



# Executive Proposal: 2020-2025 King County Parks Levy

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Bellevue City Council  
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# Presentation Overview

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- Proposal Objectives
- Parks Levy Investments
- Benefits to Residents & Businesses
- Timeline

# THE PROPOSAL WOULD:

*Expand and improve access to the county's 200 parks, 175 miles of regional trails & 28,000 acres of open space.*



*Keep pace with our growing region and keep our parks and trails clean, safe and open.*

# What is the Executive Proposal?

**It generates an estimated \$738 million over the next six years** to expand and connect regional trails, improve access to green space and recreation, and keep the county's parks and trails clean, safe, and open.

**It costs 16.82 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value**

OR

**about \$7 per month - only \$2 more than what residents currently pay** for a home valued at \$500,000. This makes up about 1-1.5% of a residents property tax bill depending on city.

# Goal I: Taking care of what we have

## Operations and Maintenance: \$275M

- 200 Parks
- 175 Miles of regional trails
- 28,000 Acres of open space
- 215 Miles of backcountry trails
- 155,000 Acres of conservation easements

## Active Recreation Repair & Renovation: \$44M

- 5 Heavily used sites
- 11 Ballfield turf replacements
- 6 Play area rehabilitations
- 3 Trailhead access improvements
- 5 + backcountry trail rehabilitations
- 3 sport court and grass ballfield replacements



# Goal 2: Grow and connect regional open space

## Open Space Acquisition/Land Conservation: \$131M

- **\$78M to support King County**
  - for passive recreational uses, regional trails and open space lands
- **\$35M to support King County cities**
  - for active and passive recreational uses, local trails and open space lands
- **\$18M for operations and maintenance**
  - for passive recreation lands acquired by cities or county



## Expanding & Connecting Regional Trails: \$154M

- East Lake Sammamish Trail
- East Lake Sammamish Trail – Redmond Light Rail
- Eastside Rail Corridor
- Foothills Trail
- Green to Cedar Trail
- Green River Trail Extension North
- Interurban South
- Lake to Sound Trail
- Wayne Connector @ Burke-Gilman Trail

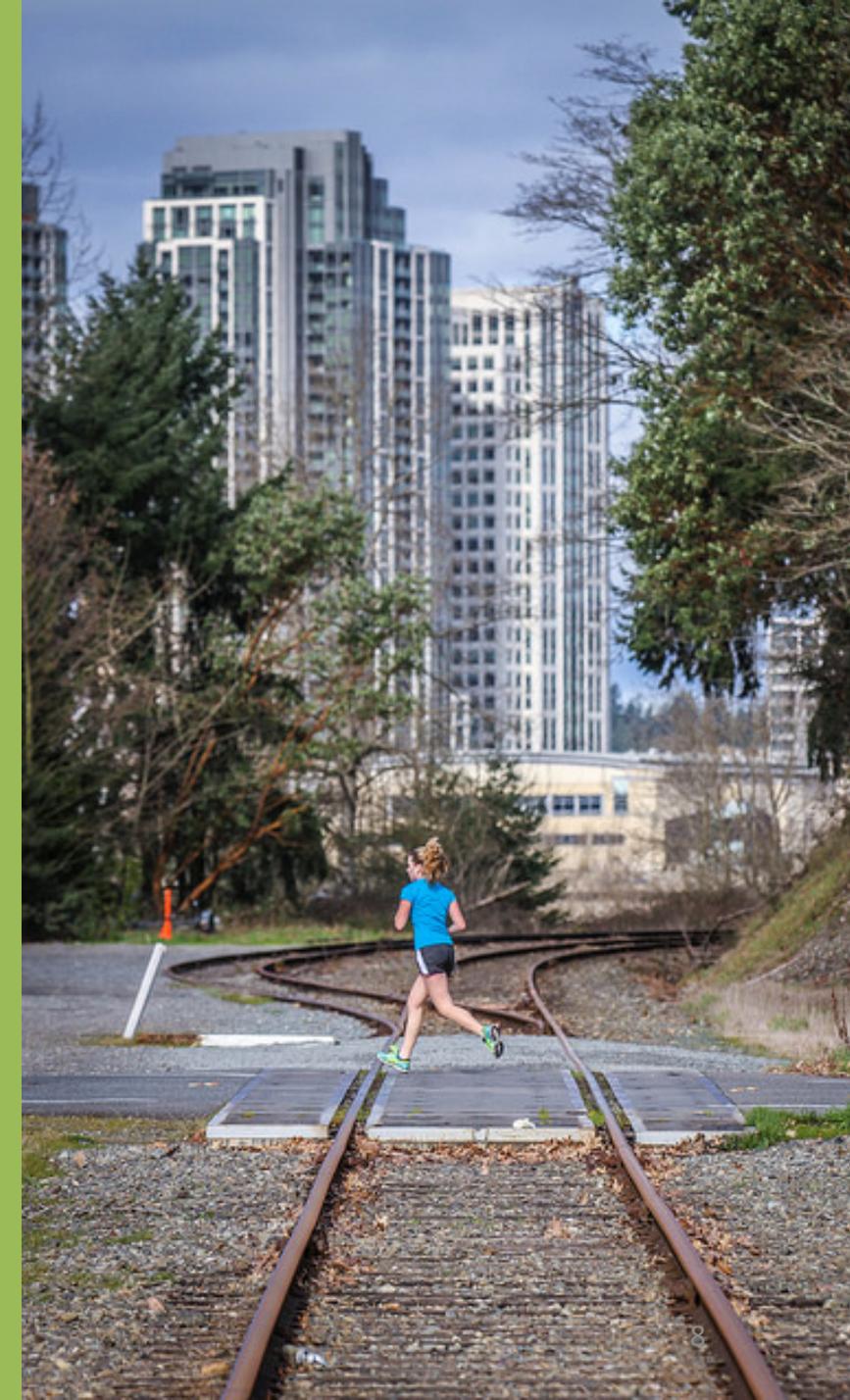
# Goal 3: Improve regional trails & mobility



