

# Skyway Solutions

A community agenda for revitalization





# Letter

from the  
steering group

June 1, 2009

After months of hard work we are pleased to present this Skyway Solutions report! We, the members of the Skyway Solutions Steering Group, in cooperation with King County's Community Enhancement Initiative, Equity and Social Justice Initiative, and Pomegranate Center, enthusiastically support this plan for community-driven revitalization.

The Skyway Solutions project reflects the ideas and recommendations of the community members that participated in our seven month planning process.

Over 100 Skyway residents were involved in developing this plan. And as thrilled as we are about that level of involvement, we realize this still represents a small percentage of Skyway's overall population. As Steering Group members and residents, we worked hard to ensure the process considered what is best for the entire community as we helped distill many ideas into the final six goals.

The six goals outlined in this plan represent, in our judgment, the best ways Skyway can become a vibrant, just, and sustainable community.

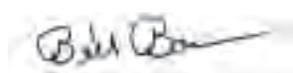
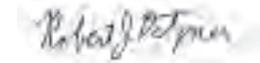
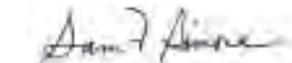
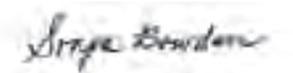
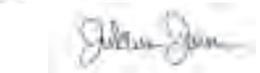
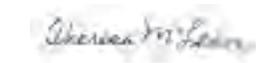
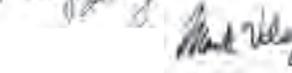
But this plan is only the beginning.

We know that the real meaning of these goals is how they are realized in the years to come and how well they are adapted to meet the future needs and opportunities of our growing, changing community.

We can all play a role in bringing this plan to life. Some of these recommendations need large amounts of funding and additional planning; others simply need good will and energy from community members. As you read this document, think about how you personally can get involved. Check out page 18 and the Appendix (page 19) to learn how you can participate or learn more about a specific project.

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we, the Skyway Solutions Steering Committee, endorse the community's ideas and recommendations represented in this report. We believe they are representative of the wishes of the Skyway community.

Sincerely,

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**"We have an opportunity to build what we want the community to be. It starts with the kids."**

- Gil Goins, Skyway resident

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# Background

Skyway is a collection of neighborhoods at the top of West Hill, an unincorporated area of King County bordered by the cities of Seattle, Tukwila, and Renton in Washington State. Perched on a hill, it is blessed with stunning views of Mt. Rainier and the Olympic Mountains. Historically, Skyway was a community of sparsely settled farms and pastures. Beginning with an influx of servicemen coming home after World War II, it is now home to nearly 15,000 residents. These residents have come to cherish the following community assets:

- ▶ **Parks:** Skyway Park, Dead Horse Canyon, Earlington Park, and nearby Kubota Gardens
- ▶ **People:** the spirit of neighborliness, youth programs, long term residents, caring families, and rich diversity (ethnic, cultural and economic)
- ▶ **Nature:** views of the water and mountains, maple trees, wooded areas, and Taylor Creek
- ▶ **Institutions:** post office, library, churches, schools, Boys and Girls Club, regular neighborhood clean-ups, Fire District #20, and Renton Area Youth and Family Services (RAYS)

At the same time, Skyway faces a number of challenges. Among other things, there are grave concerns about high turnover in the business district, lack of jobs, concerns of crime, lack of pride, too few gathering places, not enough positive activities for youth, low morale, and racial polarization.

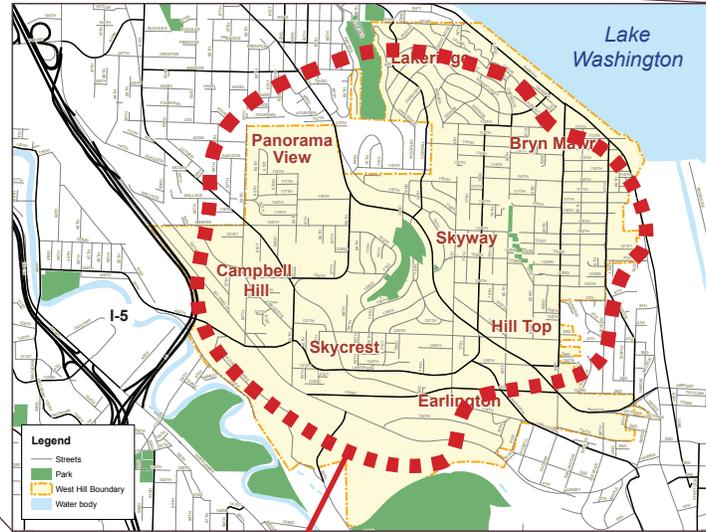
## Today, Skyway is poised for transformation.

In October 2008, King County's Community Enhancement Initiative (CEI) enlisted Pomegranate Center to facilitate and work with the Skyway community to develop the Skyway Solutions plan through a seven-month community-based planning process. CEI is a program grounded in the principles of equitable development, social justice and a fundamental respect for community-driven change. CEI helps create communities where everyone has an equal opportunity to reach their full potential.





