



Annual Report

2017-2023 Greenway Program

Bellingham City Council – March 11, 2019
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Greenways IV

Goal:

“to acquire, improve, develop and maintain greenways, open space sites, parks, park facilities, and trails...”

Strategic Plan covers remainder of the levy from 2019-2023



Greenways IV Allocation Guidance

- 42% for the development of properties purchased by the City;
- 33% for land acquisition, specifically including trail connections; and
- 25% for the ongoing maintenance, operation and capital replacement needs of park properties and facilities.

Greenways Advisory Committee (GAC)

Members:

- Emily Derenne
- Skylar Hinkley
- Dana Weigel
- Michael Plummer
- Rick Nishi
- Daniel Weiland
- Michael Maghakian

Proposed BMC change:


- Reduce seats on GAC from eleven (11) to nine (9).



2019-2023 GAC Primary Priorities

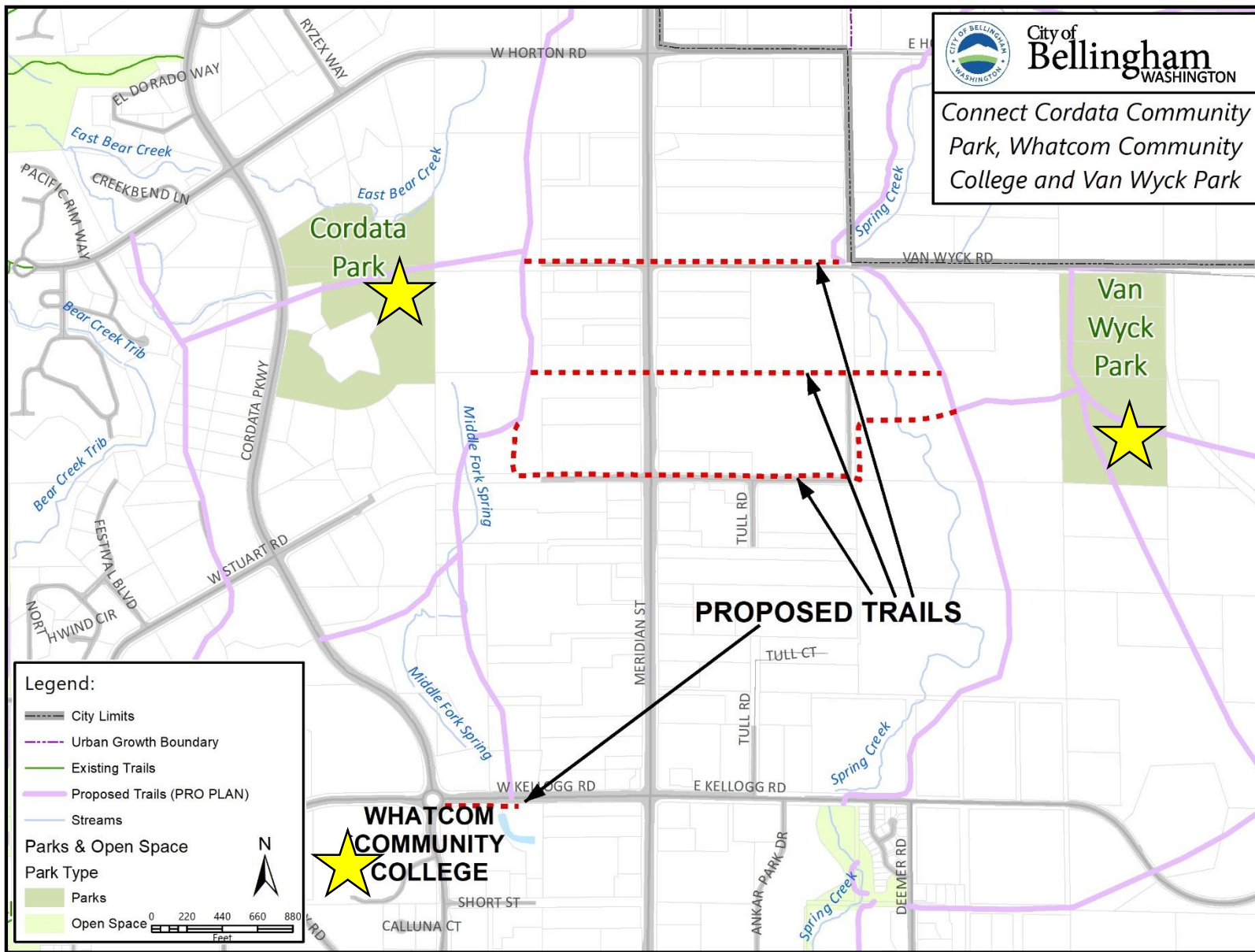
- Improve trails and habitat connectivity throughout Bellingham
- Connect Cordata Community Park, Whatcom Community College and Van Wyck Park
- Connect Riley Open Space and the Cordata Trail
- Acquire a Neighborhood Park in Happy Valley
- Develop King and Queen Mountain Greenway

