



Annual Report

2020 - 2021 Greenway Program and Capital Projects

BELLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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City of
Bellingham

Greenways IV 2017 – 2023

Goal:

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





Greenways IV

Allocation Guidance:

42% for the development of properties purchased by the City;

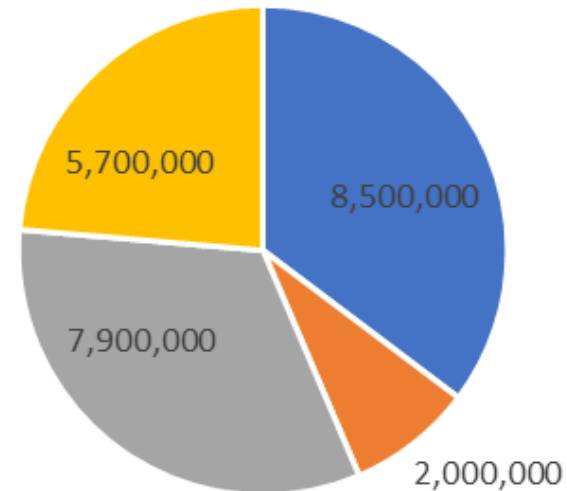
33% for land acquisition, specifically including trail connections; and

25% for the ongoing maintenance, operation, and capital replacement needs of park properties and facilities

Revenue Sources and Limitations

- General Fund \$8.5m
- Greenways \$7.9m
- Park Impact Fee \$5.7m
- 1st and 2nd quarter REET \$2m
- Cemetery and Golf Course
- Environmental Remediation

2020-2021 \$24.1m total



■ General Fund ■ REET ■ Greenways ■ PIF



Park Facility Inventory

Facility Classification	How Many
Community Parks	15 (1 undeveloped)
Neighborhood Parks	24 (2 undeveloped)
Special Use Sites	11
Open Spaces	45 (10 County or watershed acquisitions)
Trails	80.25 miles, 24 corridors
Total Facility Acres	3,186 (City only)
Galbraith Mt. Recreation and Conservation Easement (timber harvesting ongoing)	2,182 acres, 60 miles of single-track trail



2020-2021 Greenway Acquisitions:

Bakerview/Clark Neighborhood Park

- *purchased April 2020 for \$2.31M*
- *Future Housing Fund project*
- *Mitigation for creek daylighting*

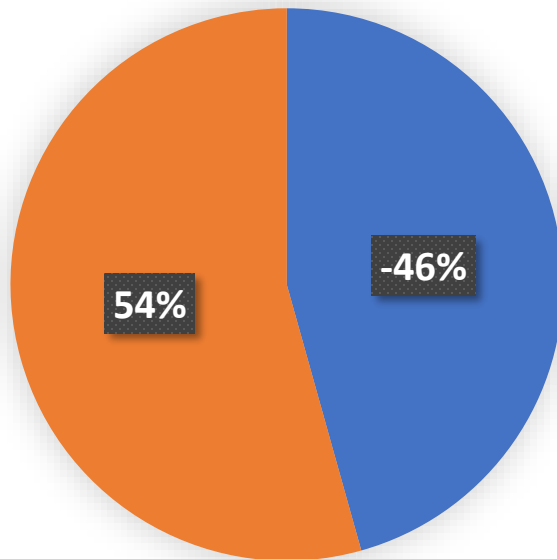
LDS Property in Happy Valley

- *Appraised and offered \$3.6M*
- *Working with winning buyer*

Lehigh Cement Pier

- *Negotiating no-cost transfer of Tract A*
- *Design underway to repurpose pier for public use*