Location of Skyway within King County



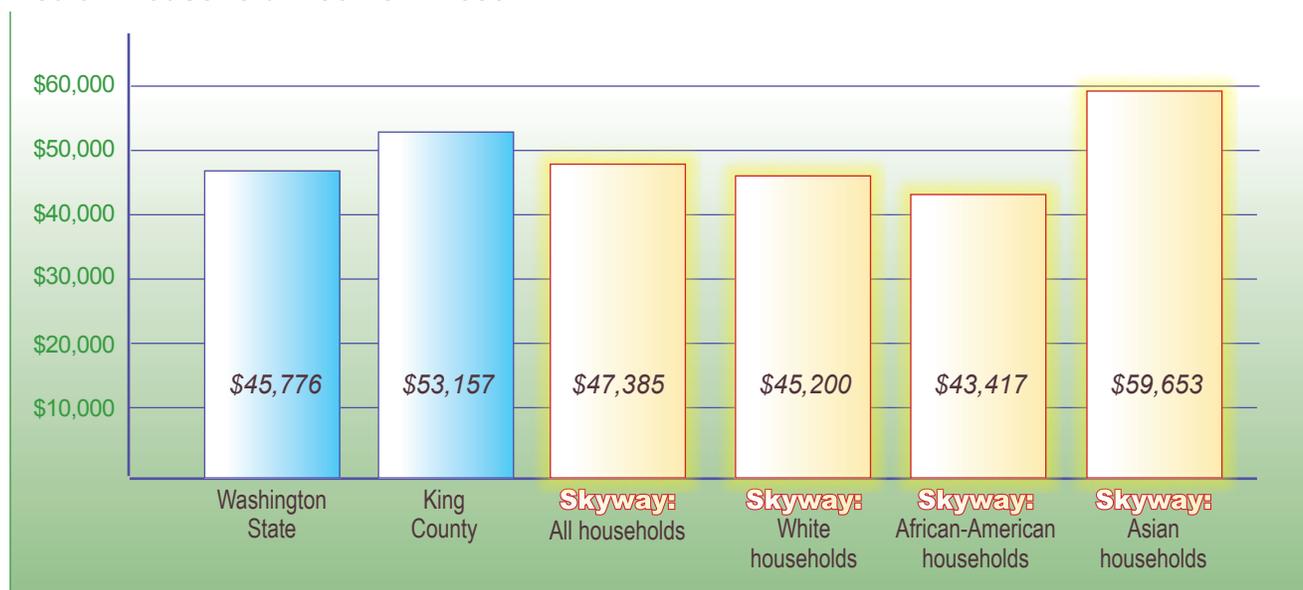
West Hill area



Skyway area

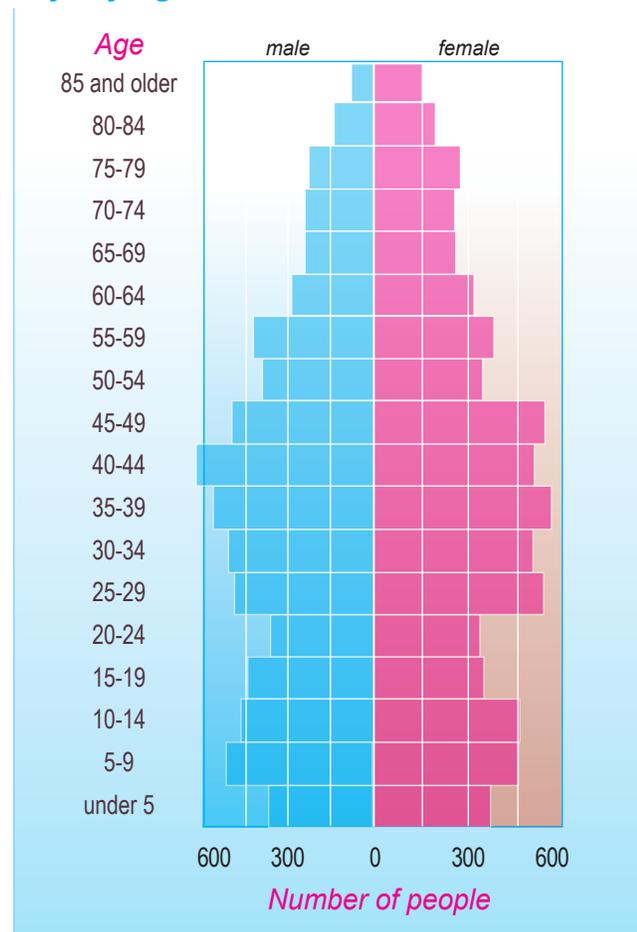
KEY DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Median Household Income in 1999



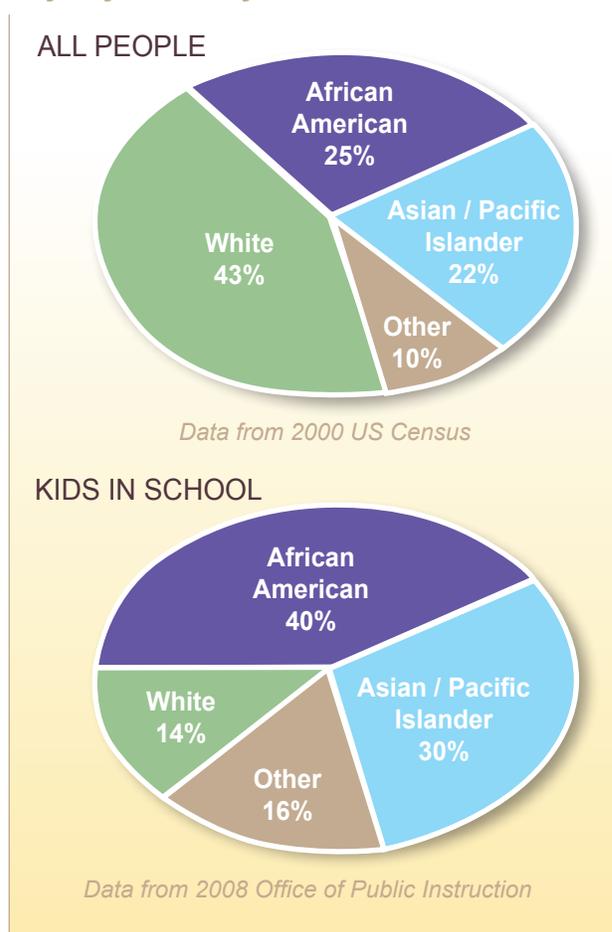
Data from 2000 US Census

Skyway Age Distribution

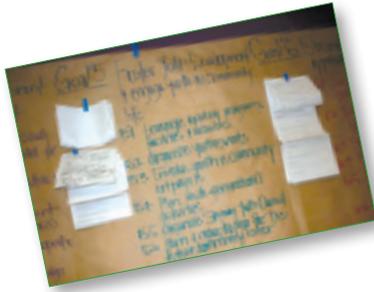


Data from 2000 US Census

Skyway Ethnicity



# Planning process



**“It’s up to us. We can’t expect our government officials to do something if we aren’t willing to get out there ourselves.”**

- Skyway Solutions participant



Action circles



Action circles



## Outcomes:

### Community Conversations and Community Meeting #1

Identification of Skyway’s assets and areas for improvement and articulation of a vision

### Community Meeting #1 and Feb 21 Action Circles

Identification of potential goals that support the vision and actions that support those goals

### Community Meeting #2 and May 9 Action Circles

Refined goals and development of Action Plans

### Community Celebration, June 6

Implementation of key actions and celebration of the community’s work



**“What I’m excited about is that some of us get to engage with adults and create a relationship because of this project.”**

- CeCe Jones, teenage member of the Skyway Solutions Steering Group

Skyway community members, King County, and Pomegranate Center collectively designed a unique planning process in an effort to engage meaningful community participation. This planning process, Skyway Solutions, began in November 2008 with over 50 Skyway residents who participated in a series of informal “living room” discussions. During these Community Conversations residents identified assets, weaknesses, and opportunities in their neighborhood.