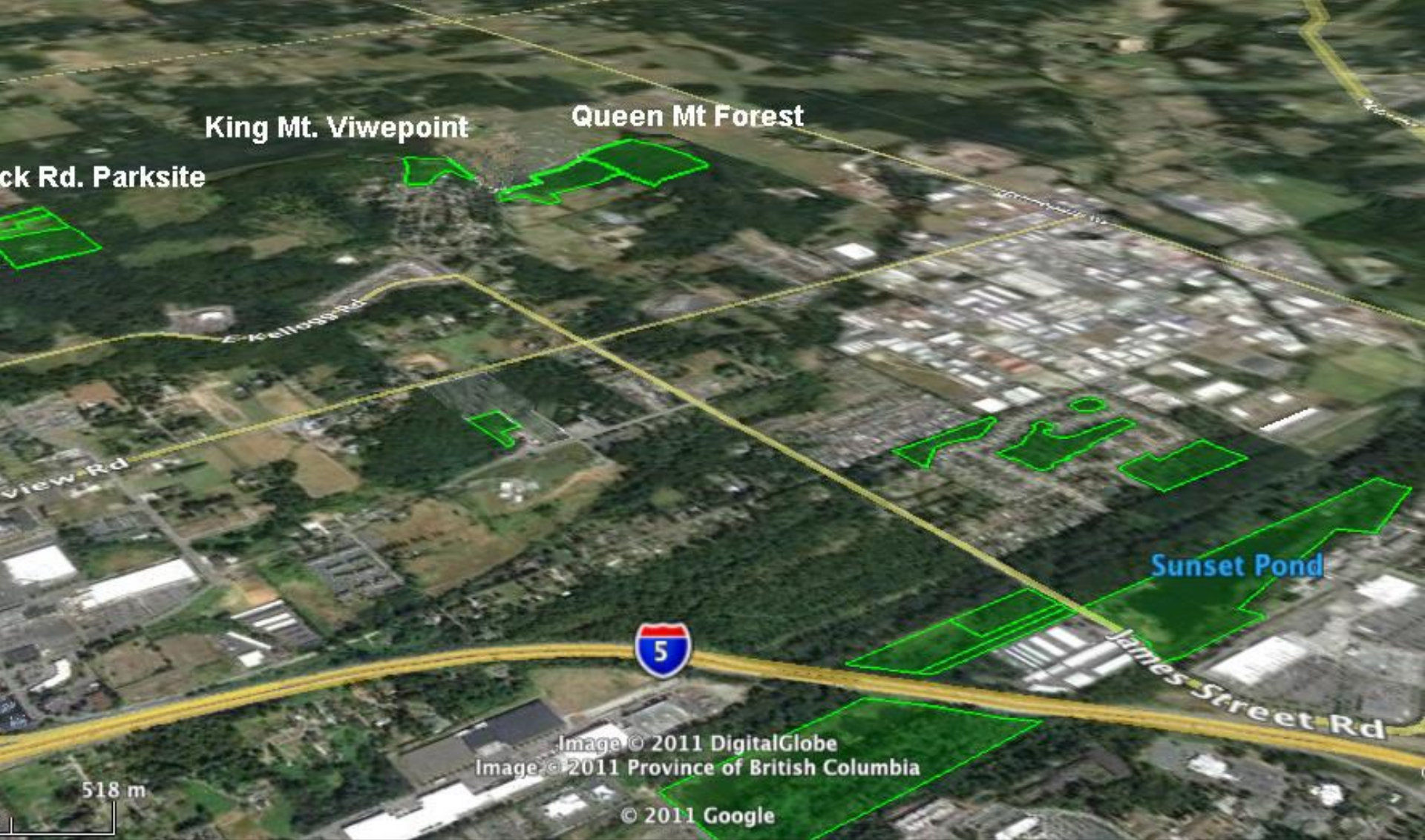




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Connect Cordata Community
Park, Whatcom Community
College and Van Wyck Park



