

Greenways Program and Park Impact Fee Fund 2025 Annual Report

Bellingham City Council

April 27, 2026



Greenways Advisory Committee



Advise 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.

The nine-member volunteer committee evaluates properties, visits properties, makes funding recommendations, and guides the implementation of strategic plan priorities.

2025 Committee members:

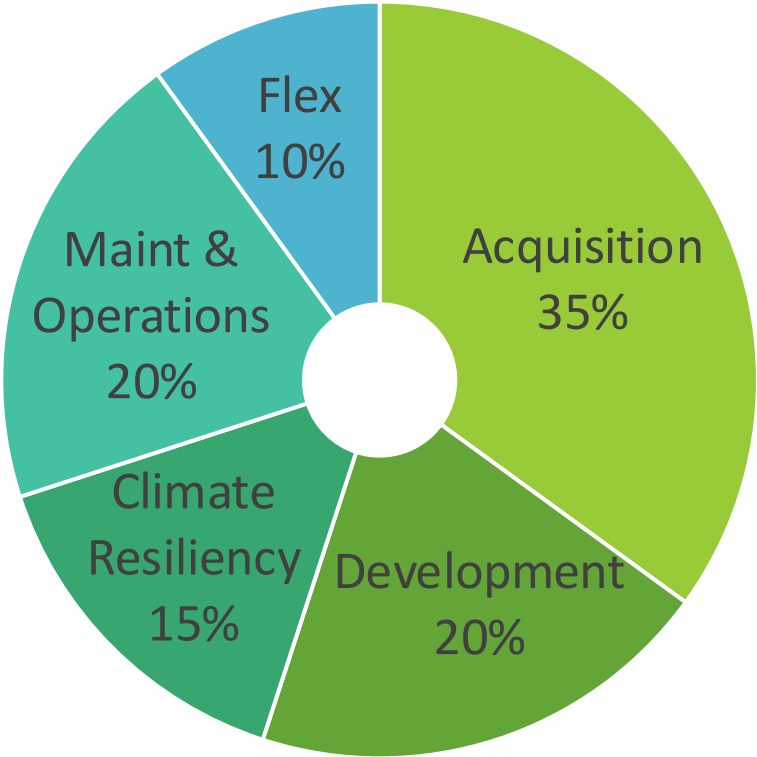
- David Stalheim
- Dina Dickerson
- Kelsey Wylie (Chair)
- Neil Schaner
- Zach Cook (Co-chair)
- Kathy Furtado
- Derek Ormerod
- Council Rep: Skip Williams
- Jacob Stewart
- Kate McDonald
- Sarah Gardner
- Scott Foreman-Murray

Greenways Advisory Committee

2025 work plan

- Review and recommend potential property purchases
- Public trail mapping for PROS Plan
- Site visits and project tours: Sunset Pond, E. Bakerview, King & Queen Mountain O.S., Samish Crest O.S.

