

Draft PROS Plan Public Comments Updated: 03/06/2025

Category	Date	Source	Comment
Appendices	2/10/2025	Online Form	Data could have been cleaned better. There are many write in responses with the same and could have been tallied and added into the figures or groups so that they could be included.
Appendices	2/10/2025	Online Form	P 728 single comment "Trailhead off of Hansville road" - not sure what this means; there are already trailheads on both sides of the road and no other practical place to put one.
Appendices	3/3/2025	Online Form	We would love veterans memorial park to have a priority over other parks in the county. I am a long time residential of port orchard and have kids playing soccer and other sport here. We would love to see the fields we updated with no pot holes and possible lights! We have lots of play grounds and picnic areas in port orchard and surrounding areas! Please make veterans memorial a BIG priority for kitsap county.
Appendices	3/5/2025	Online Form	As a long time community member of South Kitsap I would love to see improvements to the Veterans Park. My older kids played sports at this park and now my grand kids play there. The fields are in need of repair and I would love to see turf and lights so the fields could be utilized year round. It is a shame that we do not have more turf fields in South Kitsap to be equal to the surrounding area parks. Veteran's park is not in need of a playground or picnic areas, we have plenty of those parks in the area. We need competitive sports fields.
Appendices	3/5/2025	Online Form	As a resident of South Kitsap, parent of 4 young sports players, and community board member for various things I feel very strongly that South Kitsap desperately needs some love to our athletic fields. We have so many great parks with a ton of potential but they just get overlooked. I was disappointed to see that Veterans Memorial park is no longer a top priority for the county when I attended the PROS planning meeting a few weeks ago. Our kids travel all over the county and most other places have at least one nice turf field to use in their community. South kitsap doesn't have any. Veterans memorial is ready for some love!! Let's help our kids play sports safely and be proud of their home field! Please move Veterans to a higher priority!!
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	We want a turf soccer field and lights SK united number 4 for my whole soccer team. So we have a safe place to play soccer.
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	We want turf soccer fields with lights. Thank you! We also want some gates so soccer balls don't go very far. From: SK United.
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	I am alki and I want a turf field and lighting because the fields are bumpy to play on and bumpy to play on in the dark while playing.
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	We want a turf soccer field and lights for SK United number 4 and different soccer teams.
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	May we get more soccer fields with turf and lights for the soccer teams and 1 more playground.
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	I've been active in the Port Orchard community as a father & a coach. Our fields and play areas are in very poor condition compared to other areas of the peninsula. I feel parks in the south district have been neglected too long and improvements should be prioritized for safety and improvement of South Kitsap.
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	Prioritize Veterans Park for full development. Soccer fields/baseball, walking trails, dog park, pickle ball. It's 48 acres and can accommodate all with investment. Partner with SK Soccer Club & SKGSH softball & others to maintain.
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	Big supporter of ball fields - brings the community together, supports children's development, etc.
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Verbal Comment (SK Meeting)	We need field repairs - I have gotten several ankle injuries because of the poor condition of the fields. I think they should be better. Also lighting for fields.
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Online Form	We desperately need fields for youth sports that are open to year round use (DRAINAGE!)
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Online Form	Vetrans memorial park is 43 Acre. This park serves 40-100 youth 6 days a week and their families even at the poor condition. Prioritizing the potential by installing lighting for year around sports for soccer and baseball. Fixing the soccer layout to accomidate all 2000 kids who use it in the fall and create space for other needed elements like pickle ball, walking trails, dog park. It could be an amazing space for the community and needs to be prioratized as the south kitsap are is under served with adequate areas for the above specified
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Online Form	Veterans park improved soccer fields and lights.
Capital Improvement Program	2/21/2025	Online Form	I have a daughter in South Kitsap soccer and her team frequently uses Veterans Park. I would really like to see more funding for Veterans Park. I feel that improvements and upgrades to the park would absolutely increase community pride and morale, not just for our team. We want the community, visitors, and visiting teams to be able to see this pride reflected in the park. Please consider funding the Veterans Memorial Park!

Capital Improvement Program	2/23/2025	Online Form	Veterans park is somewhere I played soccer everyday from 6-17 years old and I believe it needs to be a priority as it is still used daily by many in our community. As a child I played on the field every day for years and was at constant risk of rolling an ankle due to unlevel ground on fields.
Capital Improvement Program	2/28/2025	Online Form	Veterans park needs better lighting and better fields
Capital Improvement Program	2/21/2025	Online Form	South Kitsap parks are under addressed. I have had 20 year worth of children practicing soccer at vetrans park. South kitsap and Vetrans park has not been provided with resources to keep up with other parks with sport facilities. Vetrans park needs to be made a priority on this plan. Waiting 6 years does not do it justice. Why install expensive restrooms for them to be vandalized or locked to the public. Maybe sani cans at trail heads would service the public without providing shelter to the homeless or waist money on a locked bathroom not being used.
Capital Improvement Program	2/10/2025	Online Form	So many parking projects expensive, and slotted for the next 1-6 years when the public isn't that desirous of it. Instead I saw themes of increasing connectivity and adding or improving facilities like shelters, bathrooms, and an outpouring for disc golf (yet disc golf is slotted for years 6+?). I don't think the capital improvement program is aligned with the hard work you did to gather surveys and input from the stakeholders.
Capital Improvement Program	2/10/2025	Online Form	1. Item under Connectivity and Trail Development on p 115 "Adding new trailheads at locations such as Hansville Greenway..." I assume this only applies to the new 10-acre parcel connecting Upper and Lower Hawk's Pond. Every other possible location for a trailhead that does not cross private property and has road access already has a trailhead. There are 13 trailheads. 2. Capital Improvement Funding Table 6-3 p 122 repeats "Improving the connection from Buck Lake Park parking lot and restrooms to Hansville Greenway trails" There is a connection now - just walk across the open field. Do you plan to disrupt the ball field and event parking area to construct a trail? 3. Captial Improvement Funding Table 6-3 p 124: Buk Lake Park -"Add a picnic shelter." There is already a picnic shelter there. Do you plan to build another one?
Capital Improvement Program	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	Concerning "bathrooms": Please focus on port-a-potties rather than pit toilets.
Capital Improvement Program	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	Agree to handrails needed to stairway at Point No Point. 2 levels for adults & children. Yes to restroom/porta potties even esp at Newberry Hill.
Capital Improvement Program	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	No pump station in Arness Park.
Capital Improvement Program	2/11/2025	Online Form	all county skateparks are uncovered and decades old now. there is tremendous potential to do something extraordinary and create a regional covered skatepark that can host tournaments and events - suggest placing somewhere at the fairgrounds so it's central to all the county. @poulsboskateparkk can help advise.
Capital Improvement Program	2/12/2025	Online Form	The Sound to Olympics trail network should be included in the capital improvement planning process. We have received two grants detailing the feasibility and preliminary engineering for the route through Port Gamble, as well as funds spent by Rayonier to develop the connection through the Babcock property. It is time to get this project built.
Capital Improvement Program	2/12/2025	Online Form	Comment regarding plans for sports fields in North Kitsap. I've written to County Commissioners previously about the Bond Road rezone and Rotary plan for building sports fields and YMCA adjacent to Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park. I think this is a bad idea. Sports fields and facilities like that should be built either close to Kingston public schools, or in conjunction with the city of Poulsbo's PERC site near Olympic College. The Bond Road location would diminish the Natural Resources of PGFH park and be an unsightly contributor to suburban sprawl. I urge the county park department to not support that location.
Capital Improvement Program	2/12/2025	Online Form	I did not see any mention of the new habitat restoration happening at Norwegian point park. How is that going to connect to the new fishing pier and restored cabins? Also I would really like to see an actual pedestrian crosswalk in that area, as people come around the blind curve by the Hansgrille quite fast. There are quite a few folks in the neighborhood who walk to and from the park, bakery and Hansgrille daily. Plus visitors of the park crossing the street to access the bakery, grill, or post office. The back in angle street parking proposal is only going to make this area more dangerous for pedestrians I fear. I am very in favor of the habitat restoration, I just want to see it connect to the other amenities in the area. Also would love to see the fishing cabins as a place for pop ups. You could rent them out to food vendors, craft vendors, or markets. Make money for the county and provide engagement for the neighborhood.
Capital Improvement Program	2/19/2025	Online Form	I will emphasize the need for better parking, but unless there are better and safer trails the parking will only become an entry for homeless camps. Wicks Lake Park does not need a disc golf course, it needs better trails and trail connections to other facilities.
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	CIP Feedback: as you work to develop parks for access (category 2) & trails (category 6) I'd like to ask that category 7 (natural resources) always be considered --> conservation & restoration Wicks Lake --> yes! Thank you Recommendation: Issue parks "access cards" to county residents (pay as you go system - low cost) to give users a passcard w/ a key code that can be used to open a door electronically --> controlled bathroom access
Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	We need more pickleball courts and better soccer/turf fields.

