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COMMUNITY UPDATE 2014

PARKS & GREEN SPACES LEVY

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Working Together for Great Parks!

By efficiently working with all City departments and the community, Seattle Parks and Recreation leveraged the value of the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy and created better parks for Seattle. Collaborating with the Department of Neighborhoods, Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Public Utilities, the Office of Arts and Culture, and Seattle City Light, Parks creatively increased green space and delivered more sustainable and efficient public park land.

- The Department of Neighborhoods (DON) is one of Seattle Parks and Recreation's key City partners in developing award-winning Levy projects. DON's Neighborhood Matching Fund program has kick started the design of many Levy development projects by allocating funding to community-driven projects. Jimi Hendrix Park renovation, Kinnear Park renovation and the award-winning Kirke Park are just a few of the Levy projects that benefited from this partnership. DON also administers the Levy P-Patch and Community Garden Program.
- In two neighborhoods deficient in green space, Belltown and Ballard, park space was created by partnering with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). In Belltown, a single-purpose street right-of-way was transformed into a vibrant, safe, and green public space where cars and pedestrians share the road. The four-block area is improved with landscaping, gathering spaces, better lighting, art and more open space. The park opened in April 2014 and received an honorable mention from the Seattle Design Commission. 14th Ave. NW in Ballard is slated to be completed in 2015. This park project will transform 14th Ave. NW between NW 59th and NW 61st streets. The project includes green infrastructure and incorporates safety improvements, rain gardens and plantings will buffer traffic from the park. Additionally, through the Levy we are partnering with SDOT to improve 11 street ends for community use and enjoyment.
- Working with Seattle Public Utilities on the Maple Leaf, Jefferson and West Seattle Reservoir covering projects, Parks added approximately 70 additional acres in open park space. Each of these projects dramatically expands neighborhood park space and adds public art through funding from the 1% for the Arts program.
- The Office of Arts and Culture administered the 1% for the Art reservoir projects and has worked with Parks on other projects, such as Bell Street Park. The Yesler Park committee selected Christine Bourdette, a sculptor, to create integrated public artwork for the future Yesler Park.
- On the first day of Spring 2012, Seattle City Light completed its inaugural Community Solar project in Jefferson Park. City Light provided the funding to construct picnic shelters that have solar panels as rooftops. The solar energy goes directly into City Light's electric grid. As with all grid-tied energy sources, the electricity will be used by the nearest load, meaning it will help power the park's lights and maybe the community center. Essentially, this means less energy from traditional sources brought in to meet the local demand.

The success of levy projects relies on this citywide collaboration with City of Seattle departments and with the community. Together we are building one of the best parks and recreation systems in the nation.



SEATTLE PARKS FOUNDATION

Since 1999, Seattle Parks Foundation has worked with many partners to improve, expand and create more than 78 parks and green spaces throughout Seattle. Through fund raising, partnerships and advocacy, the Parks Foundation engages public and private resources to make good parks great. Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands is one of the current Levy projects that the Seattle Parks Foundation is partnering on. The Foundation also currently offers fiscal sponsorship to 18 community groups around the city. As a leader in helping to pass the recent Park District, the Seattle Parks Foundation will continue to be an independent partner with the City and community groups. If your organization would like to partner with the Seattle Parks Foundation on a project, please call 206-332-9900 or visit www.seattleparksfoundation.org/

Caring for the Legacy

Seattle voters recently said YES to parks, creating a permanent, sustainable funding source to help maintain the Seattle Parks and Recreation legacy. The impact of this vote will be far reaching. Among its benefits, it will help support and maintain the accomplishments of the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy, including the development of 14 properties purchased with 2008 Levy acquisition funding.

Along with acquisitions the 2008 Levy has completed over 60 park projects. We are grateful to the many people who have done so much on so many levels to make these projects successful. The community generated impressive Opportunity Fund applications and the Citizens Oversight Committee allocated \$15 million for projects that will make Seattle a more safe, affordable, vibrant, innovative and connected city.

