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TO: Mayor Olsen and Members of the Bothell City Council

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DATE: February 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan

POLICY CONSIDERATION: The policy consideration is to adopt a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan for the community. This PROS Plan is a guiding document for the Parks and Recreation Department to provide park amenities and programs and to acquire new park land from 2020 to 2026.

The PROS Plan and the breadth of policies in the elements of the plan have implications for a number of Council Goals:

- Parks/Recreation/Open Space Partnerships;
- Community Connections;
- Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability; and
- Fiscal Responsibility and Stability

HISTORY:

DATE	ACTION
JANUARY 24, 2014	City Council passed Resolution 1306 adopting the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Action Program (PROSAP)
APRIL 16, 2019	City Council received a staff briefing on the 2020 PROS Plan
JUNE 11, 2019	City Council held a study session
NOVEMBER 12, 2019	City Council held a study session

DISCUSSION: Every six years, the City Council adopts an update to the existing PROS Plan as required to maintain grant eligibility for the State of Washington's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant program. The PROS Plan is a guiding document for the City's Parks Department as it is a community-driven approach

to existing park amenities and recreation programs and provides a 6-10 year plan for potential changes to the Department's offerings.

This plan was previously known by a few other names such as the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Action Plan (PROSAP) and the Parks & Recreation Long Range Plan. The last update was in 2014. At a June 2019 City Council study session, staff presented information on parks acreage and types of usage, such as passive versus active, recreation class registrations and event participation, such as from Music in the Park.

To fully engage the community and "meet people where they are," staff has led 18 community outreach events, a mailed survey, an online survey, a dog park survey, a teen-focused survey, and a public workshop about community values to help shape the project lists. This is exponentially higher than most communities who host 2-3 events for the community. The events were selected to reach a broad cross section of park and recreation users and non-users. They included events at the University of Washington at Bothell, in coordination with the Bothell-Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, at various parks and sports fields, and a cross section of community events.

The result of this effort was a community survey with 1,241 responses from both a mail-in and online survey, over 1,400 responses to the dog park online survey, and a teen-focused survey. Overall, this process has given a good representation of the community's feedback.

<u>Community Survey Results</u>
For the primary community survey, a paper copy was mailed to about 2,500 residential addresses and then the online survey was open to anyone. 381 surveys were received from the mail-in group, which is a 15% response rate. The paper copy serves as a "test" of the online results to help determine the source of any inconsistencies in the data. The responses were kept separate and the results were similar.

- Over 97% of the respondents feel that parks and recreation are essential or important to the community. The majority of park users go for trails (73.3%) and relaxation (54.3%) with fitness, playgrounds, and wildlife-viewing rounding out the top 5 reasons for using a Bothell park.

- When asked about which amenities have more than enough, about the right number, and not enough, "walking/biking trails" topped out the list with just under half (48%) of the respondents indicating that Bothell does

not have enough walking and biking trails. Developing new parks amenities was the highest single priority (27%), with expanding the trail network and acquiring land for future parks highlighting the top 3.

- There was high support (70% or better) for lower cost park improvements, such as trails, all-inclusive play equipment, off-leash dog opportunities, community gardens, and picnic shelters/gathering spaces. For high cost amenities, there was strong support for river access and splash pads with less support for skateboard/bmx park, artificial turf fields, and a cricket field.

- Slight majorities support increasing taxes to provide a community center (56%) and splash pad (52%).

For classes and programs, there was great interest in adult enrichment classes (67%) and volunteer opportunities (69%). The survey results said that needs are not met for youth and teen programs, as well as adult sports. However, the respondents also indicated that they did not know what recreation opportunities are available, so there could some correlation or it could be that the City's offerings are not aligning with community needs.

The majority of survey respondents did not have children in their homes with 56% of the households having zero children under 18. Households with 1 child represented 16% of the responses, 23% had 2 or more children and 5% had 3 or more. The largest age group to respond was 25% from 35 to 44; 4% of the respondents were younger than 20 and the remaining divided fairly evenly between 20 to 34, 45 to 54, 55 to 64, and 65+.

<u>Dog Park Survey Results</u>
The dog park survey and the high usage of the "pop-up" dog park shows a need for one or more places for off-leash parks for dogs in the City. Almost 97% of the respondents said that an off-leash dog park was definitely or probably needed, with 90.75% responding "definitely need." 83.82% of the respondents are Bothell residents. While most people had no concerns regarding a permanent dog park, the largest concerns were excess dog waste (11.10%), animal vaccinations/illness/diseases (10.71%), and safety (7.85%). The most important dog park amenities were drinking water for dogs, shade for dogs and humans, double gate entry, and a space for smaller/shy dogs. Five potential locations were listed for a permanent site – Park at Bothell Landing, East Norway Hill Park, Blyth Park, Cedar Grove Park, and William Penn Park – and all ranked about equal

for location with a slight majority preferring the Park at Bothell Landing as their top choice.

Teen Survey Results

A short, five-question survey was circulated through Inglemoor and Bothell High Schools and was available online for a two-week period. The most popular activities for teens include hanging out with friends (79%), watching movies (60%), sports (55%), going to the beach (47%) and hiking (47%). The top amenities teens would like to see in Bothell are a hangout space and walking trails. Both the teen survey and the Community Survey showed a high interest in trails in Bothell. Based on survey responses, teens are more interested in events than amenities, with the exception of a hangout space. The top event types that teens would attend include movies in the park (79%), food truck nights (71%), teen concerts (70%), and festivals or special events for teens (62%).

Capital Projects

In this PROS Plan update, projects will not be ranked as most important to least important, as was historical practice but rather based on a matrix of balancing criteria:

- Community Need (survey and other feedback);
- Safety and Security (providing safe spaces accessible to all);
- Usage/Resident Benefit (park improvements to heavily used areas or where few City facilities exist whereby the cost is evaluated against the volume of usage/resident benefit);
- Location/Geography (supporting equity and access to parks and facilities across the City);
- Local/Regional Significance (destinations for large number of residents and/or where significant programming and space already exists); and
- Ability to Leverage Funding (for grants, foundation and charitable giving).

The final projects listed in the PROS Plan are not guaranteed for completion, but become the basis for future Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) budget requests and a focus for grant applications.

RCO has several required elements of a PROS Plan in order to be eligible for recreation and conservation grants. These include clear goals and objectives; a park inventory; public involvement; a demand and need analysis; Capital Improvement Program; and formal adoption of the Plan by the governing body. The 2020 PROS Plan was developed to meet these criteria.

Throughout the Plan development, staff and the consultant team heard several core themes. Foremost, there is a desire for "Parks and Programming for All." This includes connecting and expanding the trail system, a permanent dog park, new park amenities, creating inclusive parks and events, continuing to host and possibly adding new community events, concerts and gatherings, and creating special events for teens such as concerts, food truck nights and movies in the park. Secondly, the community would like us to "Take Care of What We Have." This includes upgrading and improving existing parks, installing wayfinding and interpretative signage systems, focusing on Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance and barrier removal, and completing minor park repairs and renovations.

Using the community feedback from over 18 engagement events, direction provided by City Council and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, as well as the previous work from the PROSAP, *Imagine Bothell…* Comprehensive Plan, the Shoreline Management Plan, and similar guiding documents, the 2020 PROS Plan contains six (6) updated goals. They are:

- Provide an inclusive, diversified system of parks, trails, and open spaces that deliver a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities that maintains the high quality of life for residents and reflect the community's changing needs.
- Develop a network of shared-use trails and bicycle/pedestrian corridors to enable connectivity between parks, neighborhoods, commercial areas, and other destinations.
- Facilitate and promote a range of recreational and special event opportunities for the community.
- Maintain and operate a modern, efficient park system that provides a high level of user comfort, safety, and aesthetic quality, and protects capital investments.
- Pursue and maintain effective partnerships and provide volunteer opportunities to support the parks and recreation system.
- Provide leadership and fiscal responsibility in the management of the park, recreation, and open space system.

The Capital Projects lists were developed from the PROSAP, Council direction, community feedback, and an assessment of the current conditions. The final proposed projects are broken down into Safety and Maintenance projects, a near-term focus which is through 2026, a long-term focus which is beyond 2026, and a category called Future Projects. This latter category are typically more expensive capital investments that will require more than General Funds and grant dollars, namely a voter-approved contribution such as a bond or a levy.

The Parks and Recreation Board unanimously voted on December 12, 2019, to approve the draft 2020 PROS Plan and have staff transmit it to City Council with some minor edits and updates. Those edits are included in the final plan.

Parks and Recreation staff, working with the Planning Commission and Community Development staff, will update the *Imagine Bothell…* Comprehensive Plan's Parks and Recreation Element based on the adopted 2020 PROS Plan. This will be completed by the end of the calendar year.

FISCAL IMPACTS: There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this Plan. However, the lack of an adopted plan will disqualify the City from new grants from RCO.

ATTACHMENTS:

Att-1. Resolution to Adopt the 2020 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Resolution adopting the 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(2020)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOTHELL, WASHINGTON ADOPTING THE 2020 PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Bothell performs comprehensive park and open space planning in order to guide and support future park and recreation programming and parks capital improvement budgets and to maintain eligibility of grant through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO); and

WHEREAS, the RCO requires that the City's long-range parks, recreation, and open space plan be updated every six years to maintain state and federal grant eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the existing Parks, Recreation and Open Space Action Program (PROSAP) was adopted on January 24, 2014, and therefore needs to be updated; and

the City Council received a staff briefing on January 24, 2014, and Study Sessions were held on June 11, 2019, and November 12, 2019, and

WHEREAS, in order for the 2020 PROS Plan to reflect public input, the City has provided over 18 community engagement opportunities through meetings, pop-up park events, online engagement, and survey formats, including a community-wide survey conducted via mail and online submission and specialized surveys were conducted focused on teens and on dog parks; and

WHEREAS, at several publicly noticed meetings, both the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Board have been briefed by the Parks Department or held study sessions on the 2020 PROS Plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Board unanimously recommended that the draft PROS Plan be forwarded to Council for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City has satisfied the RCO's planning requirements in drafting the proposed 2020 PROS Plan update, consistent with WAC 286-13-035, and passage of this resolution shall provide evidence that the plan has been formally adopted; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 PROS Plan meets the Council's objective of fiscal responsibility and sustainability, and the Plan is beneficial to the city as a whole and to the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOTHELL, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The proposed 2020 Parks, Recreation, Open Space (PROS) Plan, dated January 2020 and attached as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted as the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan of the City of Bothell.

Section 2. The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan will be incorporated in the *Imagine Bothell*. . . Comprehensive Plan with the 2020 amendments.

Section 3. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

APPROVED:

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LIAM OLSEN
MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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LAURA HATHAWAY
CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: _____
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Bothell Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan

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BENEFITS OF PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

A number of organizations and non-profits have documented the overall health and wellness benefits provided by parks, open space and trails. The Trust for Public Land published a report in 2005 called *The Benefits of Parks: Why America Needs More City Parks and Open Space*. This report makes the following observations about the health, economic, environmental and social benefits of parks and open space:

- Physical activity makes people healthier.
- Physical activity increases with access to parks.
- Contact with the natural world improves physical and physiological health.
- Value is added to community and economic development sustainability.
- Benefits of tourism are enhanced.
- Trees are effective in improving air quality and assisting with stormwater control.
- Recreational opportunities for all ages are provided.

Physical Activity Benefits

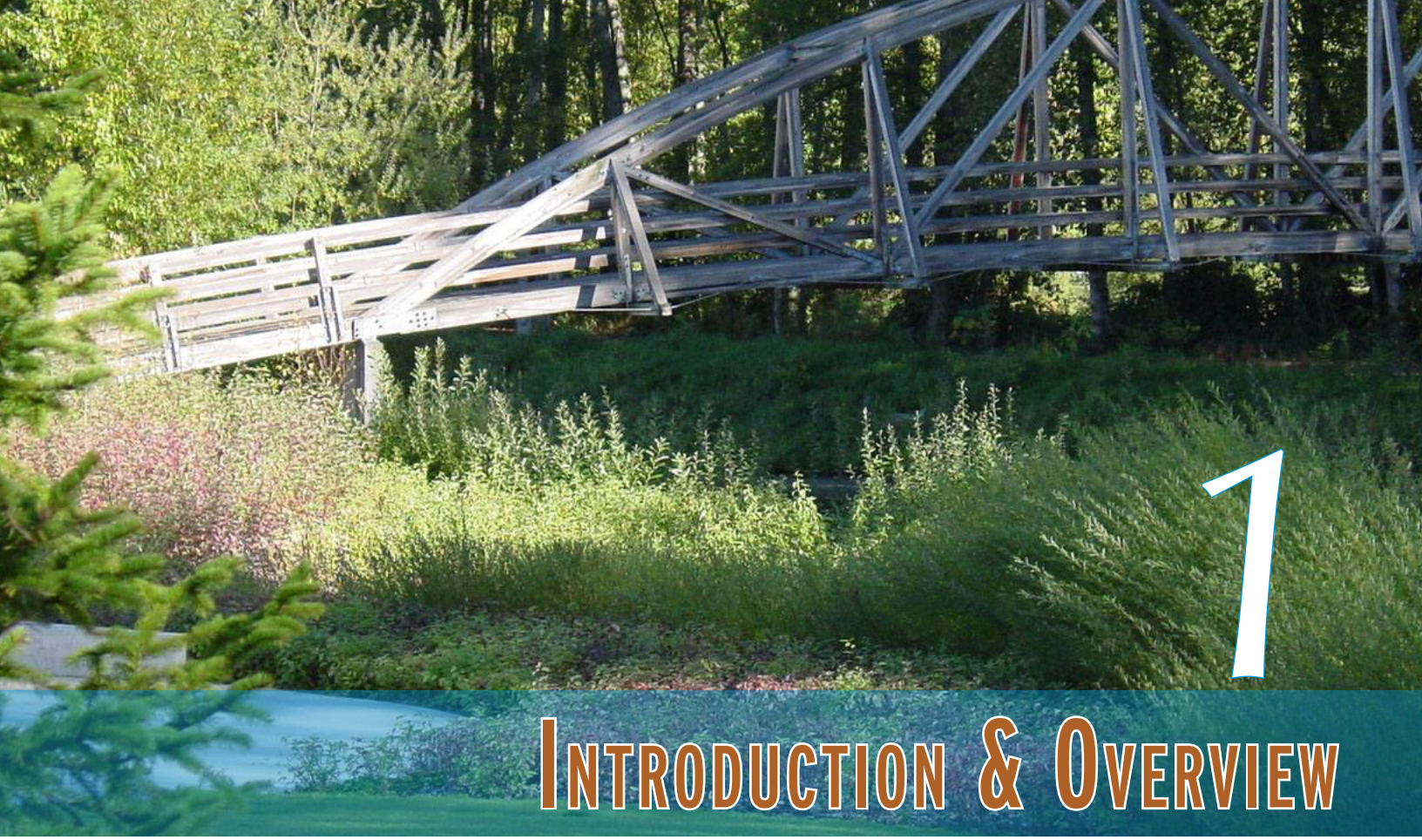
Residents in communities with increased access to parks, recreation, natural areas and trails have more opportunities for physical activity, both through recreation and active transportation. By participating in physical activity, residents can reduce their risk of being or becoming overweight or obese, decrease their likelihood of suffering from chronic diseases, such as heart disease and type-2 diabetes, and improve their levels of stress and anxiety. Nearby access to parks has been shown to increase levels of physical activity. According to studies cited in a 2010 report by the National Park and Recreation Association, the majority of people of all ages who visit parks are physically active during their visit. Also, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that greater access to parks leads to 25% more people exercising three or more days per week.

Social & Community Benefits

Park and recreation facilities provide opportunities to engage with family, friends, and neighbors, thereby increasing social capital and community cohesion, which can improve residents' mental health and overall well-being. People who feel that they are connected to their community and those who participate in recreational, community and other activities are more likely to have better mental and physical health and to live longer lives. Access to parks and recreational facilities has also been linked to reductions in crime, particularly juvenile delinquency.

Economic Benefits

Parks and recreation facilities can bring positive economic impacts through increased property values, increased attractiveness for businesses and workers (quality of life), and through direct increases in employment opportunities.
In Washington, outdoor recreation generates $26.2 billion in consumer spending annually, $7.6 billion in wages and salaries and $2.3 billion in state and local tax revenue. Preserving access to outdoor recreation protects the economy, the businesses, the communities and the people who depend on the ability to play outside. According to the Outdoor Recreation Economy Report published by the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation can grow jobs and drive the economy through management and investment in parks, waters and trails as an interconnected system designed to sustain economic dividends for citizens.



1 Introduction & Overview

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The citywide Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan, or PROS Plan for short, is an update to the 2014 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Action Program, builds on the recreation planning foundation provided in that plan, and incorporates the diverse feedback from an extensive community engagement program conducted for this plan update. This Plan creates a vision for an innovative, inclusive and interconnected system of parks, trails and open spaces that promotes recreation, health, environmental conservation and fiscal responsibility as integral elements of a thriving, livable Bothell. The Plan will provide a blueprint for the growth, enhancement and management of Bothell's park and recreation system.

The PROS Plan is a document that will guide City elected and appointed officials, management and staff when making decisions or taking actions regarding planning, acquiring, developing or implementing parks, open space or recreational facilities and programs. The PROS Plan is part of the City's broader Comprehensive Plan and is consistent with the guidelines established by the Growth Management Act (GMA). The PROS Plan must be updated every six years for Bothell to retain eligibility for state grants through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), which administers a variety of outdoor recreation and conservation grant programs.

The 2020 PROS Plan considers the park and recreation needs of residents citywide and establishes a path forward for enabling, maintaining and enhancing high quality parks, trails, open spaces and recreational opportunities. It provides updated inventories, demographic conditions, needs analysis, management considerations and capital project phasing. It updates the City's policies, practices and projects and sets a long-range vision for the City with clear

action items and strategies for implementation for the next 6-10 years. The recommendations in this Plan are based on community input, evaluations of the existing park system, and needs for acquisition, site development and operations and fiscal considerations. The Plan is intended to be updated periodically to remain current with local interests and maintain eligibility for state-based grants.

PLANNING PROCESS

This Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan represents the culmination of a year-long planning effort to define the community's needs for parks, recreation facilities and programs, and trails over the next ten years.

The PROS Plan reflects the community's interests and needs for park and recreational facilities, trails and programming - balanced with the realities of budgets. The planning process encouraged and enabled public engagement in the choices, priorities and future direction of the City's park and recreation system. The Plan project team conducted a variety of public outreach activities. Community members expressed their interests through an online and mail survey, intercept surveys, pop-up and open house meetings, stakeholder discussions, online engagement, and Parks and Recreation Board meetings.

In addition to community engagement, the actions identified in this Plan are based on:

- An inventory and assessment of the City's existing park and recreation facilities to establish the current performance of the system and to identify needed maintenance and capital repair and replacement projects,
- A level of service and walkability assessment to quantify the system's ability to serve both current and future residents.

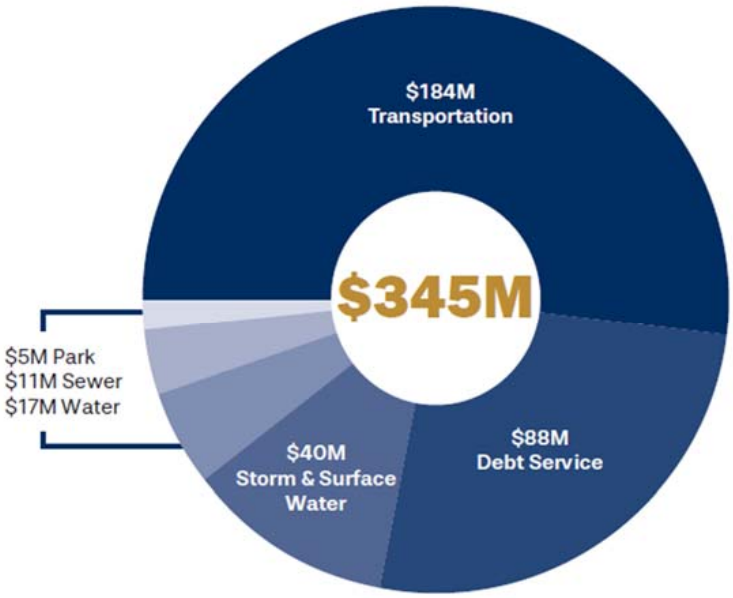
The Plan's capital facilities section and accompanying implementation and funding strategies are intended to move the City toward the community's park and recreation goals, while recognizing operational realities.

FISCAL CHALLENGES

For the past several years, one of the City Council's goals is Fiscal Responsibility and Sustainability. Previous iterations of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan often featured potential projects or project ideas that had very high projected costs and did not include a realistic funding package. The 2020 PROS Plan is structured with Council's goal in mind and includes only those projects that are reasonably likely to be funded. This includes a determination of potential project's ability to leverage other funding sources, consideration of future maintenance and operations and potential development costs of land.

Staff recognizes that there is tremendous pressure on capital and operating funding sources, the result of which results in significant competition for project funding. To help illustrate the City's commitments to a diverse array of capital projects, Figure 1 shows the current capital spending for 2019 to 2025.

Figure 1. City of Bothell Capital Program Budget for 2019-2025



VISION, MISSION, VALUES

Guided by Values

From the 2015 *Imagine Bothell…* Comprehensive Plan, the City laid out a 19-point vision statement based on a set of core community values. Nine of the statements in the vision pertain to parks, recreation, trails or the natural environment. City Council goals for 2019 place additional emphasis on the importance of parks and recreation through their intent to guide the City's focus on parks, recreation and open space partnerships. Council goals also include fiscal responsibility and stability.

Parks & Recreation Department Mission Statement

The Parks & Recreation Department enhances the quality of life for the Bothell community by providing high quality parks, natural spaces, trails, community gathering places, recreation programs and events with a strong emphasis on customer service and safety.

PARK SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

The Bothell Parks & Recreation Department was created in 2015 by City Council. The Department provides a broad range of leisure experiences and manages a park system of 26 parks that include 182 acres of active use parks and 221 acres of open space. The Department has 16 full-time employees in three areas of focus including Parks Maintenance, Parks

Planning/Park Development/Administration, and Recreation Programs and Special Events.

- Parks Planning/Park Development focuses on acquisition and development of park facilities, the development of park master plans, implementation of asset replacement projects and grant applications. Administration provides overall support for the Department in areas of budgeting, communications, customer service, contracts and capital projects administration, among others.
- Park Maintenance maintains city park and open space properties, in addition to the grounds for City Hall, emergency services buildings, courthouse, downtown properties owned by the City and streetscapes along Main Street. Responsibilities include landscaping, ballfield preparation and maintenance, playground and sports court safety inspections and repair, trail maintenance and daily maintenance.
- Recreation Programs and Special Events provides a broad range of services including personal enrichment, physical fitness, competitive sports and after-school opportunities (provided via contractors). Staff are responsible for the rental and management of the City's sports fields, picnic shelters, the Lytle House and North Creek School House. Annual special events include the Freedom Festival, Safe Halloween, Community Campout, Arbor Day and Concerts in the Park.

Additionally, the efforts of the Department are guided by the Parks & Recreation Board, a seven-member advisory group to the City Council, that provides direction regarding the expansion and operation of the City's Parks & Recreation facilities and programs, including comprehensive planning and the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP).

Accomplishments since 2014 Plan

The 2014 PROSAP Plan guided City officials, management and staff in making decisions about planning, acquiring, developing and implementing parks, recreation programs and recreation facilities. The following represents a short list of the major accomplishments realized following the adoption of the previous plan.

- Formed new Parks & Recreation Department in 2015 to focus and strengthen City efforts
- Acquired the former Wayne Golf Course
- Acquired the North Creek Forest
- Completed the transfer of Gateway Park to the City
- Added new playground equipment Volunteer Park
- Completed renovations of ballfield infields; added new synthetic turf around the bases at all North Creek Sportfields
- Organized and coordinated community events and launched new children's concert series
- Completed master plan for East Norway Hill Park
- Installed art sculpture at Red Brick Road Park

GUIDING DOCUMENTS

This PROS Plan is one of several documents that comprise Bothell's long-range planning and policy framework. Past community plans and other relevant documents were reviewed for policy direction and goals as they pertain to the provision and planning for parks, recreation, arts and trails opportunities across Bothell. The development of each plan or study involved public input and adoption by their respective responsible legislative body. The following list of plans was reviewed, and summaries for each appear in Appendix H.

- City of Bothell Comprehensive Plan (2015)
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space Action Program (2014)
- Bothell Shoreline Master Program Update (2012)
- The City of Bothell 2017-2023 Capital Facilities Plan
- City of Bothell 2019-2020 Biennial Budget
- City of Bothell 2017-2018 Biennial Budget
- City of Bothell Citizen Survey (2015)
- Canyon Park Vision Report
- Snohomish County Park and Recreation Plans (2015)
- Northshore Aquatics Needs Analysis & Location Study (2008)
- Anderson School Public Benefits Agreement (2012)

CONTENTS OF THE PLAN

The remainder of the Bothell PROS Plan is organized as follows:

- Chapter 2: Community Profile – provides an overview of the City of Bothell and its demographics.
- Chapter 3: Community Engagement – highlights the methods used to engage the Bothell community in the development of the Plan.
- Chapter 4: Goals & Objectives – provides a policy framework for the parks and recreation system grouped by major functional or program area.
- Chapter 5: Classifications & Inventory – describes the existing park and recreation system.
- Chapters 6: Needs Assessment – discusses survey results, stakeholder feedback and other recreation trend data and provides context to the identification of potential park and recreation system enhancements.
- Chapter 7: Capital Planning – details a 6-year program for addressing park and recreation facility enhancement, maintenance or expansion projects.
- Chapter 8: Implementation Strategies – describes a range of strategies and alternatives to consider in the implementation of the Plan.
- Appendices: Provides technical or supporting information to the planning effort and includes a summary of the community survey, stakeholder notes, funding options, among others.

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2 Community Profile

Located northeast of Lake Washington, the City of Bothell straddles both King and Snohomish Counties and covers over 14 square miles. Originally populated by the Native American Sammamish people, the City of Bothell was incorporated in 1909, and for many years was a center for the logging industry, then a farming community, and then a bedroom suburb for people working in the greater Seattle region. Bothell grew slowly through the first half of the twentieth century, then expanded after the construction of I-405 made the area easily accessible to Seattle and surrounding cities. Today, the city has a population of nearly 47,000 and ranks as the 26th largest city in the State of Washington.

Bothell is an affluent community with an above-average median family income and an above-average median home value. Bothell has a vibrant and rapidly expanding local economy and has large working-age population, as well many families with children. Due to the City's central proximity to Seattle, Everett and Eastside cities (Bellevue, Kirkland and Redmond), Bothell has become increasingly desirable to homebuyers and renters, as well as a hub for biotech and biomedical firms and other commercial development. Bothell also offers opportunities in higher education, with the University of Washington and Cascadia College sharing a common campus in Bothell's historic downtown.

Population

The City of Bothell, incorporated in 1909, has grown significantly over the past 25 years – from just over 12,000 people in 1990 to nearly 47,000 today (see Figure 2). The city is currently home to approximately 46,750 residents and its population is expected grow by approximately 21% by 2030, to 56,600 people.

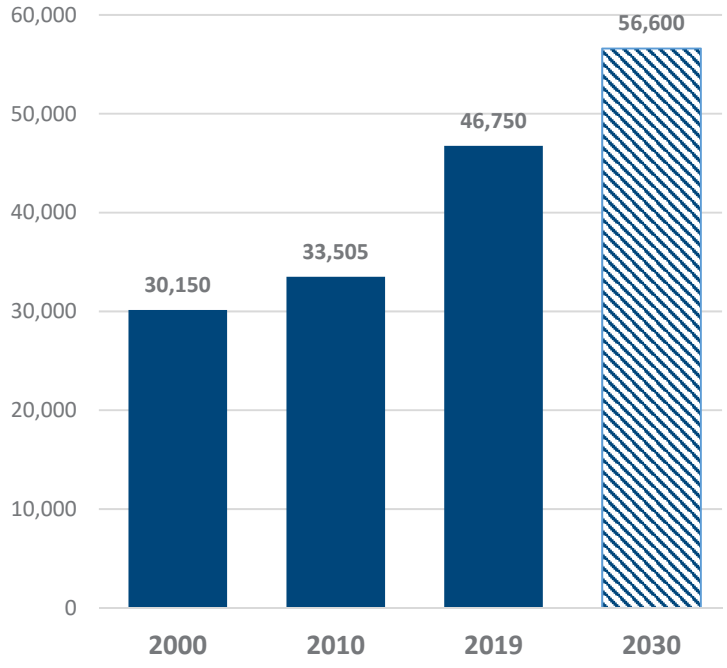
Bothell experienced strong growth in the 1950s and 1960s and again between 1990 and 2000, when the City annexed the Canyon Park area and large business centers opened in the city. Annual population growth in the 1990s was approximately 14% per year. Growth has slowed in more recent decades, to less than 5% annually. Bothell currently makes up about 1.5% of the combined population of King and Snohomish Counties.

Table 2. Population Characteristics: Bothell, King County, Snohomish County and Washington

Demographics	Bothell	King County	Snohomish County	Washington
Population Characteristics				
Population (2019)	46,750	2,226,300	818,700	7,546,410
Population (2010)	33,505	1,931,249	713,335	6,724,540
Population (2000)	30,150	1,737,034	606,024	5,894,121
Percent Change (2000-19)	55.1%	28.2%	35.1%	28.0%
Persons w/ Disabilities under age 65	5.7%	5.6%	7.6%	7.7%
Household Characteristics (2013-17)				
Households	16,813	851,077	284,477	2,755,697
Percent with children	35.2%	29.2%	33.7%	30.9%
Median Household Income	$89,477	$83,571	$78,020	$66,174
Average Household Size	2.58	2.45	2.68	2.55
Average Family Size	3.07	3.06	3.18	3.10
Owner Occupancy Rate	66.1%	57.4%	66.6%	62.7%
Age Groups (2013-2017)				
Median Age	37.1	37.2	37.8	37.6
Population < 5 years of age	7.0%	6.0%	6.3%	6.3%
Population < 18 years of age	22.7%	20.7%	23.0%	22.5%
Population 18 - 64 years of age	64.4%	66.8%	64.7%	63.1%
Population > 65 years of age	12.9%	12.5%	12.3%	14.4%

Sources: Washington Office of Financial Management Population Estimates, 2019
U.S. Census, 2000 Census, 2010 Census, 2013-2017 American Community Survey

Figure 3. Population – Actual and Projected: 2000-2030



Age Group Distribution

Bothell's population has a median age of 37.1 (2017), and a relatively high population of families with children (34%). This has important implications for park and recreation needs. Adults between 30 to 49 years old make up the city's largest 20-year population group, comprising 30% of the overall population in 2017.

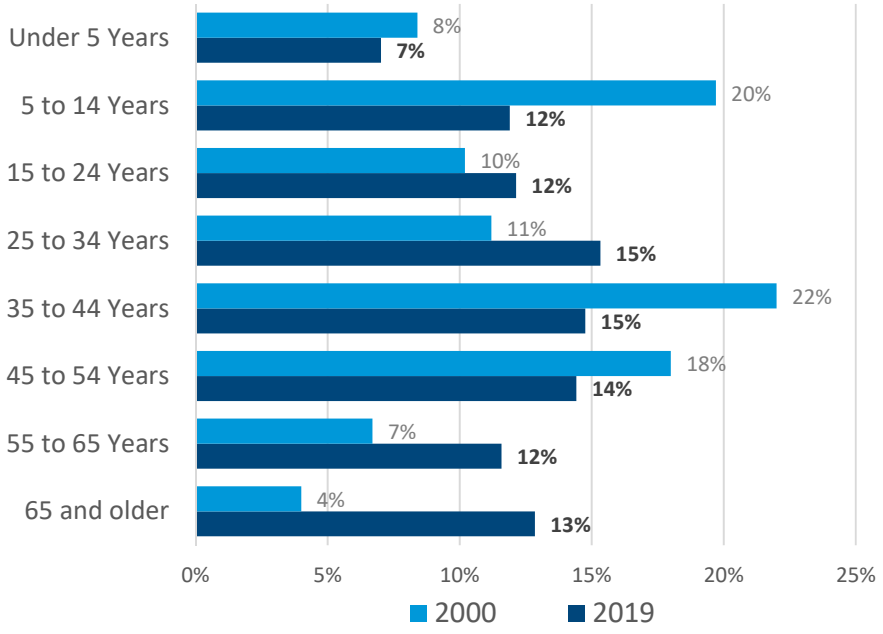
- Youth under 5 years of age make up 7% of Bothell's population (see Figure 4). This group represents users of preschool and tot programs and facilities, and as trails and open space users, are often in strollers. These individuals are the future participants in youth activities.
- Children 5 to 14 years make up current youth program participants. Approximately 12% of the city's population falls into this age range.
- Teens and young adults, age 15 to 24 years, are in transition from youth program to adult programs and participate in teen/young adult programs where available. Members of this age group are often seasonal employment seekers. About 12% percent of Bothell's residents are teens and young adults.

While approximately 31 percent of Bothell residents are youth and young adults up to 24 years of age, 45% are 25 to 54 year olds, and 24% are 55 and older.

- Adults ages 25 to 34 years are users of adult programs. Approximately 15% of residents are in this age category. These residents may be entering long-term relationships and establishing families. Over one-third of Bothell's households are families with children.
- Adults between 35 and 54 years of age represent users of a wide range of adult programs and park facilities. Their characteristics extend from having children using preschool and youth programs to becoming empty nesters. This age group makes up 29% of Bothell's population.
- Older adults, ages 55 years plus, make up approximately 24% of Bothell's population. This group represents users of adult and senior programs. These residents may be approaching retirement or already retired and may be spending time with grandchildren. This group also ranges from very healthy, active seniors to more physically inactive seniors.

The city's median age (37.1) has remained relatively constant over the past two decades and is on par with that of King County (37.2), Snohomish County (37.8) and Washington (37.6).

Figure 4. Age Group Distributions: 2010 & 2019



Race & Ethnicity

According to the 2017 American Community Survey, Bothell was 72% White, 14% Asian, 2.3% African American, 0.5% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 4.4% other race, and 6.7% from two or more races, see Figure 3. Nearly 11% of people identified as Hispanic or Latino of any race. This represents an increase of 14% in the communities of color since 2000.

In 2017, approximately 25% of Bothell's population speaks a language other than English at home, and 8% speak English less than very well. This is a higher percentage of people who speak a language other than English at home than in Washington as a whole (19%).

The City should consider how it could best provide recreational opportunities, programs, and information that are accessible to, and meet the needs of, all community members.

Household Characteristics

The 2017 average household size in Bothell was 2.58 people, higher than the state (2.55) average. Average household size has increased since 2010 (2.46). The average family size in Bothell is larger, at 3.07 people. Of the 16,813 households in the city, 68% were families, including 34% with children under 18, and 24% were individuals living alone. The number of households in Bothell is anticipated to grow to 23,124 by 2035, an increase of 6,311 households.

Employment & Education

The 2017 work force population (16 years and over) of Bothell was 35,212 (80%). Of this population, over two-thirds (70%) is in the labor force, 3.9% is unemployed, and 30% is not in the labor force. Bothell's economy centers on high-tech industries, including biotechnology, computer technology, telecommunications, engineering, and health services. Half of residents work in a management, business, science or arts occupation, with one in five working in the education or health care industry. Retail trade and the manufacturing sector also employ a large percentage of local workers (approximately 12% each) and contribute significantly to the local economy.

According to the 2017 American Community Survey, approximately 50% of Bothell residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher, and 77% have at least some college education. This level of education attainment is on par with that of King County (77%) and much higher than Snohomish County and the state (in which 68% of residents have some college). Additionally, 94% of City residents have a high school degree or higher, approximately 4 percentage points higher than the statewide average.

Income & Poverty

A community's level of household income can impact the types of recreational services prioritized by community members as well as their willingness and ability to pay for recreational services. Perhaps more importantly, household income is also closely linked with levels of physical activity. Low-income households are three times more likely to live a sedentary lifestyle than middle and upper-income households, according to an analysis of national data by the Active Living by Design organization.

In 2017, the median household income in Bothell was $89,477. This income level was over $23,300 (35%) higher than the median income for Washington households and slightly higher than that of King County ($83,571) and Snohomish County ($78,020) households.

At the lower end of the household income scale, approximately 10% percent of Bothell households earn less than $25,000 annually, relatively less than households in King and Snohomish Counties (13%), the State of Washington (17%), and across the United States (23%). In 2017, 3% of Bothell's families were living below the poverty level. The poverty threshold was an income of $24,600 for a family of four. This percentage is significantly lower than the countywide (approximately 6%) and statewide (8%) levels. Poverty affects 5.5% of youth under 18 and 5% of those 65 and older.

Lower-income residents can face a number of barriers to physical activity including poor access to parks and recreational facilities, a lack of transportation options, a lack of time, and poor health. Low-income residents may also be less able financially able to afford recreational service fees or to pay for services, like childcare, that can make physical activity possible.

Higher income households have an increased ability and willingness to pay for recreation and leisure services, and often face fewer barriers to participation. Approximately 45% percent of city households have household incomes in the higher income brackets ($100,000 and greater), significantly more than across the state (30%).

Persons with Disabilities

The 2017 American Community Survey reported 9.7% (4,283 persons) of Bothell's population 5 years and older as having a disability that interferes with life activities. This is lower than county and state averages (both approximately 12%). Approximately 8% of residents between 18 and 64 have or live with a disability. Among residents 65 and older, the percentage rises to 33%, which is par with percentages found in the general senior population of the State of Washington (36%). It signals a potential need to design inclusive parks, recreational facilities, and programs. Planning, designing, and operating a park system that facilitates participation by residents of all abilities will also help ensure compliance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Health Status

Residents of the Bothell/Woodinville area tend to be in better health than residents of King County and Washington state, according to the King County City Health Profile, developed by Seattle/King County Public Health in 2016. City residents have high life expectancies (83.4 years) and fewer residents experience poor mental or physical health as compared to

the county and state. Local residents also have lower prevalence of many health risk factors, including obesity, lack of exercise, diabetes, asthma, and hypertension, as compared to King County residents, who themselves have fewer risk factors than residents of Washington as a whole.

In addition, King and Snohomish County residents rank as some of the healthiest residents in Washington (2nd and 4th out of 39 counties, respectively), according to the County Health Rankings. Approximately 22% of King County and 29% of Snohomish County adults are overweight or obese, compared to 27% of Washington adults.

Approximately 15% of King County adults (19% of Snohomish County adults) age 20 and older report getting no leisure-time physical activity – on par with the statewide average of 18%. This may be due, in part, to the large number of places to participate in physical activity, including parks and public or private community centers, gyms or other recreational facilities. Over 95% of residents have access to adequate physical activity opportunities, which is slightly higher than the 88% average for all Washington residents.

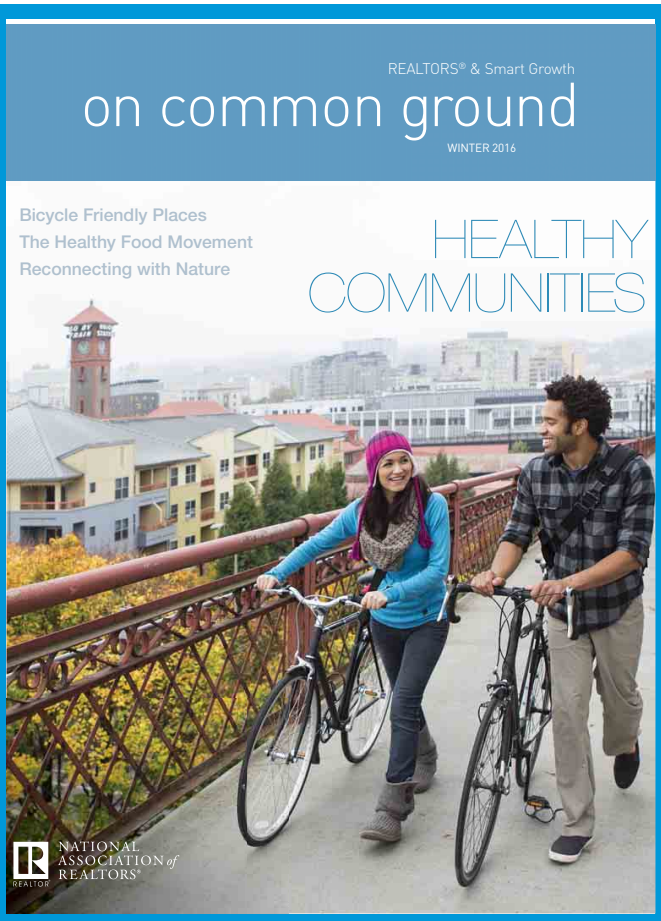
According to the County Health Rankings, King and Snohomish Counties also ranks in the top tier of Washington counties for health outcomes, including length and quality of life, and health factors (such as health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment).

From the winter 2015 issue of the National Association of Realtors (NAR) magazine, the direct link between how communities are built and grow is tied to health and quality of life. More walkable and bike-able environments with better access to nature and parks have become essential for personal well-being and needs to be integrated into community planning. The NAR articles identify walkable communities as a prescription for better health.

Even the U.S. Surgeon General sounded a call to action challenging communities become more walkable to allow more Americans to increase their physical activity through walking. The Center for Disease Control and its Healthy Community Design Initiative focuses on walkability and the need to better integrate into transportation planning.

The NAR magazine issue also reported on the value of bicycle-friendly communities and the direct tie to healthy and sustainable living. Access to healthy, locally-grown food choices is reported with the value of community gardens and urban food hubs for healthy diets, as well as connection to community engagement.

Realtors have long been aware that housing near a good system of parks and trails will hold strong appeal to buyers. The winter NAR issue illustrates the recognition that community design for healthy living goes beyond the single house location. People want choices, and these healthy community design traits of walking, biking, trails and parks all play an important role in housing prices, sales and re-sales.



3 Goals & Objectives

The goals and objectives described in this chapter define the park and recreation services that Bothell aims to provide. These goals and objectives were derived from input received throughout the planning process, from city staff, and the Parks and Recreation Board.

Goals & Objectives

The Growth Management Act (GMA) adopted by the Washington State Legislature in 1990 provided a new foundation for land use planning in selected cities and counties throughout the state, including King and Snohomish Counties and the City of Bothell. The GMA's purpose is to help communities deal efficiently with the challenges of growth to ensure their long-term sustainability and high quality of life. It identifies 14 planning goals to guide the development of comprehensive plans and development regulations (codified in Chapter 36.70A of the Revised Code of Washington). Four of these goals directly affect the development and implementation of this plan.

- "Encourage the retention of open space and development of recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks." RCW 36.70A.020(9)
- "Protect the environment and enhance the state's high quality of life, including air and water quality, and the availability of water." RCW 36.70A.020(10)
- "Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures, that have historical or archaeological significance." RCW 36.70A.020(13)
- "Carry-out the goals of the Shoreline Management Act with regards to shorelines and critical areas." RCW 36.70A.020(14)

Furthermore, the *Imagine Bothell...* Comprehensive Plan, the previous parks and recreation system plan and county-wide planning policies provide a framework for this PROS Plan.

A goal is a general statement describing an outcome the City wishes to provide. Goals typically do not change over time unless community values shift. Objectives are more specific, measurable statements that describe a means to achieving the stated goals. Objectives may change over time. Recommendations are specific actions intended to implement and achieve the goals and objectives and are contained in Needs Assessment and Capital Planning chapters of the Plan.

The Plan's goals align with the National Recreation and Parks Association's *Three Pillars*, which are foundational concepts adopted by the national organization in 2012. These core values (below) are crucial to improving the quality of life for all Americans by inspiring the protection of natural resources, increasing opportunities for physical activity and healthy eating, and empowering citizens to improve the livability of their communities.

- Conservation – Public parks are critical to preserving our communities' natural resources and wildlife habitats, which offer significant social and economic benefits. Local park and recreation agencies are leaders in protecting our open space, connecting children to nature and providing education and programs that engage communities in conservation.
- Health and Wellness – Park and recreation departments lead the nation in improving the overall health and wellness of citizens, and fighting obesity. From fitness programs, to well-maintained, accessible, walking paths and trails, to nutrition programs for underserved youth and adults, our work is at the forefront of providing solutions to these challenges.
- Social Equity – We believe universal access to public parks and recreation is fundamental to all, not just a privilege for a few. Every day, our members work hard to ensure all people have access to resources and programs that connect citizens, and in turn, make our communities more livable and desirable.

PARKS & OPEN SPACE

Goal 1: Provide an inclusive, diversified system of parks, trails and open spaces that delivers a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities that maintains the high quality of life for residents and reflects the community's changing needs.

Objectives

1.1 As funding allows, pursue acquisition and development of sites for passive and active, formal and informal recreation opportunities that accommodate activities to appeal to various age groups, ethnic backgrounds and those with special needs.

1.2 Consider identified community needs and current recreation trends in the design and development of new parks and in the enhancement of existing parks, as funding allows and with a focus on safety.

1.3 Explore options to upgrade and expand athletic fields and park amenities to provide extended year-round use.

1.4 As suitable land and funding becomes available, secure locations for new parks and open spaces, with a focus on underserved areas of the City.

- 1.4A Provide a foundational service standard of 3.2 acres per 1,000 persons for core parks.
- 1.4B Continue to explore how to provide a distributed network of parks, such that all residents live within a ½-mile of a park, trail or open space.

1.5 Identify and prioritize lands for inclusion in the parks and open space system based on factors such as contribution to level of service, connectivity, preservation and scenic or recreational opportunities for residents.

1.6 Continue to provide appropriate public access (e.g. trails, viewpoints and wildlife viewing areas) within natural areas to support passive recreation and environmental education.

1.7 Periodically coordinate with King County, Snohomish County and adjacent cities to strategize for the acquisition of parks and open spaces within or in close proximity to the Bothell urban growth boundary.

1.8 Design and maintain parks and facilities as funding allows to ensure universal accessibility for residents of all physical capabilities, skill levels and age as appropriate; assess planned and existing parks and trails for compliance with the adopted Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design.

1.9 Partner with internal city departments and outside agencies to identify opportunities to coordinate and accommodate dual use of lands associated with parks, public utilities, green infrastructure, stormwater and active transportation projects.

TRAILS

Goal 2: Develop a network of shared-use trails and bicycle/pedestrian corridors to enable connectivity between parks, neighborhoods, commercial areas and other destinations.

Objectives

2.1 Connect the existing trail network to link and complete the city-wide regional trail system and to maximize pedestrian and bicycle access to the community, as funding allows.

2.2 Continue to coordinate with nearby cities, King County and Snohomish County to support a connected trail network that provide continuous walking and biking access between parks and other key destinations.

2.3 Integrate the siting of proposed trail segments into the development review process; require development projects along designated trail routes to be designed to incorporate trail segments as part of the project.

2.4 Work with local agencies, utilities and private landholders to secure trail access and rights-of-way for open space for trail connections.

2.5 Provide trailhead accommodations, especially along major trail and walking routes, to include parking, wayfinding signage, benches, restrooms and other amenities.

RECREATION & EVENTS

Goal 3: Facilitate and promote a range of recreational and special event opportunities for the community.

Objectives

3.1 Promote, sponsor and/or partner for community events, family programs, educational activities, and other social events that serve general and special populations of the community and foster civic pride.

3.2 Leverage City resources by forming and maintaining partnerships with other public, non-profit and private recreation providers to deliver recreation and cultural services and secure access to existing facilities for community recreation.

3.3 Provide recreation programs that complement services provided by other organizations, such that unfulfilled needs are met in a self-sustaining and fiscally-responsible manner.

3.4 Develop and implement a Special Event Permit Process to assist local groups in hosting events in Bothell

3.5 Participate in organizing and promoting a centralized list of recreation programs offered to Bothell residents by both City and other agency or organization providers.

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

Goal 4: Maintain and operate a modern, efficient park system that provides a high level of user comfort, safety and aesthetic quality, and protects capital investments.

Objectives

4.1 Enhance maintenance programs that protect public property, preserve its value, and ensure its intended function or use, life expectancy, safety, security and appearance.

4.2 Maintain parks, recreation and open space facilities according to best practice and promotes community pride.

4.3 When developing new facilities or redeveloping existing facilities, review and consider the projected maintenance and operations costs prior to and as part of initiating design development.

4.4 Incorporate sustainable development and green building practices into park design and construction, including green demolition and disposal practices, use of local and recycled products when feasible, and incorporation of low-impact development techniques.

4.5 Maintain an inventory of assets and their condition; update the inventory as assets are added, updated or removed from the system and periodically assess the condition of park and recreation facilities and infrastructure.

4.6 Establish and monitor procedures to document the costs of maintaining City-owned facilities by their function, including public buildings, infrastructure, parks, trails, natural areas and public art pieces.

4.7 Develop a revolving replacement fund for capital repairs and replacements over time.

PARTNERSHIPS

Goal 5: Pursue and maintain effective partnerships and provide volunteer opportunities to support the parks and recreation system.

Objectives

5.1 Seek public/private agreements to help offset operations and maintenance of park system facilities or the operational cost of providing recreational programs, where appropriate.

5.2 Continue to partner with public, private and non-profit providers, such as organized sports leagues, to plan for projects and expand specialized facilities.

5.3 Develop public/private partnerships with commercial businesses to operate within city parks, where appropriate, to provide services such as concessions or equipment rentals.

3.4 Support volunteer and interjurisdictional efforts for restoration efforts within the major creek watersheds in Bothell, including invasive species removal, planting of native species, and the restoration of urban forests, creeks, wetlands and other habitat.

5.5 Encourage citizen volunteers to recommend a location for an off-leash dog area and to achieve development through fundraising.

5.6 Create a Volunteer Program to encourage community and business participation in the beautification of parks and open spaces or assisting with recreational programs or special events.

ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

Goal 6: Provide leadership and fiscal responsibility in the management of the park, recreation and open space system.

Objectives

6.1 As the park system expands, provide sufficient financial and staff resources to maintain the overall parks and recreation system to high standards.

6.2 Collect user fees to offset parks maintenance and recreational programs, while maintaining a competitive, reasonable cost to the public.

6.3 Update fees and charges periodically for park facilities and recreation programs.

6.4 Periodically review and update growth impact-related fees and assessment methodologies to finance projects.

6.5 Pursue alternative funding options and dedicated revenues for the acquisition and development of parks and facilities, such as private donation, sponsorships, partnerships, state and federal grant sources, among others.

6.6 Update and adopt a six-year Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) every two years to remain current with local recreational interests and account for the capital needs of the parks and recreation system.

4 Community Engagement

Community engagement and input played a crucial role in establishing a clear planning framework that reflects current community priorities. Most residents care deeply about the future of park and recreation opportunities in Bothell and appreciated the opportunity to offer feedback in the development of this Plan. Public outreach methods were varied and extensive, including:

- Meetings with Park and Recreation Board and City Council
- Group meetings and individual interviews with key stakeholders
- Workshop meeting for general public participation
- Community-wide survey
- Teen survey
- Dog park survey
- Pop-up workshops at community events
- Bothell City website with plan information and contact opportunities

Community Survey

A community-wide, mail and online survey was conducted to assess the recreational needs and priorities of Bothell residents in the summer of 2019. Overall, 381 responses were completed from the print version mail survey, and 860 responses were generated via the online link published on the City's website. In total, 1,241 survey responses were recorded. The survey measured current levels of satisfaction and which facilities were more used by residents. Residents were asked about future improvements and the types of recreational amenities they'd like to see added to the park system.

Major Findings

Most significantly, Bothell residents expressed their overall satisfaction with existing parks and recreation facilities and how much they strongly value these facilities. When asked which improvements they would like to see the City focus on, residents gave the highest priority to expanding the recreational trail network and acquiring land for future parks. Respondents supported adding all-inclusive playground equipment, splash pads, and river access.

Residents expressed concern about the pace of development in Bothell, want the City to protect access to nature, trees, and open space for both people and wildlife, and are particularly interested in the future of places like Shelton View and North Creek Forest. Other residents are eager to see improvements to Bothell's park system, particularly to the former Wayne Golf Course, or would like to see particular facilities added, such as off-leash dog parks, trails, pickleball courts, botanical gardens, and disc golf. A discussion of community survey responses appears in the Needs Assessment chapter, and the complete survey summary is provided in Appendix A.

Supplemental Surveys

Teen Survey

A second survey was focused toward the needs and insights of Bothell's teens. A short, five-question survey was circulated through Inglemoor and Bothell High Schools and was available online. The survey was conducted between mid-October and early November, and 159 responses were collected. A summary of survey findings is provided in Appendix B.

Dog Park Survey

A third survey was administered to gain insights on the topic of dog parks. An online-only, 10-question survey was used to gauge the interest in and need for a permanent dog park. City staff promoted the survey during two on-site events, via social media (Twitter, Instagram & Facebook), City's website, and posted at the dog park itself. It was also promoted by KING5 during an interview with Police Department staff. The timing of the survey aligned with a "pop-up" or temporary dog park located at the Park at Bothell Landing. The survey collected 1,405 responses, of which 1,203 self-identified as residents. A summary of survey findings is provided in Appendix C.

Stakeholder Discussions

Sports Leagues

A group of key stakeholders representing different youth sports leagues were individually interviewed over the phone to share information and ideas about their programs, current concerns and future facility needs. Participating representatives came from Northshore Lacrosse Club (NLC), Northshore Girls SlowPitch Softball Association (NGSSA), and Northshore Youth Soccer Association (NYSA).

These stakeholders were asked a series of questions about the trends in their sports league participation, shortages (if any) with their facility scheduling, and what future improvements they would prioritize to accommodate their programs continued success.

Highlights from these interviews include:

- The North Creek sportfields provide exceptional facilities and are in high demand. Parks does a fair and equitable job of allocating days and times based on very straightforward criteria.
- As each league continues to grow, time allocations for sports fields can limit their potential for practices, games and tournaments. More all-weather fields are in high demand and all stakeholders suggested the improvement of both North Creek field #3 and the Doug Allen fields to conversion into synthetic fields.
- To relieve some of the pressure on available field times, the recommendation to negotiate earlier starting times for the shared parking with the adjacent business park. Shifting from the 5:30 pm allowed time to 4:00 pm would increase the field capacity significantly. Theoretically, without too much loss of parking to office uses.
- If other sports field providers (UW Bothell & Pop Keeney) could open up their facilities for community use, more recreational programs could grow to meet the local and regional needs for sports activities.
- Converting some of the school district's fields to synthetic turf would also increase the potential available facilities for sports programming.

Environmental Organizations

A group stakeholder meeting was conducted with representatives from the Parks Foundation, Friends of North Creek Forest, One Bothell and Shelton View Forest Stewardship Association to discuss the environmental approach to Bothell's open space and conservation lands. In general, the group discussion covered the need to balance growth with preservation and ensure that connections across the city can link open spaces, parks and people to integrate lands on both sides of the Sammamish River. Beyond specific attention to the places they represented, focus was directed towards the north end of the city where there is growth and the need for more parks, trail and open spaces. The stakeholders placed high value on the role of volunteers in maintaining the City's natural open spaces without adding undue burden to the park's budget and manpower resources.

Community Workshop

Workshop style events allow for a more flexible and engaging dialogue with and between participants to share ideas and explore future prospects for the park system. A community workshop was conducted on October 10, 2019 at Bothell City Hall. The project team prepared informational displays and a presentation to share with attendees. The presentation offered an overview of the planning process and timeline, along with information about the City's park and recreation system, along with a summary of recent community survey results. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting to review materials and provide 234 unique comments. Following the presentation, attendees were asked to work in small groups to discuss project ideas and prioritize ideas by 'voting' with dots for their top interests for park system needs and for recreation program and events. The following two questions sought to identify priorities:

1. Thinking of the City's parks, trails & open spaces, what improvements to the Bothell system would add the greatest value for your use and enjoyment?
2. Thinking of the events, programs and venues, is anything missing or needs to be added / expanded to improve local options for recreation programs, events and activities?

Responses were collected and counted to rate the uppermost improvement ideas, and key findings include the following.

Top Parks, Trails and Open Space Improvement Ideas

- Trails
- Natural Areas/open space
- River Access
- Dog park
- Water Play
- Nature / Education

Top Recreation Programming Ideas

- Events
- Community/indoor centers
- Recreation programming
- Farmers Market
- Nature education/programming
- Park at Bothell Landing

A third exercise explored the concept for balancing community needs for projects with limited resources revealing the need to focus on projects that have been identified through the PROS Plan and the need to leverage funding to create the needed financial resources to achieve the proposed improvements.

Pop-up Sessions at Community Events

Recognizing that past, traditional-style public meetings or forums have not attracted a varied cross-section of the Bothell community, a significant effort was put forth to reach out with residents during a selection of community events and gatherings. In all, 18 unique pop-up sessions were conducted between April and October 2019 to share information about the PROS Plan and gather insights about priorities, preferences and ideas for parks, recreation, trails and open spaces in Bothell. The following is a list of pop-up events conducted by City staff.

April 25th – Canyon Park Open House

May 22nd – UW at Bothell, Guest Lecture

May 29th – UW at Bothell, Residence Hall

May 30th – Bothell Kenmore Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

June 1st – Pop-up at North Creek Fields

June 20th – Bothell Historical Society Lecture at King County Library (Bothell Branch)

June 25th – Bothell Kenmore Chamber of Commerce Birthday & Open House at Cascadia College

July 12th – Friday Market

July 20th – Pop-up at Park at Bothell Landing
July 26th – Pop-up at Music in the Park
August 1st – All day Pop-up at Park at Bothell Landing (Pop-up Dog Park Opening Day)
August 3rd – Pop-up at Capes for Courage 5k
August 9th – Friday Market
August 16th – Pop-up at Music in the Park
August 18th – Pop-up at Park at Bothell Landing
August 21st – Pop-up at Just Kidding Around Concert
October 10th – PROS Workshop
October 16th – Inglemoor High School

Park and Recreation Board Meetings

The Bothell Park and Recreation Board is actively engaged in providing feedback on the current and future policies for the community's park and recreation system as it is an advisory board. At its May 2019 meeting, the Park Board shared their thoughts on the current state of parks and recreation in Bothell and ideas for key projects without regard to cost. The Board targeted planning for more downtown events and activities as the Park at Bothell Landing improvements are completed. Family-oriented gathering spaces and more opportunities for active use parks and special events was voiced as a priority.

Key Project Ideas from the Park and Recreation Board

- Complete Park at Bothell Landing
- Splash pad
- Skatepark
- Trails – connect parks, multi-use trails for hiking/biking
- Adventure park (i.e., Everett) ropes course, climbing, etc.
- Community center – for classes, programs, meetings
- Dog park
- Pump track
- Water access at river – for drop-in stand up paddle boarding; have a pull-out site
- Need all-inclusive playground
- Develop more passive space with trails

The Board also cited the importance of developing and maintaining partnerships with other providers, such as UW Bothell as well as the need to reach out to businesses to convey volunteer opportunities to help with park projects.

City Council Work Sessions

The park planning effort was presented at two City Council work sessions to explore Council members' thoughts and directions for the parks, recreation and open space system. During the first meeting which sought to learn Council's goals and values for the PROS Plan update and for the Parks and Recreation Department, the Council offered ideas for adding to the

diversity of existing parks, notably a splash pad/water park and skate park. Members were particularly focused on the future improvements for the former Wayne Golf Course and expressed ideas for activating its spaces and seeking some partnerships to explore revenue generation for helping to maintain the property. Park land and future park and recreation improvements were mentioned as important for the Snohomish County section of the City especially for active recreation. The need for spaces and amenities that target teens was noted as well. Council members expressed the need to ensure that proposed improvements were realistic in terms of available funding and operational resources.

During the second study session, Council was presented with a review of key metrics on parks acreage and amenities as well as recreation and special event information. Council also reviewed the results of the Community, Teen Survey, and Dog Park Surveys; and potential capital projects and timing. Council members expressed the need to be cognizant of fiscal challenges and ensure fiscal stability in the future. As such, they expressed the need to put safety and maintenance projects first with consideration towards ADA projects and inclusivity for all persons. The construction of a permanent dog park is valued. Park land acquisition may be considered if unique opportunities arise to add to the park system especially in underserved areas of the City. Larger potential projects including Community/Aquatic Center or large land acquisition such as Shelton View Forest will require an additional funding source, e.g. voter approved bonds.

Other Outreach

In addition to the direct outreach opportunities described above, the Bothell community was informed about the planning process through a variety of media platforms. The following methods were used to share information about the project and provide opportunities to participate and offer their comments:

- City website home page
- Project website
- Email blasts
- Social media: Twitter, Instagram & Facebook

5 Classifications & Inventory

This chapter is segmented into two sections. The first section defines the various facility classifications in use in Bothell, and the second is an inventory of existing facilities.

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

Parkland is classified to assist in planning for the community's recreational needs. The Bothell park system is composed of a hierarchy of various park types, each offering recreation and/or natural area opportunities. Separately, each park type may serve only one function, but collectively the system will serve the full range of community needs. Classifying parkland by function allows the City to evaluate its needs and to plan for an efficient, cost effective and usable park system that minimizes conflicts between park users and adjacent uses. The classification characteristics are meant as general guidelines addressing the intended size and use of each park type. The following seven outdoor recreation classifications are in effect in Bothell and are defined as follows.

- Community Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Mini Parks
- Athletic Fields
- Special Use Facilities
- Open Space
- Trails & Walking Routes

Community Parks

Community parks are larger sites (10 acres or more) developed for organized play, containing a wider array of facilities and, as a result, appealing to a more diverse group of users. They serve a broader service area of 2-5 miles and generally are planned to provide active and structured recreation opportunities, as well as passive and non-organized opportunities for individual and family activities. Conservation easements or other restrictions may impact or limit the extent of site development or range of improvements provided. Community parks can also serve as local neighborhood parks for their immediate areas, and they may be connected to schools or other community facilities. Community parks are generally located on or adjoining a collector street and may also be connected with a trail system.

