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Project Name: No more than six words	Broadway Hill Park
Project Type:	Development
Project Location: Insert address. Please remember that Development Projects must be on public property.	500 Federal Avenue East (NE corner at East Republican Street)
Attach Site Location Map here	 Broadway Hill Park_Site Location Map_11x17.pdf
Attach Site Photos here (up to 4 photos)	 Broadway Hill Park_Site Photos_11x17.pdf
Property Owner: If known, name and contact information for private owner, or corporation or business; or public entity of project to be developed/acquired	Seattle Parks and Recreation
Neighborhood:	Capitol Hill (Urban Village), Seattle, WA 98102
Brief Project Description: Please give a brief description of the project in 100 words or less	Since March 2010, Capitol Hill residents have been working to transform the empty lot at Federal Ave E and E Republican St into an inviting, vibrant park, and community garden space. The neighbors formed Friends of Fed Rep Park, obtained two Small and Simple grants from the Department of Neighborhoods, and hired Site Workshop to develop a design for the property. Based on community input (5 public meetings and an online survey, Site Workshop created a design that reflects the diverse needs and interests of the neighborhood. We propose implementing this design through the construction of the newly-named "Broadway Hill Park."
Anticipated Project Costs:	\$750,000.00
Other Project Funding: Amount of additional leveraging, grants	\$11,000.00

Attach Budget here:	 Broadway Hill Park Cost Estimate_DD_2012_0906.xlsx
Proposal Organization:	Friends of Broadway Hill Park
Contact Person:	
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Evening/Home Phone:	
Home or Work E-Mail Address:	

Project Goals: In 500 words or less, Describe the project in more detail. What is the intent or goal of the project, e.g., expand an existing park, improve trails or bikeways, habitat restoration or the implementation of sustainable energy practices? How did the idea for the project originate and evolve.

In February 2010, Seattle Parks and Recreation hosted a public meeting regarding the possible acquisition of a vacant property on the NE corner of Federal Avenue East and East Republican Street. The lot stood empty after a developer purchased three plots, demolished the homes, and failed to develop the project as planned.

Approximately 65 neighborhood residents attended the meeting, and there was a broad showing of support for the acquisition. The community was eager to have a pocket park in their neighborhood, and committed to working together to develop the park after the land was acquired.

Following the City's purchase of the land in March 2010, a group of neighbors successfully obtained a Small & Simple grant from the Department of Neighborhoods for \$17,500, formed what is now called Friends of Broadway Hill Park, and began holding monthly meetings at the Capitol Hill library, which continue today. Using this grant, our group hired a landscape architecture firm, Site Workshop, to create a design for the park based on the community's input. Three public meetings were held during the schematic design phase; the first to solicit broad ideas from the neighbors, and then refining those ideas during the following two public meetings. We also performed one survey of the neighbors, asking the community to weigh in on what elements they would like to see in the park.

In both the meetings and responses to the surveys, the neighbors were almost universally in agreement about the broader conception for the space. Residents wanted a space that would feel natural and peaceful – a place to rest while taking a walk or enjoying a picnic. Many residents were interested in garden space, citing the long waiting lists for p-patch spots in the area. Based on this input, and working with the natural slope of the land, the design consultant developed the idea of a "front porch" for a neighborhood where large private yards are rare. The higher, flat space to the east serves as a seating and barbeque area. The gradual slope, and leveling off of the land to the west, serves as the expansive "front yard." To the north, the consultant included a community gardening area.

After the schematic design was complete, the group obtained a second Small & Simple grant for \$20,000 for design development. Using this grant, the group continued to work with Site Workshop to develop the details of the design. During two public meetings, the neighbors expressed strong support for the schematic design and raised specific concerns. For instance, some residents requested that more thought be given to kid-friendly elements. This was addressed by adding a sandbox to the design and specifying that features throughout the park would be designed to encourage natural play.

Project Goals: In 500 words or less (continued).

The design was recently finalized (summer 2012), and is the result of a thoughtful process that encouraged everyone in the community to weigh in with their thoughts and concerns. Because of the inclusive nature of the process, the design for the park has been widely embraced.

