Organization
King County Parks

Project Title
Why not trails?

Organizational Background
King County Parks’ mission is to steward, enhance and acquire parks and trails to inspire healthy communities, and with 28,000 acres of open space, 175 miles of regional trails, and 215 miles of backcountry trails, King County Parks offers close-to-home recreational experiences for everyone.

Project Description
King County Parks often promotes the values of regional trails. When it comes time to make future investments in trail planning various criteria need to be taken into account. This research proposal is to create a cost benefit analysis scorecard to evaluate future trail investment based on the following criteria: Economic benefit of trails, environmental benefit, community health benefits, mobility, and community building. Using this scorecard we can then look at historical investment in the system and see how it matches up, and identify future opportunities that could provide the greatest value.

Travel Required?
Maybe

Deliverables
A scorecard or map that would show us trail corridors or areas that would provide the most benefits for investment over the next 20-30 years.

Key Tasks for Consultants
Review public health data, look at available trail corridors and land prices, calculate environmental benefit of trail land acquisition, review mobility plans, and determine what community members need from trail corridors.