

# Greenspaces Acquisition Authority

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## Request for renewal of previous acquisition authority

Past acquisition programs included greenspaces blanket acquisition authority:

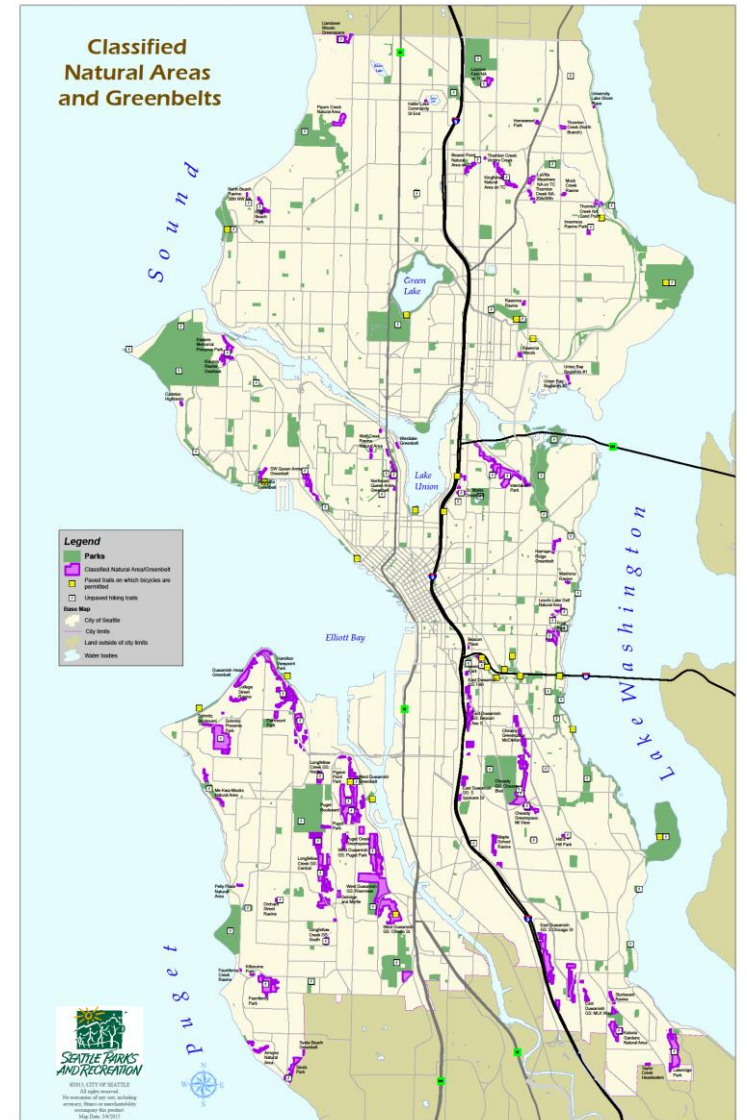
- 1989 Open Space and Trails Bond Program
- 2000 Neighborhood Parks, Green Spaces, Trails, and Zoo Levy
- 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy



**Duwamish Head Greenbelt Work Party**

# Greenspaces Acquisition History

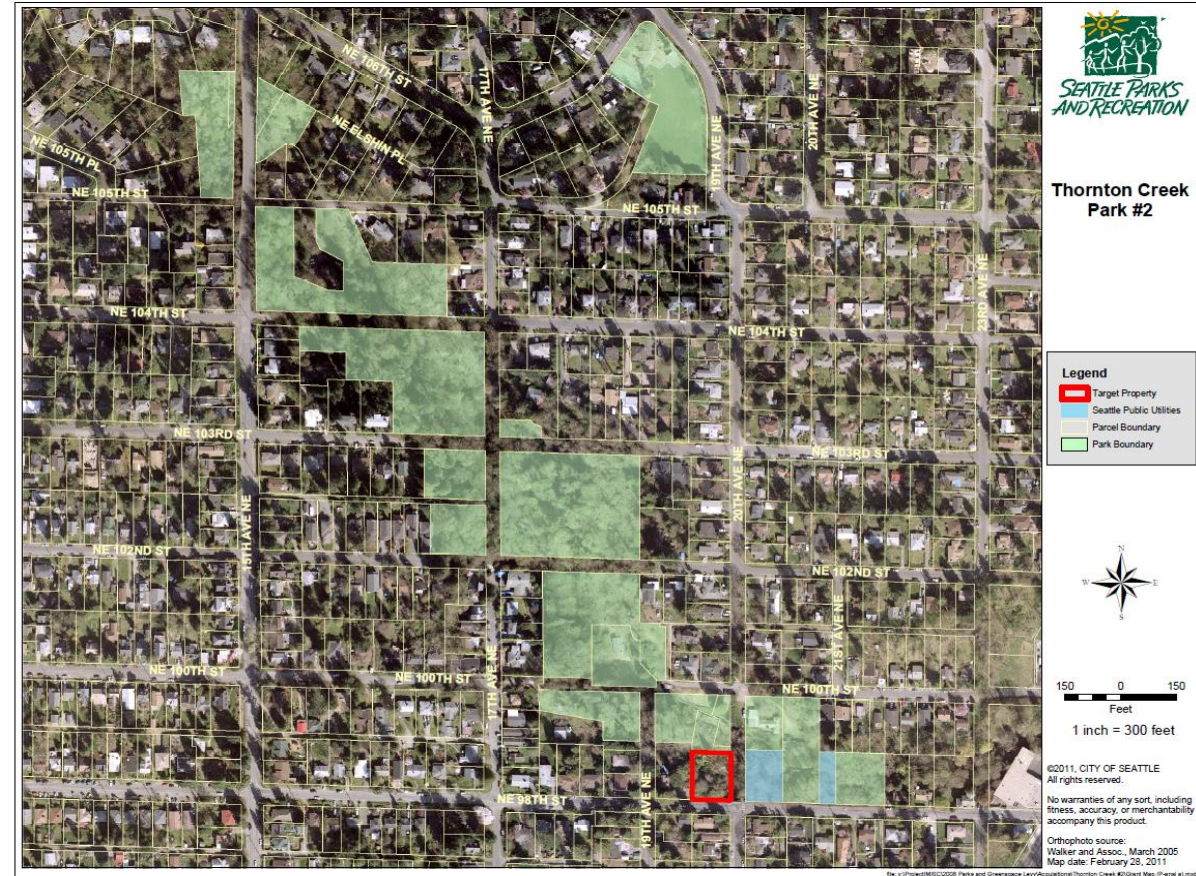
- Resolution 28653 (1993) adopted the greenspaces policy and designated greenspaces as part of the City's open space policies.
- Greenspaces were identified as important natural or ecological features.
- Greenspaces designation (greenbelts, ravines, natural areas, riparian corridors) established priority areas for preservation.



City Greenspaces Map

# Greenspaces Acquisition Authority: Rationale

- Assemblages/filling greenspaces ownership gaps important for habitat, native systems maintenance and restoration, buffers between developed spaces
- Voluntary acquisitions based on resource value, location, opportunity (willing seller or donor), imminent change (for sale, permit application)
- Blanket acquisition authority (subject to appraisal and due diligence) within a greenspace allows the City to be more responsive to market opportunities



Thornton Creek Riparian Assemblage Example

# Greenspace at Thornton Creek - NE 100<sup>th</sup> St.

## Assemblage "Before"



## Assemblage "After" Restoration



# Greenspaces Acquisitions

## W. Duwamish Greenbelt: Filling gap



## Kubota Gardens Natural Area: Protecting hydrology



# Questions?

