

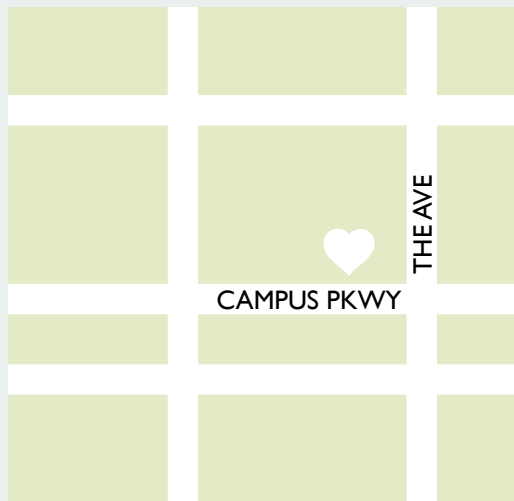
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**TODAY WE'D LIKE TO HONOR TWO LIVES WELL-LIVED.**

Two days before two ailing elms—8786 and 8787, or so their tags named them—were scheduled to depart this life, we assembled an installation to celebrate what they had provided the University District in their many decades on Campus Parkway.

Experts say that when elms mature in such proximity, their roots connect, becoming one. Our installation communicated the beauty in living and dying— connected.



STREET TREES MATTER **FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.**  
 "The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day."  
 --Arborday.org

STREET TREES MATTER **FOR YOUR MIND.**  
 "... office workers with a view of nature liked their jobs more, enjoyed better health and reported greater life satisfaction."  
 --American Psychological Association

STREET TREES MATTER **FOR THE FUTURE.**  
 "[Seattle] has set up the goal to achieve 30% canopy cover by 2037. According to results from the 2009 satellite assessment of 2007 data, Seattle has about 23% canopy cover."  
 -- City of Seattle Urban Forest Management Plan

STREET TREES MATTER **FOR SOCIETY.**  
 "... trees in the public right of way are associated with lower crime rates."  
 -- G. Donovan and J. Przeworski, Environment and Behavior Journal

STREET TREES MATTER **HISTORICALLY.**  
 "The first major industry to grace the emerald shores of Elliot Bay was logging. From the time of the first colonial activities in 1851, the timber trade proved to be the primary source of growth in this small northwestern town."  
 --seattle.com





This series of photos depicts all installation components: A glowing, leaf-adorned heart is suspended by fishing line between the two elms. A wooden box conceals speakers playing a soundtrack of trickling water sporadically interrupted by a motion activated recording of a chainsaw's whine. Passersby are encouraged to scan a 'QR code' positioned on the front of the box directing them to our informational website: <http://streettreesaregood.carbonmade.com/projects/4517763>

Two days after the start of the installation, a tractor removes it along with the two elms.

