



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Roberts and City Councilmembers

FROM: Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

DATE: October 10, 2017

RE: Documents received at 10/9/17 Council Meeting

CC: Debbie Tarry, City Manager
John Norris, Assistant City Manager

Attached hereto are documents received from the public at your October 9, 2017 City Council Regular Meeting.

- 1) Written comment regarding Hamlin Park submitted by Ginni Scantlebury.
- 2) Written comment regarding Hamlin Park submitted by Paige Garharding.
- 3) Written comment regarding Hamlin Park submitted by Tonya Stiffler.
- 4) Written comment regarding Hamlin Park submitted by Janet Way.

October 8, 2017

To: Shoreline City Council

Cc: Shoreline City Manager Debbie Tarry

Re: 4.5 acre utility yard at Hamlin Park

I am totally opposed to the city taking 4.5 acres of Hamlin Park in order to have a city utility yard.

At a time when the City of Shoreline is doing everything they can to increase population growth, the need for INCREASED park space is more important than ever to the residents rather than cementing part of the park for a utility yard.

The number one goal of the newly approved PROS Plan is:

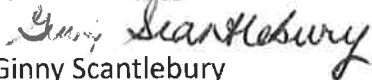
" Preserve, enhance, maintain, and acquire built and natural facilities to ensure quality opportunities exist."

I question why the Planning Commission, Parks Department and Parks Board were not consulted about this decision. It seems like they would have a lot to say about it and the residents have heard nothing from them.

There are plenty of other locations for the city to locate this yard. Why didn't the city decide to ask the North City Water District about having the city utility yard on their new property just across the street from the entrance to Hamlin Park? I understand there is plenty of room and there are no trees on the property.

Going back in history, the King County Voters in 1968 voted \$107,000 for improvement of the facilities at Hamlin Park. More recently, the Shoreline voters approved a bond in 2006 to use \$1,250,000 to use throughout Hamlin Park and the city received a \$750,000 grant for other improvements to Hamlin Park. Altogether this is a lot of money to spend to keep and improve Hamlin Park. I'm sure none of the voters ever thought a 4.5 acre city utility yard would ever be included in this beautiful park at the expense of removing hundreds of second growth trees.

Please listen to the residents!


Ginny Scantlebury
19625 – 27th Ave NW
Shoreline, 98177



City Council Comment Form

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Name Paige Carhardin

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Agenda Item (if applicable) Haulin Park

Comments:
Cancel one else's Poem

and keep Haulin



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Name TONYA STIFFLER

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Agenda Item (if applicable) Hamlin Park

Comments:

I am a property owner asking you
to please save Hamlin Park
it is the most beautiful park in
Shoreline, and is irreplaceable



HAMLIN PARK

HAMLIN PARK in the 1920's



Shoreline Historical Museum photo

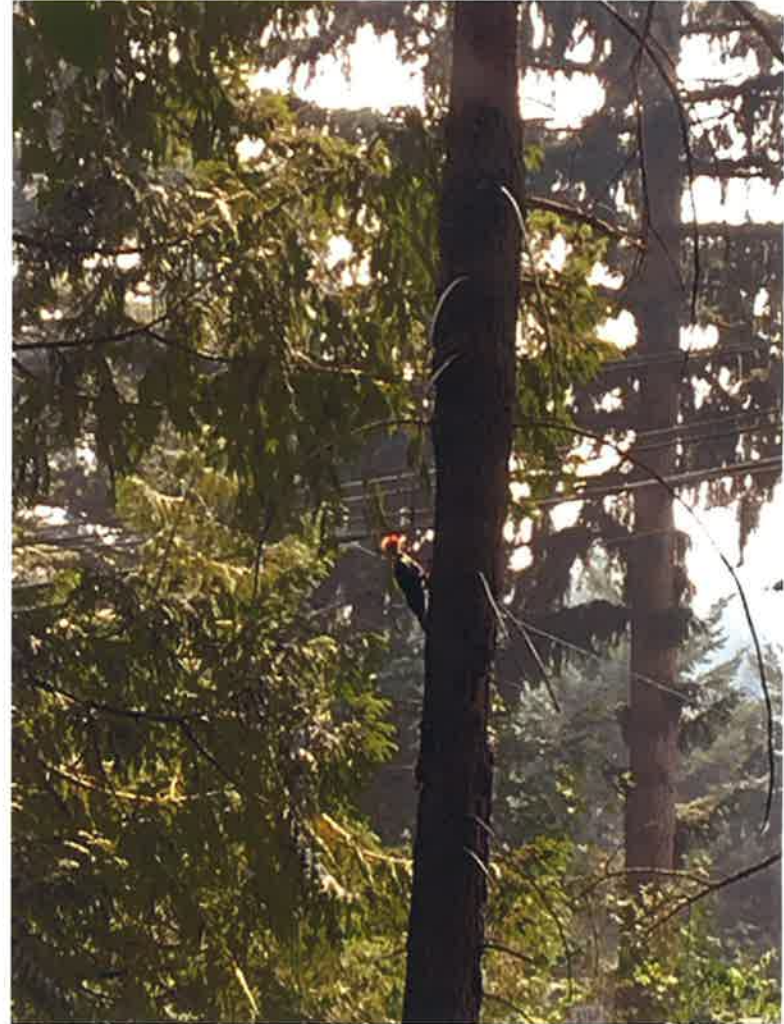
Hamlin Park in the roaring '20s.

