

2020-2025 Parks Levy – Proposed Investments

Category	Projects to be completed
Facility Repair & Renovation	Skyway Park: Working with the community, Parks will evaluate and address the most pressing capital needs, which could include: new restroom facilities, parking improvements, and/or adding a second sports court.
Regional Trail System	Green River Trail Extension-North: \$6M to complete the design and construct the Green River Trail Extension north 1.4 miles and will connect the cities of Kent and Tukwila to Seattle in the South Park neighborhood.
Grant Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Partnerships & Grants: \$9M for partners to design, build or program new and enhanced public recreation facilities on County or city-owned lands • Targeted Equity Grants: \$10M to increase access to and use of recreation facilities in communities that are currently underserved or for people with disabilities • City Capital and Open Space Acquisition Grants: \$25M for parks capital improvements and land acquisition • Public Pools Grants: \$44M for capital needs at new or existing aquatic facilities
Woodland Park Zoo	\$36 million to support education and conservation programs, horticulture and maintenance and capital improvements at Woodland Park zoo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~44 % of total student visits to the Zoo came from schools in KC Council District 1,2,4,8
Seattle Aquarium	\$8 million in contribution to the Ocean Pavilion project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~71% of Aquarium memberships in 2018 were from KC Council District 1,2,4,8 • ~63 % of total student visits to the Aquarium come from schools KC Council in District 1,2,4,8 between 2017-2018
Pass Through Funding	\$16,800,000

Popular King County Regional Assets Benefitting Seattle Residents

Based on data collected from events and surveys in King County parks and trails in 2015 and 2016, Seattle residents use King County parks and facilities in proportion to their King County population. Based on data, over 3.4 million user visits to King County Parks occurred during this time and Seattle residents accounted for over 1.1 million of those visits. In 2015 Seattle’s population was 35% of King County’s population and they accounted for 33% of the user visits. Below is a list of popular King County regional assets and associated upcoming projects that are heavily used by city of Seattle residents.

How Seattle Residents Use King County Parks & Trails & Upcoming Projects

Facilities	
Marymoor Park	Supporting Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save Our Dog Parks estimates that Seattle residents are the largest group of visitors to the Marymoor Dog Park and visit 292,000 times per year, even though there is a comparable facility in Seattle at Magnuson Park. • At Marymoor Concert Series it is estimated that 46 % of attendees are from Seattle. Upcoming projects in 2020-2025 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair and renovate facilities such as the concert stage roof, the event pad, Clise Mansion, and/or parking lots
King County Aquatic Center	Supporting Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCAC has the only Olympics type competitive dive tower between New Westminster, British Columbia and Oregon.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of tower divers from Seattle use a King County facility as their only option. • 100% of the Seattle residents that participate in aquatic events for the Special Olympics use the KCAC. <p>Projects in 2020-2025 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace existing skylights at the aquatic center, which have shown significant deterioration and have exceeded their useful life • Repair other emergent needs such as resurfacing the concrete pool deck, and HVAC systems upgrades
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Regional Trails System

Burke Gilman Trail (BGT)	<p>Supporting Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2015-2016 survey showed that 50 % of total uses on the King County portion of the BGT were from Seattle • A trail counter on the BGT @ Ballinger Way showed that the total number of bikes and pedestrians using the trail was over 450,000 in 2018; many of these bicyclists and pedestrians are going to and coming from the Seattle area <p>Projects in 2020-2025 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the 2008-2013 levy, 2-miles of the King County owned BGT had been redeveloped. • Because redevelopment of the trail was recent, the main investments for the BGT during 2020-2025 period are surface improvements (pavement spot repairs, overlay, striping, access control) along with safety and landscaping
Green River Trail North Extension	<p>Supporting Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A trail counter on the Green River Trail @ Cecil Moses Park showed that the total number of bikes and pedestrians using the trail was over 78,000 in 2017; many of these bicyclists and pedestrians are going to and coming from the Seattle area <p>Projects in 2020-2025 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Green River Trail North will be extended by completing design and constructing 1.4 miles of trail. This project will close a critical gap in the regional trail network and connect to the Green River Trail, which winds more than 19 miles along the Green River Valley in Kent to the Duwamish Waterway in Tukwila.
Eastside Rail Corridor	<p>Supporting Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A trail counter on the I-90 bridge trail @ Seattle showed that the total number of bikes and pedestrians using the trail was over 534,000 in 2017; many of these bicyclists and pedestrians are going to and coming from the Seattle area <p>Projects in 2020-2025 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under this levy proposal, King County will construct several portions of the ERC connecting Bellevue to Kirkland, Redmond and Woodinville enabling trail users to connect to other portions of the regional trail system such as over the SR-520 and I-90 bridges to Seattle.
East Lake Sammamish Trail	<p>Projects in 2020-2025 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the remaining 3.6-mile segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail from SE 33rd Street to Inglewood Hill Road. This last segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail is the missing link in the 44-mile long “Locks to Lakes” corridor, linking Seattle to the Eastside and the Cascade Foothills.

Open Space/Natural Area Recreation

<p>Open Space & Backcountry Trails</p>	<p>Supporting Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2018 Seattle Times article indicated that recent surveys show that the number of Seattle-area residents who hike has doubled since 2008 and that many people look for 3-6 mile in length hikes particularly along the I-90 recreation corridor. • Trail running races are held at many King County Parks in the Cascade Foothills and heavily attended by Seattle residents; For example data shows that in trail running races held along the I-90 recreation corridor Seattle residents make up close to 25% of attendees. • Some of the most heavily used sites for recreation activities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cougar-Squak Mountain Corridor • Grand Ridge • Duthie Hill • Soaring Eagle • Taylor Mountain • Rattlesnake Mountain <p>Projects in 2020-2025 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$78 million for open space acquisition and land conservation for passive recreation, regional trails and open space lands; all lands acquired with this funding will provide access to the public.
<p>Trailhead Direct</p>	<p>Supporting Information:</p> <p>Trailhead Direct, launched in 2017, provides transit from Seattle and North Bend to the following locations along the I-90 recreation corridor including the Issaquah Alps and Mount Si.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In its first full season, hikers board Trailhead Direct for more than 10,000 round trips. • Two of three locations to board trailhead direct are in Seattle. Close to 8,700 round trips originate in Seattle. <p>Projects in 2020-2025 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration of the Trailhead Direct will continue and boarding locations will be expanded over the next 6-years.