Recently, the community helped plan neighborhood parks in the Chinatown/International District, (Hing Hay Park) and Yesler Terrace (Yesler Park). Both are real heart-of-the-neighborhood projects, which are expected to bring those communities closer together. With community input, these parks are designed to best fit the needs and desires of the people who will be using them as places of recreation. We look to the community to provide input on the final Levy projects, Victor Steinbrueck Park and Marra-Desimone Farm along with the final Opportunity Fund projects.

This report shows the tremendous impact that the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy has had during the past six years. Every neighborhood in Seattle received park improvements. Please see the map inside and visit the website.

Special thanks to the current Levy's Citizens Oversight Committee and all who have served in the past. They have made important recommendations to ensure that this Levy has served Seattle by providing many parks to be enjoyed for years to come. Their faithful monthly meeting attendance over the past six years is another example of outstanding community dedication.


EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR


CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

YOUR EYES, EARS AND VOICE FOR THE LEVY

The Parks and Green Spaces Levy Citizens Oversight Committee has helped ensure that the Levy's funding has been used to create successful projects. The volunteer committee members advise the Parks Superintendent, Mayor and City Council on issues related to levy expenditures. They have helped oversee important decisions such as reallocating acquisition dollars to be used for development projects in Ballard and Belltown, and redistributing \$9 million that was allocated to the Seattle Asian Art Museum. The committee managed the \$15 million Opportunity Fund process by establishing criteria and making recommendations on allocation of funding for two rounds of Opportunity Fund projects.

The citizen panel meets regularly and encourages public participation.

- Bruce Bentley
- Stephanie Johnson-Toliver
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- Shanon Kearney
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Development Projects



Levy funding improves every neighborhood in Seattle. More than 85% of the named development projects are complete with 22 of the 23 named play area renovations complete. The improvements are more than just new play equipment and turf replacement, they open doors, create community and support emerging sports.

In all the Levy play area renovations Parks installed specialized swing chairs that help support children's heads and backs known as "Yellow Swings." In an article about the Yellow Swing program in Seattle Child's magazine, parent Laura Leeman observed that nothing got her 3-year-old Victor grinning and giggling quite like the swinging. "He loves to be swung," says Laura "He's not mobile. It's important for him to feel that sense of his body moving around."

The first accessible Yellow Swing his parents found for him was at Seattle Children's PlayGarden at Colman Park. This project received \$900,000 from the Levy and helped create a space for children of all abilities to come and play in spaces that are accommodating and nurturing.

Swinging is also good physical therapy. Designed with federal Americans with Disabilities Act standards in mind, the swings are popular with all kids and bring joy to kids who need the extra support.

Seattle Parks now has more than 75 parks with Yellow Swings.

The Development category brought significant improvements to a diverse set of projects at Seattle Parks and Recreation. The category is divided up into five areas:

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.

Cultural Facilities: \$11.5 million

- Parks completed structural and safety improvements at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center in 2012.
- \$9 million was allocated to support the renovation of the Seattle Asian Art Museum (SAAM). The Levy funds were to be supplemented with fundraising by the Seattle Art Museum (SAM) which operates the City-owned facility. However, due to the economic recession, SAM has not undertaken a capital campaign. Seattle Parks worked with the Levy Oversight Committee to redirect the money to asset preservation projects. These are listed on the map and noted as SAAM.

Playfields: \$10.5 million

- A total of eight renovated fields were completed in the first four years of the Levy. Each field accommodates soccer along with emerging sports such as lacrosse and Ultimate Frisbee.
- Parks funded three additional playfield renovation projects with project savings and a favorable bid climate.

Major Neighborhood Parks: \$11 million

- Jefferson Park, Washington Park Arboretum, Discovery Park, and Magnuson Park received substantial improvements.
- The Children's PlayGarden located in Colman Park used Levy funding to create a new building and play area for children of all abilities.

Trails: \$7.25 million

- In partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Parks and Recreation is working to offer more safe and accessible biking and pedestrian trails, which contribute to the health of Seattle. The Burke-Gilman Trail, West Duwamish Trail and Lake to Bay Loop (West Thomas Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Overpass). The West Duwamish Trail will be completed by the end of 2015.



