

# Cougar/Squak Corridor Park Community Meeting

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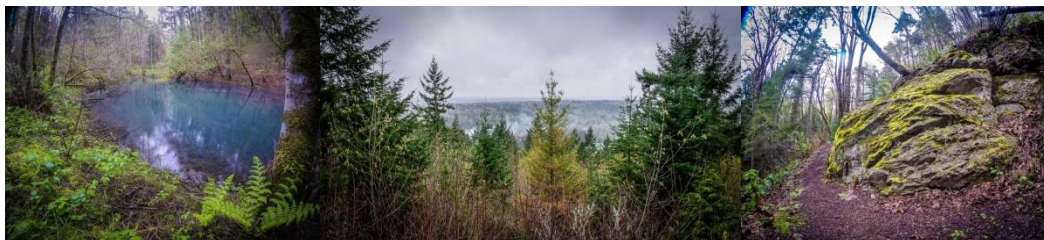
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# Community Meeting Overview

1. Introduction
2. Project Background
3. Project Criteria
- 4. *Community Input***  
*mapping exercise if time allows*
5. Next Steps

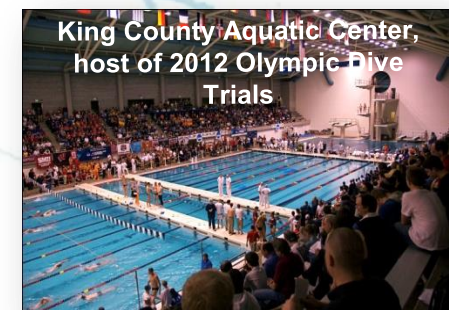


*Tributary to May Creek at Cougar/Squak Corridor*



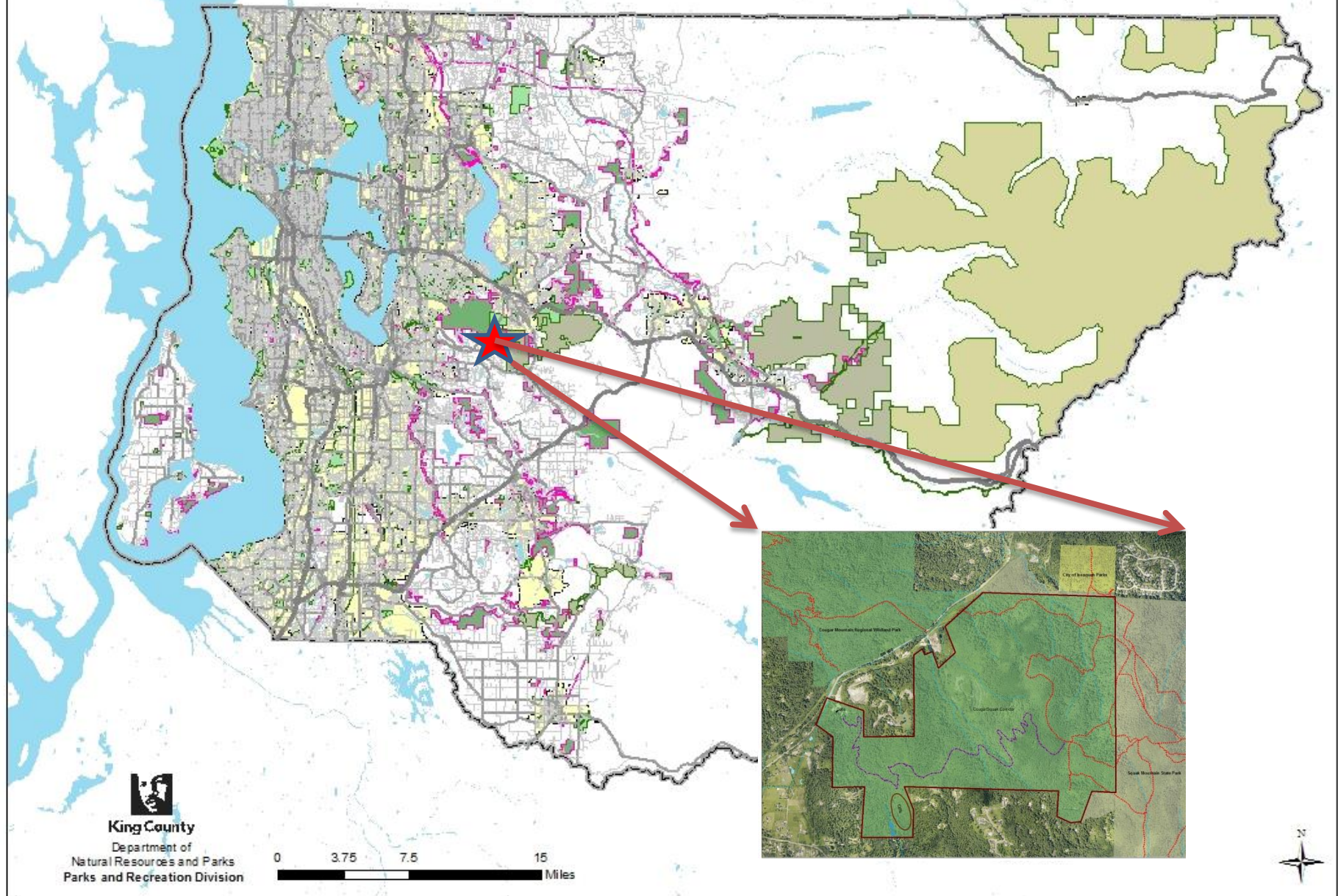


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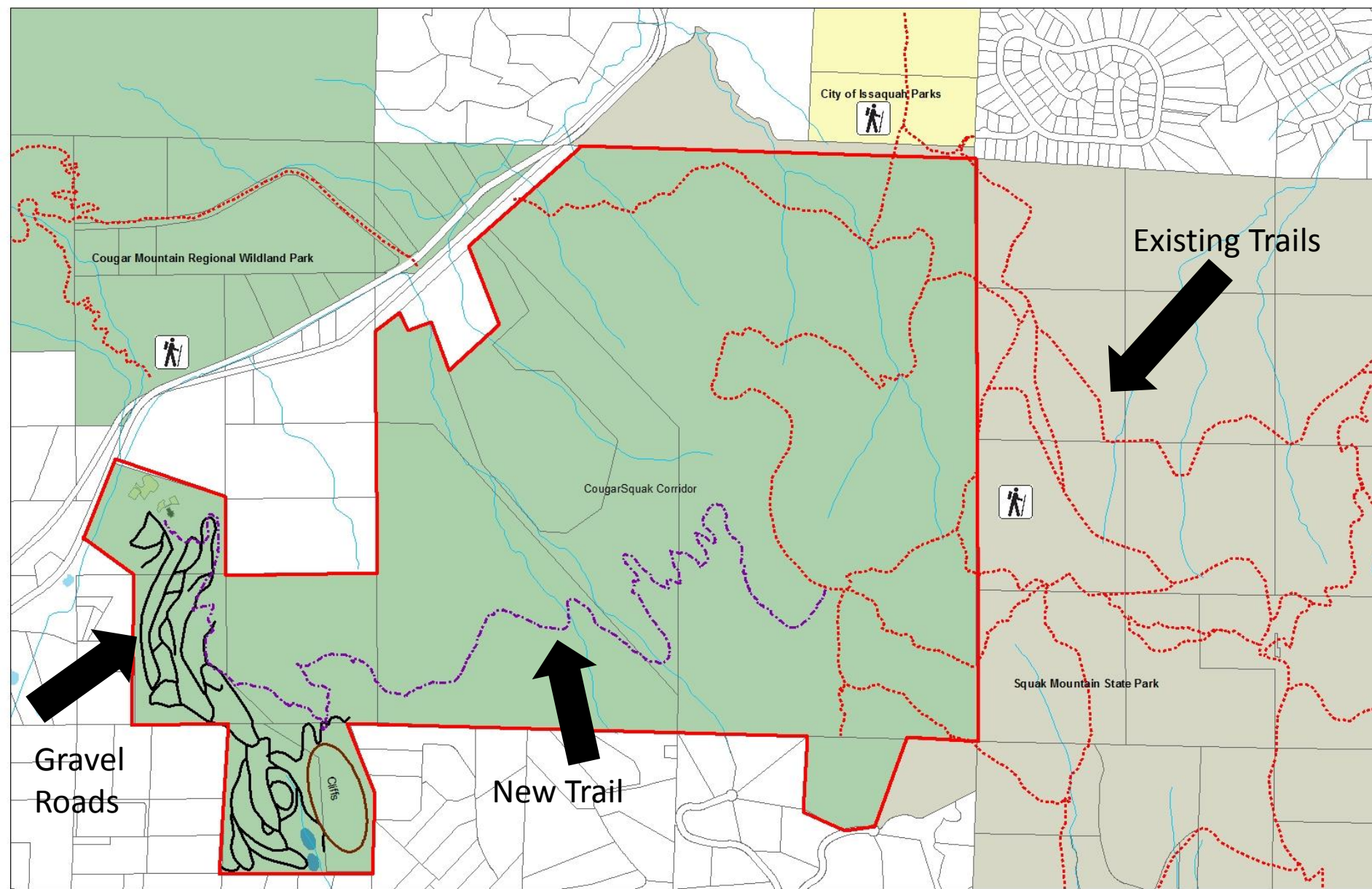


