



*Grand opening of the new Greenwood Park, August 2003*

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## **Pro Parks Levy: 2003 Annual Report**

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Prepared by the Citizens Oversight Committee of the  
2000 Neighborhood Parks, Green Spaces, Trails, and Zoo Levy

“The Oversight Committee will make annual reports to the Mayor and City Council and will prepare a mid-point report to the citizens of Seattle.”

-- City of Seattle Ordinance 120024, Section 5

**July 26, 2004**

**The Pro Parks Levy provided tangible benefits in nearly every Seattle neighborhood in 2003.**

**Property Acquisitions** in 2003 included land for new neighborhood parks in the Rainier Valley, Alki, and Greenwood; more than 7 acres in Magnolia from the U. S. Navy, and land to be preserved along Thornton Creek and Puget Creek and in the Me-Kwa-Mooks green space. Land was also donated in the Duwamish Head green space.



**Development Projects** completed in 2003 included improvements to Judkins Playfield in the Central Area, an award-winning renovated shelterhouse at Bradner Gardens Park on Mt. Baker, a new park in Greenwood, restoration at Schmitz Park in West Seattle, lighting at Genesee Playfield in Southeast Seattle, a new shelterhouse at Cal Anderson Park on Capitol Hill, a community activity Center at Sand Point Magnuson Park, and the new Linden Orchard Park in lower Phinney Ridge.



The Levy's **Environmental Stewardship, Maintenance, and Programming** reached thousands of youth, families and seniors through enhanced park and facility maintenance, teen programs, recreational programs, environmental education, Zoo programs and improvements, landscaping and urban forest restoration.



Through the **Opportunity Fund**, land was acquired for a new park in Ballard and a community garden in Maple Leaf. Hitt's Hill Park in Columbia City was transformed into an accessible new park with native plants and trails. A celebration was held for the newly landscaped Belltown Cottage Park in downtown Seattle.



## Introduction

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In 2003, citizens in nearly every community in Seattle benefited from the 2000 Neighborhood Parks, Green Spaces, Trails and Zoo Levy, also referred to as the Pro Parks Levy.

During this third year of the levy new parks were opened in a number of underserved areas, including Greenwood and Columbia City. Many existing parks were improved through development projects that incorporated environmentally sensitive design and construction. Park and green space acquisitions through the levy now total more than 30 acres.

Thousands of young people were served through the levy's teen programs, educational programs at the Zoo, and before and after school program scholarships. The levy-funded tree crew and natural area crew enhanced our urban forests by working with 131 volunteer projects in 38 parks in 2003 and performing preventive maintenance at many sites.

These and other accomplishments of the Pro Parks Levy are described in the following report. Challenges faced during the year are also summarized, including schedule modifications for the Belltown/Lower Queen Anne Waterfront Connections project.

For more information about individual Levy projects and programs, and to see an interactive map of Levy projects, visit the web at: [www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/](http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/)

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## Summary: Income and Expenditures for Full Levy Program

The Pro Parks Levy was approved by Seattle voters in 2000. The following table summarizes net Parks Levy Fund income and expenses through 2003. The table on page 6 summarizes additional funding sources received through 2003 for levy projects and programs.

### Income by Source

Dollars in Thousands

Source	2003 Amounts	2003 Planned Amounts <sup>a</sup>	Percent of 2003 Planned	Life-to Date		
				Total Actual Income 2001-2003	Planned Income 2001- 2003	Percent of 2001-2003 Planned
Tax Receipts	24,321	23,587	103%	70,286	67,164	105%
Interest Earnings	778	681	114%	1,943	1,577	123%
Unrealized Losses <sup>b</sup>	<204>	0		<6>	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,895</b>	<b>24,268</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>72,223</b>	<b>68,741</b>	<b>105%</b>

<sup>a</sup> Planned amounts refers to the Levy program's initial financial plan developed in July, 2000.

<sup>b</sup> Unrealized gains and losses is an accounting mechanism to reflect the Parks Levy portion of the City's overall investments. Over the life of the levy the unrealized gains and losses for the levy fund will net to zero.

### Expenditures by Use

Use (Levy Category)	2003 Amounts	2003 Planned Amounts <sup>a</sup>	Percent of 2003 Planned	Life-To-Date		
				Total Actual Expenditures 2001-2003	Planned Expenditures 2001-2003	Percent of 2001-2003 Planned
Acquisition	4,582	4,420	104%	11,154	10,108	110%
Development	7,786	12,757	61%	15,458	24,736	62%
Programming	6,759	7,205	94%	17,176	18,246	94%
Opportunity Fund	1,702	1,000	170%	2,279	1,500	152%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>20,830</b>	<b>25,352</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>46,068</b>	<b>54,590</b>	<b>84%</b>
Contribution to Parks Levy Fund Balance	4,065	<1,084>	<357%>	26,154	14,151	185%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,895</b>	<b>24,268</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>72,223</b>	<b>68,741</b>	<b>105%</b>

<sup>a</sup> Planned amounts refers to the Levy program's initial financial plan developed in July, 2000.

*Income.* Tax receipts and interest for 2003 exceeded the anticipated revenues set forth in the levy's initial financial plan.

Tax receipts from the levy are higher than originally planned due to a change in timing of levy amounts. The original financial plan levied less than the maximum amount authorized by the levy ordinance (e.g. maximum authorized was \$23.0 million in 2001). The revised levy schedule

provided for the full \$23.0 million in 2001, with 3.1% annual increase thereafter, with a reduced amount in 2008 to keep the total under the \$198.2 million lid for the total levy.

The Levy Fund is managed as part of the City of Seattle's investment portfolio which earned 3.161% in 2003. The interest earned in 2003 exceeded the original plan by \$97,000 (\$681,000 planned vs \$778,000 actual). Interest earnings are higher than anticipated due to higher fund balances from the acceleration in levy income and to slower than anticipated spending on several large park projects. The lower (3.161% vs. the planned 5.1%) return on investments in the portfolio was more than offset by the higher fund balances. Unrealized gains and losses is an accounting mechanism to reflect the Parks Levy portion of the City's overall investments. Over the life of the levy the unrealized gains and losses for the levy fund will net to zero.

*Expenditures:* The \$20.8 million expended in levy funds from the acquisition, development, operations and opportunity fund categories during 2003 totaled 82% of originally anticipated expenditures for this third year of the levy. As shown in the preceding table, this rate was not equally distributed across all levy categories, but rather represents a program-wide average. Expenditures in the development category are lower than originally anticipated due to extended startup for two large projects (Waterfront Connections and Lincoln Reservoir/Cal Anderson Park), and to delays in trail projects.

Opportunity Fund spending is accelerated from the original plan by \$779,000 life-to-date, due primarily to acquisition of targeted properties. In addition, several grants were approved to reimburse levy expenditures; however, the reimbursements were not received by year-end.

