



City Council Agenda Bill

20385

Bill Number

Subject: Resolution authorizing the City to apply for a grant to develop the Squalicum Creek/Bay to Baker Trail

Summary Statement: The Parks and Recreation Department requests Council approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to make formal application in 2014 for a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant to assist in funding the Squalicum Creek / Bay to Baker Trail project. This project includes constructing a multi-use trail on the old railroad grade from Orchard Place to Irongate Road within the Squalicum Creek Corridor. If successful, it is anticipated the grant funds would be available for trail construction to begin sometime in the second half of 2015.

Previous Council Action: Budget approval for design and acquisition of the Squalicum/Bay to Baker Trail Corridor

Fiscal Impact: The preliminary construction cost estimate for the trail is \$1.5 million and the City can apply for up to a 50% grant with the required local project match coming from the Greenway III Levy and Park Impact Fees

Funding Source: Greenway III Levy and Park Impact Fees

Attachments: Council Resolution
Vicinity Map
Project Map

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing Vote Requested	4/21/2014	Pass Resolution	James King, Parks Director	5 minutes

Recommended Motion: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Council Committee:
Parks and Recreation Committee

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Reviewed By	Department	Date
<i>James G. King</i>	Parks	04/04/2014
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<i>Alan A. Marriner</i>	Legal	04/09/2014
<i>Kelli J. Linville</i>	Executive	04/15/2014

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR A WASHINGTON WILDLIFE AND RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR SQUALICUM CREEK/BAY TO BAKER TRAIL

WHEREAS, the City has approved a comprehensive parks and recreation plan or habitat conservation plan that includes this project; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), state grant assistance is requested to aid in financing the cost of facility development; and

WHEREAS, the City considers it in the best public interest to complete the Squalicum Creek/Bay to Baker Trail Project described in the application;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM THAT:

1. The Mayor is authorized to make formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for grant funding assistance for a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program project as provided in Chapter 79A.15 RCW, Acquisition of Habitat Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Lands, WAC 286 and subsequent Legislative action;

2. Any grant assistance received will be used for direct costs associated with implementation of the Squalicum Creek/Bay to Baker Trail Project;

3. The City hereby certifies that our matching share of project funding will be derived from Greenways III Levy funds and Park Impact Fees and that the City is responsible for supporting all non-cash commitments to this project should they not materialize;

4. The City acknowledges that the grant assistance, if approved, will be paid on a reimbursement basis, meaning the City will only request payment from the Recreation and Conservation Office after eligible and allowable costs have been incurred and payment remitted to the City's vendors, and that the Recreation and Conservation Office will hold retainage until the project is deemed complete;

5. The City acknowledges that any facility developed through grant assistance from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board must be reasonably maintained and made available to the general public at reasonable hours and times of the year according to the type of area or facility unless other restrictions have been agreed to by the Recreation and Conservation Office Director or the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board;

6. The City acknowledges that any facility developed with grant assistance from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board must be dedicated for public outdoor recreation purposes, and be retained and maintained for such use for perpetuity unless otherwise provided and agreed to by the City and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board;

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7. This resolution becomes part of a formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for grant assistance; and
8. The City provided appropriate opportunity for public comment on this application.

PASSED by the Council this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Council President

APPROVED by me this _____ day of _____, 2014.

