



**Legislative Department  
Seattle City Council  
Memorandum**

**Date:** March 29, 2012  
**To:** Parks and Neighborhoods Committee  
**From:** Norm Schwab, Council Central Staff  
**Subject:** **Greenwood Avenue North Park Acquisition Legislation  
Council Bill (C.B.) 117437**

C.B. 117437 authorizes the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to acquire a 9,089 square-foot property situated at 8102, 8102A, and 8104 Greenwood Avenue North in the Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village, next to the Greenwood Library. The property was selected for acquisition after a public process that involved people from both the Greenwood and Phinney neighborhoods, and both neighborhoods expressed support for this acquisition.

Ordinance 122749, which authorized the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy (“Levy”), identified the Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village as deficient in open space and eligible for Levy funds for neighborhood park acquisition. The area was identified in the Parks and Recreation 2006 Development Plan and Gap Analysis and Seattle’s Parks and Recreation Department’s (DPR’s) 2011 Development Plan as being deficient in open space relative to the City’s comprehensive plan goals.

No specific allocation was made in the Levy for this project, but funds within the Neighborhood Park Acquisition sub-category in the Levy are sufficient to cover the acquisition costs. C.B. 117437 appropriates \$1,934,727 and increases the 2012 Adopted Budget and 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program by this same amount for this acquisition from the 2008 Parks Levy Fund.

The legislation authorizes the acceptance of the deed to the subject property for open space, park, and recreation purposes, and authorizes DPR to enter into new leases with the three existing businesses. DPR currently has no funding for park development in the foreseeable future.

The legislation also includes condemnation authority, so there will need to be an extra week between committee action and full Council consideration, to allow for the required public notices, which will be coordinated by DPR.