

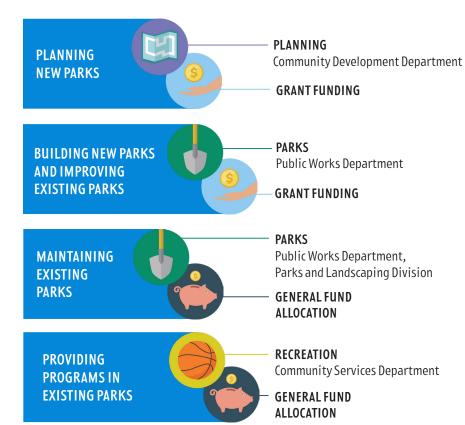
in part from local property taxes and sales taxes, and it funds the city's core government services, including parks and recreation.

Grant funding administered by regional, state, and federal agencies can be an additional source of park funding, especially for bigger projects.

While both of these are current sources of funding for parks in Richmond, they can change from year to year, making planning difficult and leaving parks underfunded.

Who takes care of Richmond's parks and who pays for it?

The responsibilities for planning, funding, building, improving, maintaining, and activating parks are distributed across **three different departments** in the City of Richmond. This diagram does not account for the important and influential role that community organizations play in all parts of the parks ecosystem in Richmond. As a part of RichPEP, **the community-based advisory group will produce a diagram that reflects the full network of parks stewardship.**



Are there other ways to fund parks in Richmond?

New residential and mixed-use development projects are generally required to provide new green space and often pay impact fees that can be used to support parks. Commercial development may also present opportunities to create new park funding sources through

other taxes or fees. While new development can provide some funding opportunities, it is relatively small when compared to the costs of new park development. The Richmond Park Equity Project is studying a wide range of funding strategies and mechanisms for parks in Richmond.

What is the Richmond Park Equity Project?

The Richmond Park Equity Project (Rich*PEP*) is a collaborative effort that will identify sources of park inequity in Richmond, explore strategies and actions for amending park inequity, and propose recommendations that are right for Richmond.



Who is doing the project?

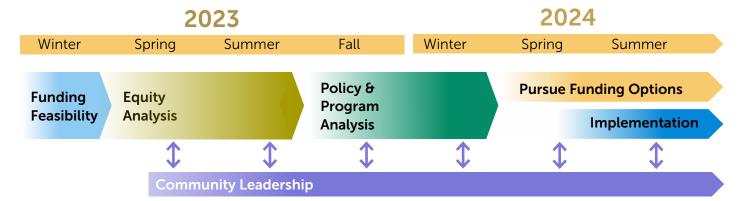
Founding project partners include Rich City Rides and the Trust for Public Land, with funding from the Hellman Foundation and support from PlaceWorks. Community leadership and broad partnership will guide the effort.







What is the process and timeline for this project?



How is this planning project different?

RichPEP is a Black and Brown resident-led movement that will focus on long-term, systemic solutions that result in getting needed projects built and programs funded. The plan will provide a roadmap to address obstacles to implementing the improvements discussed in other plans, including:

FUNDING



Funding strategies are included as core component of plan

PRIORITIZATION



Framework for prioritization is clear and equity-based

STAFFING



Emphasis on addressing limited staff capacity