

P-AD-82: Park & Open Space Acquisition

Category: High Quality Built & Natural Environment

Status: Ongoing

Department: Parks & Community Services

Location: Citywide

Programmed Expenditures

<u>Programmed Expenditures</u>	<u>Appropriated To Date</u>	<u>FY 2023 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2024 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2025 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2026 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2027 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2028 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2029 Budget</u>
29,786,625	16,963,625	1,575,000	1,654,000	1,736,000	1,823,000	1,914,000	2,010,000	2,111,000

Description and Scope

This project provides resources to acquire park and open space property throughout the City. The overall goal is to acquire land that complements the existing park system, to increase public access to the waterfront, preserve open space and natural areas, protect water quality, increase trail connectivity and create opportunities for new neighborhood parks. The 2022 Parks & Open Space System Plan identifies needs throughout Bellevue to provide additional parks and open space. Specific acquisition targets include, but are not limited to, neighborhood properties that increase walkable access to parks such the Eastgate neighborhood, properties that promote access to the Eastside Rail Corridor and Lake-to-Lake Trail connections, downtown Bellevue, the BelRed and Wilburton commercial areas, along Lake Sammamish, and acquisitions that support the Grand Connection.

Rationale

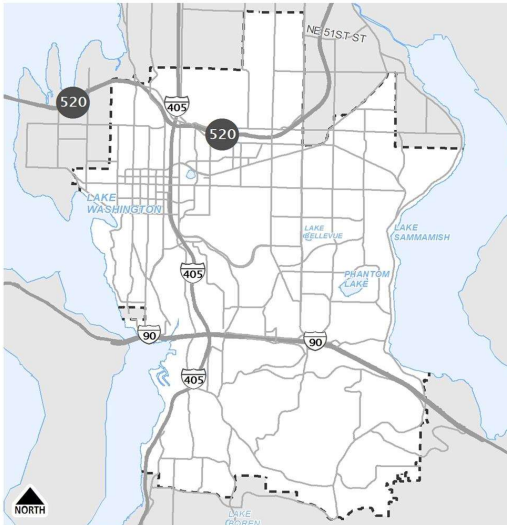
Available open space is disappearing as land in Bellevue is developed for other uses. Where increases in population are occurring due to development or redevelopment, there is increased demand for additional parkland. It is incumbent upon the City to identify and satisfy this demand before the available parkland disappears. This project is a high priority to meet the needs identified in the adopted 2022 Parks and Open Space System Plan. It will enable the City to react to opportunities that require immediate action and will help to ensure that adequate open space will be available to meet growing demands for both active and passive recreation.

Environmental Impacts

Property acquisition is generally exempt from SEPA review. Among other things, this project prioritizes the preservation of critical open spaces such as streams, wetlands, forests, and habitats.

Operating Budget Impacts

There are no significant operating costs to support property Acquisition. Park acquired property is assessed and maintained to assure public safety when a property is identified.

Project Map**Schedule of Activities**

Project Activities	From - To	Amount
Project Costs	Ongoing	29,786,625

Total Budgetary Cost Estimate: 29,786,625

Means of Financing

Funding Source	Amount
Parks Levy	4,443,798
Parks REET	7,198,613
Grant	1,932,401
Interlocal	7,827,104
Rents and Leases	841,701
Misc revenue	7,509,387

Sale of Fixed Assets 33,621

Total Programmed Funding: 29,786,625

Future Funding Requirements: -

FY2023-2029

Comments