Building a Greener Seattle

The \$6.6 million Environment category is dedicated to creating a healthy ecosystem for Seattle. This "green" funding includes three types of projects:

- **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 and has been replicated by six other cities in the region. Since 2008, Levy funding, in combination with other City funding, supported more than 8,616 volunteer events representing 540,000 volunteer hours. Volunteers have planted more than 145,000 native trees and 345,000 plants and brought more than 800 acres of forest into restoration.

Thornton Creek, West Duwamish and Cheasty are just a few of the 90 green spaces in Seattle parks that have seen great benefits. Levy funding was essential to the ongoing success of this program. Volunteer Forest Stewards also accessed more than \$750,000 in Opportunity Funds to support work in specific parks. The work of the Green Seattle Partnership contributed to Seattle being awarded a 5-STAR Community Rating for national leadership in sustainability.

- **Community Garden** category funds development of community gardens throughout Seattle. Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON) P-Patch Community Gardening Program which manages this fund focused on maximizing new opportunities to participate in community gardening, engaging underserved populations, showcasing sustainability, and improving access to fresh-grown organic produce. The original \$2 million in the fund was allocated for an anticipated four or more gardens. An additional \$427,000 was re-allocated from inflation savings to support additional community garden projects. DON leveraged the total funds to build 27 new and expanded community gardens with over 800 new plots on 8 acres of land. Seattle residents contributed countless volunteer time and talents to these successful projects. In 2013, the Levy-funded community gardens donated more than 2 tons of produce to neighborhood food banks and meal programs.

- **Shoreline Street Ends** are public streets that are neither park nor private property. This category of Levy funding contributes funding to develop 11 Shoreline Street Ends designated as special rights-of-way to be preserved and developed for public use. Through our partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), we have already completed eight projects; three in West Seattle (two overlooking the Duwamish) two in Rainier Beach, and one each in Ballard, Magnolia and SoDo neighborhoods. Street end developments at three additional locations will be completed before the end of the year.



Opportunity Fund

The Parks and Green Spaces Levy allocates \$15 million to the Opportunity Fund. This fund provides funding for community-initiated park projects. Projects could include acquisitions or development projects.

In the first round 2009/2010 of the Opportunity Fund, the all-volunteer Citizens Levy Oversight Committee recommended that \$7 million in funding be applied to 15 projects.

- 12th Ave. Square Park (formerly James Court Woonerf)
- Beaver Pond Natural Area at Thornton Creek Restoration
- Bitter Lake Reservoir Park Enhancements
- Cayton Corner Park (formerly 19th and Madison) property acquisition
- Jimi Hendrix Park Development
- John Muir Elementary Playground Improvements
- E. John Street Enhancement Project
- Lewis Park Reforestation
- Lower Kinnear Park Enhancement Plan
- McGilvra Place Green Infrastructure
- Puget Ridge Edible Park property acquisition
- Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands
- Santos Rodriguez Memorial Park
- The Troll's Knoll
- University Heights Open Space South Lot



The second round 2012/2013 of the Opportunity Fund the Oversight Committee recommended allocation of \$8 million in funding toward 14 community-initiated projects.

- 48th Ave SW & SW Charlestown Property Acquisition
- Baker Park Expansion
- Broadway Hill Park
- Highland Park Playground Improvements
- Lake City Skatespot at Virgil Flaim Park
- Lewis Park Natural Area Improvements
- Magnolia Manor Park Improvements
- Northwest Native Canoe Center
- Othello Park Improvements
- Sacajawea Playground Renovation
- Seattle Sensory Garden
- South Park Plaza Acquisition
- Threading the Needle Park (24th Ave NW)
- Washington Park Playfield Playground Installation



ALL THE PROJECTS ARE REFLECTED ON THE INSIDE MAP.