# Eastside Rail Corridor

- Invests ~\$51M in ERC
- 11.8 miles of the 16 mile King County ERC trail opened
- Connects Bellevue to Kirkland, Redmond and Woodinville
- Enables trail users to access other regional trails

Location	Description
118th connector & 32nd St Trestle	Connects the I-90 trail to the ERC in Bellevue (at 118th street via 32nd street)
Wilburton trestle & North Trestle Gateway	Connects the trails from WSDOT ROW across trestle to SE 5th in Bellevue
NE 8th Street Bridge Crossing	Constructs the bridge crossing over NE 8th St and to the Sound Transit link station in Bellevue
520 Trail Connector	Connects the SR 520 Trail at Northup Way in Bellevue
Woodinville Interim Trail	Builds interim trail from the north end of the Cross Kirkland Corridor to the Redmond Central Connector and continues north to 145th Street in Woodinville
145th Street Crossing	Creates a safe crossing at 145th St and SR202 in Woodinville





# Goal 2: Make parks and recreation more accessible

## **KC Cities Pass Through Funding: \$60M**

- For any local parks and recreation purpose
- Listened to our cities and increased funding by ~70 %
- Bellevue allocation: ~\$4.4M

## **Community Partnership & Grants Program: \$9M**

- Continues work w/partners on new & enhanced public rec facilities
- Expanded to cities

## **Targeted Equity Grant Program: \$6M**

- New grant program
- Focused on improve access to parks & recreation in underserved areas

## **Woodland Park Zoo: \$36M**

- Continue environmental education and conservation programs

## **Seattle Aquarium: \$8M**

- Capital construction of the Ocean Pavilion

# Benefits to Residents and Businesses

- ✓ Access to more open space and backcountry trails
- ✓ Access to regional facilities like Marymoor Park and King County Aquatic Center
- ✓ More grants and direct pass through investments
- ✓ Flexibility with city acquisitions: open space and active recreation
- ✓ Investments in mobility: connecting trails to cities and transit



# Process & Timeline

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- ✓ February 2019 - Executive proposal transmitted to King County Council (KCC)
  - Dual committee referral: Regional Policy Committee and Budget & Fiscal Management Committee
- March thru April 2019 – In committees
- End of April – KCC action needed to adopt ballot measure for Parks Levy
- August 6, 2019 – Election date



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Thank you!