

Greenways Advisory Committee focus areas in 2024

Below are staff suggestions based on Committee discussion at the January meeting. These could be themes for the committee to work on or subcommittee recommendations to the full committee.

- Wayfinding/signage/branding – related to green-grey connections, route naming and branding, markings/signage locations, Map route including on street connections for pedestrians and bikes, eg., Padden to Whatcom Falls, Bloedel to King Mountain, Little Squalicum to Cordata, Civic Field to downtown waterfront, etc. Publish route guides and recommendations to improve connectivity.
- Formalize critical social trails, recommend naming, identify safety issues, maintenance issues. Report at end for each corridor selected, with trail recommendations.
- Equity – Focus on access. What areas of the city have limited access to parks, trails, open spaces and what are the barriers - Level of Service changes since 2020. Neighborhoods, Corridors, etc. Include maintenance of parks and trails across the park system. What are other metrics that can be used to measure parks and Greenways equity?
- Community garden needs – Phase I: potential site selection, deliverable: Feasibility list of existing public sites that are suitable for gardens or expansion. Phase II: public outreach plan to solicit interest and need are supported.
- Street tree needs map – View in context of existing City maintained street trees.
- Climate resiliency – Bike and Ped Plan review for critical road crossings, trail linkages, and park routes.
- Greenways speaker/education series – Recreation team has speaker series. Suggestion for authors/experts to speak/teach on Greenways