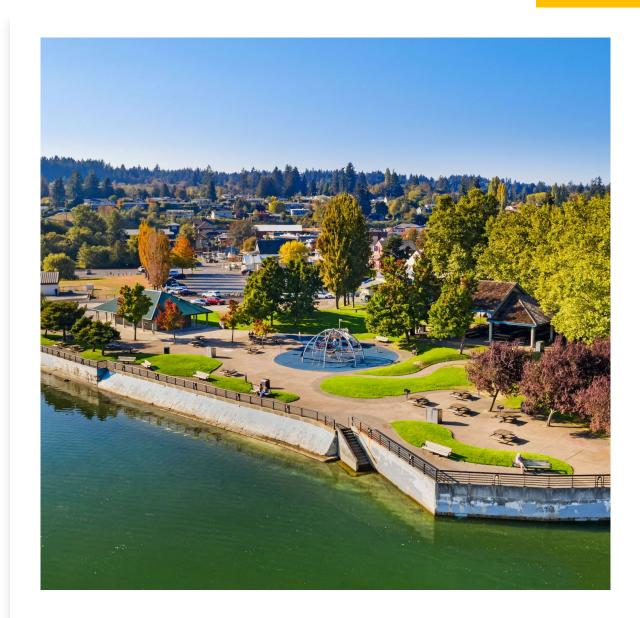
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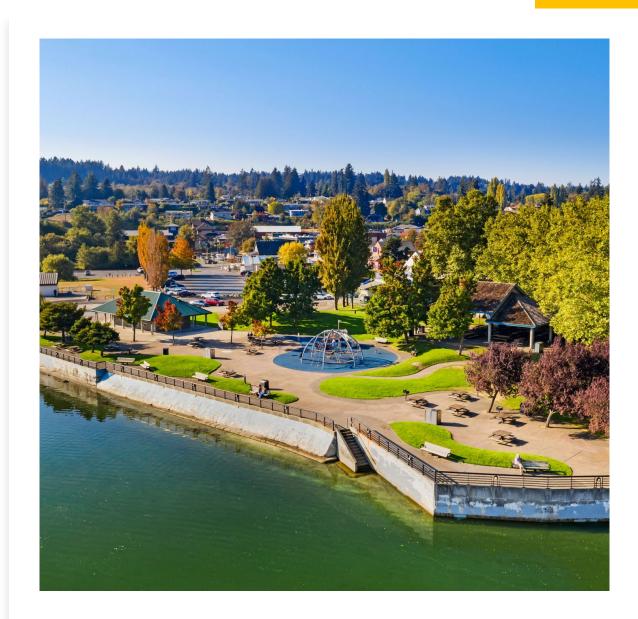
- A 6-year strategic plan
- A guide for policy development
- A guide for departmental decisions
- A guide to park improvement and capital projects





PROS Plan What is it for?

- Requirement of the Growth Management Act
- Requirement to remain eligible for RCO grants
- Just good practice

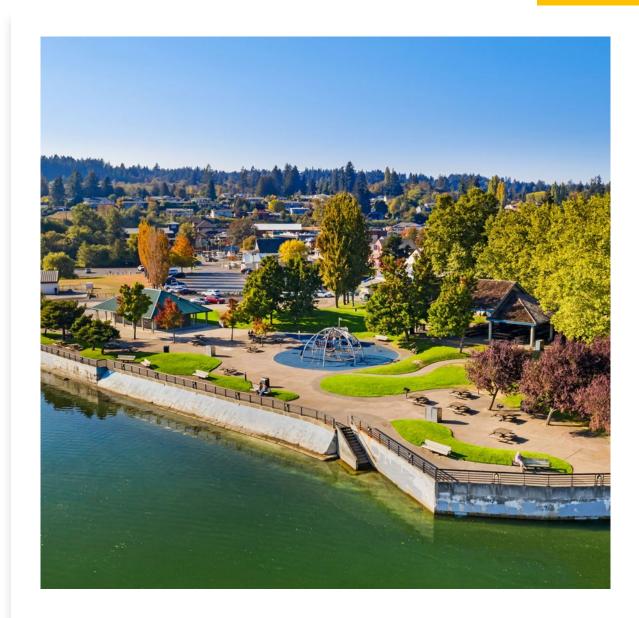




PROS Plan *What's in it?*

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Manual 2, Section 3: Required Elements

- 1. Goals and Objectives
- 2. Inventory Analysis
- 3. Public Involvement
- 4. Demand and Need Analysis
- 5. Capital Facility Plan
- 6. Adoption





PROS Plan *How was it created?*

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

Manual 2, Section 3: Required Elements

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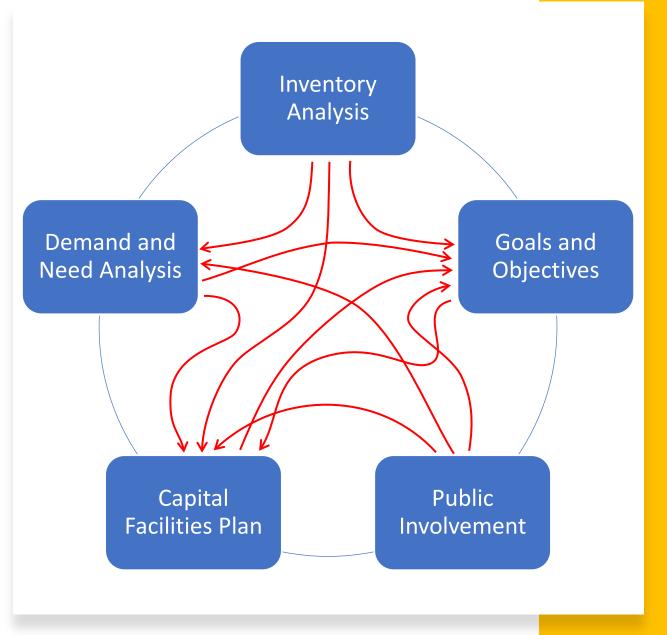


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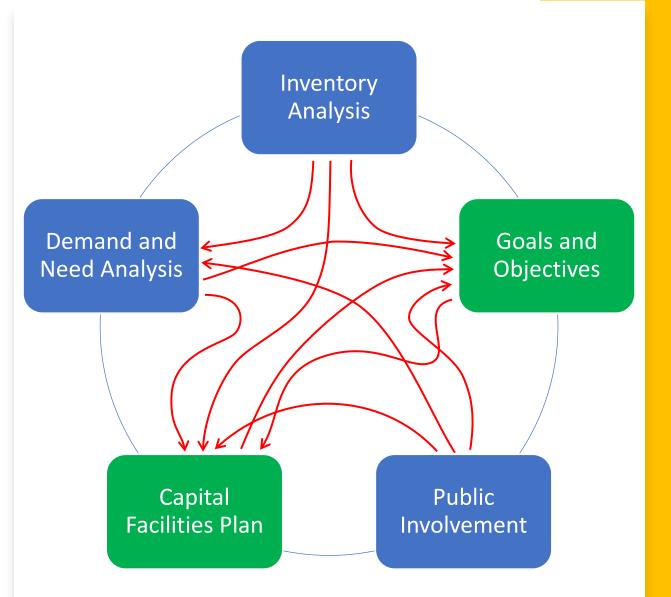


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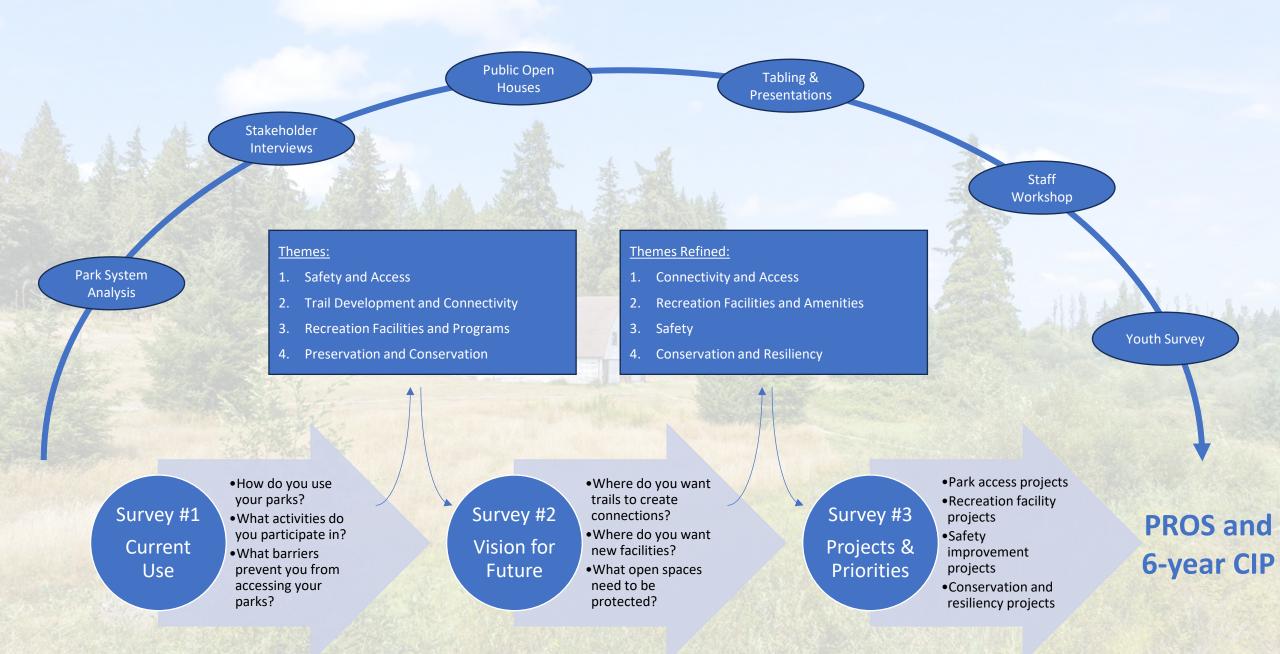
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Public Involvement + Inventory Analysis + Demand and Need Analysis = Goals and Objectives & Capital Facilities Plan



