

# PARKS LOVE

Lynnwood Parks play a vital role in the social, economic, environmental and physical well-being of all members of the Lynnwood community. COVID-19 has highlighted what has been true for many years: parks and recreation is vital to ensuring that all people — no matter their race, ethnicity, income, age, location, or gender identity — *thrive*.

## HEALTH

Parks and open spaces encourage active lifestyle and improve individuals physical and mental health

## ECONOMY

Local park and recreation agencies generate billions in economic activity and support millions of jobs each year.

## ENVIRONMENT

Parks and green spaces make cities more resilient by reducing the cost of capturing and storing rainwater, alleviating the urban heat island effect and lowering temperatures, and reducing urban flooding.

## CONNECTION

Parks produce important social and community benefits, from making neighborhoods more livable to offering much-needed recreational opportunities for children and families.

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The Resilient Park Access grant is dedicated to advancing community-driven, systems-level strategies for equitable park access that improves the environmental resilience and health of communities.

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- 1 CO-DESIGN:** Building relationships based on trust, respect, openness and transparency.
  - 2 PLAN:** Comprehensive list of system improvements to improve equitable access.
  - 3 PRIORITIZE:** Index, evaluate and prioritize a capital project list for: Health, Equity, Resiliency and Accessibility.
  - 4 FINANCE:** Select the top-rated capital projects to develop a 10-year improvement plan and determine finance options to fund it.
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The ParksLove Project will examine park equity to guide park priorities and investments in ways that engage and benefit all. We will be asking the questions: Do all people and communities benefit equally from parks? Does everyone have **access** to high **quality** parks with park **amenities** that serve their needs and interests? Are our parks **inclusive** for all ages and abilities and if not, where are those gaps? Do our parks support a system of **environmental resiliency**?