Capital Improvement Program	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	Recreational - tennis court can be shared with pickleball. Both would be great and welcomed. Similar comment on soccer field - it can act as an open space for other activities (frisbee, etc.)
Capital Improvement Program	2/21/2025	Online Form	All parks need a map of the trails at each entrance. I am frequently asked by new visitors where the trails go or how long they are. At harper park, the ball field is used daily by a number of people as an off leash dog area. Since that is what most people are using it for now, perhaps that should be the top capital improvement project.
Capital Improvement Program	2/24/2025	Online Form	Is a Capital Improvement Plan that includes Ecological restoration omitted? or did I miss seeing it? For example Harper Park and the Harper estuary has completed phase one of restoration. Phase two is scheduled for the summer of 2026 removing additional industrial fill and placement of a 120 foot bridge . There is still a phase three needed to remove additional brick fill from the shoreline. Also Harper Creek needs restoration through the section of Harper Park to the west of Southworth Drive. These would be capital project in my opinion but I don't see any of these type projects listed in the PROS plan. There are most likely similar project in other parks.
Capital Improvement Program	3/4/2025	Email	The motion is to add 3 line items to the CIP Table 6-3, for Commissioner District 3 (which is the Central Kitsap District of Katie Walters), for the Illahee Preserve Heritage Park. 1. Acquire the 'Heart of the Park' properties. Cat 1, Priority Year 1-6, Cost Rating: \$\$\$\$, Funding Options: Same as the others Note: This is KC Parks RCO grant 24-1777 ILLAHEE PRESERVE PH 3 HEART OF THE PARK which shows up in Prism as "Pending" funding, which is expected to be funded as there were only 8 applications submitted in the Urban Wildlife category. This is planned to be a multi-year phased acquisition of the 13 properties listed to purchase. 2. Acquire the Watershed Park properties, Cat 1, Priority Year 1-6, Cost Rating: \$\$\$\$, Funding Options: Same as the others Note: This is KC Parks RCO grant 24-1770 ILLAHEE PRESERVE WATERSHED PARK PH 1 which also shows up in Prism as "Pending" funding. This is an acquisition grant for the 9.6-acre parcel and the last remaining Elliott property, presuming the 3.7-acre home property is purchased first. The acquisition needs to precede the development of the watershed park. 3. Develop Watershed Park with local park amenities along with planned watershed related educational exhibits. Cat 8, Priority Year 1-6, Cost Rating: \$\$\$\$, Funding Options: Same Note: This is being planned as a future collaborative project between Kitsap County Parks and Bremerton Parks due to its proximity to Bremerton, which meets Bremerton's needs for an additional park in East Bremerton. It is additionally being proposed as a major Kitsap Public Facilities District (PFD) project, as the Illahee Preserve, due to its size and offerings to the Central Kitsap and Bremerton Communities, it will continue to be a regional recreation destination.
Capital Improvement Program	3/5/2025	Verbal Comment (CK Meeting)	There are two outdoor education classroom shelters on the CIP Table - one at Chico Salmon Park, which is listed in the 6+ year timeframe and one at Nick's Lagoon, which is listed in the 1-6 year timeframe. Chico Salmon Park is already being used for education. Nick's Lagoon is more remote. Maybe those should be swapped.
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Capital Improvement Program	3/4/2025	Online Form	agree breaking these projects into categories is helpful and appropriate - the list (ideally) should be infused with public comment every 3 years or so don't recall where funding partners was discussed - but in Kitsap County I feel both the Tribes and Feds (regional military facilities) offer opportunity for partnering and "boosting" application chances for regional funding - may not need to be called out for in PROS, but should be a thought for Parks Director
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Capital Improvement Program	3/5/2025	Online Form	I think the outdoor shelter/classroom at Chico Salmon Park should be a higher priority. The park receives daily visitors year-round, and during the fall salmon runs is the site of weekly field trips with students from elementary to college - age.
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Demand & Needs Analysis	2/12/2025	Online Form	Question 4: Comment: It is interesting that respondents listed "Pea Patch/Community Gardens" as a top ten project. Port Orchard Rotary raised over \$15,000 over a decade ago to donate to that specific project. It took over 3 years to donate those funds to Kitsap Parks, and it didn't go towards Howe Farms Pea Patch/Community Gardens.

