

# King County Parks Levy Task Force



## Meeting #9

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

4 – 6 pm

Mercer Island Community and Event Center

# Meeting #9 Proposed Agenda

- I. Welcome / Introductions
- II. Task Force Business
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Task Force Discussion and Deliberation
- V. Next steps



The Aztecs soccer team (in blue) at Starfire, part of the White Center Teen Program

# Task Force Business

- Approve Meeting #8 Summary
- Review Meeting #9 agenda



Foot reflexology path at Marymoor Park

# Task Force Deliberations



**200 PARKS 175 MILES OF TRAIL 26,000 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE**

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# Task Force Deliberations

1. Other items identified by TF members
2. Review total package developed thus far
3. Funding mechanism
4. Identify and discuss key themes
5. Funding package(s)
6. Determine other comments and key messages to convey to the Executive in the Task Force's Final Report

# Consensus Items

Item	Description	Proposed	Consensus
C1	Operations and Maintenance	8.3	8.3
C2	Regional Open Space Acquisition	1.3	1.3
C3	Regional Trails System	2.5	2.5
C4	Community Partnerships & Grants	0.2	0.2
C5	Cities	1.3	1.3
C6	Woodland Park Zoo	1.3	1.3
E1	O&M: Preserve and Protect BNSF; Support 4H Program	0.3	0.26
E3	Asset Replacement and Repair	0.8	0.8
E5	Trailhead Development & Accessibility	0.2	0.2
E4	Bridges and Trestles	0.3	0.3
E6	Regional Open Space Acquisition	0.7	0.7
E7	New Trail Corridor Development	1.8	1.8

\*As of 9/25/12 meeting. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

**Sub-total\* 18.93**

# Other Items for Consideration

Item	Component	2014 Levy Rate (cents)	2014 Dollars per HH
E	Forest stewardship (Subcomponent of Item B)	0.05	\$0.20
F	White Center Teen Program - Level of Service improvement (Subcomponent of Item B)	0.03	\$0.10
G	CPG Program - Additional funding (Assumes \$240,000 per year)	0.08	\$0.25
H	UW Burke-Gilman Trail Improvement (Assumes \$17M annualized over 6-year funding period)	0.90	\$3.00
I	TOPS Center (Assumes \$8.7M annualized over 6-year funding period)	0.45	\$1.50
J	Tateuchi Center (funding gap identified at \$97M: no specific amount requested)		

Note: All numbers reflect rounding.

# Funding Mechanism

## *Options presented at Meeting #5*

- County General Fund
- Park and Recreation District or Service Area/Metro Park District
- Property Tax Levy Lid Lift (6-year, Indexed)  
*\*current model for 2008-2013\**
- Property Tax Levy Lid Lift (I-747 Constrained)
- Annual Excess Property Tax Levies
- Bonds & Excess Levies For Capital Purposes
- Additional Real Estate Excise Tax (limited to acquisition and maintenance of conservation areas)



# Identify Key Themes

Examples based upon Task Force comments

## Value of Parks/Trails/Open Space

- *We need to take care of what we have in order to keep our parks clean, safe, open and accessible for all King County residents.*
- *These are sensible new investments in parks, trails and open space, which better connect our systems and enhance our health, prosperity and quality of life.*
- *Protecting the public's investment in the existing King County system means no longer deferring critical facility maintenance, which only gets more expensive over time.*

# Identify Key Themes

Examples based upon Task Force comments

Protect open space for habitat, water quality and recreation

- *The current economic climate provides a unique opportunity to acquire and protect open space.*

Improve and grow Regional Trails System

- *King County's Regional Trails System connects communities, increases mobility, adds commuting options, improves health, and enhances recreation.*
- *We have historic opportunities to build out the network, linking the county from north to south and east to west.*

# Funding Package

Do you want to recommend a certain funding package?

*Examples:*

- *1 option (ex: total package)*
- *2 options*
  - (a) Parks Operations & Maintenance*
  - (b) Open Space & Trails*
- (a) Parks Operations & Maintenance and Open Space*
- (b) Trails*

*Other?*

- *Defer to Executive upon updated polling*

# Next Steps



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# Final Report Timeline

Date	Task
Oct 29 – Nov 2	Task Force members review draft report
Nov 2	**Task Force members submit comments**
Nov 7 – Nov 12	Task Force members review and sign-off on final report (by email)
Nov 15	Final report transmitted to Executive





Tolt-MacDonald Park