In December 2009, a group of 25 Skyway community members formed a “Steering Committee.” This group met six times during the planning process to provide leadership, outreach and ongoing coordination with Pomegranate Center and King County staff.

The first of three Community Meetings was held in January 2009.

Residents developed over 40 ideas for how to improve their community.

Over the following months, in Action Circles and another Community Meeting, community members:

- ◆ organized their ideas based on overarching themes, goals and values;
- ◆ prioritized their ideas using the Project Criteria – if an idea satisfied all or many of the criteria it became a priority;
- ◆ identified which actions can build upon already existing momentum and analyzed opportunities to renew or initiate partnerships;
- ◆ committed to get personally involved in leading their ideas into reality; and
- ◆ developed initial Action Plans

The outcome of this work is a vision for a positive, equitable Skyway – 6 key goals and menu of actions that support those goals, all of which were carefully filtered through the Project Criteria. These criteria which were developed by the Skyway community members, King County and Pomegranate Center to promote safety, sustainable development, environmental stewardship, health, equity and community capacity building.

To celebrate their hard work the community gathered in June of 2009. This Community Celebration marked the transition from planning to implementation. A completed Skyway Solutions report was broadly distributed, long-standing participants were thanked and honored, newcomers were welcomed and “action” was taken through a series of community-wide service projects.

### Criteria

1. Does the proposed action serve all or only a select group?
2. Who might this action harm?
3. Does the action promote health?
4. Is it safe?
5. Is it good for the environment?
6. Is it aligned with the community’s vision for the future?
7. Are there people in the room prepared to make it happen?
8. Is there existing momentum in place?
9. Does the action have the power to transform the community for the better?

Participants in the planning process engaged in an honest examination of what changes are needed to create a vibrant community. They knew that their priorities could only be realized if they lead this charge themselves and leverage their initiative and energy to find further support for the plan's realization. They also understood that planning for the future of their community without a shared vision is simply not productive, that without a shared vision different individuals and organizations would pursue separate goals, unintentionally compete with each other and in the process waste precious time, resources and good will.

# Vision *In the future, Skyway will be a community:*

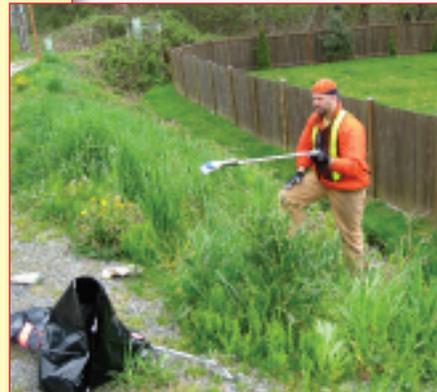


Skyway Outdoor Cinema wall painting party

- ◆ Rich in pride and with strong ethics of participation.
- ◆ Where all people feel safe.
- ◆ With a positive identity, filled with distinction and local character.
- ◆ With a vibrant business district with strong local representation.
- ◆ Known for its commitment to young people and creativity.
- ◆ Where people have access to safe parks, walking trails and connections to healthy foods.



Skyway Boys and Girls Club



Earth Day cleanup



Students volunteer to remove invasive blackberries

➔ **Implementation** ➔ **Revisit and improve**



**Supporting the ongoing realization of**

**this vision** is an underlying participatory ethic of community service, democratic self-determination, inclusive leadership and involved, caring people who have learned to turn their differences into assets.

The purpose of this document is to move this vision forward. The planning participants identified six key goals to realize this broad vision, with each goal consisting of specific actions to support their implementation. The Action Plans, found in the Appendix (page 19), are initial recommendations for how each action can be realized.

**Imagine!**

A participatory community rich in pride  
**Kiosks** will be created at critical intersections throughout Skyway to announce community events.

Improved safety for everyone  
**Traffic calming circles** will increase safety.

A community filled with creativity, art and character  
**Artistic gateways** at major points of entry into Skyway and leading into Skyway Park.

A vibrant business district  
**Busy business district** will thrive through a “shop local” campaign, supporting the needs of the community.

Programs that foster youth development and engagement  
**Skyway Youth Council** organizes community projects.

Recreational opportunities and improved health for all  
**Community Center** will be a home away from home for people of all ages. A thriving **community garden** in Skyway Park involves members in leading a healthy lifestyle.



# Goals and Actions

(See the Appendix, page 19-21, for details of this action plan.)

## Goal # 1

### Create a participatory community, rich in pride

Skyway will encourage citizen groups and individuals to collaborate in their work to change our community for the better. We will promote initiative, promote ownership and empower the next generation of community stewards.

#### Actions



#### Julius wants you to join in the youth council:



**“Help me empower youth leadership and organize a foundation for a future.”**

- Julius Jones, Skyway resident and goal group leader

#### 1.1 Form a welcoming committee

If people know one another they feel safer, more able to support each other in times of crisis and know how to navigate local resources.

#### 1.2 Develop community logo and slogan

Help create a new, positive and future-oriented identity for Skyway.

#### 1.3 Improve community-wide communication

Develop effective ways to communicate as broadly as possible while preventing duplication (see also action 4.6) .

#### 1.4 Organize events that engage a broad range of community members

Help connect neighbors, project a positive image and have fun.

#### 1.5 Connect existing associations, efforts and activities with each other

Ensure that leaders and participants know of each others' work to increase collaboration and efficiency.

**Goal # 2** (See the Appendix, page 22-24, for details of this action plan.)

## Improve safety for everyone

Skyway will be a community where people feel safe. We will build on the momentum of the Public Safety Initiative to focus on connection, visibility and preparedness.

