

# Welcome to

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Co-Design Team Meeting #1  
4\_26\_2022

# Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this area, the Snohomish people, and their successors, the Tulalip Tribes. Since time immemorial, they have hunted, fished, gathered, and taken care of these lands. We respect their sovereignty, their right to self-determination, and honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water. We will strive to be honest about our past mistakes and bring about a future that includes their people, stories, and voices to form a more just and equitable society.

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# Meeting Agenda

**6:00: Welcome + Land acknowledgment – All**

**6:20: Warm up exercise – All**

**6:30: Parks Planning 101 – Sarah**

**6:40: Setting our Goal: Community at the Center – Marcela**

**6:45: Discuss Accessibility and Inclusion - All**

**7:50: Next steps & Q&A (10 minutes) - Marcela**

**8:00: Adjourn – All**

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# Housekeeping

- ❑ Zoom Titles: Name & Pronouns
- ❑ Questions : Ask any time
- ❑ Survey Monkey
- ❑ Communications Cadence
- ❑ Contact:
  - ❑ [outreach@thevidaagency.com](mailto:outreach@thevidaagency.com)
- ❑ Miro:
  - ❑ <https://tinyurl.com/ParksLoveMiro>

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# Miro Warmup: Add your pronouns to your name!

Satwinder Lamba  
Selamawit Habte  
Mitsu Clark  
Matt Epps

Brian McGraw he/him  
Doris Wang she/her  
Doug Sheldon he/him  
Ashley Morris (she/her)  
Jennifer Sorensen She/her  
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby  
Lisa Weber she/her  
Sun Lee he/him

Nick (he/him)  
Pa Ousman Joof he/him  
Rebecca Samy (she/her)  
Marianne Johnson She/Her  
Shanon Tysland he/him  
Stewart Sinning he, him, his  
Jason Rusk (he/him)

So glad you're all here!  
~Sarah (she/her)

Marcela ella/she/her

Marielle Harrington she/her

Hello everyone!  
Thanks for being here.  
-Andrew (He/him) Mithun

Morica Thompson (she/her) Its almost May!!!

Ziqi Wang she/her

Hi! Christian Runge (he/him) Mithun-Project Manager

Deb Guenther (she/her) Mithun Project Director

Hailey Fagerness (she/her)

Lynn Sordel he/him

Eric Peterson (he/him)

# Parks Planning 101

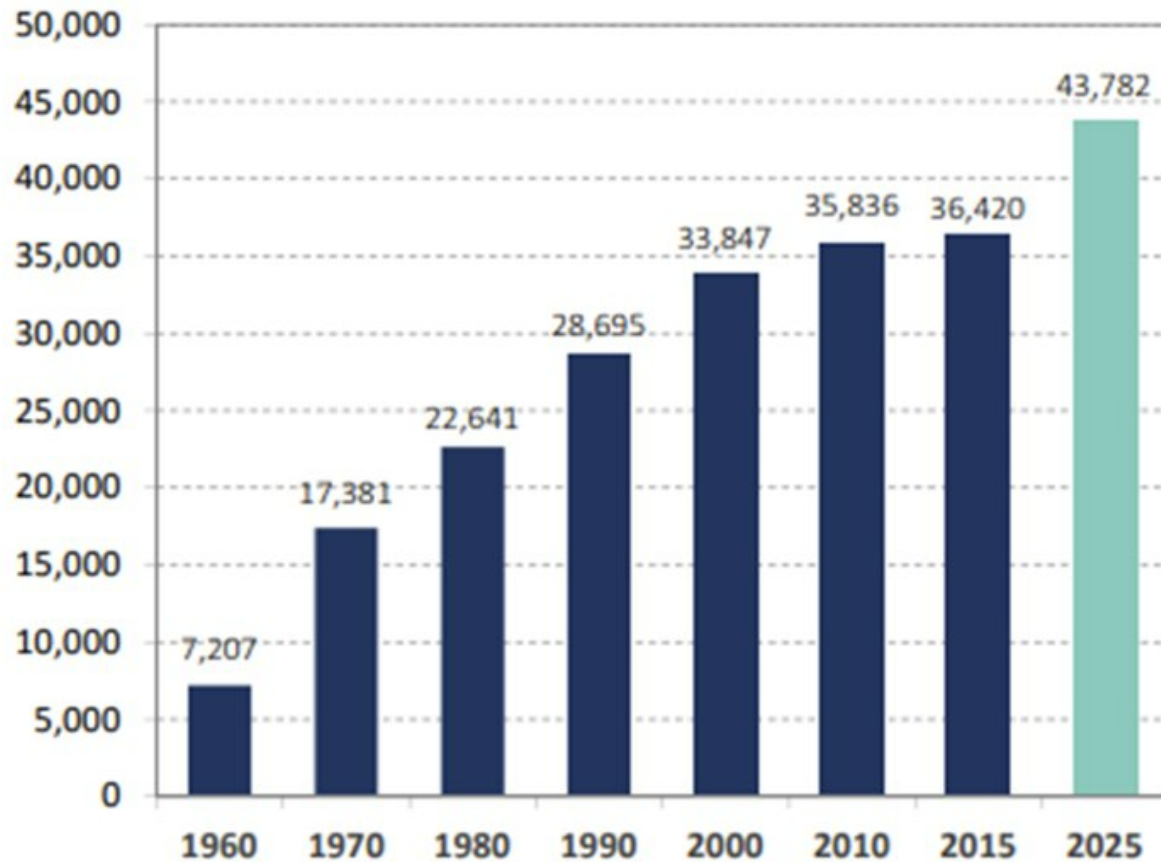
- ❑ Historical Planning
- ❑ System Overview
- ❑ Current Level-Of-Service Approach
  - ❑ Condition
  - ❑ Distribution
  - ❑ Experience
  - ❑ Demand