Greenways Levy Revenue & Expenditures



2025 Revenue	
Levy Tax	\$9,533,683
Other	\$390,114
Total	\$9,923,797

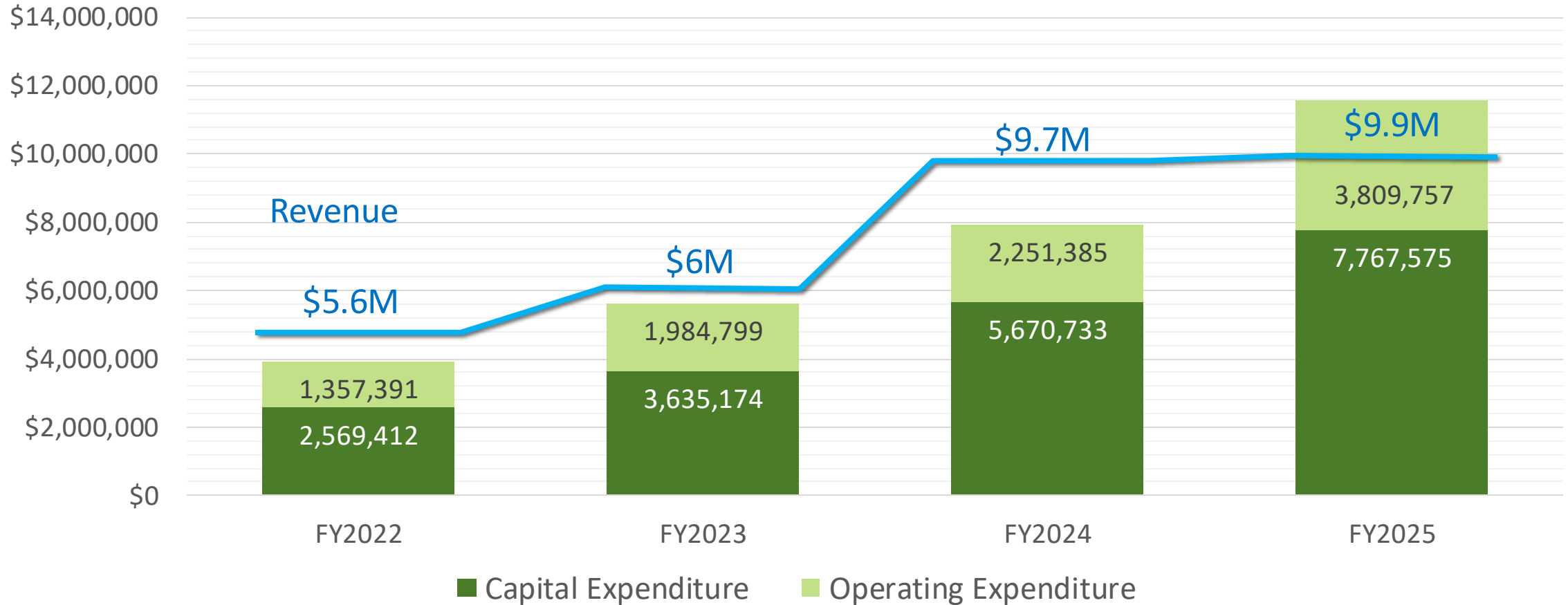
2025 total expenses: \$11.5M

Grant funding of Greenways projects not included in revenue or expenses

Council spending allocation guidelines

Greenways Revenues & Expenditures 2022 - 2025

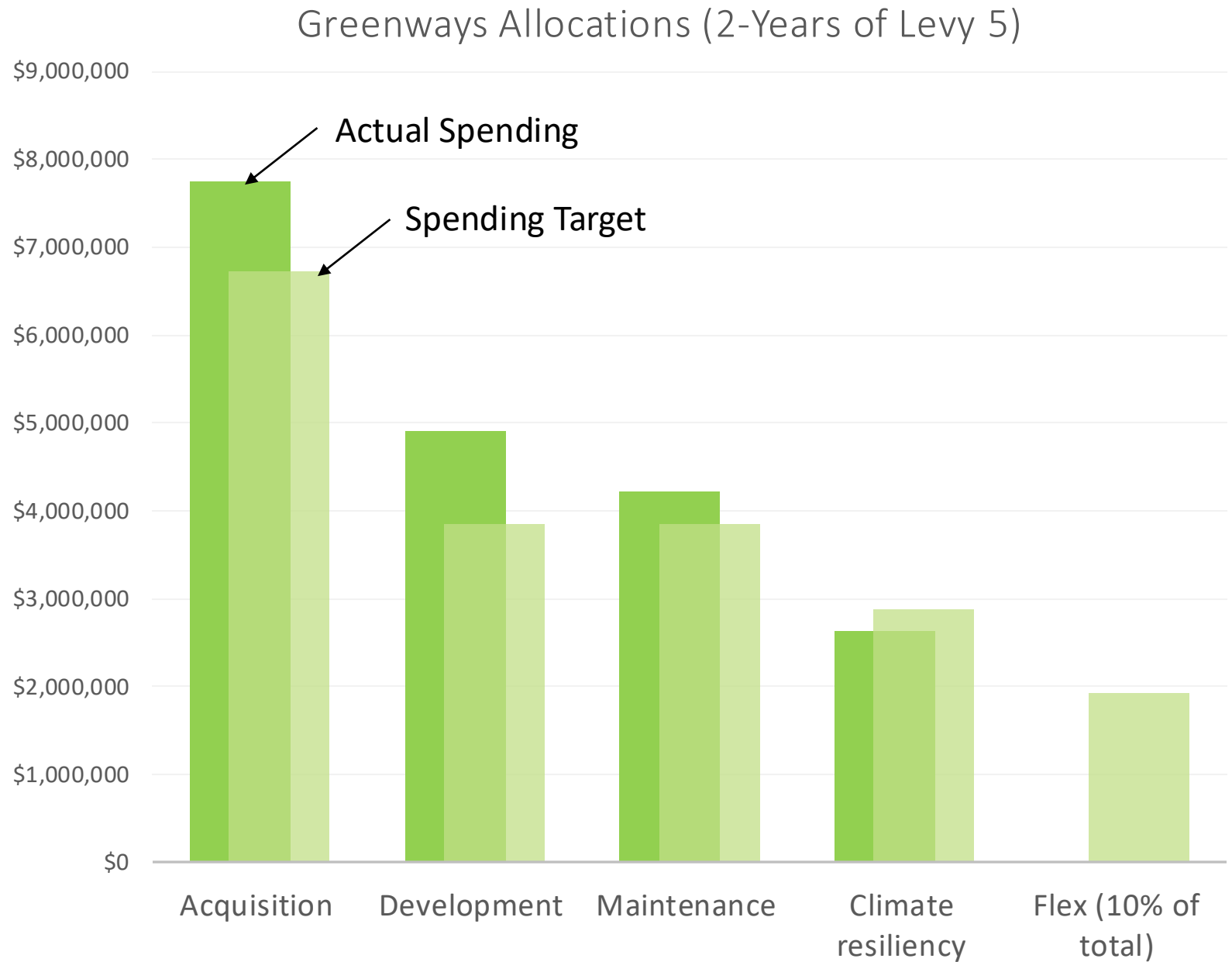
Capital and Operating Expenses over Time



