The Washington Park Arboretum Botanical Garden Committee is seeking your comment on two important projects implementing the Arboretum Master Plan.

The Master Plan for “Renewing the Washington Park Arboretum” was adopted by the City Council and the University of Washington Board of Regents in May 2001. The University, the City and the Arboretum Foundation are working together to implement two master plan projects. An Interpretive and Wayfinding Plan will serve as a guide to the implementation of all Arboretum projects. The South Entry / Madrona Terrace project will be the first major improvement project to be designed and built in accordance with the master plan. Two public meetings are scheduled in the next six weeks to discuss these projects. The first, to consider the South Entry / Madrona Terrace project, will be held on September 30. The second, to consider the Interpretive and Wayfinding Plan, will be held on October 21.

The Madrona Terrace / South Entry Project area is located immediately north of the intersection of Arboretum Drive and Lake Washington Boulevard. This important project will fulfill the primary elements of the master plan - conservation, education and recreation. It consists of several elements including:

- Renovation of the Holmdahl Rockery;
- Establishment of several “eco-geographic” exhibits that offer educational experiences for students and visitors to immerse themselves in recreations of forest communities of the world;
- Construction of a 30-space parking lot;
- Construction of a small education shelter; and
- Establishment of interpretive and wayfinding signs.

We invite you to review early designs for the South Entry / Madrona Terrace improvements at a public meeting on September 30.

Montlake Community Center, Tudor Building
1618 E. Calhoun Street
Thursday, September 30, 2004
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

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The Arboretum-Wide Interpretive and Wayfinding Plan will identify major themes and educational messages, interpretive media suitable for weather conditions of the Northwest, and an appropriate wayfinding system. A public meeting to receive ideas, concerns and suggestions for this project was held in August. The design team has now developed preliminary concepts. You are invited to review and comment on these concepts at the public meeting on October 21.

Graham Visitors Center at the Washington Park Arboretum
2300 Arboretum Drive East
Thursday, October 21, 2004
Time: 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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