


2020-2025

King County Parks, Recreation, Trails & Open Space Levy

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 King County

PARKS

Your Big Backyard



VISION

Parks, trails and natural lands for all; sustained with the cooperative efforts of our community.

MISSION

We steward, enhance and acquire parks to inspire a healthy community.

King County Parks System

205 parks

175 miles of regional trails

32,000 acres of open space

250 miles of backcountry



Parks Levy Goals



EXISTING PARKS & TRAILS

Take care of King County's existing system of parks and trails, ensuring the system remains clean, safe and open.



INCREASE ACCESS

Make parks and recreation opportunities more accessible for all King County residents to enjoy.



REGIONAL TRAILS

Improve regional trails and mobility, ensuring that essential connections are completed and existing trails are maintained.



OPEN SPACE

Grow and connect regional open space and natural lands, protecting habitat important for fish and wildlife and providing recreation opportunities.

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Keep King County's parks,
regional trails, open space,
and backcountry trails clean,
safe and open.

Keep pace with our
growing region by
expanding and improving
access to parks and
recreation for all King
County residents.



>70%

**Parks Levy is
spent in
cities**



2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

Design and
Construction of Major
Regional Trail
Corridors

Green River Trail North
Extension

Eastrail

Lake to Sound Segment C

Eastlake Sammamish Trail



A construction worker wearing a white shirt, dark pants, and a white hard hat is walking away from the camera on a wooden walkway. The walkway is part of a large-scale construction project, with extensive scaffolding visible on the left and a large, white, curved structure under construction on the right. A green circular graphic with a diagonal line pattern is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text '2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS' and 'Progress on Park Facility Investments'.

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

Progress on Park
Facility Investments



2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

Providing funding to
King County
communities through
new and ongoing
grant programs

A lush green forest with a circular graphic overlay containing text. The forest is dense with various types of trees and undergrowth, including ferns in the foreground. Two workers wearing yellow hard hats and blue shirts are visible in the lower right, working near a tree trunk. The circular graphic is a light green color with a thin dark green border and contains white text.

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

Closing gaps in
urban green space
and improving
access

Parks Levy Investments in Seattle

Pass Through Funding Investments: (\$16.8M)

- Play areas renovations
- Comfort stations renovations
- Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands

Other investments:

- Woodland Park Zoo (~\$36M): continue environmental education and conservation programs
- Seattle Aquarium (~\$8M): towards capital construction of the Ocean Pavilion



Photo Credit: Woodland Park Zoo



Photo Credit: Seattle Aquarium



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