### Actions

#### 2.1 Form a group to coordinate all efforts related to pedestrian and traffic safety

Public safety is important for everyone and all efforts should be synchronized.

#### 2.2 Increase the number of block watches

Grassroots effort to increase safety for all

#### 2.3 Ensure reliable funding for community policing

#### 2.4 Increase pedestrian safety throughout community (see also action 6.5)

#### 2.5 Advocating for traffic control projects where needed in the community



Family outing near the Post Office



Skyway Fire Station team

### Bill and Sonja want you to join in:



It has been an incredible experience being involved in Skyway Solutions. We have met some of the nicest, most talented friends and neighbors we wouldn't have met otherwise, and the fact that we are working together to improve our community makes it doubly rewarding.

We have also deeply appreciated the support of Pomegranate Center and King County in this endeavor, and we look forward to seeing the results.

- Sonja and Bill Bowden, Skyway residents and goal group leaders

# Goals and Actions, continued

(See the Appendix, page 23-27, for details of this action plan.)

## Goal # 3

### Develop a community filled with creativity, art and character

Skyway will be a vibrant, beautiful community that attracts sustainable development.



#### Syretta and Dennis want you to join in:

“Skyway Solutions gives us parents an opportunity to set a healthy example



for our children and youth at large by demonstrating our involvement in the community - it has been an incredible experience for my son Julius and me to build a future together.”

- Syretta Jones Whitehurst, Skyway resident and goal group leader



“Pride of place is the seed of renewal!”

- Dennis Cole, Skyway resident and goal group leader

#### Actions

##### 3.1 Form an art committee

Instigate coordinated activities to increase pride through events, celebrations and beautification.

##### 3.2 Place artistic gateways at major points of entry

Create a new image for Skyway and foster creativity.

##### 3.3 Host a competition to design the Skyway logo and slogan

##### 3.4 Coordinate with business district leaders to beautify Renton Avenue

Make storefronts more welcoming.

##### 3.5 Promote the installation of neighborhood art lofts

Artists bring creative energy and naturally encourage participation among different groups, fostering renewal.

**Goal # 4** (See the Appendix, page 28-30, for details.)

## Stimulate a vibrant business district

Skyway will have a thriving, locally supported business district realized through creative investments and partnerships.

### Actions

#### 4.1 Conduct a study to learn what is needed for viable businesses to thrive in Skyway

Successful businesses will support a vibrant local economy.

#### 4.2 Develop a process for attracting businesses to the neighborhood

People of Skyway need to meet their shopping needs locally.

#### 4.3 Beautify Renton Avenue

Collaborate with property owners and code enforcement agencies to upgrade and beautify Renton Avenue.

#### 4.4 Establish a business cooperative / incubator

Turn an empty building into a “business greenhouse” where new entrepreneurs share expenses and support each other.

#### 4.5 Initiate a “shop local” campaign

Help local businesses stay afloat and personalize otherwise impersonal transactions.

#### 4.6 Build kiosks that promote community awareness and local businesses

Inform about community events, organizations and businesses.

Linda wants you to join in:



“We already have a great location on top of the hill which is just waiting for more business! Now, let

us bring in that business and support it. I say: let’s go shop at the top!”

- Linda Cassée, Skyway resident and goal group leader



**West Hill Business Association**



Taste of Louisiana Restaurant team; Iran Alexander, Jr (center) is the owner and main chef.



# Goals and Actions, continued

(See the Appendix, page 31-33, for details of this action plan.)

## Goal # 5

### Foster youth development and engage young people in community life

Skyway will be a community that recognizes, nurtures and respects its youth.

#### Actions

##### 5.1 Leverage and strengthen existing programs

Make the best use of existing resources and support programs that target at risk youth.

##### 5.2 Organize events specific to youth

Instigate events that offer young people something to do and an outlet to connect with each other in a positive way.

##### 5.3 Involve youth in community arts projects

Make Skyway more beautiful and give all people something to be proud of.

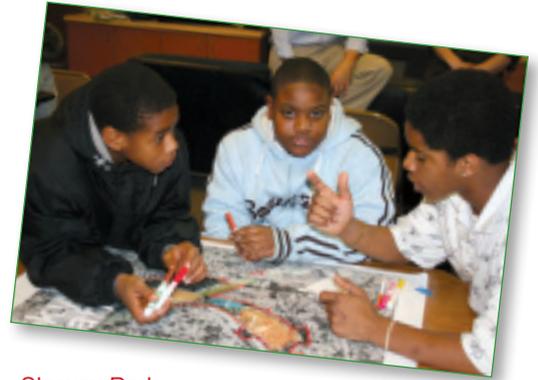
##### 5.4 Promote multigenerational activities

(see also action 6.6)

##### 5.5 Form a Skyway Youth Council

##### 5.6 Lay foundation for future Community Center

Create momentum to build a Community Center to serve as a glue to hold the community together and become a home away from home for many young people.



Skyway Park planning participants

Paul wants you to join in:



“Be the change you want to see in the world!”

- Paul Patu, Skyway resident and goal group leader (shown with Julius Jones, right, and Kayla Grayson, left)



**Goal # 6** (See the Appendix, page 34-36, for details.)

## Strengthen recreational opportunities and improve health for all

Skyway will have lots of opportunities for community members to exercise, meet new people, stay healthy, and have fun.

### Actions

#### 6.1 Implement Skyway Park Community Vision

Skyway Park, once revitalized, will provide a safe place for many activities for all generations: games, walks, celebrations, art, gardening, etc.

#### 6.2 Implement Healthy Lifestyle Initiatives

Increase walking opportunities and access to healthy foods

#### 6.3 Create a Farmer's Market

Provide a gathering place that also stimulates health and local economy.

#### 6.4 Test plots for P-Patch gardens

Enhance healthy living and stewardship from community members of all ages.

#### 6.5 Identify walking trails / routes

Promote a network of trails to enhance health and fellowship.

#### 6.6 Form a Gardening Club with Youth

It will build stronger bond between youth and adults, enhance healthy lifestyles, and beautify the community.

