



# 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

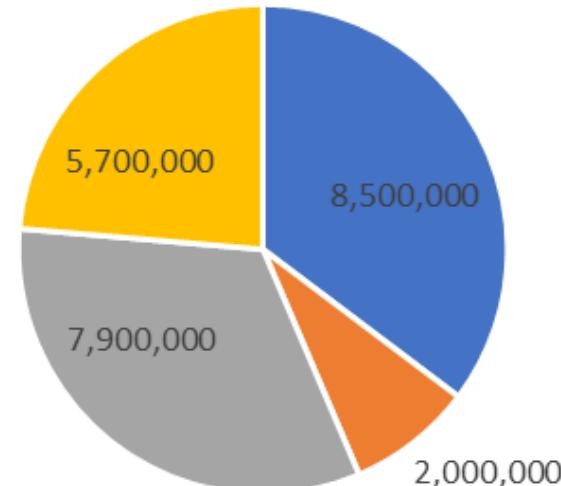
25% for the ongoing maintenance, operation, and capital replacement needs of park properties and facilities

# Revenue Sources and Limitations

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

2020-2021 \$24.1m total



■ General Fund ■ REET ■ Greenways ■ PIF

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# 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*

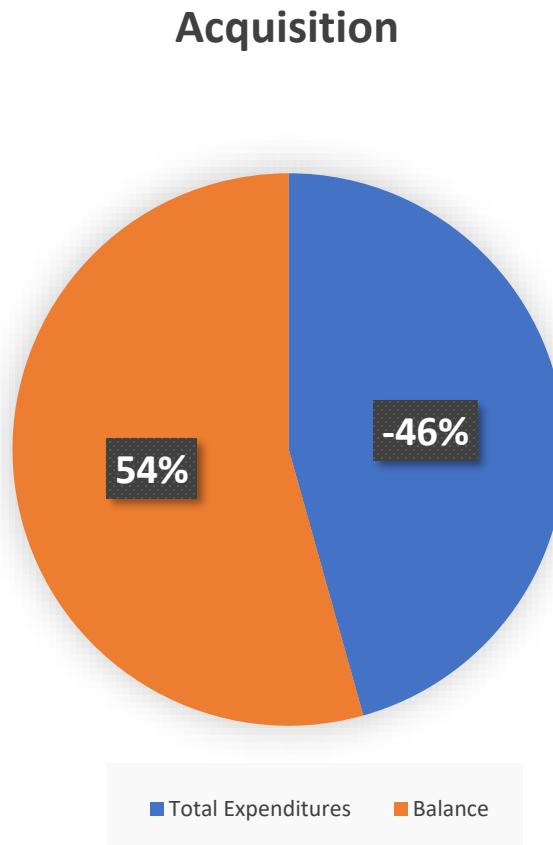
## LDS Property in Happy Valley

- 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 Spending Summary - 2017-2023

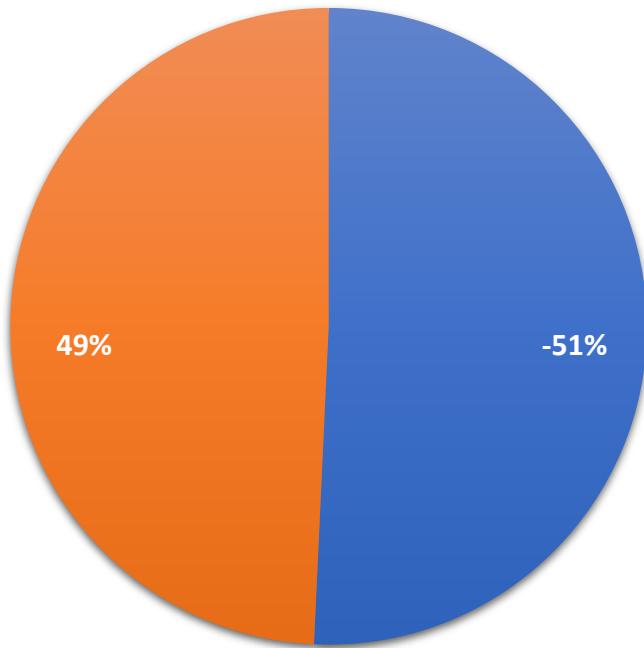


<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$14,548,357</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>-\$6,641,449</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$7,906,908</b>

