

# PROS Plan Public Comment Review

March 19, 2025





# Public Comment Period



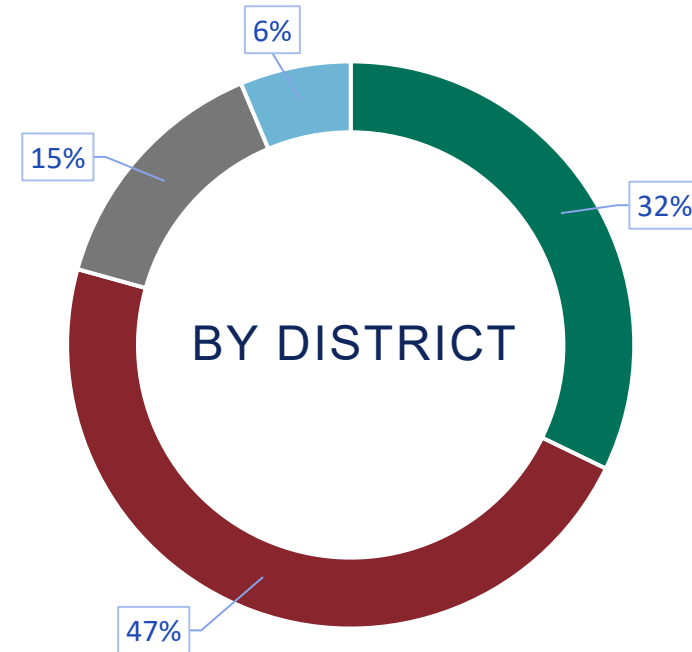
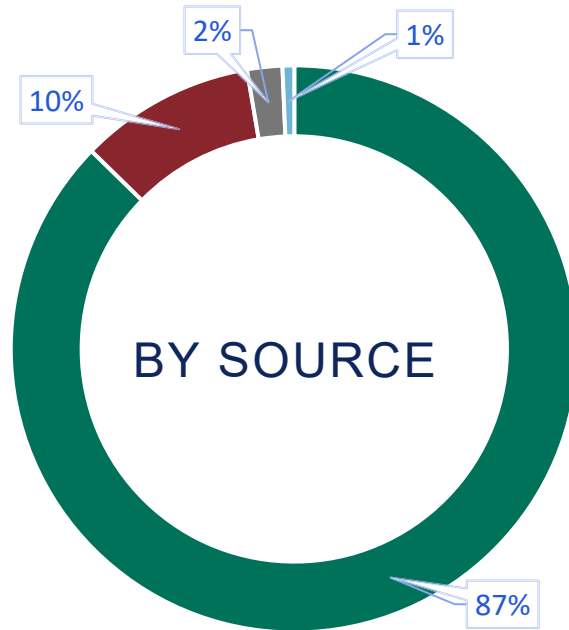
February 10, 2025 -  
March 16, 2025

Comments were received via:

- Online Form
- Community Meetings
- PAB Meeting
- Email

**447 comments received**

# Public Comment Distribution



■ Online Form ■ Community Meetings ■ Email ■ PAB Meeting

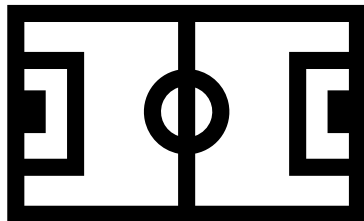
■ North ■ South ■ Central ■ Unknown/Outside of County



# Athletic Facilities



96 Comments

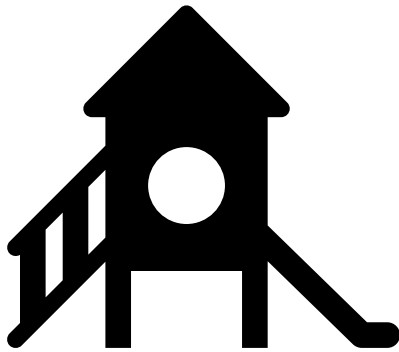


- Support for athletic field improvements (artificial turf, lighting) and changing prioritization of those projects in the CIP.
- Primarily focused on fields in South Kitsap and on soccer use.
- Concerns over health and environmental impacts of artificial turf.

