

**BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>Executive Contact/Phone:</b>
Parks and Recreation	Gerald Asp/233-1503	Forrest Longman/684-0331

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Opportunity Fund category of the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy; authorizing the acceptance of monetary donations in the Rainier Beach neighborhood from the Seattle Parks Foundation, Friends of Rainier Beach Urban Farm, and Seattle Tilth to support the existing Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands Improvements project (K730153); increasing appropriations to the Department of Parks and Recreation in the 2015 Adopted Budget; amending the 2015-2020 Adopted Capital Improvement Program; all by a three-fourths vote of the City Council.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:**

This legislation accepts and appropriates a combined total of \$1,844,840 in donations from the Seattle Parks Foundation (SPF), Friends of Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands (the Friends), and Seattle Tilth (Tilth) to support the existing Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands Improvements project (RBUFW). The donations are as follows:

- SPF-\$1,221,050
- The Friends-\$316,000
- Tilth-\$307,790

In 2011, the Berger Partnership developed a schematic design in collaboration with the City, SPF, the Friends, and Tilth which documents proposed improvements to the Park. It was approved by all parties, however, the schematic design cost exceeded the available funding.

In response, SPF launched a capital campaign in May of 2013 to raise funds to support the RBUFW project. They were able to raise \$1,221,050, and are now ready to transfer the funds to Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks) as provided in the term sheet (“Term Sheet”) attached to the proposed ordinance (Att. SPF will provide \$1,191,050 in privately raised funds plus a \$30,000 King County Conservation District grant secured by SPF to begin the project later this year.

Also in 2011, Tilth and the Friends were chosen through a competitive public selection process to be the long- term operators of the site. In 2013, the Friends were awarded \$291,000 from the State of Washington and \$25,000 from the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhood Matching fund to support the RBUFW project. To support this project, the Friends will reimburse a total of \$316,000 as provided in the Term Sheet.

Finally, Tilth has been tentatively awarded \$297,790 from the State of Washington and \$50,000 from the King County Conservation District. As provided in the Term Sheet, they will support the project by reimbursing a total of \$307,790 (note that only \$10,000 of the King County Conservation District grant revenue will go towards the RBUFW project). The State of Washington funds are dependent on inclusion in the state budget. These funds are slated for project elements which can be abandoned without jeopardizing the overall project if the state does not provide funds.

All of the parties' commitments described in the Term Sheet will be memorialized in binding written agreements between the City and each party.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Project I.D.:</b>	<b>Project Location:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>
Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands Improvements	K730153	Rainier Beach Urban Farm	Q2/2011	Q4/2015	\$2,644,840

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This legislation has direct financial implications.

<b>Budget program(s) affected:</b>				
<b>Estimated \$ Appropriation change:</b>	<b>General Fund \$</b>		<b>Other \$</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Estimated \$ Revenue change:</b>	<b>Revenue to General Fund</b>		<b>Revenue to Other Funds</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Positions affected:</b>	<b>No. of Positions</b>		<b>Total FTE Change</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Other departments affected:</b>	None			

**3.a. Appropriations**

  x   This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/#*	2015 Appropriation Change	2016 Estimated Appropriation Change
2008 Parks Levy Fund #33860	Parks & Recreation	2008 Parks Levy- Opportunity Fund K720041	\$1,844,840	
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Appropriations Notes:

The project has a total of \$800,000 in existing appropriation. Of that amount, \$500,000 is from 2008 Parks Levy, and \$300,000 is funded by REET. This legislation adds an additional \$1,844,840 bringing the total funding to \$2,644,840.

**3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements**

  x   This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

**Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:**

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2015 Revenue	2016 Estimated Revenue
2008 Parks Levy Fund #33860	Parks & Recreation	Donations	\$1,844,840	
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

The revenues are donations and do not have any match requirements.

**3.c. Positions**

       This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?

No

- b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**  
The City would be foregoing an opportunity to receive large donations towards a planned city project.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
No.
- d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No.
- e) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No
- f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
Yes, the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands located at 5513 S Cloverdale Street.
- g) 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 Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetland Improvements project develops an urban agricultural project, transforming the former Atlantic City Nursery into a working urban farm and demonstration wetlands restoration site. The working farm will provide educational opportunities and develop a prototype facility in Southeast Seattle.
- h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**  
NA

**Other Issues:** NA

**List attachments below:** NA