

Kitsap County 2026 Comp Plan Amendment Project - Edit Matrix

Drafted for 10/20/2026 Workstudy-Deliberations

Deliverable	PC Matrix #	Summary of Issue	Staff Recommendation	Planning Commission Direction
PROS Element	1	Classification. Changing the “Heritage Park” classification to “Regional Park” raises concerns about losing recognition of Kitsap County’s historical and Indigenous connections and diminishing the emphasis on cultural heritage, environmental restoration, and stewardship in park management.	No change. The updated park classification system aligns with industry-standard park types for comparison and data analysis without changing park names, purpose, intent, or character; Heritage Parks remain part of the County’s park system.	Support staff recommendation.
PROS Element	2	Conservation. Limited emphasis on habitat protection, environmental restoration, and recovery of areas affected by timber harvesting raises concerns about balancing recreation with ecological stewardship.	No change. Goal 5 of the Parks and Recreation Element (Chapter 7) of the Comprehensive Plan contains policies regarding the need to balance recreation without adversely impacting the natural environment. This concept is further defined in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan in the Goals and Objectives chapter (Goal PR-2 and Goal PR-3).	Support staff recommendation.
PROS Element	3	Park Property. Park acquisition and divestiture strategies may commodify public park lands and create concerns about transparency and potential sale of park properties for budget purposes. The public also lacks clear information about all County-owned park properties.	No change. Kitsap County is not exploring divestiture or sale of parkland for budget purposes. Should developing a divestiture strategy become a need in the future, it will be done with public input. All parks and undeveloped park properties owned by Kitsap County Parks are identified in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan in the Inventory and Assessment chapter (pages 36-39).	Support staff recommendation.
PROS Element	4	Recreation Priority. Capital investments prioritize mountain biking and bike infrastructure, with limited support for walkers and equestrian users.	No change. Goal 1 of the Parks and Recreation Element (Chapter 7) of the Comprehensive Plan contains many policies that reflect the need to develop and manage park facilities for a multitude of park user types and abilities, which includes walking, equestrian, and bicycle use. Additionally, the Capital Improvement Program chapter of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan identifies multiple trail projects focused on making them barrier-free and wheelchair friendly, improving safety on trails to reduce user conflicts, and trail improvements for walkability and sustainability. While the construction of the mountain bike ride park (2021-2023, 2026) at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park has garnered a lot of attention, neither the goals in the Parks and Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan nor the goals of the PROS plan identify prioritizing bicycle infrastructure over other types of recreation facilities or uses.	Support staff recommendation.

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Capital Facilities Plan	5	PGHP - Recreation vs Restoration. Narrow focus on recreation investment without investment in other users and restoration efforts for nature and wildlife.	No change. The Comprehensive Plan and the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) plans both contain goals and policies focused on the restoration and conservation practices. The capital project list in both plans does contain projects focused on improvements to the natural environment. As the Parks department's new Natural Resources program gets established, new restoration and other projects will be identified and added to the Capital Facilities Plan.	Support staff recommendation.
Capital Facilities Plan	6	Clean-up. Initial edits were to the table rather than full strike-out.	Clean existing table for clear strike-out and other minor edits for accuracy.	Support staff recommendation.
Silverdale Center Plan - Appendix	7	Pg 37, under "Housing", ADD: worship, and age.	Nurture a community that accommodates a diversity of income levels, activities, amenities, open spaces, gathering places, recreation, and mobility options that all contribute to a self- sustaining community where people aspire to live, work, and play, worship, and age.	Support staff recommendation.
Silverdale Center Plan - Appendix	8	Pg 73, ADD: ...includes a robust network of healthcare facilities and office buildings...	Silverdale is unique in that it includes a large hospital and spin-off medical a <u>robust network of healthcare</u> facilities and office buildings. Outside of Kitsap Mall, these are the largest buildings in Silverdale. Recent local developments and regional trends indicate that the following development forms will continue and/or emerge in the near future in Silverdale:	Support staff recommendation.
Silverdale Center Plan - Appendix	9	Pg 74, first paragraph, ADD: Kitsap Regional Library, as a regional facility.	The area also benefits from a strong mix of shops, restaurants, and services, along with schools and community facilities including Central Kitsap Middle School and High School, <u>Kitsap Regional Library</u> , the Haselwood Family YMCA, Silverdale Waterfront Park, Old Mill Park, and the Linder softball fields.	Support staff recommendation.
Silverdale Center Plan - Appendix	10	Add a definition for "last mile solution" to Glossary.	Last mile solution: Any transportation option or strategy that helps passengers travel the final segment between a transit hub and their ultimate destination, addressing the gap where public transit does not directly reach.	Support staff recommendation.
Silverdale Center Plan - Appendix	11	Pg 119, SRCP 9.1, include "for people and the environment"	SRCP 9.1. Support projects that increase air quality, reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, or and reduce climate change impacts <u>for people and the environment.</u>	Support staff recommendation.
Silverdale Center Plan - Appendix	12	Pg 125, Add an action to second sentence, and correct font glitch.	Agencies: Coordinate with transit agencies to enhance multimodal connections and with Public Works to plan for infrastructure needs. Strengthen partnerships <u>by engaging</u> with the Tribes, Navy, Port of Silverdale, and Kitsap Economic Development Alliance.	Support staff recommendation.

NA: Not Applicable