Reserve Balance \$10.1M at end of 2025

Greenways Levy 5

Actual vs.
Target



Acquisition spending summary

Levy 5 (2025)

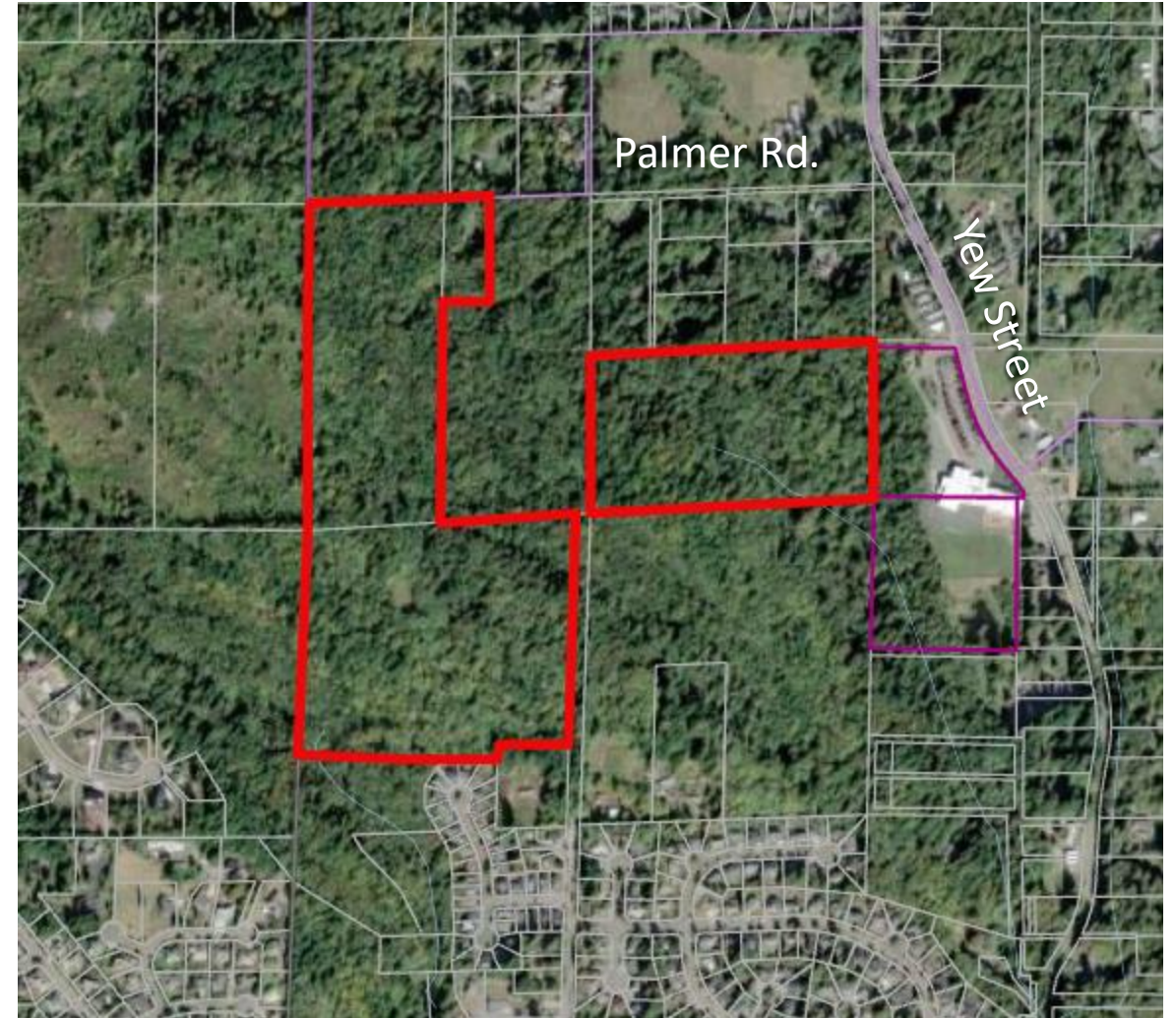
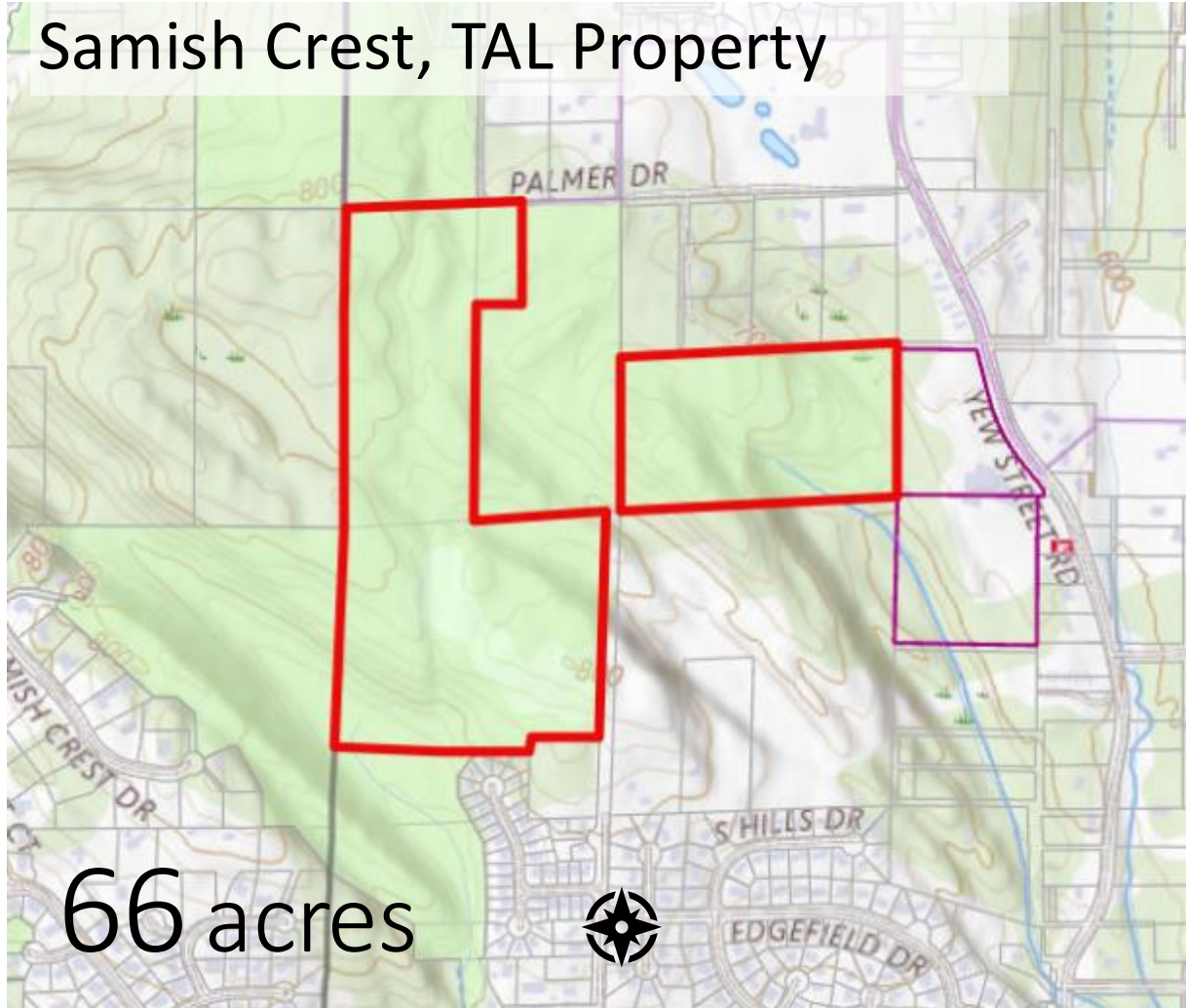
Revenue Target	\$3,473,329
Expenditures	-\$4,081,214
Balance	- \$ 607,885