The Lewis Park Forest Restoration Project



This received funding from both rounds of the Opportunity Fund. Lewis Park is a 5.2-acre natural area restoration located at the entryway to North Beacon Hill, just south of the Dr. Jose Rizal bridge and east of the PacMed building. Previously, the area's steep slopes and impenetrable thickets of invasive plants kept the public out and attracted illicit activity. The community has a long history of demonstrating its care for and concern for the future of this area. From pulling ivy and blackberry in the rain and planting native plants to staffing outreach tables, the community has worked hard to shape the future of this unique park. As a result, native plants are thriving, new wildlife is being discovered in the natural area, and the community is enjoying the beautiful urban forest they have worked so hard to transform.

In 2007, the community formed the Friends of Lewis Park (FoLP) and in partnership with Green Seattle Partnership, has been awarded funding from Department of Neighborhoods, King Conservation District, and the Parks and Green Spaces Levy Opportunity Fund. This funding supports volunteer efforts with materials, required slope studies, development of a Vegetation Master Plan, kiosk and professional crews who focused on the park's more difficult-to-work-in areas. Friends of Lewis Park also received a Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund award to hire a landscape architecture firm to lead a community-based process for planning the park including nature trails, an outdoor classroom, environmental art, and a neighborhood gathering area.

The \$700,000 received in the 2012/2013 Opportunity Fund will take the plan through design and construction and follows the Living Building Challenge's (LBC) Landscape & Infrastructure Typology, Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES). The design emphasizes the park's natural character and includes a single path along the park's hillside with connections to neighbors surrounding the park and to an accessible pathway through the plant collection.

Lewis Park serves one of the region's most culturally diverse neighborhoods. The gateway structure, interpretive signs, kiosks and outdoor art are important design elements that ensure the park's character and honor Beacon Hill's unique personality.

Thank you to all the community groups for nominating Opportunity Fund projects. Each project is significant in its own way.



Acquisitions

Parks and green spaces are essential to the health of our city and its people. Seattleites place a high value on preserving open spaces and acquiring parks for current and future generations.

In support of this, the Acquisition category in the Levy includes \$30 million for acquisition of two types of properties, Neighborhood Park acquisitions and Green Spaces acquisitions. Since the start of the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy, Seattle Parks has acquired 22.71 acres of park land and received an additional 48.71 acres in transfer to Parks from other City departments.

Neighborhood Park Acquisition in Designated Urban Villages

Working with community input, our acquisition team acquired almost three acres of neighborhood park space in some of Seattle's most densely populated neighborhoods, including Fremont, University District, Lake City, Greenwood/Phinney Ridge, West Seattle Junction, North Rainier, Capitol Hill, Morgan Junction and the International District.

The acquisition of a 10,000-square-foot property in the Little Saigon neighborhood filled a longtime need for open space in the International District Urban Village. The Friends of Little Saigon formed around the search for park space in this part of town. With the passage of the Seattle Park District this park along with additional neighborhood park acquisitions will receive funding for development.

Green Space Acquisition

Parks and Green Spaces Levy funds have so far purchased 14.12 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 have been along Thornton Creek in north Seattle, in the Leschi Greenspace in the Leschi neighborhood, and on bluffs of the Arroyos Green Space in West Seattle.

The Levy acquisition staff have successfully added more than \$14 million to acquisition funding by leveraging funding through partners and additional grants.

PARKS AND GREEN SPACES LEVY PROJECTS

NORTHWEST

Acquisition Fund: Ballard (#9), Fremont (Completed 2010 Ernst Park Addition), Greenwood-Phinney Ridge (Completed 2014 Greenwood Park Addition; Completed 2012 Greenwood Neighborhood Park)
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
- CROWN HILL PARK** - Development of park land acquired from the Seattle School District. \$1,200,000
- GOLDEN GARDENS PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$500,000
- GOLDEN GARDENS DRAINAGE** - SAAM Redistribution \$438,000
- BAKER PARK EXPANSION** - 10,000 sq. ft. expansion of the existing Baker Park. Opportunity Fund \$500,000
- SANDEL PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$350,000
- 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
- KIRKE PARK** - Development of 7028 9th Ave. NW bought with Pro Parks Levy and other funds. \$800,000
- GREEN LAKE BATHHOUSE THEATER ROOF REPLACEMENT** - Maintenance Levy Project \$465,000
- GREEN LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL RENOVATION** - SAAM Redistribution \$1,216,000
- WOODLAND PARK PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$350,000
- WOODLAND PARK ZOO SEATTLE SENSORY GARDEN** - Create a therapeutic garden to experience nature through the five senses. Opportunity Fund \$750,000
- 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
- 24TH AVE. NW STREET END IMPROVEMENTS (Threading the Needle)** - Create a street end park including a hand carry boat launch. Opportunity Fund \$750,000
- 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
- THE TROLL'S KNOLL** - Create a model design of a sustainable park space. Opportunity Fund \$685,000
- GAS WORKS PARK PLAYGROUND** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$1,400,000