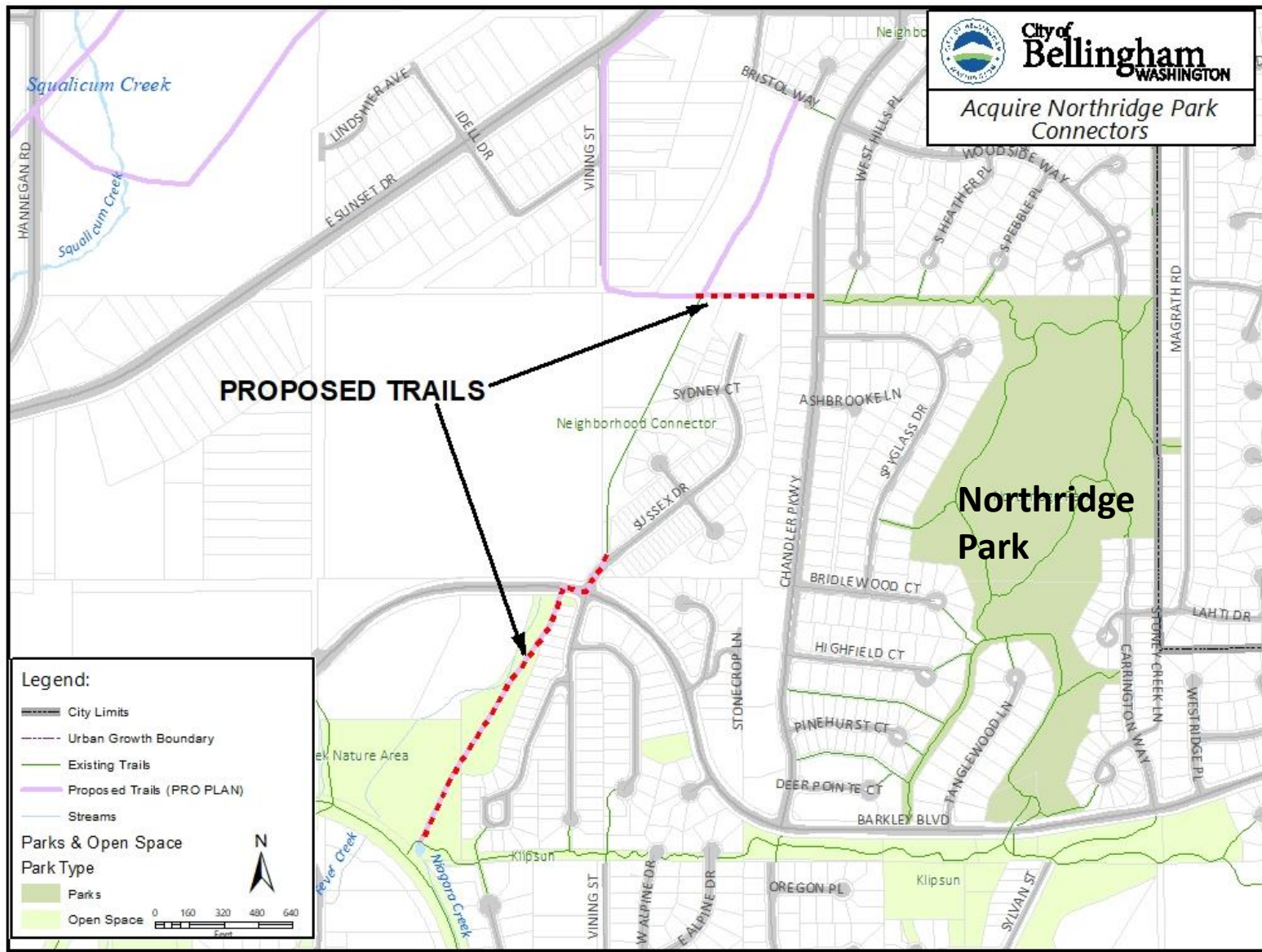


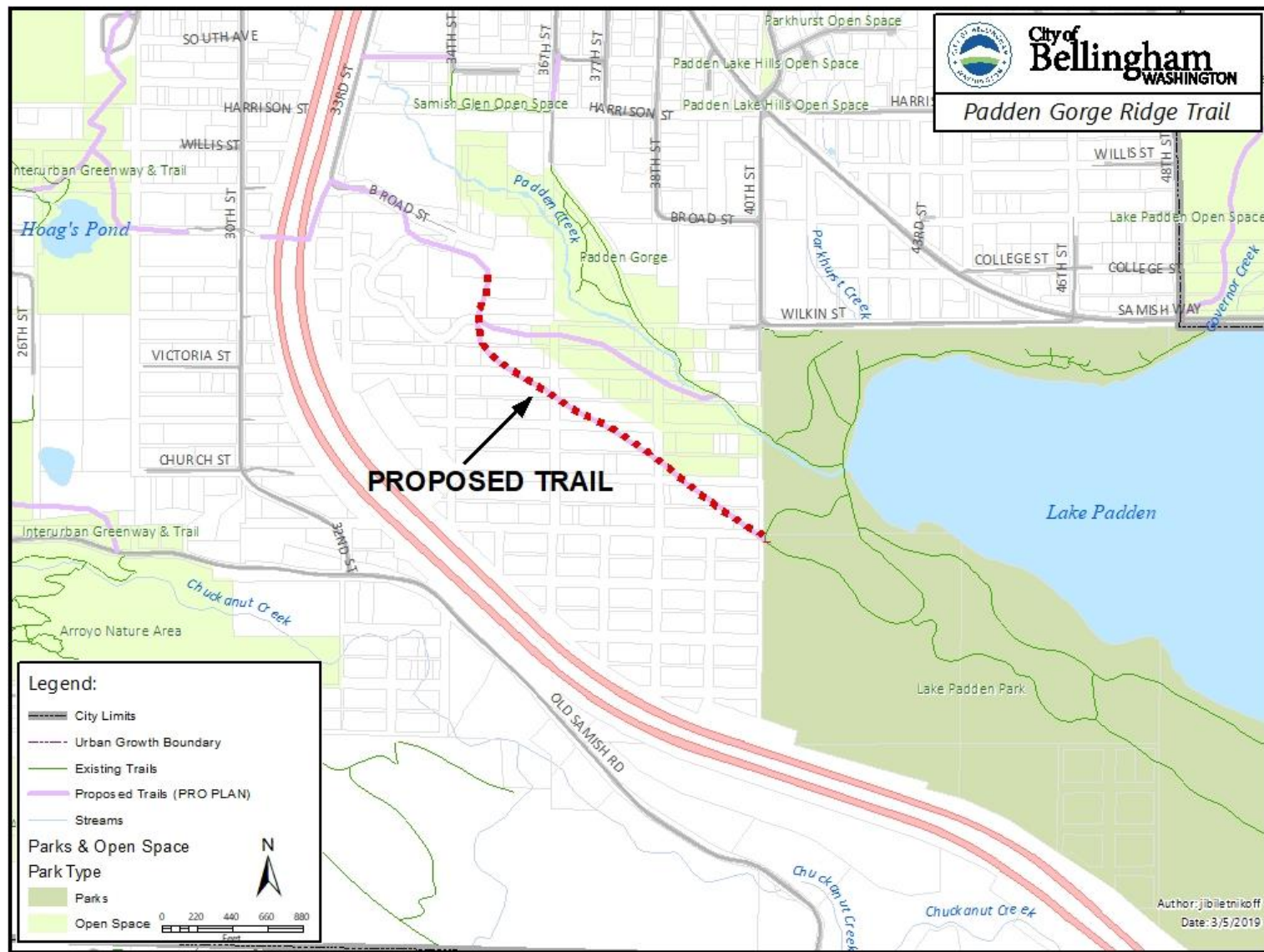
Develop King/Queen Mountain Greenway

2019-2023 GAC Primary Priorities (cont.):