Demand & Needs Analysis	2/19/2025	Online Form	What Wicks Lake Park needs is better trail system and a trail connection to the Coulter Creek Heritage Park trail system. It does not need a disc golf facility by any stretch of the imagination.
Demand & Needs Analysis	2/20/2025	Online Form	Vetrans memorial park is 1 of 3 parks listed as poor quality/ safety yet no improvements noted for over 6 years.
Demand & Needs Analysis	2/21/2025	Online Form	Coulter Creek HP: 1. work with park stewards to formalist trails along existing logging/access road and work with local community to name them as is currently done near McCormick Woods section (Warbler, Wren, Junco, etc) followed with signage. Currently these trails are used infrequently due to community members not knowing they exist and when exploring them they are frequently lost or disoriented...this is definitely a public safety issue. 2. The PROS plan considers improvisa G exusting cabins ...request that these be removed as a safety and vandalism concern and all funds used to manita in the lodge as a community space. Thanks for the last night's meeting.
Demand & Needs Analysis	2/28/2025	Online Form	Please reconsider veterans memorial park for improvements. The South Kitsap Soccer Club almost exclusively uses this park because there are no other good options available. One single turf field, added lighting, or some basic maintenance with sports in mind would be amazing. The field is uneven, lacks proper drainage, and has holes that could cause a serious injury to one of the kids. The South Kitsap Soccer Club is one of the few economical choices for local kids to play soccer in a competitive environment.
Demand & Needs Analysis	3/3/2025	Online Form	As a soccer coach and parent in the South Kitsap School District, I see firsthand the challenges our young athletes face due to the lack of quality fields. Veterans Memorial Park is one of the few spaces available, yet we only have one field with lighting and barely enough room for teams to practice. With growing participation in youth sports, we need to invest in better facilities to support our kids' development, provide safe and accessible spaces, and foster a strong community through athletics.
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Demand & Needs Analysis	3/3/2025	Online Form	As Kitsap county grows, more people want to utilize our parks for functions and events. There are a few locations in Bremerton and Silverdale that allows people to rent space. The covered picnic area that once was at South Kitsap Regional park has long since been removed. Port Orchard and the surrounding area of South Kitsap need covered areas and possibly BBQ spaces at SK park to rent for family gatherings, functions, and other community events. As a past member of Boy Scouts of America, having events in our community was a very important part to our program. Now it seems if you want something like that in South Kitsap, you need to rent space at a state park for a higher price.
Demand & Needs Analysis	3/4/2025	Online Form	Dedicated multi use (walk/bike) trail system linking major towns of Kitsap please. We are the only county that doesn't have a dedicated bike trail system ie rails to trails.
Demand & Needs Analysis	3/4/2025	Online Form	within "Comparative Analysis" I found this information helpful and well described (as not perfect) but does provide a useful metric to help the county move forward - the whole LOS discussion is useful -
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Demand & Needs Analysis	3/5/2025	Online Form	I am not sure how many years are left on the contract for Village Greens Golf Course, but the good that this facility serves in providing a place for beginning golfers and our county's elderly golfers is very significant. If you spend any time there, you will notice the groups of older patrons that enjoy getting outside and getting exercise and social interactions with others. I really believe that this activity being available on a course like Village Greens is the only thing that motivates some of these folks to leave their house and continue to enjoy life. That along with being a perfect place for our youth and adult beginning golfers to feel comfortable and learn the sport of a lifetime makes this park a very valuable asset to the community in my opinion.
Demand & Needs Analysis	3/5/2025	Online Form	As a resident of South Kitsap, parent of 4 young sports players, and community board member for various things I feel very strongly that South Kitsap desperately needs some love to our athletic fields. We have so many great parks with a ton of potential but they just get overlooked. I was disappointed to see that Veterans Memorial park is no longer a top priority for the county when I attended the PROS planning meeting a few weeks ago. Our kids travel all over the county and most other places have at least one nice turf field to use in their community. South kitsap doesn't have any. Veterans memorial is ready for some love!! Let's help our kids play sports safely and be proud of their home field! Please move Veterans to a higher priority!!
Demand & Needs Analysis	3/5/2025	Online Form	South Kitsap Parks continue to be the lowest priority. As a parent, it is challenging to find safe spaces for our kids to play, particularly in the winter months when it gets dark earlier.
General	2/12/2025	Online Form	I object to the City of Bainbridge Island being listed as a 4th parks district in regard to this survey. Residents of Bainbridge can select North Kitsap as their district. Residents of Bremerton can select Central, and residents of Poulsbo can select North.
General	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	After two years of comments from the public, conservation of land was a high priority for the public. This seems to be lacking in the new plan. It looks like community parks are the "new" high priority. Why should we trust or how do we know that comments being made now will have any difference to this PROS Plans draft?

General	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	Thoughtful plan - well done! Thank you.
General	2/11/2025	Online Form	I find the plan very through and inclusive. Job well done!
General	2/12/2025	Online Form	Congratulations on a meticulous and exhaustive update.
General	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	Very thorough presentation. Thank you!
General	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	Conservation land would require a minimum of employee hours. Why not utilize large parts of parks for wildlife and habitat protection?
General	2/11/2025	Verbal Comment (NK Meeting)	Happy to see climate change and resilience in the plan. We need to make sure we retain natural resources (especially seeing 2044 projections and the County not meeting Natural Resource Area LOS standards).
General	2/12/2025	Online Form	I noticed there is alot of emphasis on improving facilities for cars and car parking, to the point where I feel like there may be an over-emphasis on cars. I would like to see more support for bicycles. This can include separated bikeways, multi-use paths, better bike lanes. Non-motorized connectors between parks and urban centers could be designated as "mini-parks" under the proposed plan.
General	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	Share - MOU with school facilities.
General	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	Multi-use fields - team with schools to use ballfields on weekends - fields (grass) is difficult to maintain - not turf fields for FB/BB are unsafe for kids to play on (research based). And use school gyms for pickleball/handball. There are many school field that could share costs with Parks for community use.
General	2/11/2025	Verbal Comment (NK Meeting)	Partnerships are so important - would like to see more partnerships with transportation and school districts. Using each other's facilities and sharing in maintenence is cost effective.
General	2/10/2025	Online Form	We absolutely must prioritize safety and maintenance at our parks and trails. I took my children to walk Clear Creek trail this past weekend and was absolutely shocked at the graffiti everywhere - on signage, on boardwalks, on the concrete bridge structures, on picnic tables. Our parks and trails should be a place of beauty, as well as a safe place for families to enjoy. Clearly there has been a lack of law enforcement as well as maintenance. These are absolutely mission critical functions of government when it comes to our parks and public spaces, so I would like to see greater emphasis on this in the plans.
General	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	We need better safe pedestrian access to our parks.
General	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	Safety - divide multi-use trails in large heritage parks with many narrow trails - some should be designated as foot/horse trails only - split from bicycling/mt bike trails that are wide - straight & not curvy can be multi-use - like dirt roads in Newberry & Port Gamble. Bikes do not need to be in small parks like Quiet Place. Bikes coming downhill fast is very unsafe for walkers or horses.
General	2/11/2025	Verbal Comment (NK Meeting)	Access to a park does not start at the park entrance. There has to be some consideration for how you get to the park. For example, Miller Bay Rd is dangerous for walking. A trail system is not a substitute - people don't always want a recreational trail. Some people might just want to go from Suquamish to Poulsbo on their bike.
General	2/11/2025	Verbal Comment (NK Meeting)	Safety on multi-use trails (particularly Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, North Kitsap Heritage Park, and Newberry Heritage Park) - these are huge parks, there can easily be bike areas and walk/horse areas. Bicycles don't have business being on narrow trails (wide trails are ok). I like the foot only trails in Port Gamble and would like to see more of that.
General	2/12/2025	Online Form	The parks are barely being maintained in good condition now. Where are the permanent earmarked funds to continue to maintain the parks. Parks department continues to add inventory which is good, but a 10% increase in budget will not maintain current inventory. A better plan is needed rather than just a robust volunteer force.
General	2/10/2025	Online Form	Great plan overall. As a Hansville resident, frequent park user, and Greenway Association volunteer trail steward, I'd like to know what "improvement" you list to trailheads, connections, and picnic shelters that already exist and don't appear to need any improvements.
General	2/11/2025	Verbal Comment (NK Meeting)	Stairs at Point No Point need handrails with two levels (one for adults and one for children).