The above property, located at N. 150th Street and 15th Avenue NE in this circa 1928 photo, was donated to the state by the widow of Seattle developer Edward H. Hamlin for a proposed state park. During the 1920s the plan for the state park lured potential home buyers to the Monte Vista and Lago Vista areas but never materialized. Instead eight acres on N. 168th Street and 16th Avenue NE were eventually donated to King County by Seattle Trust and Savings in 1939. Improvements to the property were made by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and King County, and the park was dedicated to Hamlin on December 29, 1939. In 1949, the city of Seattle, King County and the Shoreline School District jointly purchased 80 acres from the state Land Commission that were added to the original eight acres of Hamlin Park.

Barred Owl



Pileated Woodpecker



Over time, Hamlin Park became a regional gem. Loved by dog walkers, hikers, nature lovers and people seeking quite respite. Children who grew up playing in Hamlin Park are now bringing their children to learn from and enjoy its rich diversity of life.



The section of Hamlin designated for the new utility yard is an especially diverse ecosystem. It's healthy understory of native plants are what wildlife and the trees themselves need to thrive.

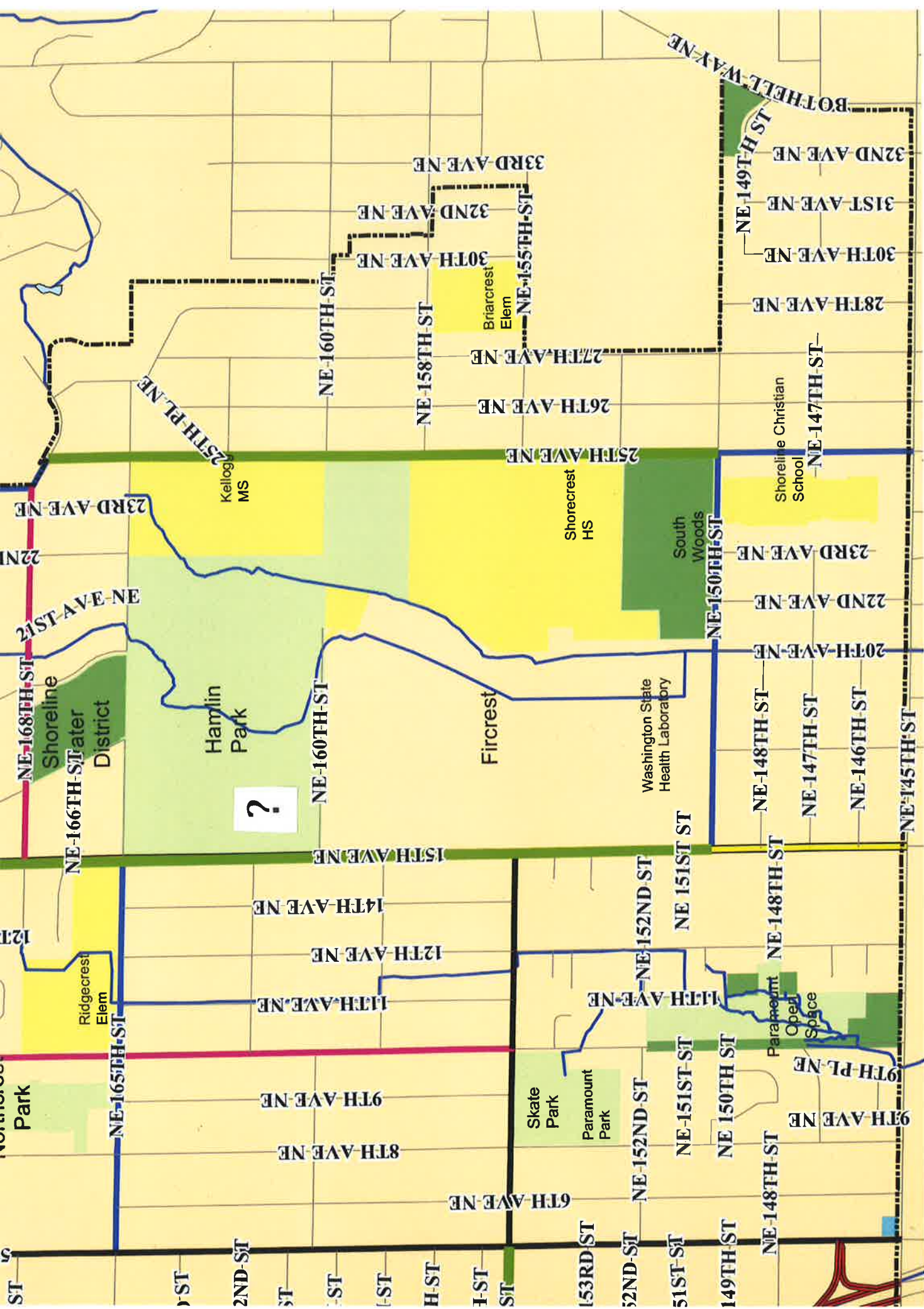
What is the
future of
Hamlin Park?





Or This?





Hamlin Park – Forest or Utility Yard

Problem, Issue, Concerns:

- **Problem** – Shoreline Public Works Department has proposed an up to 4.5 Acre Utility Yard and new Roadway and entrance to Hamlin Park.

History: Hamlin Park has been a Public Park since the 1940's. The park was acquired from King County after Shoreline was incorporated as a City in 2006. It was a beneficiary of Forward Thrust Funding, Conservation Futures Funding, Open Space Bond Funding and other tax dollars for over 50 years. It hosts a huge urban forest with 80 acres of parkland, wildlife