

Greenways are:

- Safe routes to schools
- A safe network for walking and jogging
- Connections to parks, libraries and community centers
- Links to businesses and shopping
- Neighborhood spaces for people
- Low traffic volume and traffic-calmed streets
- Environmentally friendly
- Good for property values
- Creating community
- Easy to build



Greenways are NOT:

- Expensive
- High speed bike routes
- Car-free zones
- Off-street trails

What's the goal of Greenways?

- 1) Prevent accidents and minimize injuries
- 2) Enable even the most vulnerable users to feel safe through traffic-calming, way finding, and improving driver awareness
- 3) Create safe routes to schools
- 4) Shape a sense of place, create community
- 5) Do it all cheaply, with positive environmental impacts

How are greenways created?

In order to move people **safely** and **reliably** from where they are, to where they want to go, we just need to make some **small changes with big impact...**

Those changes can include:

- putting up signs designating select low-traffic volume streets as Greenways
- making safer crossings at intersections and lowering neighborhood speeds
- adding signs for way finding
- painting sharrow markings on the road surface
- traffic calming measures such as speed humps and curb extensions

Where are Greenways?

Cities all over the U.S. from Portland to Chicago, from Seattle to Minneapolis and from California to New York are creating safe transportation networks for people of all ages and abilities to get around on foot and on bike.

There are now over 20 volunteer community groups in neighborhoods all over Seattle and beyond that are filled with people who identify, support, and advocate for a linked network of safe and healthy streets.

It's time for the Eastside to build ours! ***Sounds great! How do I participate?***

Ride with us on May 11
@ 10am at Juanita Beach Park

presenting on May 14
S. Rose Hill/Bridle Trails mtg.
Lake Wash. United Church, 7-9pm

Presenting on May 20
N. Rose Hill Neighborhood mtg.
Rose Hill Fire Station #26 7-9pm

Walk 'n' Roll Fair June 7
Juanita Beach Park 3-7pm

Imagine being able to go from your Eastside home to any other neighborhood destination:

- your children's school
- your favorite coffee shop
- the library, city hall, that new restaurant you heard about from friends

And imagine that you can get there on a complete network of quiet residential streets where children ride bikes and play, families walk their dogs and stop to talk to their neighbors and people in cars are extra cautious and anticipate sharing the road with all of these other people.

Now imagine this network connecting to our current and future shared use trails so you can comfortably and safely ride your bike to destinations even farther away without ever having to ride in traffic on a high speed arterial.

That's what a neighborhood greenway network is.

Seattle has 20 neighborhood greenway groups who have been working hard over the past 18 months to design and start building their network of greenways. Now it's time for the Eastside to start working on ours.

May is bike month!

Ask us how *you* can start a *bike train* at your local *school*.

We have useful tips, and helpful links and resources to *get you started!*

Contact us!
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Do you remember walking or riding your bike to school?

Remember how safe you felt?

Do you wish children today could experience that freedom?

We do too.



What's it all about?

It's about creating a *safe network* of neighborhood streets that connect you to the *places* you want to go...

That's what Kirkland Greenways is about!