# Projects



85 Comments

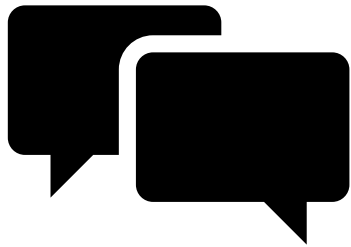


- Support for pickleball, restroom, and land acquisition projects.
- Desire for park planning and projects at Coulter Creek Heritage Park, South Kitsap Regional Park, Norwegian Point Park, and Wicks Lake Park.
- Concerns over park development projects in Nature Parks.
- Questions over project prioritization process and concerns over Department's ability to complete a lengthy list of projects.

# Communication & Engagement



67 Comments

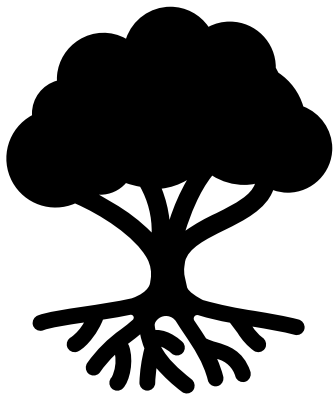


- Concerns over changes to Department's Volunteer Program.
- Concerns over PAB's role in PROS Plan development.
- Not enough time to review Draft PROS Plan and provide comments.
- Lack of representation in public surveys, suggestions for future engagement to broaden participation.

# Natural Resources



26 Comments



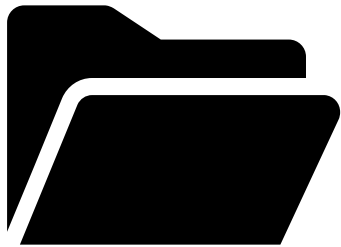
- Concerns over overuse and damage to parks.
- Support for wildlife and habitat protection and invasive species and noxious weed removal.
- Appreciate seeing focus on natural resources and development of natural resource management plans.



# Plan Contents & Organization



## 25 Comments



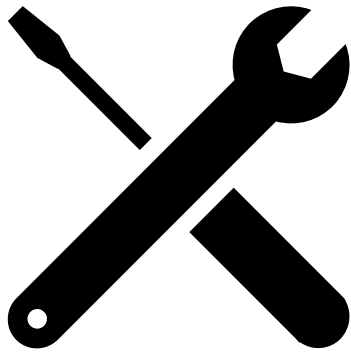
- Concern over changes from 2018 PROS Plan and relationship to existing County plans.
- Lengthy, repetitive document.
- Typos and grammatical errors.
- Facility inventory should include non-County owned properties and facilities.



# Safety & Maintenance



23 Comments

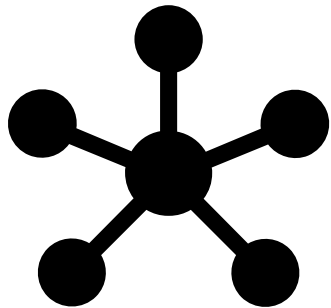


- Rule enforcement (off-leash dogs, speed limits on trails, graffiti).
- Balance of maintenance/management and acquisition.
- Trail safety and multi-user conflicts.

