Seattle Parks and Recreation Updates

Urban Forestry Commission Presentation

December 2, 2020

Seattle Parks and Recreation



Overview

Cover Today:

- SPR department updates
- Viewpoint Policy
- Cheasty Bike Trail Project
- Colman Vegetation Management Plan
- Green Seattle Partnership

Future Update:

- SPR Tree Policy
- Supplemental Use Guidelines for Natural Areas/Greenbelts



SPR 2020 Updates

SPR: Before the Outbreak

- Mission: Seattle Parks and Recreation provides welcoming and safe opportunities to play, learn, contemplate and build community, and promotes responsible stewardship of the land. We promote healthy people, a healthy environment, and strong communities.
- ✓ Vision: Healthy People, Healthy Environment, Strong Communities
- ✓ 6,400 acres
- ✓ 485 parks
- \checkmark 26 community centers, 8 indoor pools, 4 golf courses and much more
- \checkmark Robust and vital recreation programs for people of all ages
- \checkmark 900 FT employees organized in 7 divisions



SPR 2020 Updates

SPR: Responding to the Outbreak

- ✓ New and sudden focus on City and region's response to impacts of COVID-19
- Activated already existing Incident Command Team and Continuity of Operations Plan (emergency management)
- Normal functions transformed to Mission Essential Functions
- ✓ Part of citywide team, headed by Mayor, guided by public health data



CROWDED PARKS LEAD TO CLOSED PARKS

Parks and Rec staff are monitoring parks regularly and will close parks that become too crowded.

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SPR 2020 Updates

Mission Essential Functions

- Providing emergency shelter facilities and staffing
- ✓ Supporting emergency food programs
- ✓ Supporting emergency childcare for essential workers
- ✓ Financial management, including payroll, vendor payment
- ✓ Comfort station maintenance and cleaning
- ✓ Landslide/environmental hazard response

- ✓ HR support for all SPR employees
- ✓ Maintaining essential life safety systems
- Daily cleaning, litter and garbage removal
- Providing agency leadership/situational awareness
- ✓ Active asset management and maintenance
- Navigation team outreach (homeless individuals)



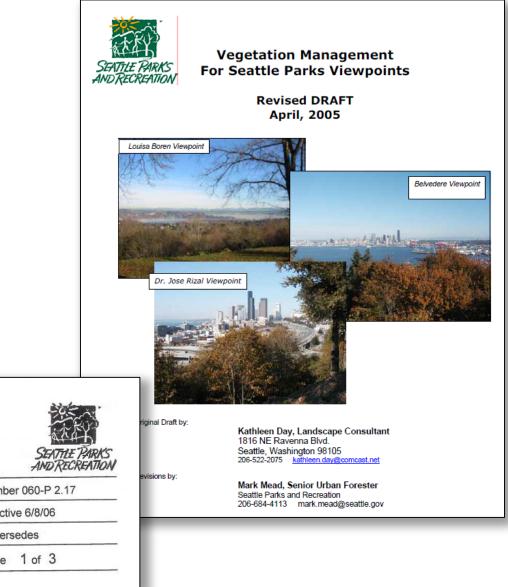


SPR Viewpoints

Background

- Vegetation Management Plan 2005
- Viewpoint Designation Policy 2006
- Viewpoint Task Force Recommendations 2018

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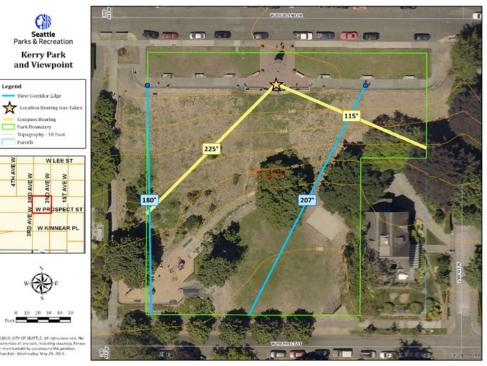