CENTRAL WEST

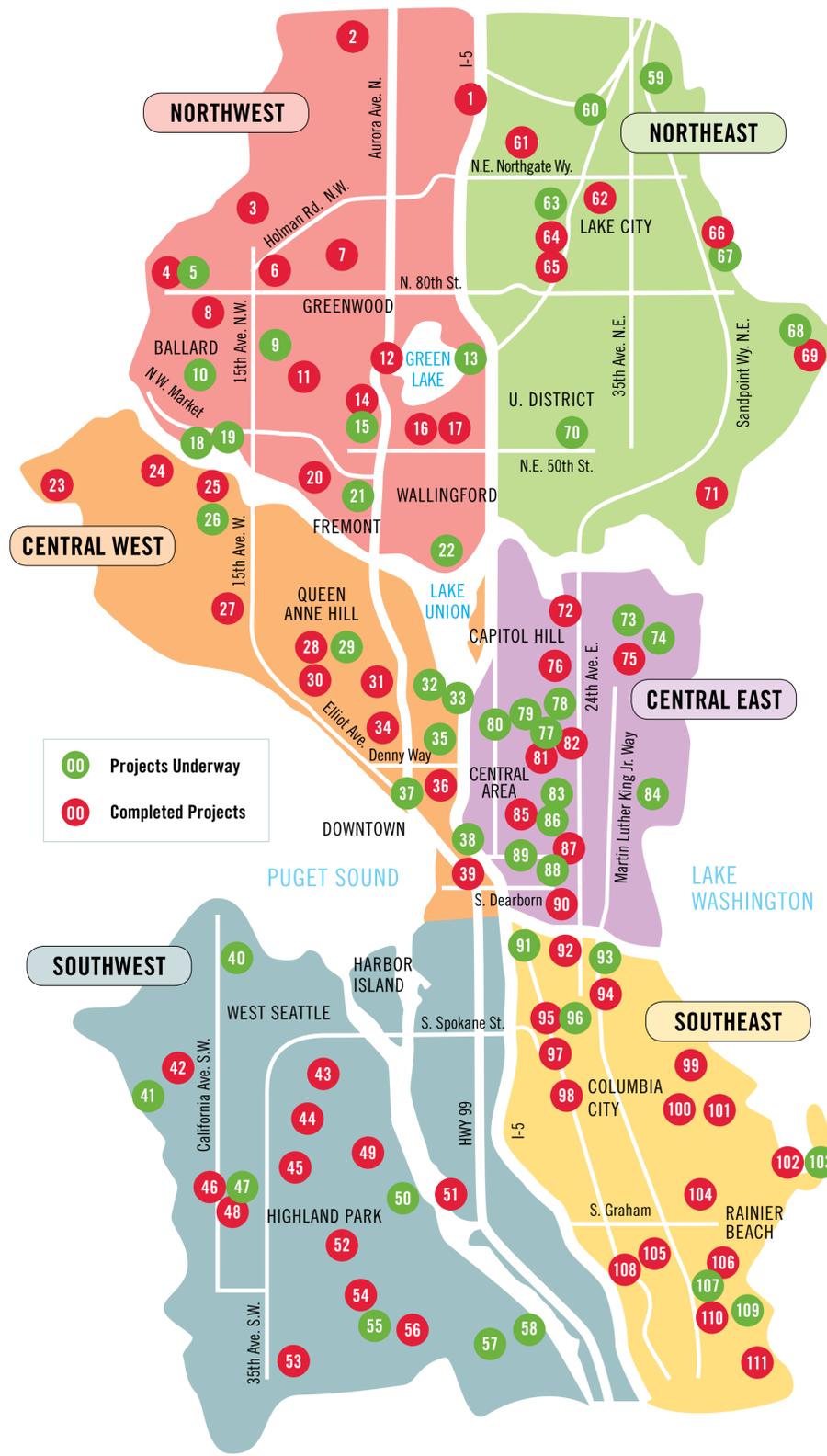
Acquisition Funds: Belltown (#36), International District-Chinatown (Completed 2013 -Little Saigon), Smith Cove (2013)
Green Space Funds: NE Queen Anne Greenbelt
Community Garden Funds: Queen Anne
Off-leash Dog Areas: Magnolia and Queen Anne, (Allocation \$140,000)

