

James Street & Bakerview Road Corridor Improvements

March 6, 2025



Tonight's schedule

Transportation Improvements (~15 minutes)

- James Street and Bakerview Road: Multimodal Roundabout
- James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements- Segments 3 & 4

Parks & Recreation Department Updates (~15 minutes)

- Sunset Pond Trail
- Jill's Court Trail
- Primrose Trail
- East Bakerview Park

Open House and Q&A mingle until 7:30 p.m.

James Street/Bakerview Road Intersection

- Existing issues:
 - Long vehicle queues and delays
 - Not enough space for left-turning vehicles
- Increased traffic as the area continues to grow



James Street/Bakerview Road Multimodal Roundabout

- Reconstruct the intersection as a roundabout
 - Improves safety
 - Improves efficiency
 - Improves access for all modes of transportation



James Street

Bakerview Road

EAST BAKERVIEW ROAD

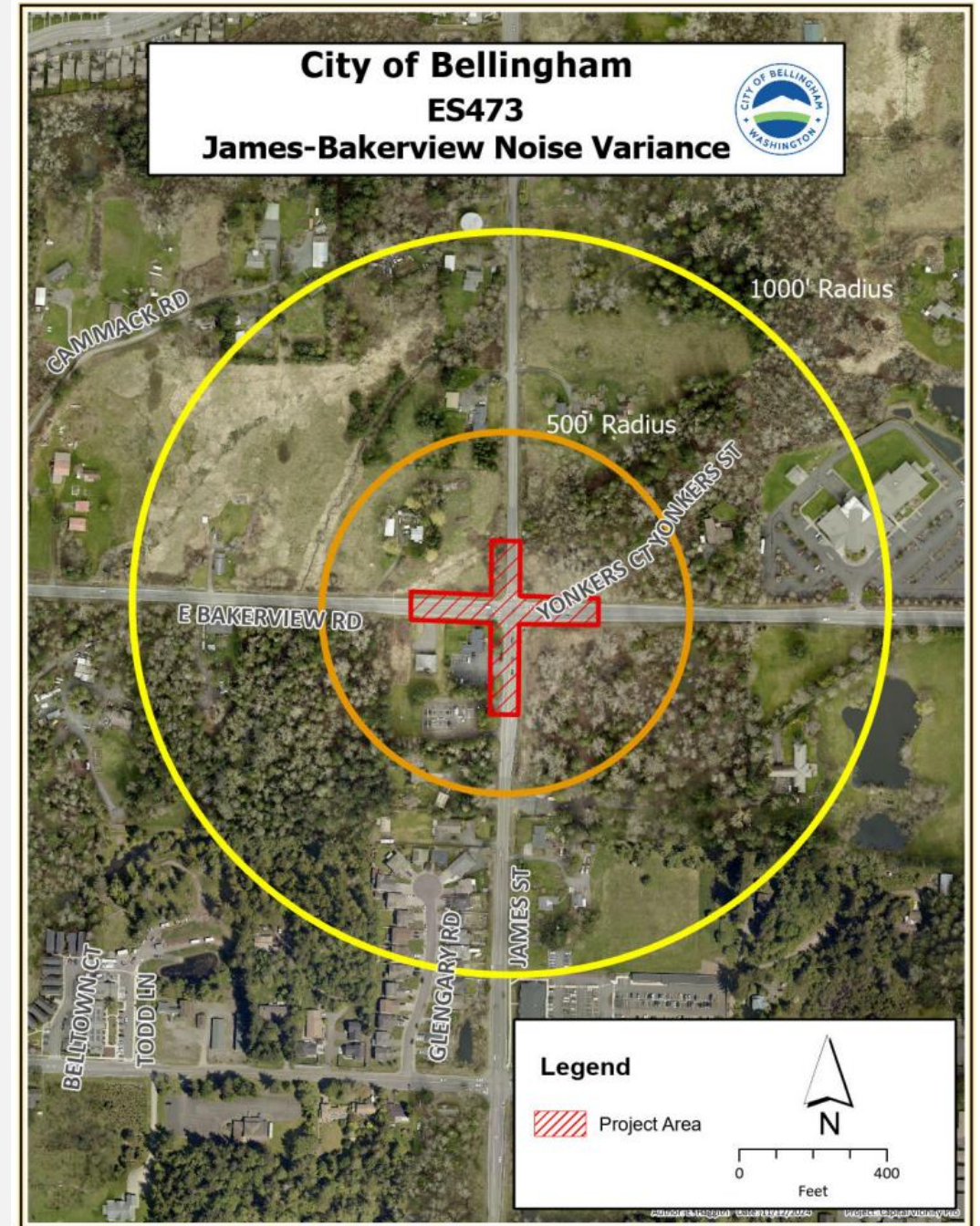
Final design

INTERSECTION SITE PLAN



Construction Timeline

- Work will take 50 days, with 24-hour construction to speed up completion
- Starts March 31, 2025
- Scheduled to end in May 2025

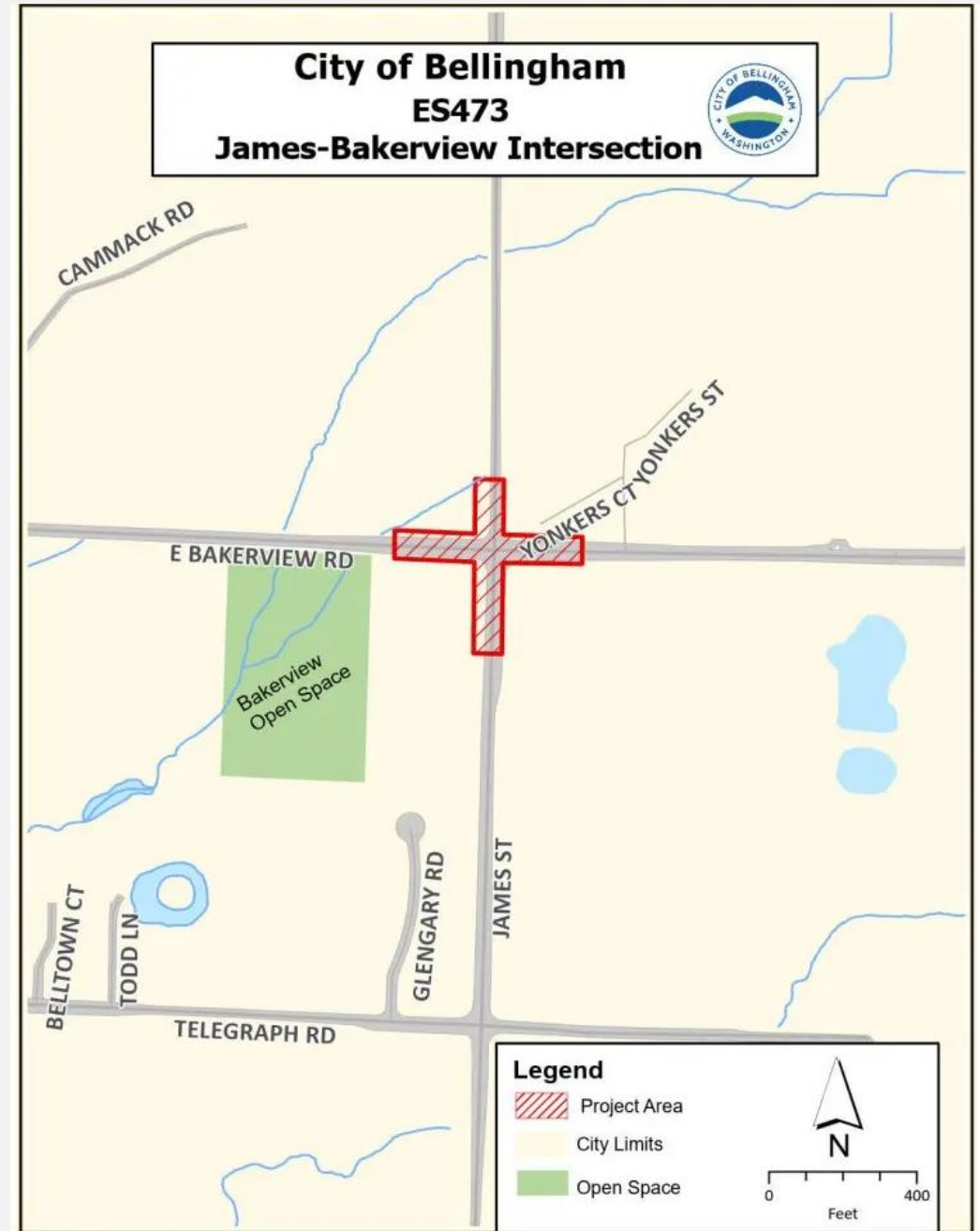
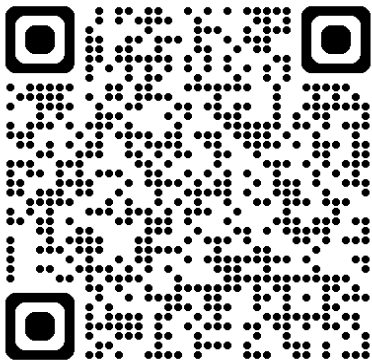