habitat, trails, ball fields, cross country and track team practice routes and an existing utility yard (which is partially hidden near the entrance.) Thousands of visitors use it yearly. That yard was originally one small building, but as the City grew, Public Works Department has encroached with more equipment and buildings. The shared facility is not adequate for both departments' needs.

The current entrance has been the historic gateway to Hamlin Park for all of its existence. The property proposed to be the new utility yard now frames that entrance with hundreds of second growth trees and understory.

- **Issues questions -**

Is this an appropriate site for such a facility? The public response has been overwhelmingly "no!"

What uses are part of the proposal? The uses which are proposed include Truck Washing, Truck and Equipment fueling, Salt and Woodchip and materials storage, Public "Help Desk", New staff facilities including offices, lunchroom, locker rooms and communications facilities. Also proposed is an entirely new road cutting into the landscape at 162nd St. This would be highly invasive.

What is on the existing site and what environmental impacts would result? The existing site where this addition is proposed is a heavily forested, hilly and quality forest wildlife habitat with conifers and rich understory. It is known by birding community as a "Migratory Bird Route/Regugia." Many species of animals and plants have been sited there, including Pileated Woodpecker, Great Horned and Barred Owls, Douglas Squirrel, Alligator Lizards, and a rare Ensatina Salamander! These are a great asset to our urban ecology and hundreds of nature lovers appreciate this rare natural area in our urban setting as respite from City life.

A utility yard would bring an enormous amount of additional truck traffic, air pollution and noise to the existing quiet residential neighborhood. The already congested Fifteenth Ave NE would be further clogged by traffic.