Greenways 5 allocation guidance:

35% *for land acquisition including the completion of trail connections as designated in the Greenways Strategic Plan and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan*

2025 Greenways property acquisitions

Samish Crest, TAL Property



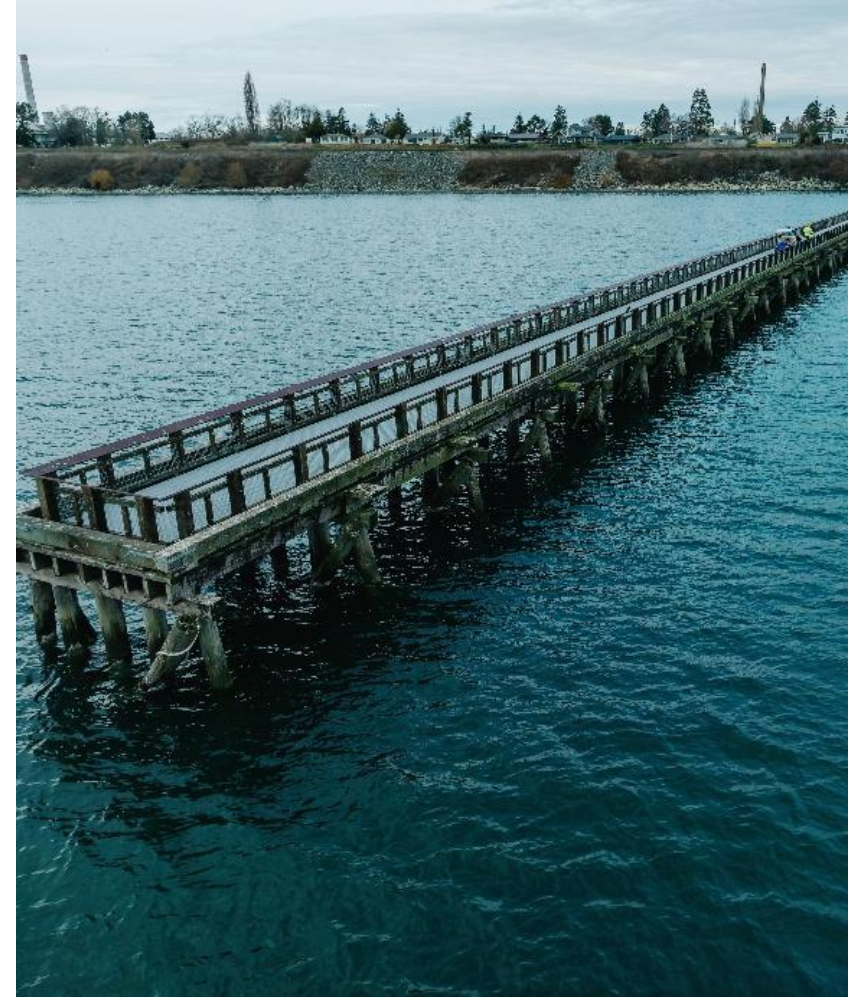
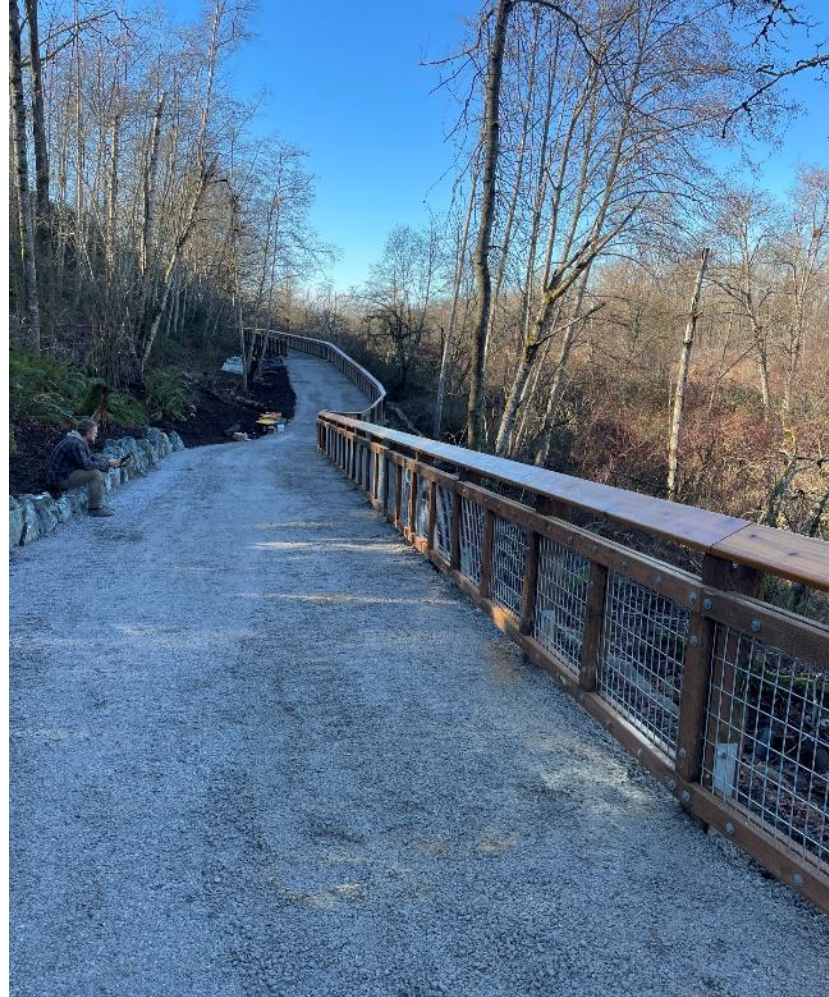
Development spending summary

Levy 5 (2025)

Revenue Target	\$1,984,759
Expenditures	-\$3,496,733
Balance	- \$1,511,973

Greenways 5 allocation guidance:

20% *for the development of properties purchased by the City consistent with the Greenways Strategic Plan and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan*



2025 Greenways Development Spending

Construction: Little Squalicum Pier, Hundred Acre Wood, Sunset Pond Trail Loop

Design: Bear Creek, Cordata Connector, Salish Landing, Primrose Trail

Includes two full-time employees



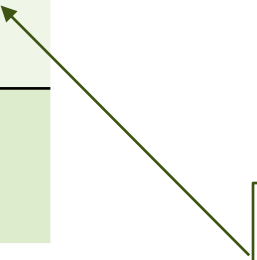
Maintenance spending summary

Levy 5 (2025)