General	2/11/2025	Online Form	<p>1. adopt the Living Building Challenge - be the first county in the USA to do so - tangible demonstration of stewardship and visions for smart development.</p> <p>2. include a covered, regional, concrete modern skatepark at the fairgrounds somewhere to host tournaments and events - would be central and accessible to all of the county; Central and north kitsap have no modern, high quality, year round usable skatepark - look at how popular and used the south kitsap regional skatepark is after more than a decade of use - it's one of the best in the state and a central/north kitsap park and covered would be a boost to the county.</p>
General	2/16/2025	Online Form	<p>I agree with the goals of safety and accessibility. One example I would recommend is a webcam at the Silverdale dog park due to many break-ins.</p> <p>I am disappointed that Coulter Creek improvements did not rank in the top 5 priorities. It is not even clear to me how to access all areas of the park. There is such potential there. To update Calvinwood Lodge for educational sessions, kid activities - this is *not* a \$500K project!</p>
General	2/11/2025	Verbal Comment (NK Meeting)	Turf is not a good idea (more injuries, serious injuries) - some agencies are ripping out their turf and going back to grass.
General	2/10/2025	Online Form	The results clearly show the need to preserve open space for recreation (hiking, biking etc.) and not use it for soccer fields (dog parks are of more interest). This is clearly driven by the demographics of Kitsap County and unless there is a seismic change anticipated, the needs of the current population should be prioritized.
General	2/11/2025	Online Form	<p>Good afternoon, Sir/Ma'am-</p> <p>How will Kitsap County accommodate recreational RC aircraft operation? Where are RC airplane owners like myself allowed to "fly" in Kitsap's open spaces/parks?</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>-JH, lifetime Kitsap resident</p>
General	2/12/2025	Online Form	I would like to see some forethought to fire suppression. I still hear people shooting fireworks at the height of the dry season. If the Greenway were to catch on fire there would be basically no way for fire trucks to get in, or residents to get out, as there is only one road.
General	2/16/2025	Email	I loved the pictures throughout the document! I was hoping to find credits (including the location) at the end of the document, but did not find these. Hopefully in the final document you can publish the photographer credits as well as these locations.
General	2/19/2025	PAB Meeting	Appreciate the quality of the presentation, found it very useful. There is ambiguity in how people speak to access, would want the plan to make a clear statement about the importance of people with movement limitations to have a park experience.
General	2/19/2025	Online Form	<p>Quite a robust plan.</p> <p>One thing I see that may be an oversight is no apparent inclusion of the Kitsap Peninsula Mycological Society or its members' input. Seems that an organization, this nature related, should have been solicited for input. Probably too late at this juncture so you should add them for the next PROS plan.</p> <p>Was a spell check done? example page 93 mid page "docuemtn"</p> <p>(An interesting trend noted in the SCORP planning outreach docuemtn is the sustained popularity of walking as a recreational activity,)</p> <p>For all the mentions of dogs and dog parks the problem of dog feces not being picked up in parks is not addressed. Quite a health issue as they carry disease. Also, all the dogs off-leash in parks is not addressed.</p>
General	2/19/2025	Online Form	The Parks Department needs to better communicate with the public, especially those who volunteer at a park. Talk to those who live nearby and get their feedback and listen to what they have to say. Some have been here for 40+ decades and have seen Wicks Lake Park go from daily use by neighbors to a homeless camping area. I find it disconcerting that millions are spent on park improvements in North and Central Kitsap yet even Coulter Creek has had little done to improve its public access and Wicks Lake which could provide trail access for hundreds of people who live in rural South Kitsap County has been ignored for decades.
General	2/19/2025	Online Form	I requested several years ago access to newberry hills trails via klahowya school but was ignored. You do not make it accessible to horse people because you have ignored the need for trailers to be able to turn around if the Klahowya gate is closed. Your answer to me several years ago was to allow access at another area which clearly you have not done! I am again asking for access to these trails with ability of the people with horse trailers to be able to turn around and prevent people from parking in front of the area that trailers need to be able to turn around in front of the gate when its closed or provide another access point for people with trailers. This is a huge frustration for individuals wanting to access the trail system with horses!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
General	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	There seem to be conflicting goals and projects. One that stands out the most to me is that many athletic fields are planned to be replaced by turf. But the rubber in turf releases the chemical 6PPDQ which kills salmon, going against the conservation elements of the goals. An increase in capital development and increased community partnership for environmental education is something I hope to see; like partnerships with KCMS.

General	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	On the topic of artificial turf, microplastics and toxic chemicals from rubber have a very negative impact on waterways and animals. Please consider maintaining real grass fields w/o use of pesticide, fungicides, etc. instead of replacing natural fields with plastic and rubber. Sustainability/longevity should be paramount. Also, reach out to Kitsap Mycological Society.
General	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	Thank you for hosting this event & the comprehensive & accessible approach to the development of the current/draft PROS Plan. Thank you for the emphasis on stewardship & volunteers.
General	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	I understand how many different priorities and parks there are to manage and consider. But, given that, I was thinking it may be helpful to outline the priority framework - do we want a few state of the art parks that have all the bells and whistles, or do we want to ensure every park meets a minimum bar, etc. I'm sure the answer is both, but hard choices are usually needed. The main point here is that if we try to do everything, a lot of stuff will be half-completed or poorly done. I think it would be better to under-promise and commit to fewer things and then crush those things!
General	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	I read the PROS Plan - one helpful addition would be highlighting the key difference vs. the 2018 Plan. Thank you for all of your hard work!!!
General	2/20/2025	Verbal Comment (SK Meeting)	Previous Discover Kitsap Parks walks have been largely conservation focused - maybe in the future you could add a recreational facilities component to get the word out there and voice the need for these facilities.
General	2/20/2025	Verbal Comment (SK Meeting)	Artificial turf have microplastics that have detrimental effects on waterways, would hope that environmental impact assessments would be done on turf fields so that the public can understand the impact.
General	2/20/2025	Online Form	Please highly consider helping South Kitsap provide safe and inviting opportunities for our community.
General	2/20/2025	Online Form	<p>Veterans Memorial Park shows less rental time because the fields are barely usable.</p> <p>Looking at a "google earth" type view, you can see how well the sprinklers work, their performance reflects the quality of the grass.</p> <p>Field 3 has standing water throughout the winter. Past mentions have talked about connecting this surplus water into the storm water system.</p> <p>The PROS plan has an outline for many years but we also need some immediate focus on improving what we have and what has been neglected through the COVID era.</p> <p>The previous PROS plan outlined turf installation at SK Regional. The lack of this progress shows the lack of attention into the South end as well as builds distrust with the hard work outlining a successful future within our parks. It also raises the question "where did the funds go"?</p> <p>We blame the lack of employment within the Parks Dept, do we ever hire outside contractors to maintenance and improve things such as the current sprinkler system? Somebody specifically trained in sprinklers would obviously yield better results than a standard employee with a screw driver.</p> <p>Is water mitigation a portion of the PROS plan? Getting water off fields would improve their playability as well as properly encourage soils and grass growth.</p> <p>There's a large focus on providing bathroom facilities to new locations but we have bathrooms falling apart and lacking partition walls at Veterans.</p> <p>Veterans Park often closes due to excessive rain. Having youth outdoor in raining conditions is proven to build resilience into adult years when they obtain careers which require them to work outdoors. Closing fields due to rain yields poor results of human behavior in a society where we live in such an electronics demand. Better drainage would help to improve this topic.</p> <p>SK Regional has had a lot more focus for multi use. Though the South Kitsap Soccer Club has been located within Port Orchard since 1975 (50yrs!). A sustaining program providing soccer for many generations should be a higher priority to our county parks.</p> <p>Veterans has lots of potential for multi use if developed well. There is a basketball court in the northern portion of the park with little to no use. The quality of the hoops are poor and would also serve for a potential platform for a pickle ball court.</p> <p>Seems the grass playing surfaces of Veterans is much superior to SK Regional. Veterans can host our whole soccer program in one location which is the largest soccer program of SK.</p> <p>If Veterans was a reputable field space, it would host members from all around Kitsap Co. The soccer program is a bit different than other youth sports in the aspect that it competes against all of Kitsap. The governing body over SKSC is NSYSA and connects 13 clubs throughout Kitsap County as well as reaching into N. Mason and Jefferson. This complex does and could better serve more than just a portion of Port Orchard.</p> <p>Currently there is 1 turf field at SKHS. It is booked out to support all the programs that our county parks should be able to assist with supporting. Multiple turf fields would better serve many sports programs.</p>
			<p>Lighting is a major issue in several months. When daylight ends around 4-5pm and our elementary students aren't off the bus until 4pm or later, this prevents their ability to play.</p> <p>Turf fields also have lines on them. This reduces the paint sprayed onto the ground as well as the hours involved in doing so and the financial burden of the task. As well as the trash waste from dozens of aerosol cans per week during peak seasons.</p> <p>The softball infields that were built are lacking quality in their construction. Essentially just dumped sand on the ground, proper research should've been done to utilize infield mix which is a combination of dirt and clay to</p>
			Thank you for your dedication into our parks system and thank you for collecting the feedback.
General	2/21/2025	Online Form	South Kitsap is lacking adequate youth sports fields. We really need to put a focus on improving these so more youth can play and have a more healthy outlet, leading to better members of society as adults.