If the forest here was to be cut down for a utility yard, the land leveled and understory was destroyed there would never be a way to mitigate this impact and replace it. The benefits it provides including passive recreation, air quality, water quality and wildlife habitat could never be replaced anywhere in Shoreline.

What is adjacent in the surrounding neighborhood? The surrounding neighborhood is an entirely residential, single-family home area of modest middle-class residences. The members of this community are accustomed to having a quiet neighborhood buffered by the huge trees in the park.

How would the traditional use by the public be affected by this proposal? The ordinary uses by the public include dozens of baseball and cross country team visitors, playground and picnickers, dog walkers, hikers, nature lovers and people looking for quiet respite from City life. If this forest was cut down, the beautiful, historic Gateway to Hamlin Park would be destroyed and our reputation as a community that provides these values to young, old and visitors would also be permanently damaged.

- **Concerns:**

Shoreline prides itself on passage of progressive, and environmentally forward-thinking Public policies that would unfortunately be seriously undermined or violated by this proposal and include but are not limited to:

Shoreline Climate Change Plan, Shoreline Urban Forest Strategic Plan, Forever Green Sustainability Policy, Pro Parks (PROS Plan), Critical Areas Ordinance, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Vision, Mission, Values, Goals, Surface Water Utility Goals, WA State Growth Management Act (requirement to increase open space with additional Upzoning), Conservation Futures Funding, Forward Thrust Funding (foundation for the creation of Hamlin Park by King County), King County Stormwater Manual

- **Conflicting Policies and Goals:**

Public Works Staff claim they want "consolidation of facilities" and "efficiency." That all sounds good but, in reality, "redundancy" is actually more practical. If all Public Works staff were isolated at Hamlin Park, to reach projects and emergencies in far flung parts of town, they'd be many miles away often. If there were a major emergency, such as Shoreline has experienced during large snow/rain events, or when we had a major landslide event at Boeing Creek, or during a major earthquake, staff could be cut off and the public would be also from services that they needed from staff at Hamlin Park. An analogy can be made to the sites used by the Shoreline Fire District. They of course do not expect to consolidate all their sites into one spot. They serve the public much better at their numerous fires stations providing a much safer and reliable service model.

- **Alternatives:**

Many other sites can provide redundancy and more practical short and long term alternatives to this expensive and extreme proposal to intrude into Hamlin Park's nearly pristine forest ecosystem. Along with the sites already being studied such as Brightwater, Bruggers Bog, and Ronald Wastewater site, other possible ideas include co-location with the North City Water District, leasing property from the State at Fircrest or DNR, Sears site at Aurora Square and other ideas.

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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