Revenue Target	\$1,984,759
Expenditures	- \$2,610,159
Balance	-\$ 625,400

Greenways 5 allocation guidance:

20% for the ongoing maintenance, operation, and capital replacement needs of park properties and facilities



Staff & operating exp: \$2.5M
Projects: \$132k

2025 Maintenance

Staff:

- 5 FT, 4 seasonal - facilities
- 4 FT - Grounds
- 7 FT, 2 seasonal - trails
- 7 FT - urban forestry

Projects:

- Fairhaven Park sport court
- Maritime Heritage Park boardwalk
- Big Rock Garden fence



Climate resiliency spending summary

Levy 5 (2025)

Revenue Target	\$1,488,570
Expenditures	- \$1,389,226
Balance	\$ 99,343

Greenways 5 allocation guidance:

*15% for reducing emissions and increasing
the climate resiliency of City park
properties and facilities*

Staff: \$720k
Projects: \$670k

2025 Climate



Stewardship Staff

- 4 Full-time
- 1 Part-time/seasonal
- WA Conservation Corps Crew

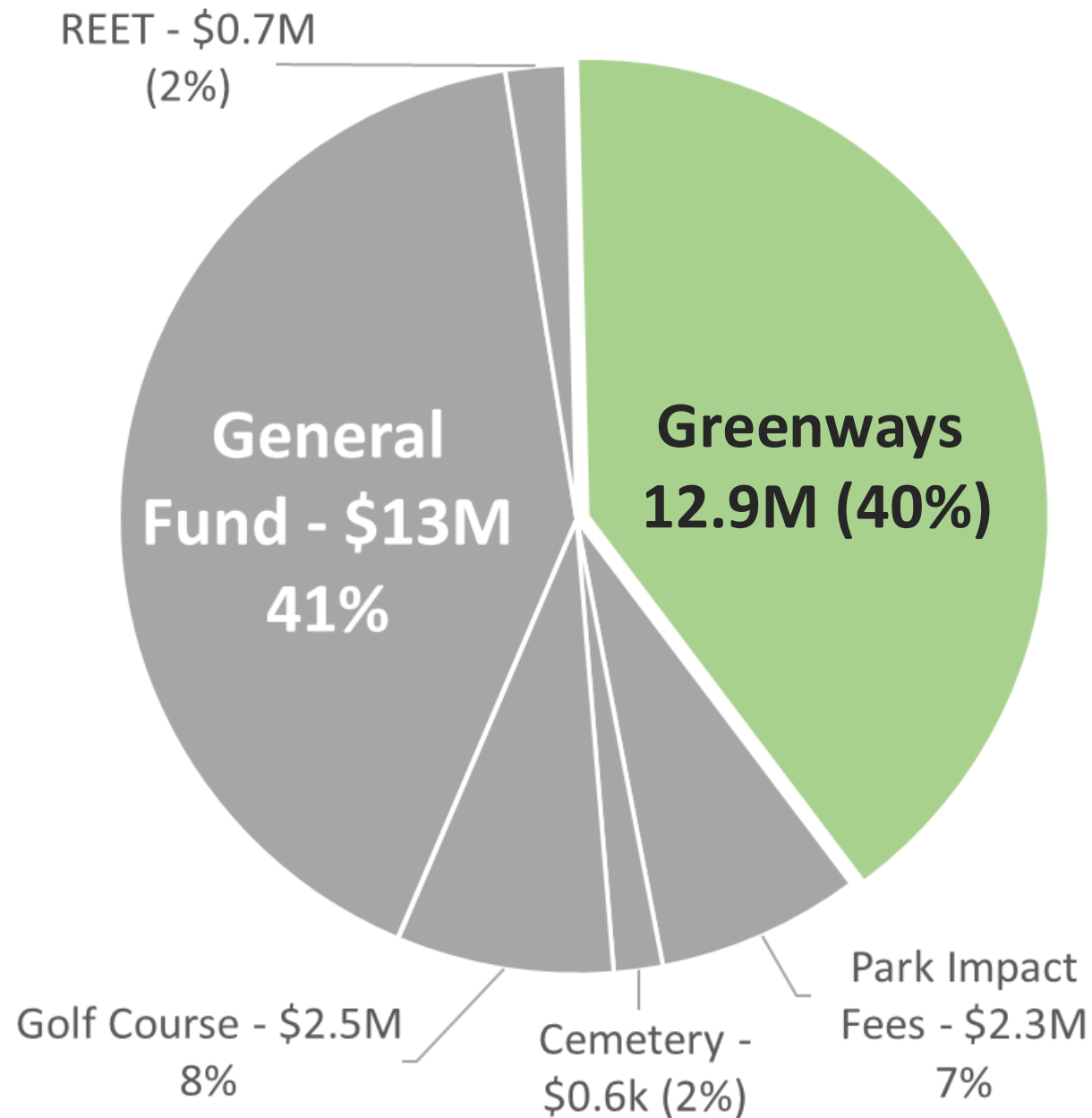
Projects

- Boulevard Park beach enhancement
- Multi-modal trail design: Jills Court Trail, Squalicum Creek Trail
- Roosevelt LED lighting
- Bloedel energy upgrades

