URBAN FOREST HISTORY IN KEN LAKE

- In 1987 residents voted to approve purchasing 22 acres of forest land.
- In 2008 community members evaluated the purpose of the forest.
- In 2017-2018 the zoning for the Urban Forest was changed to allow access by residents.
- In 2019 the original Urban Forest Committee was formed.
- In 2019 a trail was created to access abandoned homeless encampments, which were cleared out. The trail eventually became the forest trail that all residents are able to enjoy today.

UF Volunteer Work Group



Available to assist in maintaining the forest and help on various projects.

Education: Kiosk & Walks



Organized educational walks about the wild life & plant life in our Urban Forest.
Educational & Informative kiosk at the entrance of the Urban Forest.

Children's Forest & Gnome Walk



Children's Forest is a dedicated area in the Urban Forest to promote creativity & play in a wooded environment.
Community gnome felting & Gnome Walk in the late Fall & Winter.

Get Involved!

The Urban Forest Committee continues to manage the forest for resident use and access.
The Urban Forest Committee meets quarterly.

Goals:

Promote the growth of the existing forest ecosystem by enhancing the health of native plants including the trees, mid-level shrubs, understory, and ground cover plants.

Join the Urban Forest Volunteer Group to assist in maintaining the forest!
Various projects we work on:

- Removing down-fall trees from trails.
- Managing invasive species
- Watering new transplants
- Education
- Kiosk
- Organizing walks
- Clean/refurbishing the Children's Forest
- Maintaining logs to slow cyclists exiting the forest
- Gnomes felting and Gnome Walk

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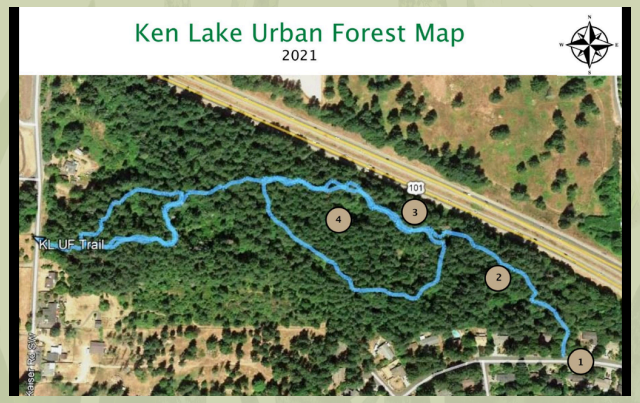



Urban Forest (UF)

Ken Lake, Olympia, WA

The Urban Forest is a **private forest** and **private trail** for the recreational use of Ken Lake Community members.

Urban Forest Committee Mission Statement:
Maintain and enhance the Urban Forest as a natural resource and asset for private recreational use by LCC residents and as a watershed buffer for Ken Lake.