Georgetown Flume Off-Leash Area and Trail Development

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To ask questions during the meeting, please send an email to **colin.campbell@seattle.gov**Questions will be collected and we will answer as many as we can at the end of the presentation. Additionally, this presentation will be shared on the Georgetown Flume Project Page which is https://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/georgetown-flume-off-leash-area-development

Agenda

- Introduction of City Project Team
- Project Background
 - Community Interest in the Flume Site and Georgetown Open Space Framework
 - Seattle City Light proposed street vacation
- Division of Department Responsibilities and Expected Funding
- Project Timeline
- Current Design and Features
- Future opportunities



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Project Background

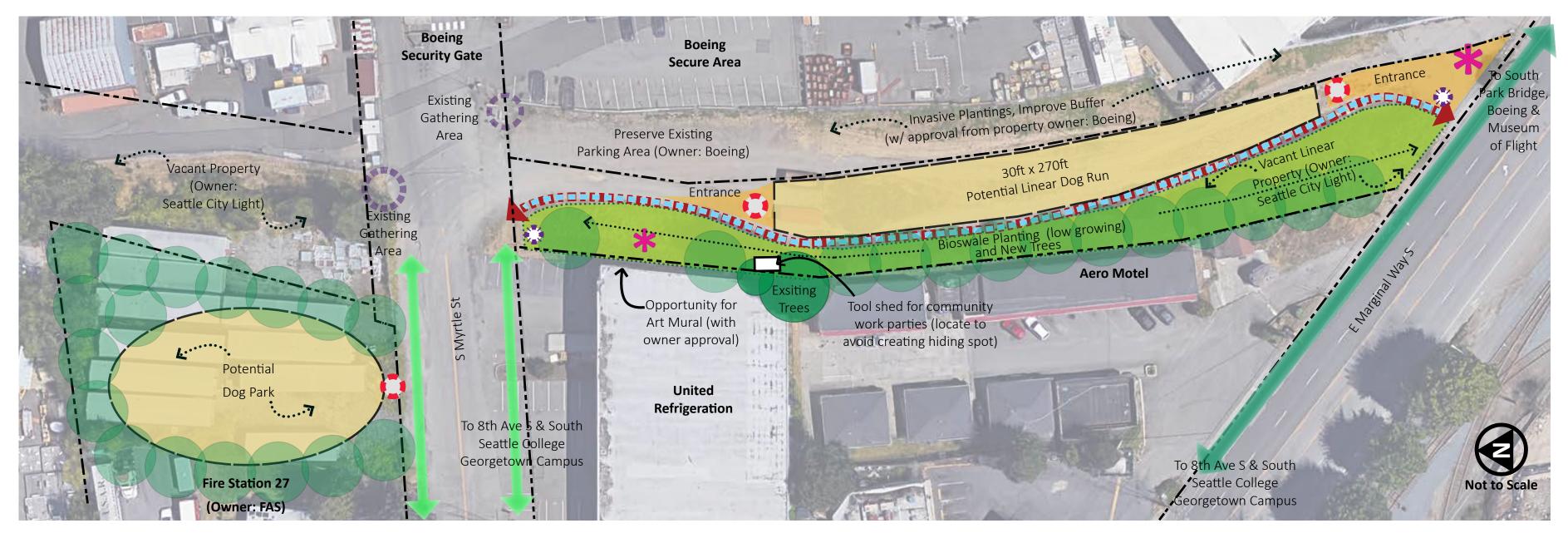
Community Interest

- Georgetown Community Council Open Space Committee representatives supported vacation and use of Flume property for public open space as Off-Leash Area and trail segment
- Expressed support for trees as well
- Activation of the site is expected to reduce nuisances and crime
- Community's own survey confirmed support
- In response SCL/SPR/SDOT have improved the project with trees, water to the site and lighting



Project Background

Georgetown Open Space Vision Framework



- A dog park or off-leash area is the most desired open space amenity among Georgetown residents, and these are some of the few parcels in Georgetown which are on undeveloped public land. The linear parcel between E. Marginal Way S. and S. Myrtle St is owned by Seattle City Light and the vacant lot adjacent to Fire Station 27 is mostly owned by FAS with a small portion under City Light ownership. Fence lines to not correspond to property lines, here. A portion of land that is contiguous with the City Light parcel which is owned by Boeing and could increase the size of the linear space substantially.
- Both spaces are currently underutilized. The linear space is subject to illegal dumping, and is used for unauthorized storage. The Aero Motel also

DESIGN NARRATIVE

encroaches on the linear City Light property. Some community members report that it is used as a getaway route for criminal activity.

