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PARKS & GREEN SPACES LEVY

"Creating community through people, parks, and programs."



**BUILDING A
GREENER MORE LIVABLE CITY
COMMUNITY UPDATE 2013**

CREATING SUSTAINABLE PARKS

As the largest land owner in Seattle, with over 6,200 acres and more than 465 parks, Seattle Parks is committed to sustainable management and development. Parks' sustainable projects offer recreational and social opportunities for people that maximize environmental benefits and minimize impacts on our ecosystem. The goal of sustainably-built parks is to conserve resources (water, energy, fuel, and materials) during construction and throughout the life of the park or facility.



Kirke Park, Jefferson Park and four new levy sprayparks are great examples of Parks' commitment to advancing sustainable design, construction and management practices.

Kirke Park (pronounced keer'kuh), located in the Ballard neighborhood, transformed a former church site into a vibrant neighborhood park. Kirke Park is elegantly blended into an existing single family neighborhood and serves people of all ages. Some of the park's sustainable elements are an on-site stormwater management system, local food production, play equipment made of recycled content, and sustainably harvested and/or salvaged materials. In this project, Parks repurposed existing walls, used reclaimed stone and logs as seats and play elements, and reused broken concrete and bricks to delineate spaces in the park. The Friends of Kirke Park helped move this project forward from acquisition to development. They are actively involved in maintenance and additional fundraising to build a trellis and a street-edge rain garden.

Parks is working with the designer of the park to achieve Sustainable Sites Initiative™ (SITES™) certification. SITES™ is an interdisciplinary effort by the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at The University of Texas at Austin and the United States Botanic Garden to create voluntary national guidelines and performance benchmarks for sustainable land design, construction and maintenance practices.

At **Jefferson Park** sustainable design, a goal for both the community and Seattle Parks, is reflected throughout the park. Rain gardens demonstrate the movement of stormwater through the site while offering exploratory fun for children. To meet the ecological goals, smaller portions of the park are irrigated, reducing water use and maintenance costs.

Seattle Parks worked with Seattle City Light to build three community solar picnic shelters as part of the larger Beacon Mountain project, a community initiated ecologically-oriented playscape and spraypark at Jefferson Park. These shelters are estimated to produce 24,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean, renewable electricity each year. The solar energy generated goes into Seattle City Light's electric grid.

Sprayparks create smiles and summer fun from the moment the water is turned on Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend. Seattle Parks built and opened three new re-circulating sprayparks in 2012, and will open a fourth at Highland Park in 2013.

The new re-circulating sprayparks are environmentally friendly and use significantly less water, 84,000 gallons annually compared to the 624,000 gallons used by a typical wading pool. They are interactive and appeal to a wider age range of park visitors. Sprayparks provide longer operating hours and a longer season than traditional wading pools, and they cost less to operate. The four new re-circulating levy funded sprayparks (Georgetown Playfield, Northacres, Jefferson and Highland parks) bring our total inventory of spray feature parks to 10.

People Make Parks Parks Make Community

Parks make for a great community. The time we spend in parks—laughing, playing, interacting with the environment, enjoying solitude or connecting with our neighbors—is part of what makes Seattle a thriving place to live.

Seattle residents love their parks. In a 2012 Seattle Parks Foundation survey, 87% of responders rated Seattle Parks and Recreation favorably. Voters approved the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy to fund park acquisitions and development projects. Residents continue to provide input on the design of Levy projects. Volunteers donate many thousands of hours of work on everything from removing ivy and blackberries to attending public meetings or serving on the Levy Oversight Committee.

The volunteer Levy Oversight Committee advises the Parks Superintendent, Mayor, and City Council on issues related to levy fund expenditures and helps administer the \$15 million Opportunity Fund. The Committee's leadership, advocacy, and oversight are critical to the Levy's success. The Oversight Committee and Seattle Parks and Recreation staff successfully administered the first round of the Opportunity Fund in 2009-2010, and are now in the process of selecting projects for the second and final round. In 2011, the Oversight Committee recommended and the Mayor agreed to re-allocate inflation funds to high-priority park maintenance projects. These funds provided much-needed reinvestment in the integrity of park facilities, funding repair and replacement of community center roofs, park restrooms, and failing water lines.