Inventory & Analysis

- Physical Context
 - Topography
 - Hydrology
 - Forest and Tree Canopy
 - Wildlife
 - Soils
 - Climate
 - Climate Change Impacts
 - Critical Areas

Planning Context

- Existing Plans Working Together
 - Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan (2024)
 - Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facility Plan (2013/18)
 - Kitsap County PROS (2018)

Demographic Context

- Population and Projected Growth
- Age & Gender
- Race & Ethnicity
- Disability
- Income
- Housing
- Employment & Transportation

Existing System Context

- Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities
- Park Classification Updates
- Park Condition Assessment

Operations & Governance

- Kitsap County Governance
- Department Operations & Staffing
- Comparative Analysis
- Volunteer/Stewardship Programs

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"The purpose of this chapter is to gain a broad understanding of the current conditions of Kitsap County's parks, recreation facilities, open spaces, and trails. It aims to provide insights into the demographics of the population served by these amenities and to situate these resources within the broader regional context and ongoing planning efforts that shape the system."



Park Classification Proposed Changes

Current	Proposed (used by State of Washington)
Community Recreation Complexes	Regional Parks
Heritage Parks	Community Parks
Legacy Parks	Neighborhood Parks
Open Space & Greenbelts	Mini-Parks
Partnership Parks	Nature Parks (Natural Areas & Greenspaces)
Special Use Parks	Special Use Parks (Special Facilities)
Waterway/Waterfront Parks	Waterfront Parks



Public Involvement

- Public Survey #1: Current use of Parks (July/August 2023)
- <u>Stakeholder Interviews</u>: One-on-One interviews with SCJ Alliance (September 2023)
 - Athletics
 - Events/Tourism
 - Environmental
 - Recreation
 - Stewards & Volunteers
 - School Districts
 - Parks Advisory Board
 - Board of County Commissioners
 - Parks Department Staff
- <u>Public Survey #2</u>: Visioning the future of Parks (October/November 2023)
- **<u>Public Open House Events</u>**(November 2023):
 - North Kitsap (Village Greens Community Center, Kingston)
 - Central Kitsap (Fairgrounds, Silverdale)
 - South Kitsap (County Admin Building, Port Orchard)
- <u>Tabling Event</u>
 - Kingston Open House (October 2023)
- Youth Survey: School Districts (February 2024)
- Public Survey #3: Capital Project Priorities (March/April 2024)
- Presentations (July 2023-December 2024):
 - Board of County Commissioners
 - Parks Advisory Board
 - Tribal Coordination Meeting
 - Suquamish Community Advisory Council
 - Central Kitsap Community Council

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"Central to the success of this plan is robust public involvement, which is critical in shaping a parks system that reflects the community's desired quality of life. Through various engagement methods, residents and park users, including stakeholders and policy makers, were encouraged to share their ideas, goals, and aspirations for the parks system, ensuring it meets their needs and enhances their daily lives."



What we heard Survey #1

- July-August 2023: open for 5 weeks
- Engagement: GovDelivery, Facebook, Instagram, Website, Email Distribution Lists
- Hard copies provided in two languages at the Parks Office and other park and county locations
- 1,783 Respondents, 2,397 Comments



Survey #1 Results

Most Used Park:

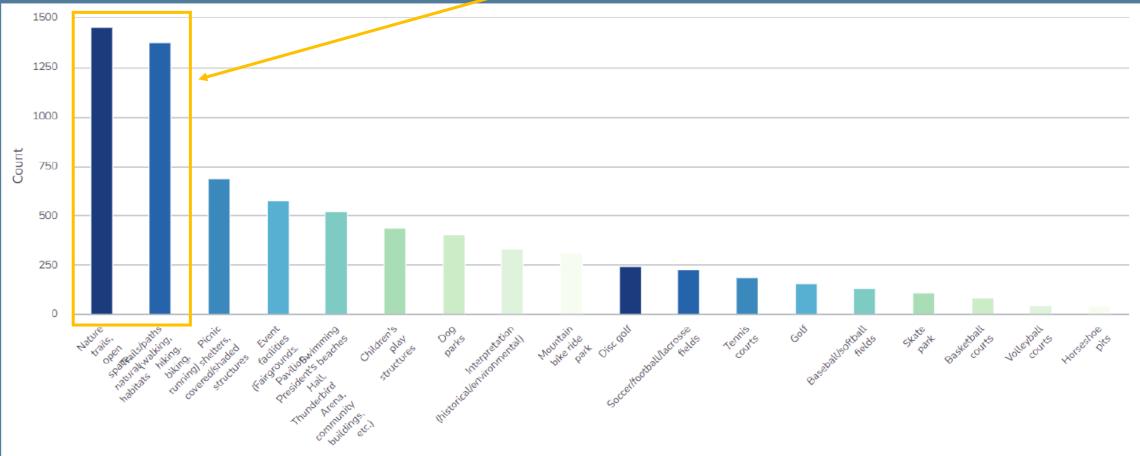
- North Kitsap
- Port Gamble Forest
- Point No Point
- Silverdale Waterfront
- Newberry Hill

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Semi-Annualty	Annually	Rarety	Never	Responses
Buck Lake County Park Count Roov %	14 0.8%	77 4.4%	142 8.2%	215 12.3%	142 8.2%	367 21.1%	785 45,1%	1,742
Anna Smith Park Count Row %	B 0.5%	17 1.0%	60 3.5%	108 6.3%	70 4.1%	368 21.6%	1.0%6	1,707
Amess Roadskie Park Count Row %	1.4 0.8%	39 2.3%	7% 4.4%	80 4,7%	63 3.6%	303 17.7%	1,141 66.6%	1,714
Horsenhoe Lake County Park Count Row %	7 0.4%	25 1.5%	82 4.5%	160 9.3%	147 8.6%	432 23.2%	961 50.2%	1.714
Indianata Waterfront & Woodland Geont Row %	24 1.4%	45 2.6%	112 6.4%	190 10.9%	157 9.0%	396 22.8%	813 46.8%	1,737
Istand Lake County Park Count Row: %	11 0.6%	44 2.6%	123 7.196	206 11.9%	167 9.7%	439 25.4%	735 42.6%	1.725
Long Lake County Park Count Row %	11 0.6%	13 1.9%	107 6.296	180 10.5%	137 8.0%	640 25.6%	R14 47.3%	1,722
Norwegian Point Park Count Row %	16 0.9%	66 3.8%	113 6.9%	147 8.5%	104 6.0%	295 17.2%	973 56.3%	1,720
Olafla Beach Count Row %	19 1.1%	63 3.7%	98 5.7%	145 8.4%	110 6.4%	359 20.9%	921 53.8%	1.717
Old Mill Park Count Row %	11 0.6%	36- 2,1%	115 6.7%	175 10.2%	128 7.5%	361 21.1%	894 51,796	1,710
Point No Point Lighthouse & Park Count Row %	10 1.0%	118 6.6%	298 16.7%	494 27.7%	202 16.9%	277 15.5%	276 15.6%	1,785
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Situerdats Waterfront Park Count Row %	25 1.4%	131 7.4%	332 18.8%	436 24.7%	211 12.0%	308 17.5%	321 18.7%	1,764
Wildcat Lake County Park Count Row: %	9 0.5%	43 2.5%	124 7.2%	251 14.6%	190 11.1%	414 24.1%	688 40.0%	1,719
Totale Total Residences								1785

Survey #1 Results

Nature Trails, Open Space, Natural Habitats Trails/Paths, Walking, Hiking, Biking, Running