Ginny wants you to join in:

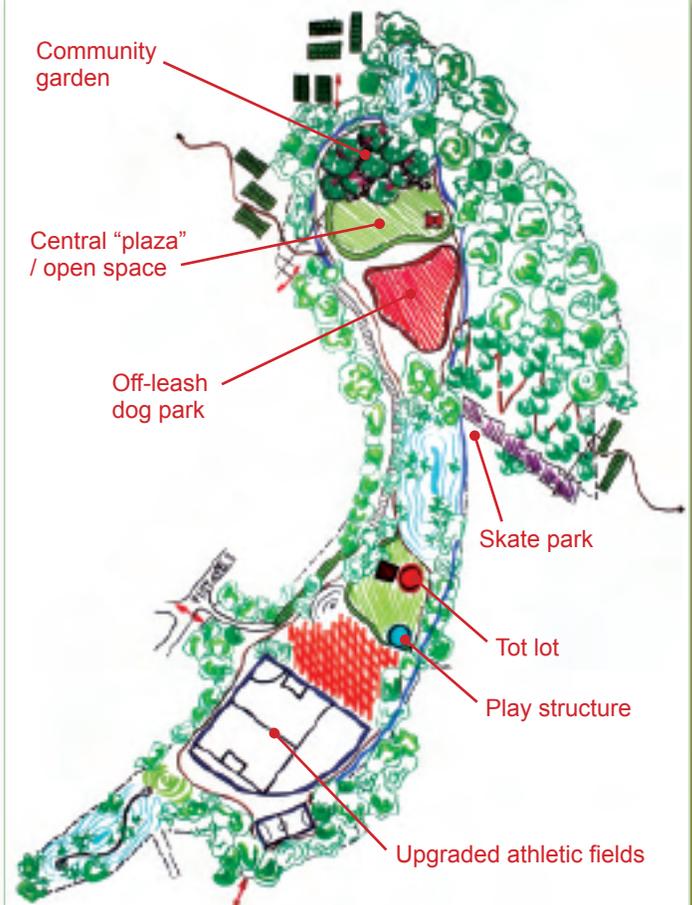


**“I think Skyway Solutions provides a way for the community to come**

**together, not only to identify problems but also to explore ways to resolve them. It's easier to see that we can make a difference when I meet others who are also involved.”**

- Ginny Rabago, Skyway resident and goal group leader

#### a few planned SKYWAY PARK improvements



# Neighborhood information

For more information about Skyway Solutions: <http://skysolutions.wikidot.com/>

## To find out more about groups helping to make this a great neighborhood:

- West Hill Community Council: <http://www.westhillcommunity.com/>
- West Hill Business Association: <http://www.westhillbusiness.com/>
- Friends of Skyway Park: <http://groups.google.com/group/friends-of-skyway-park>
- Skyway Park: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks/inventory/skyway.aspx>
- West Hill Connects: <http://groups.google.com/group/west-hill-connects>
- West Hill Public Safety Initiative: <http://groups.google.com/group/west-hill-public-safety>
- Renton Area Youth and Family Services: <http://www.rays.org/>
- Skyway Boys and Girls Club: <http://www.positiveplace.org/>
- BuRSST (Resources for Burien, Renton, SeaTac, Skyway, and Iukwila): <http://www.bursst.org/>

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## Goal # 1

### Create a participatory community rich in pride

#### 1.1 Form a welcoming committee

*"Help us define what it means to feel welcome!"*

##### **Objectives:**

Create opportunities for people to know each other, promoting a sense of safety

Build community support and access to information

- ◆ Tools to navigate local resources effectively
- ◆ When faced with crisis, a network is in place

##### **Existing momentum and potential partnerships:**

- ◆ Outdoor Movie Nights
- ◆ Neighborhood Walkers
- ◆ Friends of the Library
- ◆ West Hill Website
- ◆ Fire Department
- ◆ Local Real Estate Agents

##### **Leading the ACTION:**

Nancy Berry

##### **Timeline:**

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

##### **To join this ACTION, contact:**

Nancy Berry  
pnberry1@earthlink.net

#### 1.2 Develop a Skyway logo

##### **Objectives:**

Create a new, positive, future-oriented identity for Skyway

- ◆ Support business development & urban renewal
- ◆ Build community cohesion
- ◆ Engage Youth

##### **Existing momentum and potential partnerships:**

- ◆ Skyway Solutions Committee working to build kiosks (*see Action 4.6*)
- ◆ Outdoor Movie Nights
- ◆ Neighborhood Walkers
- ◆ Friends of the Library

##### **Leading the ACTION:**

Dennis Cole, Klaus Liebetanz, Carolyn Sopher, Michèle Savelle

##### **Timeline:**

BEGINS immediately  
Implemented by June 2010

- ◆ Competition & selection process to be completed within one year

##### **To join this ACTION, contact:**

[www.skywaysolutions.wikidot.com](http://www.skywaysolutions.wikidot.com)

## Goal # 1

### Create a participatory community rich in pride

#### 1.3 Improve community-wide communication

##### **Objectives:**

Provide user-friendly communication to inform interested community members about events, projects and initiatives

Use a variety of methods to reach as many people as possible

- ◆ On the street, on paper, kiosks, online, networks are in place, flyers, newsletter, at events

##### **Existing momentum and potential partnerships:**

- ◆ <http://www.westhillcommunity.com/>
- ◆ Google groups (see page )  
West Hill Connects:  
<http://groups.google.com/group/west-hill-connects>
- ◆ Skyway Solutions wiki:  
[www.skysolutions.wikidot.com](http://www.skysolutions.wikidot.com)

##### **Leading the ACTION:**

No leader has stepped up to this task at this time

##### **Timeline:**

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

##### **To join this ACTION, contact:**

[www.skysolutions.wikidot.com](http://www.skysolutions.wikidot.com)

#### 1.4 Organize events that engage a broad range of community members

*"Help us mark new beginnings, honor long-term traditions, and celebrate the seasons"*

