

Greenways Program 2023 Annual Report

Greenways Advisory Committee

March 7, 2024



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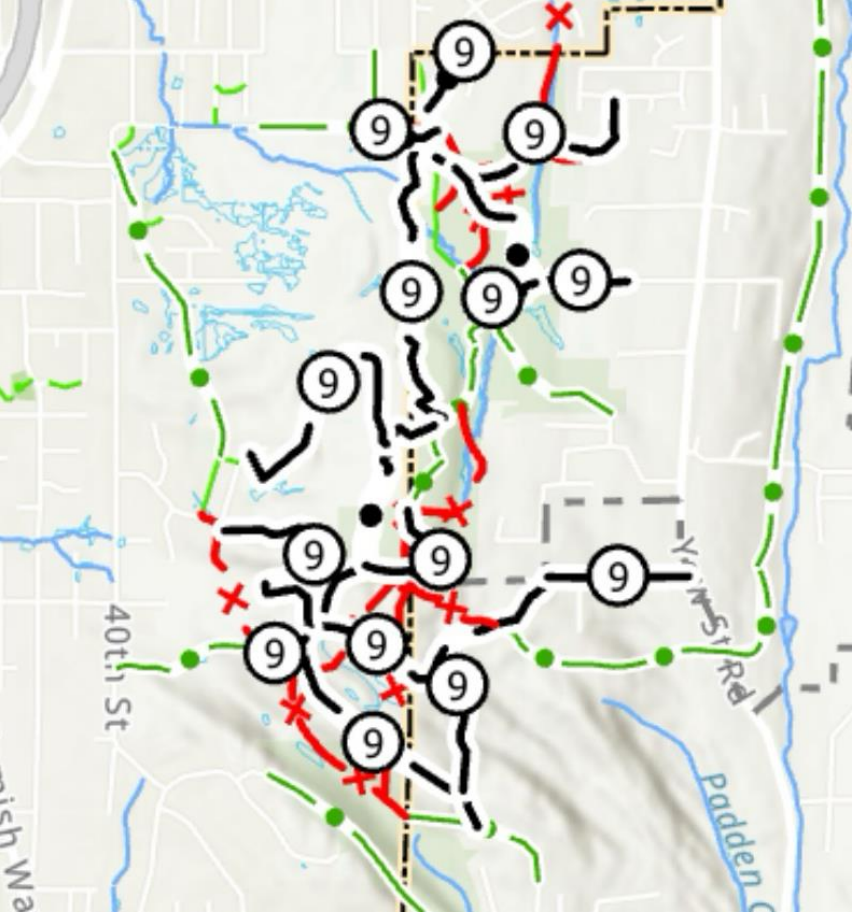
“To provide citizen advice to the City Council and the Parks & Recreation Department on implementing the intent and objectives of the greenway levies in a manner that best addresses current opportunities, conditions and needs.” (BMC 2.20.040)

The nine-member volunteer committee evaluate properties, develop maps, take field trips, and guide the implementation of strategic plan priorities.