General	2/21/2025	Online Form	Having this plan for the community involvement is a great way to assess needs and have the community share a voice where funds go. Great job team. A follow up plan of what things actually got accomplished and actual costs should be published annual to keep up with this plan.
General	2/22/2025	Online Form	Parks should be a place where everyone feels included, and where all should be included. Please consider putting money towards improving the field quality for the growing soccer community! We also need lights for the early sundown seasons.
General	2/24/2025	Online Form	I believe that over all the PROS plan is well planned and written.
General	2/28/2025	Online Form	make it turf
General	2/28/2025	Online Form	I would like to see better communication with stake holders and the community as a whole. Overall it looks good and sounds great. But there are some things that need to be improved at all parks. Also as a member of Team Rubicon, which is a Diasaster response organization there are some things in our toolkit that could help on some things within the parks of this great county. A side note, I have lived in south kitsap since 1967 as have seen how things have improved but also declined over the years.
General	3/1/2025	Online Form	I feel that the PROS plan update document was presented in a very professional and polished manner. I think that the revised mission and vision statements are clear and represent the priorities and needs of Kitsap county residents. Kudos to all involved for the clear efforts at transparency and resident engagement in the review process!
General	3/3/2025	Online Form	Our kids of South Kitsap have few options to engage them in healthy activities, the lack of concern for the parks they rely on to do this in a safe and healthy manner is unbelievable. I see construction/road projects happening in our city that make little sense as a tax payer but we won't invest in our kids, if you want the growth you say you seek, an investment that actually impacts the daily lives of families would make more sense. It is long overdue, the idea that you would wait another 6 years to address a level 2 concern(lowest rating that was even given) makes no sense, your goals should reflect the needs of the community, this plan does not achieve that.
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General	3/5/2025	Online Form	As a resident of South Kitsap, parent of 4 young sports players, and community board member for various things I feel very strongly that South Kitsap desperately needs some love to our athletic fields. We have so many great parks with a ton of potential but they just get overlooked. I was disappointed to see that Veterans Memorial park is no longer a top priority for the county when I attended the PROS planning meeting a few weeks ago. Our kids travel all over the county and most other places have at least one nice turf field to use in their community. South kitsap doesn't have any. Veterans memorial is ready for some love!! Let's help our kids play sports safely and be proud of their home field! Please move Veterans to a higher priority!!
General	3/5/2025	Online Form	Please end the neglect of South Kitsap Parks!
Goals & Objectives	2/22/2025	Online Form	The goal should be to give our youth safe spaces to be, to practice all the sports and to give those who wish to mentor and coach safe areas to do so. As well as families!
Goals & Objectives	2/28/2025	Online Form	Veterans field, The children need light and better field conditions.
Goals & Objectives	2/12/2025	Online Form	The stated goal of "broadening and sustaining the volunteer parks steward program" is admirable and has been integral to park development and maintenance in the past. However, as a long-time volunteer with the Port Gamble Forest Stewardship Committee, I have witnessed the opposite occurring. There has been a reduction in the utilization and a marginalization of the volunteers in our group. I would like to see the parks department revitalize the volunteer programs.
Goals & Objectives	2/19/2025	Online Form	The verbiage to involve the public is there, but past actions over the last 3 or 4 years shows that many of those goals and objectives are just talking points and not actual working concepts for improvements.
Goals & Objectives	3/1/2025	Online Form	The goals and objectives are well thought out and clearly defined.
Goals & Objectives	2/10/2025	Online Form	Action item 1.1 (p. 107) suggests divesting in some park properties. No where in the above document makes that a priority. If anything, the residents of Kitsap county have requested preserving and acquiring more land, not selling it!
Goals & Objectives	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	I like Goal PR-1 with a focus on healthy lifestyles & active recreation.
Goals & Objectives	2/11/2025	Online Form	all county skateparks are uncovered and decades old now. there is tremendous potential to do something extraordinary and create a regional covered skatepark that can host tournaments and events - suggest placing somewhere at the fairgrounds so it's central to all the county. @poulsboskateparkk can help advise.
Goals & Objectives	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	The goals (and PROS plan overall) seem to be quite repetitive and overlapping - curious if using the four themes as the goals would be more clear. The level of detail and content is amazing (kudos), it just seems to be an opportunity to tighten the organization of the goals/objectives.
Goals & Objectives	2/21/2025	Online Form	The priority of maintaining the trails below everything else doesn't make any sense to me. Your first priority should be keeping up what you have. Also, as a volunteer, i think we are underutilized. If the department can't keep Volunteer coordinators, ise the stewards to organize the efforts in each park.
Goals & Objectives	2/28/2025	Online Form	Years ago when the county took over the South Kitsap Regional Park the then current powers that be decided that fences were not a good look for the park. thus the fencing that we had at that time was taken down. ALL Horseshoe courts in ALL county parks were removed except for Fairgrounds and South Kitsap. Due to this we only have a conditional NHPA Court Certification which is required for us to hold Sanctioned Tournaments. One of the Goals & Objectives I would like o see is that the county contact us about requirements to place a fense around the horseshoe courts that meet NHPA requirements. This would be safer for those that are passing by especially when we are having a tournament and I could go on.
Goals & Objectives	3/3/2025	Online Form	115 - Your top mission goal is have engaged and connected communities yet the very thing that allows for this to occur is being ignored and neglected. Not sure how bathrooms help stay engaged and connected.
Goals & Objectives	3/3/2025	Online Form	We would love veterans memeorial park to have a priority over other parks in the county. I am a long time residential of port orchard and have kids playing soccer and other sport here. We would love to see the fields we updated with no pot holes and possible lights! We have lots of play grounds and picnic areas in port orchard and surrounding areas! Please make veterans memeorial a BIG priority for kitsap county.
Goals & Objectives	3/3/2025	Online Form	Have space that is for community focused and usable for events. Increase the quality of trails so that everyone can use them. More trails to be handicap accessible with paving or compacted crushed rock.
Goals & Objectives	3/3/2025	Online Form	Where is the goals for fixing veterans park in Port orchard. There is no maintenance and is either dust and brown or a puddle! Our kids in Port Orchard need places for sports and recreation clubs we have nothing here
Goals & Objectives	3/4/2025	Online Form	Dedicated bike/walk trail system linking major towns.

