

2016 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: DPR Report on P-Patch Rejuvenation Program

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

The City Council requests that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) deliver a report detailing its plans for improvements to Seattle P-Patches through its P-Patch Rejuvenation Program in 2016 and a forecast for improvements to be made in future years.

In preparing this report, DPR is asked to include the following:

P-Patch Rejuvenation Program Costs per Year:

A. Provide a detailed estimate of the costs for making physical improvements to P-Patches in 2016;

B. Include an estimate of anticipated donated time and materials from P-Patch gardeners and other supporters, if any.

Number of P-Patches with P-Patch Rejuvenation Program Improvements in 2016:

A. Provide the number of P-Patches to be improved in 2016;

B. Provide their locations, their sizes, and the rationale for their selection.

Number of P-Patches in future years:

A. Provide the number of P-Patches expected to be improved in each of the next 5 years beyond 2016;

B. Provide their locations, by expected year of improvement, their sizes, and the rationale for their selection.

Background:

The six-year financial plan for the Seattle Parks District includes \$200,000 per year to make improvements to Seattle P-Patches. In September of this year, DPR issued a Request for Letter of Interest and Statements of Qualifications from firms to provide an assessment on the conditions and scope, schedule and budget for improvements at 59 P-Patch community gardens located on City-owned property. The Department of Neighborhoods counts 91 total P-Patch community gardens in Seattle. While DPR has since stated its intention to include all 91 gardens in the consultant's scope of work, its assessment will not be completed until the 3rd quarter of 2016. The Council wishes to receive a formal report from DPR on the cost estimates, timeline, and P-Patches that will be improved in 2016 and in future years.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries and Gender Pay Equity

Date Due to Council: July 5, 2016