VISION



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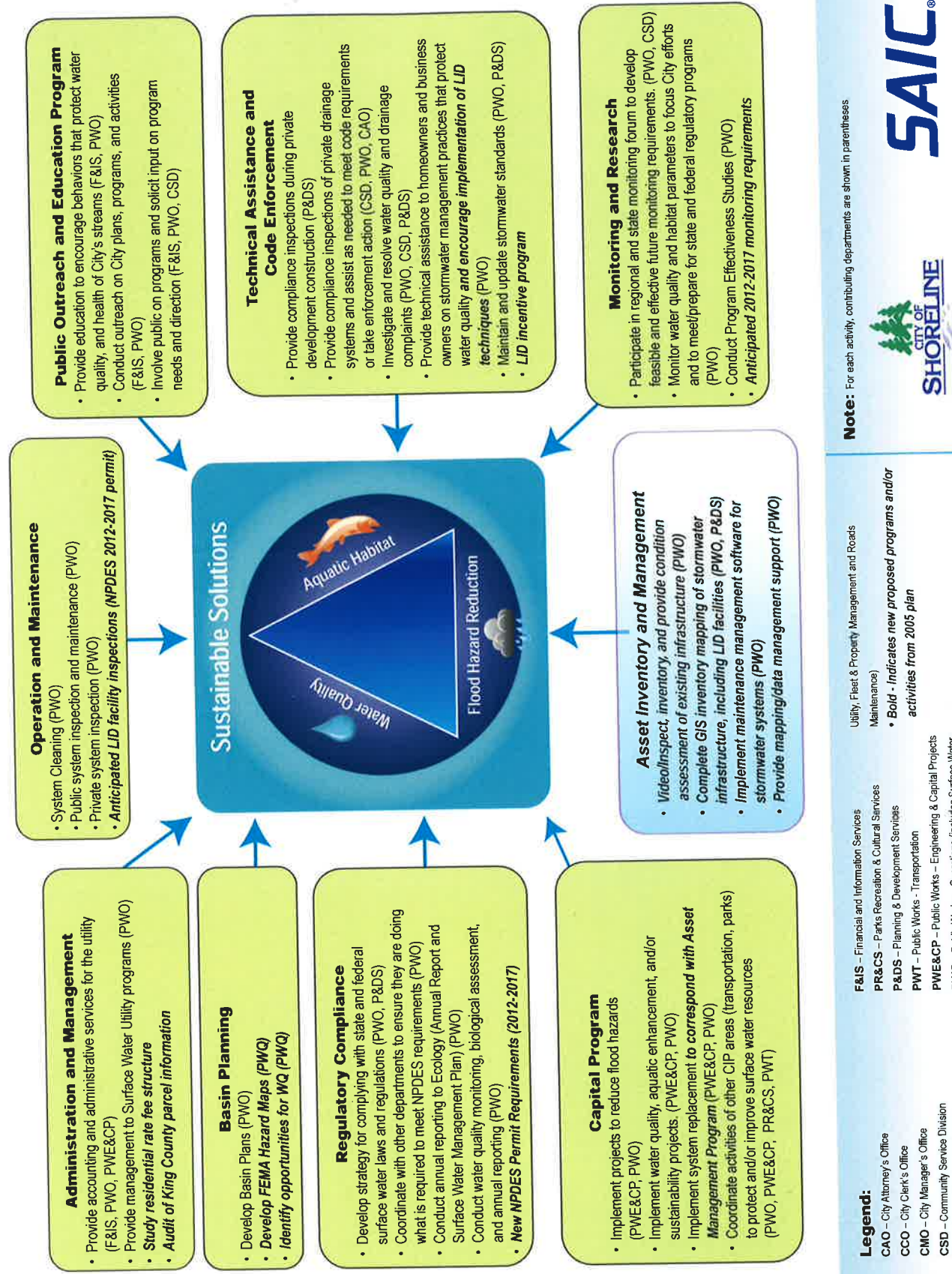
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Part of the solution is more parkland

Figure 4-1 Existing and Proposed Surface Water Relationship Between Utility Goals, Programs, and City Departments



Boni Biery is a former Shoreline Parks Board member and a Hillwood Neighborhood Association steward. She has been actively restoring a wetland at Hillwood Park for several years with the blessing of the City Parks Department and assistance from the Kruckeberg Botanical Garden and many volunteers.

August 14, 2017

To: Shoreline City Council – Mayor Chris Roberts, Deputy Mayor Shari Winstead, Will Hall, Doris McConnell, Keith McGlashan, Jesse Salomon, Keith Scully

Cc: Shoreline City Manager Debbie Tarry

Re: Utility yard at Hamlin Park

Dear Council Members:

Regarding the proposed paving over of four acres of Hamlin Park to create a consolidated utility yard, I have some questions.

Why Park Acreage?

At a time when the City of Shoreline is anticipating population growth and the need for increased park space, why would the Council even consider removing four acres from the current park inventory?

The number one goal of the newly approved PROS Plan is:

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The PROS Plan goes on to list several “threats” to our parks. Three of the five listed would be violated if the proposal is accepted. They include:

1. Encroachments from adjacent private property (in this case, the City itself)
2. Population growth and increased density
3. Budget shortfalls

Consolidation?

Is the consolidation of all city equipment in a single location wise? Suppose the long predicted 9.0 earthquake happens and that it impacts the site. Shoreline would be left with no equipment to address local damage.

Process

What did the Planning Commission, Parks Department, and Parks Board have to say about this? Were they even consulted? If not, why?

Viable Alternative

The North City Water District is in the process of developing a site just across the street. It is already treeless, and I understand the Water District has offered to lease space for the City to use.

Expense

It seems as if \$17 million could lease the North City Water District property for a very long time while leaving Hamlin Park whole.