Seattle Parks and Recreation is dedicated to keeping community involvement strong. Community members have participated in over 200 public meetings on Levy projects so far. Planning for Gas Works Park Play Area Renovation, Cedar Park Renovation, Hing Hay Park Development, Victor Steinbrueck Park Renovation, and Marra-Desimone Farm Development will occur in the next two years of the Levy. These final five Levy-funded projects are just the most recent ways that investment continues to benefit everyone who lives in our city.

Thank you, Seattle, for your support. We hope the completed Levy projects have exceeded your expectations. Thank you also to the Levy Oversight Committee for your dedication during the Levy's first four years. We look forward to our continued work together, creating a healthy City with sustainable parks for everyone to use and enjoy.


Mike McGinn, Mayor


Christopher Williams, Acting Superintendent

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Just as the Levy passed in 2008, the impacts of the recession began to hit. In doing our small part to invest in the economy, we “front-loaded” Levy projects. As a result, just one year after the Levy’s passage we already had eight projects completed and helped improve the economic climate in Seattle.

There are 53 named development projects in the Levy divided into the following five categories. With two years left in the Levy, we have completed 43 of these.

Neighborhood Parks and Playgrounds: \$33 million

- Improve 23 neighborhood playgrounds.
- Create two parks on lidded reservoirs: Maple Leaf and West Seattle.
- Develop or improve playgrounds at 11 specific neighborhood parks.

By the time the Levy sunsets, Seattle will have four new sprayparks, four more skateparks – including Jefferson Park, which attracted the attention of internationally renowned skater Tony Hawk – and two new off leash areas. Upcoming projects include improvements at Marra-Desimone Park and Hing Hay Park.

Cultural Facilities: \$11.5 million

- Parks completed structural and safety improvements at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center in 2012.
- Parks will work in partnership with the Seattle Art Museum to complete similar improvements at the Seattle Asian Art Museum at Volunteer Park.

Playfields: \$10.5 million

- Four athletic field improvement projects are named in the Levy, Lower Woodland Playfields #2 and #7, Delridge Playfield, and Genesee Playfield #1. We also completed renovations to Jefferson Playfield begun under the Pro Parks Levy.
- With project management savings and a favorable bidding climate for construction projects, Parks was able to add three more improvement projects within the existing playfields budget. These include Walt Hundley Playfield, Washington Park Playfield and Genesee Park Playfield #2.
- These fields accommodate soccer, baseball/softball, and football as well as emerging sports such as lacrosse and Ultimate Frisbee.

“Given a growing and active population within the Seattle city limits... there is an ever-increasing demand for places to play games that help us stay healthy and have fun. The Levy contributed in a big way by increasing the capacity of existing playfields (already maintained by Seattle Parks and Recreation) to help meet those demands.”

- Bill Farmer, Friends of Athletic Fields Board President

Major Neighborhood Parks: \$11 million

- At Jefferson Park, long-range plans called for a significant community gathering space. With community support, we completed Beacon Mountain, an experiential new play area that includes water, climbing and zip-lines.
- Washington Park Arboretum is home to the unique Pacific Connections Gardens called for in the Arboretum Master Plan. Levy funds helped develop the Gateway to Chile and the Cascadia and New Zealand focal forests.
- At Discovery Park, former military housing called the Capehart site was restored to its natural condition as a meadow.
- A trail at Magnuson Park now provides a safer entry into the park and better shoreline access.
- Improvements at the Children’s PlayGarden include a new building and play area for children of all abilities to enjoy camps, programs, and play.

Trails: \$7.25 million

- In partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Parks is working to offer more safe and accessible trails, which contribute to the health of the people of Seattle. The Burke-Gilman Trail, West Duwamish Trail and Lake to Bay Loop will all be improved with this money.
- The West Thomas Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Overpass, part of the Lake to Bay Loop, opened in November 2012. This project provides a vital and safe connection to Puget Sound from Lower Queen Anne via Myrtle Edwards Park and Olympic Sculpture Park.



Seattle Children’s PlayGarden and Jefferson Park create a healthy and vibrant community for all.

