

King County Parks Levy Task Force

June 2012

Mission Statement

In 2007, the King County voters approved two six-year levies (2008-2013) to support parks and trails in King County, including the Parks Operating Levy, which funds operations and maintenance of King County's regional and rural parks and trails, and the Open Space and Trails Levy, which provides funds for King County to acquire open space and develop the regional trails system, as well as for open space and trails projects in King County's 39 cities and programs and capital improvements at the Woodland Park Zoo. The Parks Levy Task Force is charged by King County Executive Dow Constantine to make recommendations by September 2012 addressing the following issues:

- 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?
- What should be done to meet the future parks and recreation needs of King County residents?

The Task Force should outline the structure and scope of any funding options it recommends. The Task Force recommendations should promote the goals of the County's equity and social justice initiative to promote fairness and opportunity and eliminate inequities and should further King County Strategic Plan priorities, including service excellence, environmental sustainability, and financial stewardship.