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# PROJECT GOAL

**Define uses and amenities for  
Cougar/Squak Corridor Park**





# ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## Steering Group

- Refine criteria
- Convene community
- Verify findings

## Community

- Provide ideas for park

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- Listen
- Develop site management guidelines



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# TIMELINE

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY -  
SEPTEMBER

Pre-planning

Community  
Meeting #1

Cougar/Squak  
Park Opening

Integrate New  
Findings

Preliminary Findings  
& Design Workshop

Community  
Meeting #2

Finalize Site  
Management  
Guidelines

Steering  
Group #1

Steering  
Group #2

Cougar/Squak  
Corridor

## Community Planning Timeline

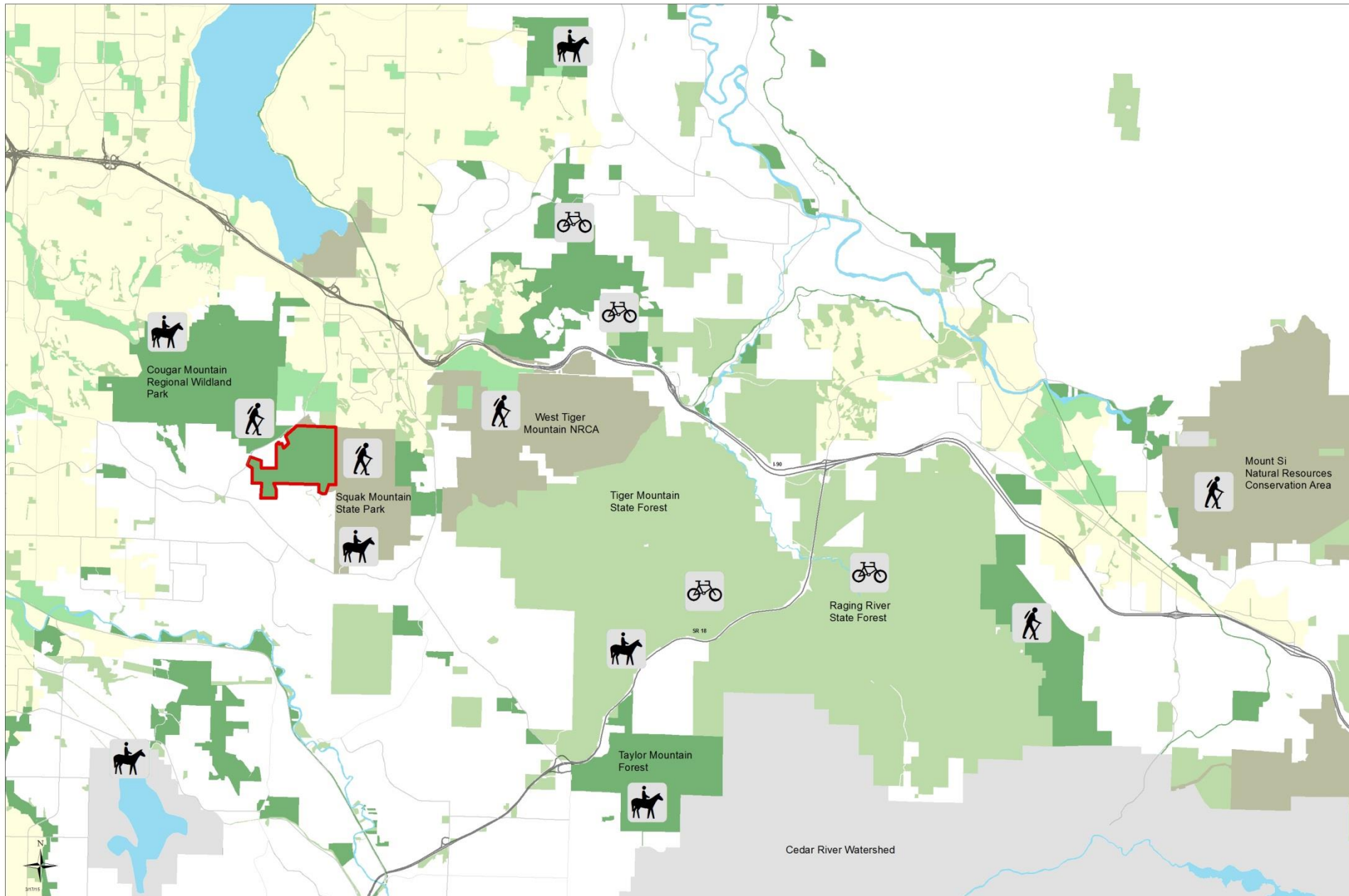


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# BACKGROUND