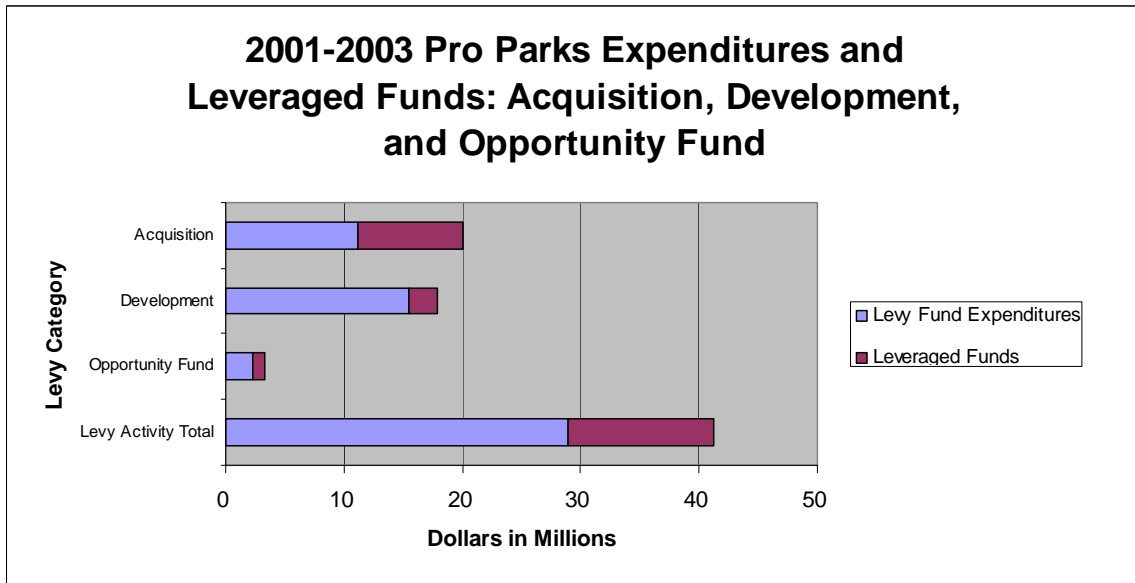
The remaining "expenditure" represents a \$4,065,000 contribution to fund balance. "Contribution to fund balance" means that the fund earned more than was spent, accumulating the balance within the Levy Fund. The original financial plan provided for lower spending than income in the first two years of the levy, with spending exceeding income thereafter. In 2003, income continued to exceed spending as shown in the preceding table. It is expected that future reports will list "Expenditure of fund balance" to reflect expenditures in excess of annual income as more levy projects are completed.

*Leveraging of Other Funds:* Based on prior levy and bond measures, the City anticipated that the levy program would be enhanced by leveraging other fund resources. The structure of the levy anticipated using levy funds to serve as match for other fund sources and many of the projects funded through the levy had community support that enhanced the opportunities for additional project contributions. The table below summarizes the funds leveraged from other, non Pro Parks Levy Fund sources. Figures shown are for the year the leveraged funding was received; additional grants have been approved, but funding has not yet been received.

Through this leveraging, the Levy's impacts are significantly increased. For example, leveraging has made it possible to double the size of new parks in the Central Area and on the former Whittier substation site, and to preserve additional properties along Thornton Creek. County contributions made it possible to acquire more than 7 acres from the U.S. Navy at Smith Cove. The new Greenwood Park and the restored wetlands at Roxhill Park were enhanced by supplemental funds.

Leveraged Sources for Acquisition and Development Projects	2001 Actuals	2002 Actuals	2003 Actuals	Life-to-Date Actuals 2001-2003
<u>Other City Expenditures:</u> funding directly from other City departments (e.g. Seattle Public Utilities) or other Seattle Parks funds (e.g. Cumulative Reserve Fund)	364,000	1,959,301	2,429,606	4,752,907
<u>Reimbursements:</u> Grants that reimburse the Department for Pro Parks expenditures (e.g. Conservation Futures Levy)	0	3,013,000	4,632,694	7,645,694
<u>Other Project Contributions:</u> cash, volunteer labor, professional services, materials/supplies <sup>a</sup>	0	368,000	252,384	620,384
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>364,000</b>	<b>5,340,301</b>	<b>7,314,684</b>	<b>13,018,985</b>

<sup>a</sup> The annual report treats this type of contribution differently from other leveraged sources as it reflects community contributions directly towards projects rather than through the City.



**Levy Activities by Category:** The following pages provide a 2003 update for each of the levy’s four categories:

- Acquisition
- Development
- Environmental Stewardship, Maintenance, and Programming
- Acquisition and Development Opportunity Fund

Each category (with the exception of the Opportunity Fund) is divided into subcategories. The following reports present the activity within each category and additional information is reported at the subcategory level. In addition to reporting on levy spending and leveraged funding, each section also provides 2003 activities and program highlights.

## Levy Category: Acquisition

The Acquisition category provides funds toward the purchase of property for 18 new neighborhood parks and for the preservation of green spaces. Through 2003, more than 30 acres were acquired.

### 2003 Pro Parks Activity

Dollars in Thousands

	Total Expenditures 2003	Planned Expenditures 2003 <sup>a</sup>	Percent of 2003 Planned	Life-to-Date		
				Total Expenditures 2001-2003	Planned Expenditures 2001-2003	Percent of 2001-2003 Planned
<b>Neighborhood Parks Acquisition</b>						
Expenses						
Pro Parks	7,931	2,720	292%	15,223	6,408	238%
Other City	1,050			1,940		
Total Expenses	8,981			17,163		
Reimbursements	4,492 <sup>b</sup>			6,332 <sup>b</sup>		
Total Leveraged Funds	5,542			8,272		
<b>Net Pro Parks Expenses</b>	<b>3,439</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>126%</b>	<b>8,892</b>	<b>6,408</b>	<b>139%</b>
<b>Green Spaces Acquisition</b>						
Expenses						
Pro Parks	1,143	1,700	67%	2,933	3,700	79%
Other City	<8>			6		
Total Expenses	1,135			2,939		
Reimbursements	0			670		
Total Leveraged Funds	<8> <sup>c</sup>			676		
<b>Net Pro Parks Expenses</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>TOTAL: Net Pro Parks</b>	<b>4,582</b>	<b>4,420</b>	<b>104%</b>	<b>11,154</b>	<b>10,108</b>	<b>110%</b>
<b>TOTAL: Leveraged Funds Spent<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>5,534</b>	<b>n.a.</b>		<b>8,948</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>10,166</b>	<b>4,420</b>	<b>229%</b>	<b>20,102</b>	<b>10,108</b>	<b>199%</b>

<sup>a</sup> Planned amounts refers to the Levy program's initial financial plan developed in July, 2000.

<sup>b</sup> 2003 reimbursements in the neighborhood parks subcategory include \$971,821 from a real estate transaction that was part of the Smith Cove acquisition. While this is accurately shown as a reimbursement of Levy expenditures, it differs from other leveraging in that it was an expense and reimbursement for two houses temporarily owned by the City, but not added to the Parks inventory, and resold.

<sup>c</sup> In 2002, \$7,704 in expenses for Phase 1 of the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area project was charged to the Community Improvement Fund (CIF); in 2003 this was corrected when these expenses were instead charged to the Parks Levy Fund, and CIF funding was reserved for Phase 2 of the Me-Kwa-Mooks project.

<sup>d</sup> The Levy Financial Plan does not include planned spending of any funding leveraged by the Levy. However, we have included this information on actual spending (including leveraged funds) towards the completion of the acquisition program for neighborhood parks and green spaces compared to the financial plan to demonstrate how critical the Levy funding has been in securing additional funds to complete and enhance the overall levy program.

### **Acquisition Program Levy Spending to Date**

*Neighborhood Parks:* The Total Expenditures 2001-2003 figures in the above table reflect accelerated expenditures in this subcategory due to the availability and successful acquisition of named neighborhood park acquisition projects. In addition, grants have been approved but not yet received to reimburse expenditures. Of the 18 neighborhood parks acquisition projects identified in the levy, eight have been acquired through 2003, and two projects that included multiple properties that have been substantially completed.

*Green Spaces:* The expenditures in the green spaces subcategory are somewhat lower than planned both in 2003 and life to date. The initial focus for the acquisition program was in the neighborhood parks subcategory, where timely purchase was critical for several sites. However, in 2002 a green spaces strategic plan was developed and approved by the Oversight Committee that prioritized 13 of the city's green spaces for acquisition. To date, more than 12 acres have been preserved in this subcategory.