In general, community park facilities are designed for organized or intensive recreational activities and sports, although passive components such as pathways, picnic areas and natural areas are highly encouraged and complementary to active use facilities. Since community parks serve a larger area and offer more facilities than neighborhood parks, parking and restroom facilities should be provided.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are generally developed for a range of activities meant to be within walking distance of residential neighborhoods. They are small park areas designed for unstructured, non-organized play and limited active and passive recreation. They are generally 2-10 acres in size, depending on a variety of factors including neighborhood need, physical location and opportunity.

Neighborhood parks are intended to serve residential areas within close proximity (generally up to ½-mile walking or biking distance) of the park and should be geographically distributed throughout the community. Access to neighborhood parks is mostly pedestrian, and park sites should be located such that people living within the service area can reach the park safely and conveniently. Park siting and design should ensure pedestrians do not have to cross a major arterial street or other significant natural or man-made barrier to get to the site, unless safe crossings are provided. Neighborhood parks should be located along road frontages to improve visual access and community awareness of the sites. Connecting and frontage streets should include sidewalks or other safe pedestrian access. Additionally, street plans should encourage maximum connectivity and public access to park sites.

Generally, developed neighborhood parks typically include amenities such as pedestrian paths, picnic tables, benches, play equipment, a multi-use open field for informal play, sport courts or multi-purpose paved areas and landscaping. Restrooms may be provided where feasible. Since neighborhood parks are meant to be within walking distance, parking is not always provided; however, on-street, ADA-accessible parking stall(s) may be available.

Mini Parks

Mini parks are small parks, less than one acre and are often designed as play lots to serve nearby young children and their parents. Mini parks are the smallest park classification and are used to address limited or isolated recreational needs. These parks serve a limited radius

(generally up to ¼-mile) from the site and provide passive and play-oriented recreational opportunities. Amenities are usually limited to small playground facilities, small open grass areas, and minimal site furnishings. Passive uses may include picnic areas and sitting areas. Parking is not typically provided at mini parks.

Athletic Fields

Athletic fields are provided for youth and adult league requirements and usually include single-purpose recreational areas. This classification may include regional sports field complexes or smaller sports fields and may also be provided within a park of another classification. Athletic fields may include other recreational amenities found in other park facilities. Athletic fields are generally located along collector streets or arterials for greater accessibility.

Special Use Facilities

Special use facilities (formerly 'regional facilities' from the 2014 PROSAP Plan) include single-purpose recreational areas or stand-alone sites designed to support a specific, specialized use. This classification may include stand-alone dog parks, aquatic facilities, community centers, golf courses, sites of historical or cultural significance, such as museums or landmarks. Specialized facilities may also be provided within a park of another classification.

Open Space

Open Spaces are usually owned or managed by a governmental agency or non-profit conservation organization and may or may not have public access. This type of conserved land often includes wetlands, wildlife corridors, shorelines, rivers, steep hillsides or other natural or environmentally sensitive spaces. Open spaces may serve as trail corridors, and low-impact or passive activities, such as walking, nature observation and fishing may be allowed, where appropriate. Open spaces may be public or private and may not always be "protected" through regulations or other property mechanisms and may not provide for public access.

Trails & Walking Routes

Trails are non-motorized recreation and transportation networks ideally separated from roadways. Trails can be developed to accommodate multiple or shared uses, such as pedestrians and bicyclists, or a single use. Walking routes may combine off-road and on-road facilities. Recreation trail alignments aim to link to natural systems, public and civic activity centers, neighborhoods, schools and commercial centers.

The City provides a trail network comprised of local trails and connections to regional trails provided by others. These interconnected linkages enable recreational trail users to create loops or individualized routes depending on desired travel distances or specific destinations.

FACILITY INVENTORY

The park and open space inventory identifies the recreational assets within Bothell. The City provides over 400 acres of public parks and recreation facilities distributed among 26 sites, plus additional open space parcels. The following list depicts the available parkland inventory in Bothell.

Figure 5. Existing Inventory: City-owned Park Lands

Park	Classification	Acreage
Blyth Park	Community	38.39
Park at Bothell Landing	Community	13.37
Cedar Grove Park	Community/Athletic Fields	12.83
Centennial Park	Community/Open Space	46.50
East Norway Hill	Community/Athletic Fields	25.13
Doug Allen Sportsfields	Athletic Fields	7.61
North Creek Sportsfield 1	Athletic Fields	4.66
North Creek Sportsfield 2	Athletic Fields	3.71
North Creek Sportsfield 3	Athletic Fields	3.94
North Creek Sportsfield 4	Athletic Fields	4.58
	Subtotal	***160.72***
Brickyard Road Park	Neighborhood	3.45
Conifer View Park	Neighborhood	1.50
Madrazo	Neighborhood	4.04
Royal Oaks Park	Neighborhood	2.24
Stipek Park	Neighborhood	3.73
William Penn Park	Neighborhood	2.27
	Subtotal	***17.23***
Bloomberg Hill Park	Mini	1.03
Brackett's Landing	Mini	0.55
Horse Creek Plaza	Mini	0.53
Red Brick Road	Mini	0.39
Tall Tree Park	Mini	1.08
Volunteer Park	Mini	0.22
	Subtotal	***3.80***
former Wayne Golf Course	Open Space	89.00
Haynes Open Space	Open Space	4.70
North Creek Forest	Open Space	63.41
Pioneer Cemetery	Open Space	4.72
Swedish Cemetery	Open Space	0.58
Sammamish River Park	Open Space	54.89
Other Open Space	Open Space	4.04
	Subtotal	***221.34***
	Total City Acreage	**403.09**

Additionally, other public and private parks and open space tracts contribute significantly to the overall park system in Bothell.

The private parks and open space tracts complement the collection of existing City-owned public parklands. In total, over 782 acres of private open space have been set aside to date, comprising approximately 65% of the open space within the Bothell urban growth area. In total, over 1,400 acres of public and private lands exist within the Bothell urban growth area, which include City properties, other public lands, private parks and private open spaces.

Figure 6. Public & Private Parklands by Type

Community/Athletic Fields		
City-owned	160.72	
King County	3.21	
Snohomish County	13.49	
	Subtotal	***177.42***
Neighborhood Parks		
City-owned	17.23	
Snohomish County	12.20	
	Subtotal	***29.43***
Mini Parks		
City-owned	3.80	
Private HOA Park	14.46	
	Subtotal	***18.26***
Open Space		
City-owned	221.34	
King County	61.51	
Snohomish County	14.29	
Washington State	43.29	
Private Open Space / Common Areas	782.10	
Private Open Space (Devel Rights Owned)	79.65	
	Subtotal	***1,202.18***
	Total Acreage	**1,427.29**

The following map shows the location of existing parks and recreation areas within and around the City.

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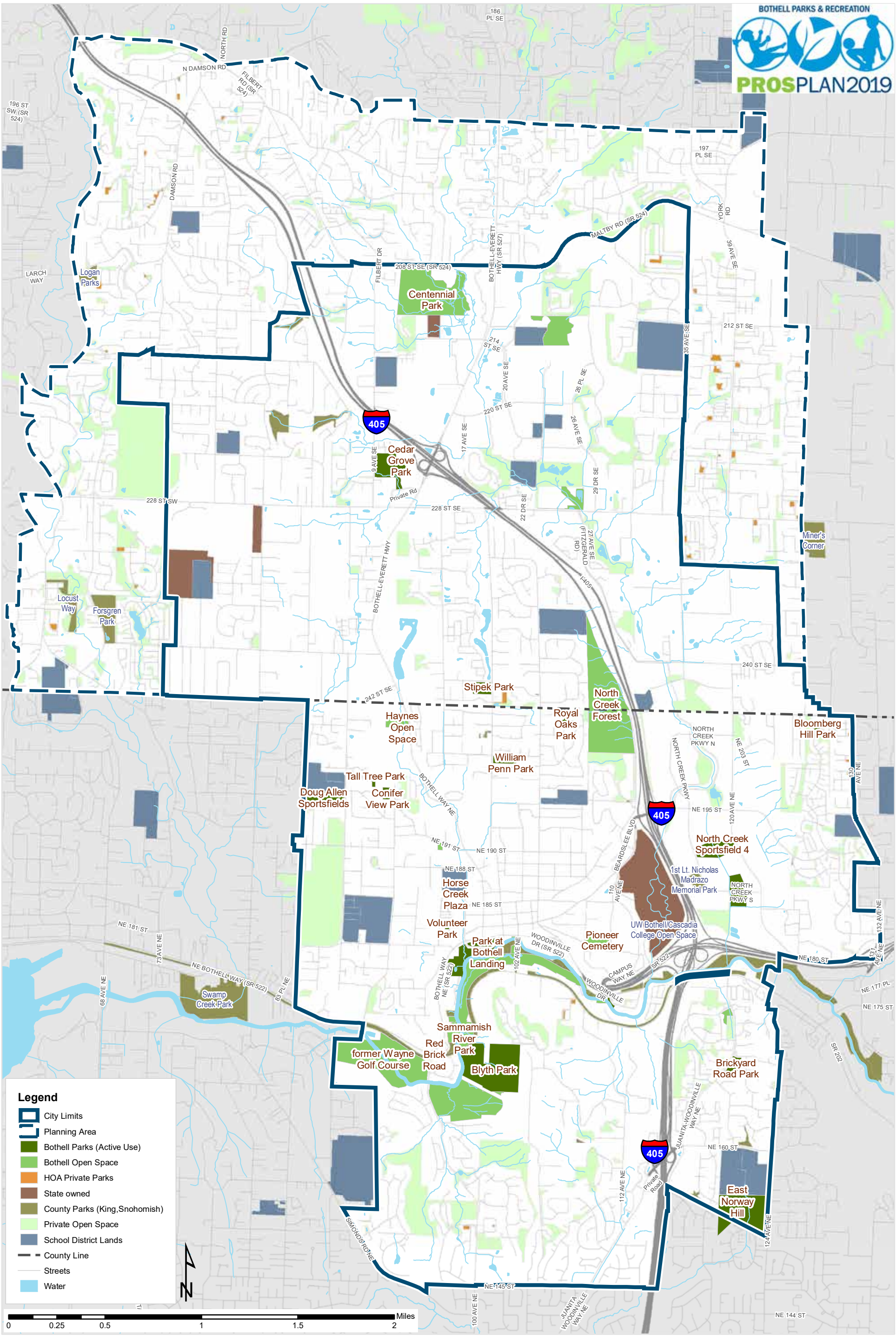

Map 1: Existing Parks & Open Spaces

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Park Conditions Assessment

The condition of park infrastructure and amenities is a measure of park adequacy and a required assurance of public safety. General park infrastructure may include walkways, parking lots, park furniture, drainage and irrigation, lighting systems and vegetation. Deferred maintenance over a long period can result in unusable amenities when perceived as unsafe or undesirable by park patrons.

The existing conditions within parks were assessed to identify issues and concerns and opportunities for future improvements. The condition assessment matrix shown on the below summarizes the results of these assessments and can be used to help prioritize needed park improvements. The matrix uses a rating system that ranks the condition of the park element based on the following scale:

1 – Good Condition: In general, amenities in good condition offer full functionality and do not need repairs. Good facilities have playable sports surfaces and equipment, working fixtures, and fully intact safety features (railings, fences, etc.). Good facilities may have minor cosmetic defects. Good facilities encourage area residents to use the park.

2 – Fair: In general, amenities in fair condition are largely functional but need minor or moderate repairs. Fair facilities have play surfaces, equipment, fixtures, and safety features that are operational and allow play, but have deficiencies or time periods where they are unusable. Fair facilities remain important amenities for the neighborhood but may slightly discourage use of the park by residents.

3 – Poor: In general, amenities in poor condition are largely or completely unusable. They need major repairs to be functional. Poor facilities are park features that have deteriorated to the point where they are barely usable. Fields are too uneven for ball games, safety features are irreparably broken, buildings need structural retrofitting, etc. Poor facilities discourage residents from using the park.

Generally a feature with a rating of "3" should have higher priority for resolution through maintenance, capital repairs or as a new capital project. Park amenity conditions were also averaged across park elements to indicate which types of elements are in greater need for significant upgrades, renovations or overall improvements. Based on this assessment, the City's sport courts, baseball/softball fields, site furnishings, and natural area vegetation are in the greatest need of rehabilitation or repair.

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Figure 7: Conditions Assessment

Park Name	Park Type	Total Acres	Acreage: Developed Acres	Acreage: Undeveloped Acres	Acreage: Open Space Acres	Recreation Amenities: Playgrounds	Recreation Amenities: Paved Courts: Basketball	Recreation Amenities: Soccer Fields	Recreation Amenities: Baseball / Softball Fields	Recreation Amenities: Sport Court	Recreation Amenities: Synthetic Turf	Recreation Amenities: Open Playfield/Lawn	Recreation Amenities: Pathways/Trails	Recreation Amenities: Other Rec Element	Site Amenities: Site Furnishings	Site Amenities: Lighting (Y/N)	Site Amenities: Signage	Site Amenities: Parking Areas	Site Amenities: Public Art	Structures: Restrooms	Structures: Picnic Shelters	Structures: Amphitheater/Stage	Vegetation: Turf	Vegetation: Park Trees	Vegetation: Landscaped Beds	Vegetation: Natural Areas	ADA: Compliance*	Comments
Bloomberg Hill Park	M	0.7	0.7			2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	Basketball court needs painted play lines. Path has pavement cracks. Play equipment should be replaced soon. Add entry from uphill sidewalk for better ADA access.
Blyth Park	C	40.8	19.5		21.3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	N	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	Add backstops to horseshoe pit. Add shade structure to play equipment. Volleyball court needs more sand & pole replacement.
Bracket's Landing	M	0.5	0.5			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	No universal access to picnic tables or waterfront edge.
Brickyard Road	N	3.5	3.5			1	2	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	2	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	Picnic tables have no paved pathway for ADA access. Site furnishings need resurfacing. Sport court developing cracks.
Cedar Grove Park	C	13.8	7.0		6.8	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	N	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	Pavement cracks and boardwalks need repairs. Some shade should be added to playground area. Equipment gets too hot on sunny days.
Centennial Park	C/OS	54.0	7.0	5.5	41.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	N	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	Improved trail pathways could encourage increased use. Connect to utility corridor pathway as well.
Conifer View Park	N	1.5	1.5			1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-		Sport court could use fresh painted lines. South side entry could use improved pathway.
Doug Allen Sportsfields	A	7.6				-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	N	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	No ADA accommodations. One dugout without protective roof.
East Norway Hill Park	C	25.1	2.7	22.4		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	N	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	Informal path system could be improved. Park needs to implement its master development plan.
Horse Creek Plaza	M	0.5				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	Section of parcel is under construction.
Madrazo Park	C	2.6		2.5		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Undeveloped field at King County wastewater treatment site.
North Creek Forest Open Space	OS	41.7		41.6		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
North Creek Sportsfields	A	14.0	14.0			-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	Y	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	
Park at Bothell Landing	C	14.0	5.9	3.6	4.6	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	Y	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	Picnic tables along river need new lumber, parts of asphalt pathways cracking, shade trees along entry drive showing stress, boardwalk decking aging.
Red Brick Road	M	0.5	0.5			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	N	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Provide at least one H/C parking space. Replace wood on picnic table soon.
Royal Oaks Park	N	2.3	2.3			1	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	Pavement cracks developing in park paths - repair needed. Re-paint lines on basketball court. Add park ID signs at side entrances.
Sammamish River Park/Trail	OS	31.6	6.4	3.0	22.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	N	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Stipek Park	N	3.6	3.6			1	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	N	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	Playground & swing set areas need better ADA access. Pavement cracks from tree root upheavals should be addressed. Trim encroaching vegetation from path in natural area.
Tall Tree Park	M	1.0	1.0			1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	Provide accessible route to one picnic table or add ADA-compliant table near path. Improve path connection (tread surface) to Conifer View Park.
Volunteer Park	M	0.2	0.2			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	Provide accessible route to one picnic table. Repair barrier/gap at playground ramp.
William Penn Park	N	2.7	2.7			1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	N	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Restripe parking area. Add net to Pickleball/sport court. Replace or remove former restroom building. Repair pavement cracks. Re-design play amenities for ADA access.
					Average rating	1.09	1.33	1	1	1.25	1	1	1.59	1	1.06	-	1	1.25	1	1	1	1	1	1.07	1	1	1.92	

NOTES

Ratings: 1= good; 2=fair; 3=poor (see reverse side for descriptions)

Park Types: M= Mini Park; N= Neighborhood; C= Community; OS= Open Space

Open Space sites: Haynes, Swedish & Pioneer cemeteries were not assessed during this review.

Park & Facility Condition Assessment

RATING SCALE

Playgrounds:

1	In good condition: no drainage issues; 0-10% material deterioration safety surfacing with a border at the site.
2	In fair condition: drainage issues; 10-25% material deterioration; some small compliance issues that could be spot fixed.
3	In poor condition: drainage issues; 25% or greater material deterioration; needs repair or replacement (but workable).

Paved Courts:

1	In good condition: no cracks in surfacing; fencing is functional, free of protrusions, and free of holes/passages; painting and striping are appropriately located, whole, and uniform in color.
2	In fair condition: hairline cracks to ¼", surfacing required; fencing has minor protrusions, or holes/passages that do not affect game play; painting and striping have flaking or color fading.
3	In poor condition: horizontal cracks more than ½" wide, surfacing required; fencing has large protrusions, holes/passages or defects; painting and striping are patchy and color has faded dramatically.

Signage:

1	In good condition: a signage system for the site, appropriate signs, no damaged signs.
2	In fair condition; multiple signage system within one site, a few damaged signs (0-10%), need maintenance.
3	In poor condition; multiple signage systems within one site, signs that are not legible from a reasonable distance, some damaged signs (10-25%), old logos, deteriorated materials, no signage.

Public Art:

1	In good condition: no vandalism; no signs of weathering.
2	In fair condition: minor signs of weathering or wear.
3	In poor condition: metal leaching/concrete efflorescence/paint peeling/wood chipped or carved into or warping; vandalized.

Park Structures (Restrooms, Picnic Shelters, Concession Building):

1	In good condition: roof has no leaks; floor shows little sign of wear; finishes are fresh with no graffiti or vandalism; all elements are in working order.
2	In fair condition: roof shows signs of wear but is structurally sound; floor shows some wear; finishes show some wear with some marks or blemishes.
3	In poor condition: roof leaks or otherwise needs repair; floor show significant wear and is difficult to maintain; finishes are dull or discolored, have graffiti, or are not easily maintained; some elements not working or in need of repair (e.g., non-functioning sink).

Park Trees:

1	In good condition: trees overall have good form and spacing; no topping; free of disease or pest infestation; no vandalism; no hazard trees.
2	In fair condition; some crowding may exist but overall health is good; less than 5% of trees show signs of topping, disease or pest infestation; vandalism has not impacted tree health (graffiti, not girdling).
3	In poor condition; Form or spacing issues may exist; evidence of disease or pests; vandalism affecting tree health; some hazard trees or trees in danger of becoming hazard trees.

ADA Compliance:

1	Appears to comply with ADA standards.
2	Some items appear to not comply, but could be fixed by replacing with relative ease.
3	A number of park assets appear not to comply, including large-scale items like regrading.

Sports Fields:

1	In good condition: thick grass with few bare spots; few depressions; no noticeable drainage issues, proper slope and layout; fencing if present is functional, free of protrusions, and free of holes.
2	In fair condition: grass with bare turf areas in high-use locations, some drainage issues in overuse areas, slope is within one percent of proper field slope, infields have grading problems (bump) at transition to grass and have no additive, may not have proper layout and/or orientation, fencing if present has minor protrusions, or holes/passages that do not affect game play.
3	In poor condition: bare areas throughout the year, uneven playing surface that holds water in certain places, drainage issues, slopes not uniform and/or more than one percent from proper field slope, improper layout and/or orientation; fencing has large protrusions, holes/passages or defects.

Pathways / Trails:

1	In good condition: surface generally smooth and even; proper width and material for type of pathway; proper clearances; minimal drainage issues.
2	In fair condition: uneven surfaces in places; some drainage issues; some cracking; narrow widths in some places.
3	In poor condition: uneven surfaces; inadequate width; significant cracking or heaving; clearance issues.

Turf:

1	In good condition: lush and full, few weeds, no drainage problems.
2	In fair condition: some bare spots, some drainage problems.
3	In poor condition: irrigation problems, bare spots, weeds, soil compacted.

Site Furnishings:

1	In good condition; not damaged; free of peeling or chipped paint; consistent throughout park. Trash receptacles, drinking fountain, picnic tables, benches on paved surface.
2	In fair condition; 0-20% furnishings are damaged and require replacing parts; some peeling or chipped paint; furnishings are not consistent, but are operational.
3	In poor condition; 20% or more are damaged and require replacing parts; significant peeling or chipped paint; multiple styles within park site require different maintenance.

Parking Areas:

1	In good condition: paving and drainage do not need repair; pavement markings clear; pathway connection provided to facility; proper layout.
2	In fair condition: paving needs patching or has some drainage problems; has wheel stops and curbs.
3	In poor condition: surfaces (gravel, asphalt, or concrete) needs repair; uneven grading; limited signage; no delineation for vehicles.

Natural Areas:

1	In good condition: barely noticeable invasives, high species diversity, healthy plants.
2	In fair conditions: Noticeable invasives, fewer species but still healthy.
3	In poor condition: Invasives have taken over, low diversity, unhealthy plants.

Amphitheater/Stage:

1	In good condition: paving, stage and stair materials have little to no cracking or peeling; vegetation that is present is healthy; seating and other furnishings show modest signs of wear; views to stage from all seating vantage points.
2	In fair condition: paving, stage and stair materials have some cracking or peeling; vegetation that is present is healthy, but some soil compaction might be present; seating and other furnishings show signs of wear, but are still usable; stage orientation not be ideal for all viewers.
3	In poor condition: paving, stage and stair materials have significant cracking or peeling; vegetation is unhealthy (pests, disease, topped trees), compacted soil; seating and other furnishings need repair or replacement; redesign of space is needed for proper viewing and access.

Landscaped Beds:

1	In good condition: few weeds; no bare or worn areas; plants appear healthy with no signs of pest or disease infestation.
2	In fair condition: some weeds present; some bare or worn spots; plants are still generally healthy.
3	In poor condition: many weeds present; large bare or worn areas; plants show signs of pests or disease; compacted soils.

Detailed inventories and assessments for each individual park are located on the following pages; however, the following summary offers a composite from on-site observations and recommendations that will contribute to the enhancement of the City's park system, character and sustainability.

Wayfinding, Identity & Signage

As part of the overall park and trail system, there were opportunities to help navigate visitors and inform them about the public spaces they were entering. A clear need was identified by the use of small park identification signs at side entrances.

A good wayfinding system can provide a consistent identity and display effective and accessible information to orient the user. This guidance system ensures efficient use of the trail, park or other public space and conveys safety to the user by translating the environment into a known geography. Signs, symbols, mapping, color, standardized site amenities combined with good design of the physical environment (i.e., trail or park) helps the user navigate the space and stay comfortably oriented.

Bothell could expand its wayfinding program to include both visual graphic standards and site furnishing standards. The use of consistent graphics and a coordinated hierarchy of sign types and sizes can provide park and trail users with wayfinding information to enhance their access and knowledge of the recreational system available for their enjoyment. A good wayfinding system applies the "simpler is better" concept.

ADA Accessibility and Compliance

As with many older parks, some architectural barriers were present in the park system. Updating and providing ADA accessibility and compliance with federal guidelines should be part of a regular capital repair schedule to ensure the reasonable access on older pavements, parking, playgrounds, picnic amenities, restrooms and recreational elements. The Bothell Park system has some ADA compliance issues with park access at parking areas, barriers to access into playground areas as well as non-complaint benches and picnic tables lacking accessible routes. The City will want to develop an ADA Compliance Checklist to identify and prioritize these deficiencies and develop a methodology for bringing all their parks into compliance.

Site Furnishings

Standards for park furnishing such as benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, bike racks, trash receptacles and other common amenities used throughout the park system can be instrumental in assuring consistent ADA compliance and streamlined maintenance and repairs. Picnic tables did not provide for wheelchair seating and many tables were located in grass areas with no accessible route from the park paved paths. Park benches should have backs and armrests and be located along accessible routes with adjacent wheelchair spaces at one end of the bench pad. Choosing a consistent style and installation design could help simplify park development and future maintenance for site furnishings. Many picnic tables were ready for refinishing or replacement of their wood tops and seats.

Bollards at trail entries are valuable for discouraging unauthorized vehicles from entering park and trails. However, several parks use dark-colored bollards for this purpose. Dark bollards tend to become invisible to cyclists in low light conditions and can become a hazard.

At a minimum, some reflective material should be applied to enhance visibility or the bollards switched out with a lighter color.

Playgrounds

The majority of playground equipment was in good condition, and the replacement of play equipment at Bloomberg Hill Park is planned for the near future. A regular schedule of playground equipment inspections should continue to be incorporated into the park maintenance routine to ensure continual play-safe structures.

Access to playground areas was not always barrier-free. Several parks were noted to lack any ramps or provisions to transfer from park pathway pavement to the lower surfacing of the playground. The drop-off edges varied from 3-6 inches, far exceeding the maximum ½ inch tolerance.

Play equipment, particularly slides, was noticeably hot on sunny days – too hot for safe or comfortable use. Incorporating shade structures that cut the number of hours and angle of direct sunlight on play equipment can enhance the park user experience and extend the amount of play value provided at many parks, including Bloomberg Hill, Blyth, Cedar Grove, Stipek, Volunteer, and William Penn Park.

Turf Management

Grass playing fields for organized sports require a higher level of maintenance and expected quality to ensure safe and continual team play during the baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse seasons. Typically these athletic fields with natural grass must be fertilized and mowed more often than typical open grass areas in public parks. Field areas that have significant clover coverage that can reduce the durability of field play and allow for uneven and eroded surfaces in the field of play. The higher level of required maintenance can be subsidized by reservation and use fees for organizations that regularly schedule those fields for the season.

Park standards can be established that specifically identify the tolerance for weed growth within natural grass sports fields and the approved methods for weed control in the public arena. Timing and notification methods should also be incorporated into adopted park standards to ensure safe application and public use.

Additionally, identifying the intentional irrigated grass areas with their associated higher levels of maintenance and the unirrigated grass zones can help with turf grass management expectations and anticipated schedules for mowing and fertilizing.

Safety

Much of the park layouts and landscapes seemed to meet the basic CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design) principles of good visibility and overall positive perceptions of public safety. Park safety conditions were generally good throughout the park system, and areas for improvements were shared with management staff.

Detectible (tactile) warning strips were missing at some junctions were park pathways intersected with parking lots or traffic lanes. As part of an ADA transition plan, the City should schedule the addition of warning strips in locations where they are missing. The black bollard locations, as noted under Site Furnishings above, were also a concern.

Buildings and Structures

Bothell Parks contain a variety of structures with variable ages. Restrooms, picnic shelters and gazebos compose the building mix in most parks. In general, the structures were in good repair. Of note, the restroom building at William Penn Park is closed and should be removed. The boardwalk at the Park at Bothell Landing is due for repairs or replacement decking. The boardwalk at Cedar Grove is in need of repair or replacement. The bridge at the Park at Bothell Landing is already planned for replacement. Annual inspections should occur to ensure continual integrity of any buildings, structures, and retaining walls.

Trails and Pavement

Pavement maintenance should address cracks and root upheavals as well as seams where different pavement types meet (curbs, bridges, sidewalk-to-trail, boardwalks, path to play areas, etc.) and have a tendency to settle at different rates to create architectural barriers to universal access. Many paved park paths have been subject to root upheavals causing pavement cracks that need to be addressed.

Sport courts and parking should have regularly scheduled repainting to ensure retention of functional court play and identified parking stalls. The basketball sport courts at Bloomberg Hill, Brickyard Road, Cedar Grove, Conifer View, Royal Oaks, and Volunteer Parks should have free throw, etc. lines painted. Some cracks were noted in several sports courts (including Brickyard Road and Conifer View Parks) and should be monitored to anticipate the eventual need for resurfacing.

Trails through natural areas should undergo regular inspections to ensure the identification of potential erosion and surface wear. Common challenges to natural area trails such as root upheavals, cracking, slumping and eroded edges can sometimes be addressed more readily if treated early. Vegetation control through brushing back is important along natural trails to keep trail corridors open from encroachment.

Trees and Landscape Maintenance

In general, the trees and landscapes in Bothell parks were in good condition. Turf grass management appears to well executed. In a few parks, additional attention may be warranted for shade trees under stress. Ensuring that park trees do not have grass growing at the base of their trunks can help to protect their trunks and roots from mower damage.

Several parks could benefit from additional tree planting to provide more extensive shade for park users and tree canopy for environmental benefit. Playground and picnic areas would benefit from more shade trees to provide comfort during sunny days when play equipment can easily heat up to be unusable. Bloomberg Hill, Centennial, Conifer View, Stipek, Volunteer, and William Penn Parks could all be destinations for additional tree plantings.

Bothell should continue its involvement in the Tree City, USA program, which demonstrates the City's commitment to the value of trees for protecting creeks and water quality, cleaning air and adding beauty to streets, parks and neighborhoods. In addition, the City could consider establishing a tree canopy replacement plan for its parks and provide a capital pruning schedule to ensure proper attention and longevity.

Natural Areas and Open Space

In general, Bothell's parks did not appear to have severe problems with noxious or invasive plant species. However, larger open spaces including North Creek Forest, Cedar Grove, Wayne Golf Course and Centennial Park, had significant areas covered with Himalayan blackberry and Scotch Broom that should be targeted for control and removal.

Regular inspections of rough mown and natural areas should include identification of noxious weeds and initiate control measures to prevent noxious weed takeovers.

Undeveloped Parkland

A number of park sites were partially or mostly undeveloped and had the potential to add more value to Bothell's park system. Park site master plans should be developed as funding allows, in phases and/or re-evaluated for design changes to reduce operational costs.

Parks for Health

Parks are an important destination for people engaging in outdoor physical activity. Physical activity is one of the most important behaviors that reduces chronic diseases and improves health incomes for all age groups. Numerous studies have demonstrated that public parks contribute to health even beyond physical activity. The NRPA report *Quantifying the Contribution of Public Parks to Physical Activity and Health* outlines several variables for parks' role in improving both community and individual health. An important variable for promoting community health is the provision of parks which are accessible through safe walking routes and contain elements that create an attractive destination.

Bloomberg Hill Park

1.03 acres **Mini Park**

Holly Hills Drive NE

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Adding additional paved path from sidewalk at west end of park will enhance ADA access to play amenities.
- Additional shade trees and/or a shade structure for the play equipment will enhance park user comfort.
- Basketball court could have play lines painted on pavement to enhance play activity.
- Playground is missing element (stand remains).

Amenities

- Playground
- Basketball sport court
- Paved path
- Open grass
- Shade trees
- Benches
- Picnic table
- Park sign
- Trash receptacle

Blyth Park

38.39 acres **Community Park**

West Riverside Drive

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Playground has no shade. Some structure for shading sliding board would be an improvement.
- Horseshoe pit could have backboards added for safer play.
- Integrating connection to adjacent former golf course will greatly enhance the open space and recreational opportunities. However, some re-routing of disc golf course hole alignment should be anticipated to avoid risk of conflict with pathway users. This section of the former golf course has very limited opportunities as it is designated salmon habitat by conservation easement.

Amenities

- Playground & swings (accessible)
- Picnic shelters (1 large & 1 small)
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Sand volleyball
- Disc golf course (10-hole)
- Horseshoe pit
- Drinking fountains
- Picnic tables & grills
- Paved pathways
- Regional trail access
- Riverfront & natural area
- Interpretive signs

Brackett's Landing

0.5 acres **Mini Park**

NE 174th Street, along Sammamish River

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Steep slope limits accessibility. Gradual path leads to benches but no ADA access is provided to picnic tables. Consider adding pathway to tables and extending existing pathway to at least one bench.
- Future street tree replacements should focus on use of native tree species rather than Norway maples (undesirable invasive) whose seeds can readily spread downriver.

Amenities

- Picnic tables & grills
- Benches
- Waterfront Access
- Historic sign
- On-street parking
- Trash receptacle

Brickyard Road Park

3.45 acres **Neighborhood Park**

Corner of NE 169th Street & Brickyard Road

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Consider adding a smaller park identification sign at side entry along upper end of Brickyard Road pathway access as well as from NE 168th Place entry.
- Low area within grove of western cedars being used as nature play area. This area could be enhanced as "official" nature play site.

Amenities

- Basketball & pickleball court
- Playground, swings & sandbox
- Paved pathways
- Open grass lawn
- Shade trees/landscaped areas
- Benches
- Picnic tables & grills
- Trash receptacles
- Park signs

Cedar Grove Park

12.83 acres **Community Park**

9th Avenue SE

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Playground area could use shade structure. Equipment gets too hot for use on a sunny day. Parents watch from shade cast by dugout roof. Additional shade needed.
- Side entries (pedestrian paths) into park could benefit by small park identification signs.
- Replace or add railings to existing bleachers.
- Directional arrows in parking area and at entrance could clarify vehicular movements.

Amenities

- Playground, swings
- Ballfield
- Basketball ½ court
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Picnic shelter
- Picnic tables & grills
- Benches
- Paved pathway loop trail
- Drinking fountains
- Natural area w/ stream & boardwalk
- Caretaker's house & service garage
- Bike rack
- Trash receptacles
- Park signs

Centennial Park

46.5 acres **Community Park**

208 Street SE (SR 524)

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Consider re-aligning benches that face small wetland basin behind schoolhouse to face the open slopes to the south.
- Locating a more formal trail connection to the utility corridor trail could be beneficial. Tread surface improvements and expanded options could improve the existing natural pathways.
- Permeable parking area with green stormwater practices could be focus of interpretive signs about environmental benefits.
- Himalayan blackberries and Scotch broom (noxious invasive plant species) in forest and natural area edges should be targets for vegetation management control.
- Observation deck behind schoolhouse should have some vegetation control to allow for some viewing into the wetland basin.

Amenities

- Picnic shelter
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Historic house/Meeting room
- Trails
- Benches
- Picnic tables
- BBQ Grills
- Drinking fountains
- Trash & recycling receptacles
- Deck overlook
- Climbing rock play area

Conifer View Park

1.5 acres **Neighborhood Park**

NE 195th Street

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- More shade trees could benefit playground area in south section of park.
- North connection to Tall Tree Park could be more formalized with pathway improvements and signage communicating the connection.
- Park could benefit from creation of a loop trail that connects to all four potential entry accesses into park.
- Side entries could use small park identification signs to clarify public access and provider information.
- Consider resurfacing the sport courts in the next 5 years.

Amenities

- Playground
- Sport court
- Open grass lawn area
- Shade trees
- Picnic tables & grill
- Bench
- Informal connection to Tall Tree Park

Doug Allen Sportfields

7.6 acres

88 Avenue NE

Athletic Fields

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Neighboring LDS Church may allow shared parking for game events.
- One dugout does not have roof to offer protection from balls, rain or sun.
- Replace or add railings to existing bleachers

Amenities

- Open grass sports fields
- Backstop with dugouts
- Restrooms
- On-street parking
- Perimeter chain link fencing
- Park ID sign
- Perimeter shade trees
- Bleachers
- Equipment storage containers
- Sand bin for turf repairs
- Trash receptacles
- Bench

East Norway Hill Park

25.1 acres **Community Park**

NE 155 Street

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Adjacent to school property and its sports fields. Trail system could have more developed tread definition and extend better into natural area and utility corridor trail.
- A master plan has been designed to guide future development of the park. Access should be planned to accommodate park users of all abilities (ADA compliance). Park needs future designated parking area.

Amenities

- Open grass area
- Natural area
- Hiking trails
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Trash receptacles
- Park identification sign
- Trail along utility corridor

Horse Creek Plaza

0.5 acres **Mini Park**

Thorsk Street and Pop Keeney Way

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Additional seating locations are currently being considered; project is under construction.

Amenities

- Day-lighted stream corridor
- Habitat conservation area
- Lighting
- Paved walkways
- Native vegetation & stream
- Directional signs
- Street trees
- Dog waste bag dispensers
- Decorative fencing
- Stream crossings

North Creek Forest Open Space

63.41 acres **Open Space**

Entrance from 112th Avenue NE

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- The trail system could use better alignment to avoid seeps and wet areas, improved drainage crossings, tread hardening and vegetation control to keep trail space open.
- A wayfinding system could provide information for trail users about directional paths, connections, distances, and help hikers navigate the forest better.

Amenities

- Natural area with hiking trails
- Stairway with railing
- Sign identifying natural area
- Entrance sign
- Restoration areas

North Creek Sportfields

16.89 acres **Athletic Fields**

Along North Creek Parkway

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- No roofs on dugouts on Sportfields #3. Consider adding protective cover.

Amenities

- Multiple sport fields
- All-weather turf playing surfaces
- Restrooms
- Shared parking
- Field identification signs
- Bleachers
- Dugouts, backstops, etc.
- Lighting
- Paved pathway system along channelized stream
- Drinking fountains
- Picnic tables

Park at Bothell Landing

13.37 acres **Community Park**

At NE 108th Street along Sammamish River

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- A draft master plan was created in July 2010 that indicates changes after bridge relocation. As that master plan is refined and finalized, compliance with ADA guidelines should be assured.
- Panels of aging interpretive signs should be planned for replacement as they become less legible.

Amenities

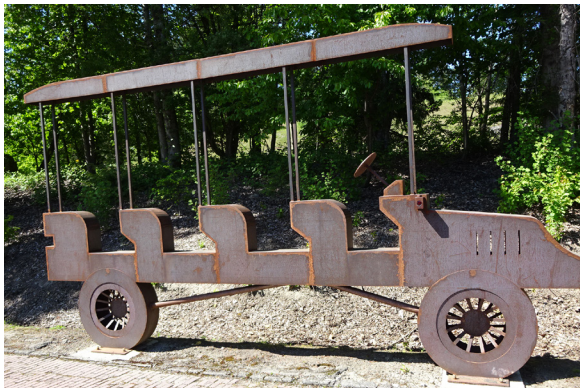
- Bothell Historical Museum
- Historic schoolhouse & cabin
- Playground & swings
- Parking
- Amphitheater
- Event rental space (Lytle House)
- Trailhead to Sammamish River Trail
- Bridge crossing to Sammamish River Trail (to be replaced)
- Picnic tables & grills
- Benches
- Gazebo
- Paved paths
- Boardwalk through natural area
- Stream restoration plantings (Horse Creek)
- Concessions (bikes, SUPs, kayaks)
- Bike rack
- Trash receptacles
- Hand-carry boat launch from shore
- Interpretive signs

Red Brick Road

0.5 acres

Mini Park

Off 96th Avenue at Burke-Gilman Trailhead



Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- At least one designated handicapped parking space should be delineated for access to historic site as well as to Burke-Gilman Trail.

Amenities

- Parking
- Picnic table
- Bench
- Interpretive kiosk
- Public art
- Historic road feature
- Picnic table
- Shade trees
- Trash receptacle

Royal Oaks Park

2.25 acres **Neighborhood Park**

NE 204th Place

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Dense shaded area of western cedar grove could provide opportunity for a "nature play" amenity.
- Add smaller park identification signs at each side entrance.
- Lines could be re-painted on basketball court and sport court.

Amenities

- Playground
- Sport court
- Basketball court
- Paved pathways
- Natural cedar grove
- Shade trees
- Trash receptacles
- Picnic table & grill
- Bench

Stipek Park

3.73 acres **Neighborhood Park**

Corner of 19th Avenue SE & 242nd Street SE

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Playground area has drop-off barrier into wood chip surface (not ADA compliant). More wood chips need to be against existing pavement depression or a ramp should be created to address universal access.
- Playground equipment has no shade and slide can get too hot for use on sunny days. Provide shade structure for comfort and safety.
- Separated swing set area does not have universal access. Connect with path and ramp.
- Path system could connect more formally through the natural area.
- Side entrances into park could benefit with addition of small park identification signs.
- Existing Lombardy poplars are aging and should be planned for removal in coming years. Plan for replacement with native canopy tree species.

Amenities

- Restroom
- On-street parking
- Basketball sport court
- Playground & swings
- Small picnic shelter
- Open grass lawn
- Shade trees
- Paved paths
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Drinking fountain
- Trash receptacle
- Natural Area

Tall Tree Park

1 acre

Mini Park

At cul-de-sac on 89th Place NE

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Provide a more all-weather surface for the trail connection between Tall Tree and Conifer View Parks.
- Site furnishings not on accessible routes for ADA compliance. Consider adding a path to one of the picnic tables or providing a new table adjacent to the existing paved path.

Amenities

- Playground
- Paved paths
- Drinking fountain
- Picnic tables
- Bench
- Trash receptacle
- Connection to Conifer View Park

Volunteer Park

0.22 acres **Mini Park**

Holly Hills Drive NE

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- Play equipment gets too hot for use on sunny days. Consider adding shade structures in playground or more shade trees nearby.

Amenities

- Playground
- Basketball sport court
- Paved path
- Shade trees
- Open grass lawn
- Drinking fountain
- Picnic table
- Bench
- Commemorative rock
- Park identification sign

William Penn Park

2.7 acres **Neighborhood Park**

100th Avenue NE

Design Opportunities as Funding Allows

- No shade for playground or picnic table limits comfort for park visitors. Consider adding shade structure to play area and more shade trees near picnic table and swing set.
- Old restroom building should be demolished to allow expansion of playground or addition of small picnic shelter. Playground and picnic table are not ADA accessible.
- Entry and exit into parking lot should have clear directional arrows painted into asphalt to clarify intended traffic pattern.
- Designated handicap parking stall needs to add sign and painted travel aisle marking.
- Plan for eventual replacement of red-leaf Norway maples along parking lot. Red photinia hedge along parking lot is not recommended in CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design) guidelines since it blocks visibility between park & parking lot. Consider removal.

Amenities

- Playground
- Swings
- Parking lot
- Sign kiosk
- Paved path
- Sport court
- Shade trees
- Open grass lawn
- Picnic table
- Bench
- Public Mural on water tower
- Former restroom building (closed)
- Drinking fountain (not operating)

Other Recreational Resources

Snohomish County-Owned Parklands

Forsgren Park

Forsgren Park located at 23109 Carter Road, provides two practice soccer fields, baseball fields, parking, picnic tables, playground, walking paths, and restroom facilities on a former county gravel pit. The Northshore Soccer Youth Association funded the all-weather sports fields and manages the fields and their scheduling. The park is within the municipal urban growth area (MUGA) for Bothell.

Locust Way Park

Locust Way Neighborhood Park developed one acre in 2003. Owned and managed by Snohomish County Parks, the park contains a section of Swamp Creek, and woodland trails through a six-acre natural area. This park is within Bothell's MUGA.

Logan Park

A former sand and gravel pit originally developed in the 1970s, Logan Park is a five-acre property with a jogging path, picnic tables, playground, parking, restrooms, basketball court and ballfield. This park is within Bothell's MUGA.

Miner's Corner Park

Miner's Corner is 12-acre community park developed as a universally accessible facility with its focal point as a large accessible playground and nature-play area. The playground provides a tall lookout tower with an accessible ramp. The stormwater-fed sand & water garden provides opportunities for interaction with water. Numerous paths and play spaces in the woods and along a created intermittent stream emphasize exploration and discovery. Pathways provide a ½ mile perimeter loop. An open lawn area allows for a variety of sports and field games. The sports court contains 1/2 court basketball, four square and hopscotch spaces.

King County-Owned Trails & Parklands

1st Lt. Madrazo Memorial Park

This undeveloped park site is located on top of a wastewater storage tank owned and operated by King County. A 2012 master plan for site development proposes a multi-purpose sports field to support youth soccer, youth baseball and volleyball. A basketball court, restrooms and a picnic shelter are also proposed in the master plan. The City has negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement for development with the County. Implementation may be phased depending on level of secured funding.

Sammamish River Park

King County Parks and the City of Bothell have partnered to own and manage open space along the Sammamish River in conjunction with the regional Sammamish River Trail. The Park contains natural riparian forest and restoration areas to support both wildlife habitat and the health of the River. The Park abuts Blyth Park to the south and a bridge connects the Park to the Park at Bothell Landing across the Sammamish River.

Burke-Gilman/Sammamish River Trail

The Burke Gilman and Sammamish River Trails provides regional trail connections as part of the Locks to Lakes Corridor. The Sammamish River Trail is paved its entire 10.1 mile length from Bothell to Marymoor Park in Redmond. The Burke-Gilman Trail intersects with the Sammamish River Trail near Blyth Park and continues more than 20 miles to Shilshole Bay in Seattle. It is King County's most heavily used regional trail.

Tolt River Pipeline Trail

This trail is part of the 12-mile utility easement corridor running from Bothell to the Snoqualmie Valley. The route follows the Tolt Pipeline that brings water to Seattle from the South Fork Tolt Reservoir. There are small parking spots where the trail crosses arterial roads but without trail support facilities. Trail offers views of distant mountains (weather permitting) and accommodates a variety of trails users. Lots of hills for cardio workouts. The 80-foot wide easement allows for a variety of wildlife encounters and quiet spaces.

Other Park & Recreation Providers

Northshore YMCA (YMCA of Greater Seattle)

The Northshore YMCA provides facilities and programming to support a wide range of health, fitness and social services. Child care, summer camps, teen programs and youth & family activities and events support community quality of life. Swimming lessons, swim team and drop-in swim times fill a local need for aquatic programming. Health and fitness classes, personal training and recreation activities are offered. The following facilities support programming and self-guided recreation.

- Fitness Center
- Indoor Track
- Kids Zone
- Odyssey Ropes Course
- Outdoor Climbing Wall
- Racquetball Court
- Swimming Pool and Spa
- Two Gymnasiums

Alderwood Boys & Girls Club

The Alderwood Boys & Girls Club offers before and after-school programs and summer drop-in for youth and teens. Child care is available at their Martha Lake Elementary School facility. The Club's sports programs include basketball, volleyball, flag football and soccer. Other recreational programs involve arts and crafts, computer education, healthy habits, power hour, STEM, Friday Teen Nights and Leadership/Service trailing. The Alderwood Boys and Girls Club has a full-sized gym and the Echelbarger Teen Center.

Kirkland Parks & Recreation

Kirkland's Parks and Community Services Department provides a wide range of recreation programming and activities from sports to learning programs as well as events and performing arts. The Peter Kirk Community Center includes a public outdoor pool with swimming and recreation programming. Kirkland's recreation programming includes adult fitness, adult dance, preschool activities, youth activities, gymnastics, trips and special events for seniors. Their non-resident fee structure allows for use of programming and facilities by Bothell residents.

6 Needs Assessment

The planning process assesses park and recreation activity, facility and programming needs and priorities and relies heavily on public input, park inventory conditions and gives consideration to state and national recreation trends. This planning assessment concludes with a detailed discussion of specific, local needs and how they might be considered within the broader parks, trails and recreation system with an eye toward fiscal responsibility and funding constraints.

By considering the location, size and number of facilities by type and use, along with community interests and priorities, this plan evaluates the current and future demand for park and recreation amenities. The six-year Capital Facilities Plan which identifies and prioritizes crucial upgrades, improvements and expansions is founded on this work of assimilating the park system assessment, safety and maintenance priorities and the needs expressed by residents.

TRENDS & PERSPECTIVES

The following summaries of state trends and local insights reflect potential recreational activities and facilities for future consideration in Bothell's park system. Examining current recreation trends can help inform potential park and recreation improvements and opportunities that may create a more vibrant parks system as it moves into the future. Additional trend data and summaries are provided in Appendix F.

Statewide Trends

Washington Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

The *2018-2022 Recreation and Conservation Plan for Washington State* provides a strategic direction to help assure the effective and adequate provision of outdoor recreation and conservation to meet the needs of Washington State residents. The plan identified near and long-term priorities with specific actions within each priority to help meet the outdoor recreation and conservation needs within the state.

Five priority areas:

1. Sustain and Grow the Legacy of Parks, Trails, and Conservation Lands
2. Improve Equity of Parks, Trails, and Conservation Lands
3. Meet the Needs of Youth
4. Plan for Culturally Relevant Parks and Trails to Meet Changing Demographics
5. Assert Recreation and Conservation as a Vital Public Service

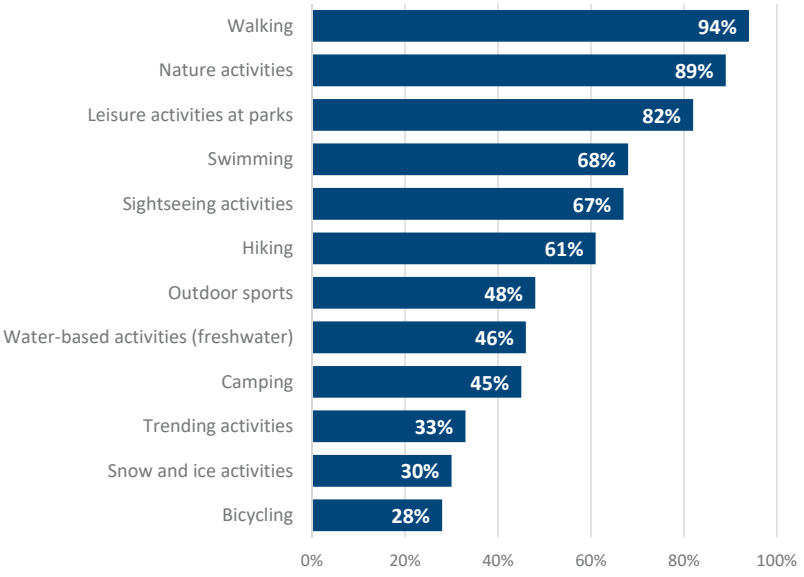
Improve Equity

The National Recreation and Park Association's position on social equity states:

> *"Our nation's public parks and recreation services should be equally accessible and available to all people regardless of income level, ethnicity, gender, ability, or age. Public parks, recreation services and recreation programs including the maintenance, safety, and accessibility of parks and facilities, should be provided on an equitable basis to all citizens of communities served by public agencies."*

The Washington plan restates that equity goal for all its citizens. Improving equity is also a strategy for improving a community's health. Current statewide participation rates in outdoor activities were surveyed as part of the plan.

Figure 8. Participation Rates for Washington Residents in Outdoor Activities



Local Insights

Local recreation demands and needs were explored through a variety of public engagement to gather feedback on strengths and limitations of existing park and recreational resources available to Bothell residents. Public outreach notification to generate interest in the PROS Plan project included a two-month long online community survey, stakeholder discussions, an open house to review opportunities across the park system, and pop-up displays at several community events during the summer of 2019.

Community Survey

A community survey was conducted from June to August 2019 and was designed to measure the level of satisfaction with existing parks and recreation opportunities in Bothell and the priorities for future improvements and services.

97%

SAID PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION ARE IMPORTANT OR ESSENTIAL TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE

90%

HAVE VISITED THE PARK AT BOTHELL LANDING IN THE LAST YEAR

73%

SAY USING TRAILS ARE A REASON FOR VISITING LOCAL PARKS & OPEN SPACE

Bothell residents strongly value their parks and recreation facilities.

- Nearly all residents (97%) think parks and recreation are important to quality of life in Bothell.

Residents use the City's existing parks for a variety of reasons.

- Large majorities of residents have visited the Park at Bothell Landing (90%) and Blyth Park (76%), while fewer have visited Cedar Grove Park (40%) and Centennial Park (35%). Bothell residents most commonly visit local parks and recreation facilities to use trails, relax, or for fitness.

Residents are generally satisfied with existing parks and recreation facilities.

- The majority of residents who had visited Bothell parks gave them condition ratings of excellent or good.
- However, over half of respondents said they would visit City parks more often if the City provided more information (13%), addressed crowding (13%), provided more nearby parks (11%), added desired facilities or equipment (10%), or addressed maintenance (5%) or accessibility issues (2%).
- Specifically, many residents wrote in requests for more places to walk or play with their dogs; places to play pickleball; more parking; and cleaner restrooms.

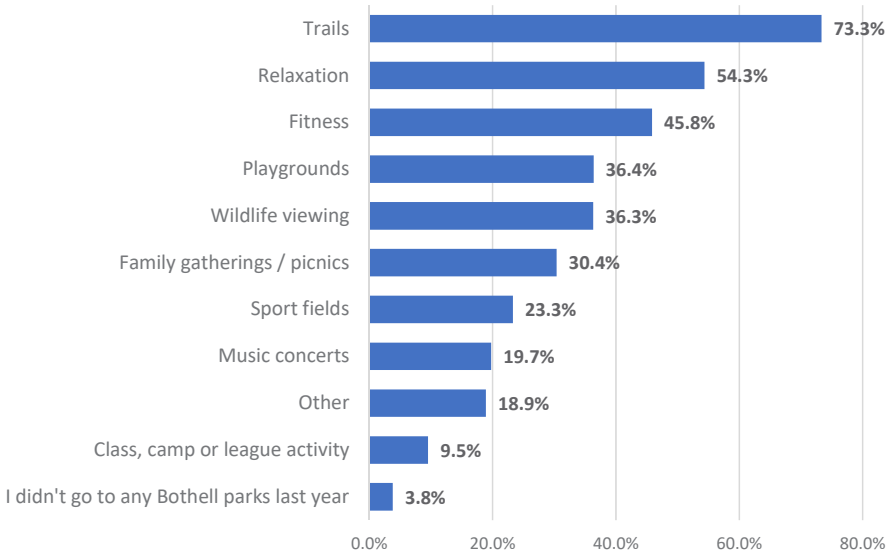
Residents would like to see improvements made to the parks & recreation system, but also want to see the City preserve land for future parks and natural areas.

- When asked which improvements they would like to see the City focus on, residents gave the highest priority to expanding the recreational trail network and acquiring land for future parks.
- Developing new amenities in parks and acquiring land for open space were slightly lower priorities for residents.
- Respondents support adding all-inclusive playground equipment, splash pads, and river access.

Bothell residents visit local parks and recreation facilities for a variety of reasons. The most popular activities are using trails (73%) or relaxation (54%). More than one-third of respondents visited for fitness (46%), use a

playground (36%), or to view wildlife (36%). Between 10% and 30% of respondents visited Bothell parks for mountain bike trails or for athletic fields. In addition, 96 respondents (9%) wrote in that they visit parks to walk or play with their dogs, and 51 respondents (4%) wrote in that they visited to play disc golf.

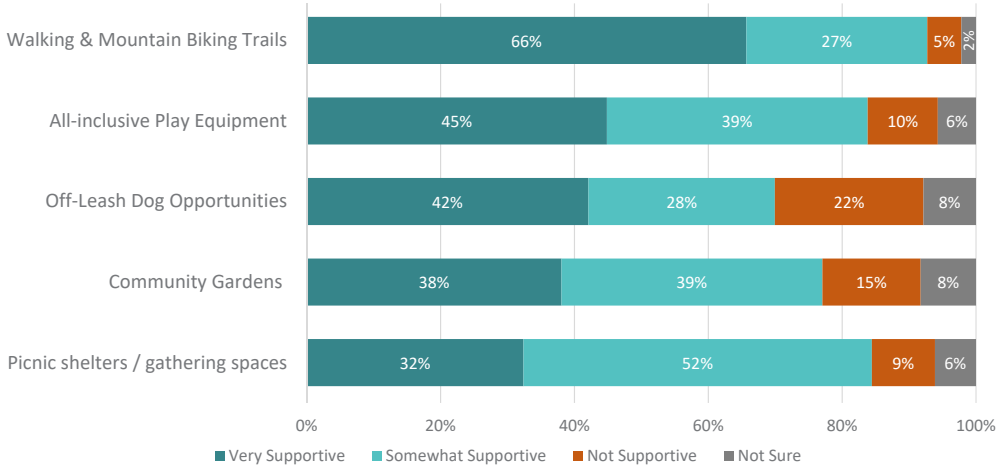
Figure 9. Main Reasons Respondents Visit Bothell Parks & Open Spaces



The survey asked residents a series of questions regarding their needs for typical park and recreation facilities.

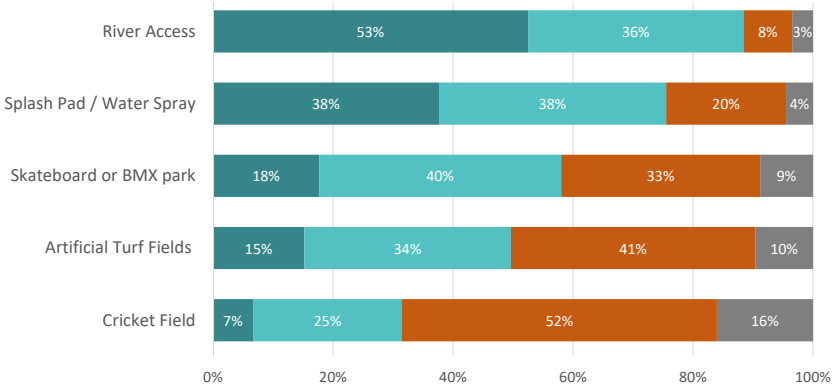
When given a list of potential low cost park amenities the City could consider adding to the park system, respondents were supportive of all options listed. They were most supportive of adding multi-use walking and mountain biking trails and all-inclusive playground equipment.

Figure 10. Interest in Various 'Lower Cost' Park Amenities



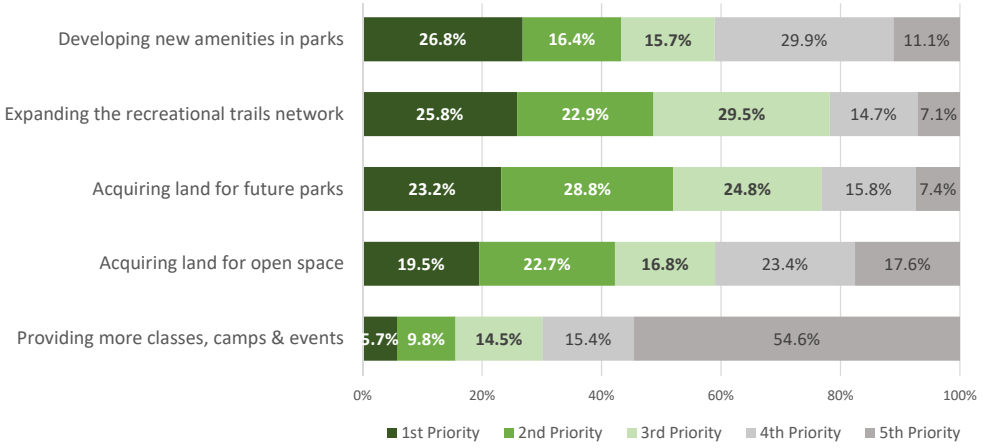
When presented higher-cost potential improvements, respondents were highly supportive of adding splash pads or water spray features and improving river access. In a separate question, residents also expressed a willingness to increase taxes to fund additional splash pads and a community center. Respondents were less supportive of adding skateparks, artificial turf fields or cricket fields.

Figure 11. Interest in Various 'Higher Cost' Park Amenities



When asked which park and recreation improvements they would like to see the City focus on, respondents gave the highest single priority to developing new amenities in parks (27%). In looking at the sum of top three responses, more than three quarters of respondents identified expanding the recreational trail network (78%) and acquiring land for future parks (77%) as one of their top three priorities (each with a weighted average score of 3.5 on a five point scale). Acquiring lands for future parks was a higher priority in the northeast area of Bothell compared to other areas, and expanding the recreational trail network was a higher priority to respondents from the southeast area. Developing new amenities in parks and acquiring land for open space were slightly lower priorities for residents.

Figure 12. Prioritizing Park & Facility Improvements



The survey provided residents with multiple opportunities to share their ideas and suggestions via open-ended responses. Common themes from these comments include:

- Many respondents are concerned about the pace of ongoing development in Bothell and want to make sure the City protects access to nature, trees, and open space for both people and wildlife. They are particularly interested in the future of places like Shelton View and North Creek Forest.
- Many respondents noted that they are eager to see a permanent off-leash dog park in the City, either because they would use it themselves or because they hope it would lessen the number and impacts of unauthorized off-leash dogs in Bothell parks.
- Respondents expressed interest in, and enthusiasm for, the redevelopment of the former Wayne Golf Course. While some respondents hoped the City would keep a small golf course, most residents hoped for new amenities.
- Some respondents are concerned that future park acquisition, improvement and maintenance

will require raising taxes above what they consider sustainable. Some felt that the City should 'live within its means' and that existing revenues should be sufficient to fund park needs. Others would like to see the City ask more of developers to fund the park system necessary to meet the needs of new development.

Teen Survey

A second survey was focused toward the needs and insights of Bothell's teens. A short, five-question survey was circulated through Inglemoor and Bothell High Schools and was available online.

Key Findings

- The most popular activities for teens include hanging out with friends, watching movies, sports, going to the beach and hiking.
- The top amenities teens would like to see in Bothell are a hang out space and walking trails.
- The top event types that teens would attend include movies in the park, food truck nights, teen concerts and festivals and special events for teens.

Dog Park Survey

A third survey was administered to gain insights on the topic of dog parks. During the course of this planning project, the City implemented a temporary off-leash dog park, and it was very well-received by the community. An online survey was used to gauge the interest in and need for a permanent dog park and explore core concerns and issues about such a facility.

Key Findings

- Nearly 91% of the respondents said a dog park was definitely needed.
- A plurality of respondents (41%) take their dog on daily or multiple walks per day around the neighborhood.
- The top three dog park amenities include a double-gated entry, water source for dogs and shade for dogs and humans.

Public Event Pop-ups & Meetings

Community events were used as another way to capture insights from the community. Eighteen different pop-up events, plus one community meeting, provided additional thoughts on project ideas and local priorities.