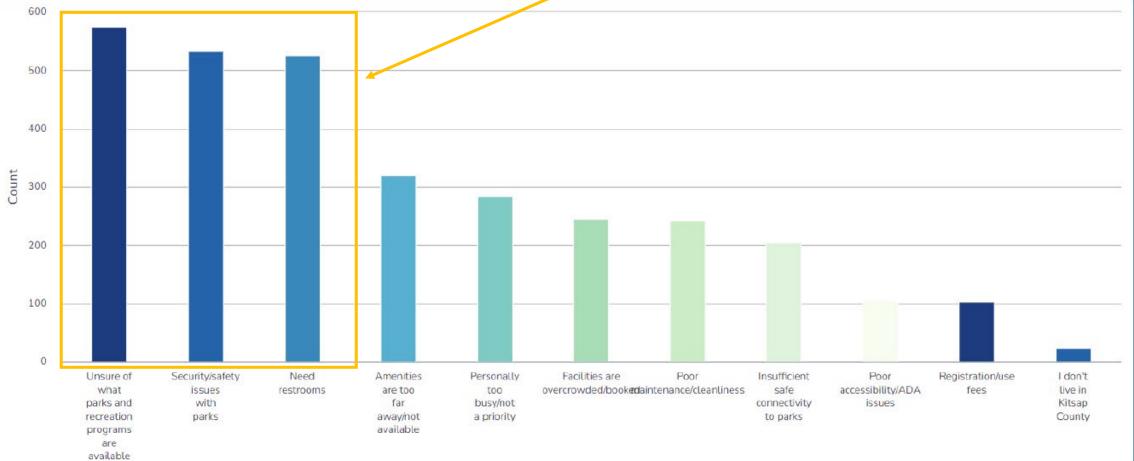
Most Used Park Elements:



Survey #1 Results

- Unsure of what parks are available
- Security/Safety issues with parks
- Need restrooms

Barriers to Use:



- 1. Access and Safety:
- Concerns about park accessibility and safety.
- Suggestions for better signage and maps to navigate parks.
- Request for improved trail maintenance and upkeep.
- Concerns about safety due to homeless encampments.
- Desire for more security and enforcement in parks.
- Need for security measures to ensure safe park experiences.

- 2. Trail Development and Connectivity:
- Desire for more trail development and connectivity.
- Update trails and pathways for accessibility.
- Need for better-connected trail networks.
- Suggestions for adding trailheads and fixing bridges.

3. Recreation Facilities and Programs:

• Request for more recreation facilities like pickleball courts, BMX tracks, and pump tracks.

• Need for additional indoor basketball courts, turf fields, and swimming pools.

- Support for more youth and adult sports facilities & programs.
- Requests for more soccer fields and turf fields.
- Calls for equitable distribution of field access.

- 4. Nature Preservation and Conservation / Resiliency:
- Emphasis on preserving natural habitats as critical public infrastructure.
- Concerns about the impact of development on wildlife.
- Support for conserving open spaces and forests.
- Emphasis on environmental preservation and carbon sequestration.
- Concerns about impacts of sprawl and development.
- Calls for setting aside open space and conserving forests.

What we heard Survey #2

- October-November 2023: open for 6 weeks
- Engagement: GovDelivery, Facebook, Instagram, Website, Email Distribution Lists
- Hard copies provided in two languages at the Parks Office and other park and county locations
- 422 Respondents, 1,968 Comments
 - Includes responses from in-person Open House events



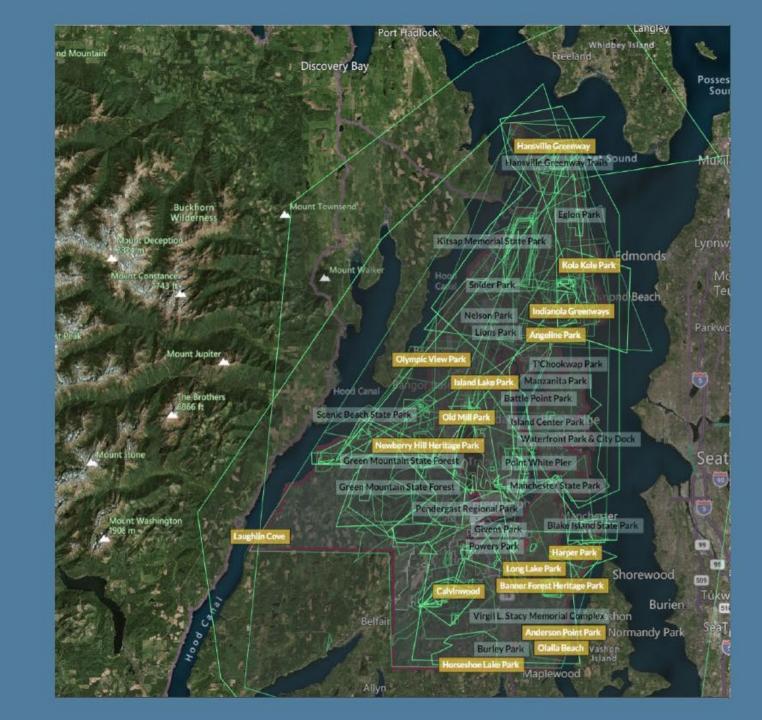
What we heard Survey #2

- Questions/Activities were focused on the 4 themes derived from Survey #1
 - Access and Safety
 - Trail Development and Connectivity
 - Recreation Facilities and Programs
 - Nature Preservation and Conservation/Resiliency



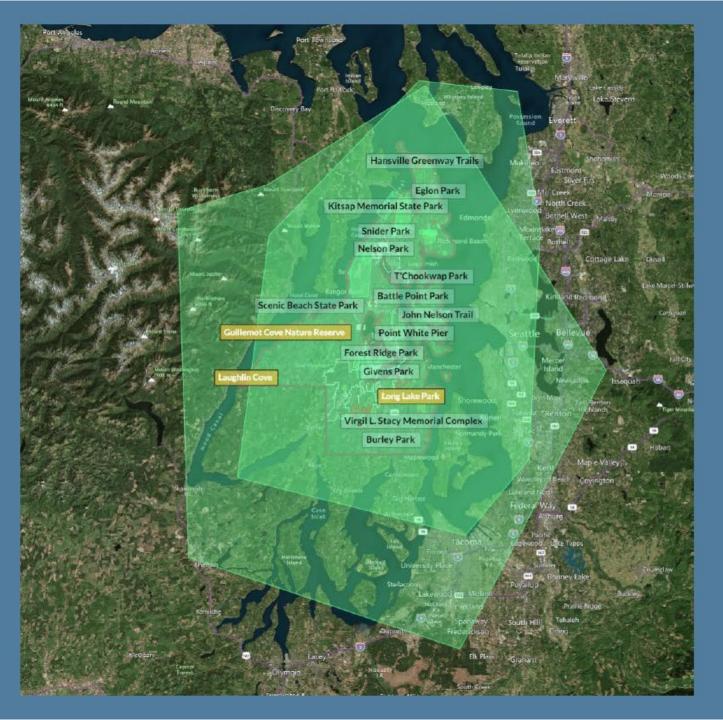
Conservation – Open Space

- Protection for tree buffers and animal through-ways near the Anderson Landing Preserve and Silverdale Wetlands
- Requests for conservation and restoration, specifically at the Illahee Preserve, Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, and Buck Lake
- Suggestion for master gardeners native plant parks or p-patch parks in the Port Orchard/Fernwood/Bethel area



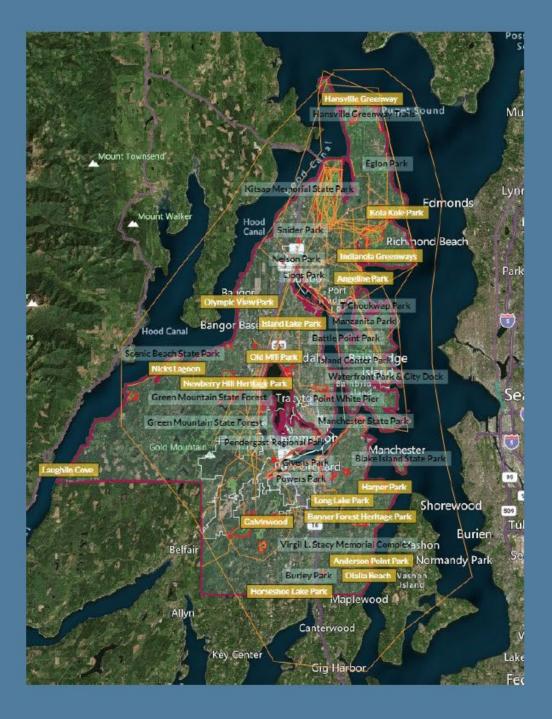
Conservation – Additional Comments

- Removal of invasive plant species
- Support for stewardship groups
- Increased funding native plants for restoration
- Limiting development and impermeable surfaces
- Increased environmental education for residents and visitors
- Equitable access to county parks
- Balancing wildlife habitat protection with human recreation.



