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As a 25 year resident of Vashon Island I have grown to love and require opportunities to enjoy open, scenic viewpoints whenever possible. There are many forested areas to enjoy on the Island but the real treasures to me are the Madrona forests, scenic vistas of the mountains and water, and the open dry areas of Maury Island. King County planning seems to have a different idea of what is desired and they have planted (and are perhaps planting more) fast growing, rather oppressive firs that will soon change the character of our open trails and block the views. Please stop! There are plenty of native plants besides firs that can mitigate the effects of Asarco without darkness, dominance, and closing us in.