Top Parks, Trails & Open Space Improvement Ideas

- Trails
- Natural Areas/open space
- River Access
- Dog park
- Water Play
- Nature / Education

Park Distribution – Gap Analysis

Bothell residents are fortunate to have access to great parks; however, Bothell's projected growth will place further pressure on access to new recreational lands. Understanding the known gaps in the park system and evaluating the City's existing levels of service for parks will provide a foundation for strategic planning as a basis for a balanced distribution of parks, trails and recreation amenities in the future.

To better understand where acquisition efforts should be considered, a gap analysis of the park system was conducted to examine and assess the current distribution of parks throughout the city. The analysis reviewed the locations and types of existing facilities, land use classifications, transportation/access barriers and other factors as a means to identify preliminary acquisition target areas. In reviewing parkland distribution and assessing opportunities to fill identified gaps, residentially zoned lands were isolated, since neighborhood and community parks primarily serve these areas. Additionally, walksheds were defined for neighborhood parks using a ¼-mile primary and ½-mile secondary service area with travel distances calculated along the road network starting from known and accessible access points at each park. Walksheds for community parks were derived using ¼-mile, ½-mile, 1-mile and 3-mile travel distances to acknowledge that community parks (including athletic fields) serve a wider array of users and driving to such sites is typical.

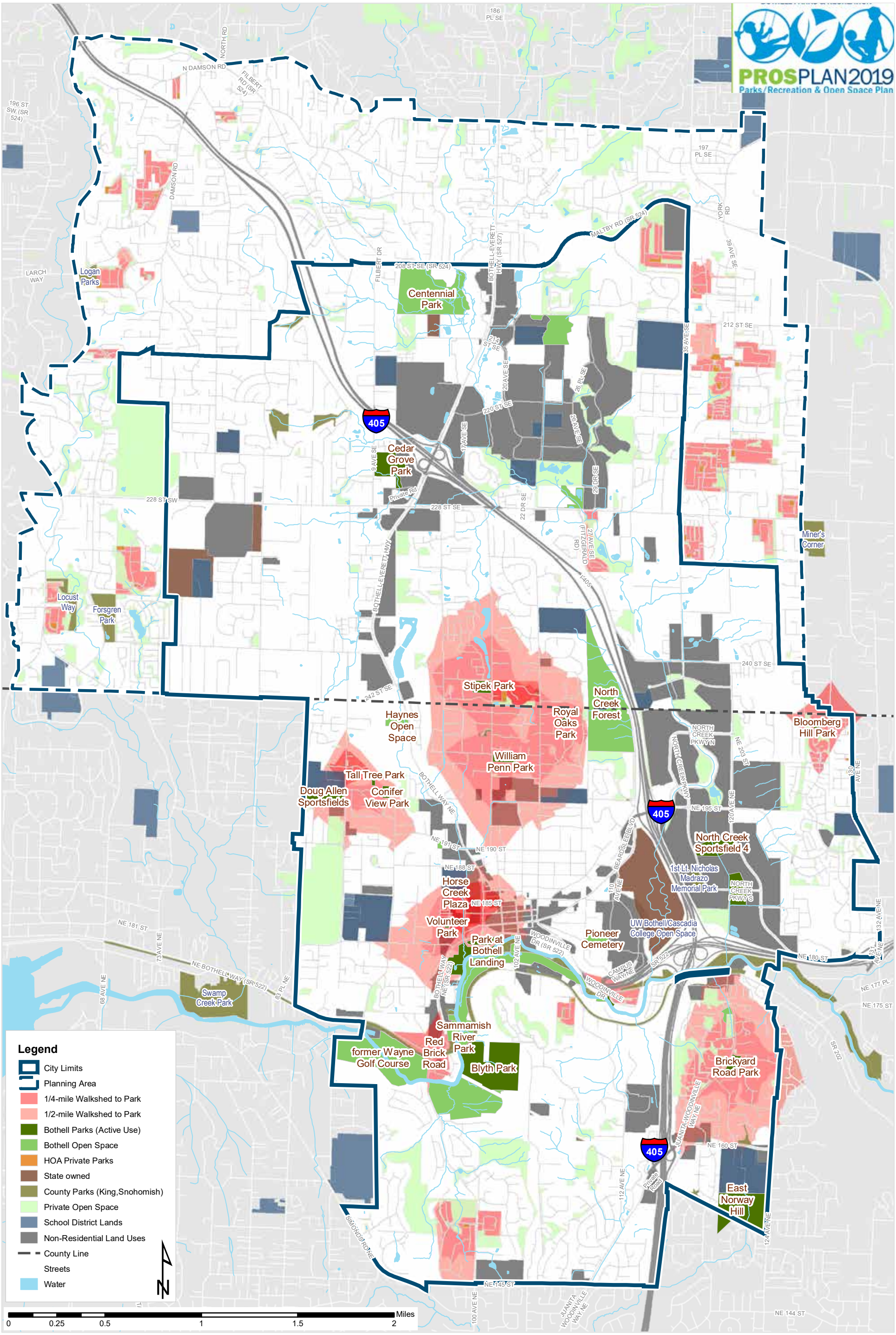
Maps 2 through 5 illustrate the application of the distribution criteria from existing parks. Areas in white do not have a public park within reasonable walking distance of their home. The illustrated 'walkshed' for each existing Bothell park highlights that certain areas within the city do not have the desired proximity to a local park.

Striving to provide a neighborhood or community park within a reasonable walking distance (e.g., ½-mile) may require acquiring new park properties in currently under-served locations, improving multi-modal transportation connections to allow local residents to safely and conveniently reach their local park, and evaluating the potential use of school sites as proxies for local neighborhood parks. As Bothell develops and acquisition opportunities diminish, the City should consider taking advantage of acquisition opportunities in strategic locations and as funding allows to better serve City residents. In concert with the search for developable park land, the City should continue to coordinate with proposed residential land development projects to consider when and how a public park could be incorporated into the planning of new residential communities.

Resulting from this assessment, potential acquisition areas are identified for future parks (Map 6) and are noted in the Capital Planning chapter of this Plan. The mapping targeted five sites for future parks for the near- to long-term:

- Acquisition (4-5 ac east-central Bothell)
- Acquisition (3-5 ac west-central Bothell)
- Acquisition (2-4 ac Alderwood area)
- Acquisition (2-5 ac Kennard area)
- Acquisition (2-3 ac Norway Hill area)

While the targeted acquisition areas do not identify a specific parcel(s) for consideration, the area encompasses a broader region in which an acquisition would be ideally suited. These acquisition targets represent a long-term vision for improving parkland distribution across Bothell. In addition, the City of Bothell should coordinate with Snohomish County and the City of Kenmore to proactively plan for new neighborhood and community park sites within and in proximity to Bothell's urban growth area.



Map 2: Service Areas for Small Parks (Mini, NH, HOA)

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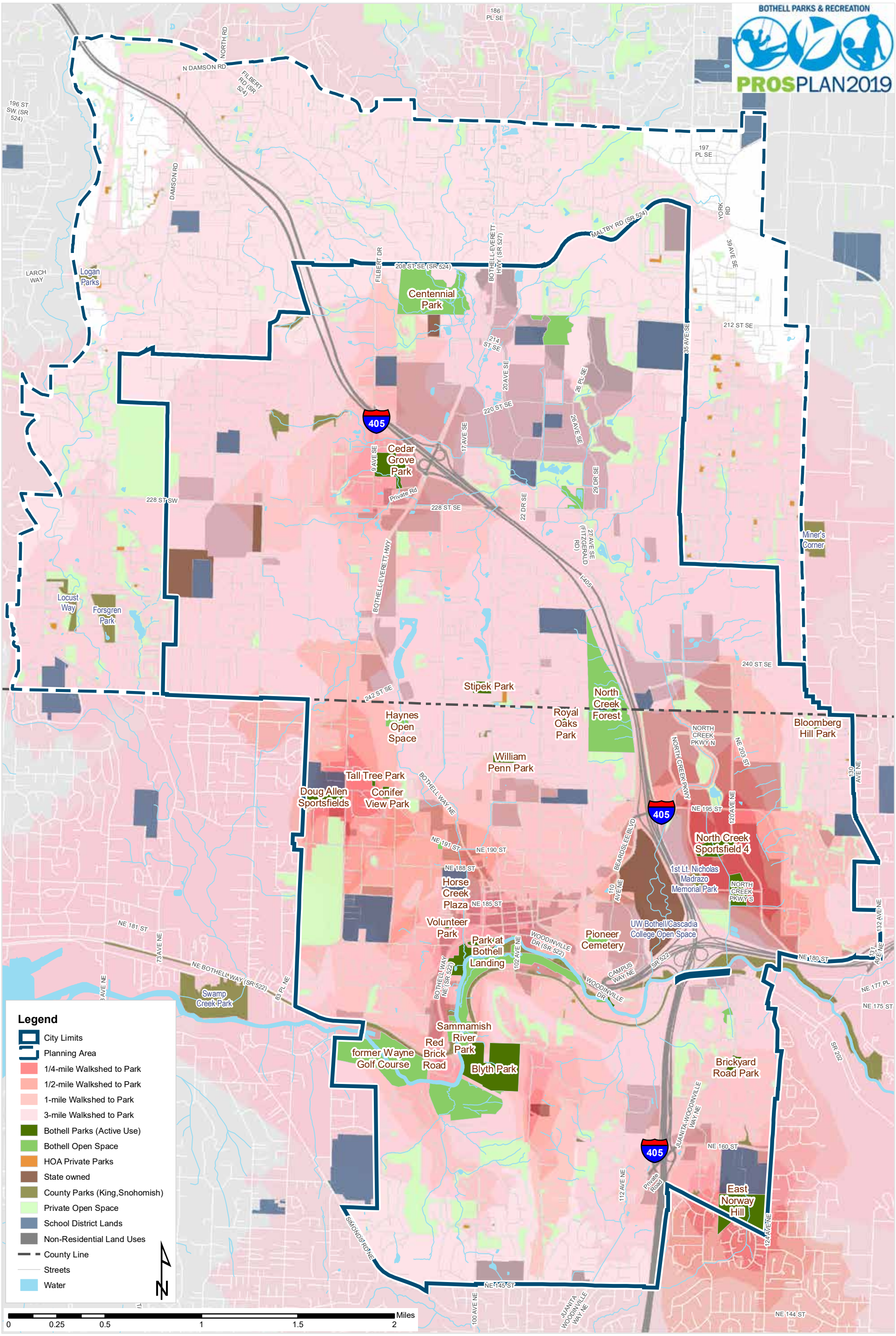

Map 3: Service Areas for Community Parks & Fields

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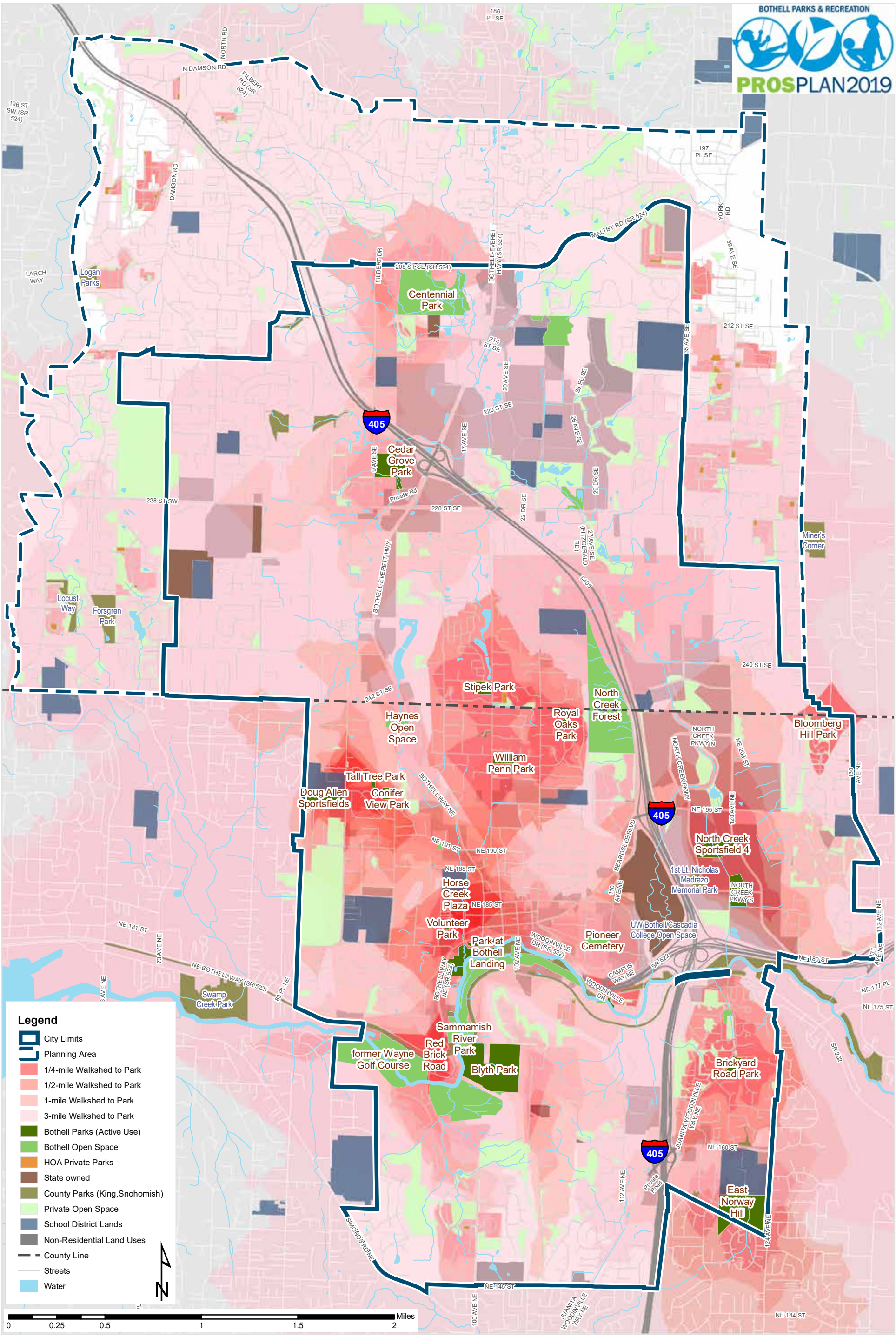

Map 4: Service Areas - All Parks & Open Space

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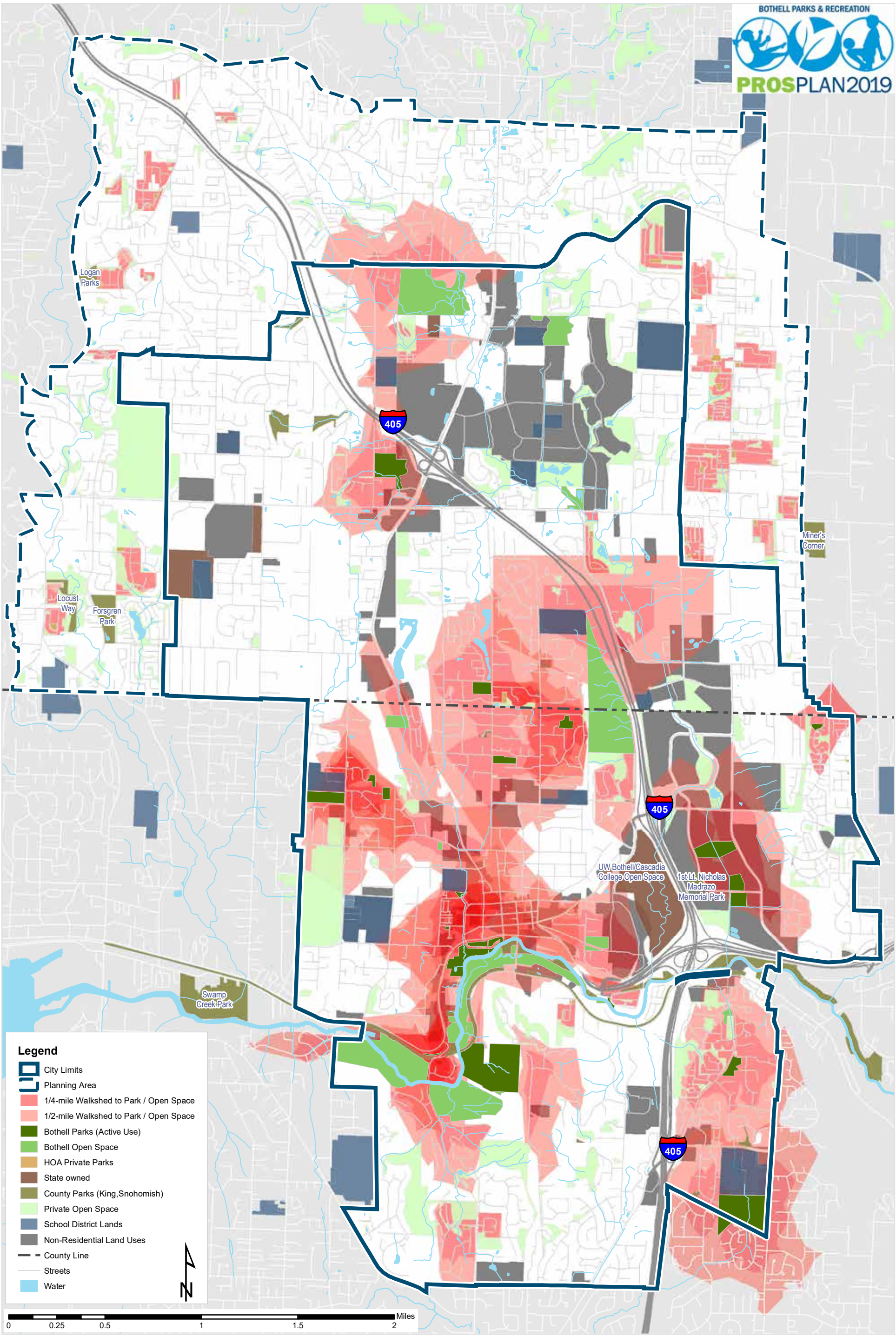

Map 5: Service Areas - All Parks & Open Space (1/2 mi)

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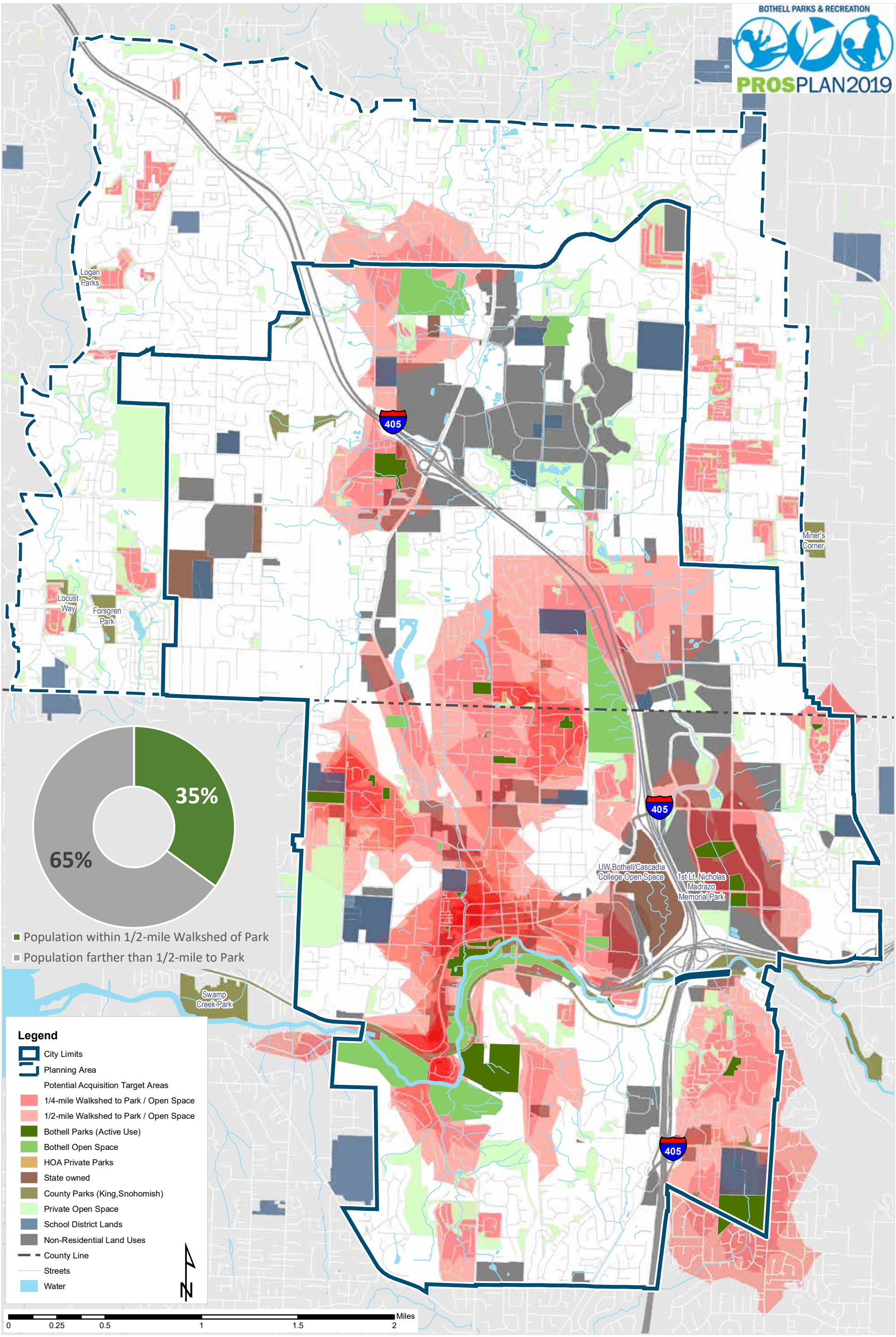

Map 6: Target Acquisition Areas

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Neighborhood & Mini Parks

With five neighborhood parks and six mini parks, small park spaces comprise approximately 13% of Bothell's developed parklands and help distribute recreational amenities into residential neighborhoods. Most of the smaller parks have a limited number of amenities, but offer some play space or recreational activity. While they generally contain play equipment and a few site furnishings, space is limited, so residents must travel farther to get a wider range of more active recreational facilities, such as athletic fields, regional trail connections, waterfront access and natural lands or open spaces.

Community Parks

The Park at Bothell Landing is the focal point for green park space downtown and is connected to the core downtown through the Horse Creek linear greenway to the new Horse Creek Plaza. The Park at Bothell Landing contains playgrounds, amphitheater, natural areas, historic structures, picnic areas, watercraft shore launch, restrooms, parking and a connection to the regional Sammamish River Trail. Further down the Trail, Blyth Park, another community park adds more recreational opportunities in south-central Bothell. Blyth Park contains playgrounds, picnic shelters, disc golf, horseshoe pits, volleyball, restrooms, parking, natural areas and a connection to the former Wayne Golf Course. Centennial Park has been reclassified as both community park and open space. The park's developed features include a historic house that serves as a meeting room, picnic shelter, parking, restrooms, play area, picnic tables, BBQ grills and informal trails. A master plan for the park (aka, Thrasher's Corner Regional Park) illustrates a formalized trail system, wetland boardwalks, and a connection to the proposed North Trail extension.

Athletics Infrastructure

Sport Fields

The City currently provides significant infrastructure in the way of athletic fields at North Creek Sportfields, Doug Allen Sportfields, Cedar Grove Park and East Norway Hill Park. The Parks and Recreation Department works in support of the various youth leagues and organizations with regard to field access and scheduling coordination and is open to a broader dialogue about long-term field needs and facility planning.

With the all-weather and lighted fields at North Creek Sportfields, the seasons and times are extended when community leagues and regional teams can conduct practices, games and tournaments. The North Creek Sportfields are at a premium and cannot completely meet the current and near future demand for sports fields, in part, because youth sport leagues draw from a region larger than the city and because adjacent communities that also feed in to the youth leagues have an inadequate supply of sport fields.

The other sports fields comprise natural grass fields which have a more limited season of play. As the demand for North Creek exceeds its availability, some consideration should be given to re-opening the community discussion on upgrading the Doug Allen Sportfields to all-weather surfacing and lighting.

Outdoor Sport Courts

A limited distribution of sport courts exists within Bothell. School sites provide limited access to basketball courts, and numerous "street" hoops were noted during the inventory process and reinforced the demand for sport courts. Six outdoor basketball sports (less than full-sized) courts are provided within the City's park system.

Outdoor basketball courts should continue be provided for in new community parks with smaller sport court sizes within new neighborhood parks. The addition of a covered basketball court could provide extended sports use well through the wet winter months. Such a covered court could also be lined for alternative activities that can share the space such as four-square, funnel ball, pickleball and other paved surface games.

Bothell currently has no dedicated pickleball courts available within public parks, but there are several multi-sport courts that accommodate this use. Outdoor pickleball should be considered at new community parks. Pickleball courts can be more successful if clustered as a sports complex rather than spread individually throughout the park system since this grouping promotes leagues, tournaments and related social interaction.

Bothell currently has one outdoor sand volleyball court at Blyth Park. When grouped together, sand volleyball courts facilitate league play and provide for older teens and adult sports activity. More of these should be considered for inclusion in future community parks. The potential to include a second court at Blyth Park could be considered.

GATEWAYS TO NATURE

Open Space, Greenways & Other Natural Areas

Bothell's open space network includes wildlife habitat, creek corridors, and wooded slopes often incorporated with developed parks or regional trail systems. These spaces create unique connections as habitat for birds and other wildlife, as well as areas for special and/or endangered plant species to thrive. The proximity to the linear natural corridor of the Sammamish River provide further habitat and species diversity. Bothell benefits from the attraction to visitors of the regional trail system and its open spaces through the available services for food, gas, and related economic activities. Enhancing connections to nature can be forwarded by extending the city trail system as funding allows through its greenway corridors as much as feasible, including improved access to the Sammamish River and local waterways.

The City's greenway corridor and easement acquisition efforts should be focused toward locations that support of the expansion of the trail network in a fiscally responsible manner. In future growth locations, the City should encourage the holding of greenways as development common areas or tracts, whenever possible, and include public access easements or rights over those tracts to minimize maintenance demands while allowing future development for public use. In areas where the private open space tracts overlap with mapped critical areas, the City should request additional lands within these set-asides to accommodate trail connections that do not encroach upon the critical areas.

The former Wayne Golf Course acquisition has provided an unparalleled opportunity for enhancing local connections to existing neighborhoods for better access to parks and trails. A connectivity master plan should be conducted to identify the ideal and feasible alignment, connections and support amenities that should be part of this local community trail facility.

Recommendations for Open Space & Greenways

- The City should continue to protect, link and expand the critical areas throughout Bothell via developer set-asides and limited direct purchases to further the recreation trail program. Critical riparian areas along stream corridors offer an opportunity to weave nature throughout the community, protect critical habitat and create a broader network of trails.
- The former Wayne Golf Course should be developed to provide valuable trail connections across its acreage from Blyth Park to neighborhoods to the west and south, particularly along the alignment of the Sammamish River in a fiscally sustainable way and careful consideration to salmon habitat.
- The City should consider ways in which existing stormwater facilities and wetlands, including multiple publicly-owned sites, could be integrated into a natural area system and include nature-based education opportunities.
- The City should continue to coordinate with community development and park planning staff to enable additional, safe pedestrian access across new neighborhoods to parks, schools and regional trails to promote Bothell as an outdoor lifestyles community.
- The City could continue utilizing volunteers to aid in trail improvements, habitat restoration and developing an environmental interpretive and signage program to increase public awareness of the role of natural areas within the urban environment.
- The City should continue to coordinate with the Counties, neighboring Cities and the Northshore School District to promote the connection of the trail system for off-street linkages and the growing trail network.

Water Access

Bothell has physical access to the Sammamish River and additional riverfront locations are always valued for public access. While access can sometimes be challenging due to topography, hydrology (floodplains & wetlands), future riverfront access should continue to be sought. The City should continue work to capture any opportunities during development activities and in partnerships with the County to expand public access and improvements along the Sammamish River, as well as the North Creek.

TRAILS & CONNECTIONS

Bothell's trail system continues to grow to eventually connect all parts of the city together, with linkages to downtown, schools, neighborhoods, greenway corridors and park sites. The recreational trail system focuses on off-street connections, to serve pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorized recreational and transportation needs.

The community trail system improvements are on the City's Transportation Improvements Project (TIP) list for segments of the North Creek Trail and the East Riverside Drive Trail to help with transportation alternatives and better connect local residents to greater recreational assets across Bothell.

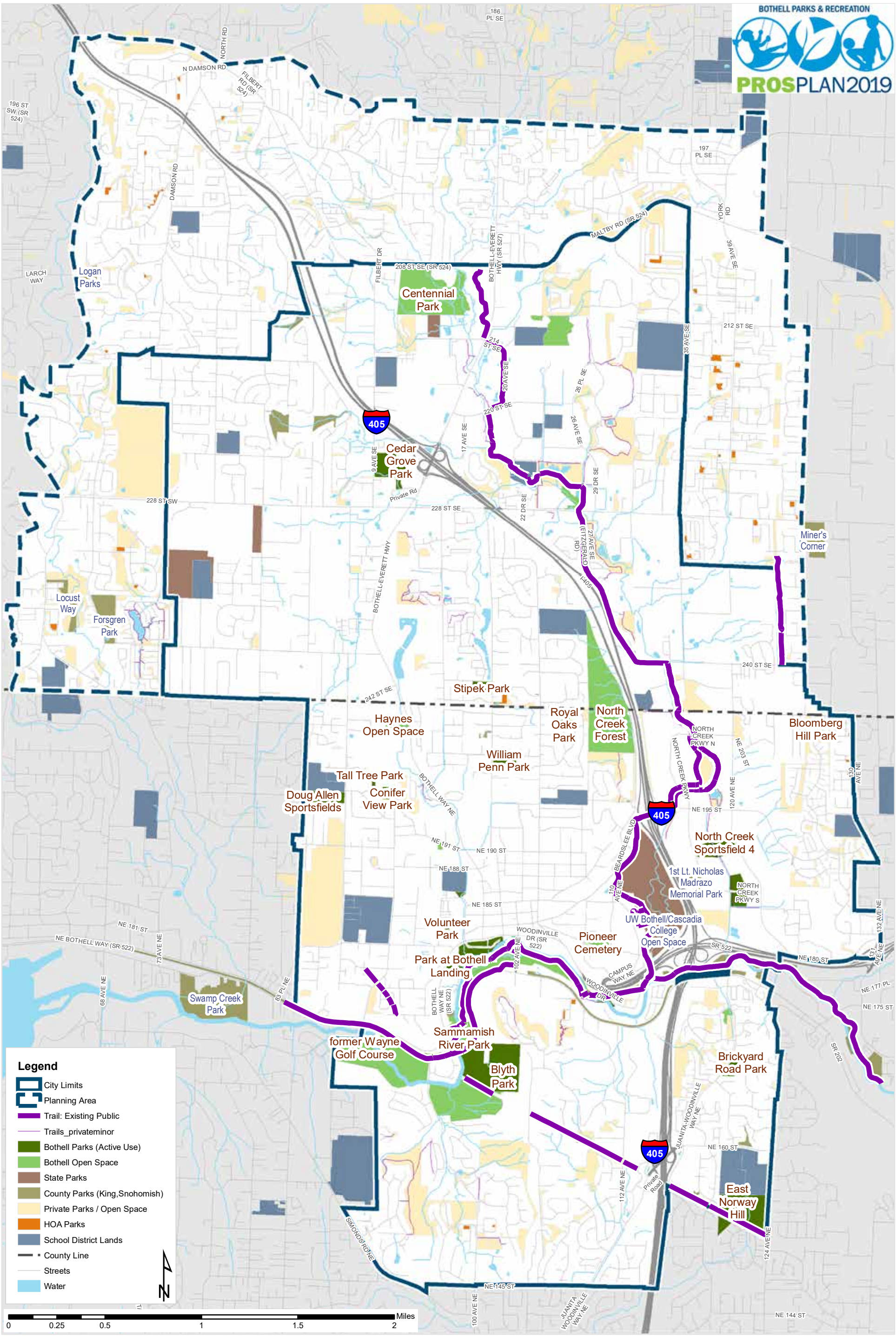
The regional trails that transect Bothell provide connections to neighboring sites and beyond and are mostly managed by county park providers. The Sammamish River Trail and Burke Gilman Trail have created exceptional trail resources. Within Bothell, linkages should continue to be implemented between individual residential developments and the regional and citywide trail system.

The on-street bike route and sidewalk system meet transportation needs, but also supplements the off-street system by providing linkages and offering connections where off-street connections are presently unfeasible. The continued improvements to the on-street network are guided by the City's Transportation System Plan.

Public park planning participants voiced strong interest in an expanded, connected system of trails. The proposed trail improvements will provide logical pathway connections to key destinations, and these pathways should be comfortable and convenient for the community to use.

Recommendations for the Trails Network

- This Plan recommends the development of more detailed trail signage standards, route and wayfinding signage for parks, trails and facilities and an informational brochure identifying existing and planned trail facilities as funding allows.
- With the former Wayne Golf Course, the opportunity exists to plan for and develop interior trails and create unique points of interest and connections to the Sammamish River Trail, and balancing needs against salmon habitat.
- The North Creek Trail is the backbone of the growing Bothell trail system in addition to its connections with regional King County trails. Efforts should continue to establish the continuous trail along North Creek to link neighborhoods, parks and major local destinations.
- Other opportunities for connections include improving the trail between Tall Tree Park and Conifer View Park, as well as creating a loop trail at Conifer View Park.
- The City could also coordinate with King County to extend the Tolt Pipeline Trail and add more support facilities, such as more formalized parking, signage and wayfinding.



Map 7: Existing Trails

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IDENTITY & MAINTENANCE

Information & Wayfinding

Information on Recreational Opportunities

The City should continue to enhance its website to provide information on local and regional park and recreation opportunities. The City should continue to strengthen existing partnerships with local businesses, sport leagues, the school district and the Bothell-Kenmore Chamber of Commerce to facilitate the promotion and distribution of information to the community. Continued partnerships with outside recreation programming providers and environmental education groups for land and water-based activities can enhance the opportunities to engage residents in healthy, active outdoor recreation.

Wayfinding

The City of Bothell can benefit from enhanced wayfinding and signage in support of its overall park and trail system. Opportunities exist to help visitors navigate and inform them about the public spaces they were entering. A clear need was identified the use of small park identification signs at side entrances. A good wayfinding system can provide a consistent identity and display effective and accessible information to orient the user. This guidance system ensures efficient use of the trail, park or other public space and conveys safety to the user by translating the environment into a known geography. Signs, symbols, mapping, color, standardized site amenities combined with good design of the physical environment (i.e., trail or park) helps the user navigate the space and stay comfortably oriented. Bothell could expand its wayfinding program to include both visual graphic standards and site furnishing standards. The use of consistent graphics and a coordinated hierarchy of sign types and sizes can provide park and trail users with wayfinding information to enhance their access and knowledge of the recreational system available for their enjoyment. A good wayfinding system applies the “simpler is better” concept.

Asset Management

Maintenance & Renovation

The majority of the amenities and facilities in the City’s park system rated as being in good condition. Some areas in parks had developing pavement cracks that should be addressed before becoming serious tripping hazards or ADA access barriers. Some older park amenities and play structures, particularly in Bloomberg Hill Park are in need of repair or replacement. The capital facilities plan targets those elements that are in poor condition. Parks operations should continue to test and implement its new asset management program to track, identify and repair/replace park assets.

Universal Accessibility

The park site conditions assessments identified a number of barriers in parks where ADA compliance was not met. As part of the capital repair program, these barriers, such as the need for playground ramps or benches and tables linked with paved pathways, should be addressed based on funding available.

Leveraging & Volunteer Development

Volunteer time and talent contributing to the City's park and recreation system is a key enhancement to limited resources for local governments. Volunteers help encourage a sense of ownership and pride with trails, parks, open spaces and recreation programming to set the standard for community engagement. Trails and greenway management and restoration projects, in particular, can benefit from a volunteer workforce that has undergone training and support. The City should continue to implement its volunteer engagement and seek to capture the leverage that volunteers can provide for the parks and recreation system.

Design Continuity & Standards

The adoption and implementation of updated design standards for City parks will create a consistency in the methods used to maintain, repair and replace park amenities as they become worn or are damaged. Park benches, trash receptacles, picnic tables and signage can be consistent across all parks without reducing the potential to create unique spaces and individual park identities. This consistency can make the system more efficient to maintain and improve aesthetic appeal and safety.

The City's park design and maintenance criteria should be required for new parks to ensure quality and consistency of park amenities. City should prepare and adopt design standards to be applied to site development at the time of development review.

STANDARDS & LEVELS OF SERVICE

A level of service (LOS) review was conducted in addition to and in support of the gap analysis as a means to understand the distribution of parkland acreage by classification and for a broader measure of how well the City is serving its residents with access to parks and open space. Service standards are the adopted guidelines or benchmarks the City is trying to attain with their parks system; the level of service is a snapshot in time of how well the City is meeting the adopted standards.

As noted in the inventory chapter, the City owns approximately 403 acres of parks and open space. An additional 7 acres of private HOA parks also exist within Bothell city limits. Also, this Plan proposes a consolidation of service standards for the different parkland categories. Using the standards from the 2014 PROSAP Plan, the following table shows how the acreage-based standards would translate to the proposed classifications, without changing the previously adopted standards.

Figure 13. Existing Standards by Classification

Prior Classification	Service Standard	Proposed Classification	Service Standard
Mini	0.1 acres/1,000	Neighborhood & Mini	1.2 acres/1,000
Neighborhood	1.1 acres/1,000		
Community	1.2 acres/1,000	Community	2.0 acres/1,000
Athletic Fields	0.8 acres/1,000		
Core Parks	**3.2 acres/1,000**	**Core Parks**	**3.2 acres/1,000**
Regional	0.2 acres/1,000	Regional	--- acres/1,000
Open Space	1.2 acres/1,000	Open Space	--- acres/1,000

This Plan recommends minor acreage adjustments for two parks: East Norway Hill Park and Centennial Park. In each case, the intent is to better balance the park classification between active use areas and open space areas and to have those adjustments reflected in the system inventory. It is recommended that the acreage for East Norway Hill Park is re-assigned and split between the community park and the open space classifications. The site's topography and access are constraints for the future development of the site. It is recommended that 11.45 acres is assigned to the community park classification, and the remaining 13.68 acres is assigned to open space. Similarly, Centennial Park has an expanse of wetland area that is more appropriately classified as open space. This Plan recommends that 20.9 acres of the 46 acres of the park are shifted to the open space classification. The remaining 25.6 acres are re-classified as community park. These changes will be consistent with the unique uses of each area of the two parks, as well as avoid 'overweighting' the community park and neighborhood park classifications with regard to standards and levels of service. These acreage re-apportionments are reflected in Figure 14.

This Plan also proposes the elimination of numeric standards for open space. While numerical planning standards are common for helping to determine a desirable number of neighborhood parks per thousand residents, they do not translate easily to natural areas because of the uniqueness of the land base itself. Additionally, the City and the counties have provided leadership in requiring developers to set aside tracts of land through its land use regulations. At the present, approximately 862 acres of sensitive or protected lands within the city and the urban growth area have been set aside as privately held (HOA) open space tracts via the platting and land development process. The inclusion of future, protected sensitive areas will strengthen and expand the broader network of public and private open spaces. However, the priority for natural area acquisitions or the acceptance of open space dedications from developers should be focused toward those lands that expand ownership of adjacent City-owned properties or to ensure sufficient property is available to accommodate public access and future trail connections.

Using the service standards from the previously adopted plan, Figure 14 illustrates the current level of service for the 'core' park classifications, which include mini parks, neighborhood parks, community parks and athletic fields. The figure also captures the private HOA acreage within city limits to acknowledge the impact of those sites on the levels of service.

Figure 14. Levels of Service for Core Parks at Current Standards (city limits)

Metric	Measurement			
2019 Population (OFM)	46,750 residents			
2030 Population Estimate (Comp Plan)	56,600 residents			
Core Park Service Standard	3.2 acres per 1,000 population			
Parkland Acreage (Core Parks Only)	**City Only**		**City + HOA**	
City-owned & maintained	147.17 acres		147.17 acres	
Private HOA Mini Parks & Other Public Parks			7.37 acres	
Total	*147.17 acres*		*154.54 acres*	
Level of Service	**2019**	**2030**	**2019**	**2030**
Effective Level of Service based on total acreage *(acres/1,000 residents)*	3.15	2.60	3.31	2.73
Net LOS to Standard (acres/1,000 residents)	-0.05	-0.60	0.11	-0.47
Performance to Standard	98.4%	81.3%	103.3%	85.3%
Acreage surplus (deficit) - at today's LOS	(2.43)	(33.95)	4.94	(26.58)

At approximately 147 acres, the current, overall level of service for the City of Bothell is 3.15 acres per 1,000 people, which is nearly on par with the adopted standard of 3.2 acres per 1,000 from the previous plan. Based on today's inventory and existing standards, a deficit of 2.4 acres exists when looking solely at City-owned land within city limits. With the inclusion of privately-held HOA parks, the City has a slight, combined acreage surplus of 5 acres. With the projected population growth in the city and if the current inventory is held constant, the future need for core parks will grow to approximately 26.5 acres.

Taking a closer look at how the demand for core parks is split between the two component classifications, Figure 15 segments the levels of services for each and also expands the service geography to include both the city limits and the urban growth area.

Figure 15. Levels of Service by Classification at Current Standards (city limits + UGA)

Parkland Acreage (by Park Classification)	Community Parks Only		Neighborhood/Mini Parks	
Community Parks (City only)	126.1 acres			
Community Parks (Other Public Parks)	16.7 acres			
Neighborhood & Mini Parks (City only)			21.0 acres	
Neighborhood & Mini (Private & Other Public)			26.7 acres	
Total	*142.8 acres*		*47.7 acres*	
Level of Service	**2019**	**2030**	**2019**	**2030**
Current Service Standard	2.0 ac/1,000		1.2 ac/1,000	
Effective Level of Service based on total acreage *(acres/1,000 residents)*	1.98	1.66	0.66	0.55
Net LOS to Standard *(acres/1,000 residents)*	(0.02)	(0.34)	(0.54)	(0.65)
Performance to Standard	99%	0%	55%	46%
Acreage surplus (deficit)	(1.32)	(29.57)	(38.81)	(55.76)

The City currently is attaining its standard for community parks servicing the entire planning area of the city plus the UGA. However, a deficit exists today for neighborhood and mini parks, with a current need for approximately 38 acres of neighborhood parkland. As the entire planning area grows in population into the future, deficits will increase for both classifications of core parks unless additional parklands are purchased. Figure 16 also highlights a greater current and projected need for neighborhood parks, rather than community parks, to serve the planning area. This analysis is consistent with the gap analysis mapping and public comment that suggests additional neighborhood parks are needed, especially in the northern half of Bothell and its UGA. However, while the demand for additional parkland is projected, the City's existing financial constraints and City Council direction are moving the City toward a stance of taking care of existing assets versus system expansion.

As a frame of reference, Figure 16 shows the current level of service for the entire planning area, segmented by open space use type and by ownership. These figures indicate that most of the existing park and open space inventory, both public and private, is held as passive or protected open space.

Figure 16. Current Levels of Service by Open Space Use and Ownership

	City-operated		Other Public		Private	
Active Parkland	147.2	ac.	28.9	ac.	14.5	ac.
Passive / Protected Open Spaces	255.9	ac.	119.1	ac.	861.8	ac.
Level of Service (active)	2.0	ac./1000	0.4	ac./1000	0.2	ac./1000
Level of Service (passive)	3.6	ac./1000	1.7	ac./1000	12.0	ac./1000
Level of Service (sum)	**5.6**	**ac./1000**	**2.1**	**ac./1000**	**12.2**	**ac./1000**
Composite Level of Service for System					19.8	ac./1000

Going Beyond Acreage Standards

Using a service standard for park acreage tied to a community's population provides a common measure for guiding the amount of desired parkland. However, the acreage of parkland per capita provides only a limited measure of the value of recreational access and park amenities in demand for public uses. As the park system matures with increasing residential density, other assessment techniques should be incorporated going forward to gauge the community's need for additional lands, facilities and amenities, which include the following.

Park Pressure

Park pressure refers to the potential demand on a park. One method of exploration examines the proximity of residential populations to a park and assumes that the residents in a 'parkshed' use the park closest to them and that people visit their closest park more often than those farther away. Using GIS, the 'parkshed' is defined by a polygon or a park service area containing all households having the given park as their closest park. The population within this park service area can then calculated, providing an estimate of the number of nearby potential park users. The acreage of the subject park is then used to calculate the number of

park acres available per 1,000 people within the parkshed. This measure of probable park use and population pressure identifies the adequacy of the park land (in acres per 1,000) rather than simply the location and 'walkability' determined by the park accessibility metric. Depending on the amenities and attractions within the park, the higher the population within a parkshed will result in greater the use and potential increased maintenance and wear.

Park Amenity Mix

Providing unique outdoor experiences, while working to fulfill basic recreational park amenities, will result in parks with a variety of amenities. The variety and location of amenities available within a community's parks and recreational facilities will create a range of different preferences and levels of park usage by residents. Park systems should ensure an equitable distribution and quantity of the most common amenities like playgrounds, picnic shelters, restrooms, sports courts, sports field and trails to help distribute the potential usage of load on individual parks.

Park Amenity Condition

In addition to understanding the inventory of park amenities, communities must also assess the condition of each park's general infrastructure and amenities. The condition or quality of park amenities is a key measure of park adequacy and a required assurance of public safety. General park infrastructure may include walkways, parking lots, park furniture, drainage and irrigation, lighting systems and vegetation. Deferred maintenance over a long time period can result in unusable amenities when perceived as unsafe or undesirable by park patrons.

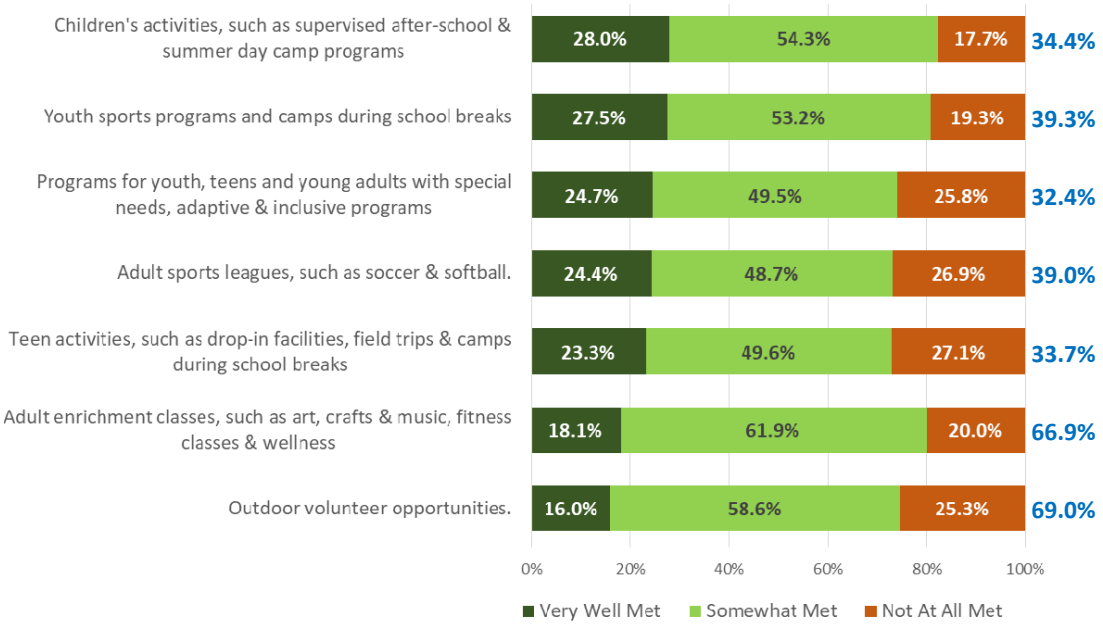
PROGRAMS, EVENTS & FACILITIES

Local Feedback

Community residents were vocal about their interest in expanded or additional indoor recreation facilities, events and programming. Given a choice between raising taxes to develop a facility in Bothell versus not having such a facility in the city, slight majorities of survey respondents supported more taxes for a community center (56%) and splash pad (52%). Respondents between 55 and 64 were slightly more in favor of taxes to support a community center. Respondents between 35 and 44 and those with children were more in favor of taxes for a splash pad. Online respondents showed slightly higher support for taxes for a community center.

Survey respondents expressed greater interest in, and need for, adult enrichment classes and volunteer opportunities than for programs and activities than those geared towards youth or teens. Adult enrichment classes would include activities such as art, crafts and music, fitness classes and wellness. Perhaps unsurprisingly, respondents with children were more likely to be interested in youth and teen activities than those without children in their home. The following chart indicates how well met needs are for a range of program options, and shows the level of interest in each program area (in blue). Overall, survey respondents indicated that local needs are not being met for youth and teen programs or adult sports.

Figure 17. Sense of Fulfillment and Interest in Program Options



Other comments from the survey, stakeholder sessions and the community meeting included:

- Provide more events
- Build a community/indoor center with meeting space
- Offer more youth programs and preschool options
- Provide more nature education/programming

RECREATION FACILITIES

City Facilities

Lytle House

Located in the Park at Bothell Landing, the Lytle House serves as a hub for many programs and activities, and is available for rent for parties, receptions and other events of up to 70 people.

North Creek Schoolhouse

Located in Centennial Park, this historic schoolhouse is available for rent for neighborhood meetings, family gatherings or small weddings. The schoolhouse accommodates up to 35 people.

Other Facilities

Northshore YMCA

The Northshore Branch of the YMCA of Greater Seattle serves North King and South Snohomish Counties, including the communities of Bothell, Woodinville, Kenmore, Duvall, and Carnation. Amenities at the YMCA include two gymnasiums, a fitness Center, indoor track, ropes course and climbing wall and a pool. In addition to the primary facility in Bothell, the YMCA operates an outdoor pool during the summer at Cottage Lake Park and offers numerous health and wellness programs, child care and youth sports at the Carol Edwards Center in Woodinville.

Thorndike Community Room at the Anderson School (McMenamins)

Built in 1931 as the first junior high in Bothell, the Anderson School offers a range of amenities and options for dining, socializing and play. The Thorndike Community Room holds up to 35 people and is free for use for residents within Bothell city limits.

North Shore Lagoon Swimming Pool at the Anderson School (McMenamins)

Another amenity provided at the Anderson School is a full-size saltwater swimming pool. Through an agreement with the City, McMenamins lets Bothell residents swim at the facility free of charge. Swimming classes (group and private lessons) and aqua fitness also are offered at the pool.

Northshore School District

The Northshore School District allows community use of its football, soccer, baseball, softball and multi-use fields, and a rental fee is charged. Northshore School District facilities include gymnasiums, theaters, sport fields and track ovals. The District makes its facilities available to local organizations, groups or individuals only after the District's need for those facilities have been achieved. The District charges a facility rental fee, and the charge varies from facility to facility and from group to group.

Northshore Senior Center

Founded in 1972, the Northshore Senior Center is run as an independent, locally managed non-profit, and the Bothell facility is owned by the Northshore Parks and Recreation Area. Programs range from fitness to cards and games to lifelong learning. The multi-purpose room accommodates Zumba classes, line and ballroom dancing, and pickleball. Experienced professionals teach art, writing, estate planning, genealogy and anthropology courses, among others. The center also offers a variety of support groups and offers adult day health and respite care.

Private Fitness

Several private fitness clubs and centers operate in Bothell, and these enterprises further highlight the latent demand for indoor recreation facilities and for recreation programming choices. These facilities vary in their offerings, providing workout, nutrition, education and professional coaching at market rates.

Since there are a number of private recreation, sports and fitness providers located in the Bothell market, these entities should continue to be relied upon to provide more specialized activities that are not easy for the public sector to provide due to a lack of facilities or expertise.

Future Facility Needs

Interest in the City's recreation programs are increasing. However, the number and types of activities the City can offer in its facilities are limited by a lack of facility capacity. Former guidelines from the National Recreation and Parks Association suggested a service standard of one community center per 20,000-40,000 people, and while that standard is no longer in use, it suggests that a certain population density is required to support such a facility. While public sentiment exists for a community center, a cautious approach should be taken and consideration given prior to the acquisition and development of such a facility. A prudent next step would be to conduct a more detailed assessment of residents' interest in, likely use of and willingness to finance such a facility.

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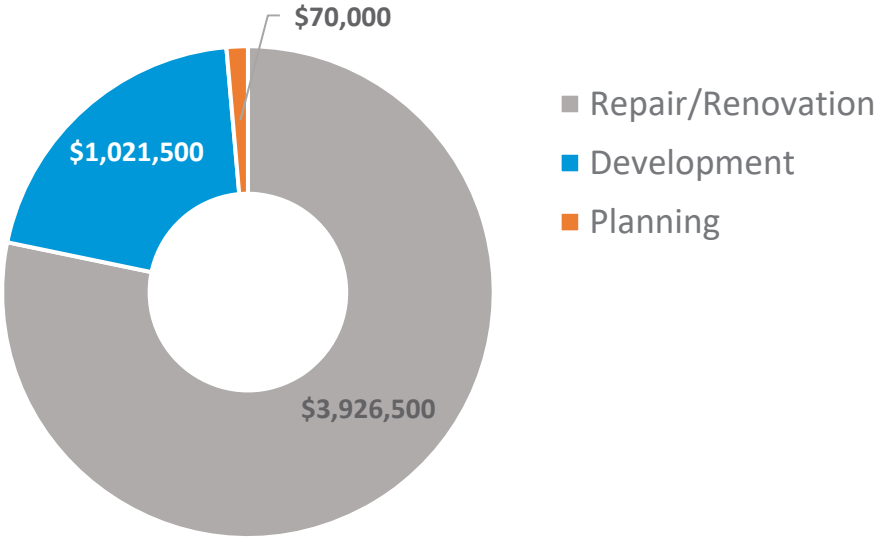
7 Capital Planning

The following Potential Projects List identifies the park, trail and facility projects considered for the next six years or more. The majority of these projects entail the maintenance, acquisition and development of parks, special recreation amenities and trails. Based on survey results and other feedback, Bothell residents have indicated an interest in park facility upgrades, enhanced trail connections and acquisition for future parklands as priorities, and the Potential Projects List is reflective of that desire. The following table summarizes the aggregate capital estimates by park types for the next six years.

Figure 18. Potential Projects List Expenditures Summary



The Potential Projects List identifies land acquisition to ensure that sufficient lands and corridor connections are available for outdoor recreation as the Bothell urban area continues to grow in population. Acquisition target areas have been identified and ranked in priority. Emphasis has been placed on potential future park acquisitions and access rights along key trail corridors to serve the greatest population and then on filling gaps in neighborhood park land distribution within the city limits.

The Potential Projects List also includes a prioritization of projects based on public feedback and staff review. In October 2019, City staff and the PROS Plan project team led the public through a process to explore the importance of different criteria to apply to the draft capital project list. These criteria were as follows:

- Ability to Leverage Funding: projects that meet the criteria (i.e.: population size, demographics, income level, and access) for local, state and federal grants, as well as charitable foundations.
- Community Need: projects that support parks and facilities infrastructure priorities identified through the community engagement process of the PROS Plan.
- Safety & Security: projects that address parks and facilities safety and security needs in order to provide safe spaces that are accessible to all.
- Location: projects that support equity and access to parks and facilities across the City.

The ranked criteria were applied to the initial project list as weighted values. For each listed project, City staff identified a score for each of the criteria on a 1 to 3 scale, with 1 as the highest need. The individual project scores for each criteria were then weighted against the priority ranking of each criteria in a matrix. The result was a composite score to identify the overall project score for the criteria. The project list was sorted based on these scores, and these rankings will help inform staff for subsequent budget planning and outside funding requests. The sorting of the project list was segmented between the four major project classifications: Safety & Maintenance Project, Near-Term Project, Long-Term Project (2026+) and Future Project.

The following Potential Projects List provides brief project descriptions and priority ranking to assist staff in preparing future capital budget requests.

Bothell PROS Plan 2020: Potential Projects List

Category	Project Site	Project Description	Type	Funding	Community Need	Safety & Security	Location / Geography	Ability to Leverage Funding	Priority Score	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	6-Yr Sum	Future
SM	Cedar Grove Park	Field Repairs	R		3	3	3	3	1.40				$ 600,000			$ 600,000	
SM	Former Wayne Golf Course	Bridge Condition Analysis (Wayne)	P		3	3	3	2	1.30		$ 50,000					$ 50,000	
SM	Cedar Grove Park	Boardwalk replacement (Bridge)	R		3	3	3	2	1.30	$ 25,000						$ 25,000	
SM	North Creek Field #4	Turf Replacement (North Creek 4)	R		3	3	3	1	1.20		$ 1,000,000					$ 1,000,000	
SM	North Creek Field #2	Turf Replacement (North Creek 2)	R		3	3	3	1	1.20		$ 1,000,000					$ 1,000,000	
SM	Capital repairs	Pavement repairs, playground ramps, sports court painting, ADA.	R		3	3	3	1	1.20	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 30,000	
SM	Conifer View Park	Sport court resurfacing	R		3	3	2	1	1.03						$ 35,000	$ 35,000	
SM	Bleacher replacement	Replacement or safety rail installation	R		3	3	2	1	1.03	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000				$ 30,000	
SM	Park at Bothell Landing	Boardwalk replacement	R		3	3	2	1	1.03		$ 35,000					$ 35,000	
SM	Conifer View Park	ADA entry improvements	R		3	1	2	2	0.93	$ 15,000						$ 15,000	
NT	Park wayfinding system	Planning, graphics, signs, mapping	P		3	3	3	3	1.40		$ 20,000					$ 20,000	
NT	Tree planting program	Canopy enhancement @ numerous parks & open spaces	D		2	3	3	3	1.30	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 15,000	
NT	Cedar Grove Park	Shade structure @ play area	D		3	3	3	1	1.20		$ 15,000					$ 15,000	
NT	Stipek Park	Shade structure @ play area	D		3	3	3	1	1.20		$ 15,000					$ 15,000	
NT	Stipek Park	Playground ramps & paved path to swings	R		3	3	3	1	1.20			$ 8,000				$ 8,000	
NT	Park at Bothell Landing	Shade Structure @ amphitheater	R		3	3	3	1	1.20				$ 30,000			$ 30,000	
NT	Bloomberg Hill Park	ADA path & shade structure	R		3	3	2	1	1.03				$ 30,000			$ 30,000	
NT	Blyth Park	Shade structure @ play area	D		3	3	2	1	1.03		$ 15,000					$ 15,000	
NT	TBD	Dog Park	D		3	3	2	1	1.03	$ 65,000						$ 65,000	
NT	North Creek Field #3	Dugout roofs	R		3	3	2	1	1.03		$ 6,000					$ 6,000	
NT	Red Brick Road Park	Handicapped parking space	R		3	3	2	1	1.03		$ 2,500					$ 2,500	
NT	William Penn Park	Play area shade structure	R		3	3	2	1	1.03			$ 15,000				$ 15,000	
NT	TBD	All Inclusive Playground	D		3	2	3	3	1.30				$ -			$ -	
NT	Bench & table replacements	Standardized & ADA-compliant	R		3	3	2	1	1.03	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 45,000	
NT	Blyth Park	Restroom replacement	R		3	3	1	2	0.97						$ 500,000	$ 500,000	
NT	Former Wayne, William Penn, NC	Building Demolition (William Penn, Wayne, NCF)	R		1	3	1	3	0.87		$ 500,000					$ 500,000	
NT	Tall Tree Park	Paved access to amenities, park connection trail	R		3	3	1	1	0.87		$ 20,000					$ 20,000	
NT	Volunteer Park	Shade structure @ play area	D		3	3	1	1	0.87		$ 15,000					$ 15,000	
NT	Brackett's Landing	ADA paved path & picnic table	D		2	3	1	1	0.77				$ 7,500			$ 7,500	
NT	Madrazo Park	Construction	D		2	1	1	1	0.57						$ 854,000	$ 854,000	
NT	Conifer View Park	Paved loop trail	D		1	1	1	1	0.47			$ 20,000				$ 20,000	
LT	North Bothell Park	Acquisition: community park	A		3	1	3	3	1.20							$ -	$ 4,000,000
LT	North Bothell Park	Design/development: community park	D		3	1	3	3	1.20							$ -	$ 1,500,000
LT	Trail	Additional trail planning	P		3	1	3	3	1.20							$ -	$ -
LT	Neighborhood Park	Acquisition (4-5 ac east-central Bothell)	A		3	1	3	2	1.10							$ -	$ 1,200,000
LT	Neighborhood Park	Acquisition (2-3 ac Norway Hill area)	A		3	1	3	2	1.10							$ -	$ 850,000
LT	Neighborhood Park	Acquisition (3-5 ac west-central Bothell)	A		3	1	3	2	1.10							$ -	$ 1,400,000

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Category	Project Site	Project Description	Type	Funding	Community Need	Safety & Security	Location / Geography	Ability to Leverage Funding	Priority Score	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	6-Yr Sum	Future
LT	Trail	Canyon Creek Loop	D		3	1	3	2	1.10							$ -	$ -
LT	Centennial Park	Phase II improvements: boardwalk, overlook, bridges, restoration	D		2	1	3	2	1.00							$ -	$ 2,224,000
LT	TBD	Multi-sport courts (pickleball, tennis, basketball)	D		3	1	2	2	0.93							$ -	$ -
LT	River Access		A		3	1	2	2	0.93							$ -	$ -
LT	TBD	Teen Space	A,D		3	1	2	2	0.93							$ -	$ -
LT	Former Wayne Golf Course	Trails, Site Restoration	D		2	1	2	3	0.93							$ -	$ -
LT	East Norway Hill Park	Add'n Development: parking, restroom, OLA, trails.	D		1	1	2	2	0.73							$ -	$ 2,000,000
LT	North Creek Field #3	Replacement w/ synthetic turf, backstops, fencing	D		2	1	1	2	0.67							$ -	$ 1,775,000
LT	William Penn Park	Master plan for park renovation	P		1	1	1	2	0.57							$ -	$ 45,000
LT	Blyth Park	Phasing for master plan installation	D		1	1	1	1	0.47							$ -	$ 2,300,000
FT	Connectivity Master Plan	Contiguous parks: downtown to Wayne Golf Course	P		3	2	2	2	1.03							$ -	$ 150,000
FT	Aquatic Community Center	Regional facility development	A,P,D		1	1	1	1	0.47							$ -	$ 18,000,000
FT	Former Wayne Golf Course	Deferred Bridge Maintenance (Wayne)	R		3	3	3	2	1.30							$ -	$ -
FT	TBD	Skate/BMX park	D		2	1	2	2	0.83							$ -	$ 1,300,000
FT	Neighborhood Park	Acquisition (2-4 ac Alderwood area)	A		3	1	3	2	1.10							$ -	$ 1,400,000
FT	Neighborhood Park	Acquisition (2-5 ac Kennard area)	A		3	1	3	2	1.10							$ -	$ 1,600,000
FT	Bike Skills / Adventure Park		A,D		2	1	2	2	0.83							$ -	$ 2,500,000
FT	Park at Bothell Landing	Future expansion/redevelopment (from SR522 realignment)	D		3	1	1	2	0.77							$ -	$ 14,214,000
FT	Shelton View Woods	Acquisition	A		2	1	2	1	0.73							$ -	$ 10,000,000
FT	TBD	Splash pad installation	D		3	1	1	2	0.77							$ -	$ 550,000
		Total Projects Cost								**$ 130,000**	**$ 2,718,500**	**$ 68,000**	**$ 682,500**	**$ 15,000**	**$ 1,404,000**	**$ 5,018,000**	**$ 67,008,000**

Type Code
- A Acquisition
- P Planning
- D Development

Category Code
- SM Safety & Maintenance Project
- NT Near Term Project
- LT Long Term Project (2026+)

NOTE: This list identifies planning-level cost estimates and does not assume the value of volunteer or other non-City contributions.
Detailed costing may be necessary for projects noted.
This list is not an official budget and intended as a guiding document for City staff in the preparation of departmental budgets.