ACQUISITIONS

Seattleites place a high value on preserving open spaces and acquiring parks for current and future generations. Nearly every neighborhood plan identifies parks and green spaces as critical elements for a thriving community. Seattle Parks acquired 9.6 acres of park land and received an additional 48.71 acres in transfer to Parks from other City departments since the start of the Levy.

The Acquisition category in the Levy includes \$30 million for acquisition of two types of properties:

Neighborhood Park Acquisition in designated urban villages

Working with community input, our acquisition team acquired almost two acres of neighborhood park space in some of our densest neighborhoods, including Fremont, University District, Lake City, Greenwood/Phinney Ridge, West Seattle Junction, North Rainier and Capitol Hill.

The acquisition of a 12,000-square-foot property on Federal Avenue E and E Republican Street in 2010 filled a need for open space in the Capitol Hill Urban Village. In 2011, neighbors received a Neighborhood Matching Fund award to prepare a schematic design. The preferred schematic for the site, named Broadway Hill Park, features a large lawn area and seating at a “front porch” area and a seat wall alongside the sidewalk. Development funds have not yet been identified.

“The community truly appreciates the purchase of this property. The space already gets lots of use by neighbors meeting to chat at the picnic tables, runners stopping for a stretch break, and kids drawing on the chalk wall.”

- Norah Kates, Friends of Broadway Hill Park

Levy money from this category will also support the greening of Bell Street Park in Belltown and the 14th Avenue NW Park in Ballard. Both these densely populated neighborhoods were deficient in green spaces, and these projects will provide pedestrian friendly access and urban open spaces.

With two years remaining in the Levy, Parks is looking into completing purchases in many more neighborhoods, including First Hill, Morgan Junction, International District and Wedgwood.

Green Spaces Acquisition

Parks and Green Spaces Levy funds have so far purchased 7.72 acres of green spaces. Seattle’s green spaces provide many benefits, such as habitat for urban wildlife, reduction of stormwater runoff, filtering the air we breathe, visual relief, and relaxing recreational opportunities like walking through the urban forests. Recent Levy acquisitions include areas in Arroyos Natural Area, Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area, and East Duwamish Green Space.



Investing in Seattle’s active community, the Levy renovates 23 play areas, creates five new skateparks and improves seven playfields throughout the city.

OPPORTUNITY FUND

The Parks and Green Spaces Levy allocates \$15 million in an Opportunity Fund. This fund was set aside to provide money for community-initiated projects in parks. The money is being allocated in two rounds.

In the first round of the Opportunity Fund, the all-volunteer Levy Oversight Committee recommended that 15 projects receive \$7 million in funding. These projects included a new park at the corner of 19th and Madison, improvements at Jimi Hendrix Park, and the development of the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands (RBUFW).

Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands

This urban farm is located on property that housed Seattle Parks’ plant nursery for 72 years. The transformation taking place is one of the nation’s first examples of the use of public land for commercial urban agriculture. Consisting of roughly 10 acres, RBUFW is the largest community urban farm in Seattle. Working together Friends of RBUFW, Seattle Tilth, a non-profit organic gardening and urban ecology organization, and landscape architecture firm Berger Partnership are behind the success of this project.

By involving the community through public meetings, this group created a plan that incorporates innovative green infrastructure practices. The farm and the restoration of wetlands will better support experiential learning for youth and adults. All built structures will serve multiple purposes and readily adapt to a growing facility supported by a volunteer base.

The overall design reconfigures and optimizes elements of the site and incorporates new features including a rice bog, chicken coops, a solar canopy with wash stations, classrooms, and cold storage in reused shipping containers.

This project received \$500,000 and when completed will:

- strengthen community and provide educational opportunities for at-risk and underserved youth
- offer access to and education about a rare in-city natural wetlands environment
- improve wetlands habitat for native wildlife
- foster economic development through green jobs training and small business incubation

“The Opportunity Fund grant has been the catalyst for the transformation of the former Atlantic City Nursery into an operating urban farm soon to undergo major transformations to enhance the site, the programming, and the entire Rainier Beach community.”

- Harry Hoffman, Friends of RBUFW

Opportunity Fund Round 2

The remaining Opportunity Fund dollars, \$8 million, will be allocated in 2013. The Levy Oversight Committee is currently reviewing recommendations for the second round of fund allocation. Seattle Parks staff and the Levy Oversight Committee hosted two public open houses that featured more than 50 project presentations in January 2013. For more details please visit <http://seattle.gov/parks/levy/opportunity.htm>

Thank you to all the community organizations that brought these projects to life.

