

Open Space Equity Analysis



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County Executive's Land Conservation Advisory Group

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- Phase 1 map: a starting point for conversation
- **Improvements since then:**
 - Open space layer
 - Open space proximity buffers
 - Residential vs. non-residential areas
 - Neighborhood greenness metric
 - Flexible modeling tool

Improved model structure:

1st Filter:

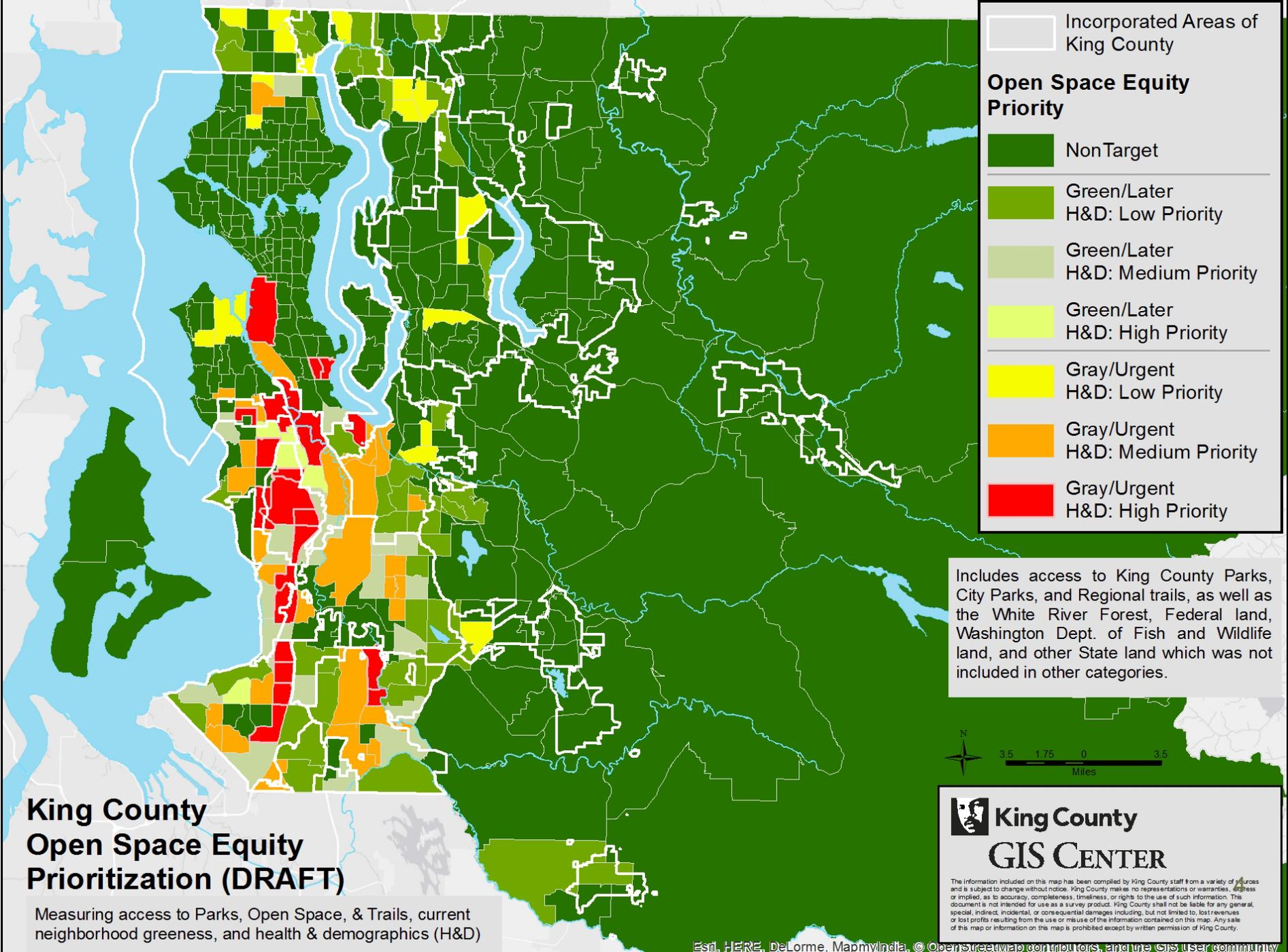
- Open Space Access

2nd Filter:

- Neighborhood Greenness
 - Green → Later
 - Gray → Urgent

3rd Filter:

- Health & Demographics



Incorporated Areas of King County

Open Space Equity Priority

- Non-Target

- Green/Later H&D: Low Priority
- Green/Later H&D: Medium Priority
- Green/Later H&D: High Priority

- Gray/Urgent H&D: Low Priority
- Gray/Urgent H&D: Medium Priority
- Gray/Urgent H&D: High Priority

Includes access to King County Parks, City Parks, and Regional trails, as well as the White River Forest, Federal land, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife land, and other State land which was not included in other categories.



King County Open Space Equity Prioritization (DRAFT)

Measuring access to Parks, Open Space, & Trails, current neighborhood greenness, and health & demographics (H&D)


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The Red Areas

- 23 Census Tracts (out of the 397 total)
 - Avg. 50% of tract area *without* easy open space access
 - Median *household* income: \$47,000
 - 1 in 5 residents speak English “less than very well”
 - 40%-80% people of color
- ***Additional* acquisitions needed to address the red**
(beyond what the cities & county have already identified)

Next Steps

- Ongoing work & conversations with:
 - ESJ consultant
 - Underserved communities
 - Non-profit & city partners
 - Foundations interested in supporting this work
 - Healthcare organizations providing expertise
- Continue to improve map, and design other tools & strategies for guiding dollars to where they will be the most impactful

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➤ **Open Space *for ALL***