

This map is available on the City of Bellingham website.

Please visit: www.cob.org/documents/gis/maps/greenway-levy-purchases-map.pdf

GREENWAYS Quick Facts

- Since 1990 the Greenway Program has acquired over 730 acres for the public.
- The levy amount is 57-cents per \$1,000 assessed property valuation and has not changed since 1990.
- The current levy passed in 2006 will expire in 2016.

Past Greenway Projects:

The following parks/trails have been either acquired or benefited by the Greenway Program:



South Bay Trail

Railroad Trail

Bay to Baker Trail

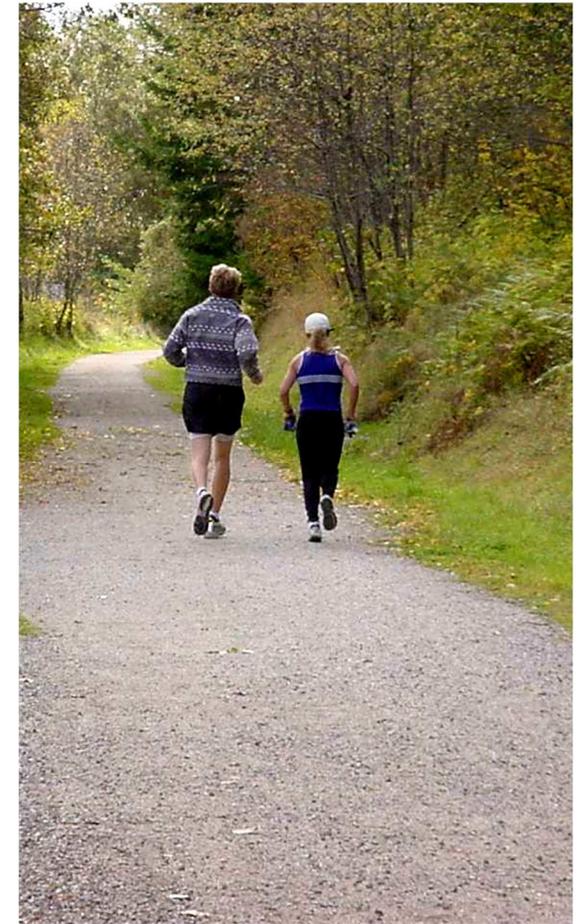
King Mountain Open Space

Interurban Trail

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Whatcom Creek Trail

Squalicum Creek Park



Bellingham Greenway Program





What is the Greenway Program?

The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department Greenways Program is designed to link Bellingham's trails, ridge tops, and shoreline corridors to a continuous series of parks, forests and greenbelts. The Greenway program is funded by a citizen initiative levy, and was approved by a public vote. The program emphasizes preservation through purchasing public land, developing trails & parks and renovating existing facilities.

History of Greenways

The original levy in 1990 allocated seven million dollars for the city to purchase land for public parks and trails. The levy amount was 57-cents per \$1,000 assessed property valuation. The levy initially expired in 1997, but was prolonged by the approval of the Beyond Greenways levy which was a twenty million dollar levy that continued at the same rate for another 9 years. In 2006, the Beyond Greenways levy expired and Greenways III was approved by voters. This current levy is still at the same 1990 rate, and will expire in 2016. It is expected to generate \$42 million for land acquisition, development, and maintenance of existing green spaces.

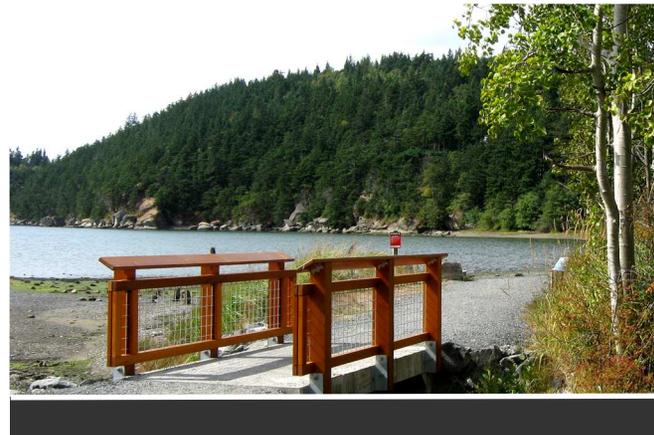
Who Decides What Land is Acquired?

The Greenway Advisory Committee works with the Bellingham Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to evaluate which properties to acquire. Factors such as environmental attributes and financial implications are assessed for each potential acquisition. Decisions are also based on opportunity and willingness of sellers. The committee provides the most value possible for every acquisition. The process of acquiring land for the Greenway program is through and strives to meet the needs of the public and help improve the Bellingham Parks system.

Public Input

The Greenway Advisory Committee encourages the public to give their input on current and future projects. If you know of an area that needs more care or preservation please attend a monthly meeting or email greenway@cob.org.

For more information please visit: www.cob.org/government/departments/parks/greenway/index.aspx



Support Greenways By Volunteering

The Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program provides volunteer opportunities at properties acquired through the Greenway Program & other park properties. New property acquisitions often require several years of environmental restoration. There are several ways you can help improve Greenways:

Attend a Work Party

- The Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program hosts Saturday work parties throughout most of the year. Directions, tools and gloves are provided. Check our website for maps and a schedule of upcoming work parties

Become a Park Steward

- For individuals or groups who wish to adopt a park or trail to complete environmental restoration and/or litter control on their own schedules.

Adopt a Trail

- For individuals or groups who are interested in tending to the care of a section of trail. Duties would include litter clean up and light restoration work.

Contact Us:

Bellingham Park Volunteer Program

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www.cob.org & search 'Park Volunteer Program'