BUILDING A GREENER SEATTLE

The \$6.6 million Environment category is dedicated to creating a healthy ecosystem for Seattle. This “green” funding is divided into three categories:

- **Forest and Stream Restoration** funds support the Green Seattle Partnership in restoring 2,500 acres of forested park land by 2025. This unique public/private effort is the largest urban forest restoration project in the nation. Levy funding, in combination with other city funding supported more than 3,600 volunteer events representing 400,000 volunteer hours. Volunteers have planted more than 60,000 native trees and plants and brought 600 acres of forest into restoration since the beginning of the Levy in 2008. Lewis Park, Cheasty Green Space and Madrona Woods are just a few of the 70 green spaces in Seattle parks that have seen great benefits.

Our restoration efforts were in part responsible for Seattle being named one of the 10 best U.S. cities for urban forests by American Forests, the oldest national nonprofit conservation organization in the country.

- **Community Garden** category funds support the immensely popular P-Patch Community Garden program. P-Patch staff at Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON), which manages this fund category, focused on increasing gardening opportunities, especially for underserved communities. New projects include the one-of-a-kind UpGarden at Seattle Center on a parking garage rooftop, and the Barton St. and Westcrest P-Patches in southwest Seattle that provide gardening opportunities where few existed before. DON leveraged the \$2 million set aside to create four new gardens and is building 20 new and expanded community gardens around the city.
- **Shoreline Street Ends** are public streets that are neither park nor private property. Funding contributes to preserving and developing these for 10 shoreline street end sites for public use. Through our partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation, we have already completed three street ends in West Seattle - two overlooking the Duwamish and one looking back over Elliott Bay to the downtown skyline. Two more street ends will be constructed in early 2013, on S Riverside Dr. on the Duwamish River and on 75th Ave S near Rainier Beach. Street end developments at four additional locations will be completed before the end of the year.



Seattle Parks and Recreation works with all citizens to be good stewards of our environment, and to provide safe and welcoming opportunities to play, learn, contemplate and build community.

PARKS AND GREEN SPACES LEVY PROJECTS

NORTHWEST

Acquisition Fund: Ballard, Bitter Lake, Fremont (Completed 2010), Greenwood-Phinney Ridge (Completed 2012)
Community Garden Funds: Ballard

- NORTHACRES PARK PLAYGROUND AND SPRAYPARK** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues, and convert the wading pool to a spray park. \$750,000
- PARK ENHANCEMENTS FOR BITTER LAKE RESERVOIR** - Create additional open space and park-like atmosphere enhancements around the reservoir. Opportunity Fund. \$287,000
- GOLDEN GARDENS PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$500,000
- CROWN HILL PARK** - Development of park land acquired from the Seattle School District. \$1,200,000
- LOYAL HEIGHTS BOILER AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$852,000
- 14TH AVE. NW** - Convert two blocks from existing roadway and parking median to "green" street. \$1,500,000
- BALLARD COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$635,000
- SANDEL PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$350,000
- KIRKE PARK** - Development of 7028 9th Ave. NW bought with Pro Parks Levy and other funds. \$800,000
- WOODLAND PARK PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$350,000
- LOWER WOODLAND PLAYFIELDS** - Renovate field #7 to provide synthetic turf and more energy efficient lighting. Renovate field #2 to provide synthetic turf. \$5,200,000
- LOWER WOODLAND PLAYFIELDS AND TENNIS COURT LIGHTS REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$310,000
- GREEN LAKE BATHHOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project \$465,000
- BURKE-GILMAN TRAIL** - Complete multi-purpose trail through Ballard. \$3,750,000
- ROSS PLAYGROUND PLAY AREA** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$450,000
- GAS WORKS PARK PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$1,400,000
- THE TROLL'S KNOLL** - Create a model design of a sustainable park space. Opportunity Fund. \$685,000