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Traditional uses at King  
County Parks:  
Hiking  
Biking,  
Horseback riding



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Reflexology paths in  
King County Parks



Radio flying field at Marymoor Park



Duthie Hill  
Mountain Bike Park



Disc golf at Lakewood Park



Challenge course at Cottage Lake



# BACKGROUND



City of Bellevue Canopy Tour and Challenge Course



Camano Island Canopy Tour



City of Bellevue Challenge Course



# IDEAS





# BACKGROUND

**King County Comprehensive Plan**

**2010 Open Space Plan**

**King County Code**

**Conservation Easement**



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# BACKGROUND

## Funding for parks

- Voter-approved levy
- Grants
- Partnerships



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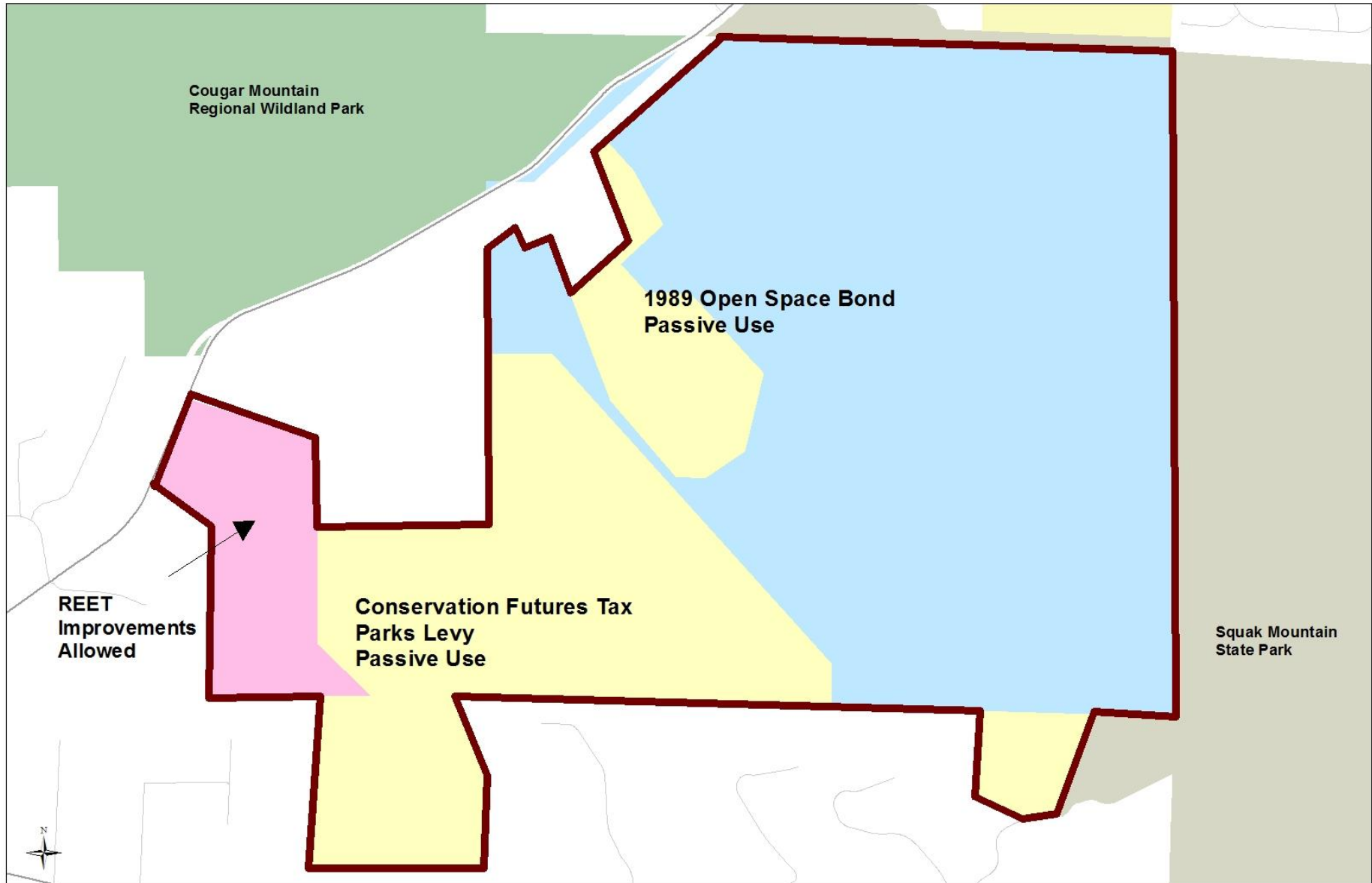
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# BACKGROUND