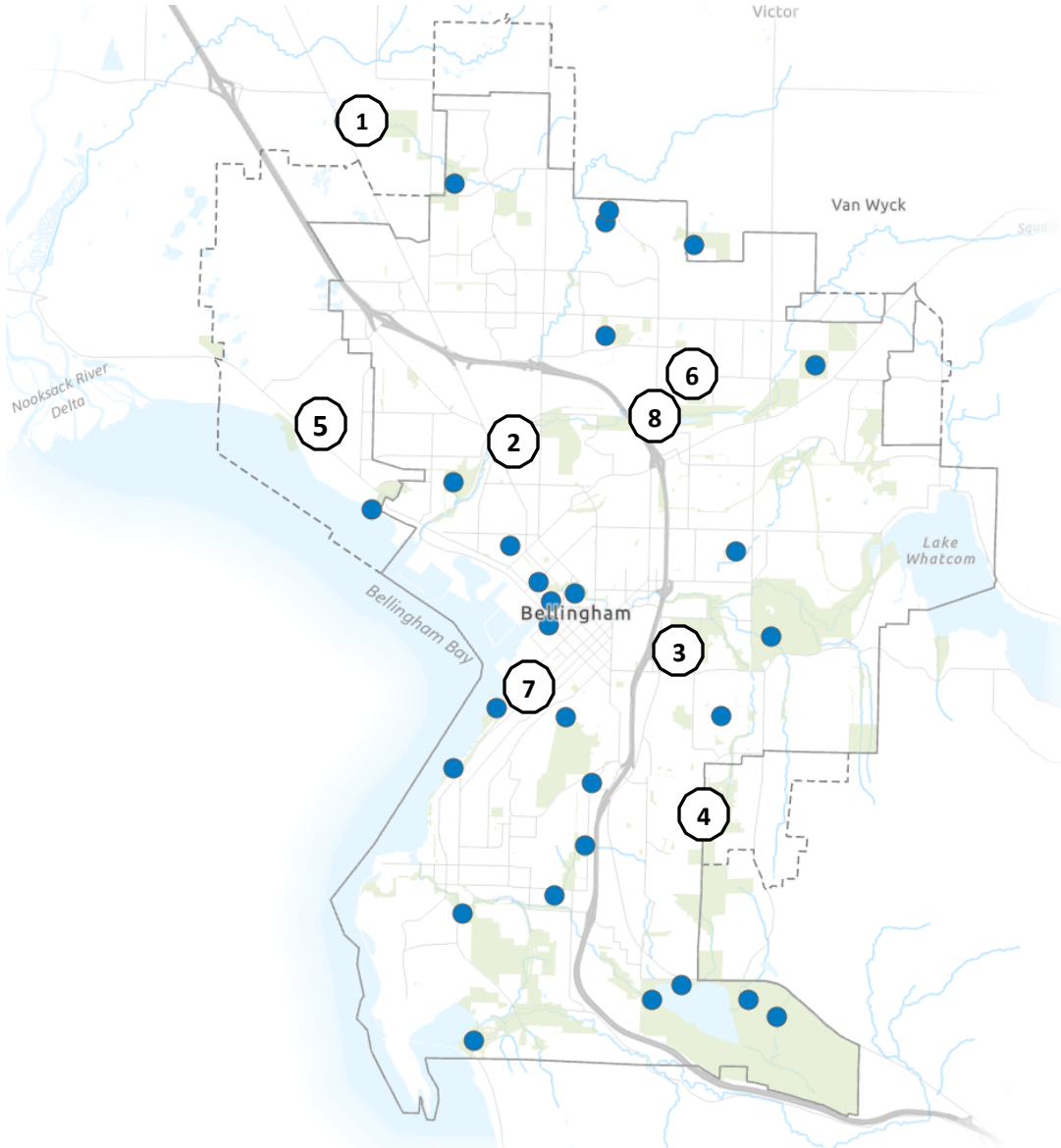


2026 Parks & Recreation Budget

TOTAL ALL FUNDS:
\$32M



2026 Greenways Budgeted Capital: \$6.5M



1. Bear Creek Open Space \$900,000
2. Bay to Baker Design \$550,000
3. Civic Stadium Turf Study \$250,000
4. Samish Crest Trail Plan \$200,000
5. Lockwood Trail Design \$350,000
6. Jill's Ct. Trail Development \$1,500,000
7. Wharf Street Trail Design \$340,000
8. Primrose Ln Trail Design \$150,000