<p>Project's Level of Readiness: Is the project in the idea stage or is there a professionally developed scope of work or a developed plan? (Please attach your project's site plan below if available.)</p>	<p>As discussed in the Project Goals section, the design for the park is complete. As we finalize the design development phase of the project, we are in the process of applying for a third Small & Simple grant to commission Site Workshop to create the construction documents for the project.</p>
<p>Project's Site Plan - Attachment</p>	<p> Broadway Hill Park Site Design Dev.pdf</p>
<p>a. Does the project demonstrate a high degree of neighborhood support or involvement as demonstrated through a public review process and/or is the project consistent with approved plans, such as a neighborhood, community council or other recent planning documents?</p>	<p>The project is consistent with a Parks Approved Plan or other recent Parks Planning Documents.</p>

<p>Please list out plan(s) and describe in 200 words or less neighborhood support/involvement.</p>	<p>The neighborhood has been incredibly involved and supportive of this project. We have monthly meetings that are typically attended by 10 to 20 neighbors and a Yahoo email list serve with 109 members. We have successfully matched two Small & Simple grants with volunteer hours, and anticipate successfully matching two additional Small & Simple grants: one for construction documents and one to jumpstart the construction of the communal gardening element of the park. Our successful organizational efforts have resulted with completed Parks reviewed and approved schematic design plans. The neighborhood also came together to win a \$10,000 award from Umpqua Bank, which was accomplished through winning a popular vote against other worthy projects in the Capitol Hill Urban Village area.</p> <p>Additional neighborhood involvement includes: fall leaf raking; chalk "art wall" cleaning & painting; garbage collecting; movie night; Capitol Hill Annual Community Garage Sales; community gardening; UW citizen science collaboration project (pollenated tomatoes); and coordination with Sandy Pernitz, Community Garden Coordinator, City of Seattle.</p>
<p>Attachment: Support Letters - A maximum of two letters of support for the project may be attached.</p>	<p> Support Letter draft II (final).docx</p> <p> BHP Comm Support (ALPS).pdf</p>
<p>e. Does the proposal restore or significantly extend the life of a current park or facility?</p>	<p>Natural Areas: The project removes invasive species and restores with native vegetation.</p>

<p>Please describe in 200 words or less.</p>	<p>This proposal would transform the acquired empty lot into a vibrant, new community space. Summers 2012 and 2013 involves the proper process of removing invasive Japanese Knotweed from this location. Currently, neighbors have taken opportunities to utilize the space as it exists now, including a temporary garden, picnicking at tables (Park Dept. provided), chalk wall-art, and exercising their dogs (no infrastructure on-site). The appearance of an empty lot for too many years catalyzes community depreciation; regardless of the efforts the neighbors make to transform the space with regular use. Implementing the proposed design would significantly extend the life of this space, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting a rest period for foot traffic and runners traveling North/South along Federal Ave, or West/East, between Broadway & 15th Ave E. • Offering a variety of seating throughout the space: reclined lounges, café style bar, booth dining, benches, etc. • Increasing vitality and constant usage by means of a community garden, inserted sand play area, and art. • Establishing volunteers to manage site-appropriate plantings, possibly restoring native vegetation. • Attracting urban insect and avian wildlife, enriching the park for residents young & old. • Developing a multi-use, flexible, open space to serve as a collective front porch and yard for the community.
<p>f. Does the project provide health benefits or opportunities? (e.g. trails, bike paths, open space)</p>	<p>c. The project provides improved opportunity for low intensity exercise or access to healthy food.</p>

<p>Please describe in 200 words or less.</p>	<p>Yes, the project significantly increases the amount of usable open space available in the neighborhood. While the lot provides open space for the neighborhood as it exists now, the design includes a re-grading of the land providing a flat space that will encourage visitors to toss a Frisbee or football, hold a yoga or hula hoop session, or stage a production or outdoor movie, similar to the activities regularly performed at nearby Cal Anderson and Volunteer parks. Additionally, the p-patch garden will allow community members to grow their own vegetables, increasing access to healthy foods in the neighborhood.</p> <p>There are many reasons to believe this space will be used as anticipated, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current multigenerational and multifunctional use: passive & active recreations, local food production, play, etc. • Significant engagement of users and other stakeholders: pets, children, families, ADA accessible, etc. • Site is located in a dense urban village, near transit yet primarily walked to – high value, low ecological impact. • Currently (summer '12) providing UW citizen science collaboration project (pollenated tomatoes).
<p>g. Does the project take advantage of an opportunity that will be lost unless action is taken? ACQUISITION ONLY</p>	
<p>Please describe in 200 words or less.</p>	
<p>5.1 Does the project demonstrate new and/or creative methods to meet the community's need for parks and green spaces (sustainable energy practices, etc...)?</p>	<p>a. The project follows the Living Building Challenge's (LBC) Landscape & Infrastructure Typology, Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES) or provides Sustainable Energy Practices</p>

Please describe in 500 words or less.