- Activation of this site could help improve safety. The natural swale along the western edge of the linear site is overgrown with invasive plants and could be replanted with new trees and converted to a bioswale. These efforts could contribute to stormwater management, increase tree canopy coverage, and create a buffer against surrounding industry. Plant species should be selected for habitat value; lowgrowing varieties are recommended to maintain sight lines across the parcel.

- connector for community members who live toward the south end of the residential core.
- The vacant property east of Fire Station 27 holds similar potential and was requested as a potential new site for a dog park, however, the property owner (FAS-Finance and Administrative Services) could not be reached to discuss feasibility.
- One community member notes that this would provide "an off-street connector path for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling between South Park and Georgetown via E Marginal Way South. The history of the land and its connection to the Steam Plant Museum merits interpretation along the 'River Walk'."

LEGEND

Potential Fenced Off-Leash Dog Area

Low-growing Bioswale Planting (remove existing invasive species)

Low-growing, Drought Tolerant Planting (remove existing invasive species/gravel)

Gateway Art Piece

Wayfinding Installation Opportunity

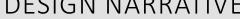
Entrance

Primary Improved Walking/Bike Route

Secondary Improved Walking/Bike Route

Interpretive "River Walk"

Potential Multi-use Path



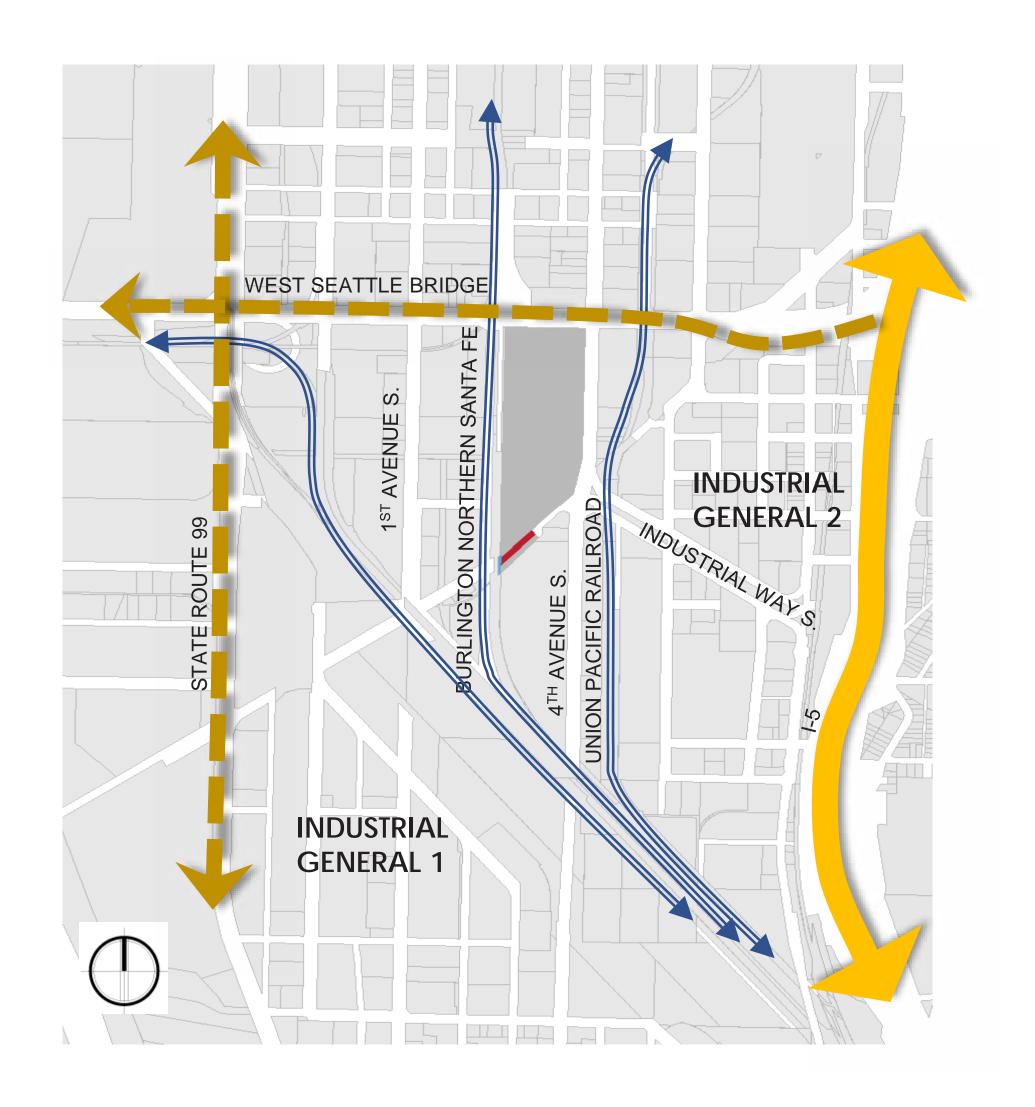
• These priority sites can add entirely new open space for