SPR Viewpoints

Examples



Kerry Viewpoint, Queen Anne





SPR Viewpoints



Belvedere Park, West Seattle

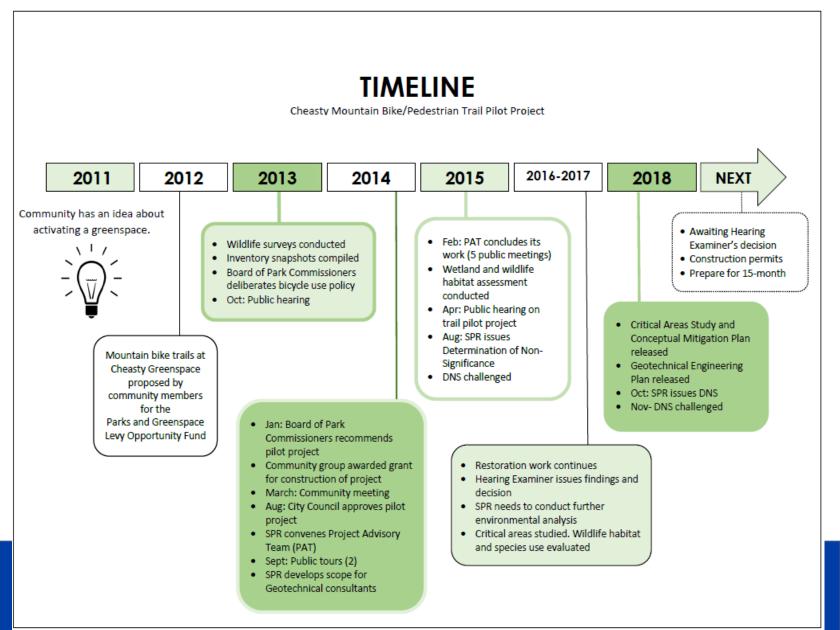




Cheasty Mountain Bike and Pedestrian Trail Project

Background

- Last UFC briefing December 2018
- Two-phase approach

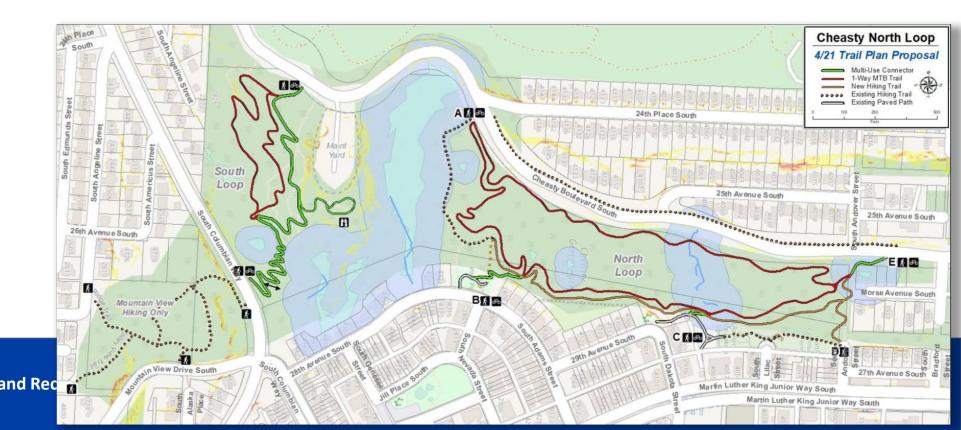


Cheasty Mountain Bike and Pedestrian Trail Project

Current Status

- South Loop phase
 - Plan finalized; SDCI permit pending
 - Construction spring 2021

- North Loop phase
 - Finalize plan in 2020-21
 - Construction likely 2022



Colman Park

Background

- 2017 Briefings on VMP process
- VMP finalized early 2019

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TIMELINE Colman Park Vegetation Management Plan 2016 2018 2019 2014 2015 2017 NEXT Community meets with SPR staff and expresses Continue restoration interest in enhancing Conversations continue efforts at Colman Colman Park between SPR and FoCPV Park May: Superintendent's report 11/ at Board of Park Community group applies Commissioners for a Neighborhood June: Presentation at Board of Matching Fund. Continue reviewing draft VMP ٠ Park Commissioners Friends of Colman Park Feb: Update presented to the Sept: SPR Superintendent Vista receives a Small and Board of Park Commissioners announces decision regarding Simple grant to help them March: VMP released for public Colman Park restoration develop a Vegetation comments- Mar 1- Mar 31 Management Plan. • March: SPR Engineering, Arborist, and Plant Ecologist site visit May: Public meeting to discuss May: Walking tour with SPR and project and review site options community members June: Second public workshop held Oct: Colman West Slope walking tour FoCPV presents plans to ProView Nov: Draft VMP reviewed Revised VMP submitted to SPR Dec: SPR develops planting scope, Oct: SPR requests edits and a plant aligning with proposed VMP list Nov: SPR sends letter to FoCPV laying out expectations and path forward for project completion Dec: Meeting to discuss next steps. SPR hires environmental consultant WASHINGTON · Mr Hoker firm