### **Acquisition Program Leverage of Supplemental Funding**

Through the first three years of the levy, the Acquisition Program has spent \$20.1 million in pursuit of Neighborhood Park and Green Spaces acquisition. Total spending of Park Levy funds is \$11.1 million, representing 43% of the \$26 million total amount allocated to the acquisition category in the eight year program. The remaining \$8.9 million is from other non-levy sources. Consistent with the Department's operating policies, funds leveraged through acquisition activities are included in the annual report for the year that the funding is received.

*Neighborhood Parks:* As shown in the above table, \$4.5 million was reimbursed in 2003 toward completed acquisitions in this subcategory. This included \$2.7 million in County funding for the Smith Cove property, and a real estate transaction as shown in the footnote above, and funding for Homer Harris Park received from the Seattle Parks Foundation. In addition, \$1 million is shown in other City expenses, which represents a Shoreline Park Improvement Fund (SPIF) contribution toward the Smith Cove acquisition.

*Green Spaces:* The Duwamish Head Green Space is one of the priority areas for levy acquisition in the green spaces subcategory. A 0.4-acre property, in this greenbelt was donated to Seattle Parks in 2003.

### **2003 Acquisition Program Activities**

*Partnerships:* Partnerships continue to be a critical element in Levy acquisitions. In 2003, Parks partnered with the University of Washington to preserve an important property in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area and to facilitate a future donation to Parks. The Cascade Land Conservancy was key to Parks acquisition of an additional property for the new Whittier Pocket Park, and King County supplemental funding was essential to the acquisition of the Smith Cove property in Magnolia from the Navy.

*Grant Applications:* In keeping with voter expectations, Parks continues to seek grants to leverage levy acquisition dollars. In 2003, \$1,080,000 was approved in King County Conservation Futures funding for acquisition projects in the Neighborhood Parks subcategory, and \$200,000 in the Green Spaces subcategory.

*Planning and Public Involvement:* Partnerships in the community are critical to identifying priority properties, potential uses of acquired sites, and additional resources. In 2003, communities continued to play an important role by participating in meetings, identifying additional funds, or helping to plan for the future care of a number of projects, including: West Capitol Hill Park/Bellevue Substation, Queen Anne Park, Whittier Pocket Park, North Open Space, West Duwamish Greenbelt, and Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area.

### **2003 Acquisition Program Accomplishments and Project Highlights**

In 2003, the Department's Pro Parks property acquisitions included the following. (Note: See the Opportunity Fund category for additional acquisitions.)



*Mayor Nickels accepting the deed from the Navy for the Smith Cove property in Magnolia*

*Smith Cove:* The most significant acquisition in 2003 was the purchase of 7.3 acres in Magnolia from the U.S. Navy. The property is comprised of:

- 2.4 acres near the top of the Magnolia Bridge with panoramic views of downtown Seattle and Elliott Bay. This property is now open to the public.
- 4.9 acres of property along 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave W, at the southeast foot of Magnolia Hill, between the Magnolia Bridge and the Elliott Bay Marina. Interim improvements will be made to this site to accommodate youth sports activities.



*View from the upper parcel at Smith Cove*

King County is providing \$3 million toward the Smith Cove project, and the Shoreline Park Improvement Fund provided \$1 million.

- In 2003, three substations were purchased for neighborhood parks. Planning for park development is now under way at:
  - York Substation in the north Rainier Valley,
  - Alki Substation in West Seattle
  - Whittier Substation and an adjacent property for Whittier Pocket Park in northwest Seattle.
- Properties totaling .6 acre were purchased in the Thornton Creek watershed in 2003, and a .2 acre property was purchased in the Puget Creek watershed in Delridge.
- A .4 acre property was donated in the Duwamish Head Green Space.

- More than two acres were purchased in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area. This property was a long term priority for the Alki community and a celebration is planned for June 2004.

**Acquisition Progress to Date through 2003:**

*Neighborhood Parks:* Of the 18 projects in this subcategory, 8 have been acquired: Alki Substation, Central Area Park (Homer Harris Park), Green Lake Open Space, Lake City Civic Core, Northgate Park, Smith Cove, Whittier Substation and York Substation. Two projects include multiple sites (North Open Space/Thornton Creek, and Delridge Open Space) and these projects have been substantially completed.

*Green Spaces:* More than 12 acres have been preserved in Seattle's green spaces, including property in a wildlife corridor in the West Duwamish Greenbelt, a spectacular viewpoint in the Leschi Natural Area, property in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area, and a .4 acre property in the Duwamish Head Greenbelt that was donated by the owner.

## Levy Category: Development

The Development category provides funds toward 95 projects that will improve parks and park facilities, create new parks on undeveloped sites, restore wetlands, enhance buildings and improve ballfields and trails. During the first three years of Levy implementation, 66 projects were started and 20 completed.

### 2003 Pro Parks Activity

Dollars in Thousands

	Total Expenditures 2003	Planned Expenditures 2003 <sup>a</sup>	Percent of 2003 Planned	Life-to-Date		
				Total Expenditures 2001-2003	Planned Expenditures 2001-2003	Percent of 2001-2003 Planned
Neighborhood Park Development	5,216	5,948	88%	10,273	12,556	82%
Major Neighborhood Park Development	865	2,772	31%	1,979	5,867	34%
Playfields and Facilities	1,590	1,667	95%	2,837	3,433	83%
Trails and Boulevards	221	2,340	9%	578	2,880	20%
<b>Subtotal, Parks Levy Funds</b>	<b>7,892</b>	<b>12,727</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>15,667</b>	<b>24,736</b>	<b>63%</b>
Other City Expenditures	1,014			2,234		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,906</b>			<b>17,901</b>		
Reimbursements	105			208		
<b>Subtotal, Leveraged Funds</b>	<b>1,120</b>			<b>2,442</b>		
<b>Net Pro Parks Expenses</b>	<b>7,786</b>	<b>12,727</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>15,459</b>	<b>24,736</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>8,906</b>	<b>12,727</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>17,901</b>	<b>24,736</b>	<b>72%</b>

<sup>a</sup> Planned amounts refers to the Levy program's initial financial plan developed in July, 2000.

### Development Program Levy Spending to Date

Spending was close to plan in 2003 in the Neighborhood Park Development subcategory and the Playfields and Facilities subcategory.

Spending was lower than originally planned in the Major Neighborhood Park Development subcategory, due to delays in the Lincoln Reservoir/Cal Anderson Park project, which is dependent on Seattle Public Utilities reservoir lidding currently under way; and in the Waterfront Connections at Belltown and Lower Queen Anne project, which is dependent on the Seattle Art Museum's development of the sculpture park and on the need for Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to leverage additional funding for the Thomas St. connection. Spending was also lower than anticipated in the Trails subcategory, primarily due to delays in the Potlatch Trail and Lake Union Ship Canal Trail projects, which are managed by SDOT.

Although not yet reflected in the above chart, Seattle Department of Transportation is using Parks Levy trails funds as a match for federal grants. These grants will provide critical funding to complete the trails program and, as a result, a greater level of spending will occur in the later years of the levy in the Trails and Boulevards subcategory.

For consistency, the annual reports compare spending to date with the original financial plan that was developed for the Levy in July 2000. However, updated spending plans are developed each quarter to reflect the most current information on factors affecting development project schedules and budgets.