Acquisition



■ Total Expenditures ■ Balance

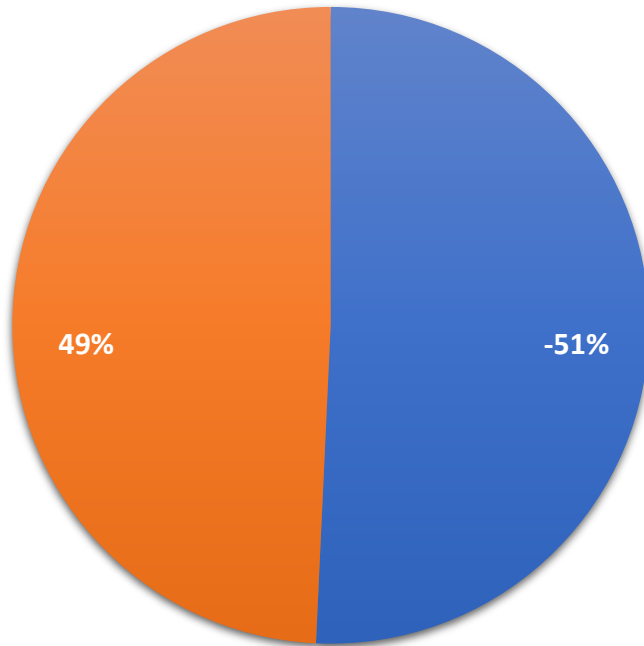
Total Revenue	\$14,548,357
Total Expenditures	-\$6,641,449
Balance	\$7,906,908

Acquisition Spending Summary - 2017-2023

2020-2021 Greenways Projects

Project	GW cost
Cordata Park Phase 1 (remainder PIF funded)	\$5.8m
Cordata Park Phase 2 (remainder PIF funded)	\$87k
Squalicum Creek Park Phase 4 (remainder PIF and RCO grant)	\$500k
Boulevard Restroom (half REET funded)	\$264k
Wharf Street Trestle (maintenance)	\$546k
West Cemetery Bridge (maintenance)	\$375k
Woodstock – Cooks House demo and abatement	\$92k
Arroyo Park bridge repair/replacement (maintenance)	\$183k

Development

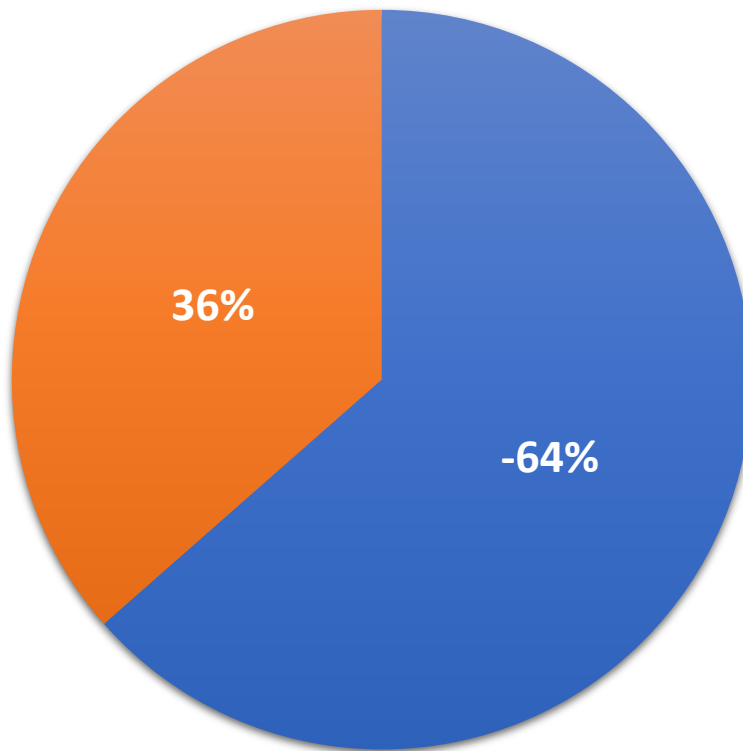


■ Total Expenditures ■ Balance

Development Spending Summary - 2017-2023

Total Revenue	\$20,107,000
Total Expenditures	-\$10,201,508
Balance	\$9,905,492

Maintenance



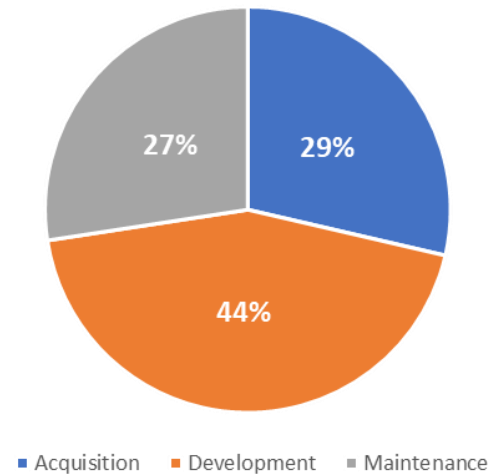
■ Total Expenditures: \$6.3m ■ Balance: 3.6m