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8 Implementation

A number of strategies exist to enhance and expand park and recreation service delivery for the City of Bothell; however, clear decisions must be made in an environment of competing interests and limited resources. A strong community willingness to offer financial support is necessary to bring many of the projects listed in this Plan to life.

The recommendations for park and recreation services noted in this Plan may trigger the need for funding beyond current allocations and for additional staffing, operations and maintenance responsibilities. Given that the operating and capital budget of the Parks and Recreation Department is finite, additional resources may be needed to leverage, supplement and support the implementation of proposed objectives, programs and projects. While grants and other efficiencies will help, these alone will not be enough to realize many ideas and projects noted in this Plan. The following recommendations and strategies are presented to offer near-term direction to realize these projects and as a means to continue dialogue between City leadership, local residents and partners.

Additionally, a review of potential implementation tools is included as Appendix G, which addresses local financing, federal and state grant and conservation programs, acquisition methods and others.

Key Project Recommendations

The following is a summary of key project recommendations which will require commitment from the City and its residents to continue to support a healthy park and recreation system that preserves and enhances the safety, livability and character of the community.

Wayfinding & Signage

Parks, trails, plazas and other public open spaces are the primary targets for unifying an urban environment into a cohesive, accessible and connected community through an identifiable wayfinding program. Bothell should pursue a comprehensive wayfinding program that includes both visual graphic standards and site furnishing standards. Colors, sign types, and information can help users navigate the outdoor recreation experiences offered by the City.

Communications

To broaden public awareness, the City's website should be expanded to facilitate quick links to popular destinations and be designed with mobile users in mind, either through a mobile-friendly site or a web-based application. The website should include easy-to-access park system and facility maps, trail maps and an up-to-date listing of park sites and amenities to enhance the experience of the on-the-go user. The City should consider introducing and utilizing QR codes or comparable technology on signage as a means to share with or receive information from visitors about maintenance, restoration or monitoring data.

Sports Fields: Continued Enhancement

Sport fields, while well-provided at North Creek Sports Fields, will continue to be in demand as families continue to locate in Bothell. Existing natural grass fields could be upgraded or converted to artificial turf to meet the growing needs of community sports programs. Continued coordination with the school district for field usage and improvements and negotiating earlier play times (i.e. parking allowances) at North Creek Sports Fields may provide added capacity for growth of the sports leagues' needs for practice and game play.

Additionally, all-weather turf fields need replacement as continual use creates wear and tear and these fields have limited life spans. The need for replacement must be planned as part of the capital facilities program to ensure continued safe and functional provision of sports field infrastructure.

New Park Design & Development

As the proposed parkland acquisition program successfully secures properties for future parks, these new sites will undergo design and development to provide both basic park amenities and unique places for community use. While park development standards can ensure unified site furnishings across the park system, each park site can be designed and developed to create its own unique character. Master planning for new park facilities should undergo a public engagement process to ensure the identification of any specialized local needs and to solidify support for pursuing development funding.

Including facilities for alternative or emerging sports can offer residents a more diverse range of recreational experiences, while creating destinations that attract and engage park users. Opportunities and facilities for other alternative sports could be expanded in the city. The desires for a stand-alone skate/BMX park, splash pad and mountain biking areas have been identified. Opportunities may exist to develop alternative sports facilities at a few existing parks and plan for these facilities in the site design of parks to be developed in the future. Generally, the City should also consider incorporating small-scale skateboard (skate spots), bike skills features or pump tracks into park sites, as appropriate. Off-leash

areas aka “dog parks” continue to be in demand, not just for pet exercise areas, but also for the social gathering activity that dog owners experience in these specialized spaces. An all-inclusive playground that provides universal access for children with disabilities has also been identified in the public input.

Trail Connections & Linkages

Residents are actively using the existing trails within and connecting through Bothell. The importance for more connectivity for walking and biking has been expressed in public input and endorsed in the City’s planning documents. The opportunity to connect across the former Wayne Golf Course illustrates one of the future targets for enhancing trail connections and creating more links for access across neighborhoods and parks, while considering limited impacts to salmon. Other opportunities for connections include improving the trail between Tall Tree Park and Conifer View Park, as well as creating a loop trail at Conifer View Park. The City could also coordinate with King County to extend the Tolt Pipeline Trail to fill the gaps in that alignment and connect to existing and planned trail corridors. As the community grows, additional trail planning should continue to ensure future alternative transportation options.

ADA & Other Park Enhancements

Minor improvements to access, such as providing ramped entrances, for site furnishings are necessary to conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and ensure universal accessibility. Also, the City should evaluate the play equipment and its signage for code compliance and replace outdated equipment, as appropriate. The Capital Planning section includes a line item for covering small upgrades and improvements to remove barriers and improve universal access. In general, the City should make improvements to existing parks as needed to ensure proper maintenance, usability and quality of park features and grounds.

Tree plantings to expand and increase the shade tree canopy in active use areas like picnic and playground spaces as well as natural edges and park boundaries is recommended to improve natural habitat, human comfort and better stormwater management in parks and open spaces where tree cover may be limited or have room for enhancement.

Land Acquisition To Meet Growing Needs & Fill Gaps

The City must acquire additional parkland to serve its growing population and provide more accessible outdoor recreation for the community. As growth and expansion continue and annexation occurs, opportunities to acquire large park sites will be more difficult and require Bothell to think creatively and foster partnerships to provide desired public parkland with sufficient room for park amenities. Concurrently, partnerships with the local school districts could provide opportunities to improve school facilities in ways that may help meet community park needs. The possibility may exist for other public land management agencies, such as King and Snohomish Counties, to become partners in acquiring mutually beneficial public parklands. The long-term goal is to acquire sufficient acreage for five new neighborhood parks to fill major gaps and have sufficiently large sites for future park development. Specific target acquisition areas are noted on Map 6.

Recreation Programming

The City should continue to foster agreements or partnerships with potential programming partners and contract vendors as it considers its role in providing for a variety of recreation services within the community. There should be clearly identified areas of programmatic responsibility to ensure that there is not overlap in resource allocation or that gaps in services are not present. The City should also match its programming efforts with available staff and financial resources, recognizing that increasing the role of the Parks and Recreation Department in providing programs will require an increase in full and part-time staff.

Park Amenity Upgrades

The City should also consider adding the following recreation features to expand recreational opportunities beyond named park and trail project targets as funding allows:

- Shade structures and/or well-sited shade trees for playgrounds
- Splash pad
- Permanent off-leash dog parks
- Nature playgrounds and with unique features
- All-inclusive playgrounds
- Older youth recreational amenities, such as parkour elements, bike skills or mountain biking
- Gathering spaces (picnic shelters, etc.)
- Outdoor fitness areas
- Multi-sport courts
- Public art

A general consideration for the public is to create a park system that provided year-round facilities for all ages and all abilities to gather and recreate in diverse range of safe, clean and well-maintained park facilities that also balance fiscal stability.

Implementation Tactics

Inter-Departmental Coordination

Internal coordination with the Public Works and Community Development Departments can increase the potential of discrete actions toward the implementation of the proposed recreational trail network, which relies in part on street right-of-way enhancements, and in the review of development applications with consideration toward potential parkland acquisition areas, planned trail corridors and the need for easement or set-aside requests.

Volunteer & Community-based Action

Volunteers and community groups already contribute to the improvement of parks and recreation services in Bothell. Volunteer projects include wildlife habitat enhancement, invasive plant removal, tree planting, trail building and community event support, among others. Bothell should maintain and update a revolving list of potential small works or volunteer-appropriate projects for the website, while also reaching out to the high schools to encourage student projects. While supporting organized groups and community-minded individuals continues to add value to the Bothell parks and recreation system, volunteer coordination requires a substantial amount of staff time, and additional resources may be necessary to more fully take advantage of the community's willingness to support park and recreation efforts.

Enhanced Local Funding

According to the City budget, Bothell maintains reserve debt capacity for councilmanic bonds and voter approved debt. However, councilmanic bonds are unlikely due to a lack of resources for bond repayment. Community conversations regarding the need for a community recreation center and the potential to bundle several projects from the capital facilities plan warrant a review of debt implications for the City, along with the need to conduct polling of voter support for such projects.

Park Impact Fees & Real Estate Excise Tax

Park Impact Fees (PIF) are imposed on new development to meet the increased demand for parks resulting from the new growth. PIF can only be used for parkland acquisition, planning and/or development. They cannot be used for operations and maintenance of parks and facilities. The City of Bothell currently assesses impact fees, but the City should review its PIF ordinance and update the methodology and rate structure, as appropriate, to be best positioned to obtain future acquisition and development financing from the planned growth of the community. The City should prioritize the usage of PIF to secure new park properties and finance park or trail development consistent with the priorities within this Plan.

The City currently imposes both of the quarter percent excise taxes on real estate, known as REET 1 and REET 2. The REET must be spent on capital projects listed in the City's capital facilities plan element of their comprehensive plan. Eligible project types include planning, construction, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation or improvement of parks, recreational facilities and trails. Acquisition of land for parks is not a permitted use of REET 2. REET

is used for other City projects, such as facility construction and public works projects, may be used to make loan and debt service payments on permissible projects. Through annual budgeting and with discussions with City Council, the Parks and Recreation Department should continue to seek access to REET funds and use the capital facilities plan to compile compelling projects to enhance service delivery of the amenities the community has provided voice to.

Parkland Donations & Dedications

Parkland donations from private individuals or conservation organizations could occur to complement the acquisition of park and open space lands across the City and urban growth boundary. Gift deeds or bequests from philanthropic-minded landowners could allow for lands to come into City ownership upon the death of the owner or as a tax-deductible charitable donation. Also, parkland dedication by a developer could occur in exchange for Park Impact Fees or as part of a planned development where public open space is a key design for the layout and marketing of a new residential project. Any potential dedication should be vetted by the Department to ensure that such land is located in an area of need or can expand an existing City property and can be developed with site amenities appropriate for the projected use of the property.

Conservation Futures

Both Snohomish and King Counties assesses the maximum allowable excise of $0.0625 per $1,000 assessed value to fund the Conservation Futures program and provides cities a venue to access these funds through a competitive, local grant process. The City should continue to submit grant applications for support in financing the acquisition of additional natural areas along creeks to facilitate the protection of these lands and enable improved linkages to expand the trail network.

Grants & Appropriations

Several state and federal grant programs are available on a competitive basis, including WWRP, ALEA, and LWCF. Pursuing grants is not a panacea for park system funding, since grants are both competitive and often require a significant percentage of local funds to match the request to the granting agency, which depending on the grant program can be as much as 50% of the total project budget. Bothell should continue to leverage its local resources to the greatest extent by pursuing grants independently and in cooperation with other local partners.

Appropriations from state or federal sources, though rare, can supplement projects with partial funding. State and federal funding allocations are particularly relevant on regional transportation projects, and the likelihood for appropriations could be increased if multiple partners are collaborating on projects.

Other Implementation Tools

Appendix G identifies other implementation tools, such as voter-approved funding, grants and acquisition tactics, that the City could utilize to further the implementation of the projects noted in the Potential Projects List.

APPENDIX A
SURVEY SUMMARY

CONSERVATION TECHNIX

To: Nik Stroup, Director, Bothell Parks & Recreation Department Director

From: Steve Duh, Conservation Technix, Inc.

Date: September 9, 2019

Re: **Bothell Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan**
Community Survey Summary Results

Conservation Technix is pleased to present the results of a survey of the general population of the City of Bothell that assesses residents' recreational needs and priorities.

KEY FINDINGS

Bothell residents strongly value their parks and recreation facilities.

Nearly all residents (97%) think parks and recreation are important to quality of life in the City of Bothell.

Residents use the City's existing parks for a variety of reasons.

Large majorities of residents have visited the Park at Bothell Landing (90%) and Blyth Park (76%), while fewer have visited Cedar Grove Park (40%) and Centennial Park (35%). Bothell residents most commonly visit local parks and recreation facilities to use trails, relax, or for fitness.

Residents are generally satisfied with existing parks and recreation facilities.

The majority of residents who had visited Bothell parks gave them condition ratings of excellent or good. However, over half of respondents said they would visit City parks more often if the City provided more information (13%), addressed crowding (13%), provided more nearby parks (11%), added desired facilities or equipment (10%), or addressed maintenance (5%) or accessibility issues (2%). Specifically, many resident wrote in requests for more places to walk or play with their dogs; places to play pickleball; more parking; and cleaner restrooms.

Residents would like to see improvements made to the parks & recreation system but also want to see the City preserve land for future parks and natural areas.

When asked which improvements they would like to see the City focus on, residents gave the highest priority to expanding the recreational trail network and acquiring land for future parks. Developing new amenities in parks and acquiring land for open space were slightly lower priorities for residents. Respondents support adding all-inclusive playground equipment, splash pads, and river access.

In open-ended questions, residents expressed concern about the pace of development in Bothell, want the City to protect access to nature, trees, and open space for both people and wildlife, and are particularly interested in the future of places like Shelton View and North Creek Forest. Other residents are eager to see improvements to Bothell's park system, particularly to the former Wayne Golf Course, or would like to see particular facilities added, such as off-leash dog parks, trails, pickleball courts, botanical gardens, and disc golf.

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SURVEY METHODOLOGY

In close collaboration with City of Bothell staff and the Parks & Recreation Board, Conservation Technix developed the 17-question survey that was estimated to take less than ten minutes to complete.

The survey was mailed to a random sample of 2,500 households within the boundaries of the City of Bothell on June 4, 2019. An online version of the survey was posted to the City's website a week later to allow the mail recipients to receive first notice about the survey. Reminder postcards were mailed to the 2,500 households on June 15th. Information about the survey was provided on the City's website home page and on the PROS Plan subpage. It was promoted via multiple social media postings, in addition to numerous pop-up events held around the city between June and August. The survey was closed on August 31st, and data were compiled and reviewed. Overall, 381 responses were completed from the print version mail survey, and 860 responses were generated via the online link published on the City's website. In total, 1,241 survey responses were recorded.

This report includes findings on general community opinions. Data are aggregated and summarized for the mail and online surveys to highlight overall community preferences, with clarifying remarks on response differences between the two datasets. The data for the mail and online versions were kept separated. Percentages in the report may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

The main survey data were cross tabulated with the demographic data (e.g., age, location, number of children in household) to examine if differences existed between the different respondent subgroups. The summary below identifies variations in responses per question, if such variations existed and were significant between subgroups.

FULL RESULTS

How much do residents value parks and recreation?

Nearly all respondents (97%) feel that local parks, recreation options and open space opportunities are important or essential to the quality of life in Bothell. Eight in ten respondents feel that they are essential; while an additional 16% believe that they are important to quality of life, but not essential. Only 1% of respondents believe parks are "more of a luxury that we don't need".

13. When you think about the things that contribute to the quality of life in Bothell, would you say that public parks and recreation opportunities are…

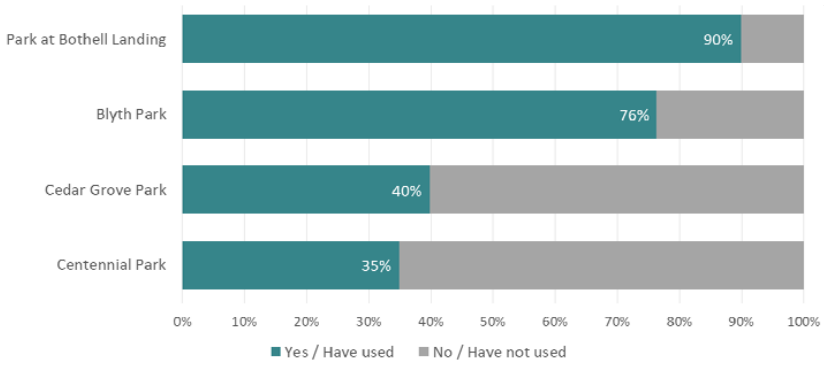
Response options	Percent	
Essential to the quality of life here	81%	97%
Important, but not really necessary	16%	
More of a luxury that we don't need	1%	
Don't know	1%	

Which parks & recreation facilities have residents used?

The City asked residents which parks and recreation facilities they have used. Nearly all respondents have visited the Park at Bothell Landing (90%). More than three quarters have visited Blyth Park (76%). Fewer residents have visited Cedar Grove Park (40%) and Centennial Park (35%).

The Park at Bothell Landing attracts visitors from across the City, while Blyth Park and Cedar Grove Park are more heavily used by nearby respondents. Online respondents indicated higher park usage for all four sites over mail survey respondents.

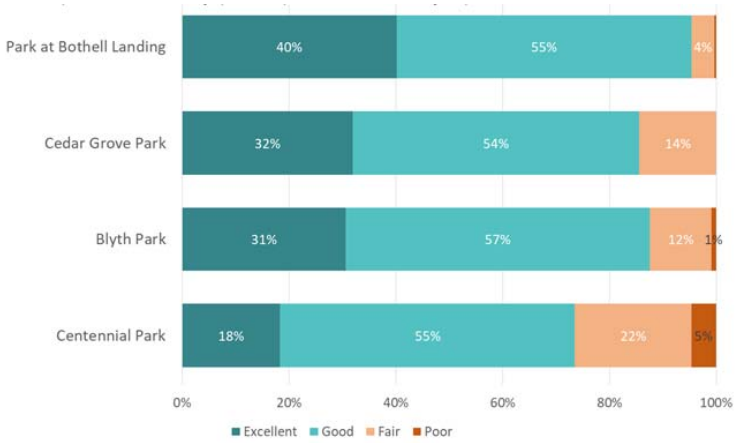
7. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has used any of the following parks listed below.



How would residents rate the condition of parks and facilities in Bothell?

Of the respondents who had visited various parks and recreation sites in Bothell, the majority gave all existing parks a condition rating of excellent or good. Overall the Park and Bothell Landing received the highest condition ratings, with 95% of respondents ranking it as excellent or good. Centennial Park received the lowest ratings, with 73% rating its condition as good or excellent but 27% rating it fair or poor.

8. For those you marked with a YES… please indicate how you would rate



Why do residents visit parks?

Bothell residents visit local parks and recreation facilities for a variety of reasons. The most popular activities are using trails (73%) or relaxation (54%). More than one-third of respondents visited for fitness (46%), use a playground (36%), or to view wildlife (36%). Between 10% and 30% of respondents visited Bothell parks for equestrian or mountain bike trails or for athletic fields. In addition, 96 respondents (9%) wrote in that they visit parks to walk or play with their dogs, and 51 respondents (4%) wrote in that they visited to play disc golf.

1. What would you say are the main reasons you visited Bothell parks and open spaces in the last year?

Reason	Percent
Trails	73%
Relaxation	54%
Fitness	46%
Playgrounds	36%
Wildlife viewing	36%
Family gatherings / picnics	30%
Sports fields	23%
Music concerts	20%
Other	19%
Class, camp or league activity	10%

Respondents between 35 and 44, and those with children in their household, were the most likely to visit for playgrounds, athletic fields, classes, camps or leagues, and family gatherings. Respondents without children were more likely than those with children to respond that they had not visited a Bothell Park in the past year. Online respondents indicated slightly higher responses for park visitation for sport fields, wildlife viewing, trails and family gatherings.

Why don't residents visit more often?

When asked why they do not visit Bothell's parks and recreation facilities more often, many residents responded that they do visit (43%), use parks or facilities provided by other cities or organizations (15%) or are too busy (12%) suggesting that further improvements would not increase their use of parks.

2. Please check all the reasons why your household does not use City of Bothell park or recreation facilities more often.

Reason	Percent
None (I/We use them)	43%
Other	18%
Use parks or facilities provided by another city or organization	15%
I do not know what is offered	13%
Parks and sports courts are too crowded	13%
Too busy to go to parks and facilities	12%
Parks are too far from my home	11%
Parks do not have the right equipment	10%
Parks and facilities are not well-maintained	5%
Inaccessible for my physical abilities	2%

However, over half of respondents selected a reason that could be addressed by the City, including lack of information (13%), crowding (13%), distance to parks (11%), lack of desired facilities or equipment (10%), maintenance issues (5%), and accessibility issues (2%). Specifically, many respondents wrote in requests for more places to walk or play with their dogs; places to play pickleball; more parking; and cleaner restrooms.

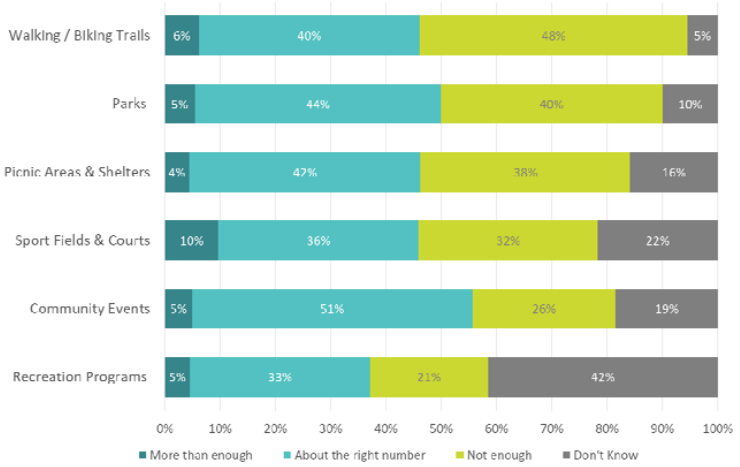
Respondents with children at home were more likely to cite that parks and facilities are too crowded or do not have the right equipment as reasons why they do not visit more often. Respondents without children at home were more likely than those with children to cite being too busy as a reason why they do not use parks more often.

Do residents think the City of Bothell needs more parks and recreation opportunities?

Just under half of survey respondents think that the City of Bothell does not have enough walking and biking trails (48%). Respondents are most satisfied with the number of community events, with 56% feeling that there are about the right number or more than enough. Respondents are more split on the adequacy of parks, picnic areas, and sports fields.

Younger residents and those with children in their household are more think there are not enough sports fields or recreation programs than older residents or those in adult households.

3. When it comes to the needs for parks, trails and recreation facilities, would you say there are...



What park and recreation options do residents have a need for? Do they feel their needs are met?

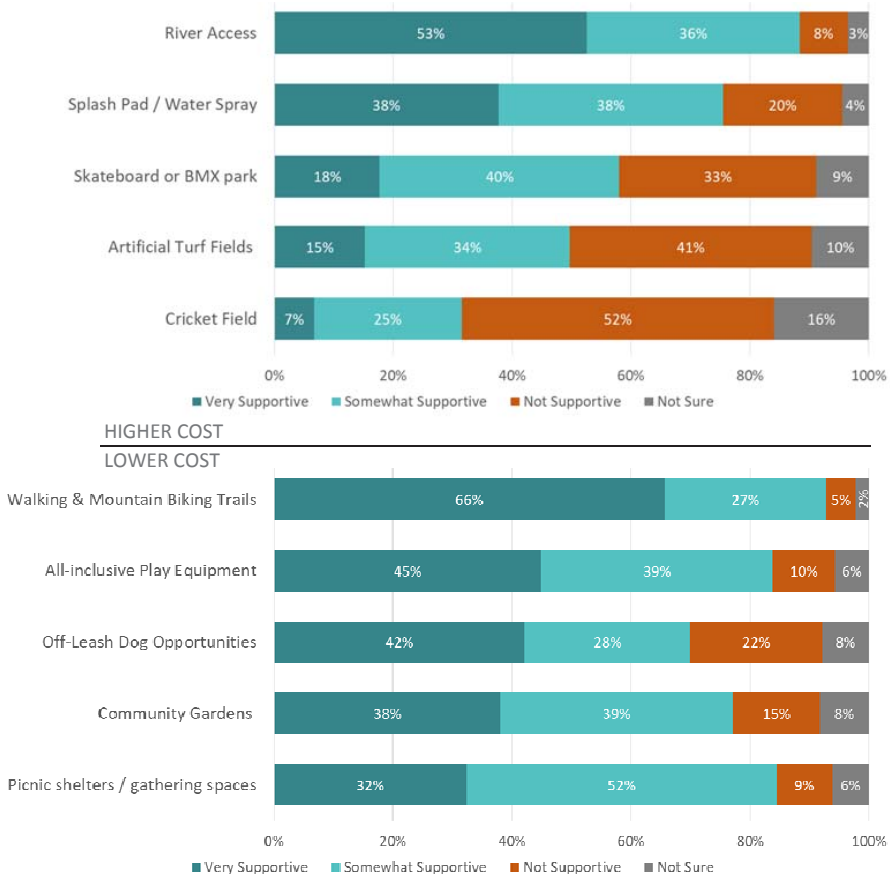
The survey asked residents a series of questions regarding their needs for typical park and recreation facilities.

When given a list of potential low cost park amenities the City could consider adding to the park system, respondents were supportive of all options listed. They were most supportive of adding multi-use walking and mountain biking trails and all-inclusive playground equipment.

Respondents with children expressed higher support for adding inclusive playgrounds and splash pads than those without children, though both amenities were supported by a majority of all residents.

When presented higher-cost potential improvements, respondents were highly supportive of adding splash pads or water spray features and improving river access. In a separate question,

5/6. The following list includes lower cost (Q5) / higher cost (Q6) park amenities that the City of Bothell could consider adding to the park system. Please indicate whether you would be very supportive, somewhat supportive, not supportive, or not sure.



residents also expressed a willingness to increase taxes to fund additional splash pads and a community center. Respondents were less supportive of adding skateparks, artificial turf fields, or cricket fields.

9/10. Please indicate if your household has an interest in any of the programs or activities below. Using the same list, please indicate how well your needs are met locally.

Higher Need / Somewhat Met

- Adult enrichment classes, such as art, crafts & music, fitness classes & wellness (67% / 62%)
- Outdoor volunteer opportunities (69% / 59%)

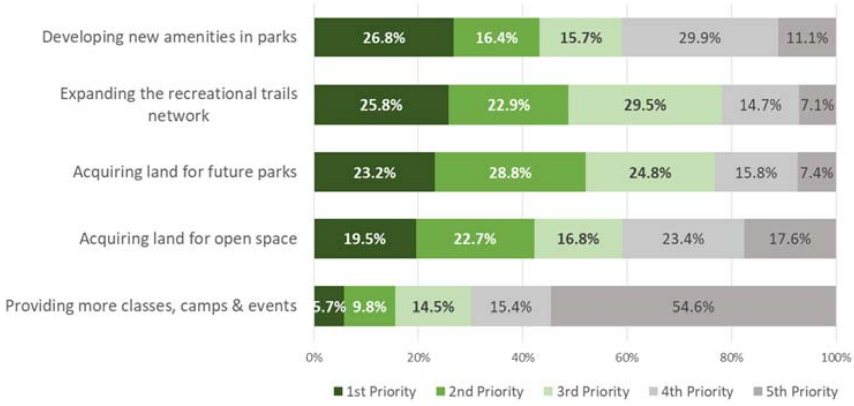
Lower Need / Somewhat Met

- Youth sports programs and camps during school breaks (39% / 53%)
- Adult sports leagues, such as soccer & softball (39% / 49%)
- Children's activities, such as supervised after-school & summer day camp programs (34% / 54%)
- Teen activities, such as drop-in facilities, field trips & camps during school breaks (34% / 50%)
- Programs for youth, teens and young adults with special needs, adaptive & inclusive programs (32% / 49%)

The second pair of questions asked which recreational programs and activities the respondent's household has a need for, and then, whether that need is well met, somewhat met, or unmet locally. In these questions, respondents expressed greater interest in, and need for, adult enrichment classes and volunteer opportunities than for programs and activities than those geared towards youth or teens. Perhaps unsurprisingly, respondents with children were more likely to be interested in youth and teen activities than those without children in their home. Online respondents indicated a slightly higher demand ('not well met') for adult sports, and mail survey respondents showed a slightly higher demand for outdoor volunteer opportunities.

What park and facility improvements would residents prioritize?

4. For the following list, indicate how you would rank the priority for each (1st priority is highest and 5th priority is lowest). Reorder the list by dragging each line into your preferred order of preference.



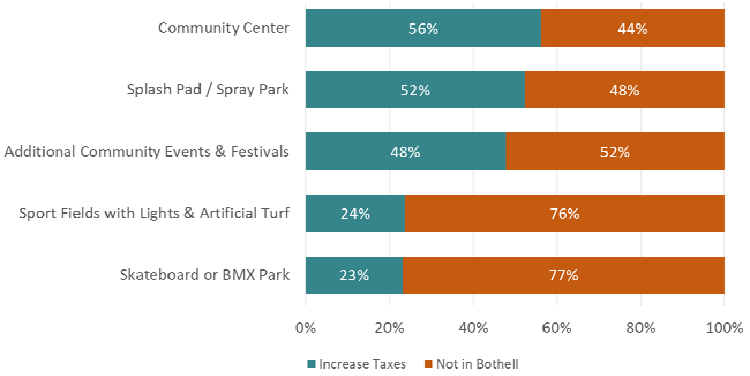
When asked which park and recreation improvements they would like to see the City focus on, respondents gave the highest single priority to developing new amenities in parks (27%). In looking at the sum o ftop three responses, more than three quarters of respondents identified expanding the recreational trail network (78%) and acquiring land for future parks (77%) as one of their top three priorities (each with a weighted average score of 3.5 on a five point scale). Acquiring lands for future parks was a higher priority in the northeast area of Bothell compared to other areas, and expanding the recreational trail network was a higher priority to respondents from the southeast area. Developing new amenities in parks and acquiring land for open space were slightly lower priorities for residents. Providing more recreational programs, including classes and camps, or community events was the lowest priority – over half of residents rated it as their lowest priority among the choices listed.

Are residents willing to pay additional taxes or fees to fund improvements to parks and recreation?

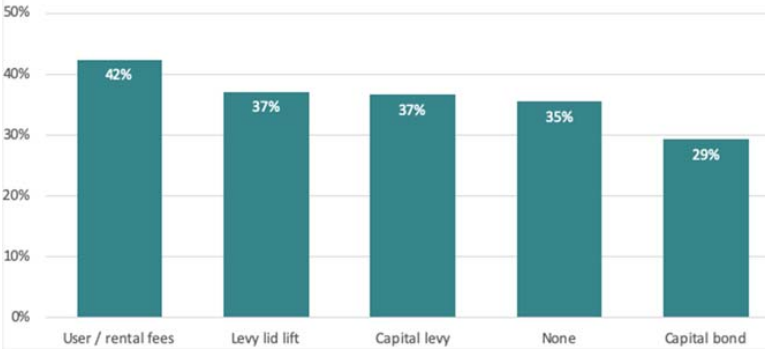
Given a choice between raising taxes to develop a facility in Bothell versus not having such a facility in the city, slight majorities supported more taxes for 2 of 5 amenities tested: a community center (56%) and splash pad (52%). Strong majorities were not in favor of using taxes to support sport fields with lights or a skateboard/BMX park. Respondents between 55 and 64 were slightly more in favor of taxes to support a community center. Respondents between 35 and 44 and those with children were more in favor of taxes for a splash pad. Online respondents showed slightly higher support for taxes for a community center.

The survey asked residents which additional funding sources they would support to improve parks and recreation opportunities in Bothell. Respondents were most supportive of implementing or increasing user and rental fees to fund system improvements (42%). Approximately 37% of respondents supported increasing the City's current levy or implementing a new capital tax to fund park system development and renovation projects. Fewer than 30% of respondents supported capital bonds, while another 35% of respondents would not support any of the listed options. There were no significant differences between demographic groups.

11. There may be some park and recreation experiences that are limited or not available in Bothell, but are available in neighboring communities. If it came down to a choice between increasing taxes to develop that facility in Bothell versus not having that in Bothell, which would you choose?



12. … what additional funding sources would you support to improve parks and recreation opportunities in Bothell?



Other Comments

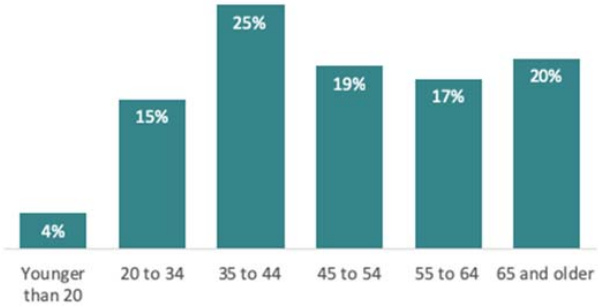
The survey provided residents with multiple opportunities to share their ideas and suggestions via open-ended responses. Common themes from these comments include:

- Many respondents are concerned about the pace of ongoing development in Bothell and want to make sure the City protects access to nature, trees, and open space for both people and wildlife. They are particularly interested in the future of places like Shelton View and North Creek Forest.
- Many respondents noted that they are eager to see a permanent off-leash dog park in the City, either because they would use it themselves or because they hope it would lessen the number and impacts of unauthorized off-leash dogs in Bothell parks.
- Respondents expressed interest in, and enthusiasm for, the redevelopment of the Wayne Golf Course. While some respondents hoped the City would keep a small golf course, most residents hoped for new amenities, such as off-leash dog parks, trails, botanical gardens, disc golf and restored open spaces.
- Some respondents are concerned that future park acquisition, improvement and maintenance will require raising taxes above what they consider sustainable. Some felt that the City should 'live within its means' and that existing revenues should be sufficient to fund park needs. Others would like to see the City ask more of developers to fund the park system necessary to meet the needs of new development.

Demographics

Age

Respondents to the survey were roughly split between residents over age 65 (20%), residents between 55 and 64 years of age (17%), residents between 45 and 54 (19%), residents between 35 to 44 (25%), and residents under 34 years of age (20%).

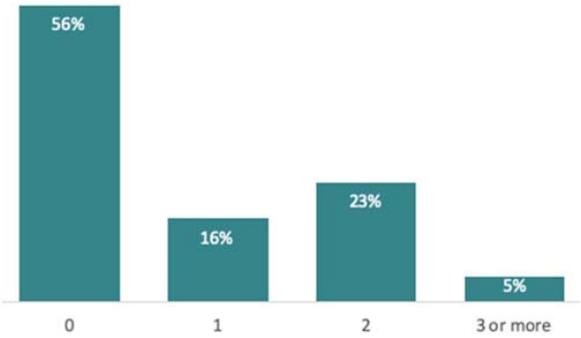


Location of Residence

Nearly half of survey respondents live in the southwestern portion of the City (south of approximately 244th St. SE and west of I-405). Another quarter of respondents live west of I-405 but north of 244th. The remainder of respondents live in either the northeastern part of the City (14%), southeastern portion (10%) or outside of Bothell (7%).

Number of Children in Household

Over half of respondents (56%) have no children in their household. These households tended to include older adults (over age 55). The remaining 44% of households have one (16%), two (23%), or three or more (5%) children in the home.



ATTACHMENT 1. SURVEY INSTRUMENT

City of Bothell™

Community Survey on Park, Recreation & Open Space Preferences

Dear Bothell Community Member:

The City of Bothell is conducting a short survey to assess the recreational needs of community members to update its citywide Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. The new Plan will establish a path forward for providing high quality, community-driven parks and recreation amenities throughout the city. The Plan will establish goals and recommend specific projects for the city's park facilities for the next 5-10 years. Final review of the Plan tentatively is targeted for January 2020.

Your participation is crucial to the success of this project. The survey consists of 15 questions regarding current use of facilities, preferred activities and support for future improvements. It takes about 5 minutes to complete, and residents of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Save a stamp. Take the survey now online at bothellwa.gov/PROS **Thank you in advance for participating!**

1. What would you say are the main reasons you visited Bothell parks and open spaces in the LAST YEAR? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

- ☐ Fitness
- ☐ Trails
- ☐ Playgrounds
- ☐ Sport fields
- ☐ Family gatherings / picnics
- ☐ Music concerts
- ☐ Relaxation
- ☐ Wildlife viewing
- ☐ Class, camp or league activity
- ☐ I didn't go to any Bothell parks last year
- ☐ Other: _____

2. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why your household DOES NOT USE City of Bothell parks or recreation facilities more often.

- ☐ Parks do not have the right equipment
- ☐ Parks and facilities are not well maintained
- ☐ Inaccessible for my physical abilities
- ☐ Parks and sport courts are too crowded
- ☐ Parks are too far from my home
- ☐ Too busy to go to parks and facilities
- ☐ Use parks or facilities provided by another city or organization
- ☐ I do not know what is offered
- ☐ None / I regularly use local parks or recreation facilities
- ☐ Other: _____

3. When it comes to meeting the needs for parks, trails and recreation facilities, would you say there are... (Check only one box in each row)

	More than Enough	About the Right Amount	Not Enough	Don't Know
Parks with playgrounds, sports areas, restrooms	☐	☐	☐	☐
Walking / Biking Trails	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sport Fields & Sport Courts	☐	☐	☐	☐
Picnic Areas & Shelters	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recreation Programs (camps & classes)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community Events (Music in the Park, 4th of July Parade)	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Or send it back in the self-addressed envelope provided.
Thank you in advance for participating!

4. **For the following list, indicate how you would rank the priority for each (1st priority is highest and 5th priority is lowest). Circle each ranking number only once.**

	1 - High Priority	2nd Priority	3 -Medium Priority	4th Priority	5 - Low Priority
Developing new amenities in parks (active spaces)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Expanding the recreational trails network	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Acquiring land for future parks	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Acquiring land for open space	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Providing more recreation classes & camps, community events	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th

5. **The following list includes lower cost park amenities that the City of Bothell could consider adding to the park system. Please indicate for each whether you would be very supportive, somewhat supportive, not supportive or not sure.**

	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Supportive	Not Sure
Community Gardens (pea patches)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Multi-use Walking & Biking Trails	☐	☐	☐	☐
All-inclusive Playground Equipment	☐	☐	☐	☐
Off-Leash Dog Opportunities	☐	☐	☐	☐
Additional Picnic Shelters / Small gathering spaces	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other: _____	☐	☐	☐	☐

6. **The following list includes higher cost park amenities that the City of Bothell could consider adding to the park system. Please indicate for each whether you would be very supportive, somewhat supportive, not supportive or not sure.**

	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Supportive	Not Sure
Artificial Turf Fields (baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cricket Field	☐	☐	☐	☐
Splash Pad / Water Spray Features	☐	☐	☐	☐
River Access (kayak launch areas, fishing)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Skateboard or BMX park	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other: _____	☐	☐	☐	☐

Community Survey on Park, Recreation & Open Space Preferences

City of Bothell

7. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has used any of the following parks listed below. If YES, please indicate how you would rate the condition of the park or recreation facility.

	Have visited in the past year?		If YES, how would you rate the condition of the park?			
Site Name	**Yes**	**No**	**Excellent**	**Good**	**Fair**	**Poor**
Park at Bothell Landing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Blyth Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Centennial Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cedar Grove Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

8. Please indicate if your household has an interest in each the programs or activities below AND for each, please indicate how well your needs are met locally.

	Do you have interest?		How well met are your needs for this type of activity?		
Type of Program / Activity	**Yes**	**No**	**Very Well Met**	**Somewhat Met**	**Not At All Met**
Children's activities, such as supervised after-school & summer day camp programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Teen activities, such as drop-in facilities, field trips & camps during school breaks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Youth sports programs and camps during school breaks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Programs for youth, teens and young adults with special needs, adaptive & inclusive programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adult sports leagues, such as soccer & softball	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adult enrichment classes, such as art, crafts & music, fitness classes & wellness	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Outdoor volunteer opportunities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

9. There may be some park and recreation experiences that are limited or not available in Bothell, but are available in neighboring communities. If it came down to a choice between increasing taxes to develop that facility in Bothell versus not having that in Bothell, which would you choose?

	Increase Taxes	**Not in Bothell**
Skateboard or BMX Park	☐	☐
Additional Outdoor Sport Fields with Lights & Artificial Turf	☐	☐
Community Center	☐	☐
Splash Pad / Spray Park	☐	☐
Additional Community Events & Festivals	☐	☐

10. While no new property taxes are being proposed, what additional funding sources would you support to improve parks and recreation opportunities in Bothell? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

- ☐ None, existing tax revenues should be sufficient
- ☐ Implement / increase user or rental fees for specific parks, programs or events
- ☐ Capital levy (tax to fund park system development and renovation projects)
- ☐ Capital bond (tax to authorize borrowing for system development and renovation projects)
- ☐ Levy lid lift (adjustment to current tax to fund maintenance, development, renovation and programming projects)

11. When you think about the things that contribute to the quality of life in Bothell, would you say that public parks and recreation opportunities are… (check one option)

- ☐ Essential to the quality of life here
- ☐ Important, but not really essential
- ☐ More of a luxury that we don't need
- ☐ Don't Know

12. Do you have other comments or suggestions for Bothell's parks, programs or events?

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These last questions help us understand whether we have a cross section of the community. It's important that you provide a response to each question. Your answers are confidential.

13. How many children under age 18 live in your household?

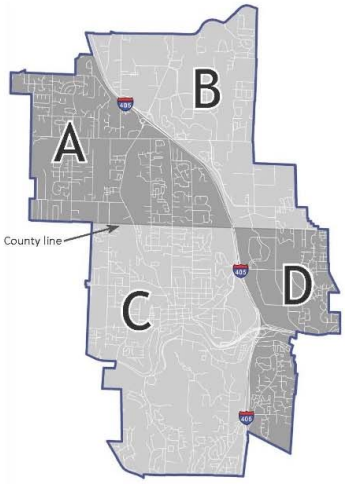
- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3 or more

14. What is your age?

- ☐ Younger than 20
- ☐ 20 to 34
- ☐ 35 to 44
- ☐ 45 to 54
- ☐ 55 to 64
- ☐ 65 and older

15. Using the map, in which section of Bothell do you live?

- ☐ (A) Northwest
- ☐ (B) Northeast
- ☐ (C) Southwest
- ☐ (D) Southeast
- ☐ Don't live in Bothell



Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

Your input and insights will be used to help guide the development of the Bothell Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan.

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Check the City's website for more information about the citywide Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan.

The City of Bothell is utilizing the services of a consultant team who specializes in park and recreation planning.
Please return your completed survey in the enclosed return-reply envelope addressed to:
Conservation Technix Inc.
PO Box 12736
Portland, OR 97212

ATTACHMENT 2. OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

1. What would you say are the main reasons you visited Bothell parks and open spaces in the LAST YEAR?

- Cricket
- Cricket
- Cricket Ground
- bike riding
- biking
- Mountain Biking
- Mountain biking and disk golf
- Disc golf
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- Disc golf at Wayne
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- Disgolfing at Blyth
- Disk golf
- Frisbee Golf
- Dog
- Dog
- Dog exercise
- Dog exercise and play
- Dog Park
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- Dog play
- Dog play, sledding
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- dog walking & play
- Dog walking and socializing
- dogs to play in park
- Dogwalking
- exercising my dog
- Exercising my dogs
- Exercising my dogs
- I have a small yard and need to exercise my dog
- informal gatherings with my dog-owning friends
- Let my dog run around
- Off-leash Dog Park
- Pet exercise
- play with dogs and you meet other dog lovers
- Pop up dog park
- pop up dog park
- Pop up dog park
- Run my dogs
- Spending the day with my dog
- Take the dog for a walk.
- To exercise my dog
- To exercise my dog
- To exercise my dog. Loved the pop-up dog park--really need a local off-leash area for my dog to play and exercise.
- To let my dog run around
- to play with our dog and exercise her
- To play with our dog.
- To walk my dog
- To walk my dog

- To walk my dog; would love an off leash area!
- to walk my dogs
- To walk our dog.
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- Walk a dog
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- Walk dog, ride bike
- Walk dog.
- Walk Dog/Get Dog Exercise
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- Walk my dog in new places
- Walk my dog in new places
- Walk my dog, let kids play
- Walk my dogs
- walk my dogs
- Walk neighbors dog on a LEASH.
- Walk our dogs
- Walk the dog
- Walk the dog
- Walk the dog
- Walk the dog daily and 95% of the time in a Bothell park
- walk the dogs
- walking dog
- Walking my dog
- Walking my dog
- Walking my dog
- walking my dog
- Walking my dog
- Walking our dog
- Walking our dog

- Walking our dog/dog park
- Walking the dog
- walking the dog
- With my dog
- Pop up fog park
- Community events
- Historic sites/museum & buildings
- Bothell Historical Museum events
- Historical Museum - docent
- Visited Historical Museum
- Adventuring
- All ages of our family (infants, youth, adults, seniors) regularly rely on and use the trails and parks
- Arbor Day
- Blackberry picking
- Do not over develop Bothell!
- F3
- Family oriented atmosphere
- Geocaching
- Have used other parks & beaches watching people's animals - Edmonds Beach for ferries, dives, trains, dogs, relaxation, picnics, water
- I
- I am 72 years - it is difficult to visit anywhere
- j
- No park near Queeensborough working in Shelton View Forest - maybe we can make it a park
- Older and have back problems
- Open Space (park formerly known as Wayne Golf Course) to throw frisbee/ball/etc.
- Please transform Wayne into a park like Marymoore!
- Pokemon
- Pokemon Go
- Pokemon Go
- Pokestops
- skating
- Tennis court
- Too many dogs on & off leash using the park as its bathroom "everywhere"!
- Visited the new park at Wayne.
- I use the pickleball court at the Bothell Brickyard Park.

- Insufficient pickleball facilities
- Pickleball
- Pickle Ball
- pickleball
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- Pickleball
- Pickleball and bike riding
- Pickleball at Northshore Senior Center. This is my number 1 sporting activity.
- Pickleball courts
- Green space
- Meditation
- Meditation
- Mental Health and connection with nature / Spiritual
- Spiritual
- To enjoy the green and nature
- Looking for and hiding painted rocks
- Rock Hunting
- To hide and find painted rocks
- Meeting with friends (older kids not really into the playgrounds, but the space to run around); Also many parks visited to play Pokemon Go!
- Socialization
- park cleanup work groups
- Shelton View Forest work parties
- volunteer
- Volunteer events with Friends of North Creek Forest (Work Parties and Education Field Trip support)
- Volunteer work
- Education event in North Creek Forest
- Forest restoration work parties.
- And trails
- Hike Sheldon Forest
- Hiking
- I guide walks of groups interested in education, information and preservation of Bothell's remaining canopy/"lungs" of balanced growth.
- Walking

- Walking the dog & kid
- Would like to go for walking safely with my walker to sit and look out towards the lake.
- canoe rental at Bothell Landing
- canoeing
- kayaking
- Waster sport activities, access to water
- Access water
- Hamaking or swimming
- bird watching
- To see the giant polished woodpecker and to relax
- Watching wildlife
- Would like to see the grass along the river cut down so we could better see the wildlife when walking

2. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why your household does not use City of Bothell parks and recreation facilities more often.

- Difficult to park at Bothell Landing
- my most commonly used park is Marymoor, for the dogs.
- parking can be a challenge when everyone shows up to use it
- Bathrooms smell, not clean
- Some bathrooms aren't clean
- Cold weather makes going to parks unappealing during winter.
- No recreation facilities in the North end by Canyon Creek Elementary
- Insufficient off leash space and threats of fines for responsibly running dogs off leash safely
- We own recreational property where we spend our available time
- Parking
- I wish Bothell had a mountain bike park facility similar to Redmond's Bike Park and Issaquah's Duthie Hill
- dogs off leash (tall tree park)
- I live in the north/Snohomish end of Bothell, so favorite spots like Wayne or North Creek Forest are farther from me if I just want some outside time. I use Shelton View Forest the most for that reason, which is not yet a park from my understanding? Or I go to Swamp Creek Park in Kenmore.
- Cedar Grove Park for a church picnic. Shelton View Forest (DNR) for recreation and a sense of "forest" in a City
- Bicyclists regularly engage in dangerous behavior (speed, ignore dismount signs)
- Have friends in other cities
- Too crowded
- Some have insufficient parking.
- No off leash areas for our dog
- Lack of forest trails that are maintained
- No off leash dog park

- Tennis courts in parks of south Bothell would be nice.
- Off-leash dogs everywhere. My kids are allergic and the random dogs approaching them and licking them while the owner stands by “oh he’s a friendly dog” is ridiculous
- Parking availability
- I would really love a nice dog park in Bothell. I go to Magnuson dog park a lot but it would be nice to not have to drive so far all the time
- Limited parking
- I enjoy quiet areas for nature observation and longer walking paths.
- need LARGE fenced open space for dogs
- I go to Kirkland (Jasper) dog parks, along with Marymoor and Magnuson
- When is Bothell Landing going to b upgraded per planned?
- Not enough parks!
- need more activities for adults
- We need an off-leash dog park!!!! I take my dog to Marymoor or Magnuson off-leash dog parks because we do not have one in Bothell.
- off leash dogs
- No off leash area
- We would love to see covered playgrounds for those drizzly days in the year when the kids need to be outdoors - something like tarps over playsets
- Long walking trials are farer and fewer between as i like to walk with my dog in the woods
- I go to Redmond everyday to walk my dog at Marymoor
- I like nature, so facilities don't excite me, woodlands do!
- The sports organizations we participate in are not allowed to rent from the City of Bothell because their service area extends beyond city limits.
- Some don't have enough shade or places to sit.
- There are no dog parks
- No dog park
- No good dog park
- Heavy traffic after work. Too many people moving to the area.
- areas in E Norway Hill park are used as homeless encampments; I even find used needles/garbage in my neighborhood park
- Wayne golf course would be our ideal park since we l7ve on it. It is terribly maintained and not conducive for families or friends to utilize as a park. Overgrown and not attractive
- Would use more if there were an off leash area
- Our dog can't be off leash to get the exercise he needs
- I go to neighboring cities to let my dog play off leash
- would like a more dog friendly park - with area for my dog to run and play with other dogs
- I have to go to parks in other cities to find an off leash park for my dog.
- No dog park

- people routinely use my neighborhood park as an off-leash dog space, making it unavailable for my use
- No off leash dog park
- Looking for dog friendly places... specifically dog parks
- Too few parking spots.
- there is a lack of off-leash trails in the Bothell area
- Too many dog poops in the new park (Wayne golf course park)
- Lack of dedicated pickleball courts
- There are non Off-leash dog parks
- No Pickleball courts available (indoor and outdoor)
- No off-leash dog areas
- Looking for cricket sport field
- If there is a park for playing cricket it would have been awesome as there are many cricket playing people all over Bothell
- Cricket play ground is not available.
- Cricket filed
- Pickleball
- No dog park in all of Bothell/Kenmore area
- Doesn't have an off leash dog park section
- It would be nice to have a designated off leash park
- No courts dedicated to pickleball
- too many dogs off leash. I am allergic to dogs and cannot tolerate on jumping on me
- Although there are a number of outdoor pickleball courts in Bothell, none have a restroom nearby and only one seems to have a net set up. Also, the one on Brickyard Road has a long crack in the court on one side that runs the full length of the court. Plus I prefer indoor courts.
- Not enough parks
- Not aware of where they are
- Need more dog-friendly park facilities, on-leash and off-leash
- The only off leash park in Bothell is Tambark Creek which is tiny, muddy, and can take as much as an hour to get to in traffic.
- Summertime picnics in the park often unavailable due to organized day camps reserving the picnic tables.
- Want to go to nearby on-leash dog park, but always see off leash dogs running around
- desperately need an unleashed dog park for all of the people with dogs Bothell City Counsel has brought into the city with all the new apartments and townhouses.
- No off leash dog park
- No off-leash dog areas
- There are no off leash option for dog owners
- I do not go to any Bothell off-leash dog park because there are no Bothell dog parks.
- No off leash areas available nearby
- My kids are 4 years apart in age. It is hard to find parks that fit both their physical needs and keep them both entertained.

- For leash dogs! No enforcement or consequences
- No off-leash area to let my dog run
- Lack of facilities for Pickleball playing
- Use of parks and rec facilities difficult in fall and winter weather as there's limited covered areas when we have young kids. Consider having an outdoor covered playground.
- We travel for over an hour to get to an ice rink
- Lack of pickleball courts (have to go to Redmond or Bellevue or Seattle to play outdoors)
- Not setup for pickleball
- No multi-court Pickleball sites = 6 or more courts at a single site.
- not aware of any city pickleball courts
- I want to practice agility and the parks won't allow my dog off-leash even though he is clearly working and under voice control. Also, there are not enough Pickleball courts.
- No out door pickle ball courts
- Bothell needs a park with multiple pickleball courts. I would say 8 courts would be ideal. Locations with 8 courts (Green Lake & Yost in Edmonds) regularly draw 30 to 50 players. With one or two courts people don't show up because you spend too much time waiting.
- Would like pickle ball courts
- Doesn't have outdoor pickleball courts.
- Need pickleball
- Need more restrooms
- Not enough pickle ball courts
- need a park with multiple pickleball courts to attract players.
- Facilities and offerings are limited.
- Some areas (eg Bothell landing trails) feel too isolated for solo female walkers
- We need more sports fields for our children.
- Yucky bathrooms at some parks
- Wayne Golf Course could use some upkeep
- No more golf
- Too many dogs/dog poo
- Need more bath rooms
- Filthy bathrooms at the landing
- Electrical bikes, scooters, and skateboards, are becoming more and more DANGEROUS, Too many close calls on Burke Gilman Trail, way too many.
- We go to Marymoor Dog park weekly. It would be good to have a large dog park like it in Bothell.
- Mostly walking. Tree roots in walking path are difficult to traverse
- Bathrooms are closed or not available (a must with little kids); no off leash park for dogs.
- The Bothell parks seem to be very wildlife conservation heavy. While this is great, it would be nice for there to be bigger recreational constructions (an example would be the big park next to the Pacific Science Center in Seattle or Maydenbaur

Park in Bellevue) overall, just having not recreational activities built within parks would make them more desirable for my family and for those around me, especially the youth

- No quality dog parks
- Lights are not turned ON at night during winter season if you don't have a reservation. We have a large number of players that plays soccer regularly in North Creek Fields all year long and we end up playing in dark at night as we don't have a reservation. Please have a manual switch at the light post so we can turn On when needed. We will appreciate if light is made On-Demand.
- I work in Bothell, but live in Seattle.
- We have a big yard at home
- Parks not fully developed per adopted master plans.
- People use Wayne like an off-leash dog park, and one of my kids is afraid of large dogs running off leash.
- Disc golf course is a little small and outdated
- Disc golf not readily available
- Need more disc golf options
- Looking for building with free space for events
- No quality 18 hole disc golf course worth the drive, I would drive for quality disc golf
- No local dog park.
- Parking a the Landing is awful. The gravel area to park is ridiculous
- Not many parks are fenced and since my daughter is autistic and eloped in public, it's not safe for us to visit parks without fences.
- Lack of disc golf
- Not enough parking
- We regularly use local parks/rec but we do have to go elsewhere for some of our hobbies.
- Parks don't have off leash dog areas
- parking lot full
- No dog parks near downtown
- Need off leash dog park
- Need more options for disc golf
- No good dog parks
- Mostly get out to Cascades frequently. Mountaineering
- My family has grown up and live in other parts of the state
- Lack of toilets
- I use trails and natural areas
- Not enough off-leash dog areas
- I want a nice open area to fly my drone. The old golf course park has plenty of room - put us back away from others, but no you put signs saying prohibited :(bad for recreational play.
- No dog park
- Centennial Park seems ignored

- I like variety, but no fault of Bothell's system
- Ones that are close by
- Parking has been an issue in the past and continues to be an issue when I attempt to go.
- I don't know where all the parks are.
- lack of fenced dog facilities
- not enough dog friendly parks
- No kids around - workouts at organizations
- Not big enough
- I use parks when it suits me
- Not enough variety, need water features, sand courts, tennis court
- no dog park
- Would like to walk Sheldon View Trail
- Not enough tables or chairs
- Too many dogs on & off leash using the park & everything in it as a bathroom!
- Lack of parking
- Not safe
- Parking scarce
- Bikes going fast
- Limited parking options
- Limited things to do if you don't have kids
- Lack of parking
- Slough water is filthy - no warning signs posted. Unhealthy for anyone who may come in contact with water.
- no children in the household
- Unleashed dogs
- I am a senior citizen. I go with my kids and grandkids when we have an occasion.
- parks have nothing for me except concerts
- kids are big now
- better trails and forest elsewhere
- hard to walk
- Love our parks; go often!
- Use other city parks Renton/Bellevue
- It would be nice to have some golf opportunity at the old Wayne course- not 18 holes, but somewhere for the less skilled.
- We prefer to walk to the park so we go to the ones with trails.
- No pickle ball courts
- Bothell needs a splash pad park
- Would like to be able to reserve picnic shelters for small groups, but FAR TOO EXPENSIVE now. Used to be much more

affordable. We go elsewhere for our outdoor group activities, which is a HUGE disappointment.

- Worried about safety at parks due to the growing drug problem around Seattle...more specifically, needles, car windows being broken/broken into, and run in's with mentally ill and or people on drugs.
- No park space for Golfing
- Doesn't have an off leash dog area
- I miss the Wayne Golf Course... My Dad worked there as a boy (50's & 60's) and is where I learned to play. I wish my child to learn there too.
- Not enough off leach dog areas
- There are no off leash dog parks
- no off leash area
- Off leash dogs are a nuisance and a hazard
- sidewalks and safe access to parks is an issue for us - we live on 9th Avenue and do walk to Cedar Grove and Centennial, however, I am nervous every time I take my kids there, or even when I'm jogging with headphones on or my back to traffic
- Restrooms close too early.
- The City has gotten too crowded and there are not enough open spaces to enjoy peacefully
- No pickleball courts and no tennis courts
- We go to Marymoor for the off-leash dog park.
- Generally looking for 2-3 mile walks with wildlife photo opportunities
- We would love public access to Lake Washington and a splash pad or spray park.
- I have had health issues for the past 1-1/2 years
- We like to mountain bike and hike more than possible in Bothell.

5. The following list includes lower cost park amenities that the City of Bothell could consider adding to the park system. Please indicate for each whether you would be very supportive, somewhat supportive, not supportive or not sure.

- Please consider creating more trails that are walker friendly. Burke Gilman is unusable bc bikers going way too fast! Park ranger needs to patrol their speed.
- SAVE Shelton view forest
- I do not support mountain biking and walking on the trail due to the accident risk.
- Community Center/pool
- Forest space
- Skate Park, BMX Pump track or Mountain Bike trails
- There are walking and biking trails in Shelton View Forest that my family and I use regularly! A community garden would be great to foster more community! There was one at Country Village, but it fell into disrepair and is obviously gone now. :(
- On-site parking and restrooms for Shelton View Forest. Regional attraction means cars are crowding dead end 7th Ave W (South Entry) and 234th Pl SW (East Entry
- NA
- Fields or open space for activities such as drone practice, rocket launches, radio controlled aircraft, kite flying... without concern of being disruptive to collocated activities.