the neighborhood while providing a new small park and

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Project Background **Street Vacation**

- SCL is requesting a street vacation of part of Diagonal Avenue South
- Transfer of the Georgetown Flume Property is part of the Public Benefit for the Street Vacation request





Project Background

Departmental Roles and Funding Status

Parks and Rec will provide:

- Off-Leash Area design
- Pavement removal and fencing
- Pedestrian circulation and water supply to the site
- Signage and waste receptacles
- Tree maintenance
- On-site stormwater management (shared with SDOT)
- Total value of this contribution = \$585,000, with \$400,000 from identified sources and \$185,000 whose source remains to be identified.

SDOT will provide:

- Curbs and sidewalks on S.
 Myrtle St and East Marginal Way S
- Paving and marking for trail
- Electric power to the site and pedestrian lighting
- 20 trees for the Off-Leash Area
- Surface water bioswale (shared with Parks)
- Total value of this contribution = \$1,638,000 which SDOT will seek from the City Council and/or a possible State grant.

City Light will provide:

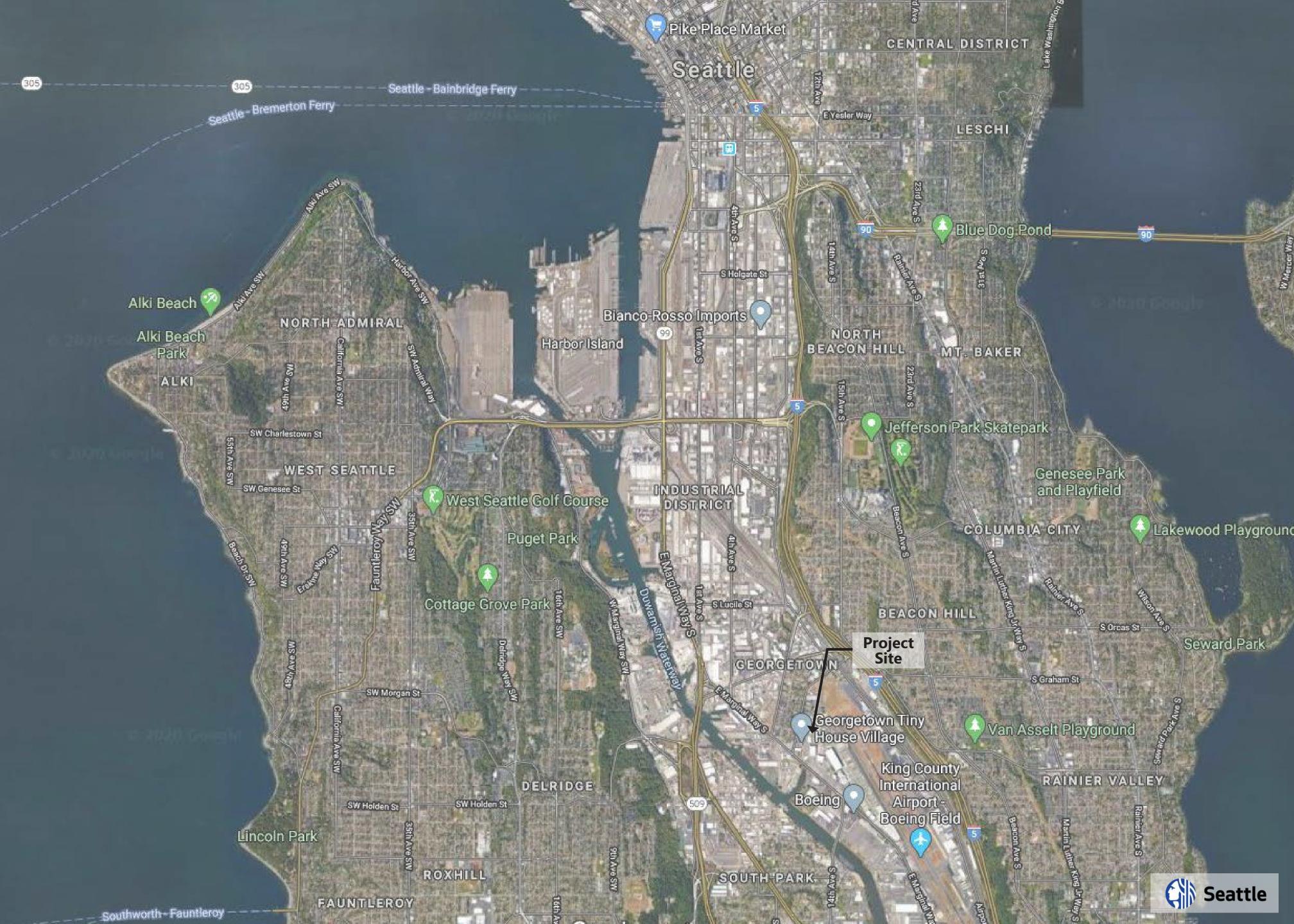
- Provide property
- Remove top foot of soil for entire site and replace with clean gravel & grading (reimburse Parks)
- Total value of this contribution = \$2,334,000



