Make Beacon Hill Public

Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program
Local Parks – 20-1275 A
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249.38 acres | Total
160.37 acres | Fee Simple
89.01 acres | Conservation / Public Recreation Easement
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Grant Request:
$1,000,000 | 30.19% (WWRP-Local Parks)

Sponsor Match:
$2,311,963 | 69.81%
$1,391,963 (Conservation Futures)
$500,000 (LWCF 20-1276)
$375,000 (Donated Property Interest)
$25,000 (Donated Labor)
$20,000 (Donated Private Cash)
Q.1 – Public Need

Map showing the location of Morning Mountain, Duthie Hill, and the Regional Mountain Bike Park Service Area.
Q.1 – Public Need

Local Open Space Service Area (exercise, hiking, trail running, rock climbing)
Q.1 – Public Need

- Riverside State Park
- Antoine Peak
- Mica Peak
- High Drive Bluffs
- Dishman Hills
- Mt. Spokane
Q.1 – Public Need

Beacon Hill Mountain Biking Trails near Spokane, WA

Stats
Avg Trail Rating: 3.5
Trails (view details): 70
Total Distance: 46 miles
Total Descent: 10,617 ft
Total Vertical: 688 ft
Highest Trailhead: 2,603 ft
Reports: 1,759
Photos: 964
Ridden Counter: 19,237
Q.1 – Public Need

Stats

- Avg Trail Rating: ★★★☆☆
- Trails (view details): 20
- Total Distance: 34 miles
- Total Descent: 12,463 ft
- Total Vertical: 2,712 ft
- Highest Trailhead: 5,851 ft
- Reports: 135
- Photos: 126
- Ridden Counter: 1,148

Stats

- Avg Trail Rating: ★★★☆☆
- Trails (view details): 11
- Total Distance: 12 miles
- Total Descent: 3,567 ft
- Total Vertical: 1,302 ft
- Highest Trailhead: 3,676 ft
- Reports: 107
- Photos: 86
- Ridden Counter: 915
Q.1 – Public Need

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Northeast

- Abercrombie Mountain, Silver Creek (Pend Oreille County)
- Beacon Hill (Spokane County)
- High Drive Park and South Hill Bluff (Spokane County)
- Kettle Crest Trails (Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties)
- Micah Peak (Spokane County)
Q.1 – Public Need

Mountain Biking

- Spokane County. This area has disproportionately fewer trail miles than other urban areas.

Report Recommendations

- Create additional authorities to purchase lands for trails in urbanizing communities, and that link community and backcountry trails.
- Fund mountain bike facility development in urbanized areas to bring riding opportunities close to home.
- Fund trail development to connect existing networks for longer rides.
Q.1 – Public Need

Spokane County 2020
Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan

Adopted: January 14th, 2020

Spokane County
Regional Trail Plan

2014
A Collaborative Effort Between:
Inland Northwest Trails Coalition
Spokane County Department of Parks Recreation and Golf
Excerpt from “1.3 Project Need”:

“...there are no formal agreements between landowners and the public ensuring continued access of their land. The trail system risks becoming fragmented and unusable if land use permission becomes restricted.”
Q.1 – Public Need

**Income**
- State Avg.: $61,062.00
- Beacon Hill: $47,532.00

**Mortality**
- State Avg.: 691.7
- Beacon Hill: 914.05

**BMI 16-19 y.o.**
- State Avg.: 23.4
- Beacon Hill: 23.3

**Person Of Color**
- State Avg.: 30%
- Beacon Hill: 16%

**Disability**
- State Avg.: 16%
- Beacon Hill: 15%
Q.1 – Public Need

Household Income (Avg: $61,062)

- Median Household Income (Avg: $61,062)
  - < $45,000
  - $45,001 - $62,000
  - $62,001 - $85,000
  - $85,001 - $120,000
  - $120,001 - $200,000

- Project Boundary

- $47,532
  - State Average: $61,062
Q.1 – Public Need

Mortality Rate

*per 100k people

914.05*
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Q.2 – Project Scope

- Fee Simple / City of Spokane
- Fee Simple / Spokane County
- Easement / City of Spokane
- Easement / Spokane County

Existing Park (Blue Shading)
Q.2 – Project Scope

Little Spokane River Natural Area
Palisades & Riverside State Park
High Drive Bluffs
Beacon Hill
Antoine Peak
Dishman Hills
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Property & trails to be preserved

- Esmerelda Golf Course (City)
- Minnehaha Park (City)
- Shields Park (County)
- Camp Sekani Park (City)
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Q.3 – Immediacy of Threat

Property Closed 7/30/20
Under Waiver of Retroactivity
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Combs Living Trust – Property needs to be sold by December 2021
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Owner is 85 years old. Adjacent development may open property to development.
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Adjacent Development
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Map with various trails and options like Overlays, Basemap, Trail Style, Filter, and Activity Type.
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Expansion / Renovation

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Natural Areas w/ Trails

- Developed Community Parks
- Adult Athletic Fields
- Youth Athletic Fields
- Natural Areas with Trails
- Event Venues
- Water Access Sites
- Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Parks
- Campgrounds
- Aquatic Sites/Swimming Pools
- Off-Leash Dog Parks
- Regional Pathways
- Public Conservatory/Botanical Garden
Q.8 – Project Support

MOUNTAIN BIKER CALL TO ACTION
Save Beacon Hill From Further Development

$15,005 of $15,000
144 Donors

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ENTRING PRIVATE PROPERTY
Q.8 – Project Support

- Trust for Public Land
- Avista Utilities
- Evergreen East MBA
- Inland NW Land Conservancy
- City of Spokane Valley
- Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Inland NW Trails Coalition
- Millwood Brewing
- Osprey Investors
- Spokane Regional Sports Commission
- Wheelsport
- Spokane Mountaineers
- Many community emails over the years...
Q.8 – Project Support

Tight housing market, robust economy could mean development for beloved Beacon Hill mountain bike trails

$1.5 million in grants could save Beacon Hill from development

Mountain biking trails on Mica Peak taking shape; Beacon Hill remains threatened by development

Mountain bikers try to stay their course on Beacon Hill
Q.7 – Cost Efficiencies

Make Beacon Hill Public Funding – Funding Sources

- County Funding: $1,391,963
- WA State (RCO) funding: $1,000,000
- Federal (LWCF) funding: $500,000
- Avista Corporation: $375,000
- Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance: $20,000
- Inland NW Land Conservancy: $25,000

Project Total: $3,311,963

12.7% non-government
Q.9 – Cost Efficiencies
Thank you! Questions?