- Dark areas for stargazing
- More garbage/recycling containers and particularly plastic water bottle disposal cans.
- OFF LEASH DOG PARK NEXT TO THE WATER FOR DOG SWIMMING PLEASE!!!!
- Off leash dog parks are a must in a city with unprecedented growth, especially apartments. Apartment dwells do not have the luxury of yards.
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- Music in the park!
- Save Shelton view forest!
- More dog parks please
- another disc golf course/ expansion of current one
- tree house
- Wilderness areas preserved or expanded
- How expensive is it to mow grass and paint stripes? We don't have enough athletic fields! This should be listed as an option on this survey.
- skate board park
- Planting trees & supporting tree health in park areas where it is appropriate to help with climate change.
- Native Plant specific spaces, herb gardens, garden labyrinth. No more concrete and sports fields please.
- Expanded nonmotorized boat launch and landing facilities
- Disk golf and a bump track for kids to ride on
- equipment for checkout, like cornhole, jenga, croquet (and other outdoor games)
- Disc golf courses (very low cost)
- Splash pad
- forest preservation-very supportive
- More trails in Northern Bothell. Shelton Forest
- Something needs to be done to Wayne golf course.
- Trees for off leash dog parks
- When walking along the Sammamish River, I feel you should be able to see the river, so clearing could be kept up by so the river is in view in the places that apply.
- Walking/hiking without bikes
- need at least some trails where you can exercise with dog off-leash
- Splash pads and wading pools! Please! Especially as summers get hotter.
- dedicated pickleball courts - it is low cost to convert a number of underutilized tennis courts
- Protective perimeter fences.
- Free Community Indoor Spaces
- Shelton View Forest becoming a Bothell park
- Indoor and Outdoor Pickleball courts please

- Facilities for playing Pickleball would be VERY much appreciated and supported!
- Protecting existing land and parks from development
- Off-Leash Dog Park and Dog Swimming Area
- on off leash areas for dogs not fenced
- Transforming old tennis courts to pickle ball courts
- pickleball
- More places for under 5 year olds.
- Splash pad!
- Have volunteers do better signage. ADA Accessible trails would be awesome for both folks with mobility issues and stroller/families. P.S. I'm a regular park goer with a lot of resources. Bothell needs to get opinions from folks/communities who might not always have the resources/inclination to go to parks, i.e. disabled or low income folks. Thanks!
- Are multi use trails safe for pedestrians? I know there are fights with mtn bikers at St Edwards park
- Disc golf course
- I would love an off leash trail area
- Pickleball courts with restrooms
- Need to enforce leash requirements new park (Wayne golf course)
- Pickleball courts
- Pickleball courts
- Pickleball courts (indoors/outdoors)
- Outdoor fitness, climbing and movement facilities.
- Pickle ball courts
- more pickleball courts
- I am not supportive of off-leash dog areas because they are not good places to take your dog off-leash since it encourages owners to relax and not actively monitor their pet for mis-behavior. What is needed instead is greater education of appropriate animal behavior and a different approach to off-leash pets that integrates them into the ENTIRE park system rather than "separate but equal" areas.
- Multi use special permits for events that benefit the community
- Outdoor pickleball courts.
- Pickleball court lines at any tennis court (which are rarely used)... pickleball community is huge
- Pickle ball courts
- Pickleball
- Pickle Ball Courts!
- need a.park with multiple pickleball courts.
- Save Shelton View Forest from development. Wonderful walking and biking trails in woods.
- Turn the front 9 of Wayne back to a golf course. It was a good place for people to learn.
- Splash park
- #1 is a off leash dog park. We desperately need ONE!!!

- Water parks and skate parks
- A permanent canteen/cafe at Bothell landing
- Dedicated Outdoor Pickleball Courts
- Skate park!
- Splash pad
- Having bigger landmarks such as a water fountain system to play in or a strip area with trendy foods or clothing stores. Additionally, adding more art in the street would help Bothell with gaining self-identity and it would be a great photo taking opportunity. These are ideas that I know the youth would back up
- Biking trails are not compatible with walking. I've been almost run down by too many bikers who treat trails as a highway. We need hiker-only trails.
- New skate park
- Disc golf
- Extended Disc golf course (Blythe)
- If this area is for suggestions - additional/improved disc golf facilities
- More Disc Golf courses
- Disc golf
- Disc Golf extension at Wayne back side
- skate park/older teen/college youth areas with sport court/volleyball/community access to Cascadia/UWB courts
- Nature interpretation
- Very supportive of disk golf
- Disc Golf
- Disc Golf courses!
- Expanding the disc golf course at Blyth Park.
- Disc golf courses
- Possibly more disc golf related growth
- Disc Golf could be easily expanded into Wayne's course while still allowing opportunity for other activities and walking trail use
- Indoor community areas-Free to residents
- Highly support disc golf course development
- Disc golf course
- A bathroom for the Wayne Golf park would be very nice
- More areas for dogs
- Disc golf please!
- Disc golf courses
- River access - for kayaking, canoeing - at Wayne Golf as a connection w/Bothell Landing
- Disc golf course
- Mountain bike park with obstacles -- not just trails, and a bouldering/rock climbing structure. (Both could go in at Wayne

Golf Course and still leave room for many other things!)

- single use walking trails, it's too dangerous to walk on trails with bikes
- I would REALLY love an off leash dog area near downtown
- Nature. Trails
- Disc golf expansion please
- Expanded disc golf course Very supportive
- Disc Golf
- tennis walls for practice
- More disc golf would be supported a lot due to such a small amount as of now
- More disc golf opportunities
- Utilizing the old back 9 holes of the Wayne Golf course to turn the existing Howling Coyote 10 hole course into a full 18 hole course would be an amazing use of the space, would not monopolize the whole park, would allow the parks department to move the existing hole 1 away from the pedestrian trail and would bring more visitors to the park. Using the Wayne parking and promoting parking at the Wayne lots would help as well. THANKS FOR READING :)
- Disc golf please
- DISCGOLF COURSE
- Disc Golf an 18 hole course is needed
- Open mowed grass for general play and relaxation
- Hitting wall for tennis - this only requires a concrete wall and a fence. Not expensive.
- Water fountain maybe?
- Look for what families say
- Update playgrounds
- Sports fields
- Botanical gardens
- Not commercial buildings & sales, just people; wooden castle playground structure at Alameada Park in Santa Barbara; Frisbee golf/Ultimate Frisbee teen-adult
- Dog parks!
- Natural spaces/preserved wetlands
- Signage, parking & maintenance
- Dog owners do not obey the rules, they need a place to go
- Parking
- Kayaking rentals; food trucks
- Secure bike storage/garage
- More free concerts / gatherings, more parking!
- bike lanes on trails
- Add fields/courts just like Marymoor
- high bar and parallel bars

- Wayne's course park more amenities to use like playground, trails or off-leash dog park
- botanical garden
- walking w/ no bikes
- Baseball fields (definitely not enough)
- Improving information about existing trails- improving trails through Blyth park/Wayne
- Walking and biking don't mix well. More walking opportunities.
- parking
- Pickle ball courts
- Military Veterans Museum
- natural area & forest trails.
- natural spaces
- Splash pads
- Small outdoor sport courts (i.e., pickleball). Would be great at Cedar Grove, Doug Allen, Blythe, William Penn, etc.
- Very interested in community gardens but worry about vandalism. Also, we need more parks and fields to offset all of the housing development!! Miners corner is too crowded. We are all crammed into our neighborhoods like sardines. Thank you for creating more green spaces!!
- Don't want mountain biking trails
- Designated area for RC (remote control) hobbies.
- Fenced off leashed dog parks such as Willis Tucker in Snohomish. Separating large and small dogs.
- off leash is top priority
- better recycle/trash options with better labels/info/suggestions
- Bothell NEEDS a Farmer's Market! (A nice, large, accessible one!)
- Pickleball courts - indoor & out-door
- Renaissance Festival
- PLEASE ADD A DOG PARK AT WAYNE GOLF COURSE!!!

6. The following list includes higher cost park amenities that the City of Bothell could consider adding to the park system. Please indicate for each whether you would be very supportive, somewhat supportive, not supportive or not sure.

- I'm interested in open space with casual walking trails. The Burke Gilman Trail and Bothell Landing offer this community more than enough access for bike/walking access to the slough etc.
- Pool
- Free Indoor/ outdoor areas for Community events
- Community center/pool
- Drone flying course/area
- Shelton View Forest - volunteers already maintain it and it's regularly used and loved by locals.
- Mountain bike park
- A trail from Shelton View Forest, going west, already connects to Forsgren Park (SnoCo) and Swamp Creek. The SVF

Stewardship Association is willing to assist the City with annexation of the 400 homes west of Fruhling and DNR. Residents show increasing interest in preserving a forest on their east side, and understand that property taxes would, over 10-15 years, be a significant "payment plan" for acquisition of otherwise threatened development.

- Rock climbing wall
- Na
- Rock climbing wall, or possibly a managed/reservable aerial adventure/rope park. How cool would that make Bothell?!!
- A cricket pitch is very costly to maintain (esp. the bowling pitch). A rugby field would be better.
- Wildlife viewing natural areas and trails
- More park land aquisition
- large fenced in off leash dog park with water
- OFF LEASH DOG PARK AT WAYNE GOLF COURSE WITH WATER SWIMMING ACCESS FOR THE DOGS!!!
- Cricket field is in-line with being culturally sensitive. Great idea! The city sold off our last skateboard park. It should be replaced. Please consider providing another spot for teenagers to play and build their community.
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- Nature trails
- Saving Shelton View forest, w/limited alterations or improvements. Add a restroom/honey bucket, improve part of the trail for disabled access.
- Options 1 & 2 are the same thing. A cricket field is enormous and can have any of option 1 overlayed inside its boundaries. Support for option 2 is defacto support for option 1..
- DOG PARK
- Tennis courts; include nets at pickle ball courts
- dog off leash areas need to be added in the Bothell area.
- Public tennis courts / off-leash dog park
- land purchases for future forest and meadow preservation-very supportive
- Off leash dog park!!! A no cost option at Wayne Golf Course
- brand new dedicated pickleball court area that is lighted and maintained
- Protective perimeter fencing.
- Free Indoor Community Spaces
- Shelton view Forrest becoming a Bothell park
- tennis court
- Pickleball courts (Indoor and Outdoor) please.
- Pickleball courts
- More cricket grounds were requested
- Pickleball facilities would be VERY MUCH appreciated! If not dedicated courts, then striping on existing/new tennis courts.
- Pickleball
- Off leash dog area for exercise and play
- New lit at night pickle ball courts.

- Indoor pickleball courts.
- Skateboard parks are AWESOME for teens. I'd be "very supportive" if we have the demographics to justify it.
- Disc golf course
- volleyball area
- Pickleball courts with restrooms
- Pickleball court
- Covered kids playground to use when it rains.
- Pickleball Courts
- We need an ice rink in this area. It's differentiated and there is more than enough demand. Residents must travel over an hour to other communities' ice rinks
- Pickleball - fit 4 courts onto 1 tennis court.
- Pickleball sites with at least 6 fixed, lined sports. This sport services all ages, teens to 90's.
- Bothell Civic Center- pool, splash pad/water spray features,gym,class rooms,racket ball courts!!!
- Indoor/outdoor pickleball facilities
- We need more Pickleball courts
- indoor as well outdoor pickle-ball courts
- PICKLEBALL!!!!! Easy to convert tennis courts and add a PERMANENT net,
- Wider, erosion resistant, soft surface paths suitable for walking, running, cycling
- Pickleball courts...
- Pickle ball courts
- Pickleball
- Pickleball courts
- pickleball courts
- indoor recreational facility
- Golf on front 9 back
- Maintenance. Please mow the grass
- Dedicated outdoor Pickleball courts
- Adequate parking would be helpful.
- Strip shops with small stalls with trending foods and trinkets (could just be an annual event thing), Outdoor public pools, carousel, large “modern” park like one next to PSS, small carnival or amusement park (could be an annual thing)
- public showers and restrooms
- Disc Golf Courses
- New Disc Golf Course
- Disc golf facilities
- A new disc golf course
- Disc Golf at Wayne?
- Disc Golf Courses!

- Disc golf course
- Indoor Community areas- free to residents
- Disc Golf Course at Wayne! That would be such a draw. Plus, you can build walking trails in conjunction with it!
- Disc golf course
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- Mountain bike trails, bike trail more directly connecting Bothell to thrashers along Bothell Everett highway without going over through the business park.
- I guess the rock climbing/bouldering structure would go under the higher cost amenities...
- Pool beyond a splash park such as a lap swim pool which could include a recreational pool
- More disc golf please
- New disc golf course Very supportive
- Disc Golf
- Tennis walls for practice
- equestrian trails
- More disc golf resources
- Would like to see the expanding of Disc Golf Parks. Low cost and extremely fun. Great community builder.
- Disc golf
- Disc golf please
- Disc golf course - very supportive
- Miniature golf, bicycle rental, and snack shop
- Hitting wall for tennis - this is only available at Grass Lawn Park in Redmond. We need this!
- Skatepark please
- Tennis courts
- Dog parks
- New trails
- Anything that teens would like
- I heard about a round hill or mound of dirt covered in artificial grass for kids to sled down on cardboard. Also, pole with a slow hydraulic elevator - going down, kids love it! Check out other large toys at Santa Barbara Zoo playground - standing big chimes to make musical sounds with a hard rubber mallet; Mommy and baby swing (Camarillo CA Community Center Park)
- Small/med sized outdoor music amphitheater
- tennis courts, pools
- Increase number of benches along trails
- Beach/sand courts
- Pool!
- Laser tag, indoor aquarium, small zoo

- Botanical garden
- Rock climbing
- Outdoor pool/park
- bike lanes
- Post warning signs regarding toxic water first
- Rec center w/pool, rock climbing.
- equestrian park
- Pickle ball courts
- Military Veterans Museum
- Pool. We need an aquatic facility. I know we try to punt it as a regional need, but as a city we fail to step up and at least put it to a measure compared to forcing downtown renovations.
- Golf amenities similar to Seattle: Interbay, Jefferson Park, Jackson Park.
- Designated area for RC (remote control) hobbies.
- Off leash dog park very supportive
- The City of Bothell needs a splash pad/water park at the Park at Bothell Landing!
- Re-open the Wayne Golf Course front nine! Private management can run the clubhouse.
- We were very disappointed that the existing skateboard park wasn't replaced when Pop Keeney was re-done. We felt the same about the baseball park. There are enough soccer parks and little league fields, we need ball parks for bigger kids.
- Pickleball Courts... Bothell only has one court and not very nice to play at.
- Pickleball courts
- Dance Dance Revolution Machines in the park
- Secure bicycle lock up areas where we can leave a bike while enjoying the park without worrying about theft
- Tennis and pickle balls courts

14. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for Bothell's parks, programs or events?

- Bring music back to Bothell Landing - at least try to see how it works
- Do not pave over Wayne. Keep it green, add trees, trails, splash pad
- I find it difficult to walk along the Sammamish River Trail because the cyclists go too fast and don't warn pedestrians
- Developed parks foster a great sense of community but we also need the undeveloped spaces such as Shelton View forest which has trees that clean the air. If you turn a blind eye to its destruction, then all this climate change rhetoric is just lip service. Time to put your money (our money) where your mouth is.
- Love the location of new pop up park!!! Hope it stays!
- More parking and improvements to infrastructure as well
- More natural spaces, fields and forests. Less developed space. please save Shelton view forest, my kids love it there.
- Pool! I'll pay taxes for that. And we really should have a community center and programs. I shouldn't have to go to another city for that.
- Stop over developing Bothell. As someone who grew up here I no longer recognize my own community. Part of the essence of Bothell is its "small town" atmosphere.

- Miss the chickens along Sammamish River Trail
- Stop building more houses. Keep the few remaining green spaces for the future generation. It's not all about revenue. The reason we moved here was because of the quaintness, the community, the horse ranches and woods/trees. All of that is almost gone.
- Stop building more houses, utilize those green spaces to benefit the future generations. Revenue is not the answer. I moved to this town because of its smallness, community, the horse ranches and woods/trees. All are gone and it is sad.
- Acquiring land for open space and parks should be a priority with the increasing density in our housing and population.
- Dog park!
- I think all of the parks I have visited are extremely well maintained. Although my household does not participate in youth or adult activities, I know they are there and I like that it's a service provided to our community. I would love to see more community events throughout the year similar to the 4th of July events. Off the top of my head I think of concerts downtown or in a park, movies in the park, sports leagues/games, festivals (maybe a Bothell Birthday party!)
- Outdoor spaces and trails where I can connect with nature are important to me and my family. My family no longer has children, so children's programs are no longer important for our family, but I feel they are very important to the community. I live on the west edge of unincorporated Bothell, It would be nice to have parks that are close to me instead of several miles away.
- Do better with handling new development- keep open spaces too!
- People work very hard for their money just to earn a living for family. We do not need to be taxed out of our city, county and state for luxuries people around the world do not have. The greed is already much too enormous , we don't need to spoil people any more and make others loose their homes due to that mentality. Taxes are being thrown and forced at the homeowners from every angle there is. This has also resulted in the very high rents that people can't afford as it trickles down from the property owners. That is exactly why we have so many homeless people and others who will never be able to buy a home and live on their own. Think about it.....what a shame and very sad situation....the times we live in. All because of G R E E D
- Community center, activities for teens, parks in the north end and a pool are lacking in our city.
- City & county need to work together, to have developers provide more funds for these community endeavors.
- Save Sheltonview Forest
- Bothell needs a Community Gathering place like the Hangar in Kenmore. Where residents can meet in small groups and socialize, that Bothell residents can also reserve free room spaces for blocks of time to host meetings or events.
- We need a community center/pool
- Widen trails for walkers and bikers.
- Allow dog owners to run dogs off leash in more spaces. Enforce pickup and aggression laws but leave owners who are responsibly exercising their dogs alone. Also save Shelton View Forest.
- The spread of development and destruction of green spaces in north Bothell is concerning. Bothell should hold onto whatever forest land the city has for future parks and to maintain natural spaces. Centennial park needs additional activities like a playground because it is a disappointing park and not a great use of space currently.
- I think it is essential to keep as many open land/trail areas so kids can connect with nature and ensure our green spaces are preserved for future generations.
- With all of the development, protecting green open spaces is all the more important.
- Please save Shelton View Forest from Developers
- We need more parks in the Snohomish County portion of the city. Land should be purchased before it is developed, so it will cost less. Developing and implementing a master plan to treat all the parkland along the Sammamish River as a single park would put Bothell on the map as a tourist destination. Bothell should consider the role its parks could play in

endangered species recovery. While I believe acquiring raw land should be the top priority in this plan, the next one might include indoor sports facilities (volleyball, basketball, swimming) and a community center, so land to host such facilities should be acquired. Bothell should double the number of sports fields it has. Shelton View Forest should be acquired quickly, and then park impact fees should be adjusted to reflect the higher ratio of parkland to population since fees were last set. Bothell should develop its own transfer of development rights program to allow acquisition of new parkland at reduced cost. Master planning of parks should include outreach to children, so their interest in playground equipment and other recreational activities can be considered. "

- If making an off-leash dog park, be careful to not hurt the surrounding ecosystem, which is a huge issue at Marymoor park along the river. Aquatic habitats are too sensitive for regular dog use.
- Would like to make sure that Shelton View Forest remains a park for everyone to enjoy. It it is in a great location and is a wonderful space to enjoy nature.
- Build a off leash dog park at Wayne's golf course.
- None
- Save Sheltonview forest!!!! Please!!!!!!
- The sidewalks near the playground at Bothell Landing are dangerous. I have tripped and fallen and recently saw a child trip and fall. They need to be fixed.
- As a daily user of/and someone who greatly enjoys Bothell's parks and trails... we need additional green spaces and parks as the city continues to grow and fill with hundreds of new families and users.
- I like the music in park program
- Help purchase Shelton View forest, New bathrooms at Bothell landing, a boat center at old Wayne golf course, and environmental center there too.
- Save Shelton view forest
- It is ESSENTIAL and CRITICAL to prioritize acquiring land to preserve open spaces in Bothell. Even if they are not immediately turned into parks (or ever.) There are far too many trees and even small pockets of open space being lost to development which is bad for the environment as well as the sense of community in Bothell. Raise taxes or re-prioritize or whatever, but do more NOW before the options are gone. Make absolutely sure that Shelton View Forest is preserved and find every possible opportunity to create more spaces like it and North Creek Forest. Even smaller tracts of undeveloped area that might be privately owned like the drainage areas around creeks, etc. are worth saving.
- Need to fund and collect as much open space as possible...Bothell is becoming too gentrified and expensive.
- Better management of priorities on spending rather than tax increases as proposed now for almost everything!
- Yes, strongly support saving Shelton View forest!!
- PLEASE fund Shelton View Forest!!!
- thank you for this survey and for the service you offer to Bothell
- I enjoy exploring new trails and outdoor spaces. I recently came across Shelton View Forest. I never knew this was there and now I go once a week, if not more! I would support it being a city park - we can't afford to lose any more green space to development. Let's get these spaces that are ideal for open space preserved, we can talk amenities down the road. Had a fun time at concerts in the park this summer!
- We don't need to have a Marymoor or a Bellevue city park up here, our smaller neighborhood parks fit Bothell just fine I think. I think if we do want to spend more on parks, let's improve Bothell Landing instead of trying to make more parks. We don't quite have the tax base of Bellevue to be able to build and sustain the downtown park, Meydenbauer park, etc, so let's keep our expectations realistic. Bothell just doesnt have the same population as these other larger cities, so we don't need to try to build a big venue for concerts or anything. And I think the local schools have enough fields for public use.
- Keep Shelton View Forest as is

- Continue to keep Stipek Park playground and facilities clean and up-to-date. Very nice neighborhood park.
- Please follow through and purchase Shelton View Forest! There are very few parks in this section of Bothell that are NOT geared toward playgrounds and picnic areas. There are a lot of residents looking for trail running and easy after work hiking opportunities in the area, and easy, safe outdoor areas to introduce young kiddos to (and foster a love for our natural environments). Shelton View Forest is one of the few areas of its kind remaining in Bothell and is the only park of any kind in the Shelton View area.
- Bothell is rapidly losing its charm and attractive qualities. Country Village, the hub of small business and community space in Bothell, is gone. Many businesses on Mainstreet have suffered due to unnecessary construction. Green spaces are disappearing to be used as townhomes, bringing in more people without adding spaces to make current residents want to stay. We must preserve existing FOREST space (Shelton View Forest, 46 acres of important wildlife habitat) rather than focusing on artificial turf or sports facilities. Bothell has heritage that should be preserved, or there will be nothing in Bothell worth staying for.
- Fees should be reasonable to be inclusive of all people!
- My teenage kids love to ride their bikes at Shelton View Forest. They like to work and make more trails. I am very happy it is there to keep them busy and out of trouble. I love all the new restaurants and stores in downtown Bothell. It is a nice area to walk around. My kids miss the old skate park that used to be by the pool. We go to the Woodinville one but it can get crowded. They also love the Redmond Bike Park.
- A mountain bike park/trails or bmx area are of high interest to us. Same with common center for teens, especially with a pool. Would like to keep open spaces with trails such as parts of Wayne Golf Course too. More things near North Bothell before it’s completely built up with houses.
- Please consider public lands as essential for water quality and salmon/ killer whale recovery along with other wildlife. These parks are also the closest connection many city dwellers have to learning about nature, ecosystems, etc. so please be mindful in how natural spaces are developed.
- Bothell is projected to grow in the next 6-10 years, and I am concerned with the rate of development about whether there will be open space left to acquire as park space. Especially in Snohomish County, where park space is limited, I want to see more investment in the long term from the City for parks planning in the outlier areas of the City. For example, Shelton View Forest already has 4 miles of trails, and is being well taken care of by the Bothell community. I see more new people visiting every time I go there. I would like to see more effort being made to saving these spaces - the way I see it, they are our last resort.
- Continue to acquire or develop land available for "natural " parks such as Miners Landing or space like Shelton View Forest.
- The ""Wayne Golf Course"" turned into a park may become a crossroads regional park, esp. useful for citizens near and visitors to central Bothell. But Shelton View Forest, 10-15 minutes to the northwest is equally close to north end citizens of Bothell & Kenmore, east Mountlake Terrace, south Lynnwood and Brier. It has size and terrain to offer more a Cascades-like experience with both educational and recreational opportunities. Though smaller, it compares to Lord Hill Regional Park and Paradise Valley Conservation Area. It's St Edwards park without noise from the lake. SVF has 4 miles of tended trails. Healthy in my 70's, I could be a docent, or on-site assistant to day-camp outings and field trips. Example: I prep ""lessons from..."" objects for classroom and library use for two elementary schools close to the forest.

  City Manager Jennifer Phillips asked our Shelton View Forest Stewardship Association, to ""find funding for acquisition."" So we are cultivating relationships and gathering contact information with citizens to the west of the forest. IF they could have a significant forest east and behind them as well as Forsgren Sports Fields (SnoCo) on their south side, they might seek annexation if ""there was something in it for us."" Otherwise, Lynnwood draws their parking, shopping and eating out.

  We've learned from SnoCo that ""property taxes"" by law have built in formula for monies raised. But even 8-10% of these same taxes (x 400 homes) could provide payments over ___ years toward acquisition. That's a revenue stream above what the City has now for acquisition. I'm willing to be a ""community liaison"" on behalf of my City to the friends we already have in this neighborhood, and they would host neighbors to learn why my wife and I love being annexed to the City. We live on 228th at 2nd Pl W.

  I've run through this urban forest for 30+ years, clearing windfall, hauling out garbage, rooting out ivy and blackberry,

removing trip hazards, mitigating erosion, installing benches and a story circle, building a scale model for group presentations, and was part of the request to Snohomish County Conservation Futures request that became (holding) $1,000,000 toward acquisition. More recently I ""supervised"" an Eagle Scout applicant as he, his dad and grandfather and troop as they installed in-forest trail kiosks, numbered posts and minimal signs that now correspond with trail maps, in part, to aid first responders to a health or injury incident.

If you've not taken this ""hike in the City,"" call me for a look-see. It's rare to have a contiguous 75-acre forest still available. IF we protect the heart of it by acquisition, we protect the whole of it, including peripheral canopy of F.E.M.A., an elementary school, a pipeline corridor (access to parking, toilets, a playground and a bend of Swamp Creek. We also invite the critters displaced by dense ""build out"" of a community that needs balance in use of space. If set aside as open space until additional funding comes, a bare necessary investment might provide parking and a couple of pit toilets. A lot of us volunteers are ready to work under City supervision to maintain it as is, much of the hard work DONE.

DNR has recently approved SVFSA to reclaim another half mile of original trail! That project begins this September and comes under my supervision as SVFSA ""trail team lead." Bob Rorabaugh 206-948-9511

- would like to see Shelton View Forest included in Bothell's plans. Already has established trails and willing volunteers.
- would like to see Bothell include Shelton View Forest in their future plans. already has good established trails, and willing volunteers.
- I like the temporary dog park but I don't like the location... would love more trees planted near the roads in the park areas.
- Consider using some space at Wayne's Golf Course Park for an off leash area for dogs. We really need an off leash park in Bothell. The Pop Up park was a nice idea and well used, but too close to traffic (noisy and exhaust emissions not fun to inhale).
- We need a dog park
- Please add a dog park. Don't turn it into Jasper's. Make it level. Shady area optional. Small dog area mandatory.
- Rock climbing wall
- Bothell has seen a lot of new construction recently. This often means clearing of forests and vegetation. Bothell should work to preserve green spaces, such as Shelton View Forest, for the benefit of residents, wildlife, and the environment. Development that involves land clearing should be assessed a tax/fee that would be set aside for open/green space acquisition and maintenance.
- Two suggestions: 1. Organize community garden with common space devoted to producing produce for donations to local food bank, with additional space allocated for individual personal gardens. Locating on Western portion of Wayne golf course would allow for parking space. Not sure about water for garden. WellS.? Slough? 2. Involve Northshore high schools in planting trees on Wayne golf course. Trees store carbon. A good thing for the planet!"
- More open space.....for us to breathe. Too much concrete.
- The Parks Department has always had dedicated and courteous employees and it just keeps getting better.
- The Parks department has had many dedicated employees ad it keeps getting better
- Thank you for doing the pop-up dog park. I hope to see one developed in Bothell that includes shady areas and good/ample parking.
- We'd love to see a Gaga ball pit in Conifer View Park. Can we specifically raise money for this? I'd be happy to volunteer in helping raise money.
- On the whole the parks are great but lacking off leash dog areas.
- We love Bothell and walk more than weekly to Blythe park and Bothell Landing. We see the picnic tables old and dirty, some dusty, unpaved lots for cars and the bridge that is needing to be repaired. The trails along the river are bumpy from tree roots. At times I feel we look a bit broken down or under staffed perhaps? Bothell is homey and full of character but we hope can get more budget to spiff appearances up a bit.

- We love what you do, and are hopefully Wayne Golf course can become the gem of usefulness in the coming future as well.
- I live near downtown Bothell. When grandchildren come to play, I wish the parks nearby (Blyth and Bothell landing) had more play structures and features such as a splash pad.
- We want more cultural community programs in Bothell Downtown.
- Invest in North Creek Forest Park trails. Please improve condition & access to forest trails in Centennial Park. Plant more trees such as a forest memorial grove in Centennial Park and other parks. To draw community interest and support, have bi-annual tree & shrub planting events in local parks as well as general maintenance. Utilize professional landscapers, foresters, and students/teachers from environmental UW Bothell & Cascadia programs to assist with these events. As for outdoor classes, I recommend supporting local teachers who already provide programs rather than extending your programs internally.
- Just don't do anything where MORE land and trees will be removed. Bothell was so nice until all the development in the last few years!
- Development of North Creek Forest for trails, hikes, etc. and for educational opportunities.
- Inclusive playground and splash park at Bothell landing would be my priority. Especially since the park is at the heart of the downtown revitalization and attracts many visitors.
- A permanent dog park within Wayne Golf Course would be very beneficial
- Please create an off leash park in part of the old Wayne Golf course. A good off leash park needs trees, shade, green gassy areas and open space.
- Keep Wayne gold course green. No sports. No dogs. No splash pad. No recreation. No skate park. Walking paths only. No bike paths - they are way too dangerous for walkers.
- Please keep your foot on the gas. We'll run parks make a difference for all families! Thanks for what you are doing. Bothell is becoming a great place!
- Seek active and early advice from citizens regarding development of Wayne Park. I have been told that I would be notified when meetings are occurring ("starting in early 2019") but have not heard anything. The Hood River, OR government solicited advice (and subsequently enormous donations) from its citizens to create an exceptional riverfront park.
- Save Yakima Fruit Market. Also want you to preserve open space around Canyon Creek. That area is a treasure. It's a shame we lost Country Village. Don't blow this. Let's not lose our character.
- Would love to see some upgrading of East Norway Hill park commence (picnic tables and restrooms would be nice).
- Majority of toddler programs bar kids with working parents from participating, due to timing. Don't add fees to parks.
- The building up has caused a huge influx of people using parks. It's kind of crazy now. Accommodations need to be made.
- I would like to see Music in the Park moved back to Bothell Landing. It was more comfortable and fun there. I have been to the sports field only 2times and just did not enjoy it or feel comfortable there
- Love the pop up dog park at the landing. Would like to see it become permanent.
- We need more plants and open space or we're going to lose the wildlife around here, and the plots of green being mowed down for giant houses with no trees is devastating. More ferns! More trees! We can do high density with greenspace, parks, and wildlife!
- Keep the dog park please! Not all of us have human children.
- Can you buy that empty lot by the library and convert it into a park? We need more green spaces... Bothell is going crazy with all the development and stripping the land of trees and trees... save that lot by the library for a park
- More parks
- Please please bring in a splash pad. I hate dragging my toddler to every other city except their home town to play in a splash pad

- We need more parks for all the families that are moving into these new developments that are under construction. Too much developments and not enough parks and green space.
- Plant more trees. Leave the existing trees alone. Quit developing/over developing the city. The streets cannot support it. Wildlife is being killed because of it. Just leave it alone.
- Bothell parks are generally not as well kept as some of our neighboring cities-- Wilmot Park in Woodinville for example. There are no parks here I would "show off" to guests. The entire Bothell Landing area would be a wonderful asset to the community if expanded and maintained as a crown jewel of the parks system.
- Dog park in the new Wayne Golf Course that was purchased.
- Replace wood chips with soft turf and install a playground designed for children under 5 (ie what Bellevue downtown park has)
- Would like to see a central community, treed green space in Bothell city center (by city hall) with water feature (like Redmond). A small town gathering area. Great for 4th of July and other holiday festivities. Would also like to see Wayne considered for large space dog park. Parking and water is available. would be a smaller scale success Marymoor. Current usage is a great indicator of how well this would be received as park addition. Thanks for reaching out and asking what the community would want with this survey.
- Dog Park at Wayne golf course. Plenty of room and parking.
- More info on what's going on! I would love to volunteer with the salmon habitat enhancement work in the former Wayne golf course but hadn't heard about the opportunities
- more awesome playgrounds, particularly with themes. make sure parks are bike accessible, provide bike racks
- We need an adequate off leash dog park. Preferably somewhere with shade and enough space so dogs are all mashed together.
- You didn’t ask about Old Wayne’s Golf park development. You have the land and what and how is BOTHELL going to develop????
- Bothell parks, programs and events are what MAKE a community. This city has been over developed and the parks must be enhanced to keep up with the growing population.
- Keep adding parks as revenue permits
- PLEASE INSTALL AN OFF LEASH DOG PARK AT WAYNE GOLF COURSE WITH WATER SWIMMING ACCESS FOR THE DOGS!!! MAINTENANCE CAN BE MANAGED BY VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY MEMBERS JUST LIKE MARYMOORE DOG PARK!!!
- Keep Shelton View Forest. We all need the nature especially with an ever expanding city, we need a place to reconnect to our earth
- Off leash dog parks, skateboard parks, walking/biking trails all high on my list of park priorities for Bothell. We have such a great city. Let's keep acquiring and preserving our open spaces too. Work toward saving Shelton View Forest if possible. That would be a treasure.
- Please develop the old Wayne's golf course (or whatever it's name is) park so it is not just an off leash dog park! Too many people now just let their dogs run everywhere there and do not pick up after them. It's such a beautiful space with great potential. I hope thought and planning really goes into how it is going to be used in the long run. Also, the city should look into developing an outdoor archery range, like at Wayne's golf course for example. Archery is the largest growing family sport and there is a need for a family friendly (not gun range) course in this area. This could be a source of revenue for the City and great opportunity for people living in Bothell.
- Protect Shelton View Forest
- My household doesn'T have kids, & does have some older adults with mobility issues. While I love the Music in the Park idea, I'd like to see more variety in programming bands. Also sorely needed is handicap parking closer, or volunteers who can watch items dropped off. There are many city police & fire people there supporting the event. Could they help? Or teens needing community hrs.?

- Update bathroom facilities in Bothell Landing.
- Can golf course be used for off leash?
- Would love more events like Music in the Park, local markets (evenings in Summer), pop up food truck nights. Maybe those are happening and I'm just not aware? If so, better ways to get the word out.
- The temporary dog park at Bothell Landing is a nice trial but the perfect location is Wayne Golf Course!!
- None
- Save Shelton view forest! More biking, hiking, walking trails
- More Dog parks please. Keep the Pop up park open.
- I think that the Blyth disc golf course could be easily expanded onto the back nine of Waynes. This would increase not only how amazing the course is, but also allow for players to be more spread out.
- SAVE SHELTON VIEW FOREST!
- Keep Shelton View Forest and expand it
- Off leash dog park
- Highly support an off-leash dog park that includes trails for dogs and owners to walk.
- We need a permeant dog park. The old golf course would be a perfect place for one. The golf course has a lot of potential.
- Save our green space. No more housing developments.
- Parking at Bothell Landing - the street is a one way dead end. Current design does not allow for sufficient space to turn around. Recommend a cul-de-sac layout which allows for turning around.
- Save Shelton View Forest, it is an important park with beautiful trails and is well-loved by the community
- Keep and create as many natural and wild places as you can, they are essential to health and humanity.
- There were a few question that I didn't answer because none of the answers offered seemed to fit. There should've been a "not applicable" (or similar) option offered. I was concerned that if I answered those questions the answers could be misinterpreted. For example, if I said that the programs for young kids "met my needs" (only because I don't use those programs because I only have teens now) that could be interpreted as "the programs for young kids are very good and I am happy with them". But what I am really trying to say is that my need for those programs is zero, so I have no use for them, so even though I do not use those programs MY needs are being met. I hope you can understand my explanation!
- The City needs to figure out a way to better partner with organizations like NYSA and SoundFC (soccer) to use athletic facilities despite the fact the service area of those organizations extend beyond the Bothell Municipal boundaries. Bothell Cougar Jr. Football has a monopoly on city assets because of this rule. This used to be a football town with a drinking problem... now a days it's a drinking town with a football problem!
- Definitely need more off-leash dog parks.
- dog park at Wayne golf course!
- Preserve Shelton View Forest
- As we get more buildings downtown, the need for parks increases. We need green spaces, trees, and outdoor places to rejuvenate in. Please prioritize the funding for Shelton View Forest, so we keep as many trees as possible in our city. Thanks for all you do!
- Wayne Golf course needs to have some park of it designated as an off lease park. Not buying that gibberish about not being able to use it for that use due to "passive" contract language. Calling BS on that.
- Save Shelton View forest!
- Please include Sheltonview Forest in your list of funding priorities for the next six years! We love hiking there.

- I would LOVE to have public tennis courts, a golf course, and a community gym with an indoor pool. —The time it takes to travel due to traffic and expensive fees to access these resources privately are barriers to many in the Bothell community.
- No more taxes, we are being taxed to death now and also people are overly spoiled. Some people are starving and do even have water to drink.
- Open areas are essential even if not fully developed. For example the Shelton View Forest is a good investment even if limited funds are used to maintain it. It is good for the environment and as well as a place to just enjoy nature. I would very much like dog off-leash areas to be added in the Bothell park system.
- Old Wayne golf course could accommodate an off leash dog park easily. This is the perfect location. This would attract dog lovers from all over Eastside and Westside areas so attracting revenue to nearby businesses (think Marymoore off leash park) you could increase the dog liscensing fee to pay for maintenance (garbage disposal and poop bag costs or use volunteers.
- Please keep Shelton View as a trail/park! Our family loves it there.
- More educational events about fauna and flora, mindfulness/spirituality, emotional connection to nature
- Our family and puppy really love and appreciates the pop-up dog park. I hope this will be continued after the test run!
- I am very much in support of the Shelton View Forest and hope that the City of Bothell will preserve this wonderful wild area for the current generation and generations to come!
- I am excited that Bothell is working on Green Spaces and volunteer programs like Kirkland and Seattle has. Keeping our community involved, keeping lands green, and curbing invasive species so that our ecosystems remain more balanced is critical to Bothell's Parks and Open Spaces.
- Quality Parks and schools have a dramatic impact on maintaining/improving property values in a community. I support a vibrant, active, diverse community.
- Keep Shelton View Forest on the list of parks
- Save Shelton View forest
- Please purchase Shelton View Forest as an addition to the Bothell park system.
- Bring back the country village
- Increase view of river from landing and Wayne by removing tall brush and trees and leaving lower vegetation to protect river banks. when increasing paddle boat access to river use floats that are low to water around 6”. Access the floats with ramps to top of bank to limit erosion of banks.
- Please preserve the wild spaces, specifically Shelton view forest which is a gem and a resource we can never give back of we mow it down and replace with hosuing. Bothell needs to retain its charm.
- Too much emphasis (in dollars and priorities) is being given to the Park at Bothell Landing. With limited dollars we need to say that the current Park at Bothell Landing is good enough and instead invest ASAP in acquiring land for Open Spaces within the city of Bothell (ie. Shelton View Forest). People who do not live close to downtown Bothell are being underserved.
- Please keep Shelton view Forrest as rec area. This area is a special treasure for our area.
- Maintenance,restrooms and river access
- Use the spaces you have to improve Bothell. Wayne’s is going completely uncared for. How do we know the value of open spaces when we can’t use them!
- Dog park at Wayne land.
- Please view all parks along river as one. Develop a master plan we can grow into. 20 years. Make more trails. Mountain biking and bump tracks. Outdoor climbing walls and other outdoor activities that create lifelong activities.
- No more new housing more trees and green space

- I don't ever vote against taxes for parks, so I probably am not the best person to answer which type of tax I would be willing to approve. We moved within horse pastures in every direction of our house 17 years ago and now all we have is housing developments. (And I am on the Kenmore line...it is even worse in North Bothell). I can't even believe the amount of clear cutting. In that time I only know of one new park. If we are going to increase the poplulation so drastically we have to preserve green spaces.
- Turn Wayne golf course into a disc golf course!
- Develop the former Wayne Golf course and add bike trails, off leash area and skateboard facilities.
- Without the parks, Bothell isn't Bothell. Shelton View Forrest is an amazing piece of nature inside a growing city. Places like this should be saved so that even as the city expands, we have places to go connect back to nature. Nature and trees bring peace. Please please please do not destroy Shelton View Forrest for houses. Our kids need nature's education. If we want our world to sustain and continue we have to teach our generations the story of The Giving Tree. Nature gives all she has and we usurp it and squeeze for more. Please let us keep this Forrest. It is a refuge
- we need a dog park!
- I really wish we had more classes like Kirkland offers.
- I would suggest to keep the pop-up dog park!
- Please try to save as much forest and meadow as possible.
- My dogs and I love the pop up dog park at Bothell Landing. I really hope we can develop a permanent location in Bothell. If not at Bothell Landing what about using part of the golf course property just acquired?
- After acquiring Wayne golf course the city really had no plan. Very disappointed in the lake of maintenance to this property. it really can't cost that much to at least mow the property. It is concerning right now as the grass is so high in some areas it can become a fire hazard. This is not an area that us conducive to family functions. Its basically unusable for anything except walking your dogs.
- Please please please make Wayne golf course, a portion of it, an optional off leash dog park! It's perfect for it!! I love walking my dog there and meeting fellow dog owners. Love the sense of community
- "Penn Park could use a facelift. The restroom there seems unused and water fountain does not work. If it were gated, then it could be a small dog park.
- Bike lanes and safer walking to/from Maywood Hills Elementary and to/from Bothell Landing are needed. These will promote use of park.
- Much needed field for ultimate Frisbee or a disc golf course.
- Dog park needs to include tree shaded areas and access to creek, large space for big dogs to run, dirt trail for owners to run/jog/walk with their dogs, and dog/human water fountain. Accesss to creek probably needs to be closed during salmon season.
- Canoe/kayak/paddle board shop is convenient.
- Maple Valley Park offers swimming in lake, life guards, and free life vests of various sizes."
- I would love to see more bike-friendly amenities, specifically better bike commute options from North-South, connecting to the Sammamish River Trail
- really need an off leash area for dogs
- Very supportive of off leash areas for dogs.
- SPLASH PAD!!!
- Enough space and current funds to have off leash dog park without raising taxes
- I think a dog park is a wonderful idea! I will use it all the time!
- I understand there is now a pop-up off-leash dog park. I hope this means that people will keep their dogs fully under control

in transit to same. I live near Penn Park, and people frequently treat it as an off-leash dog park, including coming/going with the dogs off leash. This becomes a problem since the park is a people space, and generally, people need to be more considerate of those who for disability/health reasons do not wish to be jumped or run at by dogs (friendly or otherwise). Outside of a so-designated fenced enclosure, I expect dogs to be on a leash or, at very minimum, fully voice controlled. I no longer use my neighborhood park because people behave in ways that are inconsiderate and dangerous to other users. For that reason, I have deep reservations about how people will behave when a space is named as off-leash. Who will hold irresponsible users to account?

- We moved here six months ago and use the parks about every day. We love it here and the parks are a big part of the reason why.
- I'm concerned about some bikers going way too fast on the trail.
- Please keep the dog park at Bothell landing. There is a great need for it and it is the perfect location.
- I am looking forward to the dog park and feel making it permanent will not only be a positive thing for the current residents and their dogs, but it will be a better reason for more people to live here.
- We need a dog park. Thank you!
- Off leash dog park is essential!!!!!!!! Our pups deserve a spot to play!
- I just have to say that I love the City's focus on parks. I think the purchase of the golf course was an amazing win for the city and think it would be a great place to build a community center. Keep up the great work!
- Need to increase and improve both active and passive parks and recreation opportunities to meet needs of growing population.
- Bicycling is becoming more popular in our area and Bothell is good, but not great in supporting it both as recreation and transportation. We can do better. I'd like to see more mountain bike trails developed.
- Off leash dog parks are desperately needed. People are using Wayne Golf course as an off leash park even though there are numerous signs saying dis must be leashed. Perhaps enforcing that with tickets could generate funds for off leash areas.
- We need to utilize our open spaces that we have. Excellent example is Wayne with great open spaces and wide open trails. A few of the trails are great for off-leash. Since we currently have no off-leash trails, it would be a good place to add a few.
- The parks and trails are a big reason we live here. On the subject of taxes, my property taxes have gone up substantially in the last 2 years and there seems to be new developments about every 100 yards. I would think the existing and new tax revenue streams are sufficient as opposed to more taxes.
- I love Bothell Parks and Rec. I'm proud of their dedication, passion, and hard work. But it's a hard time to ask for new funds. My property value increased almost 90% last year. Ninety percent!! I know that's not your fault, but it shows that ""levy-this"" and ""bond-that"" ad infinitum is not a sustainable funding solution without strongly impacting citizens. :(Much love to you.
- I would really like an off-leash dog park in Bothell, preferably near the Park at Bothell Landing
- Protect Shelton View Forrest
- As much walkability and spaces for building community as possible! I don't want to raise my family in a drive-by or strip mall kind of town. Thank you.
- We love living in Bothell! But with the rapid rate of new construction, we really hope Bothell is setting aside land for parks and open space before it's all gone. Especially since more people (especially in high density housing) is going to increase the usage of current parks, and the playground at Bothell Landing is always packed as it is.
- N/A
- Please keep Shelton View Forest from being cleared. It's such a pleasant place to visit. The trails are great for me, my kids and our dog.
- Would strongly encourage off-leash park areas in Bothell.

- Extremely important to keep & maintain the existing parks & NOT sell to Land Developers!!
- Would love an off leash dog area
- Please, for the sake of current and future generations, preserve Shelton View Park. It is a gem in the city of Bothell and destroying it to make room for more houses would make life worse for so many people. A city isn't defined by the number of houses it holds, but the number of treasures.
- Save Shelton View Forest from development. I use the trails here nearly every day. I love the wild feeling there.
- I hope you will include Shelton View Forest into the park system in Bothell
- Save Shelton View Forest!
- Free Indoor Community spaces like The Hangar in Kenmore
- Save Shelton View Forest!
- Shelton View Park should be recognized as a Bothell park
- Shelton view ForreSt should be a Bothell pArk. It is full of wildlife and awesome trails.
- Please do what you can to see that Shelton View Forrest is preserved for hiking and nature appreciation. You can build a lot of new stuff, but they're not building new forrests!
- In order to ensure there are parks for everyone in every area of Bothell, Shelton View Forest should be purchased by the city of Bothell.
- It's good to have tennis courts nearby
- Please do not develop the Wayne Golf Course. We don't need more buildings or man made things. Leave the nature be!!!
- We need Pickleball courts in the Northshore area. Dedicated courts for outdoor, lines for pickleball in gyms and community centers. This region needs more Pickleball courts.
- I think a youth council should be developed
- Acquire land now for open space and park land; use this to provide connected or semi-connected recreational trail systems to be used by locals or for individuals to make connected bike rides or trail runs. The popularity of connecting off-road routes is exploding now.
- Support community partners to provide additional enrichment events by waiving onerous fees.
- I would love to see Bothell Landing used for the music again and for things like the Farmers Market - such an amazing space I feel like it doesnt get used.
- weekend music and arts festivals during July and August.
- Please ensure the preservation of Shelton View Forest in Snohomish County. It’s critical that this land remain available.
- Please consider offering mountain biking classes in Shelton View Forest.
- Please maintain or add pickleball courts.
- Hire people who want to earn their pay.
- we need a off leash dog park
- Please allow cricket in Bothell parks
- Please have a cricket field here. There are more than 200 plus folks who are interested to have a ground here in Bothell.
- Shelton View Forest provides much needed recreational trails for residents from all over the city of Bothell and south Snohomish County. It has been a public space forever, gifted to the state of WA at statehood. Keep it in the PROSAP.
- Cricket fields needed in Bothell
- Please help us with one cricket play ground, thank you so much for this opportunity. I wish all the best to Bothell

Community.

- Need more cricket fields
- I am a broken record....more Pickleball opportunities :)
- Need multiple cricket fields or we should be allowed to play on turf grounds. Existing fields are rejecting our requests
- We love the trails and community feel here. With losing Country Village I'd love to see more places for people to gather, especially green open places. I would also love to see concessions in parks - might be a way to pay for things. I'd happily buy an ice cream bar or cup of coffee to support parks.
- No
- Pickleball
- Save Shelton View Forest!
- Please acquire and protect Shelton view forest. It is a wonderful and heavily used area. With natural trials, teaching spaces, mountain biking, hiking. The local community supports, maintains, and loves it. Help us preserve it.
- An off-leash dog area in the Red Brick Road Park is critical to all of the dog owners, as there are many in Bothell! Please help with the will of the citizens that want an acceptable area to enjoy with our dogs without having to have to drive to Seattle or Redmond to visit a dog park. It is important to see how they function and try to replicate a volunteer system that has minimal overhead while providing an amazing benefit for so many local residents. The slough runs between both lakes, and dogs are encouraged to swim at Marymoor. During known, predictable salmon migration periods, the water is fenced to prevent dogs from entering too far. These are easily solvable problems with precedent showing how it can be done, cleanly and even on a larger scale. Thanks for reading.
- Wayne golf course should be on off leash dog park 90 percent of the people that use it are dog people and letting the dogs run together great place for that and we need that and would not cost anything but a sign i go there 2 to 3 times a day and so i see how everyone acts people pickup after dogs every time please try to make it work
- Need a substantial off leash area in Bothell for people to be able to exercise and play with their dogs. This need is currently not being met in Bothell.
- Need off leash dog are at Wayne park.
- I just want to say that I'm grateful for all the time and resources that Bothell puts into its parks. Having these spaces of green means of the world. It would be nice if there were more off-leash areas though for dogs. Giving a space where people can exercise pets that are otherwise cooped up in apartments is really important. Anyway, thanks for all your hard work.
- I would support an off leash dog park if it was nowhere near the Sammamish River Slough. I also would support a community center if it was in North Bothell.
- allow a portion of the Wayne golf coarse to be used for an off leash area of some sort . With the increase in multifamily living in Bothell people are going to need an area for their pets to get some exercise
- Bothell Parks need more open space for off leash dogs to exercise and play with their family.
- Please provide an off leash park with enough acreage to support fetch and socialization. This is a dog friendly region and Bothell currently lacks the facilities to support our pets.
- We need to allow maximum use of Wayne Park (former golf course) especially for playing with pets as a passive form of recreation.
- Shelton View Forest should be purchased from DNR to make a nice city owned Forest with great hiking trails, and a lot of wildlife like deer, owls, coyotes, bobcats, and many more.
- We need areas to exercise ours dogs. Walking them in trails is not sufficient for dog less than 10 years old. They need a space to run.
- The city need to enforce the dog leash laws. Every time I go to Wayne park (not mentioned) there are dogs running around

with no law enforcement to be seen. I suspect that the police dept are fond of dogs and don't want to enforce the leash laws.

- I strongly support an off leash dog park. While there is plenty of space at the golf course and lots of community interest there, please use caution and, if done, please ensure the it is distant from the waterways and preserves water quality, shoreline condition, and wildlife habitat.
- Save Sheldon View Forest!
- add pickleball courts fastest growing sport for vadults vand youth
- More indoor facilities that can be used for multiple activities such as pickleball would be great for year round activities. Most schools in the area have space for team sports such as basketball, baseball, and tennis and these facilities are often not in use. Severall local parks have outdoor pickleball and basketball courts, but very limited parking, no restrooms and some courts have no nets, and at least one is in bad shape. By contrast, the facilities at the Northshore Senior Center are in constant use.
- I would love more playground space for kids under 5. Of all the parks in Bothell there is only 1 that has anything for toddlers.
- We are fortunate to have high quality neighborhood parks (Conifer Park, William Penn Park, Stipek Park, Royal Oaks Park, etc) that also add to the high quality life here in Bothell. These are not large parks but are well used by the local neighborhood to walk dogs, visit, and picnic. Perhaps as housing developments are planned, smaller parks such as these could be incorporated into planning. As part of the City's park portfolio, is seems that it might be easier to purchase, develop and maintain these small green spaces (that have great value).
- Please bring Shelton View into the Bothell Park System. Connect it with Swamp Creek to achieve a large, multi city park.
- Education programs about maintaining healthy parks.
- I would support increased taxes to go towards the purchase of more green space. Wayne golf course is a good example of an outstanding accomplishment of the city.
- Shelton View Forest is my primary concern. We love it and want it to be part of the Bothell Parks system.
- There aren't a lot of programs geared toward kids with autism or sensory processing disorder. All the really cool classes offered by Bothell, I look at and say "Cool but our son can't be in a class that big."
- Overall I think Bothell does a good job on parks and realizes they are critical to maintaining sanity in this ever growing city. I miss little old Bothell, but having open spaces and local trails to walk helps keep me sane.
- Thanks for what you do.
- Acquire Shelton View Forest !!!
- Really need to know more about the funding options to make an informed selection of those. Also need information about benefits of artificial turf vs real lawn to know if I think it is a justifiable expense
- I would love to see expansion of sports activities. I'm a big disc golfer and love going to Blyth with my buddies a few times a week. It's helped me lose 15 pounds this year! So having more courses would be amazing.
- Please save Shelton View Forest!
- Keep Shelton View forest & other wooded trails.
- Shelton View Forest must be saved! Bothell needs to purchase this land. It is a wonderful place for families a a valuable educational resource for the students at Shelton View Elementary School.
- We've already lost so much of our green space in that part of Bothell - please, please save it!"
- I feel strongly that our beautiful parks stay free and open to the public-- including everyone's financial status. While charging for parking is reasonable to me, I would encorage the city of Bothell not to charge user fees for enjoying the outdoors in this lovely community.

- Please make the Golf Course a off leash dog park, as it already is an unofficial one, it would be better to have it be a official one
- I would love to see an off leash area on the Wayne Golf Course land. In particular, it would be great to have a fenced pathway that begins near the old clubhouse and parking lot that leads to the far foot bridge near NE 170th St., so the off leash area would be concentrated on the southwest side of the Sammamish River.
- Maintenance
- Restrooms, especially at Park at Bothell Landing need major improvement/ upgrade
- I love Tracey
- Bothell desperately needs a nice off leash park area. The Wayne Golf Course is perfect for this! A huge open space, it could be a good rival/alternative to Marymoor.
- Seriously...you brought thousands of new resisdents with all the new building....people have dogs....what have your provided for the dogs? Where in the 98011 area is there an off-leash park for dogs? Plenty of parks for all the new people, but what about all the dogs? Certainly these new residents pay taxes.....you can afford to provided an unleashed are big enough for dogs to run in. Why cant we share some of the space at the golf course? Or any other park area? It's not right not to be able to share.
- We moved here from Henderson NV where the parks and rec dept has youth sports. I was disappointed to see that Bothell does not have that, and only private youth sports exist here (which are much more expensive and generally not just for fun)
- Bothell needs some off leash dog parks/areas large enough for dogs to run and play.
- We need an off-leash dog park, preferably with access to water to swim.
- We need off leash areas. Too much attention is paid to poorly behaved children and not enough to the dogs who need space to run. Why can’t we share the space with well trained dogs and humans? Enforce existing rules about controlling dogs and picking up after them, while allowing dogs to run free under voice control of their owners.
- The rental prices of park spaces increased in January and are very high. Last year, I paid $100 for a 2hr rental at Blyth Park for a 4yo's birthday party... and that's fine. And I understand that the current rental blocks include more hours, but the rental price is way too high for parents looking for a simple park birthday party. I live in the part of Bothell that is Unincorporated Snohomish County, and $190 for a park shelter is *way too high* to guarantee space for a park birthday party - that's on par with local entertainment spaces (Chuck E Cheese, Elevated Sportz, etc) without providing any staff or services.
- Please a dog park where dogs can be walked off leash not just an off leash “pen”
- Would be helpful to know more about plans to enhance former Wayne golf course space. Lots of space there to do great things, but it's a free for all right now and lots of off leash irresponsible pet owners taking over there. So much that even though it's a few blocks away I don't feel I can go there with my dog or even without them. Not comfortable being there with large off leash dogs including pit bulls.
- The former Wayne's golf course space should have an off leash dog park because so many are using it as such a it isn't safe. My dad was attacked my on leash dogs by off leash dog there
- no
- Maintenance of existing assets and acquiring land to preserve future opportunities should be the highest priorities.
- We need more pickleball courts. My family currently uses indoor and outdoor courts in Edmonds, Greenlake, and Shoreline. Many cities are putting alot of effort into converting tennis courts or installing new pickleball courts and I think Bothell needs to realize there's a great need for it. The court at Royal Oaks Park needs an upgrade, btw.
- Pickleball courts are needed
- I am particularly interested in the improvement of facilities for Pickleball playing in all parks.
- Better signs and directions to parks from public/downtown spots.

- Pickleball is one of the top growing sports in the country and would be nice to see some dedicated courts built or at minimum the courts/surface at Royal Oaks and Willian Penn park redone.
- Redeploy underused spaces
- There is no major Pickleball site, which is under serving a sport that is growing 15% per year driving people to visit crowded sites at Shoreview Park (6 courts), Yost (8 courts) & Green Lake (8 courts). These sites each serve over 100 players daily.
- Make it easier to use volunteers and then USE them as much as possible.
- If you build it, They will come.
- Please add another dog park!!
- Support increasing outdoor & maybe indoor pickleball courts
- Pickleball leagues
- no
- 1) Pickleball - a great sport for all ages that exercises the mind and body without being overly impactful. Bothell needs to get DEDICATED pickleball courts both indoor and outdoor. Playing on courts line for many other sports is confusing and difficult. Also not everyone has a pickleball net, so permanent nets should be installed. And multiple courts (at least 4) are needed at a location because players like to come as a large group to use the facility so that playing partners can switch around.
- 2) Create a better policy for off-leash dogs that allows dogs participating in dog sports to use open space/parks. City of Mercer Island has a policy that allows this and could be a place to start for ideas (http://www.mercergov.org/Page.asp?NavID=3133). Or you could develop an ""off-leash"" license just like licenses for any number of things. To qualify, a person's pet would need to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen test, and have taken at least 6 months of additional training in a dog training class. The license could be put on a laminated 8x12 paper that has to be posted when the dog is off-leash in a public area, so that if ppl had specific complaints about that dog, they could record the number and submit the complaint. After _____ minor or one major incident, license suspended until remedial training is taken. You could implement rules like ""Must be _____ feet away from picnic shelters or children's play areas"" in order to respect other users who prefer to be away from dogs."
- no
- I would like to see the addition of pickleball courts to new or existing Bothell Parks. It would be preferable to add multiple courts to a single park rather than adding 1 court to several parks. We need a location with 6 to 8 courts to draw enough people so that all skill levels can find competitive games and not have to wait too long between games.
- I think you could really attract people to Bothell if you had pickleball courts.
- Pickleball....indoor and outside
- Choices and effective budgeting are good. More taxes are bad.
- Pickle Ball is the fastest growing sport in America/Bothell. Please address more areas to play pickle ball. Thanks
- I support adding 6 to 10 pickleball courts to an existing park.
- Indoor and outdoor pickleball.
- An Off Leash Park should be a priority. Today (6-17-19) when walking the Front 9 I saw 5 people walking 6 dogs without a leash. I feel for the animal control officer.
- Bothell has a nice sports field and park offerings, but it's time for us to step it up with offerings for youth/teens with a skatepark and an indoor recreational facility that will provide opportunities year round for indoor court sports, more fitness and art classes, and community spaces. With our NW weather, outdoor only facilities are not sufficient for a community of our size. The YMCA is not accessible to many families because of the membership fee to take classes and play sports and it doesn't fill the need for the community.

- We need a dog park and more sport fields!!!
- Looking forward to the development of park features at the Wayne golf course park. A good mix of facilities with lots of open space to roam and play please!
- With the exploding number of condos and apartments in Bothell, we need more parks and open space to offer opportunities for recreation and outdoor activities for the residents who live in those units
- There should be a pathway for cyclists exiting the Burke Gilman Trail at the old Wayne Golf Course so they can get to 96th Ave NE. It would be short, low cost and create an opportunity to improve active transportation in Bothell.
- The playground equipment at William Penn is desperately old and in need of updating to meet the needs for kids of all ages. The restrooms at Penn Park are also never open, yet there is a building right there.
- Allow for a variety of options in one location so there can be something for everyone. Allow for pedestrian travel to the parks- safe sidewalks, trails, bike paths. Consider a fenced park geared towards toddlers and preschoolers- preferably with a coffeeshop or coffee truck option nearby. More community events with options for volunteering/ giving back such as charity runs. I think a beautification effort in the vein of the Mukilteo way plantings in Everett near Forest Park would be fun (memorial day weekend plant lots of annuals). Also, would love summer movie nights/summer concerts/summer events like an obstacle course run, etc. all of these should have restaurants/bars nearby or the option of food trucks. Any kind of summer festival that includes safe carnival rides/fair food/ face painting/ balloon animals, etc.
- pop-up crafts/classes at community events
- I would love to see Shelton View Woods established as a priority. There are multiple acres of woods with trails enjoyed by Bothell families, local hikers, and bikers. The forest already has an engaged group of volunteers and is situated next to an elementary school, which provides opportunity for hands-on learning experiences. Preserving green spaces in Bothell like this one is absolutely essential to keeping this city a place where people want to live and raise their children.
- Save Shelton View Forest from Development!
- More options for kids classes & activities on weekends for working parents. Better website- make it easier to browse and register online.
- I would like more trails made in the grass at the upper 9 park to better enjoy the area - we go there every day! Thank you.
- Please provide good adult education courses such as arts and cooking classes.
- Reopen the front 9 of Wayne as a golf course. It was great for learning and taking kids. The back 9/8 can remain a park. Use the profit from the course for funding for other public amenities.
- I like the list that's in The Bridge
- Please reinstate support and funding for the Shelton View forest. I believe preservation of the few remaining wild areas in Bothell is vitally important.
- Off lease dog park please
- Off leash dog park is needed.
- Parking at all local parks is small. Not an incentive to use parks. Area at old Wayne's golf course should have proper bathrooms.
- Drop surveymonkey, Qualtrics is local
- Please include a plan to save Shelton View Forest for the use of the community.
- Very important to our quality of life.
- Make centennial park a true park w water playground and beautified trails
- With all of the new housing being developed I would think Bothell is collecting significantly more tax revenue. The town just needs to put more money aside for activities in the parks. Things for people to do there. We have beautiful parks in Bothell but we do NEED to expand into some new things such as a dog park, sprinkler park and skate park. We want to continue to

attract young families and we NEED these things. The camps and activities can all be a user fee. No one should have to pay for someone kids to go to camp. The dog park can be enhanced with Volunteers just like Marymoore. Marymoore also charges $1 to park your car as well they ask for donations. Most people send in $20 a year or more to S.O.D.A. No one minds paying a little if they are using the service.