# Park Classifications



22 Comments



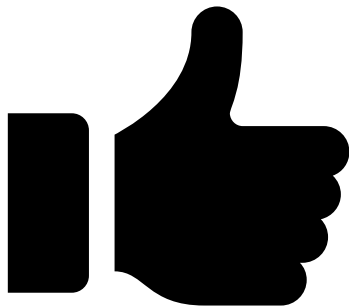
- Desire for more engagement around park classification updates and clearer rationale for changes.
- Support for updating park classifications.
- Park specific comments (Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, Wynn-Jones Preserve, Hansville Greenway)



# Support of Plan



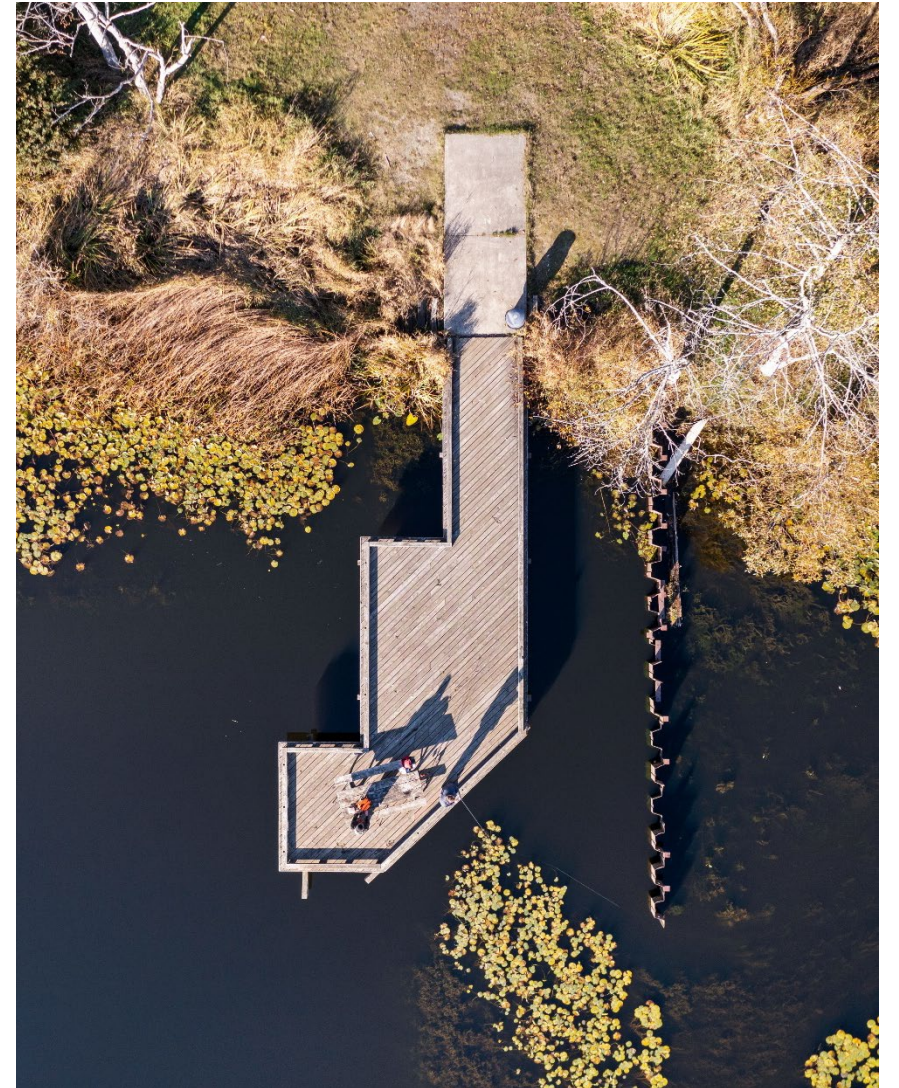
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- Thoughtful, inclusive plan.
- Addresses the needs of the community.
- Appreciated opportunity to comment.
- Looking forward to implementation.

## Plan Edits: Housekeeping

- Corrected typos, formatting errors, and mislabeled figures/parks.
- Replaced duplicate/blurry pictures.
- Updated incorrect park classifications and acreage.
- Removed Southworth Open Space from system inventory.
- Reorganized system inventory and map based on park location.

