African Young Dreamers Empowerment Program
 - Serve Ethiopians Washington
 - Dirt Corps
 - Partner in Employment
- Community Capacity Building



Thank You!