- Don't raise taxes. Tax revenue has increased due to the booming economy, and we just passed a firehouse levy. Unless it's a splash pad or a community center, use what you have
- Clean up the filthy inside of the bathrooms at Bothell landing. There's no changing table for babies. Parents have to change diapers right on the counter. It's gross. Even the door is filthy. □
- Money needs to be managed better in this city that keeps getting bigger because neighboring smaller cities have more activities and amenities than we do!!!!
- I would love to see non motorized ways to get from park to park such as the trail to get you from Bothell Landing to Blyth. This is a great way to get families to explore multiple parks while exercising
- A food outlet with seating /social gathering/coffee etc. at the Landing.
- Better use of the Bowl. Used to be a lot of fun
- Mow the grass please
- Shelton view forest is a treasure for our community. Please help us keep this green space.
- A Community & Events Center like Mercer Island's could generate revenue to pay for new amenities such as a public swimming pool and dedicated outdoor Pickleball courts
- I feel Bothell has several very nice parks that are all well maintained. I am looking forward to the decisions that will be made on the development of Wayne golf course. So much opportunity there.
- Developers should be contributing to our community in direct proportion to their success. The city should be insisting the community is protected from rampant development. I hold the city responsible for allowing (encouraging!) the over-development.
- Parking can be an issue at Blythe and other popular parks. If we can create more community open space, we will also need sufficient parking. I moved to Bothell partly for all the nature/parks/community feel, so please continue to place focus on this area! It is becoming esp important as we become more densely populated.
- In general, things in Bothell seem behind in times. It has a very old-fashion feel. While this may be admirable to older residents, there are many more younger families and current young adults that desire more amusement amenities. The ideas in the survey like a water park type fountain, more festivals/carnivals, and community centers are all great ideas. Overall, speaking for the young adults, small strip pop up food stalls are very popular, large community centers with many different activities (similar to Bellevue club), and aesthetic sculptures or murals are, what I would say, some pretty significant desires.
- Having new Indoor Sport/Event Arena will bring revenue to city.
- It's not all about kids and youth, it's about getting people out and meeting each other and having public spaces where people intentionally gather and hear about community news.
- I would love for there to be a Youth Council formed so that students can have a voice within government decisions as well.
- Don't wait too long to put capital bond/operating levy ballot before the voters!
- Would like to see more enforcement for people who don't pick up after their dogs and let them off-leash in areas where it's not allowed.
- I live in Everett but travel to Bothell frequently to play disc golf at Blyth. I happily spend money at local businesses during my visits. Thank you for asking for public feedback!
- I'd like to see improvements or expansion to the disc golf facilities in Bothell. Monroe has an excellent (private) course and MLT has an expert-level course unfriendly to beginners. Bothell has a beginner-friendly course but it needs development to

be on-par with Bothell's other part offerings.

- Please make a new disc golf course in Bothell.
- There is a growing disc golf community in your city and it would behoove you to address the space available in Wayne park and keep safety risks to picnickers and campers at Blyth park to a minimum.
- We would love a playground structure at Centennial park!
- Improve current amenities: Use Northshore Senior Center and Churches with large buildings more as all ages programming/community center; improve/increase waterfront/water sport access at Bothell Landing; add community center programming in current house on property, water access, dog park, trails, sport field/court to old Wayne golf course land
- More funding for Parks Department!
- Disk Golf is a great passive use activity that is inclusive of all community members regardless of ethnicity or income.
- Please increase disc golf opportunities and quality of opportunities in Bothell.
- A 9 hold disc golf course on Wayne back 9 would be amazing!
- Expand the disc golf course at Blyth Park to the SE portion of the former Wayne if course!
- I'd like to see Blyth Park expanded to include the old Wayne golf course area and the disc golf course expanded to 18 permanent baskets. I play the present course there (Howling Coyote) at least once a week.
- Create more disc golf courses. It's a great use of land and disc golf is a great community sport for all ages and is cheep to maintain.
- Turn Wayne's golf course into a disc golf course!!
- It would be great for the current small disc golf course in Blyth park to expand into a full size course with additional baskets in Wayne park. This would create the ability to still have a small course for beginners while having he option of a larger course for the disc golf community here in Bothell. Disc Golf is a recreational activity that can coexist with near any park and requires little to no maintenance. This relatively small budgetary improvement would add a lot of value without restricting other activities.
- We want a youth council for the city of Bothell so students get their input. Bothell youth council
- I would love a dog off leash area and more river access for small boats. Bothell Parks crew do a great job and will require an increase in budget support as our city grows and oarks are more heavily used.
- Off leash dog park at former Wayne Golf
- Look at Mary more park as an example. There are so much opportunity to have festivals, 4th of July events and cool things that the community can do together. Parks are not just about the trees and play grounds but about the community they can build
- A disc golf course at Wayne or Centennial is the main reason I took this survey. It's a fantastic use of land, reduces transient population and promotes outdoors and fitness.
- establish a youth counsel! students want our voices to be heard
- A high quality 18 hole disc golf course is needed in Bothell! Thanks for the opportunity to submit my values and opinions on PROS!
- Add more disc golf courses
- Restroom for the golf course
- Would love an off leash dog park. Maybe one that you have to be "approved" to use? To weed out those who bring aggressive dogs etc.
- Increase public, volunteer investment in parks. For example, an off-leash dog area could be administered by a group of

volunteers, with space rentals to generate some revenue. Same thing for a pea patch program, maybe even a skate park. Let the community do some of the ongoing work and money-raising.

- I would like to see an array of children's classes and programs similar to Kirkland...with similar low costs.
- Please turn the Marty Freese's Yellow Farmhouse on 112th into a education center.
- Please install a 18 hole discgolf course. The area has the potential to have a world class course! Look to other cities like Portland that just hosted a huge tournament. This sport can be played by all ages and is one of the fastest growing sports in the world.
- Wayne is not being utilized to its potential. A disc golf course would bring in extra revenue and has the potential to be the only gold standard course in King County. This would also bring the possibility for the professional pro tour to make Washington an official stop on that tour. Every hotel room would fill if this became a reality. The cost would be almost insignificant because if a club could be formed, the club would handle all maintenance and improvements along with assuring the course is kept clean and free of litter and debris.
- Disc golf is an increasingly growing sport that allows for parks to have multiple uses. It is able to coexist with walking trails and other activities!
- Use some of the Wayne land for a mountain bike loop, connect it to blyth and climbing trail up tolt. More direct bike connection from up by country village to new bike path without having to go around cascadia, business park. work with Kenmore/Brier to bike to Lynnwood area safer.
- With housing going in so rapidly, this is a dire need. Wayne Golf course is huge but not very central and currently fairly useless for most of Bothell. Needs parking, shelters, water access, dog park, playground and trails. Shelton View forest desperately needs to be preserved. And every single developer should be contributing significantly towards the preservation of real, usable green space (not just the token little piece in their new development) and the development of our parks.
- We need an off leash dog park near downtown with an area for small dogs
- Can we not implement a parking fee to gain additional revenue?
- Catalogue offers many options for families with young children. Maybe I'm outside the target demographic, although I can appreciate opportunities for children to stay active. Are programs offered with demographic studies in mind?"
- My son is not a big organized sports kid. Having a mountain bike park/skate park/bmx park would be a fantastic asset to the community, giving a space to get out doors and be active for the non-competitive yet active kids in town.
- What happened to the skate park and Bothell landing park upgrades that were promised YEARS ago when Bothell Way was realigned? The drawings had it located at the bottom of 180th next to the old ski shop. Now that property is for sale and our “upgraded” park is a big patch of grass and gravel parking. What gives?
- Add championship disc golf course destined by a professional disc golf course developer
- Love the new park at Wayne golf!
- "More live music using local Bothell bands/musicians! Put in Mtn. bike trails including obstacles to practice on in the golf course. Climbing -- outdoor but covered bouldering would be ideal. (There's an artificial boulder in Woodinville, let's get some climbing in Bothell too! Again, set among the fields in the golf course would be a great setting -- even for artificial rock...)
- More weekend classes for kids? Our son enjoys them, but the offerings are somewhat limited..."
- We need more fields in our community
- Highly support park maintenance, protecting land, etc...Property taxes have risen way too much in the past few years though. There should be money already there for parks.
- Taxes are so high in king county Bothell. It’s not fair to raise taxes even more just to give the community what should already be here. What is the city collecting from new developers to help with these projects? They have the money and

should support the growing community not the existing residents.

- Please put an off leash dog park near downtown!!!!
- More disc golf courses (Wayne) or expanded disc golf courses (Blyth)
- I move to Bothell approximately 2 year ago and have found the parks an invaluable resource for coping with my depression. Disc golf literally save my life. It's a low no work out which shares it's space with other activities and requires low care after installed. There's a sizable players group here in Bothell an I'm proud of being a part of it.
- Disc golf is an exploding, healty, family activity
- Please let us build mountain bike trails in Bothell
- Pretty please with sugar on top work with the blyth disc golf club to install a premier disc golf course on the front or back 9 at Wayne. I have lived in Bothell since 2012 and would like to have a pro course to play near my home.
- You should know that the disc golf community is sharing this link on all the disc golf Facebook pages in the PNW, asking "golfers" to take the survey and "ask for more disc golf." It will skew your numbers. Thought you should know.
- Please put in tennis walls! Cheap and don't take much space!
- We have a great start to a useful, beautiful network of parks. Would love an off-leash dog park. Looking forward to what's to come at Wayne golf course... An amphitheater would be great there for outdoor concerts and plays like Shakespeare in the park.
- Baseball fields, disc golf
- Would love to see a permanent disc golf course installed at the old Wayne golf property.
- Would love to see a splash park of some sort!
- Absolutely not supportive of developing Wayne Golf Course with sports fields or other very high traffic use. Best use there are trails, open grass, bike rental, snack shop.
- Please consider creating a discgolf course on the old Wayne Golf course as discgolf is low cost and low maintenance and co-habitates with nature extremely well. Plus, the discgolf community is very willing to assist and keep the already low costs down to a minimum. Thank You!
- An 18 hole Disc golf Course is needed in this area.
- I really think a the old golf course would be an excellent place for an amazing off leash dog park. With so many condos, apartments etc being built this has become a very popular amenity in other communities and Bothell is behind
- Please provide some opportunities for tennis players, like tennis walls. I understand that soccer, softball, and other team sports are more popular, but tennis walls would be well used and are not expensive to build. The one at Grass Lawn Park in Redmond is the only public wall around in the suburbs of Seattle. This would be a huge win for Bothell.
- I prefer NOT to leave it up to a vote for Bothell citizens who are very liberal when it comes to giving more money to activities I am not interested in nor apply to me. FYI I have no children.
- off leash dogs at Bothell parks are already a problem and are illegal, making a park just for them is a disaster waiting to happen
- Bikes - if you do any walk/bike trails - post rules and a speed limit and then ENFORCE it. The bikers on Burke-Gilman are speed demons and make the trail entirely unsafe for walkers and families. Put stop signs on the trail for bikers - when necessary.
- Keep the park at the old Wayne Golf Course as natural as possible - both the front and back 9 holes. No sports, no dog parks, no slough access, no buildings. That land is amazing and should be kept as natural and as building fee as possible. "
- Parks are super important for a healthy, thriving community
- Save Shelton View Forest!

- Not many parks near Queensborough so think Shelton View Forest could be a great one for the city.
- water activities
- skate rentals
- Good idea to survey
- Bring back front 9 of Wayne Golf Course. Leave back 9 as a park
- Please keep Shelton View Forest open for enjoyment, not more building
- Senior activities - benches sitting areas
- Updated playgrounds, fix bumps on BGT
- So far - so good
- Please let development (condos!) and more parks!
- Appeal to people in ages 20s and 30s so Bothell has more exciting experiences and that group doesn't have to seek out in Seattle or Kirkland
- I go to Kirkland for parent/small child activities b/c no options here (South Bothell). Bothell Landing Park is fantastic, except the restrooms - they always smell so I never use them and will visit less once kids are potty trained.
- A botanical Garden like Bellevue
- Stop buying land for "open space". Those type of spaces are not used & become over-grown eyesores that are a waste of our taxes. Please do not let the Wayne Golf Course turn into a rats nest of overgrown vegetation that no one uses.
- We should sell the 35 million dollar city building to a private company; downsize to a small wood framed building and use the money to fund parks
- Leave open space for just people in
- Due to all the development that has happened in Bothell over the last 5 or 6 years, we have lost a lot of trees/green space. It is important to not lose more, however, raising taxes is not a good answer. How about using some of the additional taxes being collected from all the new building to protect green space/trees/forests.
- Thanks to everyone who keeps them clean and safe.
- Yes, get the Council to stop throwing $$ into downtown redevelopment and fix our parks & streets!
- I walk with a walker. Don't go many places.
- Please have more family restrooms in parks. Due to ages of kids, sometimes we need to enter whole family in the restroom.
- vintage car show
- more off leash dog facilities
- safety no matter what the activity - so no liability for Bothell
- Your online reference address was not specific therefore couldn't find survey online
- Wayne Golf Park needs to have wildflower and/or rose gardens. Plant trees, bushes, play area for kids perhaps off leash dog park. What about a community garden/p-patch (if not at Wayne somewhere else).
- Provide ample quiet places where one can sit and listen to the birds
- Thank you for including Wayne's Golf Course as a Bothell Park. Our family enjoys the use several days a week!
- More sports fields and more off leash dog spaces
- Yes! Why has Bothell allowed such HUGE growth? The roads are full - STOP!
- I would like to see more natural, wooded areas left untouched in Bothell. There is so much building of new homes, leaving

less space for wildlife.

- Use current tax funds wisely - no new property taxes - nice parks are no use to residents who are taxed out of their homes
- Better info on what parks/trails exist. I went to City Hall to get a park/trail map and it was very difficult/impossible to get the desired info
- More bike and accessible parks for pedestrians and wheelchair users would be wonderful!
- Need additional auto parks and bike trails, bus, car, parking, bike racks, enforce no loiteringor camping, stop homelessness, protect our investment
- The corner on Bothell Way that's been under construction for years with no progress (or current owner) used as a small public park
- I am saddened at the amount of building the Bothell planners are allowing for our community. With every development, trees are cut. This contributes to less sound barriers, less cleansing of our air, and less area for wildlife. Please slow down!
- Most cities with a river running through it take advantage of such a special feature by opening vistas to it; having special celebrations on it; promote kayak, canoe, and boat travel on it and educate the historical significance of the rive. Bothell has turned its back on the river!
- Thank you for making Bothell a great place to raise a family
- I can't stress enough the need for a dog park. It angers me so much, people w/ off-leash dogs. They don't obey the laws so give them a place to go.
- More parking!
- We need to hear more in the community about Wayne Golf Course
- Save Shelton View Forest from development - purchase DNR and McCoast Property
- Green space is the primary determining factor for choosing Bothell to live in
- Sheldon View Forest is wonderful, if you haven't been go!
- Too bad they didn't think of parks when they added all new development by the Library! Sad really the way the city add new homes and apartments someone needs to look at parking - poor planning! The concrete parking slabs, I hate them!
- Free parking for Bothell residents on 4th of July events. Have "taste of Bothell" downtown Bothell with vegan options, kid friendly, music, contests, small carnival rides in the park areas.
- The parks are absolutely essential to quality of life. My grandchildren visit often and the play equipment is often packed with kids. More equipment is needed.
- The more open land conserved and kept away from people and dogs - the better.
- Bothell needs more events. Especially needed in the downtown given the growing residential population in the DT neighborhood.
- As long as you keep the homeless from harassing or scaring my kids so we can use the parks, its essential to our quality of life.
- With all the new development cutting down trees and taking away open spaces it is vital o have many parks
- Seeing that you closed Wayne, how about a chip & putt green? We could use old #15 green it is out of the way to cover costs we could sell an annual pass
- Car shows, food events/games at that golf course you bought, maybe a kiddy pool
- I hesitate to fill out this questionnaire, although I do not use the classes/sports programs, I think they are very important. I just can't assess whether they are sufficient at this time. They were 10 years ago when I used them.
- Currently both walkers and bikers use the trail system. The bikers believe they have right of way on the entire trail. It is essential to have a designated lane for bikes to ensure walkers safety.

- I think the senior center (publicly funded) is underused - vacant most evenings. I also miss music in the park at Bothell Landing.
- Make Wayne like Marymoor Park
- The water condition of the slough is very bad. I would like to see testing done and results posted publicly. At the very least, signs should be clearly posted regarding water quality for recreational users. Last summer, a family member and our dog were exposed to campylobacteria and became very ill. Hospitalization was required after being exposed to slough water.
- Our property taxes recently sharply increased, so I hesitate to recommend a tax increase. But recreational opportunities are important, especially for children/youth, and make Bothell a special place to live. Thanks for buying the "Back Nine".
- Off leash dogs are a big problem, need stricter laws/roles and a place for them to go (away from my young kids)
- I am a senior citizen. I don’t use the parks as much as I did when our children lived at home.
- build a calisthenics park - e.g. calisthenics-parks.com
- More amenities for waynes course park and off-leash park for dogs
- Bothell needs a rec center and a splash pad. Good models to look to are in Provo, Utah and Iceland.
- Bothell should have kept the Country Village as a community resource gathering place!
- More baseball field as land got harder to acquire.
- I'd like to have a dog park with a small dog area separate from the big dogs and a trail with no bikes allowed
- None
- More off leash dog parks. Biking trails for exclusive use (Burke-Gillman too crowded w/bike racers)
- 1) Purchase Sheldon View Forest; 2) Thanks for all the work Parks & Recreation do; 3) We shouldn't spend $ on a community center when we have the terrific North Shore Y
- More police presence at Cedar Grove park
- Improve pathways through Wayne, connect up trail system, provide better signage/info about trails, hiking opportunities either in or starting at parks.
- Restrooms at parks need to open earlier for those who exercise in the early morning, please.
- Charge small fees for activities to raise money needed. Our prop taxes are high enough!
- With more housing constantly being built, we will need to increase public spaces.
- A recreational center or community center in Bothell would be wonderful. With a large family being able to go to one place ad have activities to do for varying ages would be helpful.
- Off leash dog parks, please!
- Put and maintain trails in North Creek Forest and a community garden and use volunteer efforts for such with outdoor classes integrated with the development and maintenance.
- A Veterans Museum to thank and honor all our Veterans. All of King Co and Sno. Co do not support any veterans museum. All of our leadership at Bothell level and County level do not appreciate their veterans or their freedom.
- Please work to maintain as much natural space as possible - we need trees since so many are being removed for building
- Please save Shelfton View Forest. It's a key part of the community. If the forest is gone many people that live around it will also leave.
- William Penn Park needs attention
- Put a dog park and mountain bike trails at Wayne!
- Bothell needs to offset the housing building by adding more green space, not expensive sports fields & splash parks.

- Bring back an aquatic facility. Build one as a model similar to Snohomish or lynwood or bainbridge that combines recreation with functional. Its critical for senior citizens in reducing healthcare through non stress exercise. Swimming for sport as well as safety. Yes is a high cost to build, but done right can be self sustaining if not slightly positive on the budget.
- The bathrooms at Blyth and Bothell Landing Parks are in great need of improvement. They are old, dirty, and poorly maintained. A semi-regular sweep of the bathroom ceilings at Bothell Landing Park would be appreciated—there are tons of cobwebs and bugs living there. The quality of the bathroom facility is inconsistent with the lovely park and playground. The tire mountain at Blyth Park needs to go. Instead, a flat grassy area would allow parents to see children better (kids go down the other side). Bees often create nests in the tire mountain. The tire mountain is gross and tacky. Please tax me and take it away.
- Please preserve green space in Bothell! We are losing it so fast. Secondly, more money for park upkeep.
- When adding new spaces and programs, please consider the parking situation.
- Splash pad please.
- It's important for Bothell Parks & Rec to manage expenses frugally and make sound spending decisions so those at all income levels can enjoy these wonderful resources without having to pay (either directly or indirectly) too much.
- Please put a splash park and kids park in the golf course that was just purchased. Also put BBQ / picnic area.
- If money is spent improving our parks, what resources will be used to keep the parks safe and drug dependent individuals out? I know Bothell isn't as bad as Seattle, but it's only a matter of time. I would suggest also setting up security systems and cameras to prevent or deter parking lot vandalism. You can't go to a park in Seattle anymore without seeing broken glass on the ground.
- Playgrounds can get crowded and not enough equipment for kids to play (swings, slides, etc)
- Designated area for RC (remote control) hobbies. Also police force to protect our parks from hobos, marijuana/drug use. Alcohol is okay.
- Lots of people are moving into Bothell which has also lead to an increase in the number of dogs.Please develop more off lease dog parks.
- In the event of having a dog park would increase the value of Bothell. Dog parks don't take much to keep going. This would open up opportunities for volunteer positions, allow our pups to have some free space to run around instead of driving all the way to Marymoore off leash dog park which is super over crowed and doesn't give my pup the opportunity to run around like he does at Wayne's park
- I think community-oriented open space is absolutely necessary for our modern quality of life and creation of social bonds. Without parks and community events, we might as well all live alone.
- more trails and turf fields. Grass fields are often unusable in during the fall/winter/spring because of our wet climate.
- Developing the space at Park at Bothell landing is my number one request. A splash pad/water park is needed A BMX bike area and off leash dog park are also needed in Bothell. Thank you for all your hard work! We love Bothell parks
- Would like community gardens/pea patches and off leash dog park or area
- "You guessed it... Bring back the front 9 at Wayne Golf Course. I will happily volunteer and/or be an active board member. Brent Fitzgerald @ brent@sdesworks.com"
- We really need a community center, especially as Bothell keeps growing. Something similar to North Kirkland Community Center where there are classes, community events, etc.
- "Please add pickleball courts. The only one in Bothell currently doesn't even have a net. There are no useable courts in the city limits that have nets and are in decent condition. Thank you! "
- "Add musical instruments to the park like these: https://freenotesharmonypark.com/blog/2010/05/21/musical-playground-rotary-park-moab-utah/"
- we need a dog park. without a designated dog park every park becomes a dog park. Kirkland has one. Mill Creek has one.

Redmond, Bellevue, Mountlake Terrace. But not Bothell. And int he core of Bothell not the border with Mill Creek that can be 30minutes from DT.

- No thanks.
- We need an off-leash dog area! Now that Red Brick road has been leash law enforced there's no option other than Marymore or Willis Tucker. DO NOT DEVELOP THE AREA NEXT TO CITY HALL! Make that a central outdoor area for the residents to enjoy
- Look forward to seeing the old Wayne course named and fixed up
- We need more dog friendly areas
- Changing tables in restrooms at all parks. Family restrooms. Fix restrooms at William Penn Park
- what is going to happen with the park that was the Wayne Golf Course? It is a great natural space!
- Need to better manage off leash dogs, enforce leash laws, and provide a dedicated space for off leash dogs. Signage is not sufficient to stop people from letting dogs run off leash and this creates a safety hazard for other users.
- Landscape crews need to trim back the plant growth. Every year walking paths go from being big enough for at least two people to pass each other to only a single person can fit forcing it to be one way.
- Build sidewalks in Canyon Park, on 19th SE
- More activities and events that are friendly to babies and parents/caregivers. Better sidewalks in outskirts of main town.
- Communication in this city is very limited. If you don't have kids in school, you don't know what's going on. I think we need more free, community oriented activities, and more enrichment activities for kids and adults. People in Bothell need more opportunities to get to know their neighbors. We have some nice green spaces, and the ones in my neighborhood seem to be utilized. It's ironic that we might have to raise taxes to get a new skate park and baseball fields, as we had both of those before they were turned into McMenamin's new parking lot by Pop Keeney. Would it be possible to partner with the school district to get access to the turf fields with lights that already sit inside our town? They're already set up for baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse. Just a thought.
- Bothell needs a year round Farmer's Market! One that has both fruits and veggies besides the usual crafts stuff. It would be ideal if it were at Bothell Landing or some other place near downtown. I think it would add a great sense of community and vibrancy to our city.
- Volume of parks is of less concern to our family than quality, but I do realize that proximity does matter to many. I would rather pick fewer projects and make them nice than more for less money. As an advocate for health and fitness, the safe streets initiative is also a concern - i believe there should not be a concern for safety when traveling to/from a park via bike or as pedestrian. I would put money toward safe streets and purchasing the land for future projects, even if that means it takes much longer to get the park/project funded. I realize it may mean that my kids don't get to enjoy a new park before they grow up, but I think it's important for future generations of the community
- I was surprised to find the restrooms locked at 8:30 PM recently. The sun doesn't set until 9ish PM and the lot was pretty much full of cars with kids at the playground but the restrooms were locked. Not acceptable as far as I'm concerned. Kids and families need restroom facilities while the park is still useable.
- Developers got Country Village; if they get Shelton View Forest as well, there will be little of interest left in Bothell that makes it special and unique.
- Our community is growing and changing which means our public spaces should adapt.
- Renovating the playground at Bothell Landing would be wonderful.
- The City has done a poor job of allowing developers and the University of washington to overdevelop our city. As a resident for 18 years, i have watched density rise, city sponsored activities decline and the old town feel of Bothell become that of the dour city of seattle. My interest in anything Bothell offers is zero lately, as the city has shown that it is all about lining developers and greedy council members pockets and robbing the honest taxpayers of the city of the fundamental right to live happily in their neighborhoods. The planning department should be ashamed of themselves for allowing huge high-rise

apartment buildings to be built with less than one parking spot per unit. We have university students parking in our neighborhoods on our lawns because the UW charges them to park on campus, after charging then tuition. And they want yet another parking garage that the kids will not use, but the city will continue to allow them to increase enrollment. It's this kind of backwards philosophy that makes us citizens dislike the city and its proposals. You want to poll us on parks, when you went and sold/ developed all the decent land in the area. As usual Bothell, too little, too late

- One sport that is missing in Bothell is Pickleball. Most of us go to other towns to play outdoors and Seattle community centers to play indoors. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and Bothell needs to address this issue.
- The need for Pickleball courts is growing. The Northshore Senior has some indoor courts at select times. The YMCA has some indoor pickleball if you can afford membership. Some Bothell residents travel to Redmond Senior Center to play outdoor pickleball. Pickleball is a great sport for the whole family.
- As Bothell grows, it will need more parks. Even small spaces are lovely to come across. I especially love the idea of community gardens since so many of the newcomers will be living in apartments and can't have a garden of their own.
- Even small parks (<6000sqft) can offer a neighborhood benefit and provide hidden gems in the city, differentiating us from other local communities.
- More events would be great! Given the growing residential population in our downtown, A DOWNTOWN BOTHELL FARMERS MARKET YEAR ROUND would be utilized often!!
- We enjoy the new Wayne Golf Course park, would like to see a fenced off-leash dog area.
- Please work on connecting Parks, schools, business centers and downtown with a network of safe (protected from cars) biking and walking trails to reduced vehicle traffic and parking demands on the city infrastructure
- A census of use is important but more cultural offerings like music. theater in the park and more town sponsored events are important.
- we need playgrounds that are geared for elementary kids (example Miner's Corner), many of the parks have playgrounds that are really only good for kids till about 6 years old. Also, parking lots that are large enough to handle the number of people who use the park & surrounding area (example: Bothell Landing parking is terrible!)
- An off leash dog park is really needed!
- 1. Sammamish River Trail, without speed control or separation of bikes, pedestrians is hazardous. Will not use under current conditions.
- We desperately need a wading pool and splash pad. Families are constantly begging for it in the Bothell FB group. I would like to see the space around City Hall become a park. Kids already run up and down the steps and along the fountain. It is a nice central location. Bringing the Farmer's Market there would make sense, too. With Bothell losing green spaces to development, it is so important to develop public parks. In Seattle, I was always a short walk to a park no matter where I lived. I think a huge children's park like the Maple Leaf park would be amazing. Maybe William Penn Park could be updated?
- Keep the golf course as open space! What a wonderful addition to Bothell and something that really sets us apart. Maybe get rid of some blackberry bushes and get river access there, a playground and splash pad! It’s so large you could even do an off leash area if dog lovers are pushing for it!
- PLEASE add a fenced in, off leash dog park at Wayne Golf Course! Mirrored after Marymoor - even a $1 parking fee isn't unreasonable to help fund it. We need off leash places for dogs and there is plenty of room there! Thank you
- N/A
- Manage the resources you have better (reduce overhead like this survey). We can not afford more government
- Please save Shelton View Trail System! And please work toward not only protecting those kinds of open spaces we already have, but acquiring new open spaces to enjoy in the future. Otherwise Bothell will be cookie cutter houses as far as the eye can see.
- To form and hear feedback from a Youth Council in Bothell

- I and a number of others would like to see the expansion and improvements to disc golf equipment in parks.

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APPENDIX B
TEEN SURVEY

City of Bothell

To: Nik Stroup, Parks & Recreation Director

From: Tracey Perkosky, Parks Planning & Grants Manager

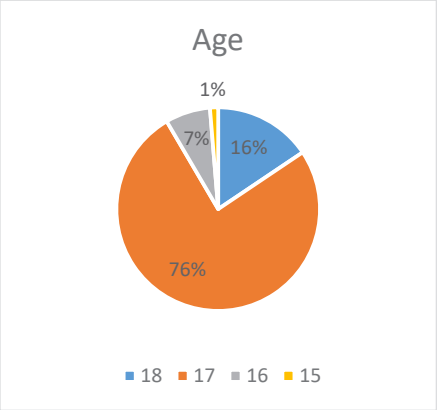
Date: November 4, 2019

RE: Teen Survey Results

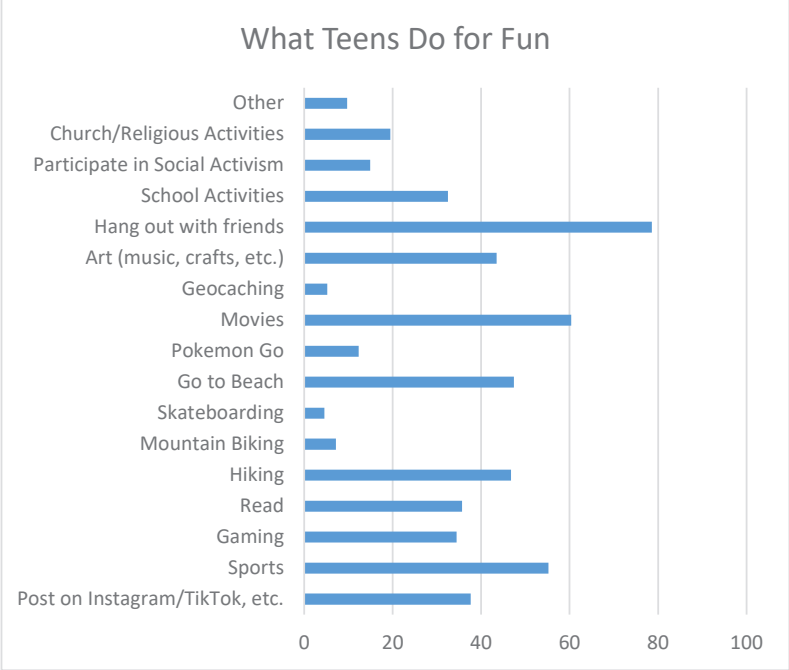
In an effort to reach out to teens, a written survey was distributed to Seniors at Inglemoor High School and an online survey was distributed to Bothell High School via a student volunteer, Erin Powers. The survey was open from October 16th to November 1st. In total, 159 responses were received. The only required question on the survey was if the respondent attended the Northshore School District.

All but one respondent attended a school in the Northshore School District.

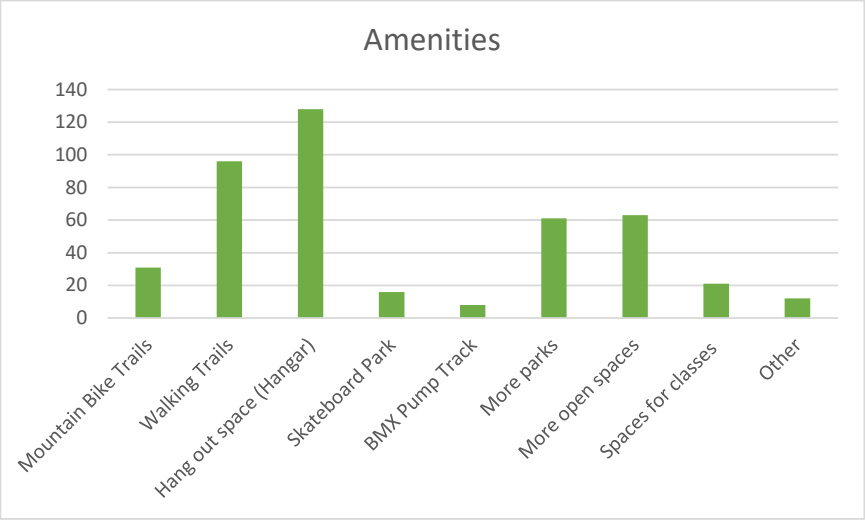
The majority of the respondents were 17 years old (76%) followed by 16% who were 18 years old, 7% were 16 years old and 1% were 15 years old.



The survey asked "What do you like to do for fun?" and respondents were instructed to select all that applied plus there was an opportunity for a free text response via the "Other" category. The text responses are listed at the end of this report. The most popular responses were to "Hang out with friends" (79), "Movies" (60), "Hiking" (47) and "Go to the beach" (47).



In response to "What amenities would you like to see in Bothell?" the most popular responses were a "Hang out space (like the Hangar)" (128), followed by "Walking trails" (96), "More open spaces" (63) and "More parks" (61). Respondents could select one or all options. The "other" category had free text responses listed at the end of this document.



The teen survey respondents were very interested in events in Bothell. For the question "Would you go to:" followed by 8 options the top three choices each received over 100 votes. They were "Movies in the park" (118), "Food truck nights" (105), and "Teen concerts" (103).

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The final question was “What else would you like to see or do in Bothell?” and the responses were entirely free text:

I don't really know
walking trails
concerts!
road biking
more food trucks, game nights
dog park!
I want them to improve some of the sidewalks
playgrounds for adults!
more courts
permanent dog park
dog park events
my favorite movie is megamind
food events
community building spaces
help to beautify our parks
community spaces & cafes
I like to walk trails and go to events
more coffee shops
more coffee shops
nothing
picnic days
outdoor movies
10k
more opportunities for teens
areas fur public use/hangout benches
Concerts would be soooooo coool!!!! There are so many kids in the north shore district who are making music too so it would be so sick
Monitor creepy men at the library
Idk
Concerts, paddle boarding and water sports
More places to park
just a collective place where high schoolers can hangout
Mcdonald’s
I would just like places to go hangout with friends like a little cafe or something similar to what’s in F.R.I.E.N.D.S
If you have concerts for teens, you should let some teens perform! There are a lot of creative, musical teens in the area. Also a different genre of music each time would be cool, from pop to country to edm!!
Annual run or event that the whole community gets involved in
Less people that aren't actaully from here
H
More opportunities for teens to meet and hang out!
drive in movies
Ski bus

Sex
a drive in movie theater
Black people
I think we should keep the dog park, or make an upgraded version I think it is the best idea and so many people use this space for their dogs
Have a movie drive in
Hmmmm
More community
Calisthenic park
Less development
Race
More community
country village
More play fields
More social events
Keep the dog park up!
More hangouts!!
More restaurants with more popular branded companies. Any big brand franchise, like Nike or maybe even a mall
n/a
Game Center

The survey also offered the opportunity for free text answers to some of the other questions.

What you like to do for fun?

coffee dates
biking (street, trail)
study
Video Production/PC Building
lifting weights/parkour
biking (not mtn)
being on the water
work
playing with my dogs
writing
cooking
Dance
Ski
Snowboarding
Skiing

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What amenities would you like to see in Bothell?

road biking trails
none
a nice modern workplace
playgrounds for teens/adults (adult sized swings)
basketball courts
(similar to hang out) cafes
flat place to roller skate
Sports field
Dog parks
Stage
A study space open past 9pm on weeknights
More basketball courts. Covered area basketball park

This is a copy of the paper survey:

City of Bothell **Parks & Recreation Survey**

Age: ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐19

What do you like to do for fun? (check all that apply)

☐ Post on Insta/TikTok/etc. ☐ Sports ☐ Gaming ☐ Read ☐ Hiking
☐ Mountain biking ☐ Skateboarding ☐ Go to the Beach ☐ Pokémon Go ☐ Movies
☐ Geocaching ☐ Art (music, crafts, etc.) ☐ Hang out w/ friends ☐ School Activities
☐ Participate in social activism ☐ Church/Religious Activities ☐ Other _____

What amenities would you like to see in Bothell? (check all that apply)

☐ Mountain bike trails ☐ Walking trails ☐ Hang out space (like the Hangar)
☐ Skateboard park ☐ BMX Pump track ☐ More parks
☐ More open spaces ☐ Space for classes ☐ Other _____

Would you go to: (check all that apply)

☐ Concerts for teens ☐ Fun runs ☐ Festivals & special events for teens ☐ Game nights
☐ Movies in the park ☐ Food truck nights ☐ Adventure races ☐ Scavenger hunts

What else would you like to see or do in Bothell? _____
_____

APPENDIX C
DOG PARK SURVEY

City of Bothell

To: Nik Stroup, Parks & Recreation Director

From: Tracey Perkosky, Parks Planning & Grants Manager

Date: October 11, 2019

RE: Dog Park Survey Results

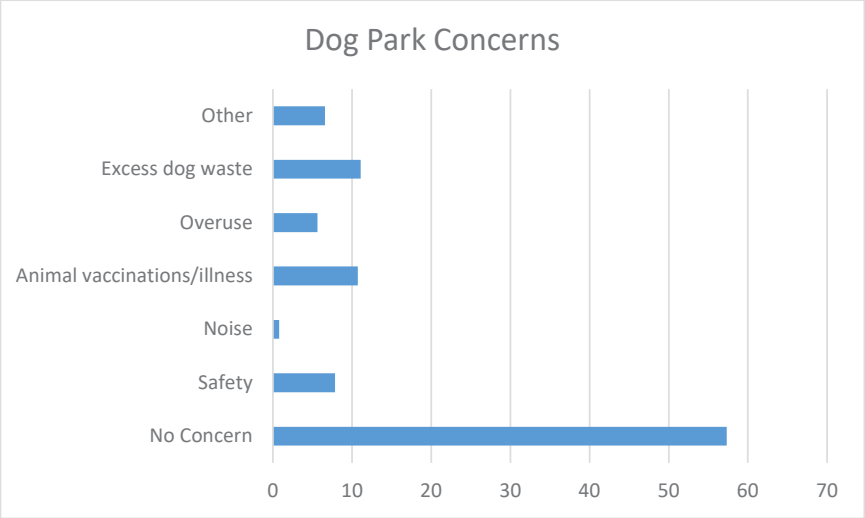
A community survey was open from August 1 to September 15, 2019. It was available exclusively via an online survey link. Staff promoted the survey during two on-site events, via social media (Twitter, Instagram & Facebook), City's website, and posted at the dog park itself. It was also promoted by KING5 during an interview with Police Department staff. The timing of the survey aligned with a "pop-up" or temporary dog park located at the Park at Bothell Landing.

The survey received 1,405 responses of which 1,203 self-identified as residents.

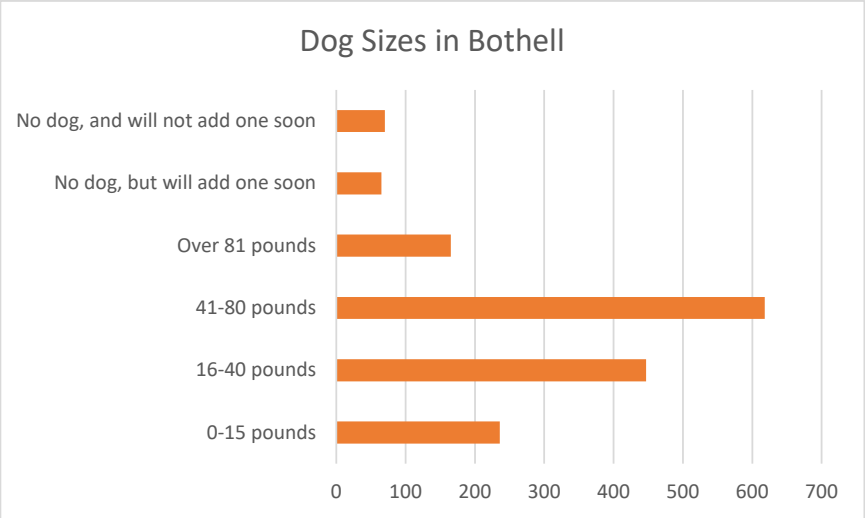
The survey had two paths if the respondent did not have a dog and did not plan on getting one in the future, then they were asked Q1. When you think about a dog park in Bothell, do you think of it as something the community needs or doesn't need?; Q2. What size is/are your dogs? (an option being no dog in the household); Q8. What is your greatest concern about having a dog park in Bothell?; and Q9. Are you a Bothell Resident?. The other respondents who either owned a dog or planned to get one in the near future were asked additional questions regarding potential locations, park amenities, etc. A full copy of the survey instrument is at the end of this report.

Not surprisingly, nearly 91% of the respondents said it was definitely needed and 6% said that it was probably needed. Less than 3% were neutral, probably don't need or definitely don't need.

The majority of respondents (57%) had "No concerns" over a dog park, but for those that had concerns "Excess dog waste" (11%) and "Animal vaccinations/illnesses" (11%) were of greatest concern.

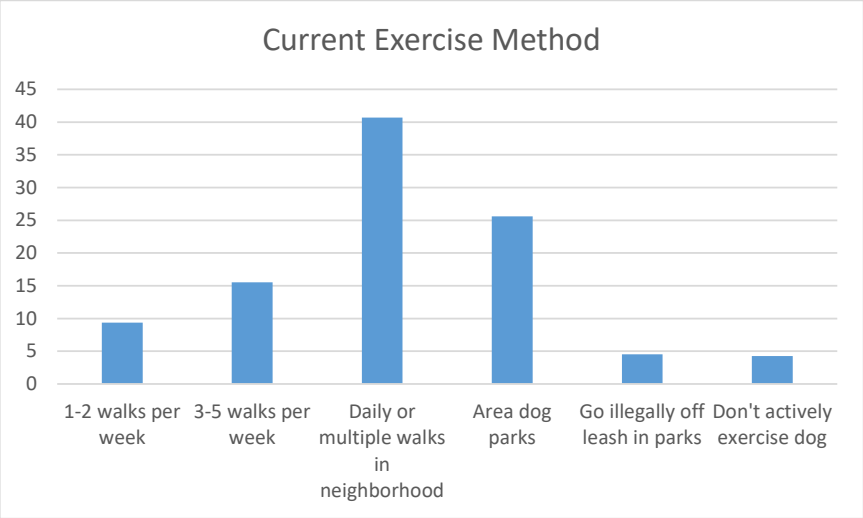


There were 618 dogs between 41-80 pounds and 447 dogs between 16-40 pounds. There were 70 respondents who said that they "do not currently have a dog and do not anticipate having one anytime soon."



The remainder of the survey questions were designed to determine potential permanent dog park features.

The respondents were asked: "What best describes your current method used to provide your dog with exercise?". The majority of respondents currently take their dog on "daily or multiple walks per day around the neighborhood" (41%) followed by "Frequent visits to area dog parks (at least once per month)" (26%).



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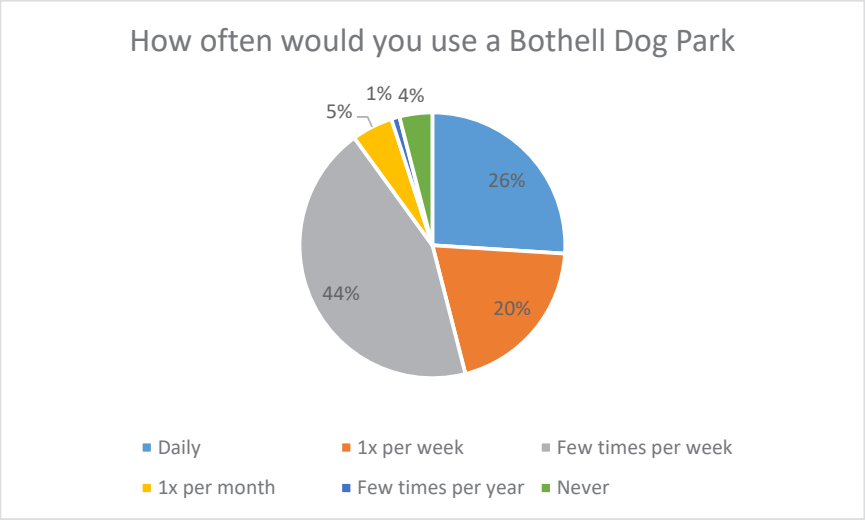
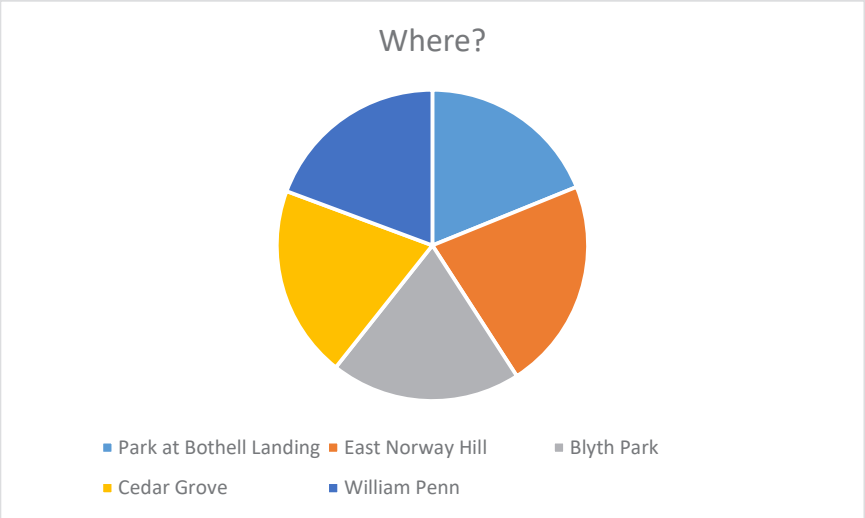
A free text question asked “Where do you currently take your dogs to walk, socialize and exercise?”. The full answers are at the end of this report, but most respondents said local parks and nearby dog parks as well as their neighborhoods.

The survey asked “About how often would you use an outdoor, fenced-in, off-leash dog park in Bothell? Most respondents (44%) said a “few times per week”, followed by 26% who said “daily”.



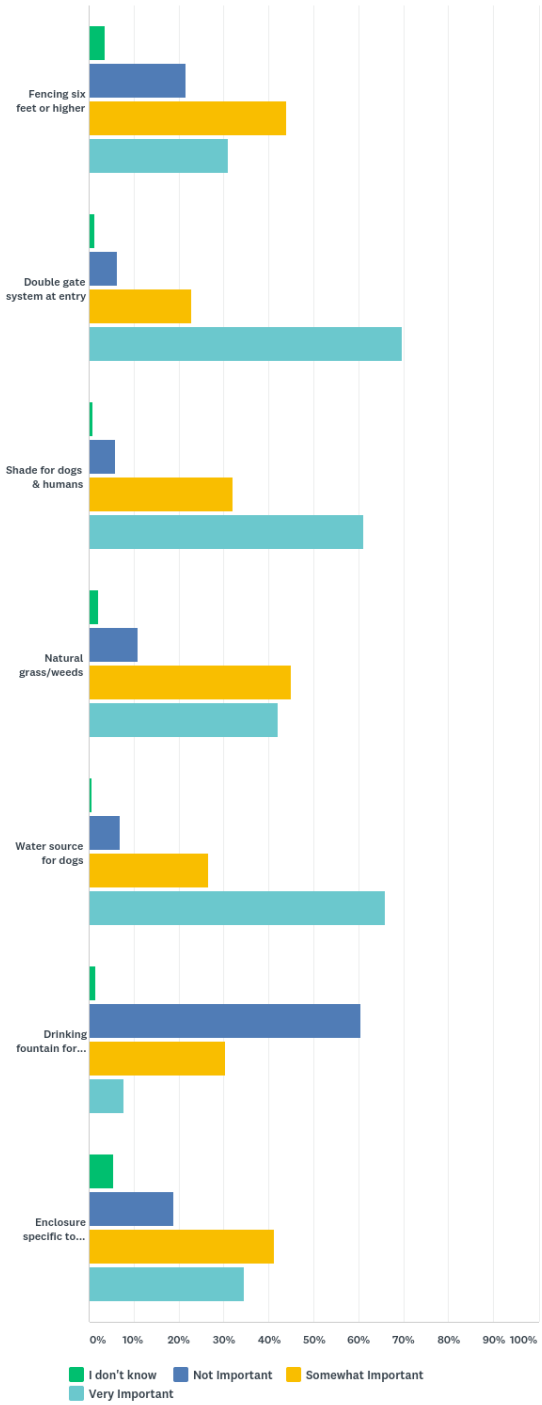
For potential locations, the various parks suggested all ranked about equal for a permanent park.



For permanent amenities, survey respondents were asked to mark if an amenity was “Very Important”, “Somewhat Important”, “Not Important” or “I don’t know”. Water for dogs and a double gate entry system were “Very Important” followed by “6 foot high fencing”, “natural grass/weeds” and “enclosures for smaller dogs” also ranked high when combing “Very” and “Somewhat” important.

Finally, the survey asked “Are you interested in serving on a volunteer committee for the dog park?” and 282 individuals provided their email address for follow-up.

Q7 In your opinion, which dog park amenities are of greatest importance?



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Responses to “Where do you currently take your dogs to walk, socialize, and exercise?”

Tambar
Marymoor and Edmonds off leash area at beach
Pop up park, walks
Cedar Grove Park, Park at Bothell Landing
Marymoor, Willis Tucker, neighborhood walks
my neighborhood. juanita park and juanita bay park, down town Kirkland, and the pop up park in Bothell
Edmonds off leash area, cedar park bothell
Neighborhoods, sammamish river trail, other trails in the area that I can find.
All current parks
Magnesun Park, Bothell, mountlake terrace
neighborhood
Neighbourhood
Marymoor park, oo denny
Mountlake terrace
neighborhood
Coffee store
Bothell pop up
Nowhere
Kirkland juanita and bothell and greenlake
Around our neighborhood
Neighborhood or in our backyard
Around my neighborhood.
Around the block
my backyard
Just around our apartment complex. There aren’t a lot of off leash parks for little guys that are safe and secure
Stipek
Kirkland
Walks in neighborhood and inviting friends over with a dog to socialize
Downtown neighborhood streets
Around my neighborhood and to the pop up dog park
Magnuson off leash park and Willis tucker off leash park
Our neighborhood...sometimes Marymoor...but it’s too big, and dangerous for a smaller dog
Neighborhood walk, backyard with ball, no frequent socialization
Neighborhood, bars and dog parks
Bothell Landing
Bothell dog park, before I had to go to Robinswood in Bellevue
Edmonds off leash park
Beardslee Boulevard, Burke Gilman Trail
Daycare, or on 112th Avenue trail
Swamp creek, Brightwater, Sheltonview Forest
neighborhood, Jaspers dog park
Greenlake
My sister house, she has a dog
Montlake terrace dog park

In my neighborhood
wayne golf, marymoore, edith mouton
Around the neighborhood, dog parks, and in the house with my other dogs
Neighborhood school
walks to and from downtown Bothell, Bothell pop up dog park
My neighborhood, Jasper's Dog Park in Kirkland
Around the neighborhood or into Seattle for their dog parks
Around downtown Bothell, Marymoor Park, Samm. Trail, Kirkland
Marymoor
Willis Tucker
I don't have a dog
Edmonds or Kirkland
Bothell pop up dog park
Walk around the Maywood neighborhood, and visit the pop-up dog park 1-2 times per week
Trails above Blythe Park, Wayne's, and Norway Hill
Willis Tucker Park
Juanita
I don't have a dog.
Marymoor park
Our neighborhood
Neighborhood
I currently bring my dog to excersize & play with other dogs at the pop up dog park in bothell everyday, which is only a 5 minute commute. Before that I had to drive 45mins round trip to go to marymoor dog park.
Sammamish river trail; North Creek trails in business park
Edmonds beach
Walks around the neighborhood and apartment, marymoore off leash dog park and three forks off leash dog parks and local parks
SixOaks off-leash (really tiny) pet relief area, around the neighborhood, pop-up park
Bothell Landing Dog Park, Miners corner
Neighborhood, friends houses
On our street or hiking; she is working her way up to gaining confidence for a dog park
Walks in the neighborhood and BHS
North creek trail at house
Bothell pop up
Off-leash dog parks
Neighborhood or dog parks
My neighborhood
LOCAL DOG PARKS - TAMBARK, WILLIS TUCKER, ETC.
Mary moor, magnuson park
parks
Neighborhood
Neighborhood and dog parks
Marymoor
slough trail, neighborhoods, parks
Neighborhood
Work, walks around my development, hike in the mountains on some weekends

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marymoor dog park or walk around the neighborhood.
Miners Corner
No where
Pop up dog park in Bothell
Snohomish, Redmond for off leash. Neighborhood for walks
Around town, tambark
Yard and on walks
Edith Moulton Park and Wayne park
Edith Moulton
Marymoor
Neighborhood
Our neighborhood
Marymoor, Dogwood
Now the pop up dog park but before that they rarely got of leash because we couldn't get to the dog park on a regular basis like we do now since the pop up cane about . Please let's keep the dog park so many people in the community are using it at that location me and my dogs have meet so many new friends there, it would be are shame if it went away for good
Parks
Mill Creek off-leash dog park. Our neighborhood.
Around the neighborhood
Around my neighborhood, dog parks in other cities
Na
Marymoor, Wellington Hills golf course
neighborhood and Samm. River trail
Dog parks, and walks in the neighborhood.
around the neighborhood
Neighborhood
Marymoor
Neighborhood and Magnuson
Magnuson Park
Neighborhood
Tambark Creek dog park, love the amenities there, trails, fields, kids play area, dog park. Would love a different option sometimes though.
Downtown bothell
Anywhere they're allowed.
Neighborhood or park
tambark
Neighborhood
Neighborhood
Marymoor dog park or magnusen dog park
Walks through our neighborhood and area dog parks
Local walks
Neighborhood
My own yard, friend's horses
Neighborhood Walk
Walk through neighborhood or dog park
On the hill by Westhill

Walk around downtown Bothell
Saint Edwards
With friends around neighborhood
Neighborhood
Neighborhood, marymoor
Around neighborhood
Tambark
Marymoor
St Edwards
Neighborhood and parks
Burge gilman trail
I don't have a dog but love doggies and would love for them to have a place to go!
Tambark, Willis tucker
Dog park
Around my neighborhood
Around the neighborhood
pop up dog park, neighborhood, puppy class, church
Neighborhood, dog parks
Marymoor
Neighborhood
I don’t own a dog.
Around bothell.
Around our neighborhood several times or Marymoor dog park
not many places in Bothell... Neighborhood and parks in other cities
Between William Penn Park and Stipek Park
I dint
Dog parks, hiking, and walking around the neighborhood.
Neighborhood, logboom
Near Bothell high
Walks and Tambark dog park
Neighborhood and pop up dog park or Magnuson dog park in Seattle
around our neighborhood
Daycare, magnuson, marymoore
My neighborhood and the Burke Gillman
Around my property
Pop up dog park in Bothell
Everywhere!
Around our neighborhood
as stated previously don't have a dog live in Kenmore but plan to add a dog in the near future to our family
I walk my corgis around downtown Bothell atleast 3 times a day and primarily go to MaryMoor Dog Park, Magnuson, or the walking trails in Woodenville every weekend.
Miners corner, blythe park, Bothell Landing, Brightwater, Willis Tucker Park, Centennial Park, everywhere and the power lines and then the neighborhood
Mary moor dog park, Willis Tucker dog park
Miner park
Marymoor park in Redmond

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Tambark Creek off leash dog park
Magnuson dog park
Back yard
Marymoor
Neighborhood
Cedar Grove Park.
I don't have a dog now
Around my neighborhood
Around my bothell neighborhood
Neighborhood
Neighborhood, Edmonds dog park, willis tucker dog park
Neighborhood
Magnuson Dog Park
Magnesan navel base dog park
Magnuson
Pop up in bothell/shoreline dog park
Around my house because all dog parks are too far away to commit too during the week.
Magnuson Park, Andrew's Bay (boating), Marymoor, Dogwood, Hop&Hound
Magnuson off leash dog park
Marymoor or Jasper's
Woodinville, or any local off-leash dog park
Around the house and Edith Moulton
Brickyard Park
Backyard and walks around neighborhood
Walks around our neighborhood on leash and to Willis tucker off leash dog park.
Shoreline off leash dogpark, Mountlake Terrace off leash dog park, neighborhood walks
Marymoor and magnuson park
Jasper and the pop up dog park off 522
around the neighborhood and mary moore park
The Bothell pop up dog park and walks around the neighborhood.
Wayne golf course park, neighborhood
Neighborhood walk or Bothell pop up. Been exploring other dog parks too like Edmonds and Marymoor
On the streets
Mostly around my neighborhood
Off-leash parks in Kirkland and Redmond
Around the neighborhood. Having the Bothell dog park has been fantastic!
trails near our house, sidewalk, business complex paring lot to allow to run
Burke Gilman Trail, Wayne golf course, neighborhood.
Around our apartment. Prefer parks/dog parks but there aren't as many close to us. The one at the landing is awesome and soooo convenient
Around the neighborhood or dog parks
Neighborhood walks
Various parks
Walking around the neighborhood, since dog parks are too far away
Whidbey island
MARRY MORE
Neighborhood, Petco

Edith Moulton dog park
Bothell pop dog park
There is an abandoned field in my neighborhood that residents take their dogs to play and socialize. Most people let their dogs play off leash (though it is not technically sanctioned for that).
Open parks that are not off leash but people do it anyways
Neighborhood and local northern dog parks
Riverside Park
Westhill
Neighborhood
around neighborhood or take to marymoor
Around the block for walking and Edmonds dog park to socialize
St. Edwards State Park
Magnuson dog park, Golden Gardens dog park
Neighborhood, area off leash parks
Around the neighborhood but traffic is an issue
Magnusson Park Dog Park
Neighborhood, park, trail
Walking around downtown bothell
Neighborhood dog park and dog daycare
Marymoore Edith mouton Wayne golf
around neighborhood and dog parks
around neighborhood and weekly trips to luther burbank dog park
Brickyard Rd Park and behind Northshore Jr High
They go everywhere with us except to work. We goto Marymoore and Minor park in Bothell
walk around the neighborhood, trail at North Creek business park, dog park at Marymoor (favorite!!!)
Tambark or Willis tucker
The POP-UP DOG PARK at Bothell Landing, Daily + 'Rosie' 22lbs walks 3-times daily = @ 3-hrs/day (1-hr of which is currently at the Bothell POP-UP Dog Park
Tambark Dog Park, Mill Creek
Burke Gilman Trail, and occasionally to the dog park in mill Creek but it's tough to drive out there often.
Blythe park, Marymoor off leash park
Kirkland dog park or neighborhood
In my neighborhood or at Wayne Park
Marymoor
Neighborhoods, local parks, Occasionally Jasper's and Marymoor.
Daily walks around neighborhood and weekly trips to Luther Burbank Dog park
Bothell off leash, marymoor off leash, Seattle off leash
marymoor park redmond
Walk around the neighborhood, no good areas to socialize without decent travel.
Marymoore dog park
Pioneer Cemetery
Bellevue Downtown Park
Around my block
Bothell pop up dog park
Willis tucker
Willis tucker
Around the neighborhood and to the dog park at Edith Moulton Park

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Marymoor, Bothell pop-up park, Magnuson
Neighborhood and local parks
Neighborhood, local parks
Bothell Landing, Miners Park, neighborhood
In our neighborhood / development
Pop up park!
Marymoor Park
Bothell pop up
Tambark
Neighborhood
Kirkland
bothell landing
Doug Allen Sportsfields
Around the neighborhood or to Seattle
I used to walk my dog around my building, the Junction, and that vacant lot down on the corner of 520, but now we go to the dog park every day, and love it! Walking a dog leads to little socialization for the dog and myself - at the dog park we both get out and visit others!
Neighborhood near our home (near the pop-up dog park)
Walks around the neighborhood, hikes, dog parks, dog friendly breweries
Walks around downtown Bothell
East Norway Hill Park
Marymoor park
Neighborhood walks 3-4x per day, various dog parks 4-5x per week
Because one of my dogs was traumatized by illegal fireworks being fired over her while out for a walk during non-summer days, we can't walk her in our neighborhood most of the time. We walk in nearby parks.
Seattle pop-up dog park
Pop up dog park bothell
Dog park Kirkland offleash
Dogwood Play Park, Marymoor, Willis Tucker, Magnuson, Voff Bark & Brew
Around neighborhood (no sidewalk), Marymoor dog park
around my neighborhood a d this dog park
Neighborhood
Back yard and dog parks
Neighborhood or local school
Walking and dog parks in Seattle
Westhill
Jasper's Dog Park
In our neighborhood
Our neighborhood- or have to drive to Marymoore
Petsmart
Jasper's Dog Park in Kirkland
On leash around the neighborhood in downtown Bothell. Dog parks in Kirkland and Redmond
dog parks in Edmonds, Magnusen, Marymoor, Tambark Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Kirkland
Neighborhood
Just walks around the neighborhood on weekdays on the weekend to parks for leashed walks
Juanita beach and Doug Allen

Neighbors with dogs, dog parks, hiking/walking trails
Marymoor
Outside our apartment complex
Marymore dog park
Our neighborhood (Maywood Hills)
Magnuson Dog Park
Around the neighborhood
Marymoor, Magnuson, and Edith Moulton dog parks
neighborhood
Throw the ball in the yard
Magnuson dog park
N/a
Near my house in kenmore
Jasper's Dog Park
Marymoor, Edmonds dog park, Magnuson, Wayne's golf course
Downtown bothell,.pop up park
Magnuson Off Leash Dog Park
Pipeline
I don't have a dog. But I live near Doug Allen, which is often used for off leash dogs. I think I dog park would help with that.
Just walks, no socialize
Doggy day care in Bellevue
Tambark or Willis tucker. Or walks around the neighborhood
Marymoor
Neighborhood walk
Neighborhood, Marymoor
Neighborhood
Local parks and in our neighborhood
Marymoor, or tucker park
Bothell, sandpoint
Willis Tucker & Tambark Creek Off-Leash Dog Parks
My own neighborhood
Around the neighborhood and Wayne golf course park.
Trails, neighborhood streets, etc
Marymoor park
Neighborhood or Marymoore dog park
Burke Gilman's trail
My dog is deaf and blind now but we used to go to redmond off leash
Neighborhood or Merrymore Park
Marymoor
Round my neighbor
Magnesium park and Willis tucker
Pipeline and golf course
Dog park
Walks around our neighborhood and socialization has been play dates or she loves the pop up dog park
Neighborhood walk
Neighborhood

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Around the neighborhood and at the dog park
My dogs died but I took them on the North Creek Trail, Bothell Landing trails, trails by McDonalds, anywhere I could find a trail that didn't have a lot of bikes or dogs off leash
Downtown bothell
Bothell Landing, Sammamish trail, Marymoor off leash dog park
Bothell Dog Park, Marymoor Dog Park
Magnuson park or marymoor
Marrymoor Park, Magnusson, Bothell pop up
Jaspers dog park
Neighborhood, bothell Landing, Willis Tucker park (about 25 min drive)
Bothell Pop Up dog park and Magnuson dog park
Mt Lake Terrace dog park, edmonds dog park
Marymoore dog park, magnuson dog park
Bothell pop up dog park and Magnuson dog park
Neighborhood
Around our apartment complex, dog parks,
Dog parks, Burke-Gilman trail
Marymoor park
Usually just walks around the neighborhood. I have to travel around the Eastside if I want to go to a dog park. Bothell is much closer for socialization for my dog.
st Edwards Park
Neighborhood
Don’t have a dog yet
Pop up dog park in bothell
Pop up dog park, open grass area by house, walks along trails
Jaspers Dog Park and Marymoor. We have enjoyed the new pop-up park.
Around my neighborhood or my backyard.
My own neighborhood
Burke Gilman trail walks, neighborhood walks, magnusson dog park, st Edwards park
Don’t have a dog
Dog park, daycare
neighborhood, off-leash areas farther away
Marymoor of leash dog park
Neighborhood walks, Tambark Park, business park trails
Willis Tucker Dog Park
walk around our Westhill neighborhood but we don't have a place to socialize
Marymoor, Magnuson, Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace
Woodinville
Walks around the block
Edmonds beach dog park
St Ed's, Wayne Golf Course
Trail, neighborhood, doggie day care,
Neighborhood and marymore off leash dog park
Centennial Park
Neighborhood and dog park
neighborhood, Magnuson Park - once a month Doodle Round up
Dogs parks, gardens and trails

Walk around neighborhood; socialize at Magnuson off leash dog park
Montlake Terrace Off-leash Dog Park, Magnuson Park
Willis Tucker park
Mukilteo, Edmonds, or Kirkland
Neighboorhood
Neighborhood
Bothell pop up dog park
Samamish River Trail
Bothell Landing, Wayne Golf course, neighborhood walks, jaspers
Open field that i drive 15 minutes too
pop up bothell landing, edith moulton park & kirkland downtown parks
Edith Moulton Dog Park Kirkland
around the neighborhood
Walks around the neighborhood and dog parks
neighborhood three times a day, Marymor once a week
Bothell landing
Magnuson Off leash dog park
Bothell pop-up dogpark, Mountlake Terrace dogpark, around our Queensborough neighborhood in Bothell
Around the block, on a trail or a dog park
Marymoor Dog Park
Marymoor Off-Leash Dog Park
Magnosun off leash dog park
The Bothell dog park 4 times a week,Bothell landing, around the neighborhood
Log boom park, St. Edwards park, Burke Gilman trail,
Edmonds anywhere thst has water
Friends acreage, walking, beach
Through my neighborhood or to a local park
Walks around the neighborhood, playing in the yard, and there is a small off leash park nearby. It is quite small however.
Pop up dog park
neighborhood, other dog parks
Marymorre
Dog park
Neighborhood walks
Runs with me, walks with me, hikes with me.
Maywood hill. Sammamish trail
Tambark
Pop-up dog park, only place we have gone
I am a pet sitter and so have multiple dog clients, I take them sometimes to the Pop Up Park and think it fills a great need in Bothell, especially with all the apartments going up.
My neighborhood around Canyon Park MS and Bothell dog park.
Around 241st St SE and 23rd Ave SE
my neighborhood
Bothell dog park or walks on St. Edwards trails
Dog parks, walks, hikes
My neighborhood, other parks, Lake Washington

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Westhill Neighborhood and Doug Allen
Around the neighborhood
The pop up dog park
Mary moor or Doug allen
Bothell Lansing /Birk gillmam trail, the old Wayne's golf course
Tucker Willis, Marymoor and Magnuson
Wayne golf course park (on leash), Jasper's dog park in Kirkland
At a school yard that allows dog after school hour
Currently don't have one
Dog park
I don't have a dog (which is also why I love the dog park)
Gilman Trail
Marimore
Walk around the neighborhood. Run at marymoor dog park. Daycare 2x week.
Marymoor dog park, cavaliero dog park, or Willis tucker
Sidewalk and yard
Around my neighborhood, and to the pop-up dog park
Neighborhood
Around the neighborhood
Marymoor and Magnuson
Willis Tucker Park. Walking around neighborhood. Hiking on local trails.
Neighborhood and marina.
Complex
My neighborhood or walking trails.
Pop up dog park
Kenmore
Neighborhood
Jasper's Dog Park
Bothell pop up dog park
Marymoor, Bothell landing!
Around the Bothell high school
Eastside Off-Leash (Shoreline), Magnuson, Marymoor, Dog friendly businesses
Walking in neighborhood or to an OL Dog park near Hamlin Park.
Marymoor dog park
Around the neighborhood
Redmond
Edith Moulton
Willis Tucker park
I don't have a dog, but drive by the pop up park everyday and see how good it is for the community and how busy it is (so was obviously needed).
Public school grounds
Edith Moulton Park
Marymoor Dog Park or Tambark Creek
Willis Tucker as well as other normal parks
Other municipality dog parks
Edmonds dog park, or Tambark dog park
Magnason navel base dog park

Walk around neighborhood - often take roommate's dog to park to throw frisbee
Edmonds
Wayne
parks where no one goes
Jaspers dog park
Neighborhood streets
Magnuson
Park on 35th
Around Kirkland/ Marymoor Park
Magnuson
Around my neighborhood near Frank Love
Bothell PopUp, Magnuson
Marymoor, Magnuson, St Edwards, o.o. Denny, Wayne, Burke gilman, inglewood neighborhood
On walks down the street or to the park
Sammamish trail or Edmonds DogPark
Bothell landing, Edmonds dog park
Willis tucker park
Mountlake Terrace dog park
Dog park
neighborhood
To Ballinger lake- there’s no where near by
Neighborhoods around us.
Puppy daycare
Neighborhood
Neighborhood, Willis Tucker dog park
My neighborhood (Mays Pond)
Marymoor, Magnuson dog parks
Neighborhood
Marymoor off leash park
Willlis tucker dog park
Bothell
No dog
Tambark or the neighborhood or Mukilteo
Neighborhood, Shelton view forest, mountlake terrace dog park
wayne golf course. Off leash park at Wayne Park would be best
Doug Allen, Wayne's Golf course
I walk my dog in my neighborhood.
Neighborhood, or Jaspers
Seattle or Kirkland
magnuson dog park
Around downtown Bothell and on the trails
neighborhood
Neighborhood, Edmonds dog park, Kirkland dog park, Magnuson dog park, Woodenville river front walk
around my neighborhood
Jasper Park or Marymore Park
Downtown bothell neighborhoods, Mud Bay, Mill Creek town center
around our neighborhood for walks.