### **Development Program Leverage of Supplemental Funding**

In 2003, Parks levy funds leveraged an additional \$1.1 million to enhance projects identified in the Development category. This success was primarily due to community partners, who successfully secured funding for Lincoln Reservoir/Cal Anderson Park, Lincoln Park Annex, Oxbow Park, Bitter Lake Reservoir Open Space, Bradner Gardens Park and Greenwood Park.

### **2003 Development Program Activities**

Work was under way on more than 46 projects in 2003.

- *Planning and design:* Park improvement planning and design processes under way in 2003 included South Lake Union Park, I-5 Open Space, Cascade Playground, Cheasty Boulevard, Boren-Pike-Pine park, Homer Harris Park, Lake City Mini-Park, Northgate Park, Ballard Civic Center, Gas Works Park, Kubota Gardens, and California Substation.



*Planning for Cascade Playground*

- *Construction:* In 2003, projects in construction included Bergen Place Park, Mineral Springs Park, Oxbow Park, Cal Anderson Park, Cowen Park, Meadowbrook Playfield, Alki Beach Bathhouse and Golden Gardens Bathhouse.
- *Partnerships:* A wide variety of professional, charitable and community partnerships are enhancing levy development projects. For example:
  - The Seattle Parks Foundation is providing significant funding for Homer Harris Park in the Central District, and is beginning a capital campaign for South Lake Union Park improvements.
  - The Kubota Garden Foundation continued its long history of support for the garden through its involvement in the design and implementation plan for the levy-funded improvements at this stunning 20 acre landscape that blends Japanese garden concepts with native Northwest plants.
  - Local property owners and the development community are providing \$600,000 toward improvements at Cascade Playground.
- *Public Involvement:* Since the levy began, thousands of neighborhood residents have joined Parks staff in more than 150 public planning meetings throughout the city. In addition, project advisory teams have provided guidance on some of the more complex

development projects, such as the site planning for Jefferson Park/Beacon Reservoir, Northgate Park (and community center and library), Golden Gardens Bathhouse, and Cheasty Boulevard.

### **2003 Development Program Accomplishments and Project Highlights**

In 2003, the Department's Pro Parks completed development projects included the following. (Note: See the Opportunity Fund category for additional development projects.)



*Councilmember David Della cutting the ribbon at Sand Point Magnuson Park*

*Sand Point Magnuson Park Community Activity Center (Building 406).* The levy provided funds toward transforming the former “brig” at Sand Point Magnuson Park into an inviting activity center that would meet community needs. The levy project was completed in 2003, and a February 2004 ceremony drew more than 300 participants to dedicate the renovated building 406, as well as the renovated building 47 that was funded by the community center levy.

*Cal Anderson Park:* A new shelterhouse, site improvements and a temporary children's play area were constructed at Cal Anderson Park on Capitol Hill. In April 2003, federal, state, and city officials joined with community members at a celebration at the former Lincoln Reservoir site to name the park in honor of Cal Anderson and to dedicate the shelterhouse.



*April 2003 dedication of Cal Anderson Park and the new shelterhouse*

*Greenwood Park:* In August, hundreds of citizens celebrated the opening of this new park, shown on the cover of this report. Park amenities include children's play areas, paths and art installations. Its ecologically-sensitive design includes porous concrete paving and a bioswale, which work to reduce storm water runoff. The park entrance commemorates the site's history as a former nursery owned by Japanese-American families.



*Mosaic tile at Bradner Gardens  
Park restroom*

*Bradner Gardens Park:* The renovated community building not only features the most beautiful restroom in Seattle, with tile work created by local artists; it also received an honor from the Seattle chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The building includes a new roof system that incorporates electricity-generating photo-voltaic panels that provide a net surplus of power.

*Spruce and Squire (Horiuchi Park):* This new park on Boren Ave between Spruce and Fir streets was recently named for C. Paul Horiuchi, one of Seattle's best known and respected artists. It includes a small plaza, new trees, landscaping and irrigation, and views to Mount Rainier and the Rainier Valley.

*Genesee Field lighting:* In 2003, the lighting component of the renovated soccer field at Genesee was completed.

*Schmitz Park:* In May, the community celebrated this project that included daylighting the creek, entry improvements, habitat restoration and reforestation.

*Judkins Playfield:* Phase 2 of the improvements to this playfield included new pedestrian spaces and picnic tables; pathway connections, pedestrian lighting system and new trees and planting beds.

### **Development Progress to Date through 2003:**

*Neighborhood Park Development:* Of the 74 projects in this subcategory, 15 projects were completed through 2003: Ward Springs Park, Bradner Gardens improvements, Green Lake Open Space (Linden Orchard Park), Greenwood Park, Jefferson Park Pathway, Lincoln Annex, Roxhill Park Wetland, Schmitz Park, Spruce and Squire (Horiuchi Park), Wallingford Playfield, Wallingford Steps, Westcrest Park, and three projects at Sand Point Magnuson Park: the Off-Leash Area, Community Garden, and Community Activity Building renovations.

*Major Neighborhood Park Development Projects:* The five projects in this subcategory are extensive in scope and will each take several years to complete. In 2003, the shelterhouse component of the Lincoln Reservoir/Cal Anderson Park project was completed.

*Playfields and Facilities:* Of the six projects in this subcategory, Genesee Playfield and Judkins Playfield were completed through 2003.

*Trails and Boulevards:* Of the ten projects in this subcategory, the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail was completed through 2003.

## Levy Category: Environmental Stewardship, Maintenance, Programming, Zoo

This category includes five subcategories: maintenance of new parks and green spaces acquired and developed through the Levy, environmental stewardship, enhanced maintenance of existing properties, increased recreational programming for youth and seniors, and increased operational support for the Woodland Park Zoo.

### 2003 Pro Parks Activity

Dollars in Thousands

	Total Expenditures 2003	Planned Expenditures 2003 <sup>a</sup>	Percent of Planned 2003	Life-to-Date		
				Total Expenditures 2002-2003	Planned Expenditures 2002-2003	Percent of 2001-2003 Planned
Environmental Stewardship	1,182	1,251	94%	2,844	2,859	99%
New Park/Green Space Maintenance	0	139	0%	4	139	3%
Enhanced Park and Facility Maintenance	1,068	1,008	106%	2,593	2,572	101%
Recreational Programming	1,888	2,185	86%	4,105	4,994	82%
Zoo Programming	2,622	2,622	100%	7,631	7,682	99%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,759</b>	<b>7,205</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>17,176</b>	<b>18,246</b>	<b>94%</b>

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### Maintenance and Programming Levy Spending to Date

Spending for Environmental Stewardship, Enhanced Park and Facility Maintenance, and Zoo Programming is consistent with the 8-year Levy plan. Spending in the Recreational Programming subcategory continues to be lower than originally planned because of less participation in the Learn to Swim program than projected. This program was conceived to provide swimming instruction during the day to all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Seattle Public Schools. However, Seattle Public Schools decided that swimming instruction would not be included during the school day. Seattle Parks restructured the program to make lesson vouchers available to the same population. The Oversight Committee will evaluate options regarding this program in 2004.

### Maintenance and Programming Leverage of Supplemental Funding

The table above does not include information on supplemental funding because Pro Parks Levy program contributions are included with the other programming funding through the Associated Recreation Council (ARC). Seattle Parks is not able to track Pro Parks Levy program contributions or donations separately from other program funding through ARC. Funding or other donations in this category will be represented by anecdotal information in the accomplishment section of the narrative for this category.

## 2003 Maintenance and Programming Accomplishments and Project Highlights

### *Environmental Stewardship*



*Teens volunteering at Montlake Community Center*

Summer Day Camp and Teen Camp youth at several community centers (Magnolia, Montlake, Yesler, and Garfield) helped to beautify their surroundings while learning about the local environment by planting and maintaining community gardens at their sites.

