

**CLEAN AIR** - Natural areas and urban forests improve air quality by trapping dust and pollution and creating oxygen.



**BUILDING COMMUNITY**- People are more likely to spend time outdoors in neighborhoods with a healthy tree canopy. A healthy environment is a living legacy for future generations.

**BENEFITS OF**

# URBAN FORESTS



**CLEAN WATER** - Roots of plants in urban forests hold soil to reduce erosion and retain storm water to prevent flooding. Natural areas provide millions of dollars of storm water management value.



**CLIMATE** - Plants, especially long-lived conifer trees, absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere helping to combat climate change. A healthy tree canopy helps reduce the heat island effect by creating shade, especially on paved surfaces.

# WELCOME TO *Green* KIRKLAND

## THE PROBLEM

Kirkland prides itself on its park system, which includes over 400 acres of natural areas.

The spread of invasive plants threatens the health of these natural areas by preventing the regeneration of native plants. Without active management we stand to lose the iconic natural spaces that make Kirkland a great place to live.



## THE SOLUTION

Volunteers are key to the restoration of Kirkland's forests and natural areas.

At events throughout the city, they are helping to turn the tide in our battle against invasive plants by removing these bullies and planting native plants.

Volunteering not only helps our parks and natural areas but also helps to build community!



## GET INVOLVED

**VOLUNTEER** at an upcoming restoration event

**TAKE PHOTOS** at a restoration event

**SPREAD** the word about the Green Kirkland Partnership

**BAKE** or buy snacks for a volunteer event

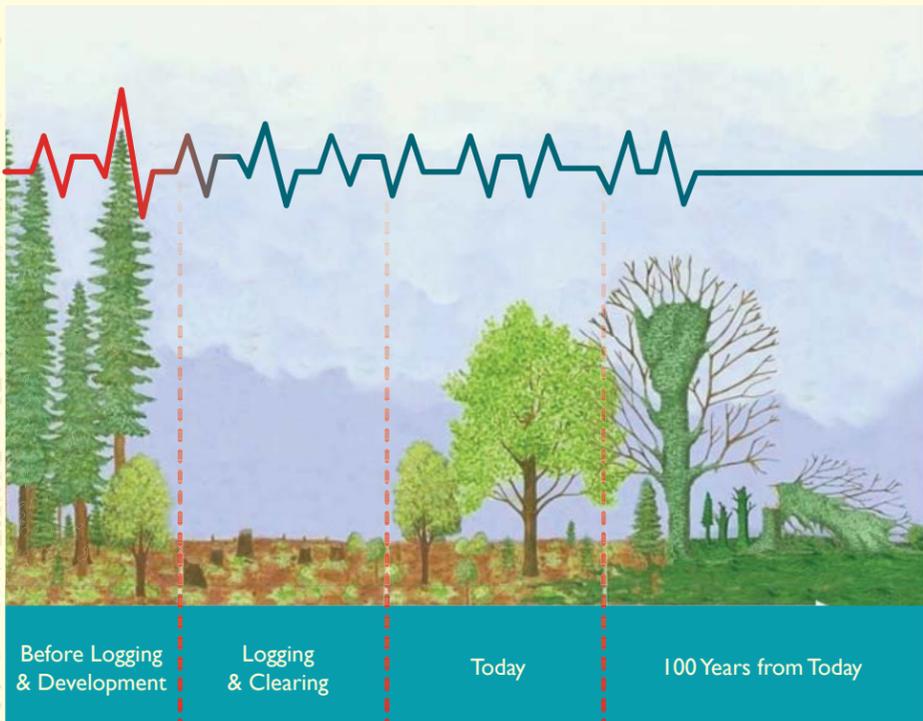


Learn more about all the ways you can get involved at [www.greenkirkland.org](http://www.greenkirkland.org)



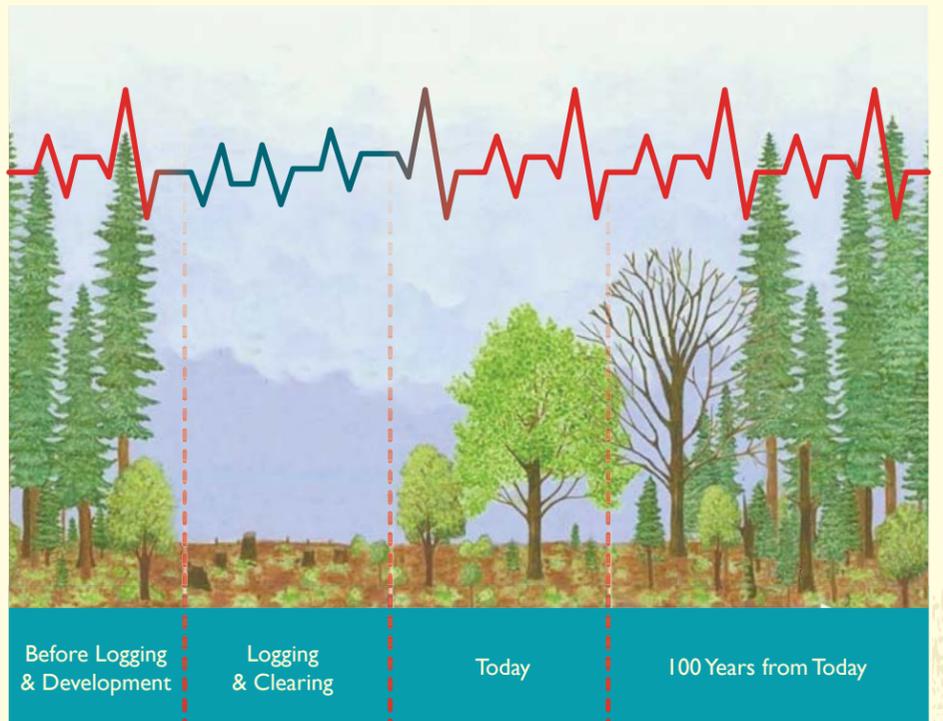
## WITHOUT YOUR HELP

▼ In 100 years, many existing trees will have died and aggressive, non-native vegetation will dominate the natural landscape.



## WITH YOUR HELP

▼ Removing invasive vegetation and planting native trees and shrubs will return the urban forest to a more sustainable condition, providing us with clean air and water, and creating habitat for wildlife.





**KEY**

-  WHERE WE WORK
-  LANDMARKS

