

Comprehensive Plan Update – Parks Element

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Parks Element

- **Update Objectives:**
 - **Integrate applicable policies from the Parks Plan and the Trails Plan**
 - **Ensure consistency with state, regional, and county planning efforts**
 - **Update the element to streamline the policies to provide clear direction**
 - **Amend the element title to be consistent with terminology of the Park Plan.**

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- **Requirements per RCW:**
 - **Estimate of park and recreation demand for 10 years**
 - **Evaluation of facilities and service needs**
 - **Evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting demand**
- **Parks, Recreation, and Natural Areas Plan has evaluated all required elements pursuant to RCW**

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- **Trail policies span across both the Parks Element and the Transportation Element**
- **RCW's do not require trails to be included in the Parks Element**
 - **Trails were identified by the community as an important park feature throughout both the Trails Plan and the Parks Plan**
 - **Policies included in the Parks Element should focus on separated trails, soft surface trails, and connections to parks, recreation facilities and natural areas**
- **Both the adopted Parks, Recreation, and Natural Areas Plan and the Trails and Bicycle Master Plan incorporate these identified policies**



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Proposed Goals:

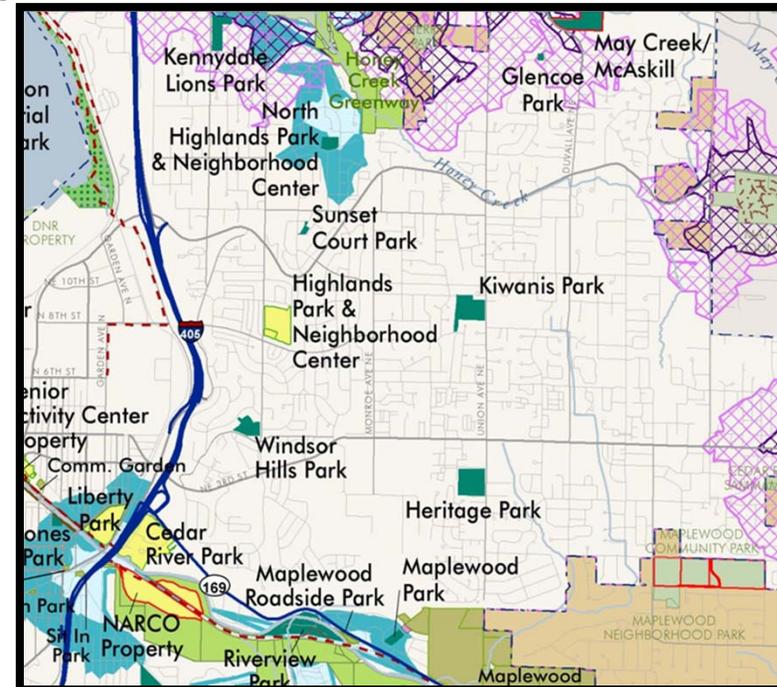
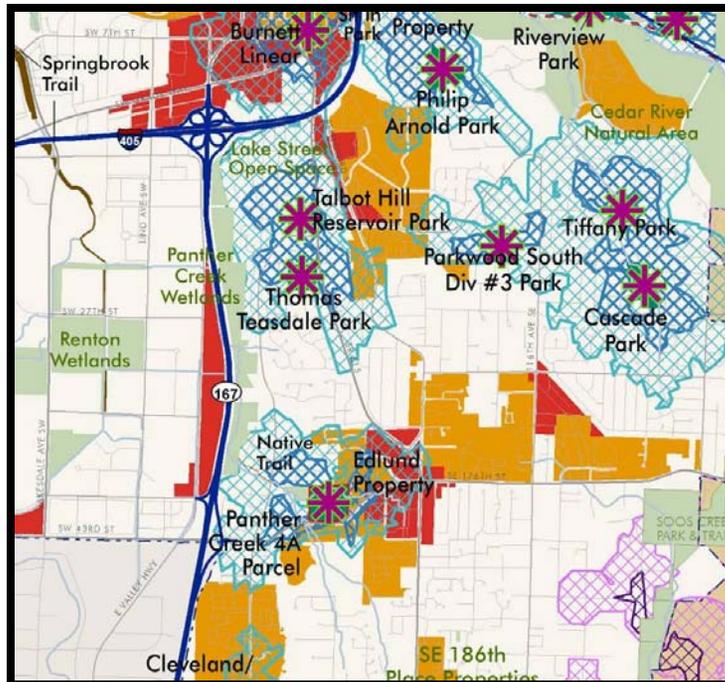
- **Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resource Areas provide the opportunity for the community to connect to, participate in, support and encourage a healthy environment and active lifestyle.**
- **Support a city where residents and visitors can recreate and exercise contributing to a healthy lifestyle and where using an integrated trails/road network, becomes a realistic transportation alternative.**



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Proposed Policies:

- **Policy P-1: Expand parks and recreational opportunities in new and existing locations with an identified need, in order to fill gaps in service and keep pace with future growth.**



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Proposed Policies:

- **Policy P-3: Cultivate strong, positive partnerships at the local and regional level with public, private and non-profit organizations in order to unite community efforts to develop and sustain the park system.**



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Proposed Policies:

- **Policy P-4: Create a distinct identity that celebrates the natural, historic and diverse character of the community through park and facility design, recreation programming, interpretation and education.**



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Proposed Policies:

- **Policy P-5: Ensure long-term economic and environmental sustainability in system planning, design, operation, maintenance and decision making.**



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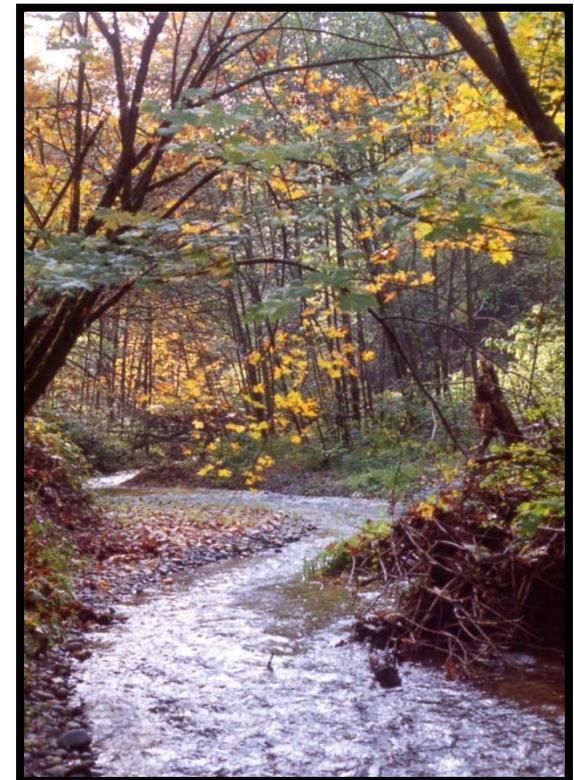
- **Policy P-6: Promote healthy and active lifestyles and build community through programs that are inclusive, fun and accessible for a diverse population.**



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Proposed Policies:

- **Policy P-7: Protect, conserve and enhance the area's diverse natural resources for the long-term health of ecosystems, and for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.**



Next Steps

- **Discuss tonight the proposed list of goals and policies for the Parks and Recreation Element**
- **Public Workshop scheduled for June 25th**
- **Report back on Public Workshop in July, with chance for Planning Commission input**
- **Meet with Parks Commission for additional feedback**
- **Public hearing tentatively scheduled for October**