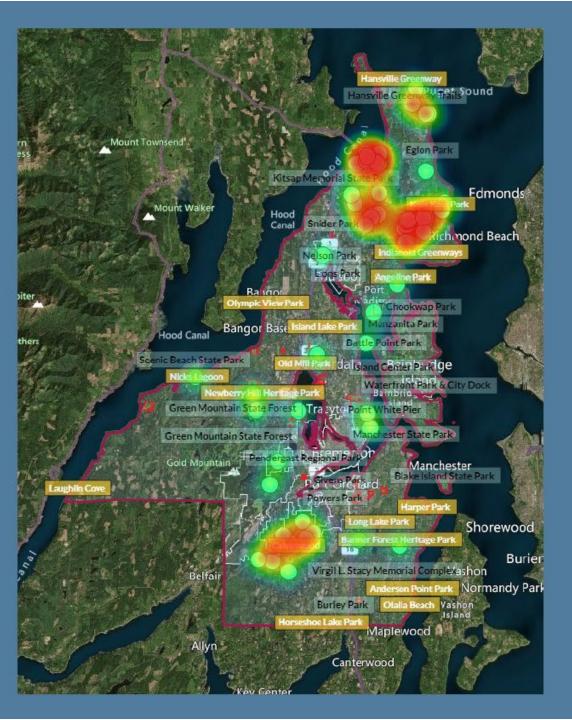
Connectivity – Trails

- Emphasis on accessible trails and park entrances
- Requests for safe routes to school and neighborhood connectivity
- Improvements for existing trails (especially connections), signage, and maintenance
- Concerns for unsafe biking routes, and suggestions for dedicated paths and shared use trails



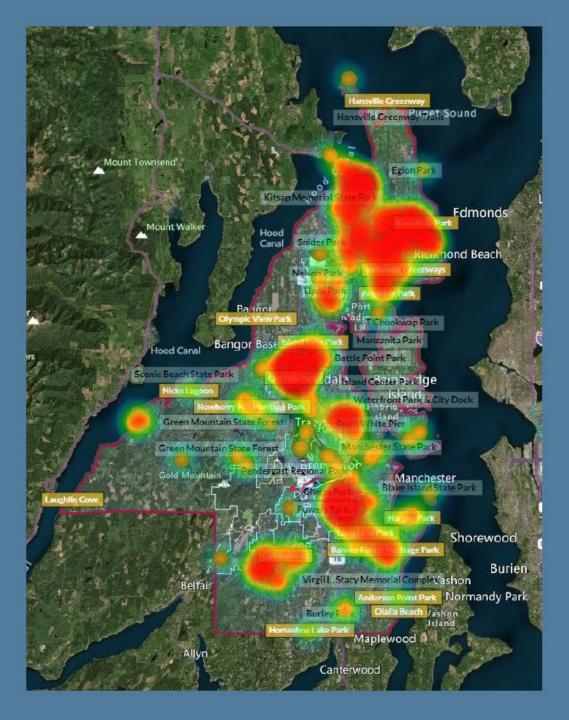
Connectivity – Trailheads

- Hansville Greenway
- Salisbury Point Park
- Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- North Kitsap Heritage Park
- Coulter Creek Heritage Park



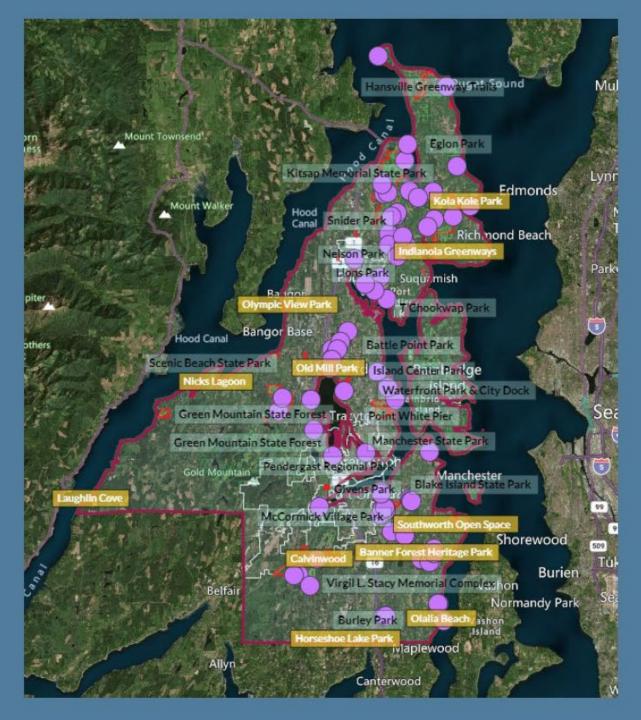
Access & Safety

- Homeless encampments near Silverdale and Port Orchard
- A need for bicycle and pedestrian lanes near North Kitsap Heritage Park
- Sidewalks needed near Kola Kole Park
- Reductions to speeding traffic near Harper Park



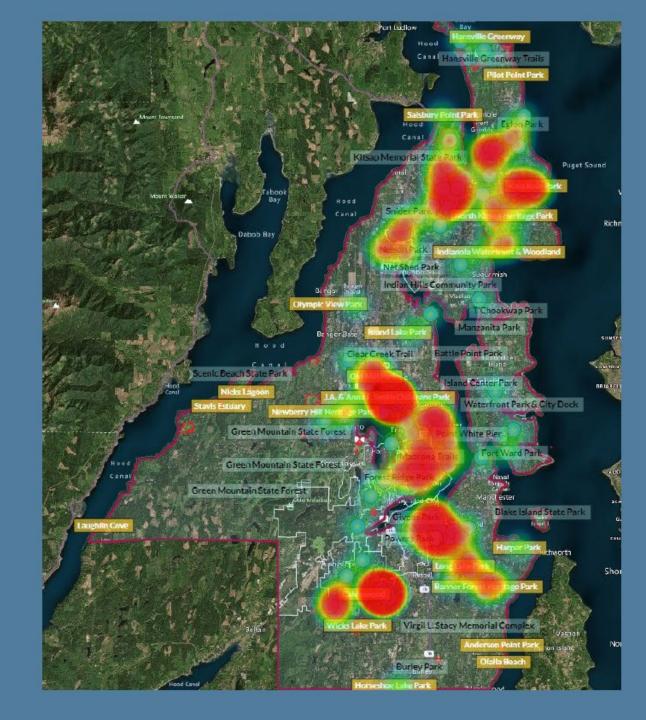
Access & Safety – Improvements

- Many requests for improved parking facilities
- Safer bicycle routes
- Reduced vehicle speeds
- Removal of vegetation to improve sightlines and visibility for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Specifically at the Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, there were suggestions to include no-bike areas to increase pedestrian safety.



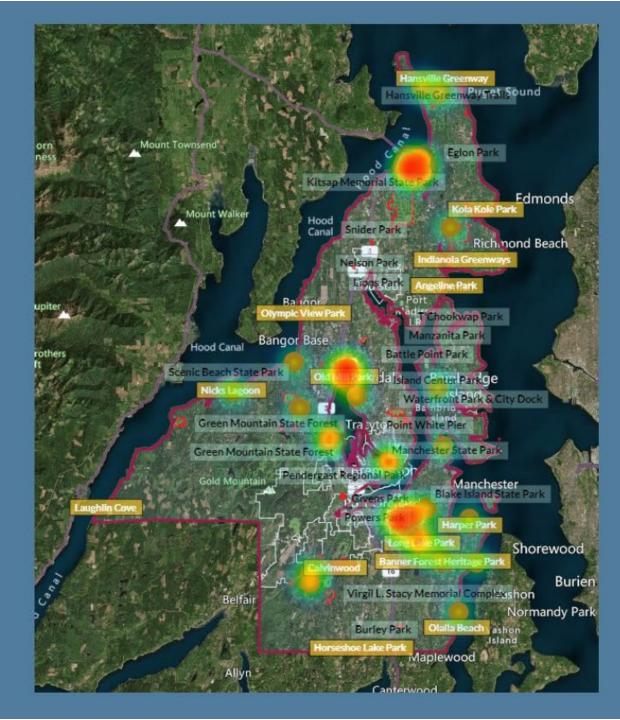
New Facilities - Rec

- Disc golf was requested across the county, with the densest spots near the Kitsap Fairgrounds & Events Center and Square Lake Park.
- Pickleball courts were requested most in the central part of the county, with the densest spots near Bill Blomquist Rotary Park and Old Mill Park.
- Soccer fields were mostly requested near Veterans Memorial Park, Kingston Nike Site, and Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park.
- Off-leash dog parks were primarily requested near Bremerton, Kingston, and the Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park.



New Facilities -Amenities

- Restroom: Banner Forest Heritage Park, Coulter Creek Heritage Park, Rolling Hills Golf Course, Kitsap Fairgrounds & Event Center, Illahee Preserve, North Kitsap Heritage Park, Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, and Kola Kole Park
- Picnic area or shade structures: Howe Farm Park, Waterman Point Wetlands, Long Lake Park, and Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Benches or sitting areas: Anderson Point Park, Long Lake Park, and Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park



What we heard Survey #3

- March-April 2024: open for 5 weeks
- Engagement: GovDelivery, Facebook, Instagram, Website, Email Distribution Lists
- Hard copies provided in two languages at the Parks Office and other park and county locations
- 1,234 Respondents, 371 Comments



What we heard Survey #3

- Capital projects were focused on the 4 themes derived from Survey #1 and refined by Survey #2, stakeholder interviews, and open houses.
 - Connectivity & Access
 - Recreation Facilities & Amenities
 - Safety
 - Conservation & Resiliency



Connectivity & Access

Full Park System All Regions

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1. Please select the top TEN trails, trailheads, parking lots, and access projects you want to see Kitsap County Parks develop over the next six years. Try to distribute your preferences across all three districts.

