Greenways Program 2022 Annual Report

Bellingham City Council
February 27, 2023
Greenways Advisory Committee

“To provide citizen advice to the City Council and the Parks & Recreation Department on implementing the intent and objectives of the greenway levies in a manner that best addresses current opportunities, conditions and needs.” (BMC 2.20.040)

The nine-member volunteer committee evaluate properties, develop maps, take field trips, and guide the implementation of strategic plan priorities.

Greenways Advisory Committee

• Neil Schaner (Chair)
• Sarah Gardner (Vice-Chair)
• Jacob Stewart
• Dina Dickerson
• Scott Foreman-Murray
• Kate McDonald
• Caleb Savage
• David Stalheim
• Vacant
• Council rep: Skip Williams
Greenways IV Levy

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

Allocation Guidance:

• 42% for the development of properties purchased by the City
• 33% for land acquisition, specifically including trail connections
• 25% for the ongoing maintenance, operation, and capital replacement needs of park properties and facilities
2022 Greenway Acquisitions

Happy Valley
- Purchased .28 acres adjacent to Happy Valley NP in June 2022 for $615,000 ($415,000 of GW + $200,000 of PIF)

Post Point Heron Rookery
- Purchased May 2022 for $1M using $332,052 of Greenways funds

Hoag’s Pond/Interurban Greenway
- Purchased .23 acre in June 2022 for $35,000
- Purchased .16 acre in November 2022 for $7,205
- Donation of .16 acre in December 2022

Chuckanut Creek
- Purchased 1.5 acres in December 2022 for $550,000
2022 Greenway Acquisitions

East Bear Creek
- Purchased 20 acres of forested wetland for $357,500 to expand existing 80-acre open space site

BNSF Easement
- Permanent access easement at Little Squalicum Park purchased for $19,233

Squalicum Creek Corridor
- Purchased 17.5 acres in September 2022 for $300,000
Acquisition Spending Summary

2022 Spending: $2,168,932

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Acquisition 2017 - 2022

- Total Expenditures: $8.8 M (68%)
- Balance: $4.2 M (32%)
2022 Greenways Development Projects
Development Spending Summary

2022 Spending: $507,621

Levy IV total through 2022

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Total Expenditures $11.6 M 64%
Balance $6.6 M 36%

Development 2017-2022
Maintenance Spending

7 - Trails/Grounds & Facilities staff
4 - Forestry staff
3 - Stewardship staff
## Maintenance Spending Summary

### 2022 Spending: $1,124,198

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### Levy IV Total Expenditures
- **Total Expenditures**: $7.7M
- **Expenditures**: -$75%
- **Balance**: $2.6M
  - **Balance**: $2.6M (25%)
  - **Total Expenditures**: $7.7M (75%)
Greenways Levy IV Spending to Date

Greenways Annual Expenses and Revenues

Actual Fund Expenditures 2017-2022

Expenditure Total: $28,110,653
Greenways Fund
Budgeted Expenses

Levy 4 Fund Balance

- Acquisition: $4,196,208
- Development: $6,593,708
- Maintenance: $2,748,429

Existing Balance: $13,538,345

Budgeted Expenses

- Acquisition: $5,000,000
- Development: $7,025,000
- Maintenance: $3,355,000

2023-2024 Budget: $15,380,000
Looking forward to 2023 and beyond
Properties of Interest

Mapping = targeted acquisitions and streamlining acquisition process

Improving connectivity with review of “green-gray” trail connections

Levy V Priorities
2023 Maintenance Funding

- Repair Arroyo Park bridges
- Additional staff for grounds, trails, and urban forestry
- Fund Stewardship Program
- Volunteer program
- Wetland mitigation and plant maintenance
- Community garden improvements + expansion

Photo: Zach Griffin, 2019
2023 Design & Development

- Pier at Little Squalicum Park construction
- Hundred Acre Wood Phase 1
- Boulevard Park shoreline improvement
- Salish Landing Phase 1 design
Trail Development

- Cordata Park trail, W Stuart Rd to W Horton Rd
- Jills Court, Division St to Telegraph Rd
- Sunset Pond loop trail, Racine St to Iron Gate Rd
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