

Owner/President, Urban Forestry Services, Inc., Mount Vernon, WA – 1990 to Present

Arboriculture consulting including tree assessments, retention plans, planting, landscape management, tree inventories and appraisals. Jim Barborinas, President/Founder of Urban Forestry Services, Inc., in 1990, has worked throughout the Puget Sound Region with large and small communities, landscape architects, engineers, developers, housing authorities, school districts and private citizens on many urban forest issues. He has provided tree evaluations, tree protection specifications, design review, and monitoring for contract compliance for mature and new landscape trees on numerous sites, including several Seattle and King County Housing projects over the last 25 years. He has helped to develop Urban Forest Strategy Plans and is the on-call Arborist for many Puget Sound communities. He has performed thousands of street, park, and forest, tree evaluations for risk assessment, maintenance, as well as specifications for challenging landscape installation requirements. Jim specializes in providing documentation on trees retained near construction activities, and recommendations on how to protect trees and perform work near them while minimizing tree damages.

Jim, and his wife, Annie, also own and operate a second business, Urban Forest Nursery, Inc., a 32 acre wholesale tree nursery, in the Skagit Valley, specializing in growing high quality street and landscape trees. Trees are specifically selected and grown for characteristics that complement the limited planting spaces and adverse conditions typical of urban planting sites today. From his knowledge of growing trees, he is particularly adamant about soil preparation and proper tree selection regarding location, installation and maintenance.