-	Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Add parking lot off of Seabeck Highway	34.6%	332
	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park - Add parking and access	33.0%	316
	Hansville Greenway - Improve connection from Buck Lake Park parking lot and restrooms to Hansville Greenway trails	31.7%	304
-	Banner Forest Heritage Park - Improve parking and access	28.2%	270
	Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Improve some trails to be barrier-free and wheelchair friendly	27.4%	263
	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park - Improve some trails to be barrier-free and wheelchair friendly	27.2%	261
7	Eglon Forest - Develop trail network in park and improve some trails to be barrier-free and wheelchair friendly	26.2%	251
	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park - Improve parking at Bay View Trailhead off of Highway 104	25.9%	248
	Illahee Preserve Heritage Park – Improve some trails to be barrier-free and wheelchair friendly	25.5%	245
.0	Banner Forest Heritage Park - Improve some trails to be barrier-free and wheelchair friendly	24.9%	239

Recreation Facilities & Amenities

North Kitsap Parks 2. Please select the top TEN recreation facility projects you most want to see Kitsap County Parks develop over the next six years.

Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – Develop new park area at north parking lot (may include: playground, picnic shelter, benches, uncovered picnic tables)	46.1%	404
Buck Lake Park – Improve restrooms	42.5%	372
North Kitsap Heritage Park – Add picnic area (may include: picnic shelter, benches, uncovered picnic tables)	36.1%	316
Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – Add a picnic shelter at mountain bike ride park	33.4%	293
Location TBD – Add ADA accessible and inclusive playgrounds	33.2%	291
Island Lake Park – Add a playground near picnic shelter and restrooms	32.9%	288
Norwegian Point Park – Add fishing pier	32.1%	281
Norwegian Point Park – Add a picnic shelter	29.7%	260
Location TBD – Add pickleball courts	29.5%	258
Location TBD – Add athletic fields (soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, etc.)	28.8%	252

Recreation Facilities & Amenities

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Central Kitsap Parks

3. Please select the top TEN recreation facility projects you most want to see Kitsap County Parks develop over the next six years.

Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Add restrooms	50.3%	424
Illahee Preserve Heritage Park – Add restrooms	47.6%	401
Wildcat Lake Park – Renovate park (may include: improve restrooms, replace playground, add a picnic shelter)	44.0%	371
Fairgrounds & Event Center – Add outdoor open lawn space for festivals and special events	41.3%	348
Fairgrounds & Event Center – Develop new park area (may include: new playground, picnic shelter, restrooms)	38.9%	328
Chico Salmon Park – Add outdoor classroom shelter	36.5%	308
Fairgrounds & Event Center – Improve special event buildings (Pavilion, President's Hall, Eagle's Nest, barns)	30.1%	254
Location TBD – Add ADA accessible and inclusive playgrounds	25.6%	216
Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Add picnic area (may include: picnic shelter, benches, uncovered picnic tables)	25.5%	215
Location TBD – Add pickleball courts	25.3%	213

Recreation Facilities & Amenities

South Kitsap Parks 4. Please select the top TEN new facilities you most want to see Kitsap County Parks develop over the next six years.

Banner Forest Heritage Park – Add restrooms	44.2%	333
Long Lake Park – Renovate park (may include: improve restrooms, replace playground, add a picnic shelter, benches)	36.4%	274
South Kitsap Regional Park – Improve restrooms near playground	35.2%	265
Anderson Point Park – Add restrooms and benches	34.3%	258
Horseshoe Lake Park – Renovate park (may include: improve restrooms, replace playground, add a picnic shelter)	32.3%	243
Howe Farm Park – Add pea patch/community gardens	30.3%	228
Coulter Creek Heritage Park – Add restrooms	30.1%	227
Banner Forest Heritage Park – Add picnic area (may include: picnic shelter, benches, uncovered picnic tables)	24.6%	185
Howe Farm Park – Renovate barn for special events	24.4%	184
Location TBD – ADA accessible and inclusive playgrounds	24.3%	183

Safety

Full Park System All Regions

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5. Please select the top TEN safety improvements you most want to see Kitsap County Parks develop or improve over the next six years. Please try to distribute your preferences across all three districts.

Silverdale Waterfront Park – Repair damage to undercut headwall	39.8%	338
Silverdale Wetlands – Improve safety measures to reduce crime	38.0%	323
Point no Point Park – Add a handrail to the bluff stairs	36.5%	310
Anderson Point Park – Improve trail to beach for walkability and sustainability	35.6%	303
Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – Improve safety measures to reduce crime	34.2%	291
Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – Improve safety measures for multi-use trails and user conflicts	32.9%	280
Illahee Preserve Heritage Park – Improve safety measures to reduce crime	30.7%	261
Silverdale Rotary Gateway Park – Improve safety measures to reduce crime	30.2%	257
South Kitsap Regional Park – Improve safety measures to reduce crime	28.1%	239
Horseshoe Lake Park – Improve safety measures to reduce crime	27.3%	232

Conservation & Resiliency

Full Park System All Regions 6. Please select the top FOUR conservation and landscape resilience projects you want to see Kitsap County Parks prioritize over the next six years.

Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – Construct bridge over creek on Springs trail	57.6%	443
All parks – Decommission or remove trails that cross wetlands and other critical areas	50.5%	388
Indianola Woodlands – Replace bridge over creek near beach	39.1%	301
Eglon Forest – Develop natural resource management plan for new park	36.4%	280
Coulter Creek – Create wetland and pond management plan including hydrologic analysis, beaver habitat, and recreation impacts analysis	35.6%	274
Guillemot Cove – Remove boardwalk and bridge from estuary and relocate trail crossing	26.9%	207
Howe Farm – Remove boardwalk from flooded stream corridor	22.8%	175
Guillemot Cove – Remove cabin and headwall on south side of estuary	16.6%	128

Conservation & Resiliency

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Full Park System All Regions 7. Please select the top FOUR conservation and landscape resilience system-wide priorities you want to see Kitsap County Parks prioritize over the next six years.

Acquire new land for natural resource protection and conservation	54.4%	450
Develop a vegetation management plan, including invasive species management, define priority projects, and implement	52.8%	437
Prioritize protection of waterways and wetlands within Parks properties	51.9%	429
Develop wildlife conservation plan, define priorities, and implement	48.7%	403
Prioritize protection of rare or endangered species and ecosystems within Parks properties	46.6%	385
Develop a forest management plan, define priority projects, and implement	42.7%	353
Develop a plan for education and interpretation programming, signage, and viewing areas	30.6%	253
Develop protocols to evaluate new proposed trails for critical area ordinance compliance	19.7%	163

Demand & Needs Analysis

- Quantifications vs. Qualifications
 - National Recreation Guidelines as a Quantitative Measure
- Levels of Service (LOS)
 - Washington State Recreation Guidelines
- Population Growth Projections
 - Park Equity & Access
- <u>Recreation Trends</u>
 - Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2023)
 - RCO Assessment of Resident Demand (2022)
 - Trails
 - Canines
 - Pickleball & Padel
 - Youth Sports
 - Playground Trends
 - Electrification
 - Heat
 - Smoke
 - Climate Resiliency
 - Investments in Parks
 - Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)
- Summary of LOS Demand & Need
 - National and State LOS Metrics
 - Local LOS Metrics

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"The purpose of the demand and needs analysis is to evaluate, quantify, and understand both the facility and recreational demand and identify the existing and future needs for providing parkland, facilities, and open spaces now and into the future."



Kitsap County & National/State LOS Metrics

Table 4-2: Level of Deficiency/Need by Park Classification									
Dauly Classification	Existing	Acres/1000 Population	NRPA/RCO						
Park Classification	Acres	2024	Guideline						
Mini Parks	1.1	.004 acres / 1000 population	No Standard						
Special Use Parks	387.9	1.4 acres / 1000 population	No Standard						
Neighborhood Parks	3.7	.013 acres / 1000 population	2-3 acres / 1,000 population						
Community Parks*	520.2	1.90 acres/ 1000 population	5-8 acres / 1,000 population						
Regional Parks	3723.2	13.5 acres / 1000 population	5 acres / 1,000 population						
Nature Parks**	6759.5	24.5 acres / 1000 population	No Standard						
TOTAL	11400	39.85 acres / 1000 population	9-12 acres / 1,000 population						

* Also includes Waterfront Park classification

** Includes Open Space, a term used interchangeably with Natural Areas or Nature Parks

Kitsap County Local LOS Metrics

Includes County owned and Non-County owned

Table 4-4: Kitsap County LOS Analysis By Park Classification									
Park Classification	Existing	Acres/Miles per	1000 Population	Kitsap County Adopted LOS					
	Acres/Miles	2024	2044	Kitsap County Adopted LOS					
Natural Resource Areas	23,463 acres	83.20 acres / 1000 population	67.74 acres / 1000 population	71 acres / 1,000 population					
Regional Parks	6,249 acres	22.16 acres / 1000 population	18.04 acres / 1000 population	16 acres / 1,000 population					
Community Parks	1,315 acres	4.66 acres / 1000 population	3.80 acres / 1000 population	4.65 acres / 1,000 population					
Trails	197 miles	0.70 miles/ 1000 population	0.57 miles / 1000 population	0.2 miles / 1,000 population					
Shoreline Access	26.5 miles	0.09 miles / 1000 population	0.08 miles / 1000 population	0.061 miles / 1,000 population					

