Eastlake Neighborhood Tree Information Survey

Date _____

Your name _____ **U.S. mail address** _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Let's find out the diversity, quantity, and condition of trees growing in the neighborhood before we lose them! You may inventory only the trees in your yard, those close by, or any others in the neighborhood.

Please choose the appropriate form from the following pages, and fill in the columns as best you can. If inventorying a park, please make a rough sketch of the tree locations, using the Park form provided. While not required, we encourage a photo of each tree, labeled with the tree number you assigned it on the inventory form.

You needn't be an expert to participate. Can't identify or measure a tree? See the resources below. Or just send a question, photo and/or location to treeinventory@comcast.net. An Eastlake Community Council volunteer will contact you or visit the tree. Or, if you prefer, leave a message at the following phone number: (206) 473-2849.

Please e-mail your completed form(s) to TreeInventory@comcast.net. Or you can drop them by or U.S. mail them to ECC Tree Inventory, c/o Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102-3278. Thanks for taking the time to complete this tree survey! We will contact you about the results.

Some definitions: Topping: When you see a tree whose large branches or sections of the upper trunk have been removed from the top of its canopy, that tree has been topped. The tree usually responds by putting out multiple shoots from the cuts, resulting in the unsightly "hydra effect", making the topped tree easy to identify. **Girdling** is when a band is made around the trunk of a tree by the removal of a strip of bark, usually in order to kill it. You can recognize **drought stress** by limp or browning leaves or needles.

Books:
Trees of Seattle (Sasquatch Books, by Arthur Lee Jacobson)
Western Garden Book (Sunset Books)
Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast (Lone Pine Publishing, eds. Jim Pojar and Andy MacKinnon)
Trees and Shrubs for Pacific Northwest Gardens (Timber Press, by John and Carol Grant)
Knowing Your Trees (American Forestry Association)
The Tree Identification Book (Morrow Paperbacks, by George W. Symonds and S.V. Chelminski)

Web sites:
http://www.ehow.com/how_6582895_identify-western-washington-trees
http://www.arborday.org/trees/whattree
http://www.bing.com [search for "tree identification"]
http://oregonstate.edu/trees
http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeinventory

Smart phone apps: several are available to identify or measure a tree

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YARD

Tree Number & Name (assign number; if unsure of name, guess and/or "?")	Location by Address: (& note if in parking strip, front yard, etc.)	Age (estimate)	Height/ Diameter (estimate)	Context (e.g. alone or in a group? under power lines?)	Condition (healthy, average, poor?; plus specifics)	Damage: (topped? girdled? other problems?)

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MULTI-BLOCK

Tree Number & Name (assign number; if unsure of name, guess, and/or **"?")**	Location by Address: (& note if in parking strip, front yard, etc.)	(estimate)	Height/ Diameter (estimate)	Context (e.g. alone or in a group? under power lines?)	Condition (healthy, average, poor? plus specifics)	Damage: (topped? girdled? other problems?)

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GROUP OF TREES

Tree Number & Name (assign number; if unsure of name, guess, and/or "?")	Location by Address: (& note if in parking strip, front yard, etc.	Age (estimate)	Height/ Diameter (estimate)	Context (e.g. alone or in a group? under power lines?)	Condition (healthy, average, poor? plus specifics)	Damage: (topped? girdled? other problems?)

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PARK (Name and location: _____)

Tree Number & Name (assign number; if unsure of name, guess, and/or "?")	Location by Address: (& note if in parking strip, front yard. etc.	Age (estimate)	Height/ Diameter (estimate)	Context (e.g. alone or in a group? under power lines?)	Condition (healthy, average, poor? plus specifics)	Damage: (topped? girdled? other problems?)

PARK Draw a rough shape of the park. Place each tree in its approximate location, and assign a number to it, then fill out the form accordingly.

Name and location of park: _____