- Expand use of Galbraith Mountain trails and improve wayfinding
- Acquire Northridge Park connectors
- Acquire Padden Gorge Ridge Trail
- Foster and support the development of Community Gardens

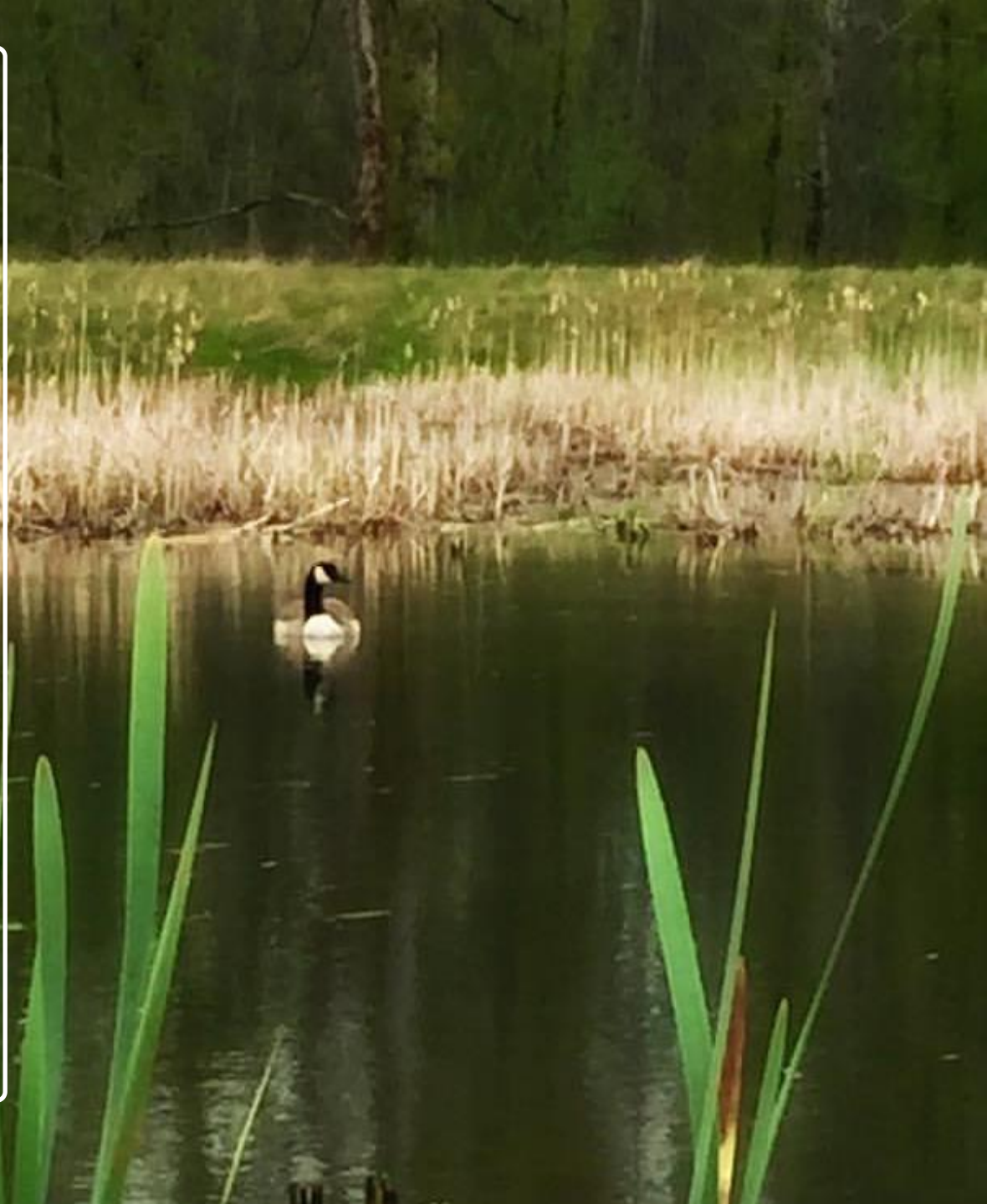






2019-2023 GAC “Contingent and Ongoing” Priorities:

- Acquire trail corridor along Squalicum Creek
- Acquire a Neighborhood Park in the Bakerview Corridor
- Ensure public access to Little Squalicum Pier
- Connect Railroad Ave. to Cornwall Beach
- Complete Whatcom Creek Trail



2019-2023 GAC Contingent and Ongoing Priorities (cont.):

- Protect habitat and enhance the connection between South Samish Crest Open Space and Padden Open Space
- Develop “Morrie’s Trail” connection along Squalicum Way
- Connect Barkley Trail to Squalicum Creek Trail and improve wayfinding
- Develop Cordata Community Park



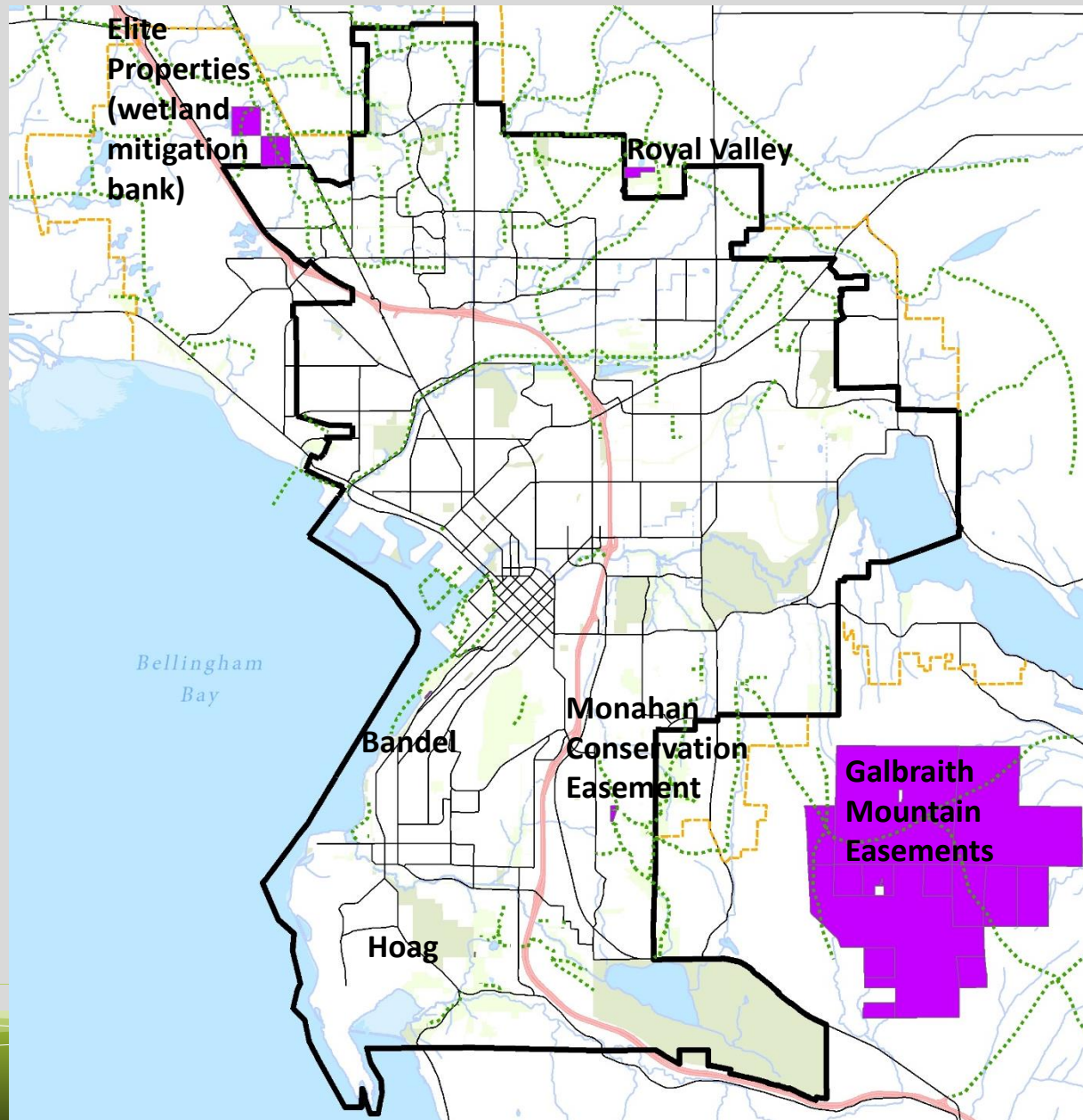


2017-2018 Acquisitions

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Date	Property	Price
04/2017	Monahan conservation easement	\$70K
04/2017	Bandel property	\$28K
02/2018	Elite (mitigation bank)	\$1.28M
05/2018	Stull/“Royal Valley” property	\$166K
08/2018	Galbraith Mtn. conservation & recreation easements	\$2.75M
11/2018	Hoag property	\$7K
Total		\$4.3M

2017-2018 Acquisitions



2017-2018 Development

Project:	Cost:
Whatcom Falls Woburn Trailhead	\$365k
Lake Padden improvements	\$223k