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Locally or when i visit friends with dogs in surrounding towns.
Long walks around town, marymoor, jaspers dog park
Marymoore park
Pop up park have been VERY helpful due to location. Lots of friendly pups and humans. Hope the city can do something permanent.
The Landing, Mercer Island, and Seattle dog parks
Bothell neighborhood
Marymoor Park or Edmonds
Elementary school by my house
Local dog parks (mill creek, Mountlake Terrace) neighborhood walks
Y neighborhood
Neighborhood, Willis Tucket
Park Bothell
Home, Edmonds dog park, various Seattle dog parks
Lake Sammamish River Trail
Bothell Lansing dog park
Sidewalks, parks (on leash)
Jasper Dog Park, Marymoor and/or Duvall
I have to walk around downtown but do not always feel safe. I'm a woman in my 30s
Bothell Landing and Stipek park. On leash only.
Bothell Landing, Samammish River Trail, and shops around downtown Bothell.
Neighborhood
It's hard to find places, but either Kirkland or Redmond.
Walks in my neighborhood
Magnuson, marymoor
Neighborhood
Walk around neighborhoods
Tambark, Mill Creek Nature Preserve and North Creek Trail
The dog park in Snohomish
Neighborhood walks
Na
Marymoor, Howarth, and Willis Tucker Off leash dog Parks
We have a large yard, we go to local dog parks and an unsanctioned offleash area that is not in Bothell
Neighborhood
Marymoor
Wayne
Doug Allen field
Neighborhood
Around the house
Drive to kirkland and walk there. No great spots in bothell.
Neighborhood , and dog parks
Downtown Bothell / Bothell Landing
Cedar grove park, walked around downtown
N/A
North creek trail, retaining pond
Shelton View elementary.
i don't have a dog

dont have dogs, but like the dog park
Kenmore
Burke Gilman Trail off Bothell Landing
near home
the neighborhood/downtown area
Willis Tucker Park
my neighborhood, parks I won't name because I just said I let them off leash
Around my apartment complex
Kirkland or Mill Creek
Marymoor
Marymoor park
Marymoor
Na
Tilt pipeline trail
kirkland marymoor or magnuson
Trails
Dog friendly bars, dog parks, parks
Many parks in western washington; i prefer onleash
Wherever animal control isn't
My neighborhood
In neighborhood
Neighborhood
Neighborhood
Parks
Neighborhood Magnuson marymoror
Tall Tree
Friends place
Other parks
Bothell Landing or Bothell High school area
friends houses
Trails
N/a
Neighborhood
Neighbor
Sammamish trail
Walk daily in Westhill. Little dog socialization with other dogs along our walk route.
I don’t currently own a dog
I don’t have a dog, but the dog park is a great idea
Neighborhood or not at all
Around the neighborhood
none as I said in number 2, i don't have a dog, you're survey is flawed
Walk the sidewalks in my neighborhood
N/A
Juanita beach
Mountlake dog park and marymoor park
Seattle
My yard

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Dog play groups, and play parks
Dog park in kirkland
Park
In my backyard, or around the neighborhood
Marymoor dog park, miner's corner Snohomish county park
Marymoor dog park, Magneson dog park, Kirkland waterfront, our neighborhood
My residence
Nearby school
Marymoor - too far!!!
Marymoor
Hikes, Shelton view forest, neighborhood
West hill
Neighborhood
Tambark Creek Park
kirkland water front
Pop up dog park!
Centennial park in bothell
Marymoor
Neighborhood or Marymoor Dog Park
Seatac
Neighbors yards and dog parks
Around neighborhood
Neighborhood
Mary moor
Neighbor hood, downtown bothell park area by the river
Trails & Dog Parks all around seattle
Kirkland off leash dog park
Bothell Landing, Marymoor Park, Samammish river trail
here! to the pop up dog park
The park across the street
Volunteer Park
Pipeline through bothell. Recently the dog park works better
Jasper's Dog Park in Kirkland, Mountlake Terrace dog park, edmonds beack dog park
Magnesium park or walk in a trail
On my street. Little to no socialization with other dogs, that's why we love the park!
Marymoore, Dogwood, bars
Walks in Downtown Bothell
Wayne golf course, sammamish trail, marymoor, pop-up park
Bothell Landing Park
Sidewalks in Bothell
Kirkland
Do not have a close dog park, I was driving to Edmonds dog park.
Only on the green space of my apartment complex. Lots of children play there, so they socialize with my dog.
Around my neighborhood and to dogparks
Volunteer Park, the field at Bothell Way and 98th, around the neighborhood and downtown
My own neighborhood, the Park at Bothell Landing, Jasper's, Centennial

Tambark Offleash Dog Park
Neighborhood streets
dogs walk the neighborhood or back yard - no opportunity to socialize
Bothell landing currently
To the Bothell Off-Lease Park - I love it
Backyard, neighborhood street, or sometimes the Magnuson Park off-leash area.
Marymoor
Neighborhood
Around the neighborhood, but not far as we have no sidewalks where we live. We take them to other off leash dog parks in other cities, but it would be nice to not have to drive so far.
Neighborhood walks, Magnuson Park
around town
Around the block. Although we've used the bothell landing a toooon since it popped up. We have to leave our dog home for 9ish hours each day and to be able to have a place that close to get to in 8min is amazing. We also go to local dog parks but all are farther than the one at the landing which has been so convenient and plenty of space to run.
The neighboorhood, the off leash area at Bothell landing(going 3-4 times during the work week) and sometimes farther like Marymoor, Jasper park isn't the best but we go there
Neighborhood
Several different dog parks
Magnusson Off-Leash Dog Park
Walks around my neighborhood, to off leash dog park in Kirkland, and to parks in Bothell- Sammamish River trail, Wayne Golf Course
North bend Dog Park
North bend
Richmond beach, Hamlin park, edmonds
My neighborhood
Everywhere. I go to all dog parks around Kirkland, Redmond, mill creek, lynnwood, Snohomish etc
Around the neighborhood, but to marymoor park to run and socialize.
Burke Gilman Trail and Jaspers Dog Park
Sammamish trail, marymoor, robinswood, parks
Kirkland Dog Parks
Other dog parks further away
Tamarak Dog park
Jasper
MaryMoor Dog Park
Our neighborhood (Bloomberg Hill)
burke gilman trail, various dog parks
Around my neighborhood
neighborhood
neighborhood, Sammamish River Trail
Park at Bothell Landing and Sammamish Trail
Bothell Landing Park
Samamish hiking trail
Bothell Landing Park and surrounding area
Downtown Bothell
Tambark or Jasper

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Around Bothell and Jasper's dog park
Magnuson, marymoore, dogwood
Bothell landing park
Magnuson, Edith Moulton, Jaspers, Marymoor and Edmonds Beach
Tambark creek dog park
Jasper dog park
Wallace Swamp Creek Park
walks, Meetups, dog parks
Willis tucker off leash
neighborhood & Marymoor
Marymoor
Trails, daycare, dog parks
Around the neighborhood, local human parks, Mukilteo dog park
Sammamish River Trail, Jaspers Off Leash, Willis Tucker Off Leash, Bone-A-Fide Dog Ranch
Willis tucker and mountlake terrace and Burke Gilman
dog parks, but they are all too far away
On our acre of land for exercise . Socialize at the off leash park in bothell twice a week
Burke Gilman Trail, Willis Tucker Dog Park, or around the neighborhood
Dog Park in Kirkland
My backyard, or a dog park (usually Tambark or Magnuson)
Dog parks we have to drive to
Did take to local parks such as Magnuson or Juanita. Planning on getting another dog and this park would be great
Around the neighborhood
Marymoor
Marymoore park
Wayne, Blyth, the bothell pop up dog park, william penn park
Trainers dog group
Dog park and neighborhood walks
Our neighbors house
Bothell landing
around our neighborhood
Neighborhoods or trail. The trail is difficult because she would like to chase the ducks, chickens ect.
Near open grassy area, doggie day care, doog bar and brewery, around the block
Neighborhood, Sammamish River trail/park at Bothell landing, paradise lake
Conifer View, new pop up park
Canyon Park
Day camp 2 days a week and weekend at Marymoor dog park
Trail system around park at bothell landing.
Marymoore dog park
neighborhood
Bothell, Magnuson Park, around the neighborhood
Around my neighborhood and downtown bothell area trails
Marymoor Dog Park
Around our neighborhood
Marymore, Wellington golf course, Wayne golf course, pop up park at Bothell Landing
my neighborhood

Marymoor, Jasper dog park
Neighborhood and downtown Bothell and Bothell golf course and the sammamish trail
Before Bothell Pop Up - we were taking our dogs to Marymoor Dog Park in Redmond. Currently, we walk our dogs in neighborhoods 2x daily and sometimes hike in nearby mountains.
AT HOME
Redmond, Seattle
Tambark Willis Tucker Marymoor
Na
The trail
N/A
The pop up dog park
Downtown bothell
Marymoore dog park
Marymoor Dog Park
Neighborhood
On hikes all around the area. Or Jasper park.
Around the neighborhood and Tambark dog park
Marymore
Sammamish trail or on sidewalks
Neighborhood trails
The pop up dog park - before this all the way to a park in Bellevue
Neighborhood walks, schools after hours
N/A
n/a
Tambark
Marymore
Neighborhood, Richmond beach, Hop and the Hound
Marymoor and Edith park
Miner's Coner Park at Woodinville or Bothell Business Park
Neighborhood, Tambark Park, The Hop and Hound
Marymoor, big Finn hill park, wayne's Golf course park, neighborhood walks, local parks (on leash)
Marymoor, Magnuson, Tucker Willis, swamp Creek
Conifer view neighborhood
Dogwood play park
I do not have a dog
Neighborhood
Kirkland and Redmond off-leash dog parks
Jasper dog park, Edith Moulton dog park, Willis Tucker dog park, pop up dog park in Bothell, walks around downtown Bothell
Downtown, local parks, and family w/ their dogs
Dog parks
Neighborhood
near Bothell High
Around the downtown Bothell area.
park
Golf course
Edith Moulton off leash park

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Around the neighborhood, and usually travelling far distances to existing dog parks
On leash walks around the neighborhood or to off leash parks like Jasper's in Kirkland. We need an off leash park in Bothell!
Marymoor
Swamp park
Around neighborhood
Mountlake Terrace Dog Park
Wayne
Hikes far outside of Bothell, walks around neighborhood, limited ability to be off leash
dog park at sand point
Marymoor
Roof at SHAG
Parks on leash, backyard play, neighborhood on leash, Tambark Creek dog park, St. Edwards Park trails, Bothell Landing to Blyth to Wayne loop, Bothell Landing pop up dog park
Neighborhood
Neighborhood
Norway Hill pipeline trail
Jasper's dog park
Neighborhood, tambark dog park
Tambark Creek
Tambark off leash and Willis Tucker off leash park
A small dog park in Kirkland or day care
Westhill; Downtown Bothell
Swamp Creek Park / Anderson Golf Course Park
Around our neighborhood, Marymoore, friends houses
Around the neighborhood
Logan Park
Redmond and Magnuson
Neighborhood
My neighborhood or the beach
around our neighborhood, Marymoor
Neighborhood and Logan Park, and now the pop up park!
Around the neighborhood
Around my neighborhood on leash, there wasn't a place to safely go off leash until this pop up.
Magnusen
Wayne golf course and our neighbor hood
BG trail, neighborhood
Around the neighborhood.
events
Edith Moulton
dog park and doggie daycare
Marymoor
Dog Resort, Lake City
Currently the Bothell Pop Up Park
Marymoor
Marymoor off leash
magnasun

Neighborhood walks and Magnuson off-leash park
Trail and former golf course ON LEASH
Westhill area
Marymoor off leash park
Queensborough neighborhood
Various dog parks, and occassionally empty lots.
Mount lake terrace dog park
Off leash dog parks - closest large ones are 30 mins away
neighborhood, trails
Jasper Dog Park
Neighborhood street; Bothell Landing
Various parks, nature preserves, and around the neighborhood
Jaspers, Edith Moultan
Dogwood Indoor park Lake City. Wayne Golf Course. Magnussen Park. Car keel Park. Edmonds park. Home Depot. Starbucks.
I HAVE TO TAKE HIM OFF LEASH IN PARKS. THATS WHY WE NEED AN APPROPRIATE PLACE THAT IS SAFE
Neighborhood, Sammamish River Trail
Marymoor Park
Edith Wharton Park
Dog parks, apartment complex (living an apartment really emphasizes the need for an off leash area)
Neighborhood, kirkland dog park by Helen Keller elem school
I don't have a dog - but I love to see them play in an off-leash park
Mountlake Terrace dog park or on walks near canyon park
I have to take two buses to get to a dog park
friends house
Walks around our neighborhood in Maywood hills area
Westhill area
Walk neighborhood w family, burke trail w friends and their dog, throw ball in our yard daily
Shoreline dog park
We walk around downtown bothell and hope to run into another dog on our route to say hi to.
Other parks
Marymoor Off-Leash Dog Park
Parks, trails, neighborhoods
neighborhood I live in, the pop-up dog park at Bothell Landing
Willis Tucker
Around Bothell city hall
Downtown bothell/restaurants
Around local neighborhoods and to local parks in Bothell
Other dog parks
Other dog parks
Marymoor Dog Park
Around the neighborhood, Doggy Haven, friends houses in Monroe
Walks around downtown bothell or Magnuson dog park
Marymoor Dog Park
Bothell
Westhill elementary
Neighbor hoods

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Neighborhood walks, Marymoor or Magnuson dog oarks
Other dog parks, around our condo
Around the neighborhood and downtown Bothell area.
Stipek Park
Hop and Hound, downtown Bothell, and over to Beardslee
Magnuson park, neighborhood, Luther Burbank
various neighborhood walks, Bothell golf course front 9 and back 9 and now the dog park. LOVE IT.
Neighborhood walks, daughters house & Dog Park in Kirkland
Walks around our neighborhood and McMenamins
My neighborhood
Marymoore or Edmonds off-leash Dog park
Nowhere
Wayne Golf Course, Wallace Swamp Creek, Magnusen Park
Edmonds
Marymoor Dog Park, Edmonds Dog Park, Mountlake Terrace Dog Park, Dogwood, Magnusson Dog Park,
Walks around the Neighborhood
The small park near the Bothell library across from new toll brothers townhouse development
Around the neighborhood and local dog parks in Snohomish and King co.
Magnuson Off Leash Dog Park
Parks
Marymoor
Bothell trail
Around my neighborhood or at the dog park.
Y
Long drive to either Magnuson or Marymoor. Hikes in Sheltoview or Paradise Valley. Daily walks around Westhill neighborhood and Conifer View/Tall Tree Park or Doug Allen Sports Field
Walks downtown Bothell and visits to Marymoor dog park
Loops around downtown bothell
Scent work classes
Bothell Landing on a walk on the Burke-Gilman Trail
Around Westhill elementary, Bothell High School, downtown.
Neighborhood walks, park walks, doggy day-care. Since you didn't give an option for additional comments, I'd like to register my first choice for a dog park would be at Wayne Golf Course!
I live near Doug Allen sports field. Thats where I used to go, but now so many people go and let their dogs off their leash that I can't go there. Why isn't Doug Allen part of the list?! Dogs are frequently off leash there!
Long walks (up to 4 miles) on sidewalks in the area.
Marymoor, Edith Moulton, St. Ed State Park, get together with friends
Trails and through town
My neighborhood
Magnussen, shelton view, bothell pop up dog park
Shelton View Forrest, Montlake Terrace, Magnuson
around the neighborhood or friends houses
Marymoor park offleash
Marymoor or magnuson
Marymoor for dog park and daily walks at all different area parks
Magnuson

around neighborhood or drive places for variety
Marymoor Off-Leash Park
Just on the street, along the bike trail
In neighborhood, Kirkland, Marymoor dog park
Marymoor park
The river trails or around mcmenamin's
Around downtown Bothell
Bothell and the trail
Around the neighborhood
Trail, downtown Bothell,beach,
Bothell Landing, Willis d tucker park,
Bothell pop up dog park, Shelton View forest, magusson
neighborhood, own yard
Neighborhood, Tambark Dog Park
Marymoor
Near home
Friends house
Marymoor Park, dog parks in Edmonds and Everett, walk in neighborhood
Brightwater Plant
Willis Tucker Dog Park or around our complex
Willis tucker park
Trail by house, Bothell Landing Park, Neighborhood, City of Bothell's Sidewalks.
Mountlake Terrace dog park
Burke Gilman Trail, Magnuson Park, Iaspers dog park
Tambark creek
North Creek, Royal Oak, Canyon Park Business Park
Dog parks: Tambark, Marymoor, Edmonds beach dog park. At least once a week.
Marymoor, Everett
Bothell Lansing, Bellevue Town square
Bothell landing, Bellevue downtown park. Burke Gilman trail, Blythe park, downtown bothell
Wayne's
Marymoore
Jaspers Dog Park
Neighborhood
Neighborhood or Old Wayne Golf Course
Marrymoore or st Edwards on leash
St Edward's
Finn Hill neighborhood walks, Eidth Moulton fog park
Neighborhood walks, Marymoor Park. We have a large yard (over an acre) so we also play in the yard.
Mary moor dog park
Finn Hill neighborhood
Private park opposite St Brendan's
Yard. Walk in park.
Neighborhood streets, parks or drive to dog parks (magnuson or marymoor)
Neighborhood and other dog parks
Neighborhood
Marymoore and Magnuson Dog Parks

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Around the blocks and in parks, also drive to Remond for their off leash park
Jasper's in Kirkland
Neighborhood and public school grounds, dog park
Around the neighborhood, Saint Edwards state park
Marymoor Dog Park
Kenmore neighborhood, magneson park
Neighborhood walks, off leash parks (Magnuson), and doggy day care. Plus throwing tennis balls at home in the yard.
Mary moor
My neighborhood
Around my neighborhood
Around the apartment complex.
Around the block, dog parks
Marymoore
St. Edwards state park, my neighborhood
Magnuson
Bothell Landing walking loop, St Edwards, local neighborhood in Kenmore, Edmonds Beach offleash or Magnusson Park off leash - both of which are great not too far for frequent visits.
Street
the neighborhood
Burke Gilman trail, Wayne golf course
burke gillman trail, willis tucker dog park
Around Bothell
Marymoor or around town.
Willis tucker
Wayne's golf course
Magnuson park off leash area
Burke Gilman/Sammamish river trail, Willis Tucker dog park, Wayne Golf course
Willis Tucker
Fill hill middle school track
St. Edwards Park
City streets
Wayne Curve
Anywhere I can!
Walk at condo & Bow Wow Fun Towne
Bothell landing park, downtown Bothell, Samammish trail
Marymoor Off Leash Dog Park
Marymoor, Magnuson dog parks
we have a huge yard
Neighborhood, Wayne Golf Course, friends with dogs, my yard, Jasper's (Kirkland)
Magneson Park
Neighborhood
westhill neighborhood
Local school yards
Nearby school
Around town or Luther Burbank dog park
Trails

Magnuson or Marymoor
Parks, neighborhood, hikes
Doug Allen
Local neighborhood or walking trails
Our neighborhood
Burke Gilman trail, Sammamish River trail, Willis Tucker dog park, Loganberry dog park, agility class, disc competition
Marymoor Dog Park
Edith Moulten, Wayne golf course
Tambark
Walk around the neighborhood and Centennial Park & Willis-Tucker dog park
Backyard mostly, Willis Tucker for the off leash trail area
Magnuson dog park
Around neighborhood. Marymoor one time. Wayne Golf Course a few times. Area schools.
The Golf Course, and the Westhill Field
Parks, neighborhood, hiking trails, lakes
Our trailer park has a green space that is large enough to get good exercise in. There aren't enough dogs to socialize though.
Marymoor
Wayne golf course, Burke Gilman Trail and tambark creek off leash park
Pioneer cemetery
Willis dog park
Anywhere
Neighborhood, Jasper's dog park in Kirkland, Marymoor dog park
Parks, around the neighborhood
Bothell City Parks
Walk around the neighborhood. Tambark Park to the dog park.
daily walks around the neighborhood; but drive to local area dogparks at least once a week. Perfer those with water access to help cool her down on hot days
Cavalero Dog park
Marymoor Dog Park
I take her to a doggy daycare once a week, but I think she hates it.
Jasper's off leash park in Kirkland, Marymoor off leash Park, Walks in neighborhood and Wayne's curve
Trails and Parks
Marymoor and Magnuson Dog Parks, Walks around the neighborhood
arond the neighborhood walks, and neighboring dog parks. I take her to an off leash dog park at least weekly
Westhill
Marymoor and Luther BUrbank
Marymoor off leash dog park
Neighborhood
Howarth Park and Marymoor Park
Twin Ponds Park in Shoreline and Country Pasture Getaway using new Sniffpot app
Marymoor, st edwards
Walk up to an hour leashed in Bothell neighborhoods, go to Marymoor dog park or one in Everett almost 1x/month, play fetch in backyard but dog gets bored w/backyard for fetch and likes to play it elsewhere.

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Around the neighborhood, burke gilman
Maywood neighborhood
Around downtown leashed
home or neighborhood
Around Maywood hills neighborhood, hop and hound locally. Also Luther Burbank Park.
Marymoor, doggie daycare in Woodinville (Cascade Kennels)
Willis tucker off leash area
Mill Creek
Willis Tucker dog park, tambar Creek dog park, marymoor dog park
Around my neighborhood, north creek office park, tambark dog park, dogwood
Westhill
Around Westhill 2 walks daily. Edmonds Dog Park.
No where
Walks around the block/neighborhood and other off-leash dog parks
Sidewalks, parks, small open spaces
Wayne golf course
Willis Tucker Park
PARKS NEAR DOWNTOWN OR WAIKING DOWNTOWN
Usually just in my backyard. He loves grass. Occasionally take him to the small dog park in Kirkland, but it's very dirty and gets very muddy in the winter.
N/a
Marymore off leash dog park
Neighborhood
Magnuson Dog Park Seattle, and various bothell trail
Around Bothell
neighborhood, also have a big yard
Marymoor
silver creek park
Marymoor
North Creek
On walks in the neighborhood and to dog parks.
Around Bothell, Marymoor Dog Park, Magnuson Dog Park
Bert giliman trail
around my neighborhood
Neighborhood, plenty of dog to meet while walking
Marymoor
Kenmore-Bothell-Brier, streets around Lockwood
Neighborhood park, daily long walks, sometimes to Marymoor or other off leash park
Marymoor
Edmonds dog park, marymoore dog park
Burke-Gilman trail
Marymoor
Medina park, marymoor, dog sports
Magnuson park, shoreline offleash, neighborhood
N/a
I don't, but others take their dogs off-leash to Linwood, St Eds, and other places my kids play.
Mountlake Terrace Off Leash Dog Park, around our neighborhood for walks

Edith Moulton off leash park
My neighborhood, Maywood Hill. He gets most of his exercise I our backyard.
In my local neighborhood on leash
Tambark Park. West Hill neighborhood for walks on-leash. Not sure if it's an option, but I think a fenced in dog park at the old Wayne Golf Course Park would be the ideal location. Lots of land. Trees for shade. And fairly decent parking.
neighborhood
Wayne Gold Course
Neighborhood walks
Neighborhood, or Jasper's Dog Park in Kirkland
Dogwood and shoreline dog park
around the neighborhood
Neighborhood, sometimes mtlake terrace dog park
Westhill Neighborhood
Neighborhood
Downtown bothell
Local Trails mostly
Kenmore
Kenmore dog park
Neighborhood or occasionally Marymoor dog park
Nowhere
Magnusun, Marymoore, Mountlake Terrace, Edmonds dog parks, walks, runs on the trail
I usually take her all the way to redmond to marymoor, but I would love to have an off leash dog park in walking distance of us.
Marymoor
Magnusson Dog Park
Marymoore Park
He has a rover sitter where he socializes with multiple dogs , I take him on walks around neighborhood Magnuson,?Snohomish River Trail, and around my home.
Sidewalks, Trails, Downtown, Wayne's Golf Course
On the Burke Gilman trail or marymoor
Dog parks, Dogwood, neighborhood walks, hikes, Marymoor, Strawberry Fields For River, beach
Around neighborhood twice daily; family and friend homes; Willis tucker & Edmonds dog parks, illegally in open spaces
We have to drive all the way to marymoore dog park or magnuson for her to be off leash. We go to hop and hound once a week and she can socialize with other dogs there.
Pickles Playland, Marymoor, Edith Moulton, Voff Bark & Brew
For dog parks we have to go to seattle/Snohomish/marymoore
the Old Wayne golf course
Neighborhood walks, dog parks in other areas
MLT dog park
Daycare
Around our neighborhood, parks, off leash dog parks, and puppymanner doggy daycare
friends houses or walk around our neighborhood
Marymoor Dog Park, Neighborhood walks
Our neighborhood, merrymoor
Parks

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neighborhood, old Wayne Golf Course
Shoreline off leash park and magnuson off leash park
Shoreline dog park; Magnuson Dog Park; local parks
Walks around neighborhoods, Woodinville downtown park, brickyard park, Maltby dog park
Edmonds off leash beach, walks around Bothell landing
neighborhood, bothell pioneer cemetary,u-w bothell campus and trails, sammamish river trail, green lake
old Wayne Golf Course west of 96th, Shelton View hiking area, Swamp Creek Park, Edith Moulton Park, Finn Hill trails, Edmonds Marina Dog Park, Marymoor
Burke Hillman trail or local parks
Jasper Park in Kirkland
Around my neighborhood
Swamp creek, magnuson park, neighborhood walks
Neighborhood/Burke-Gilman
Horizon View Park, Eastside Off Leash Dog Area, Magnuson Off Leash Area/Beach, Marymoor Dog Park, Edith Molton Dog Park, St. Edwards State Park, Green Lake, camping/hiking to assorted parks.
Marymoor off leash, Willis Tucker off leash and trails, Tambark off leash, Edmonds waterfront dog park, Howarth off-leash, town centers/communities, dog-friendly stores (pet stores, Lowe's, Ross) and restaurants, neighborhood walks...
Neighborhood
Mountlake terrace and kirkland
Willis tucker, marymore or Edmonds beach off leash park
St. Edward Park
N/A
Sammamish River trail, dog parks
Wayne Golf Course and Marymoore Park
Kirkland and Snohomish county dog parks.
Around neighborhood or other dog parks
Jasper Dog Park and Willis Tucker Dog Park, which are both a 25 minute drive
Around our neighborhood - the Bothell downtown core
marymoor or jasper dog parks, sometimes Paradise Valley Conservation area. Mostly around the neighborhood.
I'd tell you but then you'd come and give me a ticket.
Tambark park, Edmonds marina Dog park, and walks in the neighborhood
Doug Allen sports field, powerline trail
Paradise Valley Conservation Park, Bothell Business Park
Mountlake Terrace or Magnuson
Neighborhood
Hiking trails, Shelton View Forest, lakes, local parks, Marymoor Off Leash, Edmonds Off Leash
Tambark, Marymoor
Friends yards, around the neighborhood.
neighborhood
Sammamish river trail
Marymoor park
Dog park in Kirkland, on the trail near river, Hop & Hound
Marymoor, neighborhood walks
Marymoor off leash park, any store or restaurant that allows dogs inside.

Kenmore parks
Sammamish river trail, downtown, Bothell landing, Beardslee to north creek business park and the dike trails
Parks, dog parks, around the neighborhood
Neighborhood on leash
Around the neighborhood (Canyon Park area), hikes, or other nearby dog parks (~15+ mins driving distance)
n/a
Marymoor Off-Leash Dog Park
Near the Junction and along the trail
By the library
Neighborhood walks + daycare
Front yard
Neighborhood and dog daycare
Local lake
Magnuson Dog Park
Marymoor, open fields, breweries
Edmonds OLA, Willis Tucker OLA
Neighborhood or Jasper dog park in Kirkland
Marymoor, Magnusun or Edmonds. My dog needs a large open field to run and get her energy out
On a walk
MLT.dpg park
Around the neighborhood
Magnusen
Neighborhood
Neighborhood and of leash areas
Walking to/from our house within our neighborhood. Sometimes take to Marymoor dog park and Edith mouton.
Marymoor Off-Leash Dog Park
It's hard to socialize regularly because the off leash options are limited
When able lynndale
Marymore sandpoint
Marymoor
Tambark dog park, Edmonds, neighborhood walks
Green Lake, Marymoor, Luther Burbank, and neighborhood.
Marymoor Park, Jasper's Park, Edmonds Beach Park and Willis Tucker
Marymoor Park, Edmonds off leash park
We do walks at Bothell Landing but go several times a week to Magnuson dog park. We'd love a Bothell option!
Neighborhood
Park at Bothell Landing (live nearby)
North Creek trails
Marymoor
tambark
Centennial Park
neighborhood and Samm. River trail
Marymoor

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Neighborhood
Tambark dog park, Bothell neighborhoods
Magnuson, mostly
Waynes Gold course in Bothell
Wayne, Westhill Elementry, Burke-Gillman Trail
All over, parks not off-leash friendly :(
My neighborhood
Willis Tucker
neighborhoods
Volunteer park in the vacant parcel across the street that slated to be built on
Westhill neighborhood
uw
Walks around neighborhoods, and the dog parks in nearby cities like Edmonds or mountlake terrace.
I don't
Juanita Beach, Edith Moulton Park, Heritage P

APPENDIX D
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARIES

CONSERVATION TECHNIX

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT NUMBER:	# 19-119PLN	ISSUE DATE:	October 14, 2019
PROJECT NAME:	Bothell PROS Plan		

RECORDED BY:	Steve Duh, Kristin Anderson
TO:	FILE
PRESENT:	Members of the public Members of Parks & Recreation Commission City Staff Project team members from Conservation Technix and Stepherson & Associates

SUBJECT: Bothell PROS Plan: Open House #1 Notes (October 10th)

Community members were invited to an open house for the Bothell Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan on Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Bothell City Hall. The project team prepared informational displays and a presentation to share with attendees. The presentation offered an overview of the planning process and timeline, along with information about the City's park and recreation system, along with a summary of recent community survey results.

Following the presentation, attendees were asked to work in small groups to discuss project ideas and prioritize ideas by 'voting' with dots for their top interests for park system needs and for recreation program and events. Attendees were encouraged to talk with each other, record their comments and complete two written comment cards. City staff and project team staff aided the small group discussions by facilitating and answering questions. A representative from each table provided a short summary of their table's discussion for the benefit of the whole gathering. Approximately 45 people attended the meeting and provided comments.

In all, 234 unique comments were recorded and tabulated from attendees to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following represents a summary of the comments received during the evening meeting.

Table Exercise #1

During the first table-based exercise, attendees were asked to think about and note their ideas responding to the following question. Individual ideas were written on Post-It notes, then as a table, notes were grouped into similar topics. Attendees were then asked to use sticky dots to identify their top three choices, which could have been for a grouped topic or an individual idea.

> ***"Thinking of the City's parks, trails & open spaces, what improvements to the Bothell system would add the greatest value for your use and enjoyment?"***

The following list represents the top grouped topics, based on the number of 'dots' scored for each.

	Item	Frequency
1.	Trails	19
2.	Natural areas / open space	16
3.	River access	4
4.	Dog Park	4
5.	Water Play	4
6.	Nature / education	4

The following wordcloud illustrates the comments for arts, events and programming by font size for frequently used words. A complete list of comments collected is included at the end of this summary.

trails
park
Wayne
Trails
Splash
bike
trail
walking
Community
Blyth
dog
parks
River
river
signage
course
places
spaces
Permanent
Parks
Restoration
Create
Improved
Mountain
Landing
Bothell
Signage
wildlife
Inclusive
Water
fields
art
access
street
track
small
area
water
along
tree
natural
Golf
Pump
downtown
asphalt
paths
features
Better
Improve
sports
Safe
connecting
full
open
play
use
like
existing
minimal
former
Access
Park
Pond
Dog
areas
amphitheatre
cafes
golf
Bike
Skateboard
Maintaining
Centennial
BMX
Climbing
Disc
planting
planning
Expanding
Shelton
Off-leash
Course
Tacoma
Snohomish
Sammamish
Velodrome
Educational
Toddler
Adding
development
improvements
connectivity
commercial
permanent
concessions
change
integrated
nature
walkable
upkeeping
food
Nature
together
cooking
Green
Skate
retail
enhancement
families
North South
restoration
Wetland
neighborhood
Develop
big/new
enough
marked
resources
created
field
woods
relaxation
groups
plastic
point
crossing
fenced
boat
Pull
Art
Cougar
Picnic
Off-leash
place
Tacoma
Former
View
elements
exposure
surfacing
interactive
baby-adults
Preservation
Multi-generational
connect
blackberry
New
computers/internet
multi-generational
Market
Utilizing
Habitat
incorporate
Drinking
placement
Forest
Connect
Recreation
boulevards
Active
add
remove
areas/shelters
Trails/walking
Parking
network
text
bridge
Mall
pre-school
parks/O.S
fountains
Binding
sections
local
skills
trucks
there
public
enjoyment
Burke-G
Multi-use
libraries
design
Make
ecology
photos
biology
visible
exercise
historic
life
move
Bandshell
Connecting
Marked
rentals
Swings
Area
Labyrinth
Formal
Burke
budgeting
off-leash
social
disc
second
shops
Basic
age
pool
coordinate
endorsed
channel
evening
table/recreational
Trail
Pierce
roads
points
Pavement
boat
fenced
nature
climate
markers
info
use
i.e.
log
tab
main
less
nurse
well
lit
pioneer
via
indoor
forest
bury
Bike
bikers/walkers
playgrounds
P+R
Diversity
shade
e.g.
interpretive
Allow
Wildlife
Brand
upper
set
hogahs
basketball
inside
just
Make
stretch
photos
visible
exercise
biology
Cougar
Expanding
Shelton
Areas
place
Off-leash
Course
Tacoma
View
elements
exposure
surfacing
interactive
baby-adults
Preservation
food
Nature
together
cooking
Green
Skate
retail
enhancement
families
North South
Toddler
Snohomish
Sammamish
Velodrome
Educational
integrated
nature
walkable
upkeeping
change
concessions
permanent
Adding
Tacoma
connectivity
improvements
commercial
development
restoration
Wetland
neighborhood
Develop
big/new
enough
marked
resources
created
field
woods
relaxation
groups
plastic
point
crossing
fenced
boat
Pull
Art
Disc
planting
planning
Climbing
BMX
Centennial
Maintaining
table/recreational
Skateboard
evening
channel
endorsed
coordinate
age
pool
shops
second
social
disc
Basic
budgeting
off-leash
Labyrinth
Area
Swings
Formal
Burke
Rental
Marked
Forest
Connect
Bandshell
Connecting
Mall
bridge
text
network

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Table Exercise #2

A second table-based exercise was conducted in a similar manner to the first. For this one, the topic was regarding events, programs and venues. Attendees were asked to note their ideas in response to the following question.

> ***"Thinking of the events, programs and venues, is anything missing or needs to be added / expanded to improve local options for recreation programs, events and activities?"***

The following list represents the top grouped topics, based on the number of 'dots' scored for each.

	Item	Frequency
1.	Events	18
2.	Community/indoor centers	10
3.	Recreation programming	8
4.	Farmers Market	7
5.	Nature education/programming	7
6.	Park at Bothell Landing	5

The following wordcloud illustrates the comments for arts, events and programming by font size for frequently used words. A complete list of comments collected is included at the end of this summary.

Reporting Back - Top two or three categories reported by each table for questions 1 & 2 (combined & not ranked):

- Natural and open spaces
- More educational signage
- Improved access for all: bathrooms, benches
- Community meeting spaces
- Skateboard park
- Connecting trails
- Amenities along the trails
- Mtn bike and paved trails
- Partnerships to improve events
- Neighborhood events
- Fancy venue/community space
- Safe and expanded trails
- Natural spaces
- Complete Park at Bothell Landing
- Farmers Market
- Street festivals
- Open space acquisition and improvement
- Trail improvements
- Attractions: movies
- Community center meeting space
- Youth programs/preschool

Table Exercise #3

A third table-based exercise revolved around exploring concepts for balancing community needs for projects with limited resources. Attendees were asked to discuss and rank a series of the following six concepts as ways to filter future project ideas and recommendations for the PROS Plan.

- Community Need
- Safety & Security
- Usage / Resident Benefit
- Location / Geography
- Local / Regional Significance
- Ability to Leverage Funding

Following the individual and table-based ranking, each table reported back the top three categories. The table below illustrates the results from the reporting-back.

Criteria	Number of top 3 ranks
Community need	4
Ability to leverage funding	4
Safety & security	2
Usage/resident benefit	2
Location/geography	
Local/regional significant	

BALANCING DEMANDS
Exploring Criteria to Inform Projects

USE MARKERS TO RANK YOUR PRIORITIES
(1: highest - 6: lowest)

COMMUNITY NEED
projects that support parks and facilities infrastructure priorities identified through the sum of the community engagement process of the Bothell PROS Plan.

SAFETY & SECURITY
projects that address parks and facilities safety and security needs in order to provide safe spaces that are accessible to all.

USAGE / RESIDENT BENEFIT
projects that improve parks and facilities that are used heavily and/or in areas where few City facilities exist and where cost of project is evaluated against the volume of usage/resident benefit.

LOCATION / GEOGRAPHY
projects that support equity and access to parks and facilities across the City.

LOCAL / REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
projects that impact parks and facilities that are destinations for a large number of Bothell residents and visitors and/or where a significant amount of programming and space already exists.

ABILITY TO LEVERAGE FUNDING
projects that meet the criteria (i.e., population size, demographics, income level, and access) for local, state and federal grants, as well as charitable foundations.

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A compilation of the individual and table-based ideas and comments are attached.

Every effort has been made to accurately record this meeting. If any errors or omissions are noted, please provide written response within five days of receipt.

cc: Tracey Perkosky
File

Table Exercise #1

Individual & Table comments regarding parks, trails & open spaces

Table	Ideas	Themes	No. of Dots
1	Better signage to connecting trails North-South trail/protection area for biking/walking/running Safe street crossing to connect sections of former Wayne golf course Connecting social resources to parks = ex = school>parks>libraries Trails/walking paths that are lit in the evening Improve bike trails Improve walking trails Formal bike trails Safe kids bike paths	Safe & expanded trails	5
	Create relaxation places for all Create peaceful places to be in nature Multi-generational recreational places	Natural space	5
	More sports fields Pickup sports field space - basketball, lighted space	Sport fields	3
	Adding Shelton View Forest to P+R Preservation of green spaces for local wildlife	Conservation	3
	A permanent dog park inside downtown core Permanent off-leash dog park Permanent enclosed dog park	Dog park	2
	More public art	Not categorized	0
	More shade covers that also let in light	Not categorized	0
2	Restoration at open spaces (i.e. remove blackberry + add natives) Better water access More open spaces Utilizing the former Wayne Golf Course	Open space acquisition/improvement	5
	More trails in our big/new parks/O.S. Maps for trails (like Cougar Mt. trail network) Improved Trails (walking) Marked Trails New Trails (walking) Improved connectivity of parks with trails Maintaining and upkeeping trails at Centennial Park	Trail improvement	4
	Courts (e.g. bball+tennis Disc Golf *More at Blyth full course! *Blyth too small for full course More sports fields Expanding the disc golf course at Blyth to the upper woods	Recreational activities	3
	Birding Area (signage) Wildlife + historical signage Access to river for quiet birding (Juanita Wetland) Pull out areas to "set a spell"	Environmental education/interpretation	2
	Water features for play Splash pad Water features for art (could incorporate play too)	Water	2
	Parking (enough?) Areas for food trucks	Infrastructure/access	1
	Pump track (for bikes)	Mt. Bike Trails	1
	Art in the parks (interactive art!)	Art	0

	Dog park	Not categorized	0
	Swings for all age groups baby-adults	Not categorized	0
3	Trails for kids use More walking trails Connect Blyth to Wayne with marked access point Labyrinth Develop walkable trails thru Wayne Bench placement on Wayne for passive meditation and enjoyment	Trails/Nature	4
	Habitat restoration / minimal development / minimal trails / place for wildlife	Open space	3
	Permanent dog park	Dog Park	2
	Signage for tree species Signage for wildlife More natural playgrounds (less plastic) Nature pre-school	Nature/education	2
	Velodrome BMX Park Mountain Bike Trails Skateboard park	Wheels	2
	Community center area in park area Access for canoes, kayaks, etc. to launch (not just rentals)	Community Center	1
	Utilize amphitheater (more) at Landing	Not categorized	1
	Community pool / hot tub / indoor water park Splash pad Climbing wall	Recreation activities	0
4	Pavement surfacing (asphalt improvements) Recreation - cafes shops for bikers/walkers along trail and parks Bike trails like Burke-G asphalt - not trail Mountain bike trails Parks + roads planning - coordinate boulevards + street design Former Bothell Mall = downtown park connecting to Sammamish River enhanced via bridge Trails / tree planting exercise to educate about climate change More small parks in Snohomish County Trails / interpretive signs on ecology - "nurse log" "biology of forest" Trail enhancement historic markers / info on the pioneer families photos + text Parks integrated together - trails to unite Multi-use trail connecting to Burke along 52 from canyon park	Trails	6
	River access River access Restoration of existing natural areas Parks event spaces - Band shell Allow commercial boat concessions to use Bothell loading points (created or existing) More river exposure, i.e. @ Landing make stretch of river visible to amphitheater, picnic table users Make river navigable - move logs out of main channel	River	4
	Community center for classes + rent Market hall (small retail) Destination - Tavern on the Green / cafes and places to hang "Paseo" Local art	Place making	4
	Inclusive Parent kid swings		

	Educational signage Basic life skills (cooking, budgeting, computers/internet) Active areas with multi-generational uses Inclusive elements in neighborhood parks Diversity second word illegible	Inclusion	2
	Skate park Pump track/ skate park	Skate Park	2
	Splash pad Splash pad Toddler area (fenced!)	Splash pad	2
	More shaded areas/shelters Drinking water fountains	Amenities	1
	Dog park Dog park Off-leash dog park	Dog	0

Table Exercise #2

Individual & Table comments regarding events, programs and venues

Table	Ideas	Themes	No. of Dots
1	Open-air markets in Bothell Landing Farmers market type space Farmers market place Farmers market Street Festivals (sidewalk, E6)	Farmers Market	6
	Class and event space in North Bothell Better use of little amphitheater by Lytle House Finish PABL Finish Bothell Park and parking	Park at Bothell Landing	5
	Meeting room spaces Indoor community space - birthday party type space Larger meeting spaces Rental shelters for community activities - beyond just Blyth and Cedar Grove Community Center	Community gathering	4
	New ideas for events and programs Multi-generational events Multi cultural inclusion in programming More art programs (docents, mentors, etc.) Community events in winter/spring	Programming	3
	Easy access to events venues Better parking for programs	Accessibility	2
	More teen programs Skateboard park Low cost camps and after-school programs	Teens	1
	Wildlife walks Wildlife walks	Wildlife walks	1
	Better communication about programs, events More/better publicity about events	Communication	0
2	Summer story walk (walk the book) Disc golf tournaments similar to the Bothell Bomber Group paddles Movies in the park	Attractions	4
	Environmental education center Nature walks Guided tour once a month by park official. Changes seasonally intro to "your" park Environmental learning center Restoration activities (removal of invasives)	Education resources	3
	River festival St Patrick's event Christmas tree lighting Bring back 4th battle reenactment Salmon festival 5k runs Slough events e.g. paddle boat races Pet parade Improve 4th of July parade floats or more than advertisements	Events	3
	More community meeting spaces		

	Salmon themed mini-golf course Community center Indoor sports facility Community/recreation center	Community /indoor centers	3
	Programs/classes for kids preschool to elementary (i.e. dance, karate, gymnastics, etc.)	Youth programs	2
	Aquatics center City pool	Aquatics center	1
	Larger farmers/craft market Farmers market Late afternoon into evening summer farmers/community market	Farmers Market	1
	Art display Art exhibitions	Art	0
3	Nature education for kids Nature-based pre-school and other education	Nature childhood education/ programming	4
	Restrooms for Wayne Restroom at William Penn	Public restrooms	3
	Signage - what to look for	Signage /wayfinding	2
	Community center Community kitchen Community center	Community centers	2
	Water access for small human powered watercraft River access / Kayak launch spot	Water access	2
	Dedicated road bike lanes Residential sidewalks	Access/mobility	1
	More concert venues	Concerts/commun ity events	1
	Picnic shelter at Wayne	Picnic shelters	0
	Liaise w/ community partners to create fun and ease burden on city staff Farmers market in downtown Bothell Art and craft shows on Main St Xmas tree lighting and city events / city supported Improve the spring and autumn lull Collaboration with other entities (e.g. UWB/CCC) Mardi Gras Boat races Riverfest Downtown farmers market Work w/ farmers market (space!) Seasonal/quarterly all-city parties (just more events) Shakespeare in the park UW Drama / Bring Seattle actors to Bothell Rainforest concert committee to organize venue and calendar Keep Beerfest in garage Pioneer Days Communal Bothell river festival / Parks - boat contest? Parade of boats?	Events	9
	Promote Bothell museums events, open-hours 19th Amendment history of women's right to vote	Historical	4

	More actively using parks and facilities in programming e.g. nature and historical walks/talks		
4	Children's books pop-up book about bridges Bothell birds Young people activities ages "a place to go" Youth activities / pre-teens teens / Need places where they can go to do things they like skatepark/youth center Teenage/young adult programs and teams	Youth	3
	More kids sports lessons Classes/activities for 6-9 y/o / Rec programs now are mostly for toddlers - 5 y/o (or so) teen 12-adult Organized activities for different abled youth and adults Something for 45-55 "pre-seniors" Cultural music and festivals to celebrate diversity Accessible signups Neighborhood parties at parks (meet your neighbors)	Special groups	3
	Group bike rides on the trail Bicycle race triathlon or duathlon SOB summits and Bothell bike	Bike events	1
	Weekend and evening kid/toddler events Learn to play sports for adults/recreational leagues Painted crows! (like painted horses, pigs, pianos) "Parents night out" - drop kids off w/ activities Allow fun activities on City Hall Plaza on weekend/after hours Hobby-based classes e.g. knit, crochet, art, electronics stuff Make permitting special community events less onerous/expensive Movie nights (city hall plaza?) Kenmore showed Captain Marvel Led tours (walking, biking)	Activities	1
	Close Main Street to cars "forever" for walkers and festivals	Main St	0
	Places for events / Fancy Hall concerts - could be the "Tavern on the Green" Riverwalk / street of shops along river / tenants for retails and restaurants	Places	0
	Cable station for broadcasting concerts, interviews with artists, speakers Volunteering opportunities Better outreach/promotion / sustainable Parks blog for stories columns photos photo contest	Outreach	0

APPENDIX E
STAKEHOLDER SUMMARIES

CONSERVATION TECHNIX

Stakeholder Interview Notes

Project Name:	Bothell PROS Plan Update		**Project No.:**	Proj-# 19-119PLN	
Location:	In-Person Group Discussion	**Date:**	June 11, 2019	**Time:**	3:00 pm
Notes by:	Steve Duh				
Interviewees:	Hilary Sanders, Shelton View Stewardship Association David Bain, OneBothell and Friends of the North Creek Forest		Roger Burton, OneBothell Sarah Witte, Friends of the North Creek Forest		
Subject:	**Sports League Representatives: Interviews**				

As part of the Bothell Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update, the consultant team met with representatives from local environmental organizations that focus on natural area preservation and local volunteerism.

Following brief introductions and an overview of the PROS update planning process and timeline, stakeholders provided a summary of their organization. The group discussion generally followed a series of questions to gather perspectives regarding visioning, partnerships and opportunities for the future.

Opening Remarks

- Shelton View Stewardship Association – The Shelton View Forest is 42 acres of forest land, part of it is owned by DNR. The group has been raising money and securing grants to purchase the property. Part of the forest is private, and a developer was interested in upzoning it for development. The group would like to see trails on site and have it be a place where people can see and explore the forest.
- OneBothell – The group was formed in 2015 to preserve the Wayne Golf Course, and it is now transitioning into a new role. It is moving toward coordinating activities for volunteers to help improve and maintain the former golf course. OneBothell may expand efforts for citywide volunteerism and focus on restoration of the Sammamish River.
- Friends of the North Creek Forest – The group led the 2016 acquisition of the North Creek Forest. The group raised funds to acquire and maintain the site. The group has several committees:
    - Education: school outreach; encourage environmental education in the forest
    - Stewardship: business community outreach
    - Restoration: water quality; forest health vegetation assessment (intended to inform a master plan for the property)

- Dave is motivated to improve conditions for killer whale recovery and sees opportunities to focus on upstream improvements for salmon. The North Creek can be improved for salmon habitat and is salmon bearing. Swamp Creek might be viable for restoration.

General Comments

- Balance growth with preservation. Focus on the north end of the city where there is and continues to be exponential growth. Not much attention has been paid to schools or parks in the north. Explore how to achieve balance with geographic distribution of parks and open space too. Downtown has good distribution and good access. The north end has limited park access.
- King County has had money for parks and open space, and Snohomish does not.

10-year vision

- Healthy streams and forests
- More park spaces – including active areas for playgrounds, sport fields, skateparks ad biking
- Better connections – away from traffic and using natural areas
    - Wayne Golf Course to Tolt Pipeline Trail
    - Trail connections for Shelton View Forest to unincorporated Snohomish
    - Bike paths to parks
- Ideally, short walk or drive to local neighborhood parks (distribution)
- Multiple uses (parks activity spaces) spread across the city – attention for function and activities
- Stewardship
    - Improve North Creek Forest (interior forest and improve edges); Improve waterways
    - Use the yellow farm house as a visitor center and interpretive venue; Infrastructure needed and improvements for bus turn-around
    - Desire to get folks from around the region to witness a functional forest
- Connectivity
    - Integrate parkland on both sides of the Sammamish River; the crown (Lake Pleasant, Sammamish River, Swamp Creek, Shelton View) and crown jewel (downtown).
    - Integrate bikes into the park system
    - Centralize parking with shuttles to parks
    - Trails are ok within open spaces; they provide access to water/nature for learning; getting people into open space with trails lets people enjoy/see/care about nature
    - Link Wayne Golf Course to Tolt Pipeline Trail, Burke-Gilman Trail, Sammamish River Trail – tie to North Creek Trail and Mill Creek
- More sport fields are needed

Stakeholder Interview Notes (continued)

Staffing and Funding Priorities

- City now has a volunteer coordinator position, which is a good addition and could be a good point of contact for these groups going forward. How can the City better utilize volunteer energy? Act as a clearinghouse; use Facebook and emails to post opportunities
- City needs to look out 10+ years and acquire properties for the future and leverage the Park Foundation's efforts to raise money
- Continue the model of allowing volunteers to purchase and maintain properties. The City's perspective on Shelton View Forest is that maintenance and operations will cost $200,000 per year versus the opinion to have the environmental groups solicit and coordinate volunteers for annual maintenance.
- Acquire lands for the North Creek Trail; Fitzgerald area; new land east of Brackett's Landing
- Have open and clear communications and collaborations with the Park Foundation – more integrated relationship

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CONSERVATION TECHNIX

Stakeholder Interview Notes

Project Name:	Bothell PROS Plan Update		**Project No.:**	Proj-# 19-119PLN	
Location:	Phone Interviews	**Phone Call Dates:**	August 2019	**Time:**	varies
Notes by:	Jean Akers				
Interviewees:	Chris Finger, NGSSA VP of Scheduling				
	Joey Wyrick, NYSA				
	Andrew Schauer, NS Lacrosse				
Subject:	**Sports League Representatives: Interviews**				

As part of the Bothell Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update, the consultant team contacted representatives from local and regional sports organizations that regularly reserve sports fields within the City of Bothell. These stakeholders were interviewed by phone to explore their sports leagues current participation in facility use and to discuss and existing issues with Bothell fields, scheduling or programs as well as gather input on future potential improvements for serving the active recreation needs within the community.

Six sport league representatives were contacted, and feedback was gathered from the Northshore Youth Soccer Association, the Northshore Girls Softpitch Softball Association and the Northshore Lacrosse.

After a brief introduction to the PROS update planning process, stakeholders provided a summary of their organization, sharing recent trends in participation, targeted participants, season(s) of play, general field uses and rough percentages of Bothell residents among their members. The phone conversations then focused on questions exploring any current challenges with scheduling, availability of fields, potential for growth, and future needs for success program continuation. Overall, stakeholders expressed an appreciation for Bothell's handing of field scheduling and coordination.

<u>Trends in Participation</u>

- Northshore Girls Slowpitch Softball Association (NGSSA) has been established since 1971, staffed by volunteers, and provides girls softball leagues for ages pre-K through 12th grade. Recent trends (last ten+ years) in participation have shown a steady decrease in participation as a greater variety of girls' sports have been available. Past participation has involved over 1,000 girls per season; current annual registration is typically about 300 participants. About 75-80% of the NGSSA players are Bothell residents. The softball season runs from March 1st through early June.
- The Northshore Youth Soccer Association (NYSA) provides soccer programming to approximately 4,500 players (1,140 youth reside in Bothell) and use about 50 fields across Bothell, Woodinville, Kenmore and parts of unincorporated King and Snohomish counties. Participation trends have been even over the last few years.

Stakeholder Interview Notes (continued)

- The NYSA fall season extends from August to mid-November, involving ~3,500 players with year round programming for ~1,100 players.
- The Northshore Lacrosse Club (NLC) is an umbrella organization comprised of Bothell Lacrosse, Inglemoor Lacrosse, North Creek Lacrosse, and Northshore Girls Lacrosse. The NLC has field lacrosse programs for boys and girls from kindergarten through high school. The primary lacrosse season extends in the spring from March through June involving ~300 players. Some fall programming is offered for skills training.
- Northshore Lacrosse Club serves participants within the Northshore School District with about 50-60% of participants residing in Bothell. The sport of lacrosse has been growing and its growth is currently limited by field availability allowing for the provision of more teams.

