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Mid-Year Update

### Research

- Finished majority of research including:
  - Personal health
  - Environmental impacts
  - Financial Impacts
  - Racial Justice
  - Current Tree Retention Laws
  - Model Tree Retention Laws
- I need to complete more research about recent proposals regarding tree retention code
  - Some smaller changes have occurred and been proposed since I finished research that will be relevant to the article

### Writing

- The following sections of the paper have been written:
  - Benefits of trees
    - Personal health
    - Environmental impacts
      - Temperature control
      - Air quality
      - Water quality
    - Financial Impacts
    - Racial Justice
  - Current Tree Retention Laws
    - Exceptional trees
      - Hazard trees
      - Maximum lot coverage
    - Tree replacement
  - Model Tree Retention Laws
    - Portland Tree Retention Laws
    - Federal Way Tree Retention Laws
    - Retention Proposals
- I will need to change small portion of research article to match the further research needed into recent changes and proposals within Seattle
  - This will primarily be added to the retention proposal section of the paper

### Next steps

- More research on the interplay between housing affordability and tree retention
  - I don't have enough research to write a conclusion about my ideal scenario for how tree retention and housing affordability can work together for a positive housing outcome
  - I will especially focus on recent changes and proposed changes to see how those either address or fail to address the housing crisis

- Publication
  - The paper will be submitted to at least the following publications with the potential for additional publication submissions should they become available:
    - Fordham Urban Law Journal
      - The journal has an open submission process and publish 5 themed books a year
    - Washington Journal of Social & Environmental Justice
      - The journal has an open submission process and the paper would fit well under their theme of environmental justice
    - Seattle Journal of Technology Environmental and Innovation Law
      - Law journal through Seattle University that partially focuses on environmental law