Youth focused efforts on underdeveloped but high-use areas near their community centers, constructing planting beds, installing small fences, planting vegetables and flowers, and watering and maintaining these areas in cooperation with Parks gardeners and recreation staff.

- *Environmental Stewardship:* The Environmental Stewardship Unit continued working toward the goals of being a better environmental steward in Parks development and operations, and creating more environmental stewards among park users. Highlights included increased and enhanced environmental education programming in summer day camps, a new program to reduce idling time for Parks vehicles, increased recycling at 43 facilities with the installation of 92 recycling stations, and increased use of "green" cleaning products in all department facilities. Staff also helped develop youth gardening projects at selected community centers; developed programming partnerships with Seattle Audubon, Seattle Public Utilities, and Lowes Home Stores for day camp programming, and with the National Park Service, EarthCorps and Olympic Park Institute for teen programming. Naturalists at Seward and Carkeek Parks offered environmental stewardship programs through programming for schools, special events and in-park visitor programs. Carkeek naturalists served 5,366 participants and the Seward Park naturalist served 4,387 participants.
- *Ballfield and Landscape Maintenance:* Added staff has been instrumental in enhancing park landscapes and ballfields throughout the city. Sites improved in 2003 include Alki Playfield, Gilman Playground, Loyal Heights Playfield, Seward Park, Ritchie Viewpoint, Hutchinson Playground, Matthews Beach, and Golden Gardens Park.
- *Tree and Natural Area Crews:* In 2003, the added Pro Parks tree crew provided preventive maintenance at Mt. Baker Park, Mt. Clair Park, Beer Sheva Park, Gilman Playground, Rotary Viewpoint, Sunset Hill Viewpoint and many other sites. The accomplishments of the natural area crew in 2003 included participating in 131 volunteer projects in 38 parks, clearing two transient encampments and two illegal dump sites, and removing noxious weeds and planting trees.

### *Enhanced Maintenance*

*Cleaner Parks, Comfort Stations, Community Centers and Pools:* In 2003, Parks continued to provide cleaner parks and facilities by funding extra hours of maintenance during peak summer use of parks. The park inspection program showed consistently higher ratings, i.e. cleaner parks, during the summer. The levy also funded "green" cleaning products, which were used effectively at many community centers, pools, environmental learning centers, and offices.

As noted in the levy ordinance, the annual allocations in this subcategory are phased based on the assumption that over the eight years of the levy, the general fund will assume increasingly greater levels of support for the park cleaning, peak use maintenance, and recreational facility cleaning.

### *Recreational Programming*

The Levy is making a difference in the kinds and availability of myriad recreation programs. In particular:

- *Wading Pools:* Levy funds extended hours of wading pool operation at 10 sites in 2003. More than 2,000 additional hours were provided and 10,000 additional users were served.
- *Kids Program Access:* 927 months of scholarship time were provided for before- and after-school programs, serving a total of 123 elementary school-age children.
- *Senior Adult Programs:* Senior Adult programs were significantly increased in 2003, with 1,600 program sessions offered in 2002 and 5,950 program sessions offered in 2003.
- *Teen Programs:* For 2003, programming for teens continued to grow. The Pro Parks-funded Teen Development Leaders offered diverse programming with emphasis on alignment with Seattle Public Schools academic learning goals, strengthening self-confidence among youth, and building leadership skills. Teen councils were created in 22 community centers, providing input and leadership for program direction, outreach and marketing. Program areas include sports and fitness, arts and culture, and environmental stewardship. More than 25,000 participants are served each year, primarily middle school-age youth. All-city teen events included Week Without Violence, Youth Appreciation Week, and MLK Remembering the Dream. The STEPS job readiness-environmental stewardship program (Steps Toward Environmental Partnerships) employed 54 teens, ages 14-17, with 20 different funding partners. In addition, 13 grants were awarded to youth and teen programs in 2003.
- *Learn to Swim:* A voucher program has been initiated for free swim lessons for third and fourth graders in both public schools and private schools. In 2003, there was a 10% increase in vouchers used as compared to 2002. A total of 604 third graders and 472 fourth graders participated. Two thirds of these were totally new to swimming. As noted above, in 2004 the Pro Parks Levy Oversight Committee will evaluate options to encourage increased participation on this program.

### *Woodland Park Zoo*

- In 2003, the levy-funded School-to-Zoo program reached 10,496 students from qualifying schools. More than 1,140 second graders participated in the Forest Explorers program, and more than 4,000 fifth to seventh graders learned about nature through Wild Wise. Over 120 teens completed service learning requirements through Zoo Corps.
- The Zoo began or finished work on numerous major maintenance projects that included new visitor interpretive features at the Snow Leopard exhibit, new mesh netting and exhibit enhancements for the Great Grey Owls, a remodel of the marsh pond and nets in the Wetlands exhibit, and completion of the “protected contact” elements of the Elephant Barn.

## Levy Category: Acquisition and Development Opportunity Fund

The first cycle of the Levy's \$10 million Opportunity Fund included 19 citizen-initiated park acquisition and development projects. The second cycle is anticipated in 2004-2005.

### 2003 Pro Parks Activity

Dollars in Thousands

	Total Expenditures 2003	Planned Expenditures 2003 <sup>a</sup>	Percent of Planned 2003	Life-to-Date		
				Total Expenditures 2002-2003	Planned Expenditures 2002-2003	Percent of Planned 2001-2003
<b>Opportunity Fund Acquisition</b>						
Expenses						
Pro Parks	1,220			2,169		
Other City	201			401		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,420</b>			<b>2,569</b>		
Reimbursements	35			435		
Total Leveraged Funds	236			836		
<b>Net Pro Parks Expenses</b>	<b>1,184</b>			<b>1,733</b>		
<b>Opportunity Fund Development</b>						
Expenses						
Pro Parks	518			546		
Other City	172			172		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>691</b>			<b>719</b>		
Reimbursements	0			0		
Total Leveraged Funds	172			172		
<b>Net Pro Parks Expenses</b>	<b>518</b>			<b>546</b>		
<b>TOTAL: Net Pro Parks</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>170%</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>152%</b>
<b>TOTAL: Leveraged Funds</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>n.a.</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,111</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>211%</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>219%</b>

<sup>a</sup> Planned amounts refers to the Levy program's initial financial plan developed in July, 2000.

### Opportunity Fund Levy Spending to Date

As shown in the above table, the Levy financial plan anticipated 2003 expenditures of \$1 million in the Opportunity Fund category, while actual 2003 Levy expenditures were \$1.7 million. Approximately \$400,000 of the 2003 expenditures was approved for reimbursement through County matching funds that were not yet received by 2003 year end.

### **Opportunity Fund Leverage of Supplemental Funding**

In 2003, \$408,000 was received in leveraged funds for Opportunity Fund projects, primarily through Department of Neighborhoods neighborhood matching grants for Fremont Peak Park, Maple Leaf community garden, and Flo Ware Park.

Parks staff and community continued to seek matching funds to enhance Opportunity Fund projects, and in 2003 more than \$2 million was approved in County matching funds toward Opportunity Fund acquisition projects. This will be reflected in future reports when funding is received.

### **2003 Opportunity Fund Activities**

In 2002, the Pro Parks Levy Oversight Committee recommended 19 projects totaling \$6 million to be funded through the first funding cycle of the Opportunity Fund. These recommendations were unanimously approved by the Parks Superintendent, Mayor and City Council. Of the 19 approved projects, two acquisition projects were completed in 2002.