Kitsap County Local LOS Metrics

Table 4-4: Kitsap County LOS Analysis By Park Classification										
Park Classification	E ¥ISUIIII		000 Population	Kitsap County Adopted LOS						
	Acres/Miles	2024	2044	Kitsap County Adopted LOS						
Natural Resource Areas	23,463 acres	83.20 acres / 1000 population	67.74 acres / 1000 population	71 acres / 1,000 population						
Regional Parks	6,249 acres	22.16 acres / 1000 population	18.04 acres / 1000 population	16 acres / 1,000 population						
Community Parks	1,315 acres	4.66 acres / 1000 population	3.80 acres / 1000 population	4.65 acres / 1,000 population						
Trails	197 miles	0.70 miles/ 1000 population	0.57 miles / 1000 population	0.2 miles / 1,000 population						
Shoreline Access	26.5 miles	0.09 miles / 1000 population	0.08 miles / 1000 population	0.061 miles / 1,000 population						

- <u>A New Vision for Kitsap County</u>
 - All Staff Meeting
 - Mission & Vision (Department)
- A County-Wide Vision
 - Foundational Values
 - Mission, Vision, and Values (County)
- Policy Goals, Objectives, and Actions
 - Goals are organized by Parks Department Program or a Specialized Focus
 - 6 Goals
 - 2-6 Objectives per Goal
 - 3-5 Actions per Objective

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"Balancing the public's desires and vision with the evolving goals of comprehensive planning, the following mission, vision, goals, and objectives should be seamlessly integrated into the Parks & Open Space Element of the County's Comprehensive Plan. The elements are foundational to the County's aspirations and will play a vital role in guiding development and enhancement efforts for parks, recreation, and open spaces."



<u>Goal</u>

1. Promote a **sustainable parks system** that fosters opportunities for both active and passive recreation, encourages healthy lifestyles, safeguards natural habitats, and preserves and enhances significant environmental and historical resources.

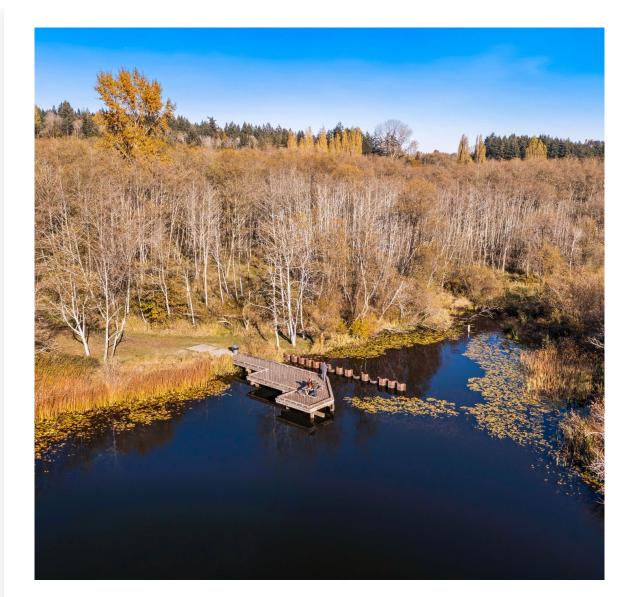
Objectives

- 1.1 Park System Optimization
- 1.2 Land Acquisition Policies and Procedures
- 1.3 Park Development and Infrastructure
- 1.4 Accessibility Improvements
- 1.5 Trail Network Expansion
- 1.6 Enhance Resource Alignment & Strategic Partnerships

Goal Focus

System-Wide Management

Parks Department Program



Administration

<u>Goal</u>

2. Develop and implement **natural resource management** plans to protect biodiversity and cultural resources, establish buffer zones and wildlife corridors, adopt sustainable land management practices, and preserve cultural heritage sites through interpretive signage, education programs, and collaboration with local tribes and cultural experts.

Objectives

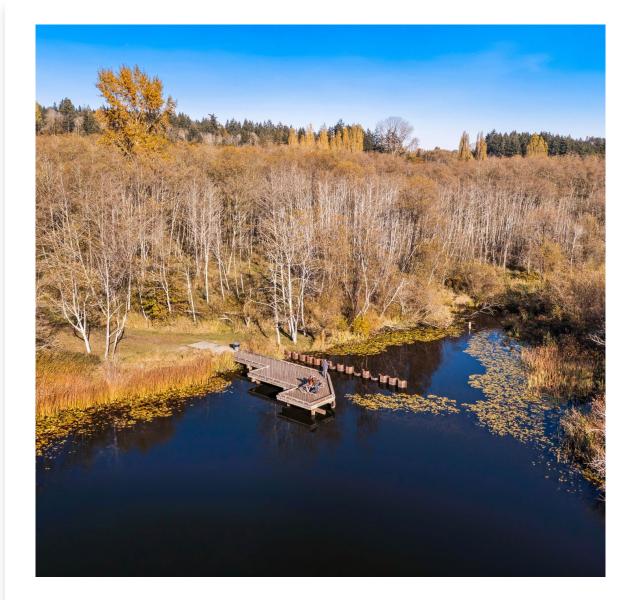
2.1 Natural Resource Management Planning2.2 Conservation and Stewardship

Goal Focus

Natural Resource Management

Parks Department Program

Natural Resources



<u>Goal</u>

3. Integrate **sustainable design** into park planning and development to minimize environmental impact and enhance resource efficiency by incorporating green infrastructure, adopting native landscaping, and implementing energy-efficient practices.

Objectives

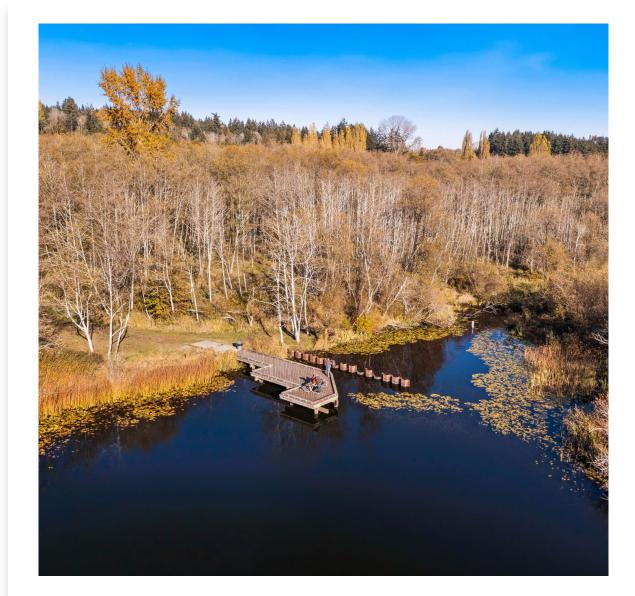
3.1 Promote Sustainable Park Design and Management3.2 Environmental Assessments for Sustainable Planning3.3 Trail Accessibility and Design3.4 Water Trails Development

Goal Focus

Park Planning and Capital Development

Parks Department Program

Planning & Capital



<u>Goal</u>

4. Enhance visitor amenities and services to **improve accessibility and overall experience** in County parks by upgrading trail signage, expanding parking and accessibility features, and implementing technology solutions for better engagement.

Objectives

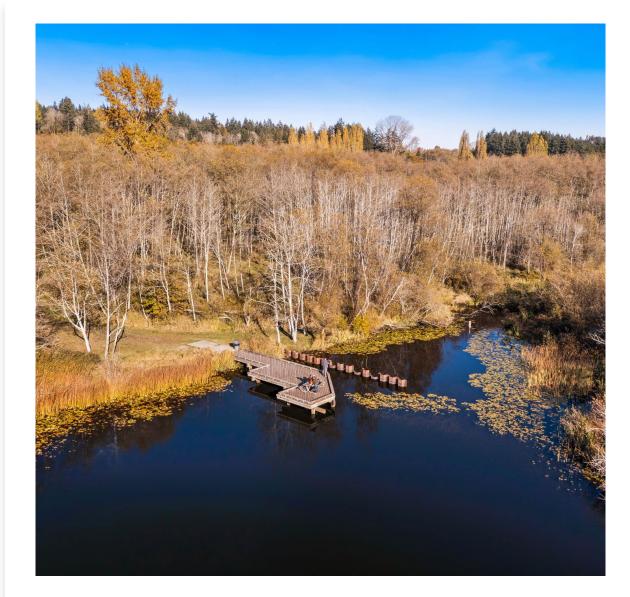
- 4.1 Visitor Services Enhancement
- 4.2 Community Engagement
- 4.3 Trail Outreach Programs
- 4.4 Volunteer Stewardship and Educational Programs
- 4.5 Cultural Heritage Preservation

Goal Focus

User Experience and Community Engagement

Parks Department Program

Planning & Capital, Natural Resources, Events, M&O



<u>Goal</u>

5. Enhance **event and athletic facilities** by upgrading and maintaining infrastructure, implementing efficient management operations, and exploring revenue-generating opportunities to attract regional events and support local recreation programs.

