

RESOLUTION R-5597

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADOPTING THE 2022 PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT.

1 WHEREAS, in November 2012, Kirkland voters approved
2 Proposition 2 – Levy for City Parks Maintenance, Restoration and
3 Enhancement (“Park Levy”); and
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5 WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 4365 adopted by the Kirkland City
6 Council to place Proposition 2 on the ballot described the restricted uses
7 for the funding as well as the requirement to produce an annual
8 accountability report documenting actions and the status of the
9 programs funded by the Parks Levy; and
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11 WHEREAS, over the past ten years, the City has completed
12 several significant capital projects utilizing funding from the Parks Levy,
13 including the completion of the Juanita Beach Bathhouse, Edith Moulton
14 Park renovations, development of Totem Lake Park, and upgrades and
15 infrastructure repairs at David Brink Park; and
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17 WHEREAS, following the first six years of the levy, beginning in
18 2019, a significant portion of Parks Levy funding was shifted to
19 operations and maintenance in order to maintain these new facilities
20 with less funding dedicated to capital projects; and
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22 WHEREAS, to fully capture all the services provided by the
23 Parks and Community Services Department, the annual levy
24 accountability report has been combined with the Department’s general
25 annual report; and
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27 WHEREAS, City Council desires to provide information and
28 accountability to the community on how Parks Levy funds were spent
29 each year, and this report demonstrates the overall scope of services
30 provided by the Parks and Community Services Department utilizing
31 funds generated through this levy; and
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33 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the 2022 Parks
34 and Community Services Annual Report.
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36 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
37 City of Kirkland as follows:
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39 Section 1. The Kirkland City Council adopts the 2022 Park Levy
40 Accountability Report attached as Attachment 1 and incorporated by this
41 reference.
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43 Section 2. The Kirkland City Council authorizes the posting of
44 the 2022 Parks and Community Services Annual Report on the City
45 website and the distribution of the Report through community meetings.

46 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
47 meeting this 2nd day of August, 2023.

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49 Signed in authentication thereof this 2nd day of August, 2023.



Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk



ANNUAL REPORT

Kirkland Parks and Community Services

2022

KIRKLAND PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION



The Administration Division is responsible for Department leadership, financial and personnel management, training and development, risk management, and regional and state coordination for the delivery of parks and community services. The division liaises and collaborates with the Park Board.

RECREATION



The Recreation Division is responsible for enhancing the quality of life of the community by providing programs and services to improve physical, mental, and social wellbeing with a focus on meeting the needs of diverse users, including at-risk communities and those with special needs. Increasing inclusiveness and a sense of belonging is a high priority. The division collaborates with the Kirkland Senior Council.

PARKS MANAGEMENT



The Parks Management Division ensures the Kirkland park system meets the needs of the community by actively managing park assets to ensure consistent service delivery, aesthetically pleasing and safe parks, well-maintained sports courts and fields, event venue availability, and maximized progress towards green practices and environmental preservation. The Green Kirkland Partnership program is part of the division.

PARK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



The Park Planning and Development Division is responsible for park master planning, facility design, land acquisition, capital projects, construction management, grant preparation and long-range strategic policy planning for Parks.

HUMAN SERVICES



The Human Services Division, alongside the Human Services Commission, serves as coordinator, collaborator, facilitator, and funder for services to meet basic human needs in the community and help people through economic and personal crises, and provides low and moderate-income persons with opportunities to succeed. The division also collaborates with the Kirkland Youth Council.

SPECIAL EVENTS



The Special Events Division provides special event support and permitting designed to support Kirkland's neighborhoods, as well as the City's special event, business, and film production industries. The Special Event Team ensures events are safe, well-organized, and compliant with State, County and City codes and regulations. The division also coordinates and implements the Juanita Friday Market held each summer.

63 Full Time
Employees



52 Parks
20 Open Spaces



698 Total Acres
Maintained



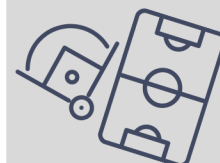
Peter Kirk Pool &
3 Swimming Beaches

North Kirkland
and Peter Kirk
Community Centers



Heritage Hall

Kirkland
Cemetery



53 City & School
Athletic Fields

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2022 EXPENSE BUDGET: \$19,131,641

GENERAL FUND



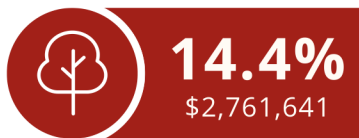
The General Fund is the department's largest funding source. Funding for the General Fund comes from property, sales, and other taxes; charges for goods and services, including recreation programs; and license and permit fees. The general fund supports a healthy and sustainable community by providing high quality parks and recreation services, ensuring a collaborative community response to basic human needs, and protecting natural areas.