In 2003, three development projects and two additional acquisition projects were completed. In addition, planning was under way to identify acquisition sites in the following urban center villages: University District, Denny Triangle and Chinatown-International District. And construction was under way at four projects.

### **2003 Opportunity Fund Accomplishments and Project Highlights**

*Maple Leaf community garden:* In September, the community celebrated the acquisition of property for a new park and/or community garden near Northgate. Preservation of the property had been a long-term goal of the neighborhood.



*Volunteers at Hitt's Hill Park*

*Hitt's Hill Park:* With the help of the Opportunity Fund, community volunteers and other fundraising, this 3.2 acre site in Columbia City has been transformed into an accessible new park with native plants and new trails.



*Belltown Cottage Park:* A June “grand opening” celebrated this newly landscaped park and the renovated historic cottages. The Opportunity Fund project landscaped the area with appealing garden plantings and spaces that invite neighborhood use and gatherings.

Other Opportunity Fund development projects completed in 2003 were improvements to Graham Hill School playground in southeast Seattle, and acquisition of properties adjacent to Greenwood Park. In addition, one of the properties targeted in the Ballard Open Space project was acquired.

**Opportunity Fund Progress to Date through 2003:**

The first cycle of the Opportunity Fund targeted 19 projects: seven development projects and 12 acquisition projects. Of these, three development projects and four acquisition projects were completed through 2003.

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**2000 Parks Levy: Status of Acquisition Projects  
December 31, 2003 Status**

Project

Planning  
In Acquisition  
In Closing  
Acquisition Completed  
Status

Project	Planning	In Acquisition	In Closing	Acquisition Completed	Status
<b>Central East</b>					
Bellevue Substation					On 9/22/03 the Levy Oversight Committee recommended pursuing purchase of an alternate site at Summit and John, which is better suited for park purposes, rather than the Substation site. The Superintendent has approved this recommended project scope change
Capitol Hill Park					Acquire one or more sites for future neighborhood park. Identified sites owned by Group Health, which has been unresponsive to repeated inquiries but may be more receptive in 2005.
Central Area Park: Homer Harris Park					Property purchased at 24th & E. Howell, December 2002. A dedication ceremony for the newly named Homer Harris Park was held November 13, 2002. Pro Parks funds were supplemented for purchase, development and maintenance with \$1.3 million gift through Parks Foundation.
First Hill Park					Acquire property for future neighborhood park. Identified site owned by Philippine government, which has been unresponsive to repeated inquiries. Have begun research for potential alternate sites.
Harrison Ridge Greenbelt					Potential acquisition to connect existing green space.
Leschi Natural Area - Property 1					Acquired view property in 2001; community and Department have built a loop trail in the greenspace and planted native trees and plants
Leschi Natural Area - Property 2					Potential additional acquisition to connect existing green space.
Mount Baker Ridge view site - Opportunity Fund					Acquired view property in January 2003. Property was nominated through Pro Parks Opportunity Fund.
St. Mark's Greenbelt					Potential acquisition to connect existing green space.
<b>Central West</b>					
Denny Triangle - Opportunity Fund					Acquire new park site in urban village. Property research and planning are underway. Approximately \$900,000 to \$1 million in matching funds from County Conservation Futures tax was approved by County Council on 11/24/03 as part of the 2004 County budget process.
Kiwanis Ravine					Potential acquisitions to connect existing green space and protect habitat. This green space hosts the largest great blue heron nesting colony in the city.
NE Queen Anne Greenbelt					Potential acquisition to connect existing green space in NE Queen Anne Greenbelt
Queen Anne Park Acquisition					Acquire site in Queen Anne's Uptown neighborhood. Public process in 2002 identified site at Queen Anne and Roy; property currently in negotiation.
Pioneer Square/International District Opportunity Fund					Acquire land for new park or open space in one or both urban villages. Pioneer Square has requested that a portion of this funding be reserved until broader community planning is completed. The public process has begun to prioritize sites in the ID.
Smith Cove Acquisition					7.3 acres acquired from U. S. Navy on August 29, 2003. Funding sources included Pro Parks Levy, SPIF, and King County. The County has provided funds for interim improvements to the lower portion of the site.
Westlake Greenbelt					Potential acquisition to consolidate existing green space.
<b>Northeast</b>					
Lake City Civic Core					Added 0.2 acres to park in 2001. (Albert Davis Park will be redeveloped as part of a civic campus development that will serve the Lake City neighborhood.)
Northgate Park					1.67 acres acquired in 2002 for a new park in the Northgate urban village at NE 105th and 5th NE, adjacent to a new library and community center.
North Open Space Acquisitions - Site 1					Acquired 2 acres along Little Brook at NE 117th and 36th NE, in partnership with Seattle Public Utilities.
North Open Space Acquisitions - Site 2					Acquired 0.67 acres along South Branch of Thornton Creek at NE 100th and 20th NE in 2002, in partnership with Seattle Public Utilities.
North Open Space Acquisitions - Site 3					Acquisition was completed on 7/31/03. Property is 0.19 acre in size, near 25th NE and NE 95th at the headwaters of Morningside Creek, a Thornton Creek tributary.
North Open Space Acquisition - Site 4					On 10/2/03 acquired a half-acre property on NE 105th, adjacent to Thornton Creek Park #6, near the future Northgate community center. Property is traversed by about 140 linear feet of the creek.
Maple Leaf community garden - Opportunity Fund					On 8/29/03 this 0.4 acre property was purchased on NE 103rd St, just east of 5th Ave NE, near Northgate. Community celebration was held 9/20/03.
Pinehurst pocket park - Opportunity Fund					Purchase and sale agreement was signed in August, 2003 for site at NE 117th and 19th NE for future neighborhood park. Closing is expected in first quarter 2004.
University District - Opportunity Fund					Acquire new park site in urban village. Public meeting held 6/03 about acquisition strategies and potential sites. Developers forum held 7/17/03 with OED. Approximately \$900,000 to \$1 million in matching funds from Conservation Futures Tax was approved by County Council 11/03.
<b>Northwest</b>					
Ballard Open Space - Opportunity Fund - Site 1					Acquire site for future neighborhood park. Property purchase closed on March 17, 2003 for corner property at NW 63rd and 17th NW. This site was nominated through the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund.
Ballard Open Space - Opportunity Fund - Site 2					Potential future acquisition to expand existing Baker Park.
Ballard Park (Monroe Substation)					Acquire substation across from Ballard High School for future neighborhood park. City Light is expected to transfer in 2004 or later. May seek alternate site.
Fremont Peak - Opportunity Fund					Acquired view property in 2002 at N 45th and Palatine Ave N for new neighborhood park in underserved area. Demolition of two houses is pending, and community is raising funds for park development. Third parcel is being considered for purchase.
Green Lake Open Space					Acquired site at NW corner of 67th and Linden in 2001.
Greenwood Park Addition - Opportunity Fund					Acquired property on 12/16/03 to expand new park at site of former greenhouses at 87th and Fremont Ave N. Two lots acquired, totalling .3 acre.
North Beach Ravine					Potential acquisition to connect existing green space and extend watershed and habitat preservation. This ravine includes the second largest great blue heron nesting colony in the city.
Whittier Substation and Addition					Substation at NW 76 and 6th NW acquired 8/29/03. Adjacent property acquired by Seattle Parks and Recreation June 13, 2003, with assistance of Cascade Land Conservancy.
<b>Southeast</b>					
East Duwamish Greenbelt					Potential acquisitions to connect existing green space. Negotiations are under way for a property north of Holgate/Beacon Ave S (offered by owners).
Kubota Garden Natural Area - Site 1					Potential acquisition to connect existing green space and protect Mapes Creek watershed. Negotiations are under way for a property on the north side of Kubota Garden.
Kubota Garden Natural Area - Site 2					Potential acquisition to connect existing green space and protect Mapes Creek watershed. Negotiations are under way for a property on the south side of Kubota Garden.
Maple School Natural Area					Potential acquisitions to connect existing green space.