CENTRAL WEST

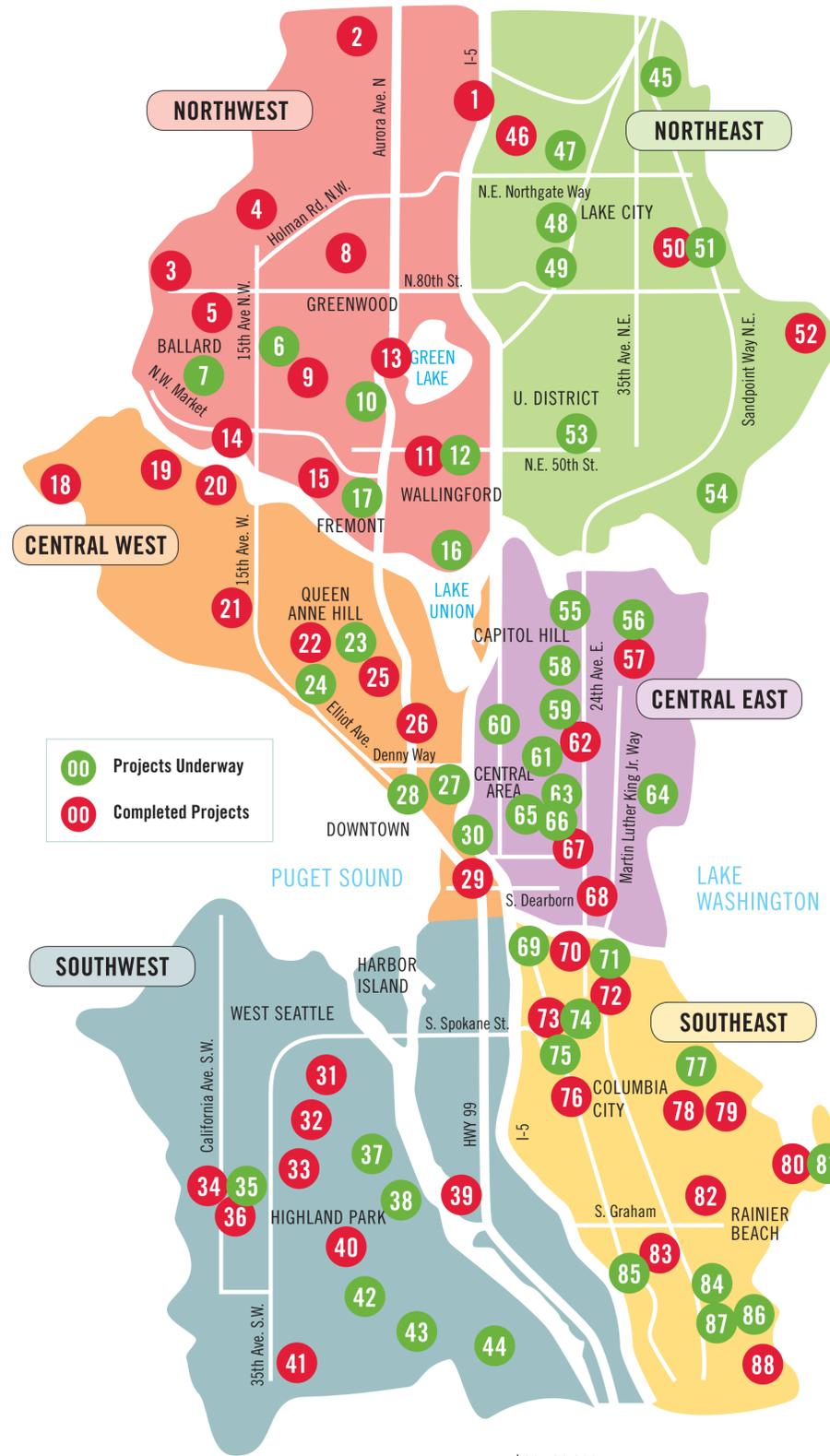
Acquisition Funds: Belltown, Denny Triangle, Commercial Core, International District-Chinatown (Completed 2010)
Green Space Funds: NE Queen Anne Greenbelt
Community Garden Funds: Queen Anne
Off-leash Dog Areas: Magnolia and Queen Anne, (Allocation \$140,000)