Objectives

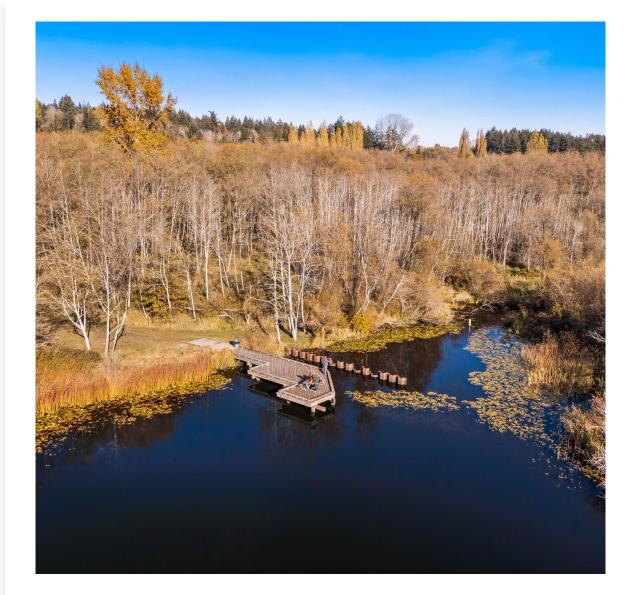
- 5.1 Facility Management Efficiency
- 5.2 Recreation Tourism Development
- 5.3 Adaptive Event Support and Community Engagement

Goal Focus

Special Events Management

Parks Department Program

Events



<u>Goal</u>

6. Ensure high standards in **park maintenance and operations** by establishing standardized management practices and effectively allocating resources to sustain park facilities and natural settings.

Objectives

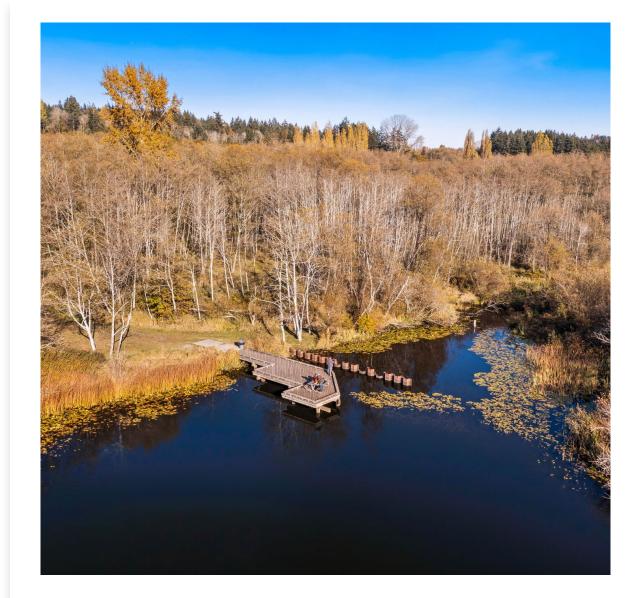
6.1 Standardized Management Practices
6.2 Resource Allocation and Management
6.3 Trail Maintenance Enhancement
6.4 Trail Maintenance and Sustainability
6.5 Facility Upgrades and Maintenance

Goal Focus

Maintenance & Operations Management

Parks Department Program

Maintenance & Operations



Capital Improvement Plan

- Public Feedback as a Foundation to the CIP
 - Community Engagement Themes
 - Conservation and Landscape Resiliency
 - Connectivity and Trail Development
 - Access and Safety
 - Recreation Facilities and Amenities
 - Environmental Concerns and Open Space Protection
 - Community Engagement and Communication
 - Maintenance and Facility Upgrades
- Developing the Capital Improvement Program
 - Kitsap County's Financial Sources
 - Estimate of Probably Cost
 - Develop Strategic Projects to Maximize Funding Opportunities
 - Performance & Monitoring
 - Primary Funding Source Key
 - CIP project Categories

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"This plan addresses the immediate needs of Kitsap's diverse communities while preparing the parks system to meet future demands, delivering significant economic, social, and environmental benefits."

"In harmony with Kitsap County's strategic goals and woven into the Comprehensive Plan's principles, this plan promotes a safe, healthy, and walkable community, cultural appreciation, and environmental preservation, reflecting the aspirations and desired quality of life of the County's residents."



Capital Improvement Categories

	Table 6-1: Project Categories								
Key	Category	Description							
1	Land Acquisition	Purchase of property for management by the Parks department. Purpose may be to protect natural resources or develop park and recreation facilities.							
2	Park Access	Improving access to park lands through parking lot, trailhead, or other ingress/egress development.							
3	Park Amenities	Repairing, replacing, or adding new singular park features. May include picnic shelters, restrooms, playgrounds, or other facilities.							
4	Athletic Facilties	Repairing, replacing, or adding new a facilities that supports athletic use. May include soccer fields, baseball or softball fields, tennis courts, pickleball courts, or other facilities.							
5	Event Facilities	Repairing, replacing, or adding new special event facilities or venues. May include existing building like the Pavilion, President's Hall, Fairgrounds, community buildings, or other facilities.							
6	Trails	Repairing, replacing, or adding new significant trails or trail improvements. May include trails constructed to ADA standards.							
7	Natural Resources	Projects focused on restoration, improving sustainability, or enhancing the protection of natural environment elements. May include wildlife habitat, shorelines and waterways, or vegetation and forests.							
8	Park Development	New park development or re-development of existing parks. Projects generally will consist of multiple project types (listed above) in the same project scope.							
9	Other	Project categories not listed above. May include projects that are an emergency response to an unforeseen situation, communuty needs, major repairs to existing facilities, or opportunities.							

What: Trails, Trailheads, Parking and Access **Where**: County-Wide

	т	able 6-3: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List	- Matrix				
District	Droject Name	Description	Project	Priority	y / Year	Cost	Funding
District	Project Name	Description	Category	1-6 Years	6+ Years	Rating	Options
		Trails, Trailheads, Parking, and Access					
С	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Add parking lot off of Seabeck Highway	2	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Add parking and access	2	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Hansville Greenway	Improve connection from Buck Lake Park parking lot and restrooms to Hansville Greenway trails	4	Х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Banner Forest Heritage Park	Improve parking and access	2	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Improve some trails to be barrier-free and wheelchair friendly	6	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Improve some trails to be barrier-free and wheelchair friendly	6	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Improve parking at Bay View Trailhead off of Highway 104	2	Х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Banner Forest Heritage Park	Improve some trails to be barrier-free and wheelchair friendly	6	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Illahee Preserve Heritage Park	Improve some trails to be barrier-free and wheelchair friendly	6	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Wicks Lake Park	Develop park to include trail network in park, parking lots, and access	2	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	North Kitsap Heritage Park	Improve access at south side of park	2	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Anderson Point Park	Expand Parking Lot	2	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	North Kitsap Heritage Park	Improve parking lot off of Norman Road	2	Х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Coulter Creek Heritage Park	Improved Entrance/Parking Lot, utilities at SW trailhead	2	Х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Coulter Creek Heritage Park	Add trailhead at Calvinwood Lodge	6	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Wynn-Jones Preserve	Improve parking	2	Х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO

What: Recreation Facilities Where: District 1 (North Kitsap)

	Та	able 6-3: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List	- Matrix				
District	Project Name	Description	Project	Priority	/ Year	Cost	Funding
DISTRICT	Project Name	Description	Category	1-6 Years	6+ Years	Rating	Options
		Recreation Facilities (District #1)					
N	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Develop new park area at north parking lot (may include: playground, picnic shelter, benches, uncovered picnic tables)	2, 3, 4	х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Add a picnic shelter at mountain bike ride park	3	х		\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Location TBD	Add ADA accessible and inclusive playgrounds	3	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Island Lake Park	Add a playground near picnic shelter and restrooms	3	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
Ν	Norwegian Point Park	Add fishing pier	3	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Location TBD	Add pickleball courts	3	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Norwegian Point Park	Add a picnic shelter	3	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Location TBD	Add a disc golf course	3	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Island Lake Park	Add a picnic shelter	3	х		\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Norwegian Point Park	Renovate fishing cabins	3	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO

What: Recreation FacilitiesWhere: District 3 (Central Kitsap)