Colman Park

Current status

- GSP restoration
 - Zones throughout
 park
 - Upper slope







Colman Park

Upper Slope Restoration

• Invasive removal starting fall 2018

PLANT PALETTE 1 PACIFIC MADRONE 2 VINE MAPLE 3 RHODODENDRO 4 SWORD FERN 5 FRINGECUP 6 CASCARA

Scale: 1/4"=1-0"

- Planting starting 2019
- Slope protection

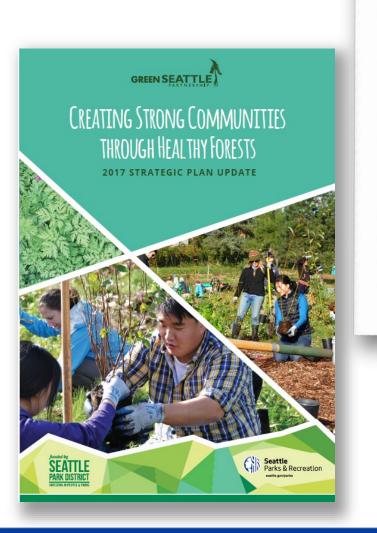


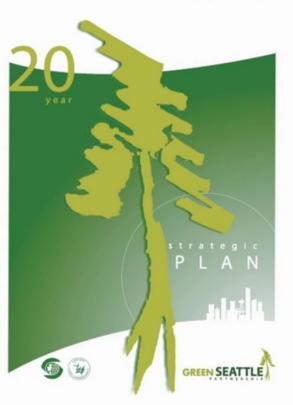


Green Seattle Partnership

Background

- 2017 UFC Briefing
- Strategic Plan Update
- Further analysis needed







Green Seattle Partnership

2019 update

- Park District planning
- Funding shift
- SLI request





GSP

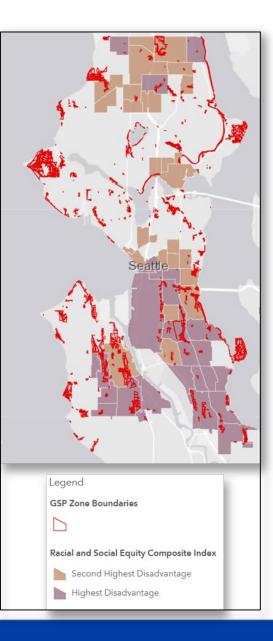
SLI Report

- Lessons learned, challenges
- City, community investments
- New priorities and long-term planning
- Other community benefits



Date: Fo:	September 29, 2020 Debora Juarez, Seattle City Council Chair, Public Assets and Native Communities				
rom:	Jesús Aguirre, Director, Seattle Parks and Recreation Michele Finnegan, SPR Policy Director				
Subject:	Statement of Legislative Intent: <u>SPR-6-A-2</u> : GSP PROGRAM EVALUATION				
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→ Opportunity for revisioning, engaging with partners and community to identify and maximize full program benefits





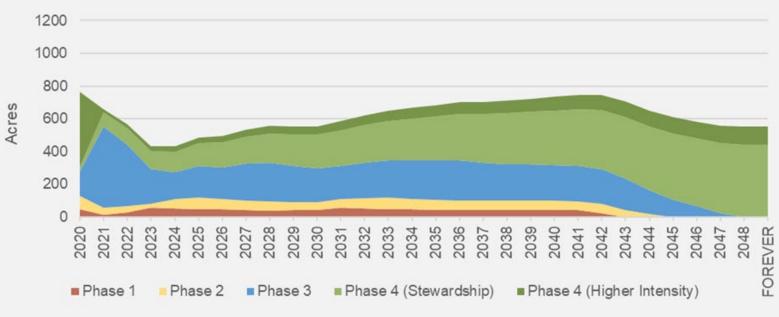
GSP

Analyses results

- Acres status
- Timeline

	Phase	Total Acres per Phase	Wetland %	Steep Slope (> 40%) %	Steep Slope (> 66%) %
	0	966	8%	49%	13%
ults	1	264	9%	44%	10%
	2	231	7%	37%	7%
JS	3	870	7%	25%	5%
	4	423	8%	26%	5%
	Total	2754	8%	36%	9%
Scenario		All Enrolled Year (Phase 1)	All Restored Year (Phase 4)	Number of Years +/- Original Goal	
Baseline Funding		2042	2048	17	

Year-on-Year Acre Scenario: Baseline



Green Seattle Partnership

Current outlook

- 2020
 - COVID impacts
 - Resulting budget
- 2021-2023 continued impacts
 - Volunteer engagement
 - \circ Funding





Thank You!