2002 LEVY



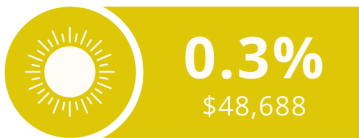
Voters approved this levy in 2002 to support the maintenance and operation of parks including Juanita Beach Park, Carillon Woods, North Rose Hill Woodlands Park, as well as select Lake Washington School District school athletic fields. This funding supports landscape and horticulture services, athletic field maintenance, restroom and park amenity services, trail maintenance, and other repair and construction projects of these properties.

2012 LEVY



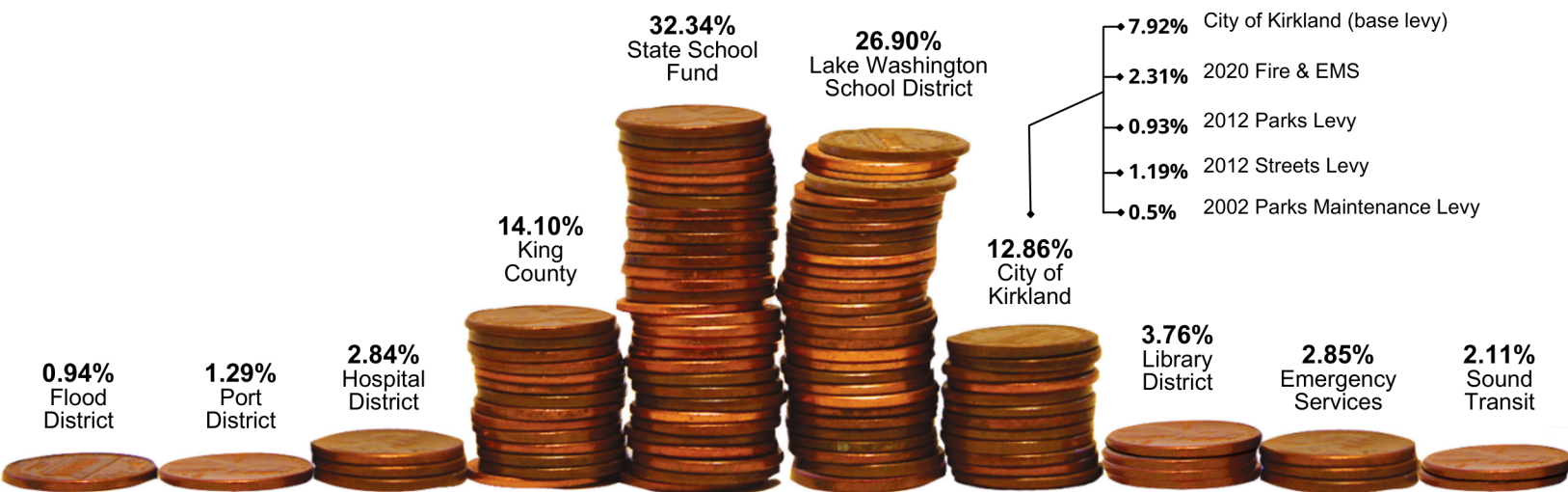
The Parks Levy was approved by voters in 2012. This levy restored beach lifeguards at designated swimming beaches and maintenance at neighborhood parks including restroom operations and repairs. The levy also provides funding for maintenance of O.O. Denny Park and the Cross Kirkland Corridor, the Green Kirkland Partnership, and annual repair and upkeep of sports courts and playgrounds.

CEMETERY FUND



The Cemetery Fund pays for funeral services, internments, installation of markers and general cemetery infrastructure. Landscaping and general upkeep of the space is funded by the General Fund.