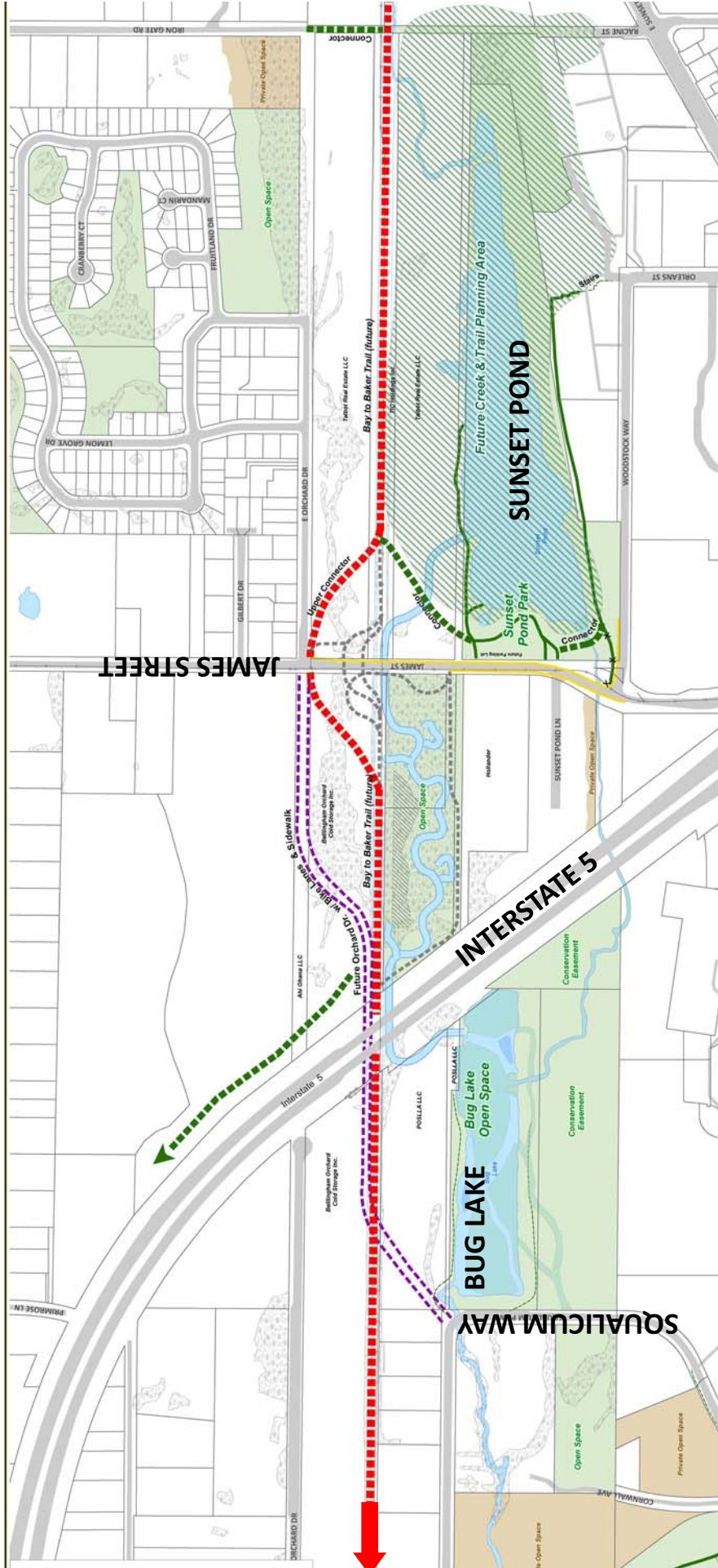
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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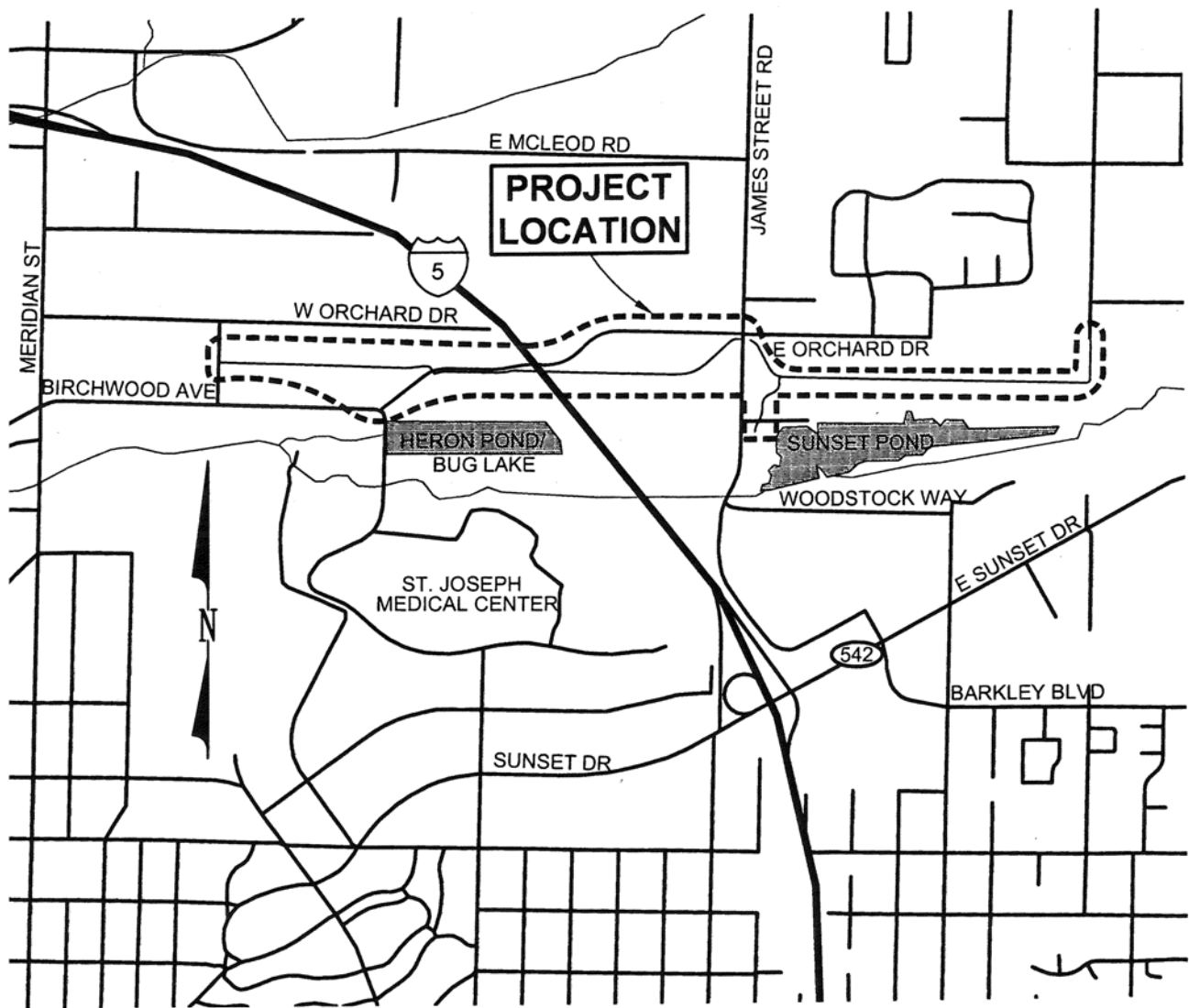
Project Map

Squalicum Creek/Bay to Baker Trail

April 21, 2014

Map Legend

- - - - - Bay to Baker Trail Proposed (Grant)
- - - - - Future Trail Connectors
- - - - - Future Orchard Drive



VICINITY MAP
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Squalicum Creek/Bay to Baker Trail

April 21, 2014