- 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
- MAGNOLIA MANOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS** - Opportunity Fund \$402,500
- 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
- NORTHWEST NATIVE CANOE CENTER** - Opportunity Fund \$750,000
- LAKE UNION PARK WALKWAY RENOVATIONS** - SAAM Redistribution \$350,000
- 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
- DENNY PARK DRAINAGE REPLACEMENT** - SAAM Redistribution \$400,000
- BELL STREET PARK** - Develop a park along Bell Street from 1st to 5th Avenues. \$5,000,000
- VICTOR STEINBRUECK PARK** - Improvements to public safety. \$1,600,000
- HING HAY PARK** - Renovation of existing park and development of newly acquired park land. \$3,000,000
- INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT CHILDREN'S PARK** - Renovation to improve and address safety issues. \$500,000

SOUTHWEST

Acquisition Funds: Morgan Junction (Completed 2014 Morgan Junction Park addition), West Seattle Junction (Completed 2013 - Neighborhood Park; Completed 2014 -Dakota Place Park addition)
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

- HIAWATHA COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION** - SAAM Redistribution \$1,193,000
- EMMA SCHMITZ SEA WALL REPLACEMENT** - SAAM Redistribution \$650,000
- 48TH AVE. SW & SW CHARLESTOWN ST.** - Opportunity Fund Acquisition \$400,000
- DELDRIDGE SKATESPOT** - Development of a new skatepark. Funding reallocated from Myrtle Reservoir. \$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
- HIGHLAND PARK PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT** - Improve access into park and play equipment. Opportunity Fund \$374,500
- WEST SEATTLE RESERVOIR AT WESTCREST** - Development of a park on the reservoir lid. \$3,000,000
- MARRA-DESMONE FARM** - Develop this park, Seattle's largest urban gardening site, in accordance with long-range development plan. \$1,100,000
- SOUTH PARK PLAZA** - Acquisition of property on southwest side of the bridge. Opportunity Fund \$669,000



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

Seattle Asian Art Museum, Allocation: \$9,000,000

NORTHEAST

Acquisition Funds: Lake City (Completed 2010), University (Completed 2012), Wedgwood (Completed 2014)
Green Space Funds: Thornton Creek Watershed (Completed 2010 and 2014)

- CEDAR PARK RENOVATION** - Renovate Cedar Park on land leased from the Seattle School District. \$500,000
- VIRGIL FLAIM PARK SKATESPOT DEVELOPMENT** - Addition of skatespot. Opportunity Fund \$750,000
- 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
- SACAJAWEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND RENOVATION** - Improvements to the south playground of Sacajawea Elementary School. Opportunity Fund \$292,000
- 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 BUILDING #406 ROOF REPLACEMENT** - SAAM Redistribution \$1,352,000
- 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 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT** - Install larger playground on north end of field. Opportunity Fund \$365,000
- 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
- BOBBY MORRIS PLAYFIELD** - Turf replacement. SAAM Redistribution \$1,069,000
- SEATTLE ASIAN ART MUSEUM** - Funding reallocated to needed major maintenance projects. (SAAM) \$9,000,000
- BROADWAY HILL PARK DEVELOPMENT** - Design and build a new neighborhood park. Opportunity Fund \$750,000
- E. 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
- PRATT PARK WATER FEATURE RENOVATION** - Repairs and replaces the water play feature and installs a recirculating system. SAAM Redistribution \$514,000
- YESLER PARK** - Develop a 1.7 acre neighborhood park. \$3,000,000
- 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
- LEWIS PARK NATURAL AREA IMPROVEMENTS** - Trail improvements and community stewardship. Opportunity Fund \$700,000
- 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
- GENESSEE 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
- OTHELLO PARK IMPROVEMENTS** - Renovate basketball courts, installation of site amenities and playground improvements. Opportunity Fund \$547,000
- VAN ASSELT 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