Construction Impacts

- James Street closures:
 - South leg closed for 10 days
 - North leg closed for 15 days
 - Detour to Deemer Road
- Bakerview Road will stay open the entire time



For project updates, visit
cob.org/james-bakerview-intersection
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James Street Multimodal Feasibility Study

- 2019- Comprehensive corridor study of James Street from Orchard Drive to Kellogg Street
- Community feedback informed James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements



James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements

- Purpose: build a multiuse path, sidewalks, and bike lanes along James Street
 - Segments 1 & 2: Orchard Drive to Telegraph Road
 - Segments 3 & 4: Telegraph Road to Gooding Avenue
- Provide safer and more accessible route for bikes and pedestrians in the northern part of town
- Connect to other bike and ped improvements



James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements Segments 3 & 4

- Build a multi-use path from Telegraph Road to King Avenue
- Add sidewalks/bike lanes from King Avenue to Gooding Avenue
- Lighting updates
- Fiber connections



Benefits of multiuse path

- Higher comfort for all users
- No modification of existing roadway or stormwater conveyance
- Less environmental impacts
- Less hardscape



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SHARED USE PATH

Section Rendering

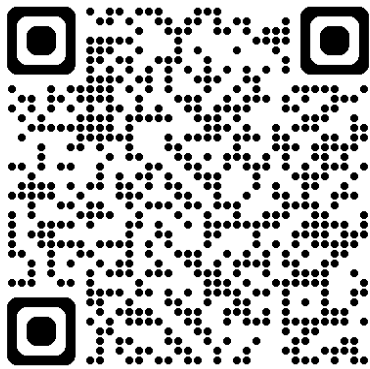


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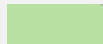
- Construction expected to start 2026
- Impact on traffic- expect lane closures, construction equipment, and related disruptions