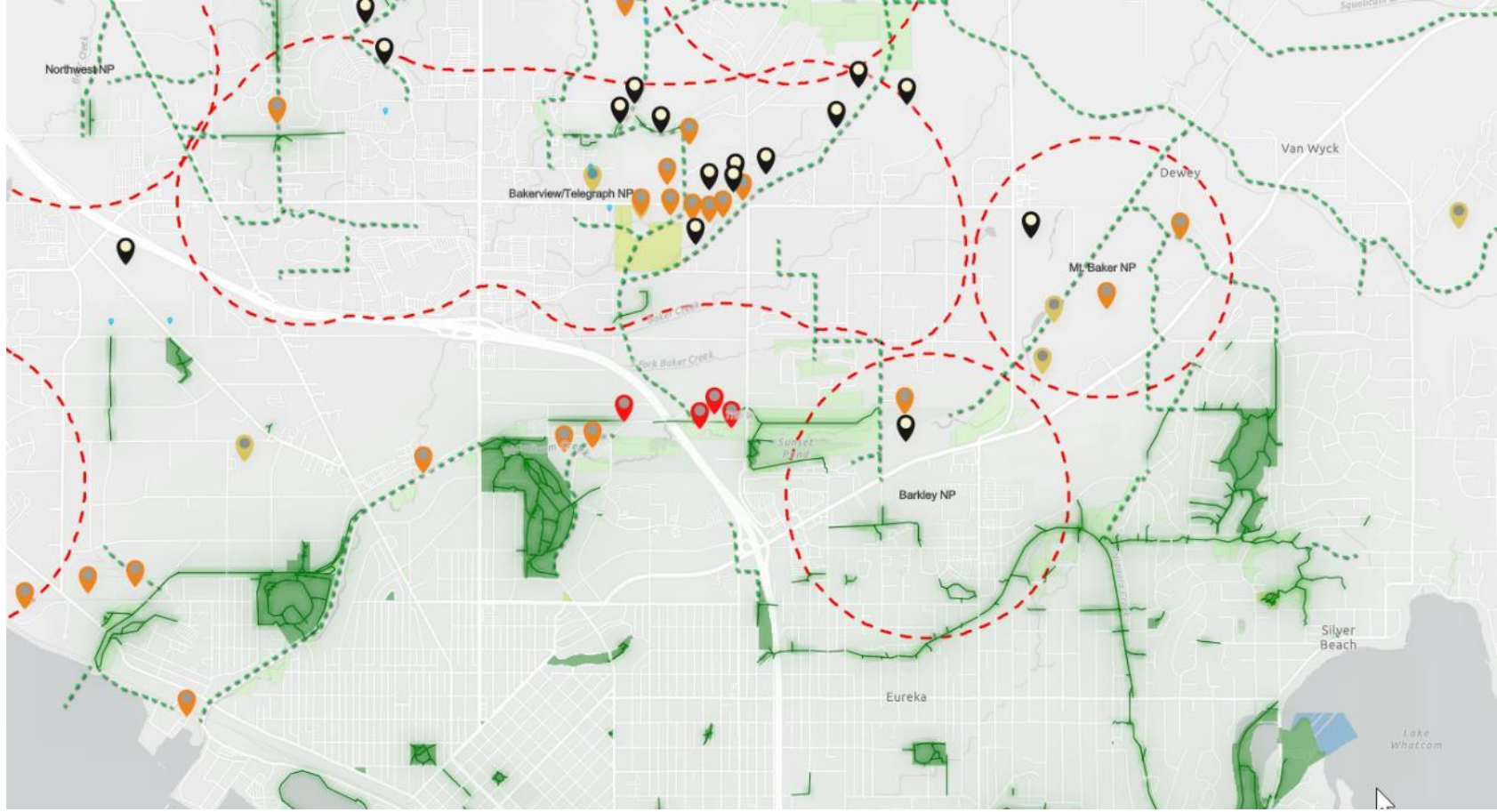
Greenways Advisory Committee

- Neil Schaner (Chair)
- Sarah Gardner (Vice-Chair)
- Jacob Stewart
- Dina Dickerson
- Scott Foreman-Murray
- Kate McDonald
- Caleb Savage
- David Stalheim
- Kelsey Wylie
- Council rep: Skip Williams