WHERE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO





2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

COVID-19 SUPPORT

As the community continued to weather the financial and emotional impacts of the pandemic, the City awarded funding to support the following programs and services::

- Rent and utility assistance in partnership with Indian American Community Services, 4 Tomorrow, and Eastside Legal Assistance Program
- Digital equity and language access for immigrants, refugees, youth and youth adults experiencing homelessness, affordable housing residents, and the Latinx community
- Regional collaboration to support a coordinated homeless response in East King County
- Successful renovation of single occupancy rooms at Friends of Youth's Youth Haven shelter
- Mental health worker retention who support youth, adults, and their families
- Access to fresh food in partnership with Hopelink at the Kirkland food bank
- Behavioral health and case management services for Latinx households in partnership with 4 Tomorrow

PARKS AND RECREATION BALLOT MEASURE EXPLORATION



**DIVE IN
NOW**

Create the future of
Kirkland's aquatics,
recreation & open space

Based on community feedback received during the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan update, City Council amended the City's Work Program in March 2022 directing staff to explore potential comprehensive Parks ballot measure options to be placed before Kirkland voters in 2023. The Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) was re-established by City Council in August 2022 to lead the community input process and provide

recommendations to City Council regarding capital investments, operating investments, and funding mechanisms. PFEC was made up of 45 diverse community members and chaired by Councilmember Kelli Curtis.

PFEC kicked off on September 15, 2022 with its first meeting and park tour at Juanita Beach Park. The committee met approximately twice a month through the remaining months of 2022 and learned about maintaining and operating parks, aquatics and recreation programs in Kirkland, reviewed the recommendations of the PROS Plan, explored property taxes in Washington, ballot funding mechanism options, and the City's budget.

In conjunction with the PFEC process, the City initiated a feasibility study grounded on the community needs identified in the 2022 PROS Plan. Building on information about community needs from the 2022 PROS Plan, potential locations and design concepts for a Recreation and Aquatic Center were evaluated.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Each year we receive hundreds of customer inquiries through the City's central customer response portal, Our Kirkland. In 2022, staff responded to 430 Our Kirkland requests, in addition to thousands of emails and phone calls. "Park Site" and "Off-leash Areas/Dog Parks" accounted for more than half of all Our Kirkland requests received.



430
OUR KIRKLAND
REQUESTS

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



- 75+ people braved the cold to take part in the Polar Plunge to kick off the new year
- The recreation scholarship program was updated to expand access and make it easier to register without staff assistance
- Two listening sessions were held with community members and special event organizers in advance of planned updates related to Special Events



- The Wheels and Reels drive in movie series making use of the new LED movie screen debuted at Juanita Beach Park
- The biannual Recreation Guide was produced and printed for the first time in two years marking a return to near pre-pandemic programming levels



- Staff completed turf renovation work around the new Juanita Beach Park playground further enhancing the park
- The Recreation division hosted the Mermaid Ball and the Gold Nugget Hunt activity serving over 250 families
- A new drinking fountain near the playground and spigot for watering the food forest at Windsor Vista Park was installed



- Juanita Beach Bathhouse was awarded the Facilities & Spotlight Award from the Washington Recreation and Parks Association
- The Peter Kirk Community Center welcomed the return of the congregate lunch program in a new hybrid model, providing community members over the age of 60 healthy meals, social interaction, and access to other resources



- 6,000+ community members enjoyed food and entertainment from around the world at the Taste of the World event held at Juanita Beach Park
- The Pop-up off leash dog park at Snyder's Corner Park opened for the summer



- The new Teen Outdoor Adventure program took their first trip to Wallace Falls State Park. Funding for this program was provided by the Summer Experiences and Enrichment for Kids (SEEK) Grant program
- Rec-N-Roll, a mobile recreation program was introduced, providing games and activities for youth at a different park each week during the summer
- The Juanita Friday Market made its 2022 debut

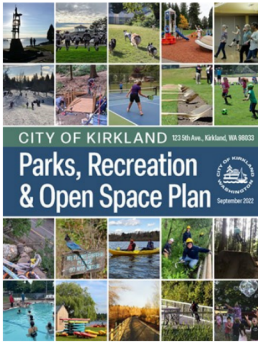




- Thousands of spectators welcomed the return of the annual 4th of July Parade to the streets of downtown after a two year hiatus
- David E. Brink Park reopened after a one-year renovation project



- After a two-year hiatus, the Little League Junior Softball World Series returned to Everest Park featuring teams from around the world
- The first season of the Outdoor Summer Movie Series wrapped up after five double features throughout the summer



- City Council adopted the 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan which identifies numerous goals and objectives informed by feedback from over 4,000 community members. The PROS Plan sets a path forward for the next six years
- The second annual See Spot Splash event took place at the Peter Kirk Pool and Lee Johnson Field
- The Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) held its first meeting at Juanita Beach Park



- Human Services partnered with Eastside Legal Assistance Program to provide several free Know-Your-Rights workshops in response to new tenant protection laws passed by City Council
- Peter Kirk Community Center hosted the City's first Dia de los Muertos event with approximately 250 people in attendance
- The Harvest Festival returned to Juanita Beach Park, drawing nearly 6,000 people to the park



- Human Services staff partnered with the King County Promotores Network (KCPN) to organize the 2022 Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair at Juanita High School
- The Peter Kirk Community Center kicked off the holiday season for a large group of seniors with the Turkey, Tunes & Holiday Wishes event, featuring Danny Vernon, a.k.a. Elvis.



