



OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY TRUST STAFF REPORT

Item 3
January 19, 2023
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	Proposition No. 1 Parks Levy Impacts on Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Receive presentation	

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EXHIBITS:	1. Prop 1 Levy presentation

SUMMARY

On November 29th, 2022, King County Elections officially certified the passage of Proposition 1 with a result of 64.27% of Mercer Island voters in favor. The City Council approved the updated 2023-2024 biennial budget, with the inclusion of these additional funds, on December 6th, 2022. This is a renewal of a 15-year levy that will continue funding for parks and open spaces, as well as increase funding for ecological restoration in Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space and playground replacements throughout the park system. Funding from the levy has increased the budget for Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space from \$191,200 in 2022 to \$416,824 in 2023, with a focus on implementing much of the remaining work identified in the Pioneer Park Forest Management Plan.

In June of 2022, staff presented a detailed explanation of the Pioneer Park Forest Management Plan as well as levy outcomes. This video can be viewed here: <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/parks-levy-renewal/widgets/50264/videos/3708>

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