# 2020-2021 Greenways Projects

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

## Development

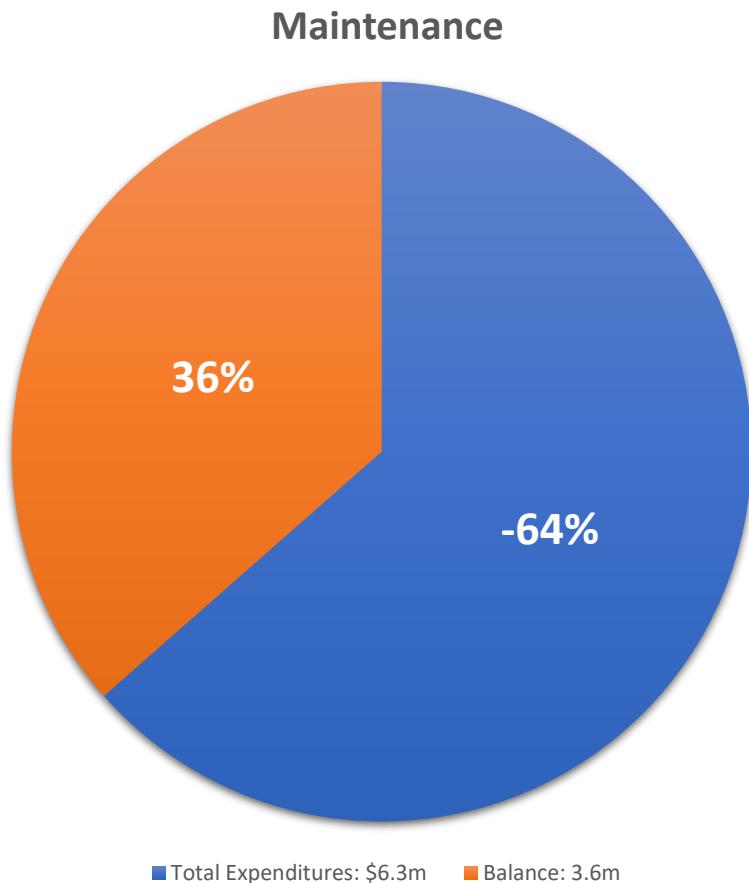


■ Total Expenditures ■ Balance

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

Development  
Spending  
Summary -  
2017-2023

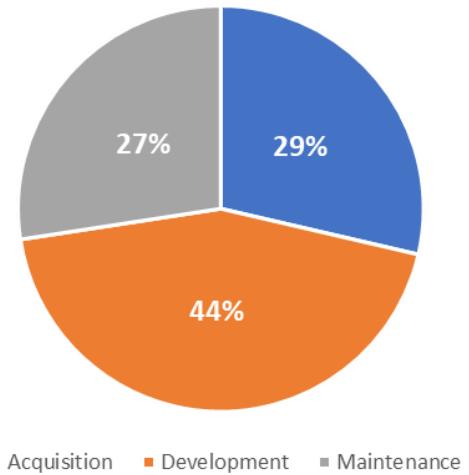
# Maintenance Spending Summary - 2017-2023



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

	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42,562,265</b>	<b>26,748,449</b>	<b>17,925,391</b>

Actual Expenses 2017-2021



Greenways Spending Summary  
2017-2021 Levy total

# 2020-2021 Completed Greenways Priority Projects

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- 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

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- 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



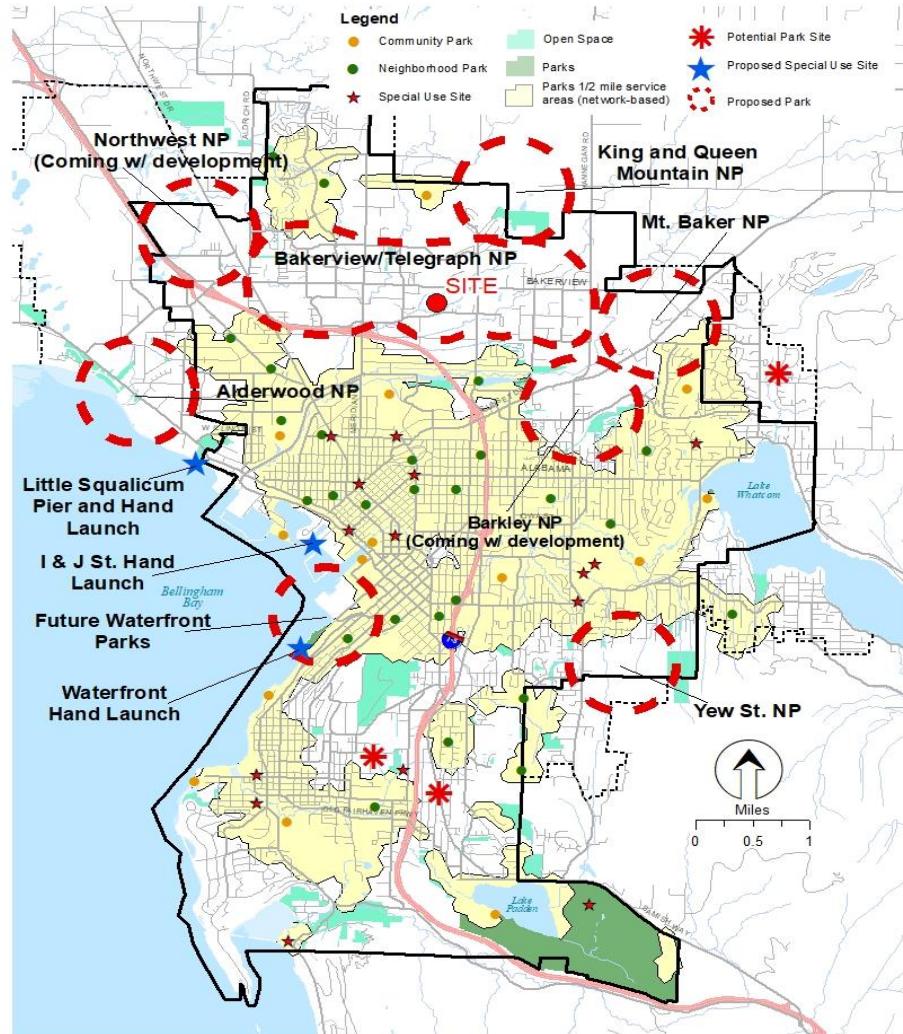
# Greenways Priority Projects (continued):