PRO Plan Amendment



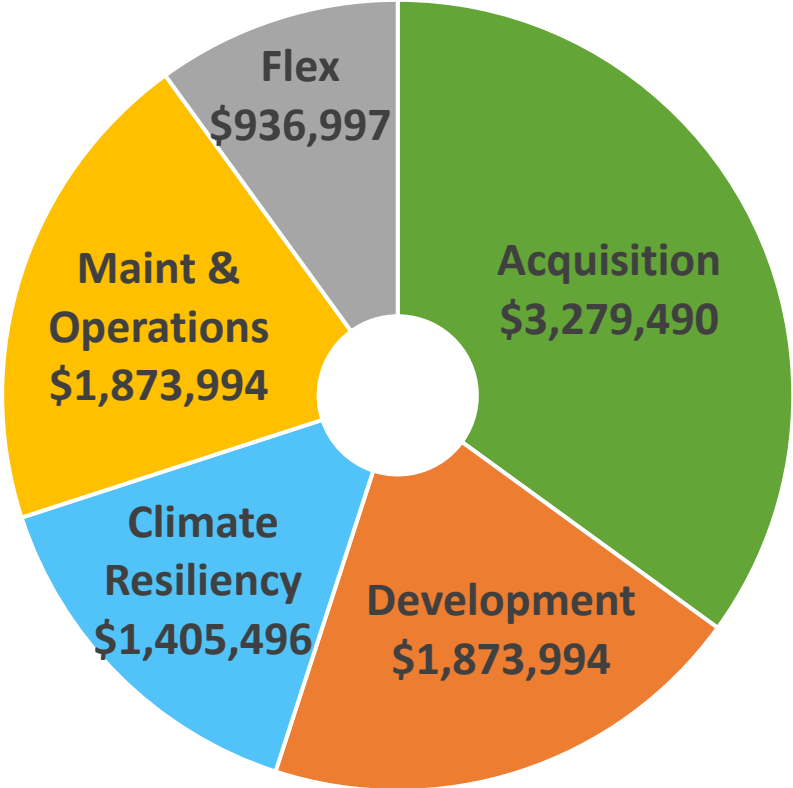
Properties of Interest Map

Greenways Advisory Committee Highlights

Greenways 5 Levy



2024 Anticipated Greenways 5 Revenue



Greenways Advisory Committee

2024 Actions

- Continued Review of Acquisition and Development Opportunities
- Trail Connections and Wayfinding
- Climate Resiliency Definition and Actions
- Equity Definition
- Community Gardens
- Urban Trees Needs Mapping



2023 Greenways Property Acquisitions

Greenways 4 allocation guidance:

*33% for land acquisition, including
trail connections*

6 properties

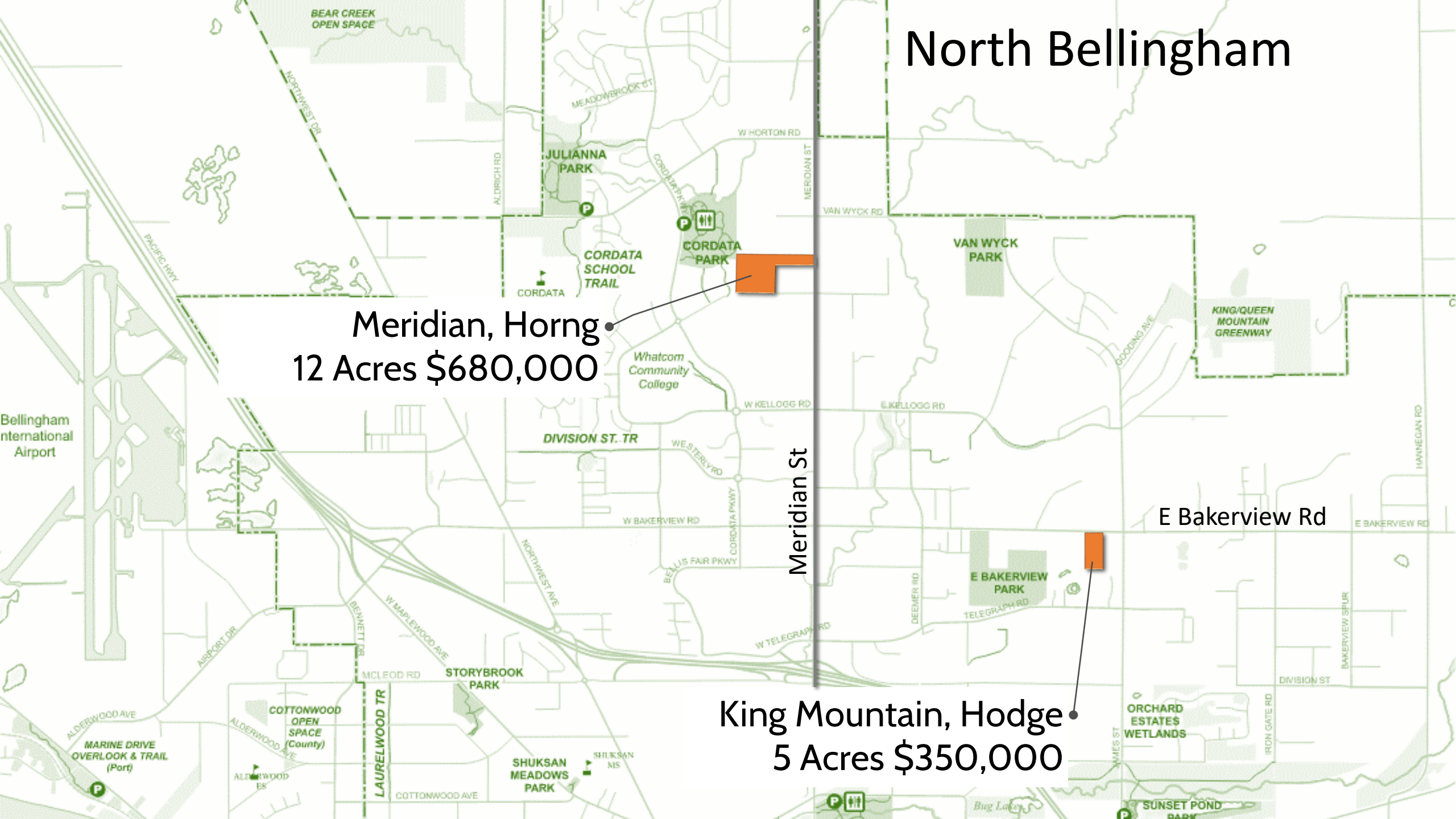
38 acres



North Bellingham

Meridian, Horng •
12 Acres \$680,000

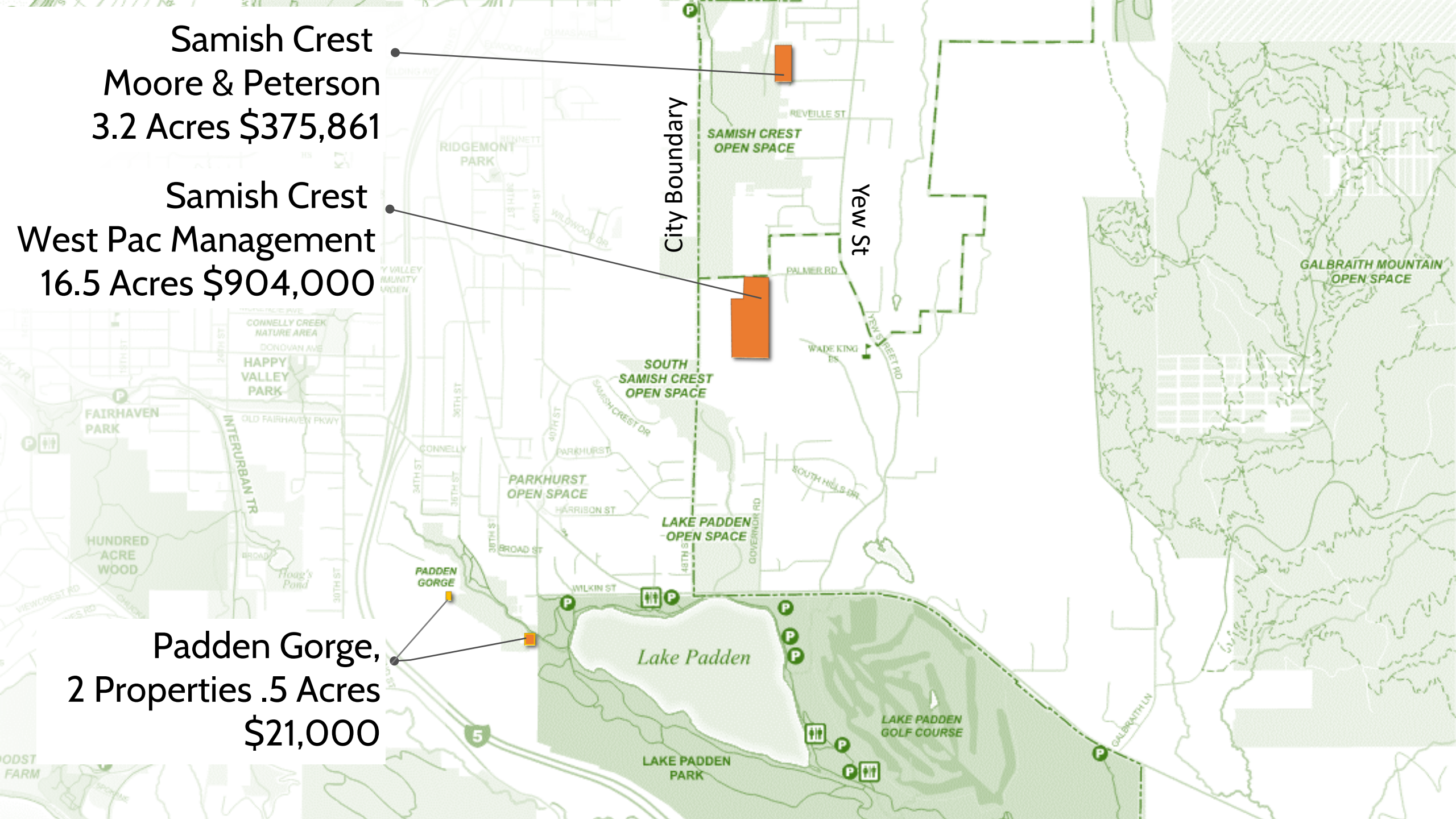
King Mountain, Hodge •
5 Acres \$350,000