The project follows the Sustainable Site Initiative and will aim to achieve certification:

- Material use: sustainably produced, local and/or reclaimed/salvaged materials, including granite curbing, certified wood products, rock products, plants and concrete;
 - Reduce water use through minimal and efficient irrigation;
 - Manage storm water on-site through the creation of an engaging amenity along the park's southern border;
 - Rebuild the health of badly disturbed soils;
 - Protect significant on-site trees;
 - Multigenerational and multifunctional use: passive and active recreation, local food production, play, etc.;
 - Significant engagement of users and other stakeholders;
 - Site selection: site is located in an urban village, near public transit, yet will primarily be walked to – high value, low ecological impact;
 - Many maintenance activities will be (and have been already) performed by the users, including leaf collection from existing trees, weeding gardens, canine waste removal, graffiti washing, etc.
- In order to address the variety of interests within the dense and diverse neighborhood, the project utilizes several new and creative ideas including:
- A variety of seating types located in the sunny upper area as well as the shady lower court. Seating types include: reclined lounge seating, café style bar, booth dining, game tables, benches, etc.
 - Built-in BBQs with prep counter
 - Community garden with gently inserted sand play area, natural play, and inclusive art
 - Rain channel managing and collecting storm water, on-site
 - Welcome court offers game tables and artful "seat cubes" for pausing, with decorative paving below
 - Chalk wall for community expression
 - Volunteer managed gardens with site appropriate plantings

<p>i. How does the project leverage or have the potential to leverage other resources through the actions of other public agencies, funding from public, private or philanthropic partners, and/or in-kind contributions of time and energy from citizen volunteers?</p>	<p>c. The project has up to 10% funding or in-kind contributions or a funding plan (plans for applying for funding or in-kind donations.) Please list the amount of funding in hand below.</p>
<p>Attach Funding Plan here.</p>	<p> BHP Opp Fund Funding Plan.docx</p>
<p>Please describe in 200 words or less.</p>	<p>Our group has already secured \$37,500 in grants from the Department of Neighborhoods for the park design. We anticipate securing an additional \$15,000 to \$20,000 from the Department of Neighborhoods to create the construction documents. We also anticipate securing a \$20,000 Small & Simple grant to begin the construction of the p-patch portion of the park. We have raised over \$1,500 during community events, and secured a \$10,000 award from Umpqua Bank. We have successfully matched our grants from the Department of Neighborhoods and expect to continue to leverage the time and energy of citizen volunteers to complete this project.</p>
<p>j. What potential effects does the project have on the City's maintenance and operating costs?</p>	<p>d. The project will significantly increase Maintenance and Operating Costs. (Examples: Additional Park Elements or brand new facility.)</p>

Please describe in
200 words or less.

Every effort has been made to minimize maintenance while still providing a park that the Community can love. Indeed, building this “love” is an integral part of the maintenance plan. Neighbors have been caring for this vacant lot by providing trash collection, leaf raking, and regular maintenance of the chalk wall (painting/washing the wall and providing chalk). We expect the community to continue to assist in the maintenance efforts, and this can be further assured through an agreement with the p-patch users, who frequently provide maintenance for general garden areas.

In addition to the volunteer maintenance, care has been taken to design functions that are easy to maintain:

- Maintenance access and parking is provided.
- Lawn can be mowed with standard equipment and will not require edging.
- Wood furnishings are design in association with the shops. All wood features will be standard dimensions and product, making them easy and inexpensive to repair and replace.
- Sand play is walled in to better contain the sand.
- Plantings areas will contain species with low water needs.
- Volunteers will continue their maintenance, including leaf collection, weeding and pruning.
- No potable water, sewer lines or electricity. Only one storm connection as rain channel overflow.