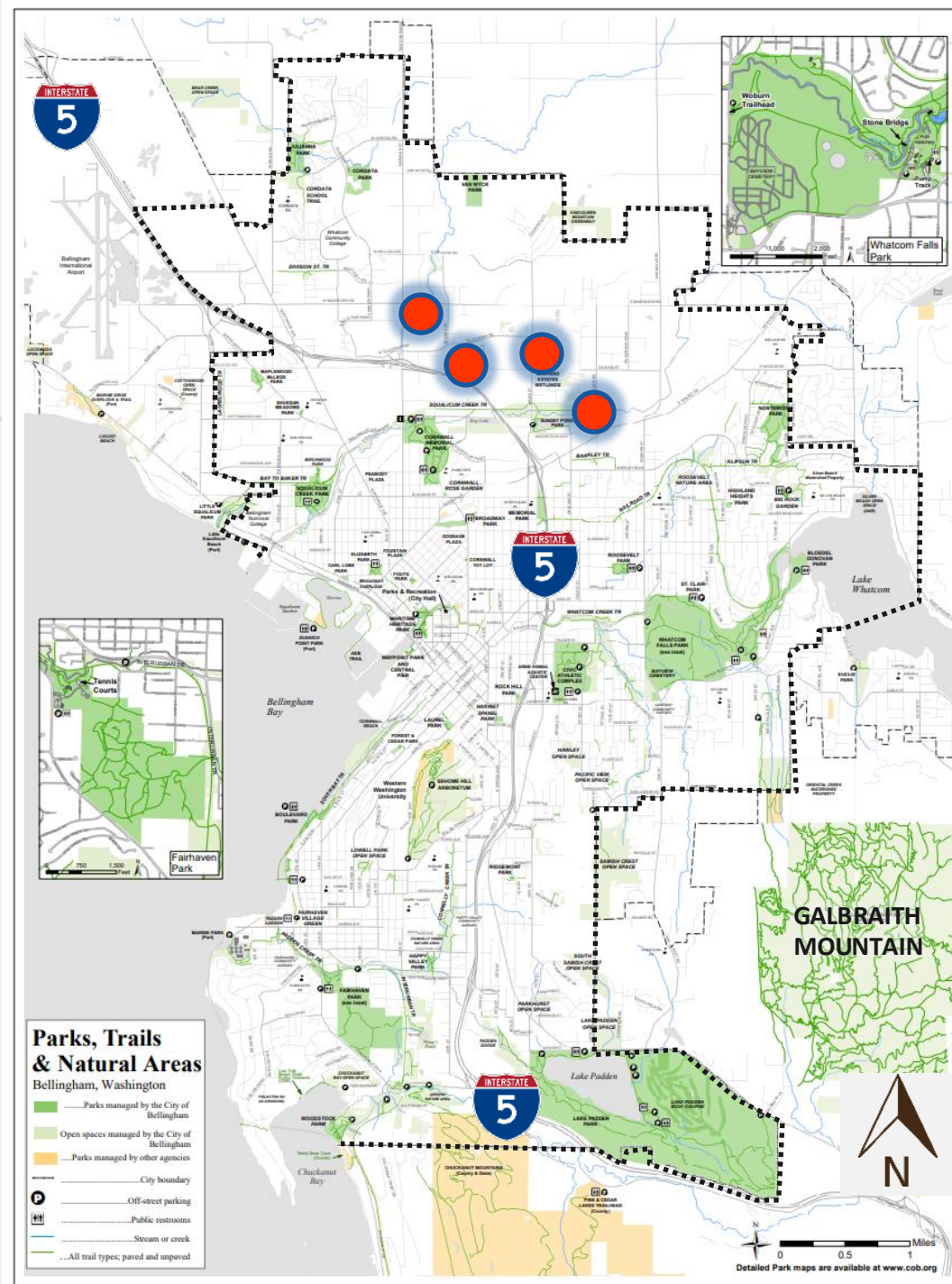


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Parks & Recreation Projects

- Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan
 - Future projects:
 - Sunset Pond Trail
 - Bakerview Park
 - Jill's Court Trail
 - Primrose Trail
-  Projects
-  Existing Trails
-  Existing Parks
-  City Limits



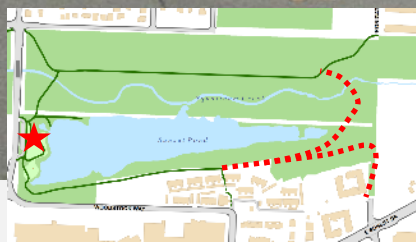
Sunset Pond Trail

- Gravel loop trail
- Scenic, elevated boardwalk
- Viewpoint bridge
- Interpretive & wayfinding signs