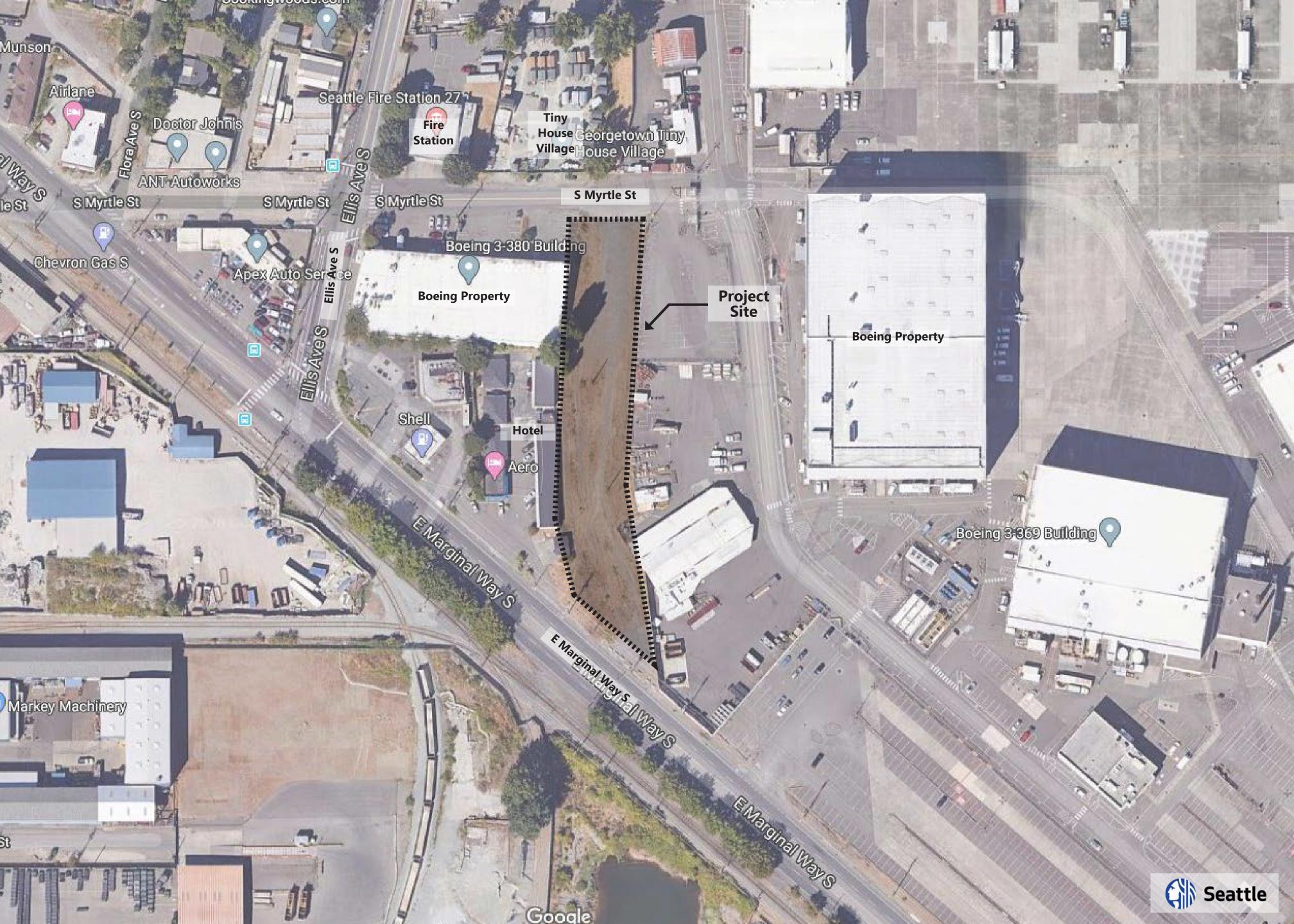
Project Background Anticipated Schedule

- Street Vacation Process and Transfer of Property through Q2 2021
- Design and Permitting for SPR portion of site Q1 2020 through Q2 2021
- Construction of SPR portion of site Q2 2021 through Q1 2022
- Design and Permitting for SDOT portion of site Q1 2020 through Q1 2022
- Construction of SDOT portion of site Q1 2022 through Q1 2023























