## Q1 Should the City consider an additional tree size threshold as a way to preserve large, healthy trees during development?

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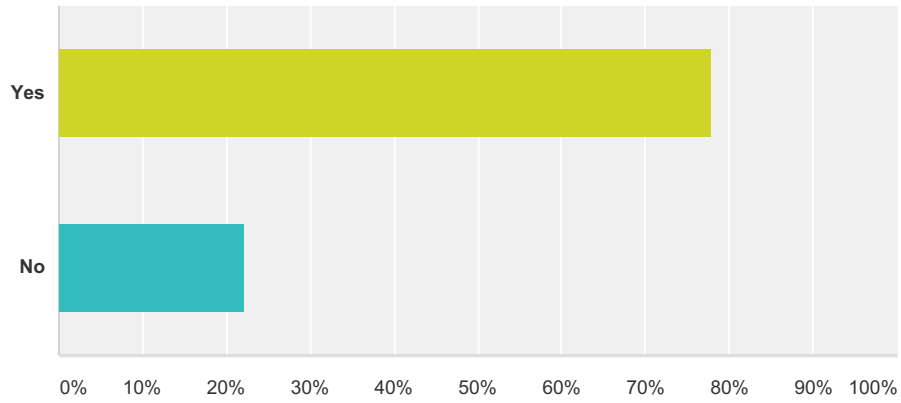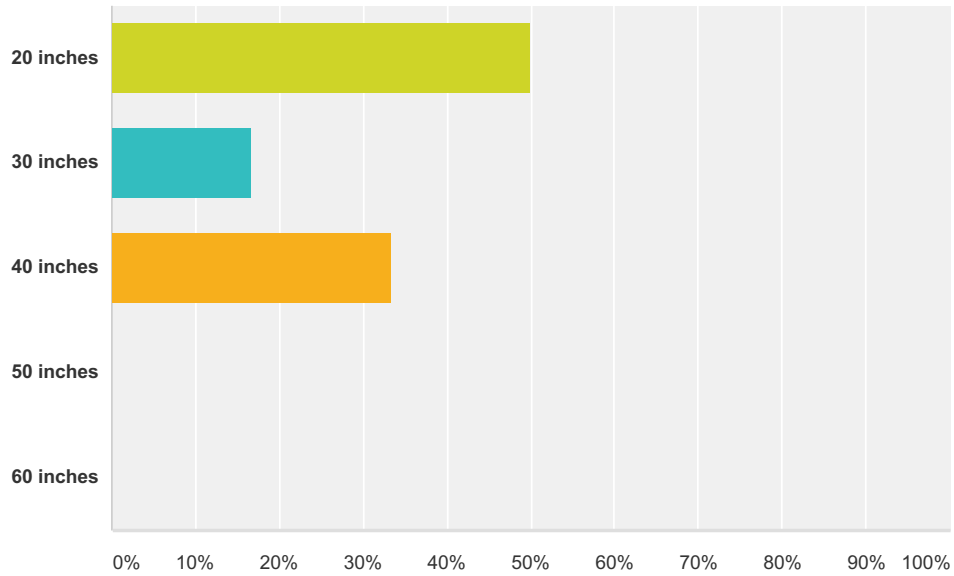


| Answer Choices | Responses | |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | **77.78%** | 7 |
| No | **22.22%** | 2 |
| **Total** | | **9** |

## Q2 What additional tree size threshold is appropriate in order to identify the trees that warrant protection?

Answered: 6    Skipped: 4

| Answer Choices | Responses | |
|---|---|---|
| 20 inches | **50.00%** | 3 |
| 30 inches | **16.67%** | 1 |
| 40 inches | **33.33%** | 2 |
| 50 inches | **0.00%** | 0 |
| 60 inches | **0.00%** | 0 |
| Total | | 6 |

| # | Other (please specify) | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | a graduated list of thresholds, perhaps by 6" increments, would serve to better mitigate at the scale of losses | 8/7/2015 6:17 PM |
| 2 | 35 inches | 8/7/2015 2:24 PM |