Squalicum Creek Trail – North Sunset Pond Loop













*Example:
Northridge Park Trail
Boardwalk*



Example:
West Cemetery Creek
70 feet long
7,300 pounds



*Example:
Squalicum Creek Bridge
50 feet long
45,900 pounds*

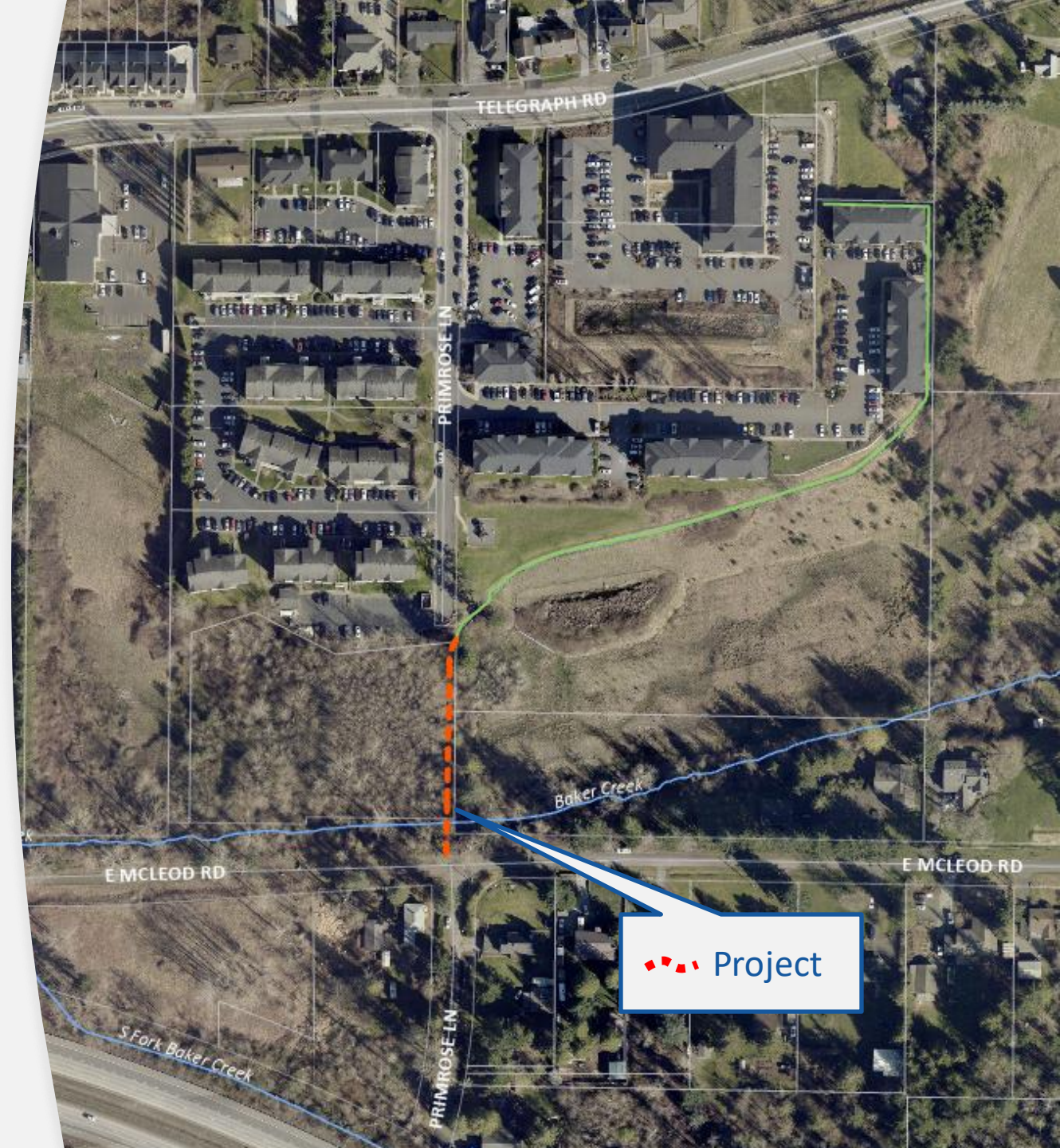
Jill's Court Trail

- Project: Gravel multi-use trail to connect Jill's Court to Telegraph Road
- Purpose: Provide bicycle and pedestrian connection from Telegraph Road to Sunset Pond Trail
- Funding: Greenways
- Schedule:
 - Design in progress
 - Construction anticipated 2025 or 2026



Primrose Trail

- Project: Multi-use trail to connect Primrose Lane to East McLeod
- Crosses critical areas including wetlands and Baker Creek
- Purpose: Complete trail connection from East Bakerview Road to East McLeod. Future trail will connect to Bay to Baker trail at East Orchard Drive
- Funding: Greenways
- Schedule: Preliminary design 2025



East Bakerview Park

- 29 acres of undeveloped land on Bakerview Road between Deemer Road and James Street
- Will function as a park, housing site, and multimodal trail hub connecting existing and future trails
- Purchased in 2022
- Funding: Greenways, PIF and REET
- Schedule – Master Plan 2025, design and construction 2026/2027



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