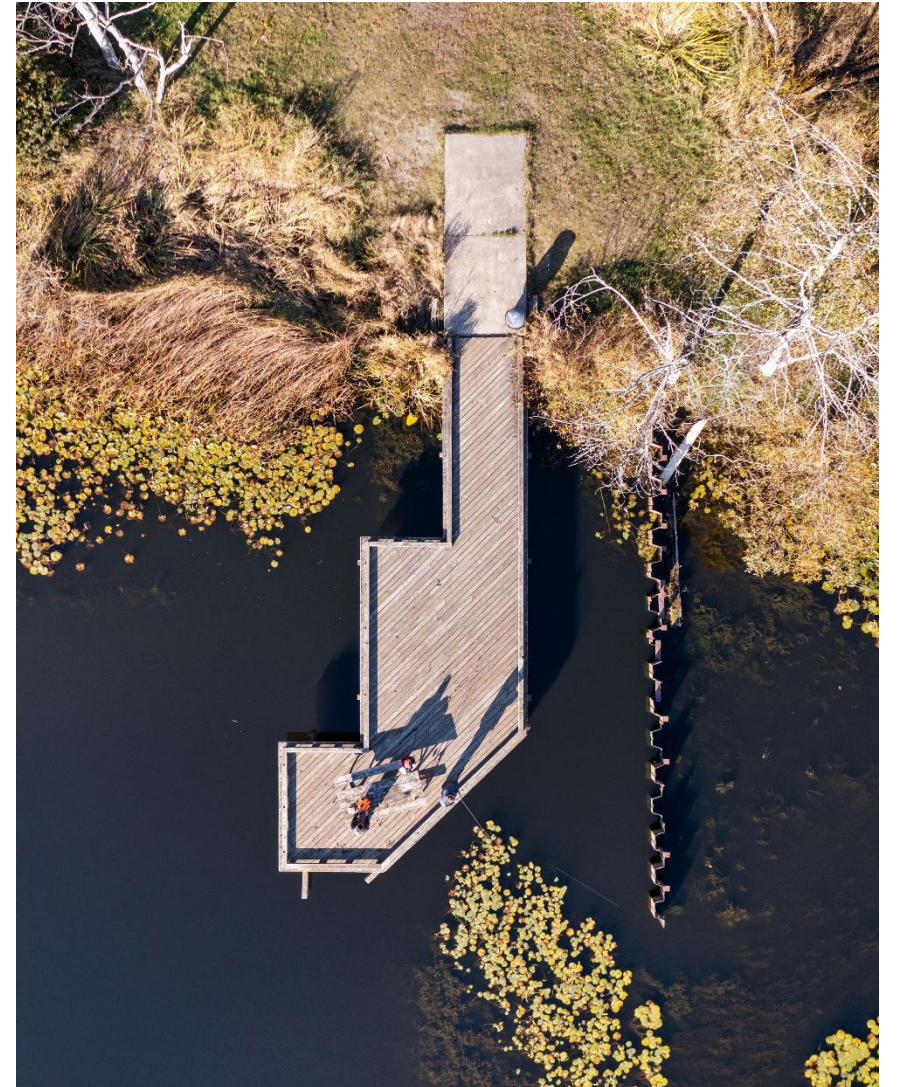




## Plan Edits: Additions & Clarifications

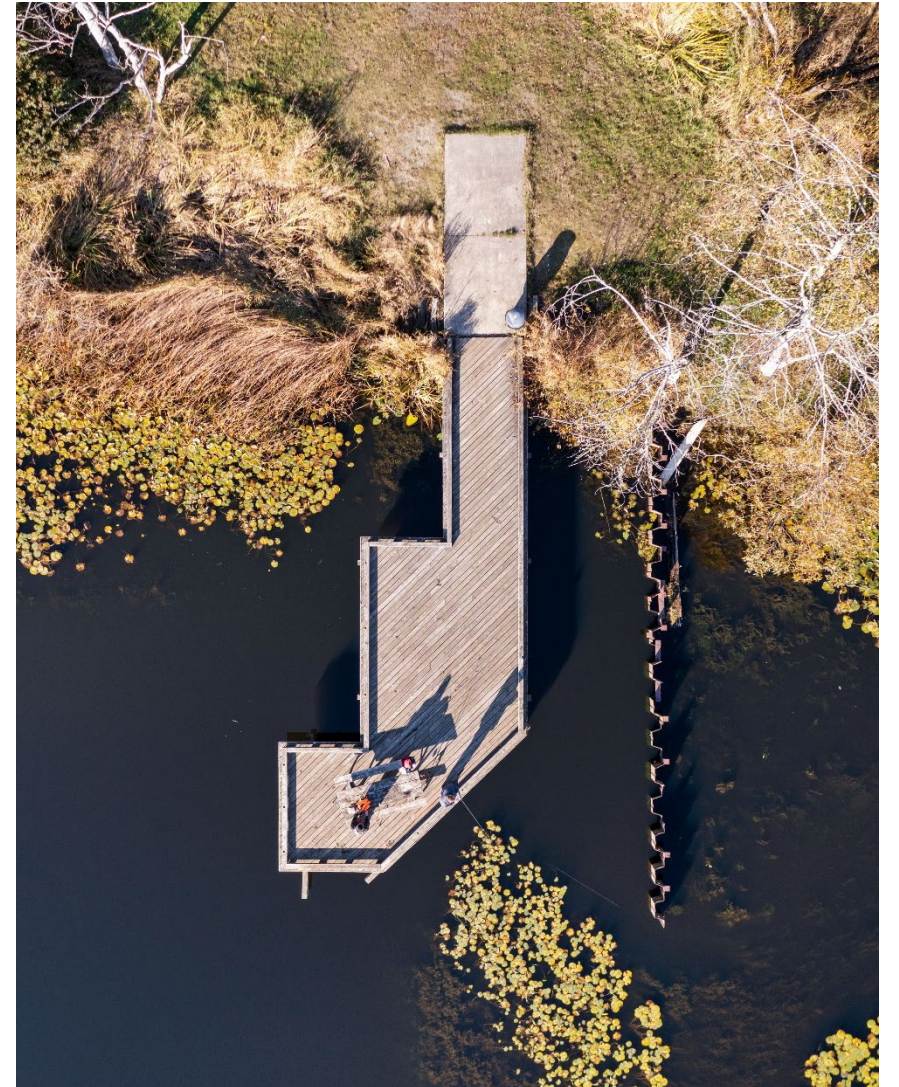
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- Correctly labeled Appendix X and indicated where review of existing plans are located.
- Added differences between 2018 PROS Plan and Update.
- Added information regarding PAB's role.
- Added information on existing maintenance and management contracts.
- Updated Table 3-1 to include groups participating in stakeholder interviews/questionnaires and added summary paragraphs.
- Clarified Park Ambassador/Volunteer Park Ranger Program.
- Added introduction to Goals & Objectives.
- Clarified Department funding sources.
- Added actions to increase safety and reduce recreational conflicts.



## Plan Edits: Projects

- Adjusted athletic field projects to 1-6 year target for Veteran's Memorial, South Kitsap, and Anderson Hill.
- Adjusted District 2 pickleball court to 6+ year target.
- Added improvement projects to Village Greens and Rolling Hills Golf Courses.
- Added energy efficiency improvement projects.
- Added land acquisition projects.
- Removed completed, duplicate, and erroneous projects.

