

Mission

The mission of the Seattle Parks Foundation is to provide funds and advocacy to conserve, expand, and improve the quality of Seattle's parks, green spaces, and programs, to encourage the creation of green streets and connections, and to build community support for the city's parks.

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In a 21st Century city
every citizen needs access to green space.
In Seattle, we have yet to
fully realize this goal.

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Beautifying Seattle
and building community
through park and
green space development

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Priority Projects

From Seattle's earliest beginnings, parks have captured our citizens' imagination, enthusiasm, and love of this place. Much of what we have today was a gift from those who came before us, from the Dennys, who gave the city its first park, to the activist citizens who implemented the bold Olmsted Parks Plan and who passed Forward Thrust.

This foresight is still a marvel, as are the labors of the many dedicated individuals who worked during the past one hundred years to build Seattle's outstanding parks and recreation system.

The Parks Foundation is continuing this rich Seattle tradition by leaving to the next generation a city that is better than we found it.

In 1997, the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department commissioned a study that recommended the creation of an independent, not-for profit organization to raise funds, advocate, and develop support for parks and open space. In 1999, founding board members were identified, and the foundation received exemption as a charitable organization. The board is now working closely with the community to extend and enhance elements of our parks and to develop opportunities for increased open space in the urban environment.

Neighborhood Park Projects

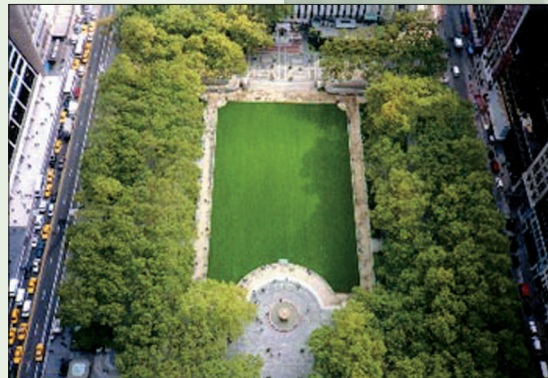
Work with neighborhoods to create and enhance small neighborhood parks and gathering places throughout the city.



photo: Rachel Knight

Park Foundation Project

Act as a catalyst for park development and green space acquisition. It will seek new opportunities for projects that bring communities together and enhance Seattle's park system in unique, bold, and beautiful ways.



Bryant Park, New York City

Green Connections and Places

Promote the continued greening of the Emerald City by completing the missing connections and creating new linkages in Seattle's parkway and boulevard system.



Carkeek Park, Seattle

Other Park Foundation Projects

Take advantage of unforeseen opportunities. The foundation will work to increase the number and quality of gifts by citizens, corporations, and foundations. It also supports an inventory and landmark designation of our historic parks.