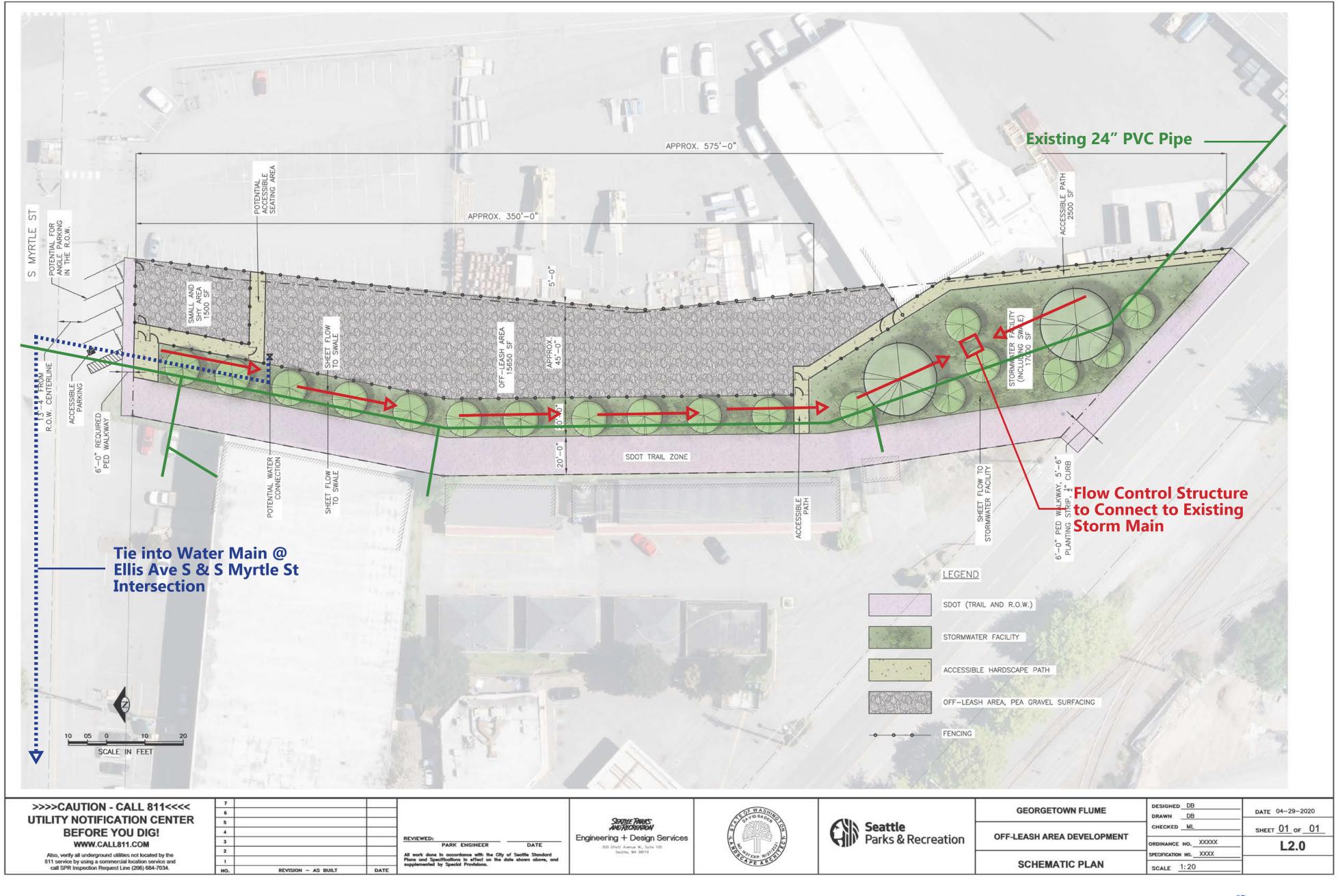














Typical Double-Gated Entry



Swale w/ Trees



Vinyl-coated Chainlink Fencing

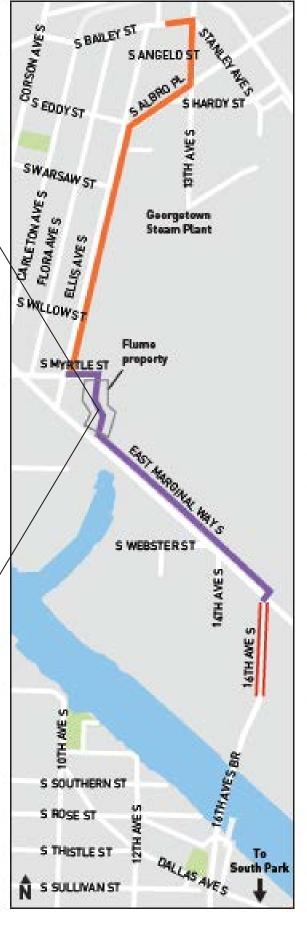




Georgetown to South Park Trail and the Flume

 New shared use path connecting the Georgetown and South Park communities.





Georgetown Connection

Ellis, Albro, 13th: A walking/ biking path on Ellis Ave S, S Albro Pl, and 13th Ave S



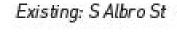


Existing: Ellis Ave S



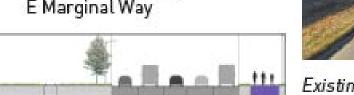


Existing: 13th Ave S



E Marginal Way S Connection

North side: A walking/biking path or protected bike lane on the north side of E Marginal Way

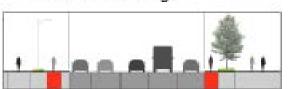




Existing: E Marginal Way S

South Park Connection

- 16th Ave S: One-way protected bike lanes on both sides of 16th Ave S leading to the South Park bridge





Existing: 16th Ave S (north of South Park Bridge)





Future Opportunities

- Seattle Park District Budget Planning Process
- Seattle Parks Major Project Challenge Fund
- Seattle Department of Neighborhoods
 - Neighborhood Matching Fund
 - Your Voice, Your Choice



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