Financial Picture

Maintenance Levy Projects

The Levy established 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 inflation and 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 ranges from Garfield Community Center roof replacement to Madrona Playground Shelterhouse restrooms renovation to Queen Anne Pool plaster liner replacement.

FINACIALS THROUGH FIRST QUARTER 2014	Levy Budget	Levy Fund Transfer	Non-Levy Funding	Revised Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Neighborhood Park Acquisition	24,000,000	(2,564,000)	2,611,296	24,047,296	14,087,672	9,959,624
Green Space Acquisition General	6,000,000	-	2,955,000	8,955,000	4,824,141	4,130,859
Inflation adjustment-acquisitions	5,697,000	(5,697,000)	-	-	-	-
ACQUISITIONS	35,697,000	(8,261,000)	5,566,296	33,002,296	18,911,814	14,090,482
Neighborhood Parks and Playgrounds	33,090,000	6,166,000	1,323,928	40,579,928	28,598,256	11,981,672
* Cultural Facilities	11,500,000	521,000	449,231	12,470,231	3,422,818	9,047,413
Playfields	10,500,000	(3,483,477)	-	7,016,523	7,016,523	-
Major Parks	10,950,000	149,000	1,202,331	12,301,332	11,943,312	358,020
Trails	7,250,000	-	-	7,250,000	2,242,970	5,007,030
Inflation adjustment-development	14,002,000	(11,594,000)	-	2,408,000	-	2,408,000
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS	87,292,000	(8,241,477)	2,975,490	82,026,014	53,223,879	28,802,135
Urban Forestry - Green Seattle Partnership	3,500,000	983,000	-	4,483,000	3,554,870	928,130
Urban Forestry - Kiwanis Ravine Restoration	600,000	-	-	600,000	443,596	156,405
Community Food Gardens and P-Patches	2,000,000	427,000	-	2,427,000	2,192,664	234,336
Shoreline Access- Street Ends	500,000	-	-	500,000	305,422	194,578
Inflation adjustment-environment	1,410,000	(1,410,000)	-	-	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS	8,010,000	-	-	8,010,000	6,496,551	1,513,449
Opportunity Fund	15,000,000	554,085	957,321	16,511,406	4,961,846	11,549,560
Playfields and Major Maintenance Projects	-	13,069,915	-	13,069,915	7,539,145	5,530,770
Smith Cove Acquisition Projects Subtotal	-	3,261,000	1,975,047	5,236,047	5,236,047	0
OPPORTUNITY FUND	15,000,000	16,885,000	2,932,368	34,817,368	17,737,037	17,080,331
TOTAL LEVY	145,999,000	382,523	11,474,154	157,855,678	96,369,281	61,486,396

* Cultural Facilities / Seattle Asian Art Museum Funding

The 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy includes \$9 million to support the renovation of the Seattle Asian Art Museum (SAAM) in Volunteer Park. The Levy funds were to be supplemented with fundraising by the Seattle Art Museum (SAM) which operates the City-owned facility. However, due to the most recent economic recession, SAM will not be able to undertake a capital campaign to raise funds for the renovation until a future date. Therefore, SAM and the City agreed to re-program the levy funding for other Parks needs, which include 12 major maintenance projects. The projects include Bobby Morris Playfield synthetic turf replacement, Golden Gardens drainage project and funding for comfort station renovations. The City will honor the \$9 million commitment when SAM is able to raise the necessary funds for the project.

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