Greenway Land Acquisition \$2,500,000



Park Impact Fee fund

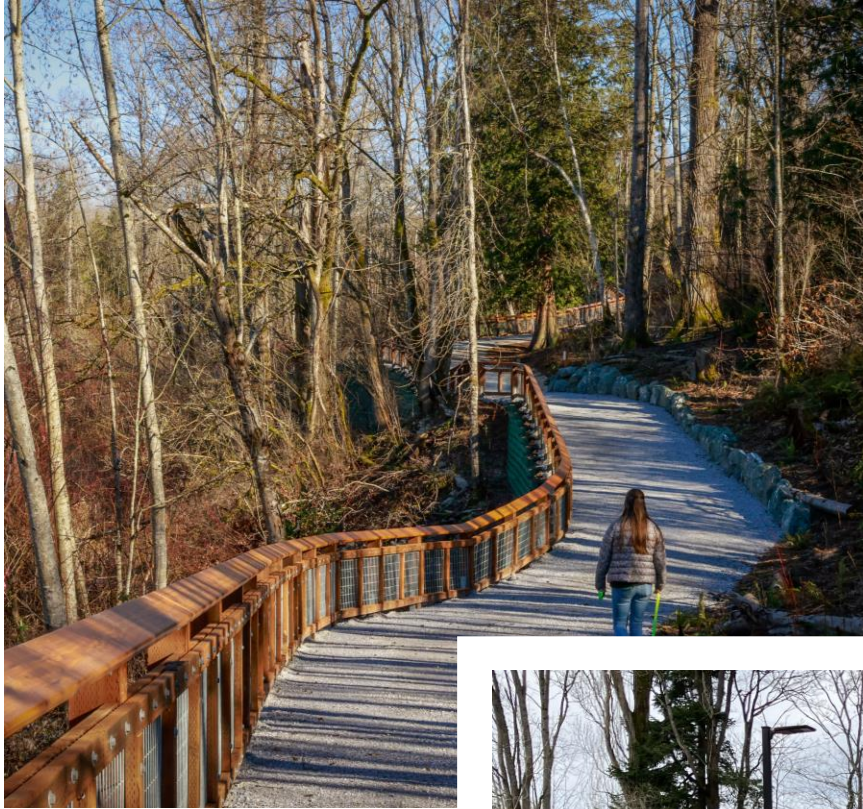
2025 beginning PIF reserve = \$5.78M

Budgeted PIF revenue = \$1.8M

Actual 2025 PIF revenue = \$1.02M

Grant reimbursement = \$861,000

2025 ending PIF reserve: \$2.19M



Total 2025 PIF expenditures: \$4,852,067

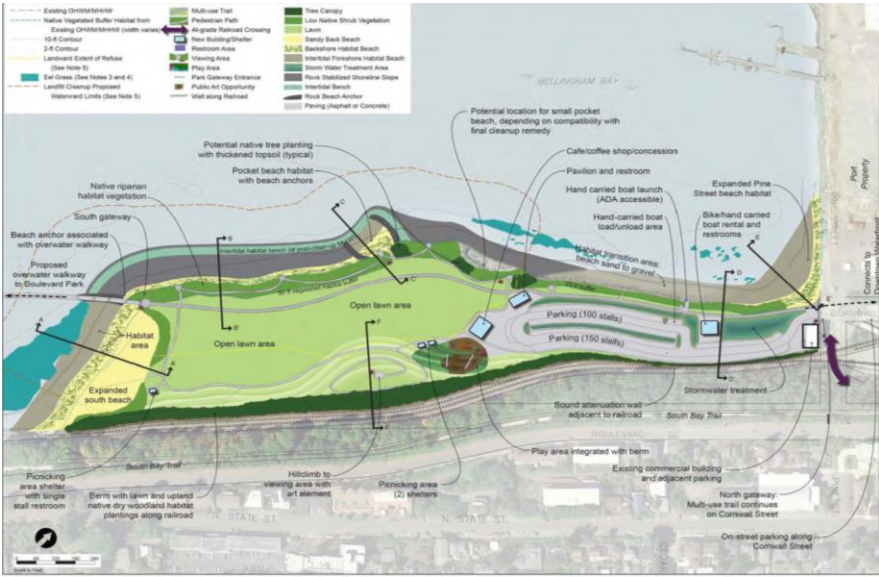
- Storybrook Park \$907,861
- Sportsplex energy upgrades \$1,289,185
- Civic Athletic Complex assessment \$155,564
- Sunset Pond loop trail \$1,146,667
- E Bakerview Neighborhood Park master plan \$62,201
- Cornwall Park sport court \$224,400
- Rock Hill Playground \$83,646
- Bloedel Donovan playground \$441,054
- PROS Plan \$119,457
- Salish Landing \$114,238



2026 PIF funded projects

Budget is \$2.3M

Anticipated revenue \$1.8M



- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan
- Rock Hill Park playground
- Squalicum Creek Park field improvements
- Salish Landing construction
- Fairhaven pavilion & picnic shelter
- Neighborhood park acquisition & projects



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