Samish Crest
Moore & Peterson
3.2 Acres \$375,861

Samish Crest
West Pac Management
16.5 Acres \$904,000

Padden Gorge,
2 Properties .5 Acres
\$21,000



Acquisition Spending Summary

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2023 Budget: \$ 2,500,000

Expenditures: \$ 2,479,000

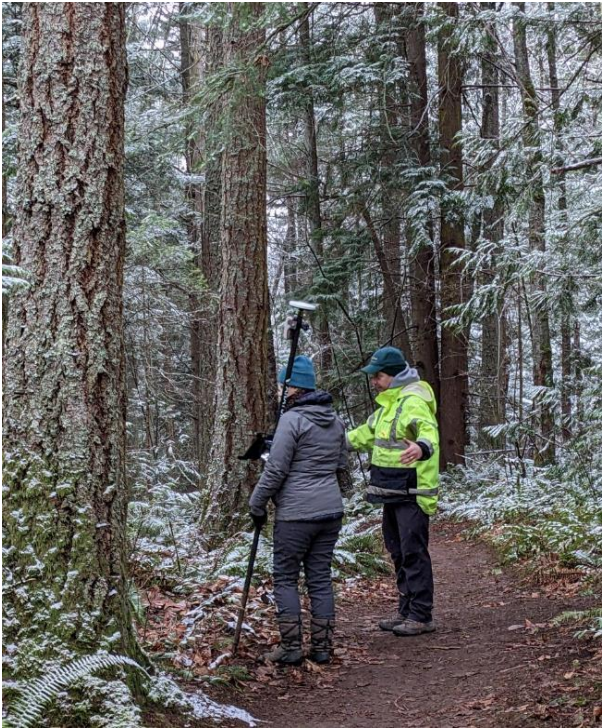
Balance: \$ 21,000

Levy 4 (2017 – 2023)

Revenue	\$ 14,832,273*
Expenditures	-\$ 11,290,047
Balance	\$ 3,542,226

* Includes carry over from Levy 3 balance

2023 Greenways Development



Greenways 4 allocation guidance:
42% for the development of properties purchased by the City

Development Spending Summary

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2023 Budget: \$2,715,000

Expenditures: \$ 1,303,000

Balance: \$1,412,000

Levy 4 (2017-2023)