	т	able 6-3: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List	- Matrix				
District	Project Name	Description	Project	ect Priority / Year		Cost	Funding
District	Project Name	Description	Category	1-6 Years	6+ Years	Rating	Options
		Recreation Facilities (District #3)					
С	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Add restrooms	3	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Illahee Preserve Heritage Park	Add restrooms	3	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Wildcat Lake Park	Renovate park (may include: improve restrooms, replace playground, add a picnic shelter)	3	Х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Fairgrounds & Event Center	Add outdoor open lawn space for festivals and special events	3	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Fairgrounds & Event Center	Develop new park area (may include: new playground, picnic shelter, restrooms)	3	Х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Fairgrounds & Event Center	Improve special event buildings (Pavilion, President's Hall, Eagle's Nest, barns)	3,5	Х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Location TBD	Add ADA accessible and inclusive playgrounds	3	Х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Location TBD	Add pickleball courts	3	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Add picnic area (may include: picnic shelter, benches, uncovered picnic tables)	3	Х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Fairgrounds & Event Center	Improve athletic fields with artificial turf (Gordon 2 soccer field, Lobe 1 and 4 baseball fields)	4	Х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Fairgrounds & Event Center	Expand disc golf course	3	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Nick's Lagoon Preserve	Add outdoor classroom shelter	3	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO

What: Recreation FacilitiesWhere: District 2 (South Kitsap)

	та	able 6-3: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List	- Matrix				
District	Project Name	Description	Project	Priority	/Year	Cost	Funding
DISTLICT	Project Name	Description	Category	1-6 Years	6+ Years	Rating	Options
		Recreation Facilities (District #2)					
S	Banner Forest Heritage Park	Add restrooms	3	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Long Lake Park	Renovate park (may include: improve restrooms, replace playground, add a picnic shelter, benches)	3	х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	South Kitsap Regional Park	Improve restrooms near playground	3	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Horseshoe Lake Park	Renovate park (may include: improve restrooms, replace playground, add a picnic shelter)	3	Х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Location TBD	ADA accessible and inclusive playgrounds	3	х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Howe Farm Park	Renovate barn for special events	3	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Veteran's Memorial Park	Develop park (may include: restrooms, playground, picnic shelter, benches)	3	Х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Location TBD	Add pickleball courts	3	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Wicks Lake Park	Develop park (may include: restrooms, playground, picnic shelter, benches)	3	Х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Coulter Creek Heritage Park	Renovate Calvinwood cabins and lodge	3	х		\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO

What: Safety Projects and Enhancements **Where**: County-Wide

	т	able 6-3: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List	- Matrix				
District	Project Name	Description	Project	Priority	/Year	Cost	Funding
District		Description	Category	1-6 Years	6+ Years	Rating	Options
	_	Safety Projects & Enhancements					
С	Silverdale Waterfront Park	Repair damage to undercut headwall	9	X		\$\$\$\$	A, BO, W1, L, LO
С	Silverdale Wetlands	Improve safety measures to reduce crime	9	х		\$	LO
N	Point no Point Park	Add a handrail to the bluff stairs	2	Х		\$	LO
N	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Improve safety measures to reduce crime	9	х		\$\$	LO
N	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Improve safety measures for multi-use trails and user conflicts	6, 9	х		\$\$	LO
С	Illahee Preserve Heritage Park	Improve safety measures to reduce crime	9	х		\$\$	LO
Ν	Silverdale Rotary Gateway Park	Improve safety measures to reduce crime	9	x		\$\$	LO
S	Horseshoe Lake Park	Improve safety measures to reduce crime	9	х		\$\$	LO
S	South Kitsap Regional Park	Improve safety measures to reduce crime	9	х		\$\$	LO
С	Old Mill Park	Improve safety measures to reduce crime	9	х		\$\$	LO
С	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Improve parking	2	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Howe Farm Park	Fix fencing in off-leash dog park	3	х		\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Improve parking at Bay View Trailhead off of Highway 104	2	Х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO

What: Safety Projects and Enhancements Where: County-Wide

	Та	able 6-3: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List	- Matrix				
District	Project Name Description	Project	Priority	/ Year	Cost	Funding	
District	Project Name	Description	Category	1-6 Years	6+ Years	Rating	Options
		Safety Projects & Enhancements					
С	Fairgrounds & Event Center	Improve buildings for better ADA access	2	Х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Howe Farm Park	Improve maintenance of off-leash dog park	3	Х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Long Lake County Park	Add lighting to the parking lot	2	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
С	Fairgrounds & Event Center	Replace playground	3	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
N	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Increase accessibility	2, 9	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	South Kitsap Regional Park	Fix pavement at park entrance off of Jackson Avenue	2	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Veteran's Memorial Park	Add safety lighting	3	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Veteran's Memorial Park	Improve drainage near ballfields	4	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Wicks Lake Park	Add a parking area	2	х		\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	South Kitsap Regional Park	Add a new gate to the park entrance off of Lund Street	2	х		\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO
S	Coulter Creek Heritage Park	Add lighted signs	3	х		\$	BO, W1, L, LO

What: Conservation/Landscape Resilience Where: County-Wide

Table 6-3: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List - Matrix								
District	Project Name	Description	Project Category	Priority / Year		Cost	Funding	
				1-6 Years	6+ Years	Rating	Options	
Conservation / Landscape Resilience								
Ν	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Construct bridge over creek on Springs trail	6	Х			BO, W1, L, LO	
N, C, S	All Parks	Decommission or remove trails that cross wetlands and other critical areas	6	х	х	\$\$\$\$	BO, W1, L, LO	
Ν	Indianola Woodlands	Replace bridge over creek near beach	6	х			BO, W1, L, LO	
N	Eglon Forest	Develop natural resource management plan for new park	7	Х			BO, W1, L, LO	
S	Coulter Creek	Create wetland and pond management plan including hydrologic analysis, beaver habitat, and recreation impacts analysis	7	х			BO, W1, L, LO	
с	Guillemot Cove	Remove boardwalk and bridge from estuary and relocate trail crossing	6	х			BO, W1, L, LO	
S	Howe Farm	Remove boardwalk from flooded stream corridor	6	Х			BO, W1, L, LO	
С	Guillemot Cove	Remove cabin and headwall on south side of estuary	7	х			BO, W1, L, LO	

Plan Adoption

- Public Review
 - Public Comment Period 5 weeks (February 10-March 15)
 - SEPA 2 weeks (TBD)
 - Planning Commission 2 weeks (TBD)
 - Board of County Commissioners 1 week (TBD)

Adoption Process

- Parks Advisory Board
- Planning Commission
- Board of County Commissioners
- State (RCO) Approval

"In order for this Plan to be formally adopted, it must undergo a thorough review process involving several entities, including opportunities for public input. The adoption process culminates in a resolution, ordinance, or similar instrument demonstrating formal approval of the plan and planning process by the governing entity."





Timeline to Approval

Who	What	When	
Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)	Distribute PROS to BoCC	January 27	
Parks Advisory Board (PAB)	Distribute PROS to PAB	February 10	
Department of Community Development (DCD)	PROS to DCD for compliance review with 2024 Comp Plan	February 10	
Public	Draft PROS Public Comment Period	February 10 – March 15 (5 weeks)	
Suquamish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Squaxin Tribes	Draft PROS to Tribes for Review and Comments	February 10 – March 15	
Public (North Kitsap Public Meeting)	Present PROS to public for comment period kick-off	February 11	
Parks Advisory Board (PAB)	Present PROS to PAB	February 13	
Public (South Kitsap Public Meeting)	Present PROS to public for comment period kick-off	February 20	
Public (Central Kitsap Community Council)	Present PROS to public for comment period kick-off	March 5	
Parks Advisory Board (PAB)	PAB provides comments and a recommendation (or April meeting)	March 19	
SCJ Alliance	Update PROS based on PAB and public comments	March 17 – March 28	
Department of Community Development (DCD)	PROS to DCD for Non-Project SEPA Determination	March 31	
Public	SEPA Determination 14-day public comment period	April 7 – April 20 (2 weeks)	
Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)	PROS to BoCC for Review of Public Comments	April 16	
Planning Commission	PROS Briefing (15 minutes)	April 15	
Planning Commission	Distribute PROS to Planning Commission	May 6	
Planning Commission	Present PROS to Planning Commission	May 20	
Public	Planning Commission 2-week public comment period	May 20 – June 3 (2 weeks)	
Planning Commission	Deliberation on PROS	June 3	
Planning Commission	Finding of Fact & Approval	June 3	
Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)	PROS to BoCC for Review of Planning Commission Findings	TBD (week of June 9-13)	
Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)	PROS to BoCC for Presentation and Open Public Hearing	June 23	
Public	Public Comment Period for Public Hearing	June 23 – June 30 (1 week)	
Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)	PROS to BoCC for Deliberations	TBD (June 30 – June 4)	
Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)	PROS to BoCC for Deliberations	TBD (June 7 – July 11)	
Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)	PROS to BoCC for Deliberations	TBD (July 14 – July 18)	
Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)	PROS to BoCC to for Approval	July 21	
Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)	PROS to RCO for Approval	TBD (July 28 – August 1)	

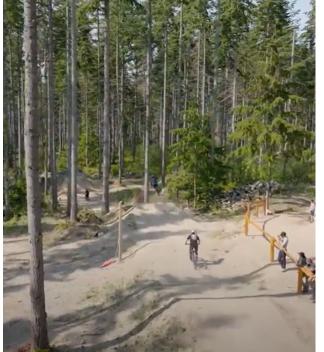












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