Maintenance Spending Summary - 2017-2023

Total Revenue	\$10,201,388
Total Expenditures:	-\$6,363,453
Balance:	\$3,655,030

	Revenues	Expenditures	Balance
Acquisition	14,548,357	6,641,449	7,906,908
Development	20,107,000	10,201,508	6,363,453
Maintenance	7,906,908	9,905,492	3,655,030
TOTAL	42,562,265	26,748,449	17,925,391

Actual Expenses 2017-2021



Greenways Spending Summary
2017-2021 Levy total

2020-2021 Completed Greenways Priority Projects

- Acquire a Neighborhood Park in the Bakerview Corridor
- Develop Cordata Park (phase 1)
- Connect Barkley Trail to Sunset Dr
- Ensure public access to Little Squalicum Pier (negotiations ongoing)
- Connect Cordata Community Park and Whatcom Community College





Greenways Priorities

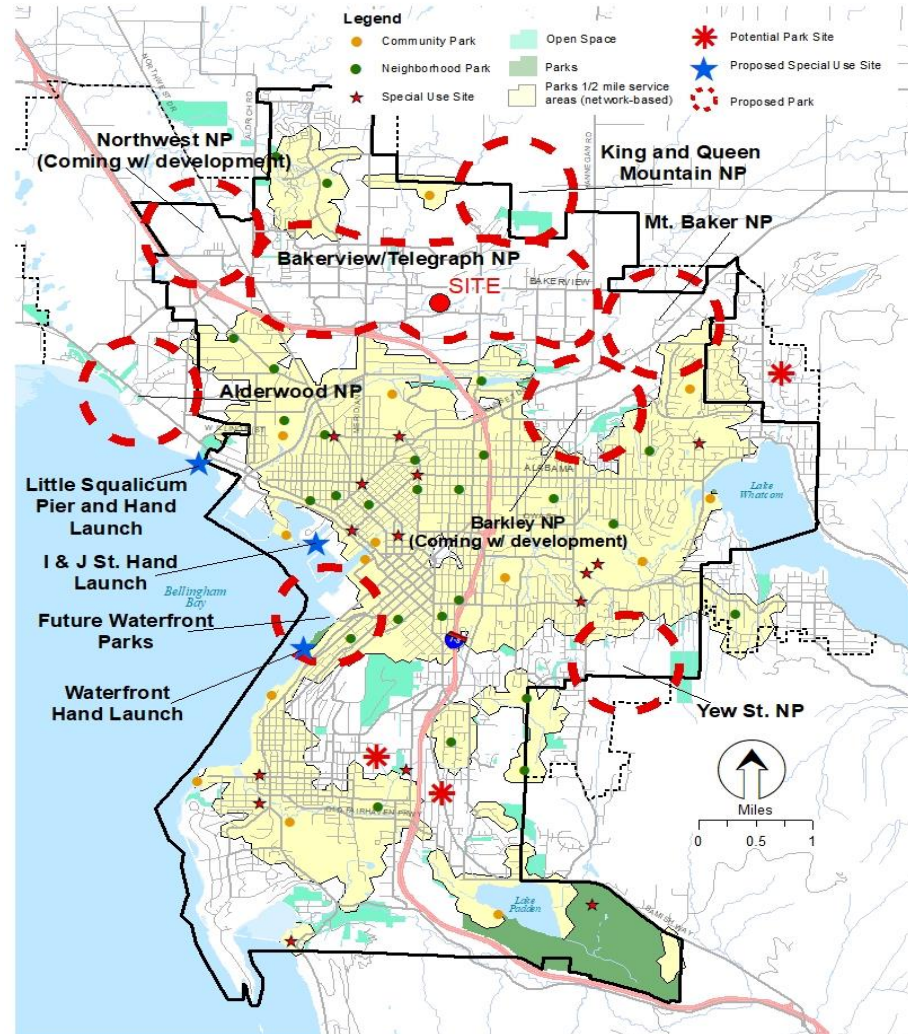
- Connect Cordata Community Park, Whatcom Community College, and Van Wyck Park
- Connect Riley Open Space and the Cordata Trail
- Expand use of Galbraith Mountain trails and improve wayfinding



Greenways Priority Projects (continued):