##### **Objectives:**

Connect neighbors from all walks of life to one another

Engage many hands, of many sizes, in the event planning

##### **Existing momentum and potential partnerships:**

- ◆ Annual Car Show
- ◆ Skyway Methodist Church Community Fair

##### **Leading the ACTION:**

Paul Patu, Nancy Berry, Anthony Shoecraft

##### **Timeline:**

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

##### **To join this ACTION, contact:**

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## Goal # 1

### Create a participatory community rich in pride

#### 1.5 Connect existing associations, efforts & activities with each other

*"One group's struggle helps build another's strategy"*

##### Objectives:

Build upon existing momentum

Help people understand how different projects are connected

Prevent unnecessary duplication

Support community leaders

- ◆ Open communication invites fresh ideas from all sources
- ◆ Wise plans honor available energy, talent, and funding
- ◆ We learn as we go as we grow

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions communication teams (see Action 1.3, 1.4)
- ◆ West Hill Website

##### Leading the ACTION:

No current leader

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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*Outdoor bulletin stands will be an effective way of informing the Skyway community of all kinds of events.*

## Goal # 2

### Improve safety for everyone

#### 2.1 Form a group to coordinate all efforts related to pedestrian and traffic safety

*"Safety is inclusive. We can actively take ownership of our peace of mind!"*

##### Objectives:

Promote safety for walkers, bikers and drivers throughout the community:

- ◆ Improve amenities: crosswalks, street lights, intersections
- ◆ Increase awareness of safety-related issues
- ◆ Activate people in taking more responsibility for safety
- ◆ Synchronize efforts of different groups

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ West Hill Public Safety Initiative & Survey
- ◆ Neighborhood Walkers
- ◆ Block Watches
- ◆ Fire Department
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions communication teams (see Action 1.3, 1.4)
- ◆ Renton Ave Corridor Study

##### Leading the ACTION:

Sonja and Bill Bowden

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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#### 2.2 Increase the number of Block Watches

*"Help this grassroots action team get ready for National Night Out – Tuesday, August 4th!"*

##### Objectives:

Create a coordinated network

Learn from each other

Take action to combat fear

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ WHCC website link
- ◆ Existing Blockwatch Captains
- ◆ Police & Fire Departments
- ◆ Apartment Managers
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions communication teams (see Action 1.1, 1.3, 1.4)

##### Leading the ACTION:

Bill & Sonja Bowden, Ginny Rabago, Nancy Berry, Anthony Shoecraft

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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## Goal # 2

### Improve safety for everyone

#### 2.3 Ensure reliable funding for Community Policing

##### Objectives:

Ensure community policing storefront to address safety issues at the local level

Secure a reliable funding source for a police storefront with special district status

- ◆ similar to Fire Department funding
- ◆ not subject to yearly budgetary fluctuations

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ West Hill Public Safety Initiative & Survey
- ◆ West Hill Public Safety Google Group <http://groups.google.com/group/west-hill-public-safety>
- ◆ Letters and petitions to preserve storefront for 2009
- ◆ Relationship with Sheriff Rahr
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions communication teams (see Action 1.1, 1.3, 1.4)

##### Leading the ACTION:

Public Safety Initiative Coordinators

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

##### To join this ACTION, contact:

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#### 2.4 Increase pedestrian safety throughout community

*"We need you to be our Pedestrian Safety Coordinator!"*

##### Objectives:

Make Skyway a walkable community

Create and maintain well-lit, well-maintained sidewalks & crossings

- ◆ Organize community-wide hearings to identify and address concerns
- ◆ Pursue creative funding options

Pedestrian Safety Coordinator to lead volunteer efforts

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ West Hill Public Safety Google Group <http://groups.google.com/group/west-hill-public-safety>
- ◆ Neighborhood Walkers

##### Leading the ACTION:

Bill & Sonja Bowden

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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## Goal # 2

### Improve safety for everyone

#### 2.5 Advocate for traffic control projects

*"Individuals can write directly to King County Roads to let them know there's a broad base of grassroots interest and concern."*

##### Objectives:

Secure a Traffic Safety Coordinator to lead volunteer efforts

Prioritize areas of most need with a community-wide survey

- ◆ Make sure that it is translated for all languages

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ West Hill Public Safety Google Group  
<http://groups.google.com/group/west-hill-public-safety>
- ◆ Block Watch Captains
- ◆ Public Safety Initiative work with DOT  
re: Creston Point
- ◆ Speed trailers
- ◆ Existing speed bumps

##### Leading the ACTION:

Public Safety Initiative Coordinators

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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*A planted traffic circle can make a big difference in neighborhood safety.*

## Goal # 3

### Develop a community filled with creativity, art and character

#### 3.1 Form an art committee

*"Pride of place is the seed of renewal."*

##### Objectives:

Initiate art events and projects that celebrate Skyway

- ◆ Instigate community actions to beautify, honor culture, and build pride of place

Ensure membership represents broad specializations, a variety of ages, and a diversity of cultures

Attract regional artists to Skyway

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ Outdoor cinema & mural project
- ◆ Skyway Park Gateway Project
- ◆ Skyway Solutions wiki:  
[www.skysolutions.wikidot.com](http://www.skysolutions.wikidot.com)
- ◆ Drumline PNW
- ◆ Existing art classes
- ◆ Skyway Youth Council
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions communication teams (see Action 1.1, 1.3, 1.4)

##### Leading the ACTION:

Klaus Liebetanz, Michele Savelle, Dennis Cole, Carolyn Sopher

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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#### 3.2 Place artistic gateways at major points of entry

*"We need a couple good researchers – for permitting & grants – and people who like to plan!"*

##### Objectives:

Create unique and identifiable markers celebrating entry into Skyway

Beautify Renton Ave

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ Skyway Solutions wiki:  
[www.skysolutions.wikidot.com](http://www.skysolutions.wikidot.com)
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams  
(see Action 1.2, 1.5, 3.1, 4.6, 5.3)

##### Leading the ACTION:

Klaus Liebetanz, Michele Savelle, Dennis Cole, Carolyn Velez, Kimberly Stelly

##### Timeline:

BEGINS within 6-months... the establishment of an Art Committee is the first step.