## Q3 Please provide a short explanation for the basis of your recommendation in the previous question.

**Answered: 7    Skipped: 3**

| # | Responses | Date |
|---|-----------|------|
| 1 | Needs to be more incentive to save larger healthy trees in development situations. | 8/7/2015 8:34 PM |
| 2 | A mitigation schedule based on size classes would allow for mitigation that better reflects the loss of value of removed trees. For example, replanting/fee requirements for a 12" tree could = 1:1, 18" tree, 2:1, 24" tree, 3:1, 30" tree, 4:1, 36" tree, 5:1, 42" tree, 6:1, 48" tree, 8:1, 54" or larger tree 10:1. | 8/7/2015 6:17 PM |
| 3 | City of Seattle's method and rule for identifying "exceptional trees" perhaps modified with local data if available. http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codes/dr/DR2008-16x.pdf | 8/7/2015 2:42 PM |
| 4 | I recall staff identifying 35-40 inches as an important threshold in recent tree removal permits. However ideally we would get some local data on relationship between DBH and Crown width and aim for DBH that optimizes canopy cover over time similar to this study done in California: http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/programs/uesd/uep/products/cufr_94_PP01_39.PDF | 8/7/2015 2:24 PM |
| 5 | Without having the data about what trees are being removed and how big they are, I would rather err on protecting trees. I frankly don't know if 20 inches is reasonable or not, but again, the idea should be to protect as many large trees as feasible. | 8/3/2015 9:13 AM |
| 6 | I would support a number higher or lower depending on the species of tree but see this as a general compromise. | 8/3/2015 8:22 AM |
| 7 | Tree size is merely one of the many factors for determining the value of a significant tree. Hence, the additional tree size threshold should not be an arbitrary number. | 8/2/2015 10:44 PM |

## Q4 Please provide a short explanation for the basis of your recommendation that the City should NOT consider a new threshold as a way to preserve large, healthy trees in development.

**Answered: 1   Skipped: 9**

| # | Responses | Date |
|---|-----------|------|
| 1 | The original committee that formed these rules spent a lot of time with different stakeholders trying to come up with a fair and equitable system. We have had two cases in the first 6 months, and both of them managed to resolve themselves without the trees being removed. I think throwing out and changing policy this short into a new code is jumping the gun. | 8/1/2015 8:23 AM |

## Q5 Please rank the identified tools in order of importance for consideration at this time to incentivize large tree preservation.