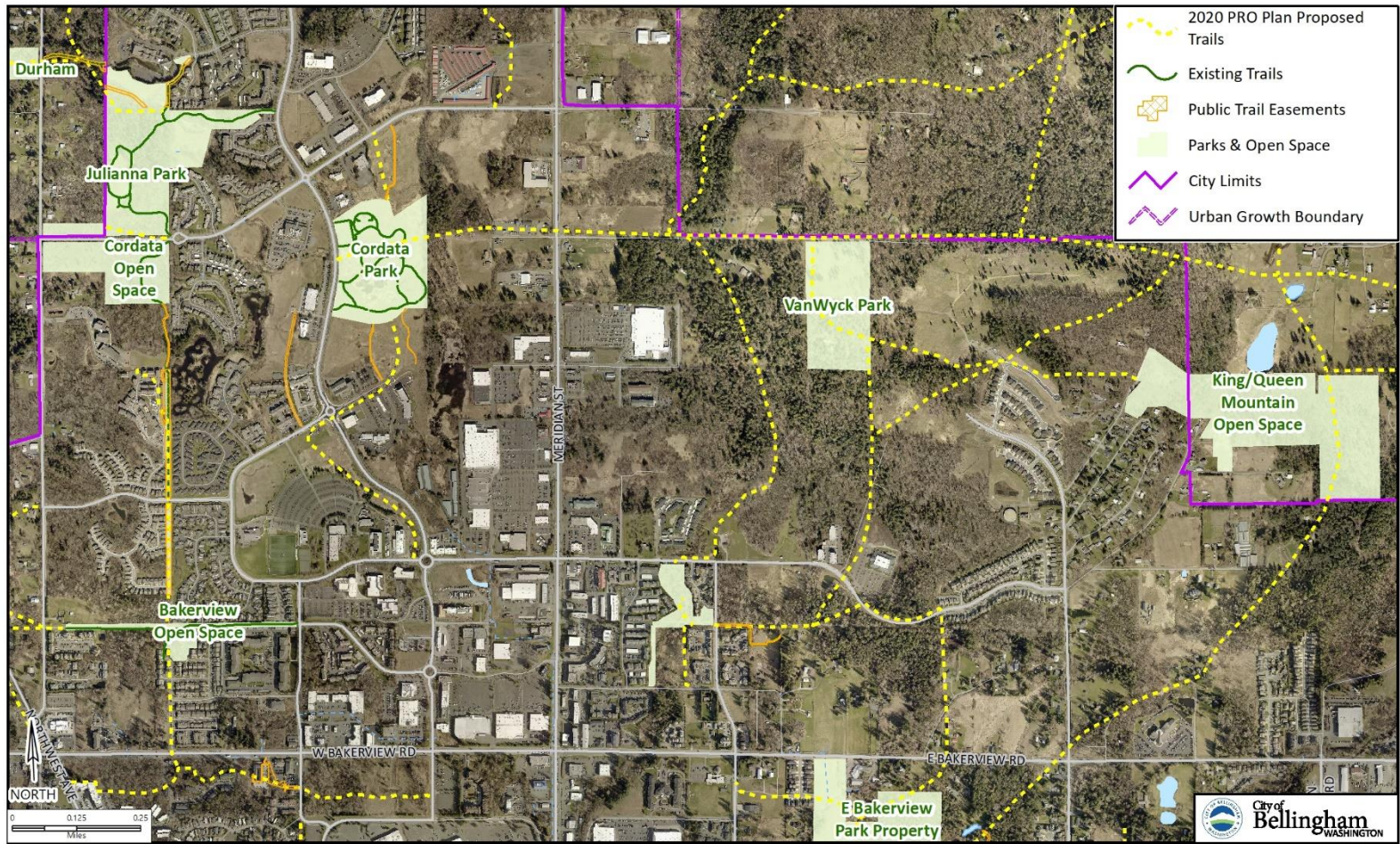
- Acquire/develop a Neighborhood Park in Happy Valley
- Develop King and Queen Mountain Greenway
- Acquire Padden Gorge Ridge trail
- Foster and support the development of Community Gardens