Cordata Park (Design)	\$608k
Cornwall Park Trail	\$375k
Waypoint Park and Central Pier	\$2.14m
Squalicum Creek Trail	\$152k
Other trails and improvements	\$155k
Total:	\$4.02m

2017-2018 Development



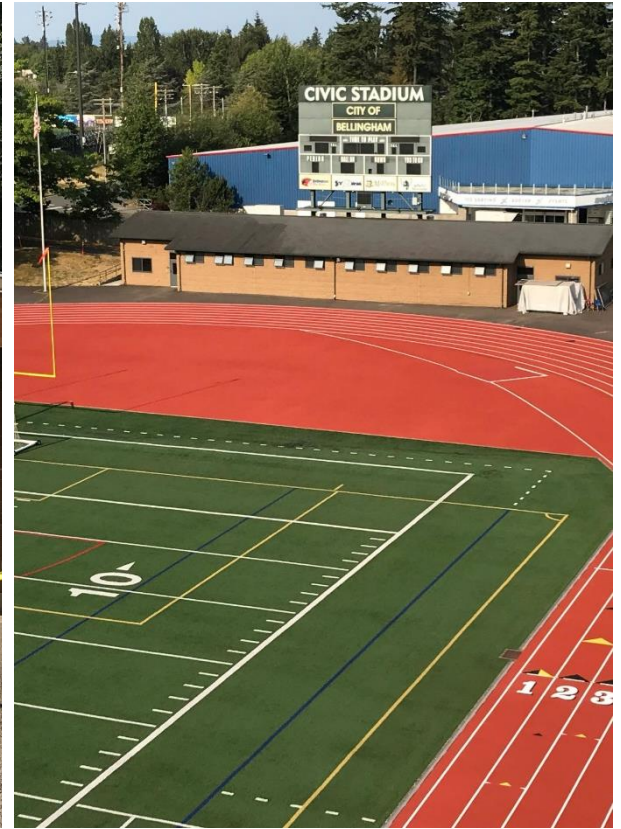
Whatcom Falls Woburn Trailhead

Cornwall Park Trail



2017-2018 Maintenance

Project:	Cost:
Civic Grandstand Roof	\$267k
Civic Track Resurface	\$189k
Lake Padden bathhouse	\$120k
Misc. operations and maintenance projects and staff	\$1.6m
Total:	\$2.2m



2017-2018 Maintenance

2017-2018 Actual Expenditures

Spending Category	2017	2018	Total
Land acquisitions	\$97,855	\$4,206,411	\$4,304,296
Development projects	\$803,496	\$3,215,092	\$4,018,588
Capital maintenance	\$744,400	\$1,435,494	\$2,179,894
Total			\$10,502,778

Greenways Spending Summary 2017-2018



2019-2020 Budgeted Expenses

Spending Category	2019	2020	Total
Land acquisitions	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000
Development projects	\$3,478,400	\$800,000	\$4,278,400
Maintenance	\$2,997,510	\$97,101	\$3,904,611
Total	\$7,475,910	\$2,897,101	\$10,373,011

