

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; authorizing the acquisition of real property commonly known as 7137 38th Avenue Southwest; authorizing acceptance and recording of the deed for open space, park, and recreation purposes; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to acquire the property located at 7137 38th Avenue Southwest for \$235,000 and accept the deed to the property for open space, park, and recreation purposes. The property is adjacent to the existing DPR-owned Orchard Street Ravine and this acquisition will help protect and expand this existing green space area.

On August 5, 2014, Seattle voters approved the formation of the Seattle Park District to provide stable funding for operations, maintenance, development and acquisition of parks and recreation facilities and programs. The Seattle Park District provides funding to acquire park lands, including acquisition of properties to fill gaps in existing public ownership and preserve continuity within the City's greenspaces. The proposed legislation authorizes DPR to acquire a 5,642 square-foot property with a 690s.f. house on it, and DPR has existing funds available to demolish the house and incorporate the land into the existing adjacent property.

DPR acquired the Orchard Street Ravine properties in the mid-1990s (originally identified for preservation in the 1991 SW Comprehensive Plan) to protect a forested ravine in Morgan Junction that provides the neighborhood with passive recreation value, abundant plant life, and bird/small mammal wildlife habitat. The properties have a long heritage with strong ties to the surrounding community. Orchard Street Ravine is a component of the Green Crescent of green spaces extending from the business district to Puget Sound and back east to 35th Avenue SW identified in the 1999 Morgan Junction Neighborhood Plan.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes No

b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

Once the acquisition is complete, the department will incur costs to demolish the house as well as increased operating costs for maintenance of the property. The demolition costs are currently budgeted, and DPR will include a request for the new facility maintenance costs in the 2019-2020 budget process.

c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

If this property is not acquired this time, the property would likely be redeveloped thereby reducing the amount of greenspace available for public use.

3.d. Appropriations

Appropriations Notes: Funding from the Park Acquisition and Leverage Fund (Initiative 4.1) of the Seattle Park District will pay for this acquisition. The current budget for this project is \$350,000. The purchase price is \$235,000, with an additional budget of \$25,000 for staff time, title insurance and closing costs, environmental testing, and up to \$100,000 for demolition of the house. The funding for this acquisition was appropriated by Ordinance 124927.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

Yes

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

The acquisition of the property will add to the greenspace acreage in the Morgan Junction neighborhood, thereby increasing access for all community members to enjoy these public amenities.

g. 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).

N/A

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Attachment A – Map of Orchard Street Ravine Acquisition