- The second annual Light Up Kirkland event was held at Juanita Beach, and despite the rainy weather, the event was very well attended
- Following months of work by Human Services staff and members of the Human Services Commission, City Council approved \$2,615,032 per year for the 2023-2024 Human Services budget, allowing 79 programs to receive funding, including 19% of total grant investment supporting BIPOC organizations and programs

RECREATION

BUILDING COMMUNITY

The Recreation division introduced several new community building events in 2022 with the goal of offering programs and events that are welcoming and inclusive for all including the brand new Kirkland's Taste of the World festival and a Día de los Muertos celebration. Additionally, the Wheels and Reels Drive-In Movie series, and Summer Outdoor Movie series debuted in 2022 utilizing the new LED movie trailer. The Kirkland Harvest Festival, Light Up Kirkland, and See Spot Splash all returned for another year. While these events were established during the pandemic as a way to support the community, they have proven to be very popular and staff have continued to produce and plan these events for the community.

"SEEK" GRANT FUNDING ESTABLISHES NEW PROGRAMS

Two new programs areas made their debut thanks to funding received from the "Summer Experiences & Enrichment for Kids" (SEEK) grants from the Washington Recreation & Parks Association (WRPA) and Association of Washington Cities (AWC) with funding provided by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Rec-N-Roll, a mobile recreation program, and a Teen Outdoor Adventure program helped to reach more people within the Kirkland community.

Senior Services at PKCC

In partnership with local agencies, the Peter Kirk Community Center provides health, wellness, and transportation services to seniors in our community. In 2022, congregate meals were served four days per week as well as delivering meals to the homebound through Meals on Wheels.

The Enhance@Wellness program offers support to seniors in the community by developing a personalized plan to address the areas of health that are most important to the individual. There is a nurse, social worker and community resource specialist on-site three days a week and offer individual appointments as well as support groups and classes.

20,437

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM MEALS SERVED

3,118

WELLNESS PROGRAM VISITS

3,392

TRANSPORTATION TRIPS PROVIDED

1,670

RECREATION PROGRAMS



15,363

PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED

15,919

RECREATION PROGRAMS HOURS

16,423

TOTAL PEOPLE ON WAITLISTS FOR PROGRAMS



3,553

UNIQUE PEOPLE ON WAITLISTS

\$19,671

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

458 people donated \$7,862 to the scholarship fund, supporting 177 people who received scholarships for Recreation programs

12,595

ATHLETIC FIELD RESERVATION HOURS

5,996

PICNIC SHELTER RESERVATION HOURS

GIVING PROGRAM

\$11,000



In 2022, 3 picnic tables were donated to the park system

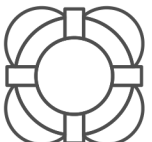
105,293

BEACH VISITORS (JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 5)



908 LIFEJACKETS LOANED

13 BEACH RESCUES BY LIFEGUARDS



PARKS MANAGEMENT

The Parks Management Division is the largest division of the department, but is often unnoticed by the public. Crews begin their work early in the morning, and often work late into the night, to ensure our parks always look their best. The Parks Management Division not only cares for our parks, but also provides supports for special events, park construction, and many other city initiatives. In 2022, over 1,100 hours were dedicated to event support alone!



The Green Kirkland Partnership's (GKP) continued to expand their efforts to restore the natural areas of our parks in 2022, adding 13 new volunteer park stewards and enrolling more than 15 acres into restoration, bringing us closer to the goal of restoring all 513 acres of natural areas within Kirkland parks. Additionally, 2022 saw nearly a 50% increase in the number of volunteers over the 2021, bringing us closer to pre-pandemic levels.



