

## King County Parks Levy Task Force

### Key Issues

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#### **Task Force Mission:**

1. What should be done to preserve the County's 26,000 acre system of parks and trails after the current operating and capital levies expire at the end of 2013?
2. What should be done to meet the future parks and recreation needs of King County residents?

Task Force recommendations should promote the goals of the County's strategic plan and equity and social justice initiative.

#### **Fundamental Question:**

Do you recommend future funding to address operations and capital programs for the King County Parks system and/or for other parks and recreational needs?

#### **Component Issues:**

**Issue #1:** Do you recommend future funding to **operate and maintain King County Parks?** (leaving aside for now whether it is combined with other proposals, such as capital funding)

Yes or No ? (Alternatives?)

Rationale?

**Issue #1.A:** *If yes*, what should be the **scope, mechanism and amount for operating** – that is, what should be funded, how should it be funded, and at what recommended funding level?

Rationale?

- Which of the options presented by the division should be included?
- What other options should be considered for funding?

**Issue #2:** Do you recommend future funding to **preserve and enhance existing King County Parks assets?** (Deferring issue of whether proposal is combined with other ideas.)

Yes or No? (Alternatives?)

Rationale?

**Issue #2.A:** *If yes*, what should be the **scope, mechanism and amount** of such a proposal?

- Which of the options presented by the division should be included?
- What other options should be considered for funding?

**Issue #3:** Do you recommend future funding to **acquire open space and/or acquire and develop the Regional Trails System?** (Again, leaving aside for the moment whether this is combined with other proposals)

Yes or No? (Alternatives?)

Rationale?

**Issue #3.A:** *If yes*, what should be the **scope, mechanism and amount** of such a proposal?

- Of the various ideas presented by the division for new acquisitions, which should be included? Are there other areas missing?
- Of the various ideas presented by the division for regional trail development, which should be included? Are there other areas missing?

**Issue #4:** Do you recommend future funding to **support non-County groups, such as for open space and recreation in the 39 cities in King County and for the Woodland Park Zoo** -- or other non-County programs?

Yes or No (Alternatives?)

Rationale?

**Issue #4.A:** *If yes*, what should be the **scope, mechanism and amount** of such a proposal?

**Issue #5:** If the proposal(s) would require voter approval, should they be combined? Or should they be submitted separately?

**Issue #6:** If the proposal(s) would require voter approval, when should it/they be submitted to the voters? (At one election, or spread out over time?)