

Proposed 2023 Seattle Park District Budget Presentation and Public Hearing

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Today's Agenda

Item 1: 2023 Proposed Budget

Item 2: Public Hearing

Park District Cycle 2 Planning: Timeline Overview

Cycle 1: 2015 – 2020 (2-year pause 2021-2022)

> **2019 - 2021:** SPR strategic planning, community engagement, identification of funding needs

March – May 2022: BPRC Recommendation Process **City Council Review:** BRPC Recommendation and Mayor's Proposed 6-Year Plan



Nov 21: 2023 Budget Adoption



Item 1: Park District Proposed 2023 Budget: \$118M



2023 OPERATING PARK DISTRICT: \$67M

2023 CAPITAL PARK DISTRICT: \$51M

* Funding for Waterfront operation and maintenance transfers to Seattle Center in 2023 (all other BSLs are in SPR's budget).

* 2023 revenues back \$2.6M in Smith Cove Phase 1 appropriation existing in the Building for the Future BSL (unspent Cycle 1 resources for this project were reallocated to respond to the COVID pandemic and remaining appropriation was to be backed by Cycle resources). The 2023 Spending Plan right sizes this project and additional resources to complete the project in Cycle 2 are reflected in 2024 and 2025.

Continues Cycle 1 Investments

2023	INVESTMENT AREA			
\$23.8M	Major and regular maintenance, cleaning, and other services to keep parks clean and open			
\$5.4M	Regular tree planting and maintenance work			
\$4.4M	Community Center operations and programs			
\$4.3M	Programs for teens, older adults, youth learning and people with disabilities			
\$2.8M	Activation of parks downtown and citywide			
\$10.3M	Partnership support (Aquarium, Zoo, Waterfront)			
\$7.3M	Other operating support and smaller capital projects (equity fund, off leash areas, p-patches, greenways, etc.)			

Supports New and Expanded Services including:



Funds 20,000 hours of youth employment opportunities per year serving 80 youth.



Adds a new team of 5 employees to respond quickly to graffiti and vandalism



Increase access to community centers with focus on weekend and evening hours



Re-establishes the Park Ranger program and increases activation of downtown and neighborhood parks



Doubles Community Engagement Ambassador hours from 3,000 to 6,000 hours in up to 15 languages

Expands forest restoration and tree planting in developed parks



Increase comfort station renovations & maintenance (7-day year-round)



Increase enforcement of leash and scoop laws to 7-day coverage



Increase Seattle Conservation Corps capacity to serve 10 additional members (60 annually)

Supports New Capital Projects including:

2023	INVESTMENT AREA				
\$6.9M	Towards Park Development Projects including: Smith Cove (Phase 1), West Seattle Junction, 48 th and Charleston, Morgan Junction, Wedgewood and A.B. Ernst Park, Terry Pettus, Cayton Corner, Gateway Park North, Bitter Lake Reservoir (Phase 1)				
\$2.5M	Towards Seattle's first dedicated pickleball courts and increased maintenance of existing racket courts				
\$5.5M	To support planning of Capital Improvements at Queen Anne Community Center and Green Lake/Evans Pool				
\$4.0M	Towards the renovation of Amy Yee Tennis Center				
\$5.5M	Towards decarbonization of SPR facilities, renovation of comfort stations and accessibility improvements				
\$0.9M	Planning for Unreinforced Masonry projects, Off Leash areas Kubota Garden and Lake Washington Blvd,				
UP TO \$3M	To support the Garfield Super Block Project and improvements at Marra-Desimone Park*				

*2023 Equity Fund allocation (base + expanded)

Property Tax Summary:

	Property	Tax Rate	Annual Impact
	Тах	(per \$1000 AV)	(median value home)
2022 Adopted (Cycle 1)	\$56M	\$0.20	\$155
2023 Proposed (Cycle 2)	\$118M	\$0.39	\$341
2023 Operational Ceiling	\$119M	\$ 0.3 9	\$343





Item 2: Public Hearing