1,504 Individual Volunteers
7,303 Volunteer Hours



15.6 NEW acres in restoration
315.4 total acres in
restoration in 35 parks



48 Volunteer Stewards
156 Stewardship Events
15 Training Events Hosted

**The Green Kirkland Partnership
continues Kirkland's
commitment to restoring
natural areas in parks**



\$45,535 in grant funding
received to support
restoration efforts



9,144 Native Plants Planted
879 Native Trees Planted
3,413 Invasive Trees* Removed
255 Trees Freed of Ivy

*Primarily English holly saplings and tree-like shrubs including English laurel and Portuguese laurel



HUMAN SERVICES


RENT ASSISTANCE & TENANT RIGHTS


The Rent Assistance Program Phase 2 supported Kirkland tenants who experienced ongoing financial setbacks due to COVID-19 by providing financial assistance toward rent arrears accrued during the pandemic. Additionally, in response to new tenant protections passed by City Council, the City offered workshops where tenants received one-on-one consultation with a Kirkland-specific housing attorney in partnership with Eastside Legal Assistance Program at no cost.

 **32 HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED**
\$522,569 OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
5 BILINGUAL TENANT RIGHTS WORKSHOPS

HEALTH FAIR

The Human Services Division partnered with King County Promotores Network to host the second Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair held on October 8, 2022, at Juanita High School. The fair saw almost 1,000 attendees at the event, with a focus on outreach to BIPOC residents, limited English proficient residents, and other community members who experience barriers in seeking health care.


261
COVID 19 & Flu
Vaccinations


63 Basic Health & 13 A1C Screenings Conducted


21 Dental Screenings
11 Appointments Scheduled

Human Services administered
\$2,455,923
in general funds to support 10,187
Kirkland residents with basic needs
across five goal areas:



SEVERE WEATHER HOTEL VOUCHERS

During severe weather episodes that occurred between November 2022 and March 2023, the City distributed 22 hotel vouchers that provided 24 unique guests (18 adults and 6 children) a total of 64 nights of respite from the cold. Three of those vouchers were provided to area shelter staff that helped ensure their safety and supported staff coverage for local shelters.

Youth Council

Youth Council awarded \$8,500 in mini-grants to 21 programs and initiatives, including the following programs:

- Brazilian and Latino affinity groups at Kamiakin Middle School
- Environmental & Adventure School Health Fair
- Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America
- Health Occupations Students of America
- Diversification of school library offerings with multi-lingual and multi-cultural books
- Regional and state musical competitions
- Stream restoration work
- YMCA Mock Trial

In cooperation with Kirkland Municipal Court, the Kirkland Youth Council offers a monthly Teen Traffic Court (TTC) program. TTC offers teens the opportunity to have moving violations heard in front of a judge and jury of their peers. 16 cases were heard in 2022.

- Respondents were equally split between ages 16 & 17
- 38% of the respondents attended Juanita High and 31% from Lake Washington
- Most common infractions were, Speeding 11-15 mph over (22%), Failure to yield (17%), and Speeding 16-20 mph over (11%)
- Benefits include reduced recidivism rates, educate for youth respondent and jury members, and youth voice and empowerment

SPECIAL EVENTS



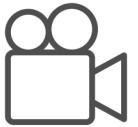
SPECIAL EVENTS came roaring back to life in 2022! Following two years of mostly virtual happenings and only a handful of in-person events, Kirkland's event calendar was once again filled with exceptional year-round activities. We were excited to welcome several new events to the lineup this year including Kirklandia, Eastside Honors Juneteenth, and the Cloud Food Court Festival. Sadly, we also said goodbye to a couple of long-time community favorites. Organizers of the Kirkland Shamrock Run and Hopelink's Turkey Trot have re-imagined their events and don't have plans to return. Kirkland is fortunate to host events that are imagined, created, and produced by such talented, dedicated, and hardworking teams. Events draw people of different cultures, backgrounds, generations, and interests together for a moment in time which allows for shared experiences and new connections. The memories we create with family and friends, both old and new, is what makes events so "special". We look forward to celebrating new moments and creating cherished memories with you in 2023!



27
Special Event
Permits Issued

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Commercial Film
Permits Issued



13
Neighborhood Block
Party Permits Issued

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National Night Out
Permits Issued



30
Banner Permits Issued

THE JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET, the City-operated farmers market wrapped up its 15th season after a successful eighteen-week run at Juanita Beach Park. Staff strived to provide a safe, inclusive, and welcoming community gathering space for all people. The market hosted forty vendors of which sixteen businesses were owned and operated by women, three were LGBTQ+ owned and operated, two were BIPOC owned and operated, and eighteen were family owned. In all, more than twelve countries were represented through food, drink, crafts, and more.