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Project

Project	Planning	In Acquisition	In Closing	Acquisition Completed	Status
York Substation					Substation at S Charlestown and Renton Ave S acquired on August 29, 2003.
<b>Southwest</b>					
Delridge Open Space Acquisitions - Site 1					3 acre site acquired at Croft Place and Delridge Way in August 2002 in partnership with Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association, which acquired other half of large property for housing.
Delridge Open Space Acquisitions - Site 2					Property in Puget Creek watershed acquired on August 29, 2003. Property is .24 acre in size.
Delridge Open Space Acquisitions - Site 3					Additional acquisitions along Longfellow and/or Puget Creeks to connect existing green spaces
West Duwamish Greenbelt - Site 1					Acquired 10 acre site in 2001 to preserve connected wildlife corridor in the city's largest greenbelt.
West Duwamish Greenbelt - Site 2					Potential additional acquisitions to preserve wildlife habitat and connect existing green space. Participating in interdepartmental team considering disposition of City-owned 20-acre "Sound Way" property in Riverview n'hood, south of community college.
Alki Substation 1					Substation at SW Admiral Way and 51st SW acquired on August 29, 2003.
California Substation					Acquire substation site. Substation transfer is expected to close in early 2004.
Duwamish Head Greenspace					On 12/15/03 a property owner donated a .4 acre site in the Duwamish Head Greenbelt to Seattle Parks and Recreation.
Duwamish Head Greenspace					Potential acquisitions to connect existing green space.
Ercolini site - Opportunity Fund					Acquire site for future neighborhood park. Nominated for Opportunity Fund by owner.
Gateway North - Opportunity Fund					Acquire City Light property for future park on Duwamish River. Seattle Public Utilities is a partner in this project.
Junction Plaza - Opportunity Fund					Acquire site for future park in West Seattle Junction.
Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area - Site 1					On 10/31/03 a 2.135 acre property was purchased in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area. The property is adjacent to and immediately south of Me-Kwa-Mooks Park. The community is planning a celebration for late spring 2004.
Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area - Site 2					Purchase of a conservation easement on an adjacent property in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area is expected to close in March 2004.
Morgan Substation					Acquire substation site at SW Morgan and 42nd SW. City Light is expected to transfer in 2006. May seek alternate site.
Sylvan Way					Acquire portion of undeveloped site at Sylvan Way and 28th SW for passive open space/neighborhood park.

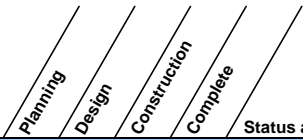
2000 Parks Levy: Status of  
Named Development Projects  
JANUARY 2004

Planning  
Design  
Construction  
Complete

Project Status and Recent Developments

Project	Planning	Design	Construction	Complete	Status and Recent Developments
<b>Central East</b>					
Belleuve Substation Development					Development is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Boren/Pike/Pine Park Improvements					A lease agreement with WSDOT is being finalized. In-house landscape architects are now designing the park. Construction is expected to begin in April, with completion in late 2004.
Capitol Hill Park Development					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
(Homer Harris Park) Central Area Park Development					Design development is nearing completion. The project will go out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2004.
First Hill Park Development					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Lincoln Reservoir Improvements - Resv. Lidding Project (Cal Anderson Park)					Construction of the park improvements on the reservoir lid will begin 2nd qtr. 2004. Completion of the reservoir and park improvements is targeted for 2005, pending SPU completion. Planning for the final phase of the park project has begun that will add a new play area.
Lincoln Reservoir Improvements - Shelterhouse					Completed
Montlake Community Center					Project planning is beginning in the 1st qtr. 2004.
Spruce & Squire Park Development					Improvements including a lawn area, gathering spot and pathway were completed in the 4th qtr. 2003. Lawn establishment is underway.
Judkins Playfield					Completed
Washington Park Arboretum					Planning for the first 2 improvement projects at the arboretum are underway, they include the Irrigation Mainlines and the South Entry. The design programs are being completed to bring designers on board in the 1st qtr. 2004.
<b>Central West</b>					
Lower QA Wtrfrnt Connections - OSP					Seattle Art Museum is managing the project. The sculpture park is schedule to begin construction in 2005.
Lower QA Wtrfrnt Connections - Thomas Street (SDOT)					The project will help fund an overpass at Thomas St. between Queen Anne's Uptown and Myrtle Edwards Park. Plans call for design to be completed in late 2004. SDOT is managing this project.
Cascade Playground Improvements					The playground project is being redesigned in response to additional funding being provided by a local development team. The added funding will allow for existing concrete walls on the site's north and west frontages, to be minimized. Construction
Dexter Pit Development					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Ward Springs Park Development					Completed
I-5 Open Space Development					Design development plans for the space under I-5 are being completed for stairways, trails, dog off-leash and mountain bike areas.
Lake Union Trail (SDOT)					SDOT is managing this project. Project is scheduled to go to bid in late 2004.
Magnolia Elementary Field Improvements					Project planning will begin in the 1st qtr. 2004.
Mountain to Sound Greenway Development (SDOT)					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program. SDOT is managing this project.
Pioneer Square Park Improvements					Design is underway to improve Pioneer Square and Occidental Square Parks including lighting, paving and landscaping. Construction is slated to begin in the 2nd qtr. 2004.
Queen Anne Blvd Improvements					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Queen Anne Park Development					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
South Lake Union Park Development					Design development is underway and slated for completion in the 2nd qtr. 2004. In December, the Parks Foundation made a decision to not include the proposed canal in the portion of the project for which the group will be fundraising.
<b>Northeast</b>					
7th Avenue NE Street End Development					Project planning is scheduled to begin in 2004.
Cowen Park Improvements					The creek daylighting project is under construction. Landscaping for this will be completed in the 2nd qtr. 2004. The shelterhouse renovation is currently under construction and set for completion in the 3rd qtr. 2004.
Lake City Civic Core Development					As a part of the civic campus redevelopment, the project to redevelop Albert Davis Park, went out to bid in the 4th qtr. 2003. The park project is slated for completion in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Lake City Mini Park Development					Design is underway to renovate the mini park. The project will go out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2004.
Laurelhurst Community Center					Project planning is scheduled to begin in the 1st qtr. 2004.
Meadowbrook Playfield					Construction is nearly complete on the project to renovate fields 2 and 3 at Meadowbrook. The construction will be complete in the 1st qtr. 2004.
Northgate Park Development					Design is underway for the park, which is part of a combined project that includes a new community center and library. The project will go out to bid in the 3rd qtr. 2004.
North Teen Life Center					The project to develop a teen life center, in the former community center at Nathan Hale High School, is scheduled for construction in the 2nd qtr. 2004.
Ravenna Creek Daylighting					Design is being completed to daylight Ravenna Creek around the existing ballfield, and improve entries and trails. The community's design issues have been resolved. The project will go out to bid in 2nd qtr. 2004.
Sand Point/Magnuson Athletic Fields					The Sports Meadow project, a multi-field project, is in design. The previous permitting issues related to the adjacent wetlands, which stalled the project, have been resolved. Previously scheduled for construction in 2003, construction is now slated for the 3rd qtr. 2004.
Sand Point/Magnuson Building 406 Improvements					The project was substantially complete in the 4th qtr. 2003. Close out of the project is underway.
Sand Point/Magnuson Off-Leash Area					Completed
Sand Point/Magnuson Community Garden					Completed
Sand Point/Magnuson Wetlands					Planning work is complete to develop wetlands in conjunction with athletic field development. The wetlands will create an area for stormwater treatment and wildlife habitat.
University Heights Open Space Improvements					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.