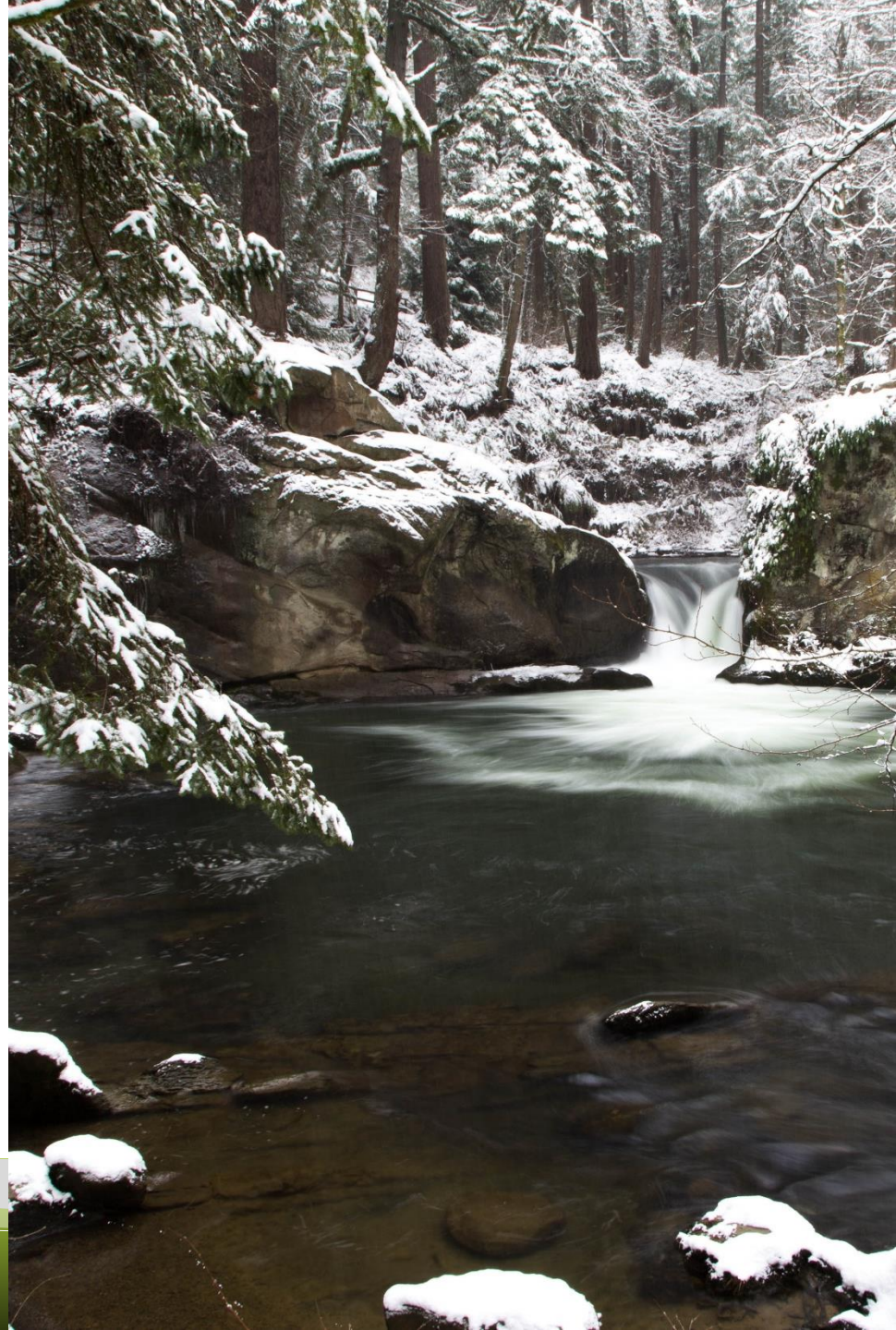
2019/2020 Greenways Budget Items: Development

- Cordata Park
- Lake Padden sewer
- Interurban Trail
- Squalicum Pier



2019/2020 Capital Maintenance Budget Items

- Trail repair
- Wetland monitoring & maintenance
- Wharf Street Trestle
- Maintenance staff & materials
- Blvd. Park utility re-route
- Geri Field #2 lighting





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