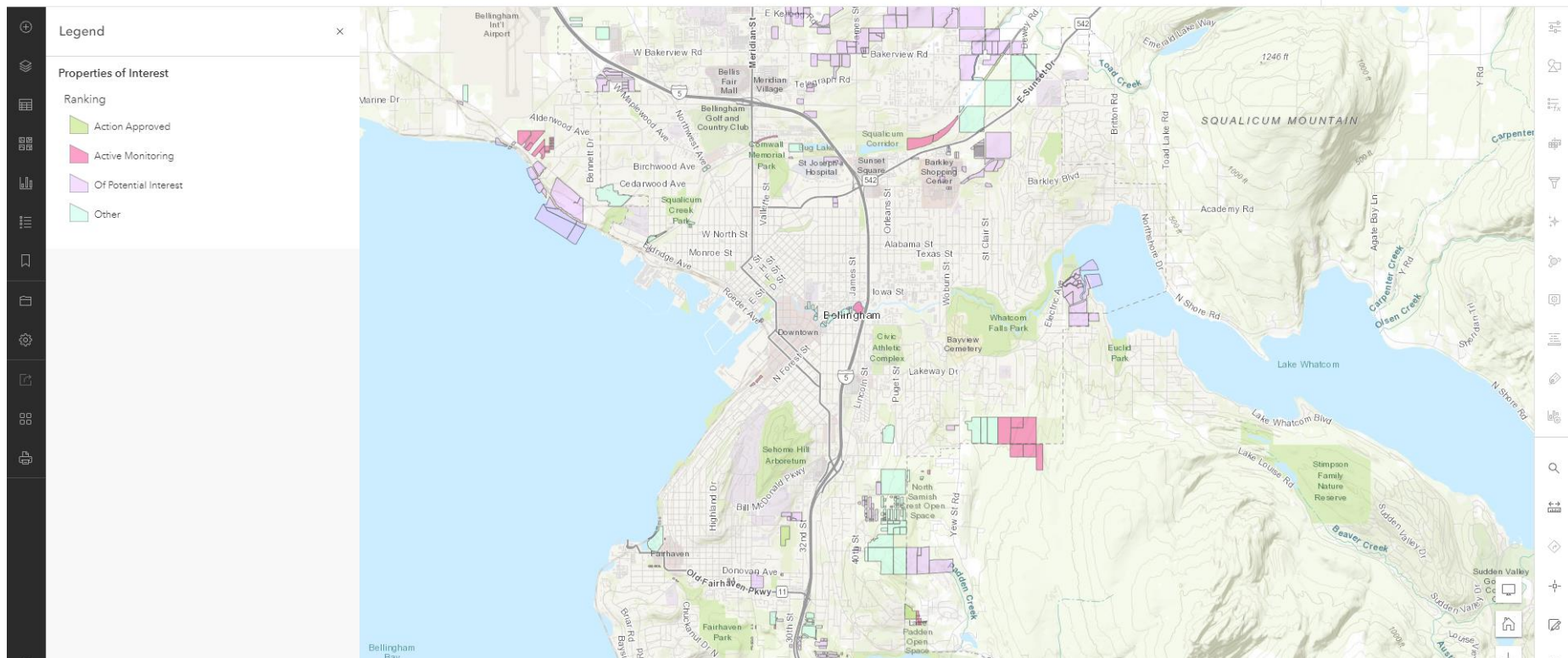
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Park Facility Priorities

King Mt/Cordata area trails





ArcGIS Online Properties of Interest Atlas

2021-2022 Park Impact Fee Projects

Fountain Plaza
(finishing)
\$45k

Julianna Park
(finishing)
\$60k

Cordata Park
Phase 2
\$4.2m

Cornwall Beach
Park Design
\$1M

Fairhaven Park
Master Plan Update
and Entry
\$100k

Squalicum Park
Phase 4 athletic
field
\$386k

Waypoint Park
Trail/Whatcom
Waterway Park
\$880k

Shuksan Meadows
Park
\$184k

Maritime Park Slide
\$405k

Updated Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan

- It should use the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PRO Plan) as a foundation for the Strategic Plan, and if there are any deviations, they should be identified.
- It should include framework goals for the Greenways Program that are consistent with the PRO Plan. For example, “Habitat Connectivity”, “Park Connectors”, and “Trail Improvements”.
- It should include clarity about how Greenways funds should be used for Acquisition, Development and Maintenance.
- It should identify a reasonable Administrative budget for the program.
- It should be updated annually with an “Annual Action Plan.”



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