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Named Development Projects  
JANUARY 2004**



Project	Planning	Design	Construction	Complete	Status and Recent Developments
<b>Northwest</b>					
Ballard Municipal Center Park Development					Public involvement meetings began in October to create a new park on the former grocery site. A preferred schematic design will be completed by the end of the 1st qtr. 2004. The design process will be complete by the 4th qtr. 2004.
Bergen Place Park Improvements					This project to renovate a small park in the heart of Ballard is under construction. The project will be substantially complete in 1st qtr. 2004.
Bitter Lake Reservoir Open Space Development					Design is underway to develop a pathway, open space, and drainage improvements around the Bitter Lake Reservoir in cooperation with SPU. The project will go out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2004.
Burke Gilman Trail Improvements (SDOT)					This trail project from (67th to Golden Gardens) is in design and is scheduled to go to bid in fall 2004, with construction in 2005. SDOT is managing the project.
Carkeek Park Improvements					Permitting work is underway for the new pedestrian bridges, while design work is underway for trails and interpretive signage. Construction of the STEP grant work was completed in the 3rd qtr. 2003. If permits are granted, construction of the bridge and trail work will begin in the 2nd qtr. 2004.
Crown Hill School Open Space Development					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Fremont Park Development					Design and permitting are nearing completion for this new neighborhood park, west of the Fremont Library. Permit issues related to the site's steep slopes delayed project bidding until the 1st qtr. 2004.
Gas Works Park Improvements					Design is being completed to improve the park, primarily the northwest corner to create open space and park connections. The project will go out to bid in April. Construction at the site will start after the 4th of July celebration.
Golden Gardens Bathhouse Renovation					Construction to renovate the bathhouse for teen use and other community programming is underway. Completion is scheduled for the 2nd qtr. 2004.
Linden Orchards Park (Green Lake Open Space Development)					The Pro Parks portion of the project was substantially complete in the 4th qtr. 2003. Total project completion is set for the 1st qtr. 2004.
Green Lake Park Plaza and Shade Garden					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Greenwood Park Site Development					Completed
Loyal Heights Playfield Improvements					Project planning is scheduled to begin in 2004.
Mineral Springs Park (North Seattle Park Improvements)					Construction is underway to improve the disc golf course, add gardens, an art walk, and other amenities. Construction will be complete in the 2nd qtr. 2004
Ross Park Shelterhouse Improvements					Project planning is scheduled to begin in 2004.
Wallingford Playfield					Completed
Wallingford Steps					Completed
Whittier Substation Development					Design is underway to create a new neighborhood park at NW 76th St. and 6th Ave. NW in the Ballard/Crown Hill neighborhood. Construction is planned to begin in mid-2004.
<b>Southeast</b>					
37th Avenue S Park Development					The issue with SHA and Dept. of Neighborhoods on the current use of the site, as a "Market Garden" has been resolved. The Market Garden will be permitted to remain until Oct. 2004. Planning and design will be completed this year, so the project in New Holly, can go out to bid 4th qtr. 2004.
Beacon Reservoir Park (Jefferson Park) Acq./Devel.					With the approved site plan as a guide, the design for the park at the Beacon Reservoir is starting in the 1st qtr. 2004. Parks will work closely with SPU on park/reservoir project.
Bradner Gardens Improvements					Completed
Cheasty Blvd. Improvements					The project is now in design to create a trail and drainage improvements along the boulevard. The project will start construction in the 2nd qtr. 2004.
Chief Sealth Trail Development (SDOT)					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program. SDOT will be managing this project.
Colman School Parking Lot					Public planning process will be completed 1st qtr. 2004 to improve the parking lot next to Sam Smith Park. The proposed mix of site uses will not include a skate park. Construction may be delayed until 2005 to accommodate the schedule of the adjacent Colman School project.
Columbia Park Development					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Genesee Playfield Renovation					Completed
Genesee Playfield Renovation - Lighting					Completed
Jefferson Park Pathway Development					Completed
Jefferson Park Tennis Courts					This project is scheduled to begin planning in 1st qtr. 2004, as part of the overall Beacon Reservoir Park (Jefferson Park) design process.
Kubota Garden Improvements					Design is nearly completed to improve ADA access, drainage, irrigation, landscaping and pathways. The project will go out to bid in the 1st qtr. 2004.
Lake Washington Blvd Trail Improvements					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Martin Luther King Jr Park Development					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Rainier Beach Public Plaza Development					The design of the plaza at the NW corner of Henderson St. and Rainier Ave. is underway as a part of the adjacent school's site planning process. The project will be designed and constructed as a part of the school project. Construction of the school
Rainier Playfield Improvements					This project is scheduled to begin planning in 2004.
Seward Park Annex Renovation					Parks and the Audubon Society have reached an agreement on the renovation and use of the Annex building by Audubon and the hatchery complex by Parks. Design work is underway on the Parks project at the hatchery site.
York Substation Development					Project design is underway. Construction of the project will be delayed until 2005 to accommodate community fundraising to enhance the levy project.
<b>Southwest</b>					
Alki Bathhouse Improvements					This project to renovate the facility and make it more usable for the community is under construction. The facility will reopen in the 3rd qtr. 2004.
Alki Substation Development					Project design is underway for a new park on Admiral Way SW at Garlough Ave SW. Construction is set for the 3rd qtr. 2004.
Brandon Mini Park Development					This project is scheduled to begin planning in 2004.

**2000 Parks Levy: Status of  
Named Development Projects  
JANUARY 2004**

Project	Planning	Design	Construction	Complete	Status and Recent Developments
California Substation Development	Yellow	Orange			Design work for renovation of the building and for the new park is underway. Additional remediation may delay the bldg. renovation until 3rd qtr. 2004. The community has committed to raise funds for the future park improvements.
Georgetown Playfield Improvements					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Greg Davis Park Development					This project is scheduled to begin planning in 2004.
Hiawatha Entry Improvements	Yellow	Orange			Design is underway on improvements to the site including lighting, irrigation, benches and landscaping. The project will go out to bid in the 3rd qtr. 2004.
Oxbow Park (Georgetown Park Development)	Yellow	Orange	Orange		Construction is underway on the new neighborhood park in Georgetown. The landmark Hat 'N Boots structures were moved to the site in Dec. The construction will be completed in the 2nd qtr. 2004.
Lincoln Annex Redevelopment	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Brown	Completed
Longfellow Creek Trail Improvements	Yellow	Orange			Project planning is underway to implement additional portions of the trail system, including wayfinding and interpretive signs along the trail route. Construction of trail segments and installation of signage is planned for the 3rd qtr. 2004.
Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail Improvements	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Brown	Completed
Morgan Substation Park Development					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Myrtle Reservoir Development					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Orchard Street Ravine Improvements					This project is scheduled for the latter four years of the levy program.
Puget Blvd Commons Development					This project is scheduled to begin planning in 2004.
Roxhill Park Wetland Development	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Brown	Completed
Schmitz Park Improvements	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Brown	Completed
Southwest Community Center Teen Center	Yellow	Orange			Design is underway for the teen center in conjunction with a computer lab and a new gymnasium at Southwest.
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West Seattle Stadium Improvements					This project is scheduled to begin planning in 2004.
Westcrest Park Improvements	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Brown	Completed