

2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Progress report from SPR on Green Seattle Partnership Program

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests Seattle Parks & Recreation (SPR) to provide a report on the status of the Green Seattle Partnership Program. This program is a collaborative effort between the City of Seattle and Forterra to restore 2500 acres of forested park lands in Seattle by 2025. The report should include the following information:

- 1) Forest Restoration Progress: What is the status of the acres involved in the program?
 - a) total # of acres enrolled
 - b) # of acres in establishment Phases 2-3
 - c) # of acres that have reached the final Phase 4
 - d) # of acres remaining to be enrolled
 - e) # of additional acres beyond the original goal of 2,500

- 2) Volunteers: How many volunteer hours have been leveraged to make this program successful?

- 3) Community Leadership: How many forest stewards are trained as volunteer and forest restoration experts?

- 4) Youth: What kind of youth engagement has the program accomplished?
 - a) number of schools/students engaged
 - b) % of the total volunteer hours that are youth
 - c) number of youth leadership opportunities/programs involved

- 5) Challenges: What are the challenges and barriers to completing the remaining work of restoring more than 2500 acres of park land?

- 6) Investments: What are the estimated resources that have been invested to date by implementation partners, volunteer hours, and City funding)?

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7) Funding: What funding and resources (please list/describe separate for FTE for field, program and volunteer management; materials; contractors; etc.) are needed to:

- a) Enroll the remaining acres into Phase 1 restoration
- b) Move remaining acres into Phase 4
- c) Maintain acres in Phase 4 between 2020 and 2025
- d) Maintain all Phase 4 long-term annually beyond 2025

8) Extended Impacts: What are the unintended benefits that have resulted and resources leveraged (e.g., research, additional funding, etc.) from the partnership?

9) Neighborhood Benefits: Are there opportunities for these projects to better serve the needs of our neighborhoods and provide a greater degree of environmental services even more than it does currently?

10) Access to Nature: How can we enhance the passive recreation offered by these properties as we also ensure they maintain a high degree of ecological integrity?

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Civic Development, Public Assets & Native Communities

Date Due to Council:

June 30, 2020