

## **Project Plan: Ivy Removal Demonstration**

Summary: English ivy is a Class C noxious weed in King County; removal is recommended but not required. Ivy can kill mature trees when it is allowed to grow up the tree trunk. The Tree Board proposes doing a demonstration showing how to remove ivy on a tree so that the vines growing up the tree eventually die. We also plan to video this demonstration so that it can be posted in the Tree Board section of the city website for residents' future reference. The LFP Stewardship Foundation is partnering with the Tree Board for this demonstration.

### Demonstration specifics:

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Several locations are under consideration:

- 1) Affected trees on the Beach Drive right-of-way between NE 170th Street (the stoplight near Starbuck's) and NE 165th Street on the Burke-Gilman Trail.
- 2) McKinnon Creek Trail-city property, event permit required
- 3) 19055 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE-Carrie Lewith Home-private property, permission required

Richard Olmstead has agreed to do the actual demonstration and John Brew, of the LFP Stewardship Foundation will video the demonstration.

### Publicity:

The September 2023 LFP e-news included an informational article about ivy removal. Subsequent publicity could include an event post on the city of LFP Facebook page to announce the upcoming event and provide details. The LFP Stewardship Foundation may provide additional publicity through their communication channels (to be confirmed). One additional article, placed in the e-news in the month when the demonstration takes place, would re-cap the event and point to the video for future reference.

A one-time informational mailing to LFP residents about ivy removal has also been discussed but set aside due to funding and logistics issues.

### Considerations:

Accessible location: Site must be accessible on foot and by car

City concern about the Beach Drive location: need to confirm that it's on city right-of-way.

- Parking: Will this be an event that draws a crowd? Is there sufficient parking along Beach Drive? The site is also accessible from the Burke-Gilman Trail for access on foot
- Traffic control: Will there be sufficient traffic to warrant LFP police traffic control?

Park permit; City permit required for events in city parks, including McKinnon Creek Trail.

Private property: The Carrie Lewith Home has been amenable to access by the Streamkeepers.