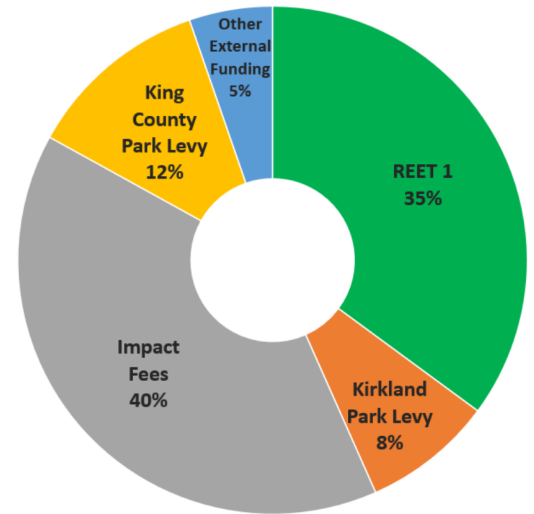


CAPITAL PROJECTS

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

In September 2022, Kirkland City Council adopted the 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan. The 2022 PROS Plan, which kicked off in the summer of 2021, identifies numerous goals and objectives informed by the feedback from more than 4,000 Kirkland community members who took part in focus groups, interviews, community conversations, and survey opportunities. Many innovative techniques were employed by City staff to ensure inclusion of all voices, including youth who were invited to share their stories. The updated PROS Plan sets a path forward for providing high quality, community-driven parks, trails, open spaces, and recreational opportunities over the next six years. The 2022 Plan's goals and objectives, together with the City's capital improvement plan, outlines a path for the City's continued investment in maintaining, sustaining, and enhancing Kirkland's parks, recreation, and open spaces.

Capital Improvement Program Funding Sources



DAVID E. BRINK PARK RENOVATION COMPLETED

The renovations to David E. Brink Park were completed and a ribbon cutting celebration was held in July 2022. The renovated park features a new accessible pathway from Lake Washington Boulevard to the water's edge at the north end of the park, as well as softened shorelines that improve habitat for native salmon, and increase direct access to the lake. This project was funded in part by a \$500,000 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). For more information about the project, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/davidbrink.

JUANITA BEACH BATHHOUSE AWARDS

Juanita Beach Bathhouse continued to garner awards throughout 2022. In April Washington Recreation and Parks Association (WRPA) recognized the Bathhouse as a Facilities & Parks Spotlight Award winner. In September 2022, the Bathhouse received the 2022 Civic Design Award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Washington Council. In November 2022, the Bathhouse was recognized as a 2022 Honor Award Honorable Mention from the American Institute of Architects Seattle Chapter.



PARK LAND ACQUISITION

The City partnered with King County to acquire the Kosalos parcel, an undeveloped property located next to Big Finn Hill Park. The parcel is adjacent to the WinSki parcel which was purchased in 2021 and is an important part of the Green Loop trail. The property acquisition was completed in November 2022.



Pictured from left to right: Toby Nixon, Jon Pascal, Kelli Curtis, Mayor Penny Sweet, Amy Falcone, Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Neal Black

Park Board

Chair: Amanda Judd | **Vice Chair:** Mike Holland
Amy Ambrosini | Uzma Butte | Tammy Cohen
Allison Cunningham | Tessa Hansen
Roshan Parikh | Crystal Thimsen

Human Services Commission

Chair: Gildas Cheung | **Vice Chair:** Jory Hamilton
Michelle Alten-Kaehler | Antonio Avila
Laney Brackett | Marjorie Carlson
Gabriela Lopez Vazquez | Jonathan Stutz

Kirkland Senior Council

kirklandwa.gov/seniorcouncil

Kirkland Youth Council

kirklandwa.gov/youthcouncil

City Leadership

City Manager: Kurt Triplett
Deputy City Manager: Jim Lopez
Deputy City Manager: Beth Goldberg

Parks and Community Services

Director: Lynn Zwaagstra
Deputy Director: John Lloyd
Parks Operations Manager: Jason Filan
Park Planning and Development Manager: Mary Gardocki
Recreation Manager: Sara Shellenbarger
Human Services Manager: Jen Boone

Our mission is to support a healthy and sustainable community by providing high quality parks and recreation services, ensuring a collaborative community response to basic human needs, and protecting our natural areas.

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