Demand for Facilities

- NGSSA schedules about 200 games and 600 practices in two hour blocks each year. North Creek fields are preferred, but they are not always available due to competition with other sports league scheduling. North Creek fields are typically targeted for the middle and high school teams while the school district "dirt" fields are typically booked for the other age groups. The number of available time slots are sometimes a challenge to meet their existing needs.
- NGSSA conducts two tournaments each season using the North Creek turf fields for the full weekend. While their lower participation numbers limit their preferential field scheduling, the City does favor their tournament schedules.
- The NYSA peak fall season competes with junior football and high school soccer teams so no access to Northshore School District fields is available for the fall season.
- NLC programs include between 20-25 teams using North Creek, Doug Allen and School District fields based on allocation by field providers. Practices require the subdivision of fields for multiple team use within each allocated time period.
- The City of Bothell does a good job of field allocation based on numbers of program participants who reside within the city. The system is perceived as fair and equitable. Stakeholders could **not** express the same level of clarity or predictability about the School District or County system of field allocation.
- North Creek fields are considered as exceptional, in good conditions and operated very well. Doug Allen fields were considered passable but some stakeholders mentioned the slope being noticeable, grass uneven, and the weather conditions from mid-November through March limiting or precluding field use.

Ideas for the Future

- Convert North Creek field #3 to an all-weather turf surface to extend the available seasons of play.
- An improvement to scheduling could involve an on-line system where all leagues could trade/swap field times in real time. Current system requires emails back and forth with recreation scheduler. The intent of an online system could reduce the times when fields are vacant from cancellations. Other leagues could pick up the defaulted time slots and avoid vacancies on premium North Creek fields.
- Converting the school district's "dirt" fields to artificial turf with lighting could greatly expand the available facilities for many community sports leagues.

- Convert Doug Allen fields to artificial turf (or an upgraded grass condition) and install lighting to add fall through winter programming uses.
- Negotiate with businesses at North Creek fields to allow for recreational parking starting at 4:00pm instead of having to wait until 5:30pm. This earlier tie slot would allow significantly more availability for sports field programming.
- Partner with the school district to upgrade fields on middle and elementary school grounds to install artificial turf and lighting to meet more community needs and allow for sports program expansion and growth.
- Negotiate with Pop Keeney and/or UW Bothell for some shared use of their field facility by community youth sports leagues.

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APPENDIX F
RECREATION TRENDS

The following summaries from recognized park and recreation resources provide background on national, state and local trends that may reflect potential recreational activities and facilities for future consideration in Bothell's park system. Examining current recreation trends can help inform potential park and recreation improvements and opportunities that may enhance the community and create a more vibrant parks system as it moves into the future.

2019 NRPA Agency Performance Review

The 2019 NRPA report summarizes the key findings from the National Recreation and Park Association's NRPA Park Metrics, their benchmarking tool that assists park and recreation professionals in the effective management and planning of their operating resources and capital facilities. The report offers a comprehensive collection of park- and recreation-related benchmarks and insights to inform professionals, key stakeholders and the public about the state of the park and recreation industry. The 2019 NRPA Agency Performance Review contains data from 1,075 unique park and recreation agencies across the United States as reported between 2016 and 2018.

Key Findings and Characteristics:

Park Facilities

- There is typically one park for every 2,181 residents.
- The typical park and recreation agency has 10.0 acres of park land for every 1,000 residents in its jurisdiction.
- An overwhelming majority of park and recreation agencies has playgrounds (94.4%) and basketball courts (86.1%) in their portfolio of outdoor assets.
- A majority of agencies offers community centers and recreation centers; two in five agencies offer senior centers.

Programming

- Key programming activities include team sports, social recreation events, fitness enhancement classes and health and wellness education.
- 82.4% of agencies offer summer camp for their community's younger residents.

Staffing

- The typical park and recreation agency has a payroll of 38.2 full-time equivalent staff (FTE's).
- The typical park and recreation agency has 8.3 FTEs on staff for each 10,000 residents in its jurisdiction.
- Operations and maintenance, programming and administration are the main responsibilities of park and recreation workers.

Budget/Finance

- The typical park agency has annual operating expenditures of $3,834,500.
- The typical park and recreation agency has annual operating expenses of $78.69 on a per capita basis.
- The median level of operating expenditures is $6,750 per acre of park and non-park sites managed by the agency.
- The typical park and recreation agency spends $93,230 in annual operating expenditures for each employee.
- At the typical park and recreation agency, personnel services account for 54.9% of the operating budget.
- The typical park and recreation agency dedicates 44.3% of its operating budget to park management and maintenance and 41.8% to recreation.

Agency Funding

- Park and recreation agencies derive 59.3% of their operating expenditures from general fund tax support.
- The typical park and recreation agency generates $20.11 in revenue annually for each resident in the jurisdiction.
- The typical park and recreation agency recovers 27.3% of its operating expenditures from non-tax revenues.
- Park and recreation agencies will spend a median of $4,007,250 million in capital expenditures over the next five years.
- On average, just over half of the capital budget is designated for renovation, while 30.9% is aimed at new development.

Park facilities differ greatly across the local and regional park and recreation agencies in America. The typical agency participating in the NRPA park metric survey serves a jurisdiction of 39,183 people but population size can vary widely. The typical park and recreation agency has jurisdiction over 19 parks comprising a total of 432.5 acres. Park facilities also have a range of service levels in terms of acres of parkland per population and residents per park. These metrics are categorized by the agency's population size.

Figure D1. Median Residents per park based on Population Size

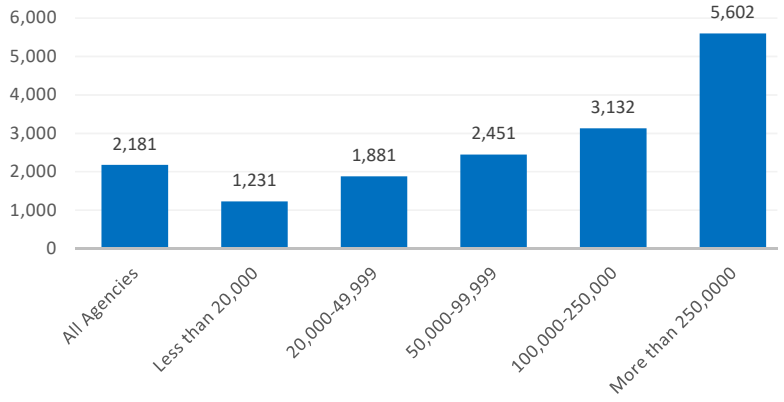
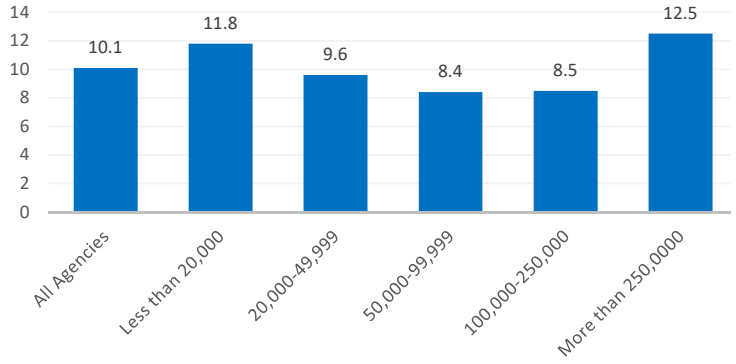


Figure D2. Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents based on Population Size



The typical park and recreation agency that manages or maintains trails for walking, hiking, running and/or biking has 11.0 miles of trails. Agencies serving more than 250,000 residents have a median of 82.0 miles of trails under their care.

Park and recreation agencies take on many responsibilities beyond their traditional roles of operating parks and related facilities (96%) and providing recreation programming and services (93%). In addition to those two core functions, the key responsibilities for park and recreation agencies are listed in the table below, based on percent of agencies.

Figure D3. Key Responsibilities of park and Recreation Agencies

Key P&R Responsibilities	Percent of Agencies
Operate and maintain indoor facilities	87%
Operate, maintain or manage trails, greenways and/or blueways	78%
Conduct major jurisdiction-wide special events	76%
Operate, maintain or manage special purpose parks and open spaces	71%
Include in its operating budget the funding for planning and development functions	67%
Operate and maintain non-park sites	65%
Operate , maintain or contract outdoor swim facilities/water parks	59%
Administer or manage tournament/event quality outdoor sports complexes	57%
Operate, maintain or contract tennis center facilities	51%
Administer community gardens	40%

Other responsibilities of park and recreation agencies can include golf courses, tourist attractions, outdoor amphitheaters, indoor swim facilities, farmer's markets, indoor sports complexes, campgrounds, performing arts center, stadium/arena/racetrack, and/or fairgrounds.

Beyond the comparative metrics of park and recreation agencies, the NRPA performance report also noted trends that have significant impact on agency performance. The report predicts that investments in park infrastructure will rise in 2019-2020 thanks to increased revenues from local tax receipts. As a result, park and recreation agencies - regardless of size, location, population served or budget - will likely be able to plan for and construct more recreation facilities. The growth of new recreation facilities and capital improvements will result in positive impacts on local, regional and state economies.

Technology will continue to have influence on parks from monitoring systems and beacon counters to biometric identification systems. Questions of data security will remain paramount as these technologies become less expensive and more prevalent. Recreational and commercial scale drones are more prevalent and both the advantage for imaging, mapping and monitoring and the potential for disruptive uses will become factors in application and management.

The consolidation of public services continues to affect park and recreation agencies. The potential opportunity to reduce costs and allow for greater efficiencies may pressure governments to combine park facilities with public schools or consolidate with public works. This trend can present both opportunities and threats to the efficient and effective functioning of park and recreation services.

Emerging trends will continue to encourage park and recreation providers to become more nimble and more adaptable to the ever changing conditions and public expectations for sustained high-level performance. Agencies must be proactive in assessing their position and be fully grounded in reliable data about their investments, operations and tangible results.

The State of the Industry Report

Recreation Management magazine's 2017 State of the Industry Report summarizes the opinions and information Recreation Management magazine's 2018 State of the Managed Recreation Industry report summarizes the opinions and information provided by a wide range of professionals (with an average 21.3 years of experience) working in the recreation, sports and fitness facilities. The 2018 report indicated that many (86.6%) recreation, sports and fitness facility owners form partnerships with other organizations, as a means of expanding their reach, offering additional programming opportunities or as a way to share resources and increase funding. Local schools are shown as the most common partner (61.3%) for all facility types. Parks and recreation organizations (95.8%) were the most likely to report that they had partnered with outside organizations.

Survey respondents from urban communities are more optimistic about positive changes to revenues, while rural respondents are not. In 2018, 41 percent of respondents said that revenues increased from 2016 to 2017, while 11.1% reported a decrease. Looking forward from 2018 to 2019, 50 percent of urban respondents expect revenues to increase, and just 4.3 percent project a decrease.

In last year's report, parks respondents had reported increases in their average operating expenditures with operating costs that grew by 58% between fiscal 2013 and fiscal 2016. After a significant increase in operating expenditures in fiscal 2016, costs have fallen again in 2017, and are expected to rise more steadily over the next two years, though not to the high reported last year. From 2017 to 2018, respondents said they expect their operating expenses to increase by 1.7 percent, followed by a further increase of 4.9 percent projected in fiscal 2019. The greatest decrease (16.8%) in average operating costs from 2016 to 2017 was reported by parks and recreation respondents.

Relative to costs and revenues, few facilities covered by the survey reported that they cover more than 90 percent of their operating costs via revenue. The percentage recovered varied with type of organization with the average percentage of costs recovered for all respondents hovering near 50%. For parks, the cost recovery rate increased from 43.4 % to 43.9 % from 2017 to 2018.

Over the past decades, public parks and recreation departments and districts have faced a growing expectation that facilities can be run like businesses. Many local facilities are expected to recover much of their operating costs via revenues. While this is the business model of for-profit facilities like health clubs, it's a relatively recent development for publicly owned facilities, which have typically been subsidized via tax dollars and other funding sources. Most recreation providers (80.5%) have been taking actions to reduce expenditures. Cost recovery actions typically involve reduction in expenses with improving energy efficiency as the most common action (48.3% of respondents). Increased fees and staffing cost reductions and putting off construction or renovation plans were reported as other common methods for reducing operating costs.

Utilization of recreation facilities has shown steady increases by the majority of respondents. Looking forward, more than half of respondents expect to see further increases in the number of people using their facilities. The expectation is that this trend will continue in the next two years.

This year saw a fairly significant drop in the average number of people employed at the organizations covered by the survey. After several years of steady growth, to a high of 147.6 employees in 2017, the average number of employees dropped by 21.7% in the past year. On average, this year's survey respondents employ 28.2 full-time workers, 39.8 part-time employees, 44.8 seasonal workers, 43.2 volunteers, and 9.1 employees of some other designation. In 2018, more than three-quarters (77.7%) of respondents said they plan to maintain existing staff levels, up from 57% in 2017.

A majority of respondents (83.2%) require certifications for some of their staff members to help measure and verify specific types of professional knowledge and skill. Of those respondents that require certification, the most common types of certification required included CPR/AED/First Aid (required by 90.3% of those who said they require some staff members to be certified), background checks (83.4%), and lifeguard certification (56.3%).

Over the past five years, the percentage of respondents who indicate that they have plans for construction, whether new facilities or additions or renovations to their existing facilities, has grown steadily, from 62.7 percent in 2013 to 69.5 percent in 2018. Construction plans of all kinds are most common among camps and parks. For camp respondents, 47.1 percent are planning new facilities, 45.9 percent are planning additions, and 60 percent are planning renovations. They were followed by parks, 33.9 percent of whom have plans for new construction, 32.6 percent for additions, and 57.7 percent for renovations.

Parks saw modest increases to their construction budgets from 2016 to 2018, with respondents expecting to see increases of 13.5%. Public organizations saw the sharpest increase to their construction budgets from 2016 to 2018, with an increase of 28.7 percent, from $3,877,000 in 2016 to $4,990,000 in 2018.

Parks respondents were more likely than other facility types to include: playgrounds (86.7% of parks respondents had playgrounds); park shelters (80%); park restroom structures (75.6%); outdoor sports courts (74.4%); community and multipurpose centers (58.4%); bike trails (46.4%); skate parks (41.1%); dog parks (38.8%); community gardens (33.7%); disc golf courses (32.9%);fitness trails and outdoor fitness equipment (32.6%); splash play areas (30.7%); golf courses (19.9%); ice rinks (17.6%); waterparks (16.8%); and bike/BMX parks (11.4%).

Park respondents (56.2%) reported plans to add features at their facilities. The top 10 planned features for all facility types include:

1. Splash play areas (23.6%)
2. Synthetic turf sports fields (17%)
3. Fitness trails and/or outdoor fitness equipment (16.4%)
4. Fitness centers (16.3%)
5. Walking/hiking trails (15.5%)
6. Playgrounds (15.2%)
7. Park shelters (13.6%)
8. Dog parks (13.5%)
9. Exercise studios (12.9%)
10. Disc golf courses (12.9%)

Respondents from community centers, parks and health clubs were the most likely to report that they had

plans to add programs at their facilities over the next few years. The 10 most commonly planned program additions in 2018 include:

1. Fitness programs (planned by 25.9% of those who will be adding programs)
2. Educational programs (25.7%)
3. Mind-body balance programs (23.3%)
4. Teen programs (22.7%)
5. Environmental education (20.7%)
6. Day camps and summer camps (20.3%)
7. Special needs programs (18.9%)
8. Adult sports teams (18.5%)
9. Holidays and other special events (18.3%)
10. Individual sports activities (17.5%)

While in general, overall budgets are the top concern for most respondents, equipment and facility maintenance lead the issues of budgetary challenges with staffing as the second most common concern. Marketing, safety/risk management, and creating new and innovative programming are continuing challenges for facility managers. Current concerns on the rise in 2018 include older adult fitness and wellness, legislative issues, environmental and conservation issues and social equity and access.

The Outdoor Participation Report

According to 2018 Outdoor Participation Report, published by the Outdoor Foundation in Boulder, Colorado, more than 146.1 million Americans (49%) participated in an outdoor activity at least once in 2017. These outdoor participants went on a total of 10.9 billion outdoor outings, a decrease from 11.0 billion in 2016. Participation in outdoor recreation, team sports and indoor fitness activities vary by an individual's age. Recent trend highlights include the following:

- Twenty percent (20%) of outdoor enthusiasts participated in outdoor activities at least twice per week.
- Running, including jogging and trail running, was the most popular activity among Americans when measured by number of participants and by number of total annual outings.
- Nineteen percent (19%) outdoor participants lived in the South Atlantic region of the US, making its population the most active in outdoor activities.
- Walking for fitness was the most popular crossover activity where 45.8% of all outdoor participants also walked.
- Data shows that adults who were introduced to the outdoors as children were more likely to participate in outdoor activities during adulthood than those who were not exposed to the outdoors as children.
- The biggest motivator for outdoor participation was getting exercise.

Favorite activities and participation rates range with demographics. In 2017, the average participant had 15 years of experience enjoying outdoor recreation. The data shows, as would be expected, that the amount of experience increased as the participant aged. Those ages 45 and up averaged 25 years as outdoor participants.

Sports, Fitness & Leisure Activities Topline Participation Report

Prepared by a partnership of the Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) and the Physical Activity Council (PAC), this 2018 participation report establishes levels of activity and identifies key trends in sports, fitness, and recreation in the US. The largest focus of activities continues to be toward fitness sports. Winter sports gained the most of all categories, increasing 2% over the last year. The interest in activities has started moving toward outdoor recreation. The top aspirational activity for all age segments was outside, ranging from camping to biking to birdwatching.

Fitness sports/activities continues to have the highest participation rates; having 64% of the US population ages 6 and over engaging in activities like running/jogging, high intensity/impact training, row machines, and swimming. Outdoor activities remained second but was flat from 2016; seeing a increase in day hiking and backpacking, but lost participants in canoeing and adventure racing.

While age clearly affects how often someone participates, what they do can also be age dependent. Young kids, ages 6 to 17, who tend to be more active overall, focus on team sports and outdoor activities. While Boomers prefer fitness activities, especially low impact such as aquatic exercise, cycling, and walking. Millennials are more likely than the other generations to participate in water sports, such as stand up paddling, boardsailing, and surfing.

Inactivity rates remain higher than 10 years ago despite the promotion of the benefits of an active lifestyle. Over a quarter of the US population (ages 6 and over) did not participate in even the lowest caloric activity in 2017. Trends continue to show how income affects inactivity. Generally, the affluent are getting more active while the less affluent are becoming more inactive.

Despite aspirations to become more active, the biggest influence on engaging more participants is having a friend or family member to take part in the physical activity. First time participation depends on who you are doing it with more than if you have the time.

National Survey on Recreation and the Environment

The National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (NSRE) is a comprehensive survey that has been collecting data and producing reports about the recreation activities, environmental attitudes and natural resource values of Americans since the 1980s. The NSRE core focus is on outdoor activity participation and personal demographics. The most recent 2012 NSRE reports the total number of people participating in outdoor activities between 2000 and 2007 grew by 4.4% while the number of days of participation increased by approximately 25 percent. Walking for pleasure grew by 14% and continues to lead as the top favorite outdoor activity.

Nature-based activities, those associated with wildlife and natural settings, showed a discernible growth in the number of people (an increase in 3.1% participation rate) and the number of days of participation. American's participation in nature-based outdoor recreation is increasing with viewing, photographing, or otherwise observing nature clearly measured as the fastest growing type of nature-based recreation activity.

Americans Engagement with Parks Survey (from NRPA)

The vast offerings of the local park and recreation agency improve the lives of people throughout our nation. From the fact that Americans on average visit their local park and recreation facilities approximately 29 times a year to the majority of Americans identifying parks and recreation as an important service provided by their local government, the general public is an untapped advocate to spread the public park and recreation story.

This annual study probes Americans' usage of parks, the key reasons that drive their use and the greatest challenges preventing greater usage. Each year, the study probes the importance of public parks in Americans' lives, including how parks compare to other services and offerings of local governments. The survey of 1,000 American adults looks at frequency and drivers of parks/recreation facilities visits and the barriers to that prevent greater enjoyment. Survey respondents also indicate the importance of park and recreation plays in their decisions at the voting booth and their level of support for greater funding.

Key Findings:

- Americans on average visit their local park and recreation facilities approximately 29 times a year, with 3 in 5 saying their most recent visit was within the past month.
- Three in four Americans agree that the NRPA Three Pillars of Conservation, Health and Wellness, and Social Equity represent what they see as the priorities for their local park and recreation agency.
- Nine in 10 Americans agree that parks and recreation are important services delivered by their local government.
- Seven in 10 Americans say they are more likely to vote for local politicians who make park and recreation funding a priority.
- Three-quarters of Americans support increased local government spending for park and recreation agencies with solid support for a nearly 30 percent increase in funding for local park and recreation agencies.

Washington Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

The 2018-2022 Recreation and Conservation Plan for Washington State provides a strategic direction to help assure the effective and adequate provision of outdoor recreation and conservation to meet the needs of Washington State residents. The plan identified near and long-term priorities with specific actions within each priority to help meet the outdoor recreation and conservation needs within the state.

Five priority areas:

1. Sustain and Grow the Legacy of Parks, Trails, and Conservation Lands
2. Improve Equity of Parks, Trails, and Conservation Lands
3. Meet the Needs of Youth
4. Plan for Culturally Relevant Parks and Trails to Meet Changing Demographics
5. Assert Recreation and Conservation as a Vital Public Service

Sustain & Grow the Legacy

A wealth of existing recreation and conservation areas and facilities should be kept open, safe and enjoyable for all. Some modification to meet the interests of today's population may be needed at some facilities. Sustaining existing areas while expanding and building new facilities to keep up with a growing population is one of the five priority goals.

Improve Equity

The National Recreation and Park Association's position on social equity states:

"Our nation's public parks and recreation services should be equally accessible and available to all people regardless of income level, ethnicity, gender, ability, or age. Public parks, recreation services and recreation programs including the maintenance, safety, and accessibility of parks and facilities, should be provided on an equitable basis to all citizens of communities served by public agencies."

The Washington plan restates that equity goal for all its citizens. Improving equity is also a strategy for improving a community's health. Current statewide participation rates in outdoor activities were surveyed as part of the plan.

Figure D5. Participation Rates for Washington Residents in Outdoor Activities

Participation Rates for Top 12 Categories	
Activity	**%**
Walking	94%
Nature activities	89%
Leisure activities at parks	82%
Swimming	68%
Sightseeing activities	67%
Hiking	61%
Outdoor sports	48%
Water-based activities (freshwater)	46%
Camping	45%
Trending activities	33%
Snow and ice activities	30%
Bicycling	28%

Get Youth Outside

Washington State youth participate in outdoor activities to a greater extent than those found nationally. Park and recreation providers are urged to offer a variety of outdoor activities for youth and to support youth programs. Most youth are walking, playing at a park, trying new or trending activities, fishing in freshwater, exploring nature, and riding bikes. Other activities of interest to youth are activities in freshwater such as boating and paddling, fishing in saltwater, and target shooting, hiking, outdoor sports, and riding off-road vehicles.

Figure D6. Youth Participation Rates for Washington Residents in Outdoor Activities

Youth Participation Rates Activity	%
Walking	88%
Leisure in parks	78%
Trending activities	77%
Fishing in freshwater	77%
Nature-based activities	75%
Bicycling	74%
Freshwater-based activities*	66%
Target shooting	62%
Hiking	57%
Outdoor sports	57%
Off-road vehicle riding	57%
Fishing in saltwater	53%

Plan for Culturally Relevant parks and Trails to Meet Changing Demographics

Washington's population is expected to grow by 2 million people by 2040 leading to more congestion and competition for recreation resources. Between 2010-2040, the percent of people of color are expected to increase from 27 percent to 44 percent. With the cultural change in the population, preferred recreational activities also will change. By 2030, more than one of every five Washingtonians will be 65 years old or older. By 2040, there will be more seniors than youth. Park and recreation providers should be prepared to create new and diverse opportunities and accommodate the active senior population.

Assert Recreation and Conservation as a Vital Public Service

The 2018-2022 Washington SCORP recognizes that outdoor recreation contributes to a strong economy and is a public investment like other public services and infrastructure. The report cites the Outdoor Industry Association and other economic studies that reinforce the importance of park and recreation services locally, regionally and statewide.

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APPENDIX G
IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS & TACTICS

LOCAL FUNDING OPTIONS

The City of Bothell possesses a range of local funding tools that could be accessed for the benefit of growing, developing and maintaining its parks and recreation program. The sources listed below represent likely potential sources, but some also may be dedicated for numerous other local purposes which limit applicability and usage. Therefore, discussions with City leadership are critical to assess the political landscape to modify or expand the use of existing City revenue sources in favor of park and recreation programs.

Councilmanic Bonds

Councilmanic bonds may be sold by cities without public vote. The bonds, both principal and interest, are retired with payments from existing city revenue or new general tax revenue, such as additional sales tax or real estate excise tax. The state constitution has set a maximum debt limit for councilmanic bonds of 1½% of the value of taxable property in the city.

General Obligation Bond

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=84.52.056

For the purposes of funding capital projects, such as land acquisitions or facility construction, cities and counties have the authority to borrow money by selling bonds. Voter-approved general obligation bonds may be sold only after receiving a 60 percent majority vote at a general or special election. If approved, an excess property tax is levied each year for the life of the bond to pay both principal and interest. The state constitution (Article VIII, Section 6) limits total debt to 5% of the total assessed value of property in the jurisdiction.

Excess Levy – One Year Only

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=84.52.052

Cities and counties that are levying their statutory maximum rate can ask the voters, at any special election date, to raise their rate for one year (RCW 84.52.052). As this action increases revenue for one-year at a time it is wise to request this type of funding for one-time uses only.

Regular Property Tax - Lid Lift

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=84.55.050

Cities are authorized to impose ad valorem taxes upon real and personal property. A city's maximum levy rate for general purposes is $3.375 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. Limitations on annual increases in tax collections, coupled with changes in property value, causes levy rates to rise or fall; however, in no case

may they rise above statutory limits. Once the rate is established each year, it may not be raised without the approval of a majority of the voters. Receiving voter approval is known as a lid lift. A lid lift may be permanent, or may be for a specific purpose and time period.

A levy lid lift is an instrument for increasing property tax levies for operating and/or capital purposes. Taxing districts with a tax rate that is less than their statutory maximum rate may ask the voters to "lift" the levy lid by increasing the tax rate to some amount equal to or less than their statutory maximum rate. A simple majority vote of citizenry is required.

Cities and counties have two "lift" options available to them: Single-year/basic or Multi-year.

> Single-year: The single-year lift does not mean that the lift goes away after one year; it can be for any amount of time, including permanently, unless the proceeds will be used for debt service on bonds, in which case the maximum time period is nine years. Districts may permanently increase the levy but must use language in the ballot title expressly stating that future levies will increase as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW. After the initial "lift" in the first year, the district's levy in future years is subject to the 101 percent lid in chapter 84.55 RCW. This is the maximum amount it can increase without returning to the voters for another lid lift.
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> The election to implement a single-year lift may take place on any election date listed in RCW 29A.04.321.
>
> Multi-year: The multi-year lift allows the levy lid to be "bumped up" each year for up to a maximum of six years. At the end of the specified period, the levy in the final period may be designated as the basis for the calculation of all future levy increases (in other words, be made permanent) if expressly stated in the ballot title. The levy in future years would then be subject to the 101 percent lid in chapter 84.55 RCW.
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> In a multi-year lift, the lift for the first year must state the new tax rate for that year. For the ensuing years, the lift may be a dollar amount, a percentage increase tied to an index, or a percentage amount set by some other method. The amounts do not need to be the same for each year. If the amount of the increase for a particular year would require a tax rate that is above the maximum tax rate, the assessor will levy only the maximum amount allowed by law.
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> The election to implement a multi-year lift must be either the August primary or the November general election.

The single-year lift allows supplanting of expenditures within the lift period; the multi-year left does not, and the purpose for the lift must be specifically identified in the election materials. For both single- and multi-year lifts, when the lift expires the base for future levies will revert to what the dollar amount would have been if no lift had ever been done.

The total regular levy rate of senior taxing districts (counties and cities) and junior taxing districts (fire districts, library districts, etc.) may not exceed $5.90/$1,000 AV. If this limit is exceeded, levies are reduced or eliminated in the following order until the total tax rate is at $5.90.

1. Parks & Recreation Districts (up to $0.60)
   Parks & Recreation Service Areas (up to $0.60)
   Cultural Arts, Stadiums & Convention Districts (up to $0.25)
2. Flood Control Zone Districts (up to $0.50)
3. Hospital Districts (up to $0.25)
   Metropolitan Parks Districts (up to $0.25)
   All other districts not otherwise mentioned

4. Metropolitan Park Districts formed after January 1, 2002 or after (up to $0.50)
5. Fire Districts (up to $0.25)
6. Fire Districts (remaining $0.50)
   Regional Fire Protection Service Authorities (up to $0.50)
   Library Districts (up to $0.50)
   Hospital Districts (up to $0.50)
   Metropolitan Parks Districts formed before January 1, 2002 (up to $0.50)

Sales Tax

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=82.14

Paid by the consumer, sales tax is a percentage of the retail price paid for specific classifications of goods and services within the State of Washington.

Governing bodies of cities and counties may impose sales taxes within their boundaries at a rate set by state statute and local ordinances, subject to referendum.

Until the 1990 Legislative Session, the maximum possible total sales tax rate paid by purchasers in cities was 8.1 percent. This broke down as follows: state, 6.5 cents on the dollar; counties, 0.15 cents; cities, 0.85 cents; and transit districts, a maximum of 0.6 cents (raised to 0.9 cents in 2000). Since then multiple sales options were authorized. Those applicable to Parks and Recreation include: counties may ask voters to approve a sales tax of up to 0.3 percent, which is shared with cities. At least one-third of the revenue must be used for criminal justice purposes.

Counties and cities may also form public facilities districts, and these districts may ask the voters to approve a sales tax of up to 0.2 percent. The proceeds may be used for financing, designing, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, and reequipping its public facilities.

Revenue may be used to fund any essential county and municipal service.

If a jurisdiction is going to change a sales tax rate or levy a new sales tax, it must pass an ordinance to that effect and submit it to the Department of Revenue at least 75 days before the effective date. The effective date must be the first day of a quarter: January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1.

Business and Occupation Tax

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=35.102

Business and occupation (B&O) taxes are excise taxes levied on different classes of business to raise revenue. Taxes are levied as a percentage of the gross receipts of a business, less some deductions. Businesses are put in different classes such as manufacturing, wholesaling, retailing, and services. Within each class, the rate must be the same, but it may differ among classes.

Cities can impose this tax for the first time or raise rates following referendum procedure.

B&O taxes are limited to a maximum tax rate that can be imposed by a city's legislative body at 0.2 percent (0.002), but grandfathered in any higher rates that existed on January 1, 1982. Any city may levy a rate higher than 0.2 percent, if it is approved by a majority of voters (RCW 35.21.711). Beginning January 1, 2008, cities that levy the B&O tax must allow for allocation and apportionment, as set out in RCW 35.102.130.

Admissions Tax

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=35.21.280

An admissions tax is a use tax for entertainment. Both cities and counties may impose this tax through legislative action.

Cities and/or counties may levy an admission tax in an amount no greater than five percent of the admission charge, as is authorized by statute (cities: RCW 35.21.280; counties: RCW 35.57.100). This tax can be levied on admission charges (including season tickets) to places such as theaters, dance halls, circuses, clubs that have cover charges, observation towers, stadiums, and any other activity where an admission charge is made to enter the facility.

If a city imposes an admissions tax, the county may not levy a tax within city boundaries.

The statutes provide an exception for admission to elementary or secondary school activities. Generally, certain events sponsored by nonprofits are exempted from the tax; however, this is not a requirement. Counties also exempt any public facility of a public facility district for which admission is imposed. There are no statutory restrictions on the use of revenue.

Impact Fees

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=82.02.050

Development impact fees are charges placed on new development in unimproved areas to help pay for various public facilities that serve new development or for other impacts associated with such development.

Both cities and counties may impose this tax through legislative action.

Counties that plan under the GMA, and cities, may impose impact fees on residential and commercial development activity to help pay for certain public facility improvements, including parks, open space, and recreation facilities identified in the county's capital facilities plan. The improvements financed from impact fees must be reasonably related to the new development and must reasonably benefit the new development. The fees must be spent or encumbered within ten years of collection.

Real Estate Excise Tax

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=82.46.010

Excise tax levied on all sales of real estate, measured by the full selling price, including the amount of any liens, mortgages, and other debts given to secure the purchase. Both cities and counties may impose this tax through legislative action.

Counties and cities may levy a quarter percent tax (REET 1); a second quarter percent tax (REET 2) is authorized. First quarter percent REET (REET 1) must be spent on capital projects listed in the city's capital facilities plan element of their comprehensive plan. Capital projects include planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of parks, recreational facilities, and trails.

The second quarter percent REET (REET 2) must also be spent on capital projects, which includes planning, construction, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation, or improvement of parts. Acquisition of land for parks is not a permitted use of REET 2. Both REET 1 and REET 2 may be used to make loan and debt service payments on projects that are a permitted use of these funds. The City of Bothell currently assesses both REETs and uses this funding for a variety of capital project needs.

Lodging Tax

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?Cite=67.28.180

The lodging tax is a user fee for hotel/motel occupation. Both cities and counties may impose this tax through legislative action.

Cities and/or counties may impose a "basic" two percent tax under RCW 67.28.180 on all charges for furnishing lodging at hotels, motels and similar establishments for a continuous period of less than one month.

This tax is taken as a credit against the 6.5 percent state sales tax, so that the total tax that a patron pays in retail sales tax and hotel-motel tax combined is equal to the retail sales tax in the jurisdiction. In addition, jurisdictions may levy an additional tax of up to two percent, or a total rate of four percent, under RCW 67.28.181(1). This is not credited against the state sales tax. Therefore, if this tax is levied, the total tax on the lodging bill will increase by two percent.

If both a city and the county are levying this tax, the county must allow a credit for any tax levied by a city so that no two taxes are levied on the same taxable event. These revenues must be used solely for paying for tourism promotion and for the acquisition and/or operating of tourism-related facilities. "Tourism" is defined as economic activity resulting from tourists, which may include sales of overnight lodging, meals, tours, gifts, or souvenirs; there is no requirement that a tourist must stay overnight.

Real Estate Excise Tax - Local Conservation Areas (King County)

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=82.46.070

Boards of County Commissioners may impose, with majority voter approval, an excise tax on each sale of real property in the county at rate not to exceed 1% of the selling price for the purpose of acquiring and maintaining conservation areas. The authorizing legislation defines conservation areas as "land and water that has environmental, agricultural, aesthetic, cultural, scientific, historic, scenic, or low-intensity recreational value for existing and future generations..." These areas include "open spaces, wetlands, marshes, aquifer recharge areas, shoreline areas, natural areas, and other lands and waters that are important to preserve flora and fauna." King County does not currently assess a Conservation REET.

Conservation Futures Tax (King & Snohomish Counties)

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=84.34

The Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) is provided for in Chapter 84.34 of the Revised Code of Washington. Both King County and Snohomish County impose a Conservation Futures levy at a rate of $0.0625 per $1,000 assessed value for the purpose of acquiring open space lands, including green spaces, greenbelts, wildlife habitat and trail rights-of-way proposed for preservation for public use by either the county or the cities within the county. Funds are allocated annually, and cities within the county, citizen groups and citizens may apply for funds through the county's process. The CFT program for each county provides grants to cities to support open space priorities in local plans.

FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

http://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, also known as the Rivers & Trails Program or RTCA, is a technical assistance resource for communities administered by the National Park Service and federal government agencies so they can conserve rivers, preserve open space and develop trails and greenways. The RTCA program implements the natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation mission of NPS in communities across America.

Community Development Block Grants

These funds are intended to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons. Snohomish County, in partnership with 18 cities and towns within the county through an interlocal agreement, receives CDBG funds on an entitlement basis as an Urban County Consortium. The county administers this funding on behalf of the consortium through the Snohomish County Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD). CDBG funds can be used for a wide variety of projects, services, facilities and infrastructure.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program

http://www.fws.gov/policy/524fw1.html

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetland conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. Two competitive grants programs exist (Standard and a Small Grants Program) and require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. Funds from U.S. Federal sources may contribute toward a project, but are not eligible as match.

The Standard Grants Program supports projects in Canada, the United States, and Mexico that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats.

The Small Grants Program operates only in the United States; it supports the same type of projects and adheres to the same selection criteria and administrative guidelines as the U.S. Standard Grants Program. However, project activities are usually smaller in scope and involve fewer project dollars. Grant requests may not exceed $75,000, and funding priority is given to grantees or partners new to the Act's Grants Program.

Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Programs

www.rco.wa.gov

The Recreation and Conservation Office was created in 1964 as part of the Marine Recreation Land Act. The RCO grants money to state and local agencies, generally on a matching basis, to acquire, develop, and enhance wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation properties. Some money is also distributed for planning

grants. RCO grant programs utilize funds from various sources. Historically, these have included the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, state bonds, Initiative 215 monies (derived from unreclaimed marine fuel taxes), off-road vehicle funds, Youth Athletic Facilities Account and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)

This program, managed through the RCO, provides matching grants to state and local agencies to protect and enhance salmon habitat and to provide public access and recreation opportunities on aquatic lands. In 1998, DNR refocused the ALEA program to emphasize salmon habitat preservation and enhancement. However, the program is still open to traditional water access proposals. Any project must be located on navigable portions of waterways. ALEA funds are derived from the leasing of state-owned aquatic lands and from the sale of harvest rights for shellfish and other aquatic resources.

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)

The RCO is a state office that allocates funds to local and state agencies for the acquisition and development of wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation properties. Funding sources managed by the RCO include the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. The WWRP is divided into Habitat Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Accounts; these are further divided into several project categories. Cities, counties and other local sponsors may apply for funding in urban wildlife habitat, local parks, trails and water access categories. Funds for local agencies are awarded on a matching basis. Grant applications are evaluated once each year, and the State Legislature must authorize funding for the WWRP project lists.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides grants to buy land and develop public outdoor facilities, including parks, trails and wildlife lands. Grant recipients must provide at least 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Grant program revenue is from a portion of Federal revenue derived from sale or lease of off-shore oil and gas resources.

National Recreational Trails Program

The National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP) provides funds to maintain trails and facilities that provide a backcountry experience for a range of activities including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, motorcycling, and snowmobiling. Eligible projects include the maintenance and re-routing of recreational trails, development of trail-side and trail-head facilities, and operation of environmental education and trail safety programs. A local match of 20% is required. This program is funded through Federal gasoline taxes attributed to recreational non-highway uses.

Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program

The YAF provides grants to develop, equip, maintain, and improve youth and community athletic facilities. Cities, counties, and qualified non-profit organizations may apply for funding, and grant recipients must provide at least 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions.

Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund

Grants are awarded by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for acquisition or restoration of lands directly correlating to salmon habitat protection or recovery. Projects must demonstrate a direct benefit to fish habitat. There is no match requirement for design-only projects; acquisition and restoration projects require a 15% match. The funding source includes the sale of state general obligation bonds, the federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund and the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund.

STP/CMAQ Regional Competition - Puget Sound Regional Council

http://psrc.org/transportation/tip/selection/

Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds are considered the most "flexible" funding source provided through the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU). Many types of projects are eligible, including transit, carpool/vanpool, bicycle/pedestrian, safety, traffic monitoring/management, and planning projects, along with the more traditional road and bridge projects. The purpose of the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program is to fund transportation projects or programs that will contribute to attainment or maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone, carbon monoxide and particulate matter. The two goals of improving air quality and relieving congestion were strengthened under SAFETEA-LU by a new provision establishing priority consideration for cost-effective emission reduction and congestion mitigation activities when using CMAQ funding. The King County Growth Management Planning Council serves as the countywide board in the allocation of some federal transportation grant funds to projects within King County, through the Puget Sound Regional Council.

King County Grant Exchange

http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/pi/grants.htm

The Grant Exchange is a clearinghouse of grant and technical assistance programs offered by the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks with the goals of protecting and enhancing the environment, increasing community stewardship, and providing expertise and consultation to projects. Grants and technical support are an important way in which King County increases opportunities for community stewardship of natural resources. These funds are leveraged by developing and strengthening partnerships with community organizations and local governments. On average, every dollar invested through grants is matched by three dollars in cash and in-kind contributions.

Wild Places in City Spaces

http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/pi/grant-exchange/wildplaces.htm

Wild Places in City Spaces provides grants up to $10,000 to volunteer organizations, community groups and government agencies for projects reforesting urban areas and restoring habitat within the urban growth area of King County. Funds are available under the Urban Reforestation and Habitat Restoration Grants Program. Grants support projects to reforest urban areas, remove invasive non-native plant species or provide wildlife habitats.

Natural Resource Stewardship Network

http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/pi/grant-exchange/NRSN.htm

The Natural Resource Stewardship Network assists urban forestry and watershed stewardship projects and provides grants and technical assistance to projects that involve communities and youth in improving neighborhood green spaces and forests. Grants of up to $20,000 are available for projects within the urban growth area of King County that enhance, protect and manage urban forest, soil and water resources and will reimburse up to 50% of labor and materials costs. Inner-city and low income communities receive priority for support. Funds are provided by the King County Forestry Program and the King Conservation District.

WaterWorks Grants

http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/pi/grant-exchange/waterworks.htm

Individual grants up to $50,000 are available for community projects that protect or improve watersheds, streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands and tidewater. Projects must have a demonstrable positive impact on the waters of King County and provide opportunities for stewardship. A minimum of 10 percent cash match is required for awards more than $2,500.

King County Youth Sports Facilities Grant (YSFG)

The Youth Sports Facilities Grant Program is intended to facilitate new athletic opportunities for youth in King County by providing matching grant funds to rehabilitate or develop sports fields and facilities. The maximum award is $75,000 and projects should be located on public land or have public access for the proposed youth sports use.

King County Cultural Heritage Grants through 4Culture

https://www.4culture.org/grants-artist-calls/

As the cultural funding agency for King County, 4Culture offers grants and cultural support in four program areas – arts, heritage, historic preservation and public art. Funding is provided from lodging tax and 1% for Art funds. The City of Bothell should continue to support the Bothell Heritage Society and other community partners in cultural grant funding efforts.

OTHER METHODS & FUNDING SOURCES

Metropolitan Park District

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=35.61

Metropolitan park districts may be formed for the purposes of management, control, improvement, maintenance and acquisition of parks, parkways and boulevards. In addition to acquiring and managing their own lands, metropolitan districts may accept and manage park and recreation lands and equipment turned over by any city within the district or by the county. Formation of a metropolitan park district may be initiated in cities of five thousand population or more by city council ordinance, or by petition, and requires majority approval by voters for creation.

Park and Recreation District

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=36.69

Park and recreation districts may be formed for the purposes of providing leisure-time activities and recreation facilities (parks, playgrounds, pools, golf courses, paths, community centers, arboretums, campgrounds, boat launches, etc.) and must be initiated by petition of at least 15% percent of the registered voters within the proposed district. Upon completion of the petition process and review by county commissioners, a proposition for district formation and election of five district commissioners is submitted to the voters of the proposed district at the next general election. Once formed, park and recreation districts retain the authority to propose a regular property tax levy, annual excess property tax levies and general obligation bonds. All three of these funding types require 60% percent voter approval and 40% percent voter turnout. With voter approval, the district may levy a regular property tax not to exceed sixty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for up to six consecutive years.

Park and Recreation Service Area (PRSA)

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=36.68.400

Purpose to finance, acquire, construct, improve, maintain or operate any park, senior citizen activities center, zoo, aquarium and/or recreation facilities; and to provide higher level of park service. The City of Bothell along with other regional partners comprise the Northshore Parks and Recreation Service Area, which owns the Senior Center building.

Business Sponsorships/Donations

Business sponsorships for programs may be available throughout the year. In-kind contributions are often received, including food, door prizes and equipment/material.

Interagency Agreements

State law provides for interagency cooperative efforts between units of government. Joint acquisition, development and/or use of park and open space facilities may be provided between Parks, Public Works and utility providers.

Private Grants, Donations & Gifts

Many trusts and private foundations provide funding for park, recreation and open space projects. Grants from these sources are typically allocated through a competitive application process and vary dramatically in size based on the financial resources and funding criteria of the organization. Philanthropic giving is another source of project funding. Efforts in this area may involve cash gifts and include donations through other mechanisms such as wills or insurance policies. Community fundraising efforts can also support park, recreation or open space facilities and projects. The Community Foundation of Snohomish County also offers small grants ($500 - $5,000) to qualified non-profit organizations (501(c)(3)) or public agencies such as local government, schools, libraries or parks.

ACQUISITION TOOLS & METHODS

Direct Purchase Methods

Market Value Purchase

Through a written purchase and sale agreement, the city purchases land at the present market value based on an independent appraisal. Timing, payment of real estate taxes and other contingencies are negotiable.

Partial Value Purchase (or Bargain Sale)

In a bargain sale, the landowner agrees to sell for less than the property's fair market value. A landowner's decision to proceed with a bargain sale is unique and personal; landowners with a strong sense of civic pride, long community history or concerns about capital gains are possible candidates for this approach. In addition to cash proceeds upon closing, the landowner may be entitled to a charitable income tax deduction based on the difference between the land's fair market value and its sale price.

Life Estates & Bequests

In the event a landowner wishes to remain on the property for a long period of time or until death, several variations on a sale agreement exist. In a life estate agreement, the landowner may continue to live on the land by donating a remainder interest and retaining a "reserved life estate." Specifically, the landowner donates or sells the property to the city, but reserves the right for the seller or any other named person to continue to live on and use the property. When the owner or other specified person dies or releases his/her life interest, full title and control over the property will be transferred to the city. By donating a remainder interest, the landowner may be eligible for a tax deduction when the gift is made. In a bequest, the landowner designates in a will or trust document that the property is to be transferred to the city upon death. While a life estate offers the city some degree of title control during the life of the landowner, a bequest does not. Unless the intent to bequest is disclosed to and known by the city in advance, no guarantees exist with regard to the condition of the property upon transfer or to any liabilities that may exist.

Gift Deed

When a landowner wishes to bequeath their property to a public or private entity upon their death, they can record a gift deed with the county assessors office to insure their stated desire to transfer their property to the targeted beneficiary as part of their estate. The recording of the gift deed usually involves the tacit agreement of the receiving party.

Option to Purchase Agreement

This is a binding contract between a landowner and the city that would only apply according to the conditions of the option and limits the seller's power to revoke an offer. Once in place and signed, the Option Agreement may be triggered at a future, specified date or upon the completion of designated conditions. Option Agreements can be made for any time duration and can include all of the language pertinent to closing a property sale.

Right of First Refusal

In this agreement, the landowner grants the city the first chance to purchase the property once the landowner wishes to sell. The agreement does not establish the sale price for the property, and the landowner is free to refuse to sell it for the price offered by the city. This is the weakest form of agreement between an owner and a prospective buyer.

Conservation and/or Access Easements

Through a conservation easement, a landowner voluntarily agrees to sell or donate certain rights associated with his or her property (often the right to subdivide or develop), and a private organization or public agency agrees to hold the right to enforce the landowner's promise not to exercise those rights. In essence, the rights are forfeited and no longer exist. This is a legal agreement between the landowner and the city that permanently limits uses of the land in order to conserve a portion of the property for public use or protection. The landowner still owns the property, but the use of the land is restricted. Conservation easements may result in an income tax deduction and reduced property taxes and estate taxes. Typically, this approach is used to provide trail corridors where only a small portion of the land is needed or for the strategic protection of natural resources and habitat. Through a written purchase and sale agreement, the city purchases land at the present market value based on an independent appraisal. Timing, payment of real estate taxes and other contingencies are negotiable.

Park or Open Space Dedication Requirements

Local governments have the option to require developers to dedicate land for parks under the State Subdivision Law (Ch. 58.17 RCW) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) (Ch. 43.21C RCW). Under the subdivision law developers can be required to provide the parks/recreation improvements or pay a fee in lieu of the dedicated land and its improvements. Under the SEPA requirements, land dedication may occur as part of mitigation for a proposed development's impact.

Landowner Incentive Measures

Density Bonuses

Density bonuses are a planning tool used to encourage a variety of public land use objectives, usually in urban areas. They offer the incentive of being able to develop at densities beyond current regulations in one area, in return for concessions in another. Density bonuses are applied to a single parcel or development. An example is allowing developers of multi-family units to build at higher densities if they provide a certain number of low-income units or public open space. For density bonuses to work, market forces must support densities at a higher level than current regulations.

Transfer of Development Rights

The transfer of development rights (TDR) is an incentive-based planning tool that allows land owners to trade the right to develop property to its fullest extent in one area for the right to develop beyond existing regulations in another area. Local governments may establish the specific areas in which development may be limited or restricted and the areas in which development beyond regulation may be allowed. Usually, but not always, the "sending" and "receiving" property are under common ownership. Some programs allow for different ownership, which, in effect, establishes a market for development rights to be bought and sold.

IRC 1031 Exchange

If the landowner owns business or investment property, an IRC Section 1031 Exchange can facilitate the exchange of like-kind property solely for business or investment purposes. No capital gain or loss is recognized under Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 (see www.irc.gov for more details). This option may be a useful tool in negotiations with an owner of investment property, especially if the tax savings offset to the owner can translate to a sale price discount for the City.

Current (Open Space) Use Taxation Programs

Property owners whose current lands are in open space, agricultural, and/or timber uses may have that land valued at their current use rather than their "highest and best" use assessment. This differential assessed value, allowed under the Washington Open Space Taxation Act (Ch.84.34 RCW) helps to preserve private properties as open space, farm or timber lands. If land is converted to other non-open space uses, the land owner is required to pay the difference between the current use annual taxes and highest/best taxes for the previous seven years. When properties are sold to a local government or conservation organization for land conservation/preservation purposes, the required payment of seven years worth of differential tax rates is waived. The amount of this tax liability can be part of the negotiated land acquisition from private to public or quasi-public conservation purposes. Snohomish County has four current use taxation programs that offer this property tax reduction as an incentive to landowners to voluntarily preserve open space, farmland or timber land on their property.

OTHER LAND PROTECTION OPTIONS

Land Trusts & Conservancies

Land trusts are private non-profit organizations that acquire and protect special open spaces and are traditionally not associated with any government agency. Forterra (formerly called the Cascade Land Conservancy) is the regional land trust serving the Bothell area, and their efforts have led to the conservation of more than 234,000 acres of forests, farms, shorelines, parks and natural areas in the region (www.forterra.org). Other national organizations with local representation include the Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land and the Wetlands Conservancy.

Regulatory Measures

A variety of regulatory measures are available to local agencies and jurisdictions. Available programs and regulations include: Critical Areas Ordinance, Bothell; State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA); Shorelines Management Program; and Hydraulic Code, Washington State Department of Fisheries and Department of Wildlife.

Public/Private Utility Corridors

Utility corridors can be managed to maximize protection or enhancement of open space lands. Utilities maintain corridors for provision of services such as electricity, gas, oil, and rail travel. Some utility companies have cooperated with local governments for development of public programs such as parks and trails within utility corridors.

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APPENDIX H
OTHER COMMUNITY PLANS

To supplement community outreach, a number of community plans were reviewed for past policy direction and goals as they pertain to the provision and planning for parks, trails and recreation opportunities for Bothell. The development of each involved public input and final adoption by their respective responsible legislative body.

City of Bothell Comprehensive Plan 2015

In its comprehensive plan, the City acknowledges that the value of built public infrastructure is a means for enhancing the quality of life and enriching the human spirit, rather than an end unto itself. The Imagine Bothell… Comprehensive Plan provides a vision for how the City will grow and develop over the next 20 years. The Plan guides decision making to ensure that future goals can be met in a sustainable manner. The 2015 Bothell Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the Washington Growth Management Act (GMA) and its Land Use Element designates a Bothell Planning Area that includes portion of unincorporated King and Snohomish Counties. Vision 2040 policies are addressed throughout all elements of the Plan. The Plan includes a Natural Environment Element with the intent to expand the community's commitment to stewardship of natural resources and to provide a policy basis for City decisions which affect the natural environment. As a follow up to their 2013 Shoreline Master Plan, the City included a Shoreline Master Program Element in the Plan to further protect and steward the riparian corridors of the Sammamish River, North Creek and Swamp Creek that flow within the City. Shoreline master programs seek to protect the river's ecological functions while providing for public access to shorelines and enabling recreational opportunities associated with waterways.

The Imagine Bothell… Comprehensive Plan updates its Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element by adopting the Bothell Parks, Recreation and Open Space Action Plan (PROSAP). The City's overall objective is to develop and maintain a well-designed system of parks, recreation and open space facilities and programs that encourages optimum use of recreation resources available to Bothell residents and improves their quality of life. The PROSAP vision provides a variety of parks and recreation opportunities throughout Bothell that reflects the character and core values of the community. The PROSAP goals and policies provide a direction that is consistent with other growth management elements that guide Bothell's future. Actions cited in the Plan provide specific direction for parks and recreation towards improving service provision, updating fees & charges, filling gaps in park distribution, creating park master plans, coordinating with the School District, acquiring and developing new facilities, providing trails and walking routes, continuing to enhance recreation programming, and providing superior park operations and facility maintenance. In addition to the acquisition of land for neighborhood parks, the Plan identified 12 priority projects including an aquatic/community center, parks, sports fields and open spaces to provide for the future of Bothell's park and recreation system.

Parks, Recreation & Open Space Action Program 2014

The Bothell Parks, Recreation & Open Space Action Program (PROSAP) was updated in 2014 from its first 2008 plan. The 2014 PROSAP identified a need to acquire 40.11 additional acres of parkland within the city limits and 46.17 acres within the municipal urban growth area (MUGA) by 2025. The Plan also identified the need to provide for additional indoor recreation opportunities by supporting the Northshore Parks and Recreation Service Area in locating and developing a regional aquatic center as well as acquiring land and developing a community center for Bothell's residents. The PROSAP reinforced the goals, policies and actions that were developed in the 2004 Imagine Bothell…Comprehensive Plan. The 2015 city comprehensive plan update adopted the goals and policies of the 2014 PROSAP. The PROSAP proposed specific improvements to parks, athletic fields, regional facilities, trails, open space, recreation programming and operations and maintenance. The 2014 PROSAP included a proposed 2013-2019 capital facilities plan that included investments in existing and undeveloped parks and creation of new infrastructure through both parks and open space acquisition.

Bothell Shoreline Master Program Update 2012

Bothell's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) encompasses the Sammamish River, North Creek, and Swamp Creek; land within 200 feet of the ordinary high water mark of these waterways; and their floodways, 100-year floodplains and associated wetlands. The 2012 SMP update holds jurisdiction over 782.8 acres within the city limits and Bothell Planning Area. The SMP is consistent with Bothell's comprehensive plan and the state Shoreline Management Act. The SMP is provisioned to support comprehensive public access, physical and visual, to Bothell's shorelines and to protect the ecological function of the riparian areas and aquatic environments. The SMP encourages continued acquisition of land for the public along the Sammamish River and the use of footbridges to connect opposite banks of the Sammamish River, North Creek and Swamp Creek where compatible uses would benefit from the connection. Recreational opportunities that do not compromise the shoreline's ecological functions are also encouraged in the SMP. The SMP promotes the planting and establishment of more native plant species to benefit terrestrial and aquatic habitats.

The City of Bothell 2017-2023 Capital Facilities Plan

The City's 2017-2023 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) cited six park capital projects to be funded and implemented over the six-year CFP term. Those projects include the Cedar Grove Park field improvements, the Madrazo Memorial Park development, Horse Creek Plaza development, Park at Bothell Landing bridge replacement, park acquisition in north Bothell and the acquisition of the Wayne Golf Course. The total costs for the six projects is estimated at $11,760,000. Extensions of the North Creek Trail (section 3 & 4) are listed under Transportation capital projects, estimated at $3,921,000.

City of Bothell 2019-2020 Biennial Budget

One of the ten goals adopted by the City Council for this biennial budget was Parks/Recreation/Open Space Partnerships. In the approved City capital facilities plan, park projects included the pedestrian bridge replacement at Park at Bothell Landing, the Cedar Grove Park field improvements and construction/improvements to sections of North Creek Trail. The Parks and Recreation Department listed its proposed outcomes and activities to include seeking out land acquisition and grant opportunities, constructing the 1st Lieutenant Nicolas Madrazo Park, updating the PROSAP plan, constructing the Horse Creek Plaza in downtown and completing the replacement of the pedestrian bridge at Park at Bothell Landing.

City of Bothell 2017-2018 Biennial Budget

The City's budget priorities for parks and recreation for the past biennial budget were identified as completing the Wayne Golf Course purchase and planning, Parks & Recreation Open Space Partnerships, and securing north Bothell park land, open space and various other park properties along with ongoing maintenance and operating costs and future park mater planning and construction expenses.

City of Bothell Citizen Survey 2015

In 2015, the City conducted a citizen survey to measure satisfaction with city services, priorities for spending public dollars and to understand citizen information needs. Most survey respondents described the City of Bothell as an excellent or good place to live. The majority of respondents (86%) ranked the appearance of parks and trails was good to excellent. The survey indicated that 72% of respondents were positive about the City providing parks to serve all parts of the City. Acquiring and developing park land and providing a range of quality recreation programs for youth and adults were ranked among the lower priorities (compared to fire, police, emergency and transportation services) for how the City should spend tax dollars. Respondents generally felt less safe in 2015 than in 2008 in their neighborhood, a city park, or in business areas both during the day and after dark.

Canyon Park Vision Report

The Canyon Park area was developed in the late 1980s and early 1990s and has recently undergone an updated planning process with its designation as a Regional Growth Center (RGC). The RGC designation can help the City get federal and state funds to help pay for local road improvements as the planning area may grow from its current 1,400 people to 4,454 people and employment may increase from 10,000 employees to an additional 753 jobs. The Canyon Park RGC is a neighborhood in the Snohomish County portion of Bothell that serves as a major employment and commercial hub for the City of Bothell and the surrounding region. The Canyon Park RGC is comprised of a diverse mix of office, light industrial, R&D, retail and other commercial/residential uses in a 735-acre area.

One of the most predominant and important features of Canyon Park is its abundance of open space and critical areas. The area defined by wetlands and creeks and features a natural divide in topography along its eastern border. Wetlands are a predominant feature of the Canyon Park RGC and are preserved throughout the area in protective tracts or are owned by the City of Bothell. The environmental features of Canyon Park represent both opportunity in the form of public open space and constraints in terms of limiting the amount of developable land for future growth. North Creek provides a natural corridor within Canyon Park that connects to the regional watershed.

The North Creek Trail runs north to south through the center of the Canyon Park area. The extension of North Creek Trail (Section 3) is noted as a planned transportation improvement that will complete non-motorized access to the business park. This trail extension would parallel SR 527 from 214 St SE to SR 524. The Vision Report planned transportation improvements also noted the need to complete the missing link of the North Creek Trail (Section 4) along SR 524 between the current trail and Filbert Road. Two other transportation related opportunities cited, one: a potential Canyon Park Loop bicycle route including improved wayfinding signage to destinations and trail crossings and two: improved pedestrian/bicycle access to the subarea by using a new street design standard in addition to the formalization of existing informal pedestrian "goat" paths to the east side neighborhoods.

The Canyon Park Vision for Parks and Public Space holds the objective of implementing new public park space with recreational uses and with investments in signature public spaces. Existing wetland areas are targeted for improvements that support passive recreation opportunities, as pedestrian amenities. Green spaces and natural features are recognized as an important visual amenity for the future of Canyon Park.

Snohomish County Park and Recreation Plans

Snohomish County adopted a new Park and Recreation Element (PRE) in June, 2015 as part of the County's comprehensive plan to provide a long-term strategy for providing park facilities through 2035. The County also created a separate Park and Recreation Visioning Plan (PRVP) and Park Inventory Report (PIR) to specifically address the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant eligibility requirements and document Parks' inventory. Both the visioning plan and the park and recreation element are used to create the capital park improvement plan for the county. The PRE indicated that Snohomish County is seeking to address recreation needs through partnerships with other recreation providers when/where appropriate. In the southwest county recreation area (synonymous with the Southwest County Urban Growth Area that includes Everett, Mukilteo, Mill Creek, Lynnwood, Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace, Brier and Woodway and areas of unincorporated UGA), the county owns 34 park properties, including open space tracts within the city of Bothell. The county park plans assert that the Southwest County Recreation Area will require coordination with all recreation providers to create an integrated system of parks which offers recreation opportunities greater than that provided by any one single provider.

Northshore Aquatics Needs Analysis & Location Study 2008

The Cities of Kenmore, Bothell and Woodinville commissioned a study in the Northshore Parks and Recreation Service Area (NPRSA) to evaluate aquatics needs that covered current aquatic resources and projected future needs. The planning team built on the general concept from a 2003 study to develop public consensus for a preferred site and specific facility concept. The recommendations included developing a 55,000 square foot multi-function regional aquatic center, centrally located in the NPRSA, within Bothell's downtown revitalization area. The study recommended next steps to include identifying and securing a specific site near the current pool site, building awareness and a detailed proposal and planning for a ballot vote to support project funding.

Anderson School Public Benefits Agreement 2012

As part of the purchase and sale between the City and Anderson School Properties, LLC and McMenamins Brew Pubs, Inc., an agreement was negotiated to ensure that the site development would contribute to the economic, cultural and recreational revitalization of the City and its downtown. The redevelopment of the school property included the redevelopment of the Pool and Pool Building to be used by the public and in connection with the hotel facility. The provision of certain public benefits were part of the consideration for the purchase of the property. The agreement also ensures that a community meeting room is available without charge to the City or the public. The pool and pool building is to be open to the public for at least 98 hours per week for use by Bothell residents without admission charges. The agreement also provided for the easements necessary to redevelop the Horse Creek drainage system.

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