- DISCOVERY PARK CAPEHART SITE** - Restore Capehart site to greenspace including slab removal, roadway demolition, grading and seeding. \$1,000,000
- KIWANIS RAVINE** - Restore habitat of a heron rookery. \$600,000
- LAWTON PARK PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$300,000
- BAYVIEW PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$250,000
- QUEEN ANNE BOULEVARD** - Continue improvements to this historic Olmsted boulevard. \$250,000
- QUEEN ANNE POOL PLASTER LINER REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$140,000
- LOWER KINNEAR PARK ENHANCEMENT** - Create enhancements that improve trails and signage and restore the native vegetation. Opportunity Fund. \$750,000
- BHY KRACKE PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$150,000
- LAKE TO BAY LOOP** - Construct Thomas St. Overpass as first phase of bike/pedestrian trail from Myrtle Edwards Park to Lake Union. \$1,500,000
- BELL STREET PARK** - Develop a park along Bell Street from 1st to 5th Aves. \$5,000,000
- VICTOR STEINBRUECK PARK** - Improvements to public safety. \$1,600,000
- INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT CHILDREN'S PARK** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$500,000
- HING HAY PARK** - Renovation of existing park and development of newly acquired park land. \$3,000,000

SOUTHWEST

Acquisition Funds: Morgan Junction, Westwood-Highland, Beach Drive, West Seattle Junction (2013)
Green Space Funds: Arroyos Natural Area (Completed 2012), East Duwamish/Duwamish Head/ Greenbelt (Completed 2009, 2010, 2012), Mee-Kwa-Mooks (Completed 2009, 2012), Puget Creek (Completed 2011)
Community Garden Funds: West Seattle

- DELDRIDGE SKATESPOT** (Funding Reallocated From Myrtle Reservoir) - Development of a new skatepark. \$250,000
- DELDRIDGE PLAYFIELD IMPROVEMENTS** - Renovate this lighted sand field to provide synthetic turf. \$3,200,000
- CAMP LONG** - Renovation of environmental learning center facility. \$1,000,000
- FAIRMOUNT PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$170,000
- FAIRMOUNT PLAYGROUND COMFORT STATION RENOVATION** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$200,000
- FAIRMOUNT PLAYGROUND FENCE REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$25,000
- PUGET RIDGE EDIBLE PARK** - Acquire a site to create an urban community farm to include a community food garden and a test site for environmentally conscious sustainability. Opportunity Fund \$520,000
- WEST DUWAMISH TRAIL** - Create a linear park, including bicycle and trail improvements, along the Duwamish River. \$2,000,000
- GEORGETOWN PLAYFIELD SPRAYPARK** - Conversion of wading pool to a spraypark. \$400,000
- WALT HUNDLEY PLAYFIELD IMPROVEMENTS** - Renovate this field and provide a synthetic turf playfield. \$1,000,000
- ROXHILL PARK PLAYGROUND and SKATESPOT** - Improve and address safety issues at the playground and develop a new skatespot. \$1,050,000
- HIGHLAND PARK PLAYGROUND SPRAYPARK** - Conversion of wading pool to a spraypark. \$635,000
- WEST SEATTLE RESERVOIR AT WESTCREST** - Development of a park on the reservoir lid. \$3,000,000
- MARRA-DESIMONE FARM** - Develop this park, Seattle's largest urban gardening site, in accordance with long-range development plan. \$1,100,000



Development Funds, Allocation: \$90,792,000

Environmental Funds, Allocation: \$6,600,000 - Forest & Stream Restoration, Community Gardens, Shoreline Access

Opportunity Funds, Allocation: \$15,000,000

Acquisition Funds, Allocation: \$30,000,000

Maintenance Levy Projects, Allocation: \$9,758,000

NORTHEAST

Acquisition Funds: Lake City (Completed 2010), Ravenna, University (Completed 2012), Wedgwood
Green Space Funds: Ravenna Woods, Thornton Creek Watershed (Completed 2010)