Goals & Objectives	3/4/2025	Online Form	there is a lot here! I do like the idea (embedded somewhere) that the county work on developing policy regarding how to manage "natural" areas - Also feel there is a need to develop a "threshold" (possibly based on parking overflow - how often to parking areas max out) that would trigger consideration for parking improvements (enlargements). those decisions should be linked to a parks objective - for example, a "natural park" may have a carrying capacity for daily visitors to reduce impacts - so a parking limit may be appropriate ?
Goals & Objectives	3/5/2025	Online Form	Our county parks and fields are only as good as the worst of them. Veteran's Memorial Park in Retsil is among the worst, only due to neglect by the county. The baseball fields, paths and other improvements made a decade or more ago were just a step. One that has now been lost over time. Homeless 'campers' have claimed some of it over recent years, leaving the city of PO and county to sort them out. Since the city of PO does NOT have its own parks dept., we are left at the mercy of the county. That's not going well for Retsil.
Goals & Objectives	3/5/2025	Online Form	As a long time community member of South Kitsap I would love to see improvements to the Veterans Park. My older kids played sports at this park and now my grand kids play there. The fields are in need of repair and I would love to see turf and lights so the fields could be utilized year round. It is a shame that we do not have more turf fields in South Kitsap to be equal to the surrounding area parks. Veteran's park is not in need of a playground or picnic areas, we have plenty of those parks in the area. We need competitive sports fields.
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Goals & Objectives	3/5/2025	Online Form	It appears critical south Kitsap improvements continue to be deprioritized, our parks, particularly fields and trails, are in very poor condition. I would like to see a higher prioritization of fields, lights and trails at South Regional and Veterans Memorial
Goals & Objectives	3/6/2025	Online Form	In re: S5, Village Greens Golf Course. I have been playing this course and enjoying the property for 62 years. This recreational property is essential, especially for the youth and elderly as well as everyone who wishes to take up the game of golf. It adds immensely to the value of the neighborhood.
Inventory & Assessment	2/10/2025	Online Form	I like the change of classification of the Hansville Greenway to "Nature Park" (p 37). I find it odd that Point No Point Lighthouse Park's rating is "3" since it's been over 2 years since it's been closed to vehicles and storm damage is still evident.
Inventory & Assessment	2/11/2025	Online Form	all county skateparks are uncovered and decades old now. there is tremendous potential to do something extraordinary and create a regional covered skatepark that can host tournaments and events - suggest placing somewhere at the fairgrounds so it's central to all the county. @poulsboskateparkk can help advise. please build quality covered skateparks.
Inventory & Assessment	2/11/2025	Comment Card (NK Meeting)	It's disturbing that parks are planning to start using a "state" cookie cutter approach for managing and acquiring funding. Kitsap County is unique. Not Spokane, Walla Walla, or Chehalis. Keep Kitsap rural. We don't need a huge influx of tourists to our parks.
Inventory & Assessment	2/11/2025	Online Form	Page 38 , Park P-11 , Southworth Open space, Parcel 4823-000-016-0009 was sold 5-23-2022 to a private party.

Inventory & Assessment	2/12/2025	Online Form	I agree with the concept of standardizing parks categories to match those of the state of Washington and federal standards.
Inventory & Assessment	2/12/2025	Online Form	Tables 2-13 and 2-14. Comment: These charts tell an important story about Kitsap's governance commitment to our parks. We are vastly larger than average parks and resourced with fractions of the employees and funds. We are an "Upper Quartile" park system which is nationally funded at \$160 per capita and \$12,000 per acre, Kitsap spends \$17.35 per capita and \$434 per acre. I would be interested in seeing what our neighboring Parks Districts spend per capita and per acre? This data must be skewed via the vast areas of preserve lands, at the expense of active recreational facilities.
Inventory & Assessment	2/17/2025	Online Form	Comment on Kitsap County PROS Plan Update February 2025 From Jonathan Hooper, 8164 SE Haida Dr., Port Orchard, WA 98366 Jonathan.hooper4@gmail.com 360-443-2973 2/17/25 I would like to add additional information into the PROS document. I am, and have been for the past 6 years, the principal County Volunteer for Howe Farm Dog Park. In the PROS document Howe Farm Park is listed as a Legacy Park and now Community Park, containing about 81 acres. The use table lists about 14 visitors per day for this Park. Howe Farm Dog Park became a separate entity in early 2008 when an area of about 13 acres, 7.5 ac in forest and 5.5 ac in grassland, was fenced off from the rest of Howe Farm. Howe Farm Dog Park is maintained by myself and other volunteers who work on selected days during the summer. Funding for materials needed to maintain the Park (trail gravel, fence posts, and some tools) is provided by Kitsap Dog Parks Inc. The Parks Dept. provides help with removing fallen and hazardous trees and with mowing of the grassland in summer. The Parks Dept is still responsible for the Park and no work, outside of everyday maintenance, can be done without there notification and approval. Two, week-long use studies were done in the winter of 2018-19 and the summer of 2019. Average daily people visits were 186 and average daily dog visits were 215 animals. There are currently three dog Parks in the County. Only Bandix Dog Park is listed by name. Howe Farm Dog Park and Silverdale Dog Park are not named but the area Park of which they are associated, is. On page 94 of the PROS, a section on Canines is dedicated to the importance of dogs to many County residents but the Dog Parks are not mentioned specifically. I mention this because the County is under counting the number of users of their Parks since Howe Farm has only 14 visitors per day where as Howe Farm Dog Park has average daily people visits of 186.
Inventory & Assessment	2/19/2025	Online Form	I was very disappointed in the lack of information on Wicks Lake as it had not been assessed in the 40 years we have lived near Wicks Lake Park. It has gotten bigger over the years yet the use of it and has decreased due to a lack of care by Kitsap County Parks.
Inventory & Assessment	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	Park classification proposed change is a good idea.
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Inventory & Assessment	2/20/2025	Comment Card (SK Meeting)	Love the reclassification work & the new dept. focused on natural resource (conservation).
Inventory & Assessment	2/20/2025	Verbal Comment (SK Meeting)	There should be more emphasis on dog parks in the PROS Plan. There are there dog parks in the County (Silverdale, Howe Farm, and Bandix). Bandix is the only one explicitly labeled as a dog park. Howe Farm has 186 visitors and over 200 dogs in the dog park alone (table says 14 visitors daily to Howe Farm). There should be more attention paid to dog parks.
Inventory & Assessment	3/3/2025	Online Form	PG 46-48, How can Veteran's park not be addressed as 1 of only 5 parks to be rated as a 2, how can the safety of children who are trying to invest time in their community activities and personal health not be a priority or an extra bathroom somewhere. This park is a disgrace to our community and that lack of concern given it's extremely poor rating is a disgrace. Our kids deserve so much better.
Inventory & Assessment	3/3/2025	Online Form	We would love veterans memeorial park to have a priority over other parks in the county. I am a long time residential of port orchard and have kids playing soccer and other sport here. We would love to see the fields we updated with no pot holes and possible lights! We have lots of play grounds and picnic areas in port orchard and surrounding areas! Please make veterans memeorial a BIG priority for kitsap county.
Inventory & Assessment	3/3/2025	Online Form	There are no restroom facilities in so many park locations. We need at least an out house!!!
Inventory & Assessment	3/4/2025	Online Form	agree with the proposal to align park descriptions (categories) with the RCO categories for a better fit with most abundant funding

