

RESOLUTION R-5446

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ESTABLISHING A DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES UTILIZING KING COUNTY PARK LEVY FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF A TRAIL SYSTEM THAT MEETS COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS.

1 WHEREAS, establishment of a development policy for the
2 Department of Parks and Community Services ("Department") is an
3 extension of current City of Kirkland ("City") Green Loop
4 recommendation in the City of Kirkland Comprehensive Plan adopted in
5 2018; and
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7 WHEREAS, the goal of the development policy aligns with the
8 Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan adopted January 2018; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan recommends
11 development of a master plan for a Green Loop Corridor; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan recommends a
14 segment of the loop connecting the Lake Washington shoreline to the
15 top of Finn Hill, Juanita Beach Park to Juanita Heights, Juanita
16 Woodlands and Big Finn Hill Park; and
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18 WHEREAS, King County has provided a letter of intent dated July
19 30, 2020 identifying the use of the King County Park Levy funds to
20 support this mission through the Levy's Regional and Other Public Trails
21 System program and funded at approximately \$2,400,000; and
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23 WHEREAS, the exact funding will be determined as the levy is
24 assessed from 2020-2025. These proceeds will accumulate over the
25 course of the 6-year levy and are not available immediately; and
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27 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services
28 Staff and the King County Parks and Recreation staff developed a
29 project timeline that reflects the accumulation of the Levy funds. It is
30 King County's intent to channel the Levy funds to the City of Kirkland
31 and develop an agreement that provides Kirkland with decision-making
32 authority over the planning, land acquisition and construction of the
33 Kirkland Green Loop Trail; and
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35 WHEREAS, the draft project timeline is as follows:
36 1. 2021-2022 Approximately \$400,000: Funding for a
37 master plan and acquisition of an immediately available
38 parcel adjoining Juanita Drive

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- 2. 2023-2024 Approximately \$1,000,000: Funding for acquisition and construction as outlined in the master plan
- 3. 2025-2026 Approximately \$1,000,000: Funding for acquisition and construction as outlined in the master plan; and

WHEREAS, the development policy will evaluate properties for acquisition and development based on construction feasibility, ADA compliance and reasonable cost of acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the development policy will also help staff establish targets that utilize efficiencies and cost saving measures, thereby helping maximize levy revenue support for those service areas identified in the resulting Green Loop Master Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1: The Kirkland City Council authorizes the Kirkland Green Loop Trail project utilizing King County Parks Levy dedicated funding from the Regional and Other Public Trails System in the amount of \$2,400,000, as made available by King County. Funding will accumulate over the levy period of 2020-2025 and be distributed to the City of Kirkland over a 6-year period as follows:

- a) 2021-2022: \$400,000 for a Green Loop Master Plan and acquisition of an immediately available parcel adjoining Juanita Drive;
- b) 2023-2024: \$1,000,000 for acquisition and construction as outlined in the master plan;
- c) 2025-2026: \$1,000,000 for acquisition and construction as outlined in the master plan;

Section 2: The City of Kirkland is hereby directed to develop an agreement with King County for the use of King County Parks Levy funding as a "pass through" to the City of Kirkland for the Kirkland Green Loop Trail. A conceptual map of the Green Loop Trail is located in **Attachment A**. As indicated in a letter provided by King County, in **Attachment B**, the City of Kirkland is expected to have decision-making authority of the planning, development and construction of the Kirkland Green Loop Trail.

Section 3: The Parks and Community Services Planning staff will manage the development of the Green Loop Master Plan to guide staff direction.

- a) The Green Loop Master Plan will be informed by Goal FH-5 of the Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan to establish a Green Loop Corridor that circles the neighborhood connecting


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parks, open spaces, pedestrian trails, wildlife corridors and natural areas, with priority segments.

- b) The Green Loop Master Plan will be informed by polices Policy FH-5.1 and 5.2 in the Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan, including but not limited to identifying parcels and easements for acquisition, suitability of acquisitions and development, ADA requirements, contiguity of acquisitions, topography, development constraints, construction feasibility, and development costs.
- c) Staff will begin the Green Loop Master Plan process in 2022 with funding from the King County Parks Levy.
- d) Upon completion, the Green Loop Master Plan will be presented to the City Council for approval and adoption.
- e) After adoption, staff will begin evaluation and strategic implementation of the recommendations resulting from the Green Loop Master Plan. Staff are authorized to carryout planning functions, acquisitions, easement negotiations, design and construction.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 1 day of September, 2020.

Signed in authentication thereof this 1 day of September, 2020.


 Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


 Kathi Anderson, City Clerk