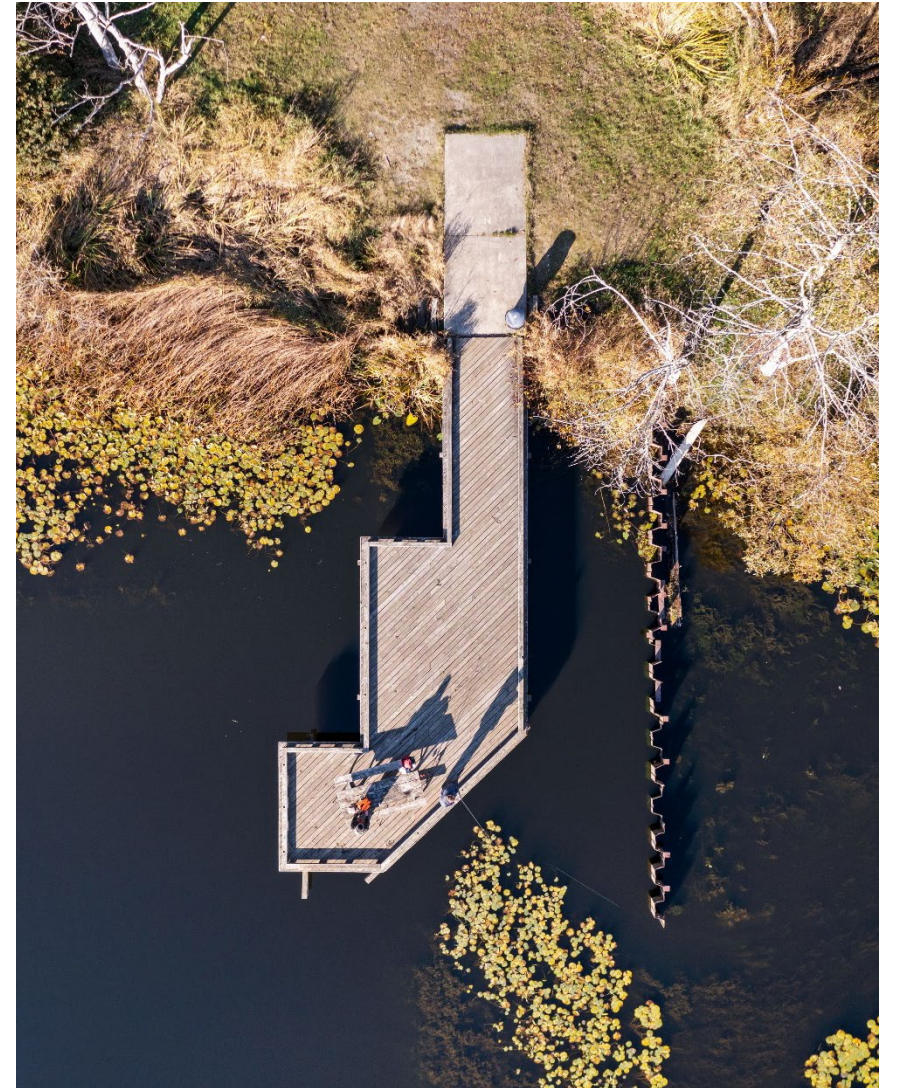




## Plan Edits: Appendices

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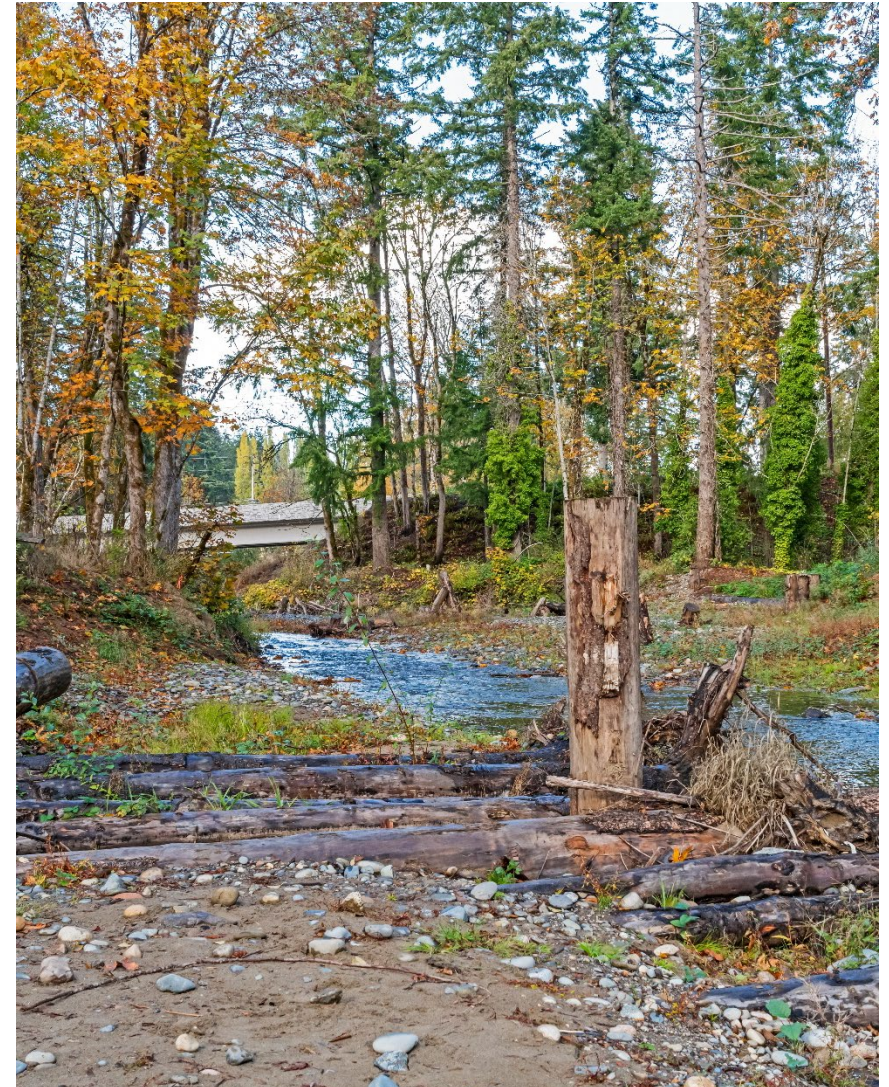
- Added definition of Regional Park Classification.
- Added updated engagement tracker and Q&A document from community meetings.
- Added public comments and staff responses.
- Combined public survey results under one Appendix header.
- Added Appendix G (review of existing plans).
- Added Appendix H (stakeholder interview notes).





# Relationship to 2018 PROS Plan & 2024 Comprehensive Plan

- 2025 PROS Plan Update carries forward the concepts in the 2018 PROS Plan Goals & Objectives.
- PROS Plan supersedes the Comprehensive Plan Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element.
- PROS Plan is being reviewed for consistency with Comprehensive Plan and will be reviewed by DCD.
- 2025 PROS Plan Update includes:
  1. Updated park classifications (see next slide)
  2. Goals realigned with Department program areas
  3. More robust CIP and public engagement





# Park Classifications

- Serve as a way to group parks that have similar purposes, use, and attributes and utilize standard language for grants.
- Do not change the names of parks or dictate the management of parks.
- We will develop park management plans, based on community input and intended park purpose.
- Landscape classifications will be applied within parks to guide management and allowed uses.





# Volunteer Program

- The PROS Plan does not include operations for department programs, including the Volunteer Program.
- The PROS Plan values the role of volunteerism (Objective 4.4 & Actions 2.2.1, 4.2.1, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.4.6, 4.4.7, 6.3.2, 6.4.3).
- The Department will continue to provide volunteer opportunities in alignment with limited staff capacity.





## Trail User Conflicts

- Objectives/Actions will be added to the PROS Plan regarding recreation conflicts, including improving trail safety due to user conflicts.
- We will also explore trail user conflicts as part of updates to the Draft Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park Framework (2026).





# Thank you!



## Questions?

