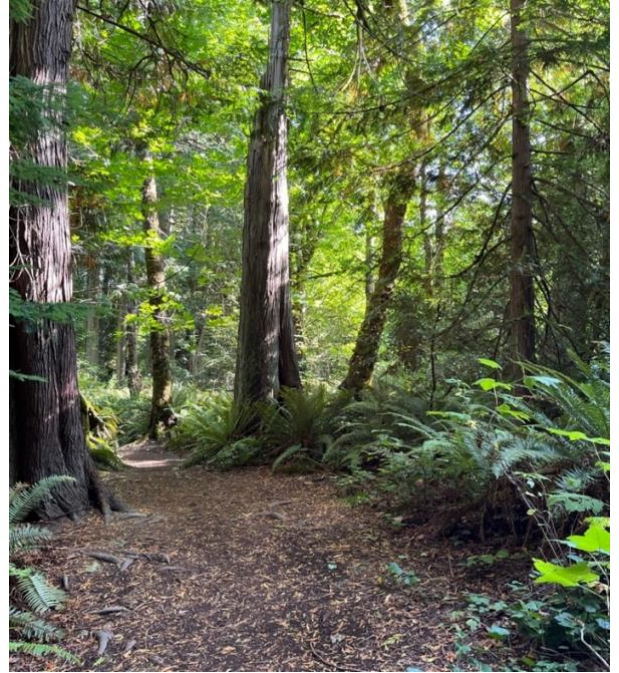


Proposal: Expand Burfoot Park by 8 Acres

Why?

- Thurston County already owns over 7 of the 8 acres north of the park boundary.
- The Irving Lassen land donation was specifically designated for Thurston County Parks.
- Protect wildlife habitat, corridors, and wetlands.
- Protect the source of the creek that runs through Burfoot Park.
- Maintain forest to increase carbon capture and mitigate climate change.
- Protect aquifer recharge areas.
- Make use of property that is unbuildable due to wetlands and ravines.
- Contribute to meeting County and citizen goals for open space, parks, and natural resources protection.



Burfoot Park, southside trail. Kim Kelley



Green shaded and "TC" labeled parcels are county-owned. Proposed expansion area is outlined in red. Source: County Geodata map; red markings proposed by Burfoot Park expansion ad hoc committee.

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How?

Work with Thurston County to:

- Retain the county-owned parcels between Burfoot Park, Boston Harbor Road NE and Boston Harbor Extension Road NE.
- Officially incorporate county-owned properties into Burfoot Park.
- Consolidate the property if the privately-owned parcels become available.
- Vacate rights-of-way inside the expanded park boundary.
- Include this expansion, improvement plans, and increased FTE for maintenance staff in County budgets, the Parks, Open Space, and Trails Plan, and other planning documents.
- Develop a plan to create trails in the additional 8 acres, when funding is obtained.
- Remain open to further expansion if opportunities arise.



Burfoot Park estuary. Kim Kelley

Goals stated in 2020 Thurston County Comprehensive Plan:

- Retain and enhance open spaces, recreational opportunities, fish and wildlife habitat, and water.
- Recognize the need for additional public recreation areas and open space to accommodate growth in the county and acquire and maintain those facilities.
- Protect quality of life, including water availability, and water, air and environmental quality.
- Plan, prepare, and mitigate for the impacts of climate change and natural hazards.
- Address pressure on rural resource lands from increasing urban growth.
- Address lack of supporting infrastructure.



Burfoot Beach at sunset. Kim Kelley

County Parks, Open Space, and Trails Plan 2019:

“The focus on preserving open space region-wide continues, with a strong emphasis on connecting people to the land, water, and each other.”