Inventory & Assessment	3/5/2025	Online Form	The assessment of Veteran's Memorial Park in Retsil is accurate. This possible 'gem' for the people of South Kitsap is being allowed to fall apart. We are watching the lack of action with dismay and with future voting alliances in mind. This could be a wonder soccer area for our youth and is much needed in our area. If the county continues to ignore its issues then perhaps an effort can be made to SELL the land in a public/private partnership that allows something similar to Starfire Sports Complex in Tukwila, WA to be imagined. Doing nothing is getting us nowhere.
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Inventory & Assessment	3/5/2025	Online Form	I feel that our county has done a good job of acquiring and preserving land for us to all get outside and use. One that I feel isn't mentioned often enough is the Village Green Golf Course.
Inventory & Assessment	3/5/2025	Online Form	<p>The motion is to add 3 line items to the CIP Table 6-3, for Commissioner District 3 (which is the Central Kitsap District of Katie Walters), for the Illahee Preserve Heritage Park.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acquire the 'Heart of the Park' properties. Cat 1, Priority Year 1-6, Cost Rating: \$\$\$\$, Funding Options: Same as the others <p>Note: This is KC Parks RCO grant 24-1777 ILLAHEE PRESERVE PH 3 HEART OF THE PARK which shows up in Prism as "Pending" funding, which is expected to be funded as there were only 8 applications submitted in the Urban Wildlife category. This is planned to be a multi-year phased acquisition of the 13 properties listed to purchase.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Acquire the Watershed Park properties, Cat 1, Priority Year 1-6, Cost Rating: \$\$\$\$, Funding Options: Same as the others <p>Note: This is KC Parks RCO grant 24-1770 ILLAHEE PRESERVE WATERSHED PARK PH 1 which also shows up in Prism as "Pending" funding. This is an acquisition grant for the 9.6-acre parcel and the last remaining Elliott property, presuming the 3.7-acre home property is purchased first. The acquisition needs to precede the development of the watershed park.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Develop Watershed Park with local park amenities along with planned watershed related educational exhibits. Cat 8, Priority Year 1-6, Cost Rating: \$\$\$\$, Funding Options: Same <p>Note: This is being planned as a future collaborative project between Kitsap County Parks and Bremerton Parks due to its proximity to Bremerton, which meets Bremerton's needs for an additional park in East Bremerton. It is additionally being proposed as a major Kitsap Public Facilities District (PFD) project, as the Illahee Preserve, due to its size and offerings to the Central Kitsap and Bremerton Communities, it will continue to be a regional recreation destination.</p>
Inventory & Assessment	3/5/2025	Online Form	<p>As a resident of South Kitsap, parent of 4 young sports players, and community board member for various things I feel very strongly that South Kitsap desperately needs some love to our athletic fields. We have so many great parks with a ton of potential but they just get overlooked.</p> <p>I was disappointed to see that Veterans Memorial park is no longer a top priority for the county when I attended the PROS planning meeting a few weeks ago. Our kids travel all over the county and most other places have at least one nice turf field to use in their community. South kitsap doesn't have any. Veterans memorial is ready for some love!! Let's help our kids play sports safely and be proud of their home field! Please move Veterans to a higher priority!!</p>
Inventory & Assessment	3/5/2025	Online Form	This clarifies the plans of the county based on current inventory and county park goals
Overview	2/10/2025	Online Form	You missed Mountain Lions on your wildlife list!
Overview	2/11/2025	Online Form	be the first county in the USA to adopt the principles of the Living Building Challenge as a guiding protocol for future development and operations of parks. The creator and founder of the LBC is on bainbridge and can help guide work to align with mission and vision for the future.
Overview	2/11/2025	Online Form	Not sure where this comment is categorized, but that is the focus of this comment which can't find a place for maintenance of our heritage properties. Very impressive document. However, there are very few references to the maintenance of this large inventory of properties. As a taxpayer, I'm impressed with the burden of a small staff. My experience suggests this is insufficient. The Port Gamble park is a very recent acquisition. In the two years that I have been cycling there, 600+ accumulated miles, I have experienced the degradation of trails, with some trails now impassable and abandoned. Former logging roads/trails are becoming impassable with encroaching shoulder growth. The logging trails that Rayonier maintain are spectacular, others are being lost. The County has shown no evidence in being able to maintain this property. We will find that volunteers with hand shears will be insufficient. Kitsap PW is proficient at trimming shoulders and has good equipment. Alternately, experienced volunteers with mini excavators and rotary brush heads can start to fulfill this need. For this I would volunteer.
Overview	2/11/2025	Online Form	Amazing work! Looking forward to the implementation!
Overview	2/11/2025	Online Form	Link doesn't work.

Overview	2/12/2025	Online Form	<p>PROS Plan Summary: "Central to the plan is its vision for a resilient, inclusive, and accessible park system that balances active recreation, environmental stewardship, and cultural preservation."</p> <p>Comment: Is "Active Recreation" currently in balance with open space? Perhaps we should divest of some of the unused preserve area in exchange for publicly accessible recreational parks? Balance is listed as a "Central" element of the plan.</p> <p>PROS Plan Summary: "A robust Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is at the heart of the PROS Plan"</p> <p>Comment: CIP=\$. Our traditional CIP for Kitsap Parks = limited/insufficient \$. Perhaps its time to pursue a Parks District cojoined with the other municipal parks in Kitsap. Lets state it right in the PROS Plan a goal to pursue a Parks District.</p> <p>Commissioners if you are reading this – I have lived in Kitsap for 60 years and have seen very slow growth in our Parks. (Exception, we purchased vast areas of preserve area). It is time for a Parks District.</p> <p>PROS Plan Summary: "Funding strategies outlined in the plan leverage local, state, and federal resources, including grants and partnerships, to maximize community investments."</p> <p>Comment: Local = Commissioners allotment from County budget, they traditionally find inadequate local budget to meet this Plan. State and Federal is wholly inadequate to support this plan and grants are limited and competitive. Partnerships exist, but I have seen some pretty big ones squandered. A Parks District is your answer.</p> <p>PROS Plan Summary: "In essence, the Kitsap County PROS Plan is a testament to the county's commitment to creating vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable parks and recreational spaces that reflect the community's aspirations and enhance quality of life for generations to come."</p> <p>Comment: This is lip service in context of funding, the proof is in the history, we have always been under funded (See tables 2-13 and 2-14).</p> <p>PROS Introduction and Purpose: new approaches and ideas to ensure. Stated goal – "acquiring new park properties...."</p> <p>Comment: We already have the property in mass (11,000 acres), convert some of those areas into active recreational parks. We spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on park development masterplans for NK Heritage park (Berger) with little implementation the past 20 years, same for SK Regional Park (BCRA).</p>
Overview	2/20/2025	Online Form	<p>South Kitsap has been severely neglected by the county for their parks. It is unsafe to use in the evening. We needed lighted fields, grass that is kept up or turf would be even better. Many youth sports use the community parks and we need to invest in our kids. Veteran's and Jackson Park should not be negelected for abothee 6 years. Our county dollars should go to upgrading South Kitsap, many other areas of Kitsap county have been upgraded so the same for South.</p>
Overview	2/20/2025	Online Form	<p>Upgrading current south kitsap parks like retsil with turf fields and lights would provide a safer space for our kids and other recreational activities.</p>
Overview	2/22/2025	Online Form	<p>Please do something for our youth soccer fields, baseball has all the great fields and SKUNITED has to beg, borrow and steal just to practice on some grass! The fields are in terrible shape and or closed for extensive time periods only to find they just filled holes with sand. Our kids deserve better!</p>
Overview	2/23/2025	Online Form	<p>Veterans park is somewhere I played soccer everyday from 6-17 years old and I believe it need to be a priority as it is still used daily by many in our community.</p>
Overview	2/24/2025	Online Form	<p>yes, please see Capital Improvement comments</p>
Overview	2/27/2025	Online Form	<p>Sea levels rise at approximately 1.1 inch per decade for the last 30+ years. Stop making excuses to spend more money.</p>
Overview	2/28/2025	Online Form	<p>Please reconsider veterans memorial park for improvements. The South Kitsap Soccer Club almost exclusively uses this park because there are no other good options available. One single turf field, added lighting, or some basic maintenance with sports in mind would be amazing. The field is uneven, lacks proper drainage, and has holes that could cause a serious injury to one of the kids. The South Kitsap Soccer Club is one of the few economical choices for local kids to play soccer in a competitive environment.</p>
Overview	3/3/2025	Online Form	<p>We would love veterans memeorial park to have a priority over other parks in the county. I am a long time residential of port orchard and have kids playing soccer and other sport here. We would love to see the fields we updated with no pot holes and possible lights! We have lots of play grounds and picnic areas in port orchard and surrounding areas! Please make veterans memeorial a BIG priority for kitsap county.</p>
Overview	3/3/2025	Online Form	<p>Having restroom facilities would greatly</p>
Overview	3/4/2025	Online Form	<p>the "Vision Statement". (I think in overview?) has a number of typographical errors...</p>
Overview	3/5/2025	Online Form	<p>As a long time community member of South Kitsap I would love to see improvements to the Veterans Park. My older kids played sports at this park and now my grand kids play there. The fields are in need of repair and I would love to see turf and lights so the fields could be utilized year round. It is a shame that we do not have more turf fields in South Kitsap to be equal to the surrounding area parks. Veteran's park is not in need of a playground or picnic areas, we have plenty of those parks in the area. We need competitive sports fields.</p>
Overview	3/5/2025	Online Form	<p>As a resident of South Kitsap, parent of 4 young sports players, and community board member for various things I feel very strongly that South Kitsap desperately needs some love to our athletic fields. We have so many great parks with a ton of potential but they just get overlooked.</p> <p>I was disappointed to see that Veterans Memorial park is no longer a top priority for the county when I attended the PROS planning meeting a few weeks ago. Our kids travel all over the county and most other places have at least one nice turf field to use in their community. South kitsap doesn't have any. Veterans memorial is ready for some love!! Let's help our kids play sports safely and be proud of their home field! Please move Veterans to a higher priority!!</p>
Overview	3/6/2025	Online Form	<p>This is a well outlined overview and explains country priorities clearly</p>