To be COMPLETED by 2013

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[www.skysolutions.wikidot.com](http://www.skysolutions.wikidot.com)

## Goal # 3

### Develop a community filled with creativity, art and character

#### 3.3 Host a competition to design the Skyway logo & slogan

##### Objectives:

Create a design and slogan that is broadly recognized as Skyway's brand

Organize a design competition that involves many community members

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ♦ Skyway Solutions wiki:  
[www.skysolutions.wikidot.com](http://www.skysolutions.wikidot.com)
- ♦ Affiliated Skyway Solutions communication teams (see Action 1.5, 3.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6)

##### Leading the ACTION:

Dennis Cole, Nancy Berry, Linda Cassée, Mark Velez, Carolyn Velez, Michèle Savelle, Klaus Liebetanz

##### Timeline:

BEGINS at the end of 2009  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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#### 3.4 Coordinate with business district leaders to beautify Renton Avenue

##### Objectives:

Partner with local businesses to work on beautification projects

- ♦ build planters in business district
- ♦ develop a detailed improvement plan

Collaborate with Metro to enhance bus shelters

Develop a stewardship plan in which ongoing beautification efforts are monitored and maintained

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ♦ Skyway Solutions wiki:  
[www.skysolutions.wikidot.com](http://www.skysolutions.wikidot.com)
- ♦ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.5, 3.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6)
- ♦ West Hill Business Association
- ♦ West Hill Community Council

##### Leading the ACTION:

Dennis Dennis Cole, Nancy Berry, Linda Cassée, Mark Velez, Carolyn Velez, Michèle Savelle, Klaus Liebetanz, Jeremy Valenta

##### Timeline:

BEGINS at the end of 2009  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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## Goal # 3

### Develop a community filled with creativity, art and character

#### 3.5 Promote the installation of neighborhood art lofts

##### Objectives:

Partner with property owner(s) to create an Art Loft plan

- ◆ encourage artists to express Skyway culture and character
- ◆ support Skyway's artists and attract regional artists to Skyway

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ Skyway Solutions wiki:  
[www.skysolutions.wikidot.com](http://www.skysolutions.wikidot.com)
- ◆ Empty existing buildings
- ◆ Existing art community

##### Leading the ACTION:

Klaus Liebetanz, Michèle Savelle, Dennis Cole, Carolyn Velez

##### Timeline:

BEGINS at the end of 2010  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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*Detail of the decorated bus shelter on Renton Ave in front of the 7-11. There are several more shelters that could be addressed.*

## Goal # 4

### Stimulate a vibrant business district

#### 4.1 Viability study

##### Objectives:

Learn what is needed for local businesses to thrive

- ◆ Boost Skyway economy through local businesses

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ West Hill Business Association
- ◆ Chambers of Commerce
- ◆ Local Real Estate Agents

##### Leading the ACTION:

Mark Velez, Sam Simone

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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#### 4.2 Develop a process for attracting businesses to the neighborhood

##### Objectives:

Provide Skyway residents the opportunity to meet their shopping needs locally

Identify local consumer priorities through a community-wide survey

- ◆ Ensure that the survey is translated for languages used in the community

Improve the existing business district and make it attractive to new businesses

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ West Hill Business Association
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.4)

##### Leading the ACTION:

Linda Cassée, Mark Velez, Sam Simone,  
Michael Majeed

##### Timeline:

BEGINS within 6-months... the establishment of a Viability Study is the first step.  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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## Goal # 4

### Stimulate a vibrant business district

#### 4.3 Beautify Renton Avenue

##### Objectives:

Create incentives for owners along Renton Ave to improve their property

- ◆ Coordinate a Stewardship Plan to protect investments

Partner with representatives of appropriate government agencies to enforce code violations

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ Code enforcement officer  
Jen Brazeal, King County  
206-296-7264
- ◆ Web referral form
- ◆ Local Real Estate Agents
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams  
(see Action 3.4)

##### Leading the ACTION:

Theresa McLean

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately... Stewardship Plan will be necessary to sustain beautification efforts an ONGOING, community-driven process

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#### 4.4 Establish a business cooperative / incubator

*"Might we partner with an intern to research sustainable development opportunities for our community?"*

##### Objectives:

Create a sustainable development experiment

- ◆ Turn an empty building into a "business greenhouse"
- ◆ New entrepreneurs share expenses and support each other
- ◆ Successful business move into their own location and agree to support new incubators

Explore utilizing vacant commercial buildings to host new business ventures

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ West Hill Business Association
- ◆ Incubator examples online: R.S.V.P. / S.B.A.
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams  
(see Action 1.5, 3.4)

##### Leading the ACTION:

Linda Cassée, Mark Velez, Nancy Berry,  
Michael Jaheed

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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## Goal # 4

### Stimulate a vibrant business district

#### 4.5 Initiate a “Shop Local” campaign

##### **Objectives:**

Support Skyway businesses to build a vibrant local economy

- ◆ Local businesses refer one another to partners and consumers

Develop tools to help Skyway residents know and support locally owned businesses

- ◆ Community members take ownership by “investing” in Skyway’s future
- ◆ Contributing to local economy is something everyone can do

##### **Existing momentum and potential partnerships:**

- ◆ West Hill Business Association
- ◆ Renton Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Local translators
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2)

##### **Leading the ACTION:**

Nancy Berry, Mark Velez, Linda Cassée, Sam Simone

##### **Timeline:**

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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#### 4.6 Build kiosks that promote community awareness and local business

##### **Objectives:**

Make it easy for Skyway people to know what is going on

“Shop Local” incentives are presented in an accessible format

- ◆ Community members view business leaders as partners

##### **Existing momentum and potential partnerships:**

- ◆ West Hill Business Association
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions communication teams (see Action 1.3, 1.4)

##### **Leading the ACTION:**

No leader yet

##### **Timeline:**

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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## Goal # 5

### Foster youth development and engage young people in community life

#### 5.1 Leverage and strengthen existing programs

*"Help us kick off a Youth Connects Resource Fair, September 2009!"*

##### Objectives:

Develop a Youth Resources Guide

- ♦ engage youth in developing an asset map to identify existing programs

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ♦ Boys & Girls Club
- ♦ Schools
- ♦ Parks
- ♦ West Hill Community Council
- ♦ Urban Family Center
- ♦ King County
- ♦ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.3, 1.5, 2.2, 4.6)
- ♦ Mentoring at Methodist Church
- ♦ Skyway Library
- ♦ World Vision
- ♦ Renton Rangers

##### Leading the ACTION:

Carolyn Sopher, Andriel Moore, Paul Patu, Rob Detzner, Julius Jones, Kayla Grayson, Michael Majeed

