

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; authorizing the acquisition of real property commonly known as the 17th Ave South & South Walker Street, Seattle, Washington; authorizing acceptance of a recording of the deed for open space, park, and recreation purposes; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: Located at the approximate junction of two urban villages, North Beacon Hill Residential Urban Village (RUV) and North Rainier Hub Urban Village (HUV) (sometimes referred to as Mt. Baker HUV) the proposed acquisition would fill existing park service gaps, defined in the 2024 Park and Open Space Plan as an urban village not having a park within a five-minute walking distance. See below: dark orange represents urban village park gaps, and the blue star marks the location of the acquisition property.



The community has been active in advocating for more parks, and the Beacon Hill Council Seattle, El Centro Del La Raza, and the Mt. Baker Hub Alliance all support the acquisition and have sent letters to the King County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee advocating for a grant award. It is anticipated that King County will directly fund escrow with \$5,500,000 of 2025 King County Conservation Futures funds. Therefore, this legislation does not include any related appropriation changes.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?

Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? Yes No

This acquisition is supported by Conservation Futures Tax proceeds managed by King County. SPR applied for and was granted full funding for this acquisition recognizing it is in an equity area. Utilizing this funding source results in certain restrictions to the types of development and uses on this property as the funding source supports open space acquisitions.

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

It is anticipated that King County will directly fund escrow with \$5,500,000 of 2025 King County Conservation Futures funds and therefore City appropriation for reimbursable revenue is not required.

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

This legislation provides for the acquisition of property and future costs may be incurred when the site is developed. Related ongoing maintenance costs would also be incurred after the site is developed. Funding for future site development and subsequent maintenance may be considered in a future budget process.

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.

It is anticipated that King County will directly fund escrow with \$5,500,000 of 2025 King County Conservation Futures funds. If this legislation is not implemented, SPR would lose an opportunity to acquire future park land in a currently underserved area of the city, as the property owners have applied for permits for multi-family development. Also, the King County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee recommended this property acquisition for a match waiver, which means King County Conservation Futures will be paying for the entire purchase price.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department. Not applicable.
- b. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? Yes, it is a real property acquisition.
- c. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.
 - i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please

consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.

According to the 2024 Park and Open Space Plan, this acquisition will fill 5-minute walking distance gaps within two urban villages, promote health in the second highest Equity and Health priority area, and provide park/open space to an area of the City experiencing the highest increases in population density. Additionally, King County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee recommended a match waiver in its grant recommendation, as the City's application presented how it met King County's income and hospitalization criteria for a match waiver. Acquisition of the property will benefit an underserved community in a meaningful way through the future development of a new park.

ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.

There were no Racial Equity toolkits used for the development of this legislation. Please see SPR's Gap Analysis Update Vol. 2 is attached as Summary Attachment 2, which analyzes the geographic service gaps for park space within communities, including a map by Racial and Social Equity Composite Index.

iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?

In the near term, this property will be landbanked. Once development is funded, SPR would implement language access strategies as part of community engagement.

d. Climate Change Implications

i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.

The legislation authorizing the acquisition of this vacant parcel for open space, park and recreation use will not increase carbon emissions in any material way.

ii. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

The act of acquiring this real property will neither increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency to climate change in a material way. The acquisition of this property for future development of a park within the growing numbers of multifamily developments in this residential urban village could help reduce heat island effects as the City deals with hotter and drier summers. The addition of park land will include preserving the existing trees (and likely adding new trees, shrubs, and turf that will improve climate resiliency (stormwater runoff, heat island mitigation, etc.) and decrease carbon emissions through the addition of plants.

- e. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

Not applicable.

5. CHECKLIST

- Is a public hearing required?** No
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?** No
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?** No
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?** No

6. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments:

Summary Attachment 1 – Map of Proposed Acquisition at 17th Ave S and S Walker Street

Summary Attachment 2 - Gap Analysis Update Vol. 2