Revenue	\$ 20,468,348*
Expenditures	-\$12,877,374
Balance	\$ 7,590,974

* Includes carry over from Levy 3 balance

2023 Maintenance

Greenways 4 allocation guidance:

25% for the ongoing maintenance, operation, and capital replacement needs of park properties and facilities

12 – Trails, Grounds & Facilities staff

4 - Forestry staff

4 - Stewardship staff

2 – Americorp volunteers

Includes 5 partially funded staff



Stewardship Program



Community Gardens



Wetland Mitigation - Parks



Park Ambassadors



Volunteer Program

- 112 Community work parties with 5,516 volunteers
- 605 Yards of invasive species removed
- Planted 8,054 native plants and 461 yards of mulch
- 955 Students in our school environmental education programs



Maintenance Spending Summary

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2023 Budget: \$ 1,690,000

Expenditures: \$ 1,643,000

Balance: \$ 47,000

Levy 4 (2017-2023)

Revenue	\$ 10,416,476*
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Expenditures	- \$ 9,104,890
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Balance	\$ 1,311,585
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* Includes carry over from Levy 3 balance

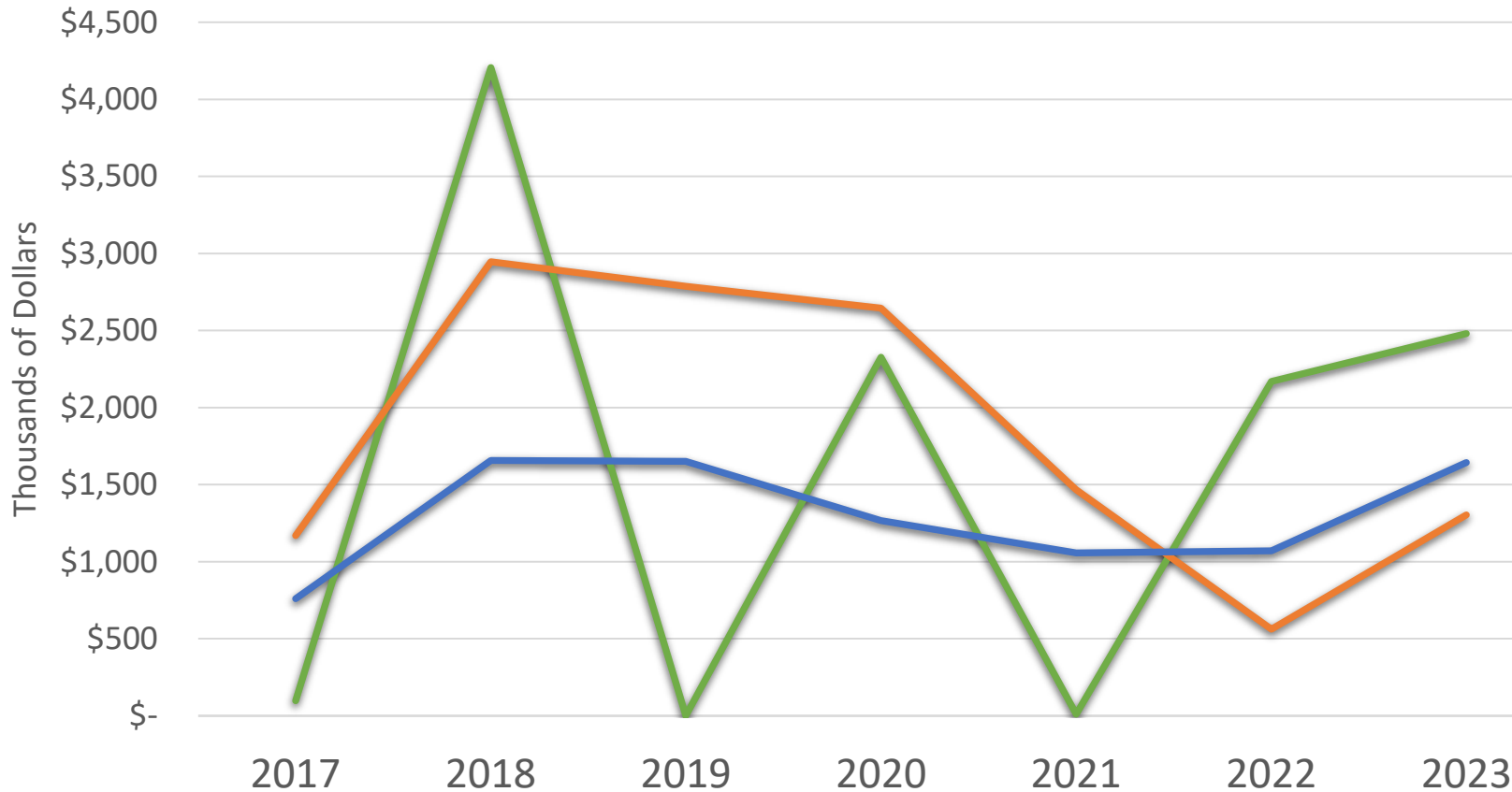
Greenways Levy 4 Summary

Total Revenue*

\$45M

Expenditures

Spending by Levy Category Over Time



Acquisition

Maintenance

Development

Levy 4 Total

\$11.3M 33%

\$9.1M 27%

\$12.9M 39%

\$33.3M 100%

*Revenue includes carry over from Levy 3 balance

Greenways Fund Balance and Revenue

Existing balance:

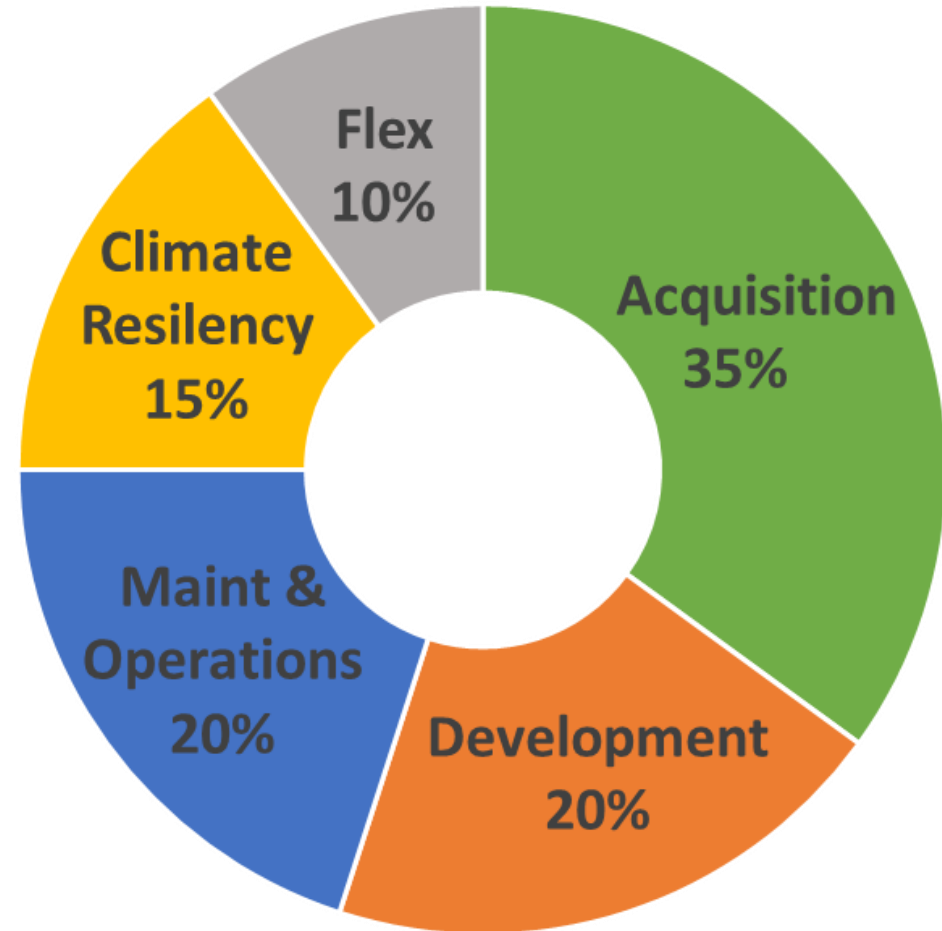
\$12.5M

Projected 2024 levy revenue:

\$9.3M

Adopted 2024 GW budget:

(\$12.9M)



Levy 5 Spending Categories

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. The trees are tall and thin, with their leaves in various shades of autumn colors, including bright orange, red, and yellow. The path is light-colored and leads towards a small, dark structure or marker in the distance. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

Looking forward to 2024 and beyond...

2024 Greenways Projects

- Pier at Little Squalicum Park
- Hundred Acre Wood Phase 1
- Boulevard Park shoreline improvement
- Salish Landing Phase 1 design
- Community garden improvements
- Fairhaven Park sport court repairs
- Woodstock Farm fencing and cultural resources management plan
- Arroyo Park trail bridge
- Bloedel Donovan community building reroof
- Maritime Heritage Park boardwalk rehab and trail decommissioning
- Bear Creek Open Space trailhead

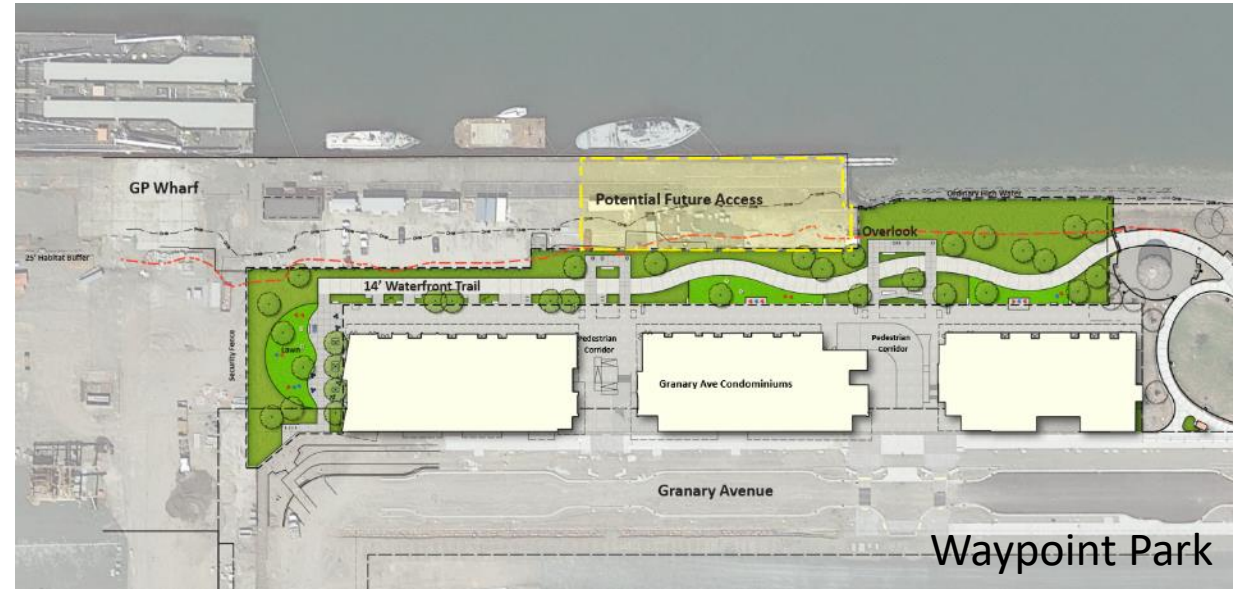


A lush forest scene with a stream, moss-covered trees, and a wooden walkway. The background is a dense forest with a stream flowing through it. The trees are covered in moss, and the ground is covered in fallen leaves and rocks. A wooden walkway with a metal railing is visible in the background.

2024 Maintenance Funding

Additional staff for:

- Facilities maintenance
- Graffiti/vandalism response
- Urban forestry
- Supervision





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