Answered: 6    Skipped: 4
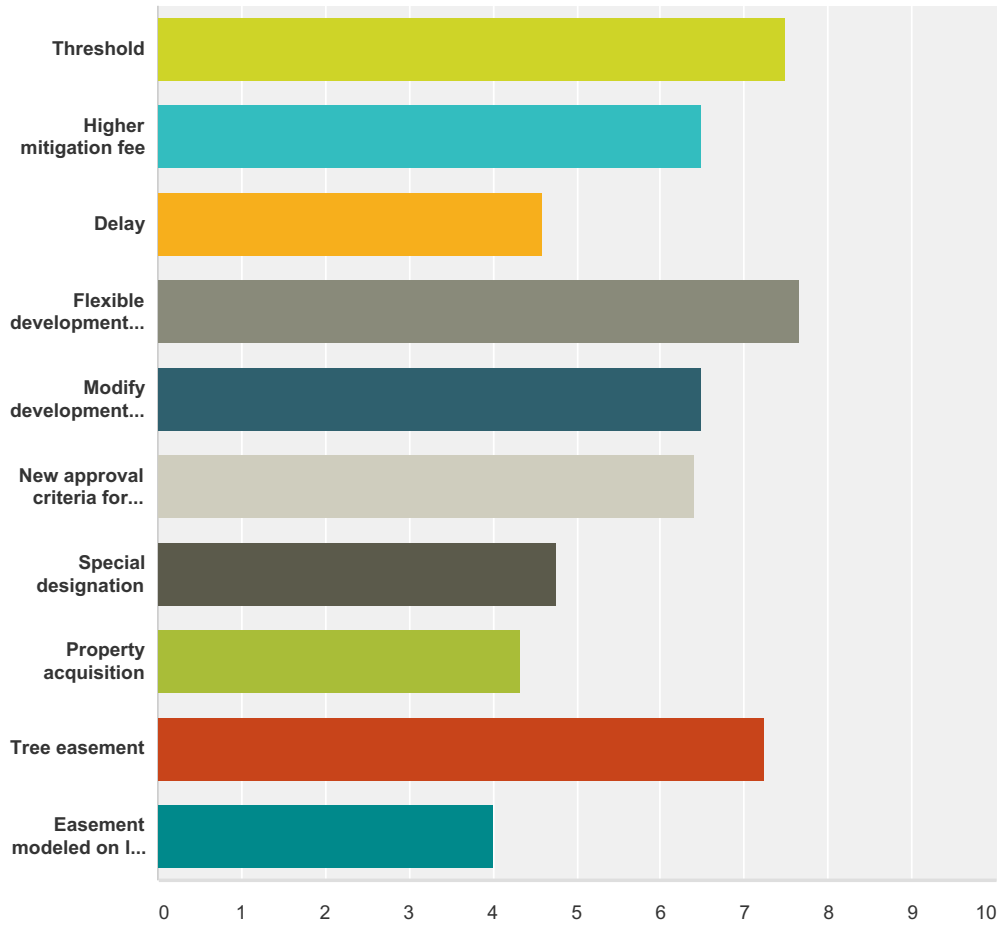


| | Most important | (no label) | (no label) | (no label) | (no label) | (no label) | (no label) | (no label) | (no label) | Least important | Total | Weighted Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Threshold | **16.67%** 1 | **50.00%** 3 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **16.67%** 1 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **16.67%** 1 | **0.00%** 0 | 6 | 7.50 |
| Higher mitigation fee | **50.00%** 3 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **16.67%** 1 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **33.33%** 2 | 6 | 6.50 |
| Delay | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **20.00%** 1 | **20.00%** 1 | **0.00%** 0 | **20.00%** 1 | **40.00%** 2 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | 5 | 4.60 |
| Flexible development option/incentive | **0.00%** 0 | **50.00%** 3 | **16.67%** 1 | **16.67%** 1 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **16.67%** 1 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | 6 | 7.67 |
| Modify development standards in Title 11 | **25.00%** 1 | **0.00%** 0 | **25.00%** 1 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **25.00%** 1 | **0.00%** 0 | **25.00%** 1 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | 4 | 6.50 |
| New approval criteria for tree removal | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **20.00%** 1 | **40.00%** 2 | **0.00%** 0 | **40.00%** 2 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | **0.00%** 0 | 5 | 6.40 |

# Preserving large, healthy trees during development

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| Special designation | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 25.00%<br>1 | 25.00%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 25.00%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 25.00%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 4 | 4.75 |
| Property acquisition | 33.33%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 33.33%<br>1 | 33.33%<br>1 | 3 | 4.33 |
| Tree easement | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 75.00%<br>3 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 25.00%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 4 | 7.25 |
| Easement modeled on land division | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 33.33%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 33.33%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 33.33%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 3 | 4.00 |

## Q6 Please provide any additional comments you may have on your rank, above. For example, you may have comments on how much the fee should be, what code standards should be changed, how long a delay is acceptable, etc.

**Answered: 4    Skipped: 6**

| # | Responses | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mitigation caps for dev should be modified (see graduated thresholds for replacement schedule); adopt mitigation thresholds that better recapture losses based on size of loss; reward creativity; raise base fees from $300/in to 2015 costs. I don't have strong opinions or know enough about the other options listed to rank them. | 8/7/2015 6:23 PM |
| 2 | I need more information on these options. | 8/7/2015 2:42 PM |
| 3 | I don't get this completely. How does a new threshold actually protect large healthy tree without associated tree removal criteria, different development standards, or higher mitigation requirements. A new threshold seems like a mechanism to do these things not solution itself. Without this clarification, I can't really rank these tools. | 8/7/2015 2:28 PM |
| 4 | There should be a sliding scale that gets exponetially larger as the tree size increases. For example, 20 inch tree would cost $3,000. A 90 inch tree would cost $90,000. | 8/3/2015 9:15 AM |

## Q7 Please provide any other comments you have related to preserving large, healthy trees in development.

**Answered: 4    Skipped: 6**

| # | Responses | Date |
|---|-----------|------|
| 1 | $1,200 cap is way too low for development side - it should be more like $50k - I don't agree it should match cap for private property. | 8/7/2015 8:44 PM |
| 2 | In a nutshell, better disincentives to removal are needed, as well as better incentives for protection. Fees seem to be the best disincentive, while building bonuses or reductions in other fees/expenses could be good incentives. Preserving land (not paving/building on every square inch allowed) should also be incentivized--preserve the trees and preserve space for them. | 8/7/2015 6:26 PM |
| 3 | The people I work with and talk to consider this to be a major issue. Unfortunately, the burden seems to fall on neighbors to rally to save trees. That should be the city's role. The Tree Code is about maintaining and growing the urban canopy. In the case of large trees, the city should clearly state its policy is to maintain and protect them. It should lead, not follow. | 8/3/2015 9:17 AM |
| 4 | Since I am not well versed in tree species, based on the information that I've gleaned from the meetings as well as on line material, it make sense that preservation of large, healthy trees be a priority in development, i.e. do everything possible to mitigate and preserve the "large, healthy" trees. | 8/2/2015 10:47 PM |