- CEDAR PARK RENOVATION** - Renovate Cedar Park on land leased from the Seattle School District. \$500,000
- HUBBARD HOMESTEAD PARK** (Northgate Urban Center Park Development) - Develop first phase of this new park. \$2,500,000
- BEAVER POND** (Thornton Creek #6) - Refine and complete channel work in this park, creating a healthier watershed. Opportunity Fund. \$500,000
- MAPLE LEAF RESERVOIR PARK** - Develop a park on new reservoir lid. \$5,000,000
- MAPLE LEAF PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$450,000
- MATTHEWS BEACH PARK PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$450,000
- MATTHEWS BEACH PARK BATHHOUSE RENOVATION** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$350,000
- MAGNUSON PARK SHORELINE & ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS** - Improvements to shoreline access and development of a bicycle pathway to the NE 65th St. entrance. \$500,000
- UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS SOUTH LOT PARK** - Create a cost effective playground, open space, performance area, gardens and a plaza area for the public. Opportunity Fund \$747,000
- LAURELHURST PARK PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$400,000

CENTRAL EAST

Acquisition Funds: 12th Ave., Capitol Hill (Completed 2010), First Hill

- MONTLAKE PLAYFIELD PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$550,000
- WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM** - Further implementation of Arboretum Master Plan, including the Pacific Connections Garden, trails, and other improvements. \$2,500,000
- WASHINGTON PARK PLAYFIELD IMPROVEMENTS** - Renovate this field, providing a synthetic turf playfield. \$2,400,000
- VOLUNTEER PARK PLAYGROUND** - Renovate to improve and address safety issues. \$800,000
- SEATTLE ASIAN ART MUSEUM** - Renovate for seismic and HVAC upgrades. \$9,000,000
- JOHN STREET ENHANCEMENT PROJECT** - Enhance the new park and P-Patch by adding a bio-swale, planting area and improved pedestrian connections. Opportunity Fund. \$260,000
- MCGILVRA PLACE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE** - Closure of 15th Ave. E between E Madison St. and E Pike St. and create bio-retention cells and rain gardens. Opportunity Fund. \$364,000
- 19TH & MADISON NEIGHBORHOOD PARK** - Acquire a site to create a green oasis in an urban setting, including a sensory garden. Opportunity Fund. \$473,000
- 12TH AVE. SQUARE PARK** - Convert an existing street and sidewalk into a green, pervious space adjacent to 12th Ave. Park. Opportunity Fund. \$500,000
- MADRONA PLAYGROUND SHELTERHOUSE RESTROOM RENOVATION** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$200,000
- MEDGAR EVERS POOL ROOF REPAIRS** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$1,600,000
- GARFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$465,000
- LANGSTON HUGHES PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** - Seismic improvements for continued use of the building. \$2,500,000
- JUDKINS PARK AND PLAYFIELD SKATESPOT** - Develop a new skatespot in accordance with Citywide Skatepark Plan. \$600,000

SOUTHEAST

Acquisition Funds: North Rainier (Completed 2011), E. Duwamish (Completed 2012)
Community Garden Funds: Rainier Valley

- LEWIS PARK REFORESTATION** - Restore the steep slope area of the urban forest, increase the native plants and tree restoration. Opportunity Fund. \$260,000
- ATLANTIC STREET PARK PLAYGROUND** - Renovate to improve and address safety issues. \$350,000
- JIMI HENDRIX PARK DEVELOPMENT** - Complete the development of the park, bringing to life an open green space that is welcoming and provides an unique experience that clearly defines its namesake. Opportunity Fund. \$500,000
- SEATTLE CHILDREN'S PLAYGARDEN** - Improve this park, to create a space for children of all ages and levels of ability. \$950,000
- BEACON HILL PLAYGROUND** - Renovate to improve and address safety issues. \$180,000
- BEACON HILL PLAYGROUND COMFORT STATION RENOVATION** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$200,000
- SANTOS RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL PLAY AREA** - Revitalize and make more effective use of the available space and increase public awareness of and access to the park. Opportunity Fund \$350,000
- JEFFERSON PARK IMPROVEMENTS** - Further carry out of the Jefferson Park Master Plan and construct a skatepark. \$6,000,000
- JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS** - Construct a new play area to replace existing one, including rain gardens, permeable surfaces, planting beds and native plant restoration. Opportunity Fund. \$270,000
- RAINIER PLAYFIELD PLAYGROUND** - Renovate to improve and address safety issues. \$600,000
- GENESEE PLAYFIELD #1 & #2 IMPROVEMENTS** - Renovate this lighted sand field to provide synthetic turf. \$2,100,000
- SEWARD PARK PLAYGROUND** - Renovate to improve and address safety issues. \$450,000
- SEWARD PARK WATER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$2,200,000
- BRIGHTON PLAYFIELD PLAYGROUND** - Renovate to improve and address safety issues. \$450,000
- JOHN C. LITTLE, SR. PLAYGROUND** - Renovate to improve and address safety issues. \$300,000
- OTHELLO PLAYGROUND** - Safety and light improvements. \$608,000
- VAN ASSEL COMMUNITY CENTER GYM ROOF REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$225,000
- RAINIER BEACH URBAN FARM AND WETLANDS** - Establish a unique green infrastructure development project, transforming the Atlantic City Nursery into a working organic urban farm and demonstration wetlands restoration site. Opportunity Fund. \$500,000
- RAINIER BEACH PLAYFIELD PLAY AREA RENOVATION** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$300,000
- RAINIER BEACH PLAYFIELD TENNIS COURTS AND LIGHTING REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project. \$1,300,000
- CHINOOK BEACH PARK RENOVATIONS** - Completion of Chinook Beach Park. \$100,000