## Funding for land











































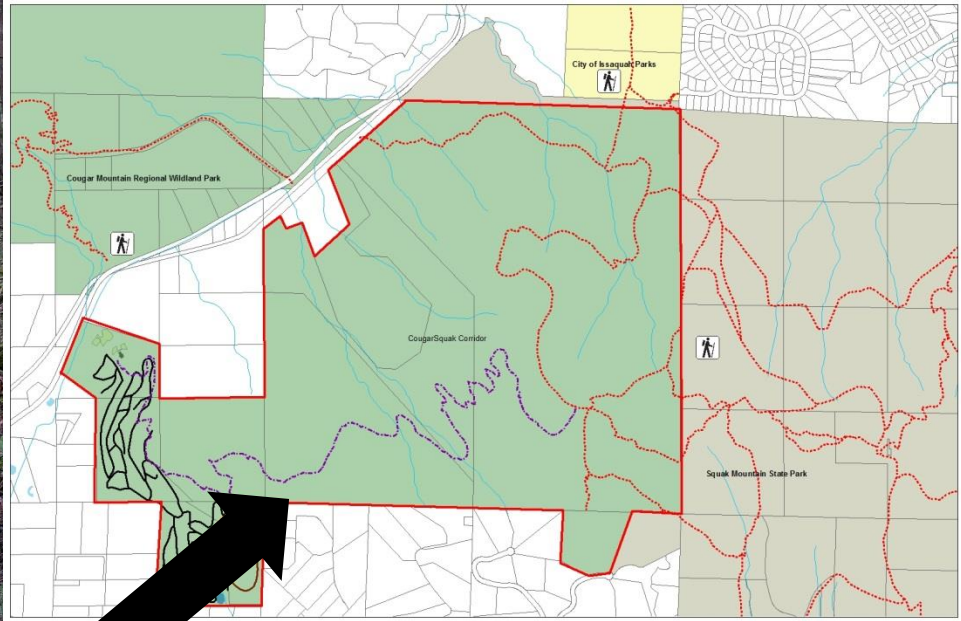


















# CRITERIA

Uses and amenities at Cougar/Squak Corridor:

- Scaled to available parking
- Fit with uses at neighboring parks
- Fit with intent of original land purchase
- Maintenance friendly and safe
- Fit with policy guidance
- Protect environment
- Attract people to the park
- Benefit future generations
- Encourage partnerships



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# GROUND RULES

- Everyone participate
- Be respectful
- Seek community's highest good
- Listen to others and be open to new ideas
- Improve upon ideas where possible



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# QUESTION

Given the project context and criteria, what ideas do you have for uses and amenities at Cougar/Squak Corridor?



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# NEXT STEPS

April 29	Steering group meeting #1
May 27	Community meeting #1
May 28	Planning workshop
June 6	Site opening
June 10	Steering group meeting #2
June 17	Community meeting #2
Late summer	Site management guidelines

\*New name for Cougar/Squak Corridor



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# THANK YOU!



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