Mission Statements

Shoreline Environmental Standards Strategy (2008)

- *Being stewards of our community's natural resources and environmental assets;*
- *Promoting development of a green infrastructure for the Shoreline community;...*

Shoreline Climate Action Plan (2013)

"Preserving urban forests and the multi-layered benefits they provide to the community, including aesthetic appeal that attracts businesses and residents, stormwater management, air quality enhancement, wildlife habitat diversity, and shade from the hot summer sun."

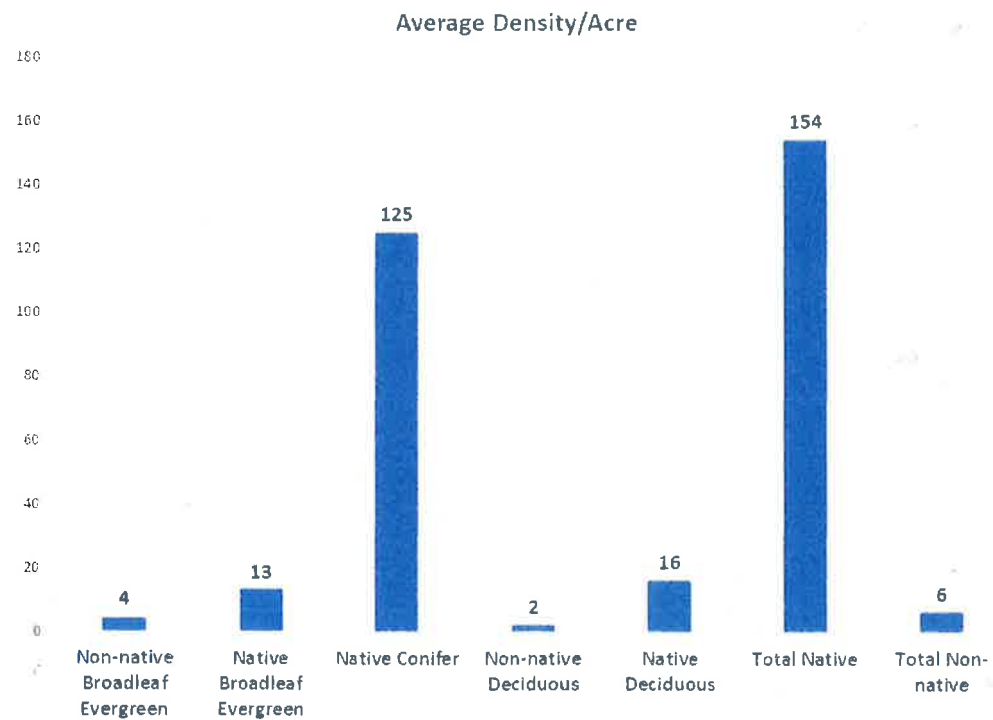
Shoreline Urban Forest Strategic Plan (2014)

"Shoreline is dedicated to protect and manage the vibrant urban forest to enhance its benefit to the environment and its contribution to the livability of the community today and for generations to come."

Sustainability/Climate/Urban Forests

How does removing four acres of mature, native, evergreen trees and replacing them with pavement assist in meeting any of the above missions?

According to the Hamlin Park Vegetation Management Plan, there are an average of 160 trees per acre, four of which are invasive English holly and two others non-native deciduous, leaving an average of 154 natives per acre. Therefore, the clearing of four acres would remove approximately 600 mature, native trees from Shoreline's urban forest canopy.



Habitat Loss

Do Council members know that Hamlin provides native canopy and understory habitat, providing a much-needed large area of mature trees to support pileated woodpecker? These birds create 2-3 nest holes each year, which later become homes to owls, and smaller birds and mammals that cannot create the nest sites themselves. Hamlin also is one of the very few places (I know of it and one other) that still has a population of our native Douglas squirrels. All of this is at risk if the existing habitat is further fragmented by four acres of pavement.

Request

Please make use of all the information and direction provided by the mission statements and facts funded by the previous investment of tax dollars, staff time, and citizen input, and leave the trees in Hamlin Park standing. Most could easily live to be 500 years old.

Sincerely,

Boni Biery

On behalf of the greater Shoreline area residents,
thank you for your kind consideration.

• SHORELINE PRESERVATION SOCIETY •