MAINTENANCE LEVY PROJECTS

The Levy established an inflation adjustment for development projects intended to ensure that, should there be inflation in the construction industry, projects built in the later years of the levy would have sufficient funding. To date, levy projects have not experienced significant inflation, and in fact have benefited from a competitive bid climate. These factors provided an opportunity to finance other projects.

The Parks and Green Spaces Levy Oversight Committee recommended re-allocating \$9.8 million in inflation savings to a specific list of 17 high priority major maintenance projects throughout the park system. The list of projects includes Garfield Community Center Roof Replacement, Madrona Playground Shelterhouse Restroom Renovation and Queen Anne Pool Plaster Liner Replacement.



FINANCIAL PICTURE

The \$146 million Parks and Green Spaces Levy passed by an impressive 59% vote in 2008. The six year levy plays an integral role in creating and sustaining successful, vibrant and engaging places for the City. Below are the expenditures through the end of 2012.

CATEGORY	LEVY AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES 2009-2012
Acquisition		
Green Space Acquisition	6,000,000	3,889,448
Neighborhood Park Acquisition	20,500,000	9,162,870
Acquisition Inflation	5,697,000	
Reallocated to Development	(3,500,000)	
Total	32,197,000	13,052,318
Development		
Cultural Facilities	11,500,000	2,886,041
Major Parks	10,950,000	10,245,228
Neighborhood Parks and Playgrounds	36,590,000	17,306,265
Playfields	10,500,000	7,016,523
Trails	7,250,000	1,990,209
Development Inflation	14,002,000	
Reallocated to Opportunity Fund-Playfields	(3,400,000)	
Reallocated to Opportunity Fund-Major Maintenance	(9,758,000)	
Total	77,634,000	39,444,266
Environmental		
Community Food Gardens & P-Patches	2,000,000	1,766,056
Forest & Stream Restoration	4,100,000	3,538,208
Shoreline Access (Street Ends)	500,000	239,012
Environmental Inflation	1,410,000	
Total	8,010,000	5,543,276
Opportunity Fund	15,000,000	1,940,247
Playfields (from Playfields savings)	3,400,000	2,337,400
Major Maintenance (from Development Inflation)	9,758,000	1,050,477
Opportunity Fund Total	28,158,000	5,328,124
GRAND TOTAL	145,999,000	63,367,984

Your Eyes, Ears and Voice for the Levy

The Parks and Green Spaces Levy Oversight Committee helps ensure successful implementation of the projects and programs. The volunteer Oversight Committee advises the Superintendent, Mayor and City Council on issues related to Levy expenditures. The Committee encourages the public to attend the Levy meetings and invites you to comment on issues during the public comment period at each meeting.

- Sharon Lee
- Beth Purcell
- Pete Spalding
- Alec Stephens
- Dorsol Plants
- Donna Hartmann-Miller
- Michael Maddox
- Joyce Pisanonot
- Bruce Bentley
- William Brosseau
- Dennis Canty
- Shanon Kearney
- David Boyd
- Stephanie Johnson-Toliver
- Jourdan Keith
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