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an ONGOING, community-driven process

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#### 5.2 Organize events specific to youth

*"Carnival, picnic, or block party- we could use your ideas this summer!"*

##### Objectives:

Provide Youth with activities and support specific to their needs and interests

- ♦ Increase opportunities for youth to feel invested in something positive and connected to their community

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ♦ Holiday events at VFW & Urban Family Center
- ♦ Sports teams at schools
- ♦ Boys & Girls Club
- ♦ National Night Out (Blockwatch)
- ♦ Affiliated Skyway Solutions communication teams (see Action 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.2, 3.1)

##### Leading the ACTION:

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## Goal # 5

### Foster youth development and engage young people in community life

#### 5.3 Involve youth in community art projects

*"As we complete one mural, we'll be planning the next! Help us spread the color around!"*

##### Objectives:

Provide public expressions of creativity that youth can take pride in

Initiate community building activities that leave a positive legacy

Use the creation of art as a youth mentoring / apprenticeship opportunity

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ 129th St. Mural Project
- ◆ Urban Family Center
- ◆ RAYS Family
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 3.1, 5.2)

##### Leading the ACTION:

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#### 5.4 Promote multi-generational activities

##### Objectives:

Organize community actions that intentionally invite young people to work with adults

Increase mentoring programs

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ Urban Family Center
- ◆ Boys & Girls Club
- ◆ National Night Out (Blockwatch)
- ◆ Skyway Outdoor Cinema
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.2, 3.1, 5.1, 6.1)

##### Leading the ACTION:

No leader yet

##### Timeline:

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## Goal # 5

### Foster youth development and engage young people in community life

#### 5.5 Form a Skyway Youth Council

*"Give me a job, and you instantly get me involved!"*

##### Objectives:

Enhance opportunities that nurture tomorrow's Skyway leaders

Integrate youth voices into community plans

Create opportunities for dialogue between youth and adults

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ♦ Urban Family Center
- ♦ Boys & Girls Club
- ♦ World Vision
- ♦ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 3.1, 5.2)

##### Leading the ACTION:

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#### 5.6 Lay foundation for future community center

*"Let's have grant writing underway by the end of 2009! Writers, researchers...we need your skills!"*

##### Objectives:

Develop a realistic vision and identify the needs that a community center could accommodate

- ♦ provide a safe, creative, healthy home-away-from-home for youth
- ♦ create a place that serves many generations and functions

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ♦ Solutions community-planning model (community conversations, steering group, action circles)
- ♦ Foodbank Move
- ♦ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1)

##### Leading the ACTION:

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## Goal # 6

### Strengthen recreational opportunities and improve health for all

#### 6.1 Implement Skyway Park Community Vision

*"Pulling out weeds, or pulling in funds – there's a place for you in the making!"*

##### Objectives:

Ensure that Skyway Park is a well-used community asset and use the Skyway Park Community Vision as a guide for improvements

- ◆ Skyway Park provides healthy opportunities for the people of Skyway – walks, sports, nature, learning & celebration

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ Friends of Skyway Park
- ◆ Neighborhood Walkers
- ◆ Urban Family Center
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.2, 4.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5)

##### Leading the ACTION:

Ginny Rabago, Nancy Berry

##### Timeline:

BEGINS immediately  
an ONGOING, community-driven process

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#### 6.2 Implement healthy lifestyles initiatives

##### Objectives:

Promote safe trails that lead to a variety of recreational opportunities

Connect gardening, nutrition, stewardship and community

Ensure that all generations and cultures have access to healthy food

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ Friends of Skyway Park
- ◆ Neighborhood Walkers
- ◆ Local restaurants
- ◆ Earlington Greenhouse
- ◆ Urban Family Center
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.4, 4.6, 5.1, 5.4, 5.5)

##### Leading the ACTION:

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## Goal # 6

### Strengthen recreational opportunities and improve health for all

#### 6.3 Create a farmers' market

*"Help us create a weekly tradition, and celebrate local bounty!"*

##### Objectives:

Create access to the healthy foods from local farms

Provide a place for community gathering, around food, music and art

Encourage networking with artists, master gardeners and local entrepreneurs

Contribute to the local economy and the vitality of the business district

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ♦ West Hill's Farmer's Market Association
- ♦ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.4, 4.3, 4.5, 5.4, 6.2)

##### Leading the ACTION:

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#### 6.4 Test plots for P-Patch gardens

*"Raised beds by June 6th, but that's just the beginning! If dirt's not your interest, gardeners need homemade cookies !"*

##### Objectives:

Provide access to space for cultivating food collectively, locally and sustainably

Learn from the successes of Department of Neighborhoods program

Yet another opportunity for community members to work together and enjoy each others' company

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ♦ Friends of Skyway Park
- ♦ Local Hardware
- ♦ King County
- ♦ Earlington Greenhouse
- ♦ Urban Family Center
- ♦ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.4, 4.5, 5.1, 5.4, 6.1)

##### Leading the ACTION:

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## Goal # 6

### Strengthen recreational opportunities and improve health for all

#### 6.5 Identify walking trails / routes

##### Objectives:

Provide safe, pedestrian-friendly opportunities to travel through the neighborhood

Increase public safety by creating a beat, and walking it together

Build fellowship through restoration and recreation

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ Neighborhood Walkers
- ◆ West Hill Public Safety Initiative & google group:  
<http://groups.google.com/group/west-hill-public-safety>
- ◆ Skyway Park Initiative
- ◆ Feet First
- ◆ Blockwatch
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 5.2, 6.1, 6.2)

##### Leading the ACTION:

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#### 6.6 Form a Gardening Club with youth

##### Objectives:

Provide opportunities for skilled and motivated youth to lead beautification efforts

Promote inter-generational community building, mentoring and stewardship

Contribute to access of healthy, locally grown food

##### Existing momentum and potential partnerships:

- ◆ Friends of Skyway Park
- ◆ Earlington Greenhouse
- ◆ Urban Family Center
- ◆ Traffic Safety Coordinator
- ◆ Greentree Apartments
- ◆ Campbell Hill Garden Project
- ◆ Blackberry restoration work
- ◆ Schools
- ◆ Boys & Girls Club
- ◆ Affiliated Skyway Solutions teams (see Action 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 2.5, 4.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4)

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