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## **TREES4LIVABILITY SHARING TREE PROTECTION PETITION AT EARTH DAY EVENTS**

**[Bellevue, WA, April 2022]** Trees4Livability will be sharing their petition to strengthen Bellevue tree codes at two Earth Day events this weekend.

On Saturday, April 23, Trees4Livability will be at Bellevue's Downtown Park with Save Coal Creek and Eastside Audubon from 10 am - 2 pm. Their joint table will be located just east of the children's play area and have exhibits and information on local coal mining history, preserving trees for wildlife, and the current effort to increase Bellevue's tree protections.

Trees4Livability will also have a table at Lake Hills Library on Sunday, April 24 from 1 - 3 pm outside the Lake Hills Library at 15590 Lake Hills Blvd, Bellevue, WA 98007.

Visit either day to show your support and sign the petition to strengthen Bellevue's tree codes. Trees4Livability is hoping to reach 1,000+ signatures by the June 9th City Council Retreat. You can also sign the petition at [trees4livability.org/tree-code-petition](https://trees4livability.org/tree-code-petition).

Volunteers created the Bellevue Tree Code Study with findings from other cities in the region and recommendations to strengthen the current tree code. The proposed code changes would affect properties zoned for single-family housing, and funding for the program would be raised by tree-removal permits. Trees4Livability is collecting petition signatures in preparation for the city council's retreat in June. Read the study and sign the petition at [trees4livability.org/tree-code-petition](https://trees4livability.org/tree-code-petition). You can watch a recording of past city council meetings on the [Bellevue TV YouTube channel](#) or on the [Trees4Livability's News & Press page](#).

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Trees4Livability receives regular reports from members witnessing unexpected and destructive tree removals all over the city. The removal of large trees is changing the character of our neighborhoods. Tree codes are complicated, and the Bellevue city website is tricky to navigate. Our Tree Code Research Group provides assistance navigating tree

codes and pointing the public to the right people to contact within the city to investigate claims. If you witness trees coming down in your neighborhood and you're interested in looking into applicable permits, especially in the case of new development or subdivisions, please visit <https://trees4livability.org> to contact us.

Trees4Livability comprises a group of concerned citizens from many backgrounds and neighborhoods across the city. Their volunteer Tree Code Working Group headed by Khaiersta English and Ruth Lipscomb collaborated to produce a research study comparing regional city tree codes and offering detailed recommendations.

The report has been endorsed by more than ten civic, environmental, and advocacy organizations, including 300 Trees, People for Climate Action, 350 Eastside, Bellevue Green & Clean, and Eastside Audubon, with more taking up the cause weekly. Read and sign the petition at <https://trees4livability.org/tree-code-petition> and help spread the word!