Public Involvement	2/10/2025	Online Form	I'm baffled at the listing of "Improving the connection from Buck Lake Park parking lot and restrooms to Hansville Greenway trails" as trail/access improvement #3 (p 75 and table on p 80). The connection from the parking lot and restrooms is a stroll across an open field. The trailhead kiosk is visible from the parking lot and restrooms. I don't see any way to "improve" that connection? Do you plan to build a gravel or paved trail across the field, which is a combination ball field and parking lot?
Public Involvement	2/11/2025	Online Form	all county skateparks are uncovered and decades old now. there is tremendous potential to do something extraordinary and create a regional covered skatepark that can host tournaments and events - suggest placing somewhere at the fairgrounds so it's central to all the county. @poulsboskateparkk can help advise. please build quality covered skateparks.
Public Involvement	2/11/2025	Online Form	Page 67 , heat map Fig 3-20 for Harper Park (L-4) , A new Harper Bridge / estuary restoration is schedule for 2026 , See Kitsap County Public works TIP program for 2026.
Public Involvement	2/11/2025	Online Form	Our taxes dollars must continue to provide maintenance, parking, restrooms, emotional and recreational advantages to all!! There are many County and State Parks as well as trails that need to be maintained for us and all animals Our state is beautiful and magnificent and we need to all help to keep it that way....
Public Involvement	2/12/2025	Online Form	As a member of the Port Gamble Forest Stewardship committee, I don't recall any reaching out for feedback on the PROS plan from our group
Public Involvement	2/12/2025	Online Form	I am very impressed by the effort put into the public involvement process.
Public Involvement	2/14/2025	Email	I was, however, able to quickly read thru the PROS Plan results and the packet that accompanied it. There was one thing that jumped out at me that I feel is important for the County to recognize and note. As we expected going into it, the demographics of the PROS survey respondents did not match up with county demographics. This leaves those people (kids, students and younger families – under age 27) who represent roughly 1/3 of the population and who commonly use active sports fields underrepresented. I suspect it is because they aren't aware of these endeavors and don't have the time to get involved because they are constantly going from school/work to shuttling kids off to activities, to make dinner, do bedtime and then repeat for the next day. This, in turn, leaves the passive recreational users and pickleballers (there are a lot of them!) as a bit skewed and overrepresented (similar to what I'm sure you are and have been getting/hearing from vocal individuals in our community). What jumped out to me from the results: Age 55 and older: PROS survey respondents 53%; Kitsap County demographics 32% Age 29 and under: PROS survey respondents 3% (27 and younger); Kitsap County demographics 34% I make mention of this because most people can't deduct or identify this when reading thru the information or hearing the results from you in meetings. I think it is important that those of you representing the PROS plan acknowledge this gap in survey respondents – essentially stating that the results are somewhat biased towards age groups that prefer passive recreation vs. other activities (active recreation like using sports fields and indoor facilities). This is exactly what was highlighted and acknowledged from our BERK report in the feasibility study we forwarded to you. To address this needs gap, the PROS plan should reference the survey work done by Rotary, the YMCA, and other Kitsap Youth Organizations recently conducted... and include these results in the PROS plan appendices. This is why we felt it was prudent and important to put in a lot of time (and pay a lot of money) to get other information to compliment your PROS Plan Survey.
Public Involvement	2/19/2025	PAB Meeting	The draft PROS Plan is missing Appendix X mentioned on page 18 and the notes from the stakeholder interviews with park stewards mentioned on page 48. Incorporate these missing documents and extend the public comment period once they have been incorporated.
Public Involvement	2/19/2025	PAB Meeting	The schedule lists SCJ making updates to the PROS Plan March 17th-28th based on public comments. Does that mean public comment period closes on March 16th? That seems too soon, we need time to read it. My request is to extend that deadline.
Public Involvement	2/19/2025	Online Form	Myself and a few others were volunteers for Wicks Lake Park. We had a few work sessions and cleared lots of scotch broom and trash from the park. That was a few years ago and Kitsap County Parks and the past Kitsap County Commissioner stopped communicating with that particular volunteer group. It was like the County did not care about Wicks Lake Park and had zero intention of improving this particular park for the local residents. I was told I would also be on the Coulter Creek Heritage Park committee and I have heard nothing for a few years. It seems the County picks and chooses who they want to communicate with when it comes to public involvement with the parks.
Public Involvement	2/20/2025	Online Form	PLEASE consider working with local sports programs to allow them the opportunity to make capital improvements in fields and facilities.
Public Involvement	2/20/2025	Online Form	A wider range to obtain survey info would be better reached from organization participation such as sports clubs, all school levels, flyers at schools to take home, facebook feeds like Bremerton, silverdale and port orchard pages ect

Public Involvement	2/20/2025	Verbal Comment (SK Meeting)	One group that should have been consulted is the Kitsap Micological Society.
Public Involvement	2/21/2025	Online Form	I learned about PROS plans and how the community has a voice late in the game. I hope the current comment sways the needle to the newly voiced residents of kitsap.
Public Involvement	2/28/2025	Online Form	As a member of an established Sport organization I have not heard anything about this until now. I am a member of the Kitsap County Horeshoe club and we are associated with the Washington State Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc. and the NHPS (National Horseshoe pitching Assoc.
Public Involvement	3/3/2025	Online Form	88 - How can restrooms be a priority over unsafe grounds that children use daily! The top 10 doesn't even include the lowest rated parks, Veteran's should be a priority, a significant number of families utilize this park and rely on it for their children's access to outdoor sports, it is a liability, kids get injured because of lack of maintenance
Public Involvement	3/3/2025	Online Form	We would love veterans meemorial park to have a priority over other parks in the county. I am a long time residential of port orchard and have kids playing soccer and other sport here. We would love to see the fields we updated with no pot holes and possible lights! We have lots of play grounds and picnic areas in port orchard and surrounding areas! Please make veterans meemorial a BIG priority for kitsap county.
Public Involvement	3/3/2025	Online Form	I have signed up for the volunteer stewardship program some time ago. I see via the emails I receive that a lot of volunteer work occurs in North and central kitsap but not too much in south kitsap. Banner park seems to be the only main park in south kitsap that may have anything occurring. I specifically want to help at South Kitsap Regional park but very little is happening there.
Public Involvement	3/4/2025	Online Form	just to say this section was well done! in terms of summarizing the process and emphasizing the importance
Public Involvement	3/5/2025	Online Form	The people of South Kitsap are some of the most kind and giving folks in the county. They want to help the process of making Port Orchard area sports fields better. They just need a county that is finally willing to send the leadership and funds to make it all happen.
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Public Involvement	3/5/2025	Online Form	I believe that south Kitsap has been under represented in the plan thus far because the community does not have confidence our voices matter