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- 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

# Park Facility Priorities

RECOMMENDED FACILITIES PLAN • PARKS AND SPECIAL USE SITES



# King Mt/Cordata area trails





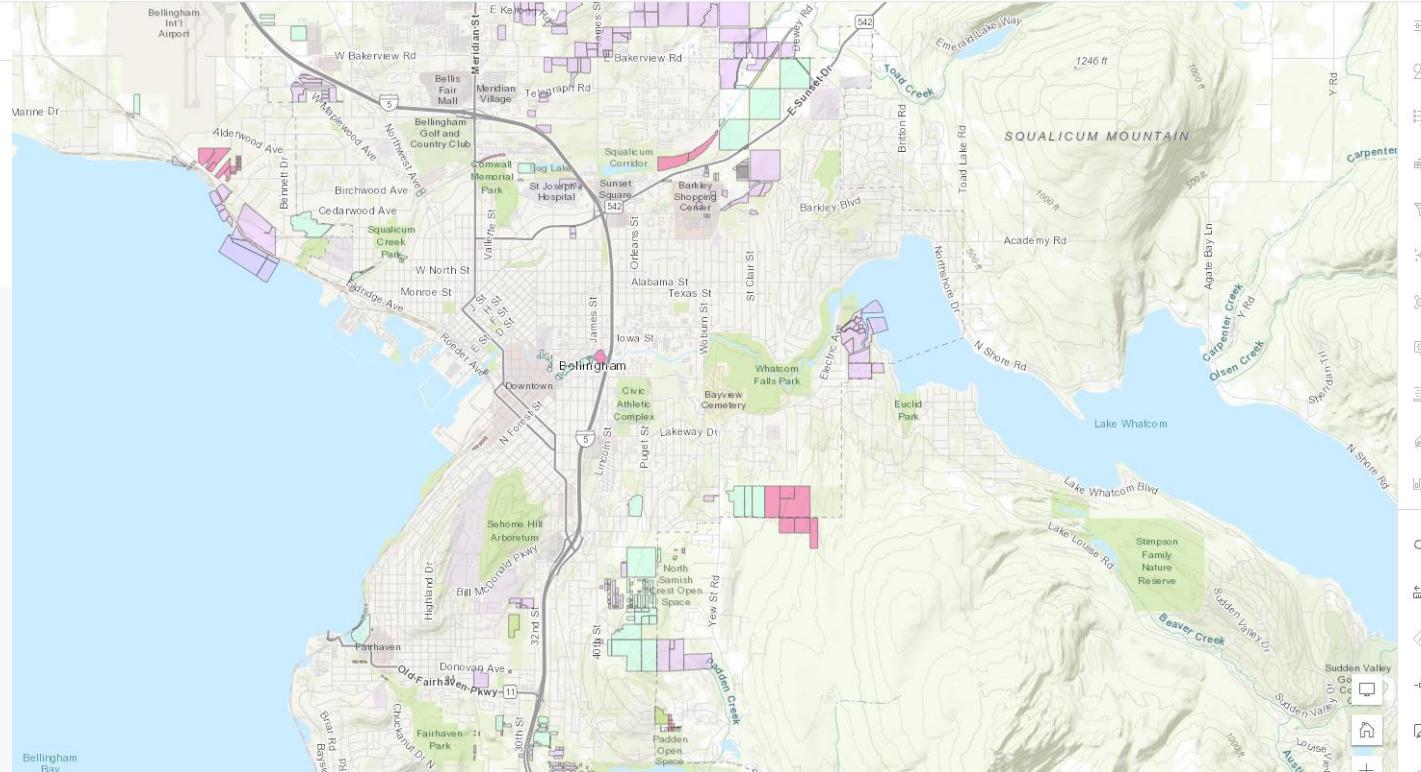
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## Properties of Interest

## Ranking

- Action Approved
- Active Monitoring
- Of Potential Interest
- Other



# ArcGIS Online Properties of Interest Atlas

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# 2021-2022 Park Impact Fee Projects

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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

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- 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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