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# Park Development History

Figure 1. Population Change - Actual and Projected: 1960 - 2025



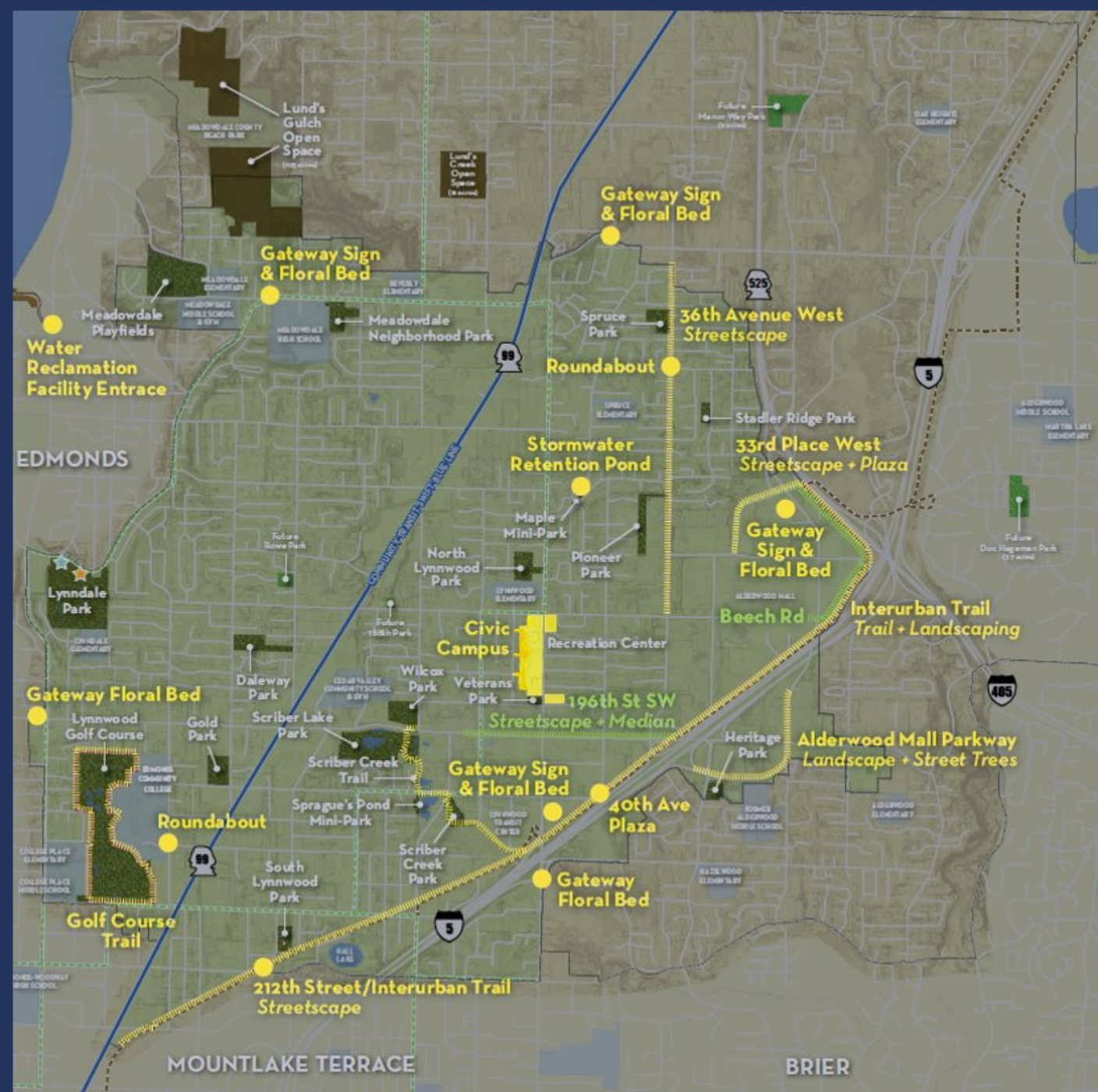
Year	Park & Recreation Facility Openings
2028	Town Square Park (anticipated)
2026	Rowe Park (anticipated)
2013	Stadler Ridge Park
2004	Heritage Park
2003	Gold Park
2002	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park
1999	<u>Lynndale Skate Park</u>
1996	Lynnwood Senior Center
1996	Scriber Creek Open Space
1996	Lund's Gulch Open Space (initial purchase)
1995	Mesika Trail
1995	Spruce Park
1994	Interurban Trail
1991	Lynnwood Golf Course
1989	Maple Mini Park
1988	Scriber Creek Trail
1987	Civic Center Park (become Veterans Park, 2003)
1986	Pioneer Park
1985	Meadowdale Playfields
1982	Scriber Lake Park
1981	Lynnwood Athletic Complex*
1978	South Lynnwood Park
1977	Recreation Center (modernized 2011)
1976	Sprague's Pond Mini Park
1970	North Lynnwood Park
1970	<u>Daleway Park</u>
1969	<u>Lynndale Park</u>
1962	Wilcox Park

# Parks, Trails & Open Space

- 418** Acres of Parkland
- 17** Developed Parks
- 4** Future Park Sites
- 5** Open Space / Conservation Sites
- 3** Corridor & Connecting Trails
- 16** Non-Park Management Sites & Corridors

## Non-Park Sites

- Gateways
- Floral Beds
- Roundabouts
- Boulevard Streetscapes





# Level of Service

## CONDITION

Take care of what we have

## EXPERIENCE

Provide amenities and universal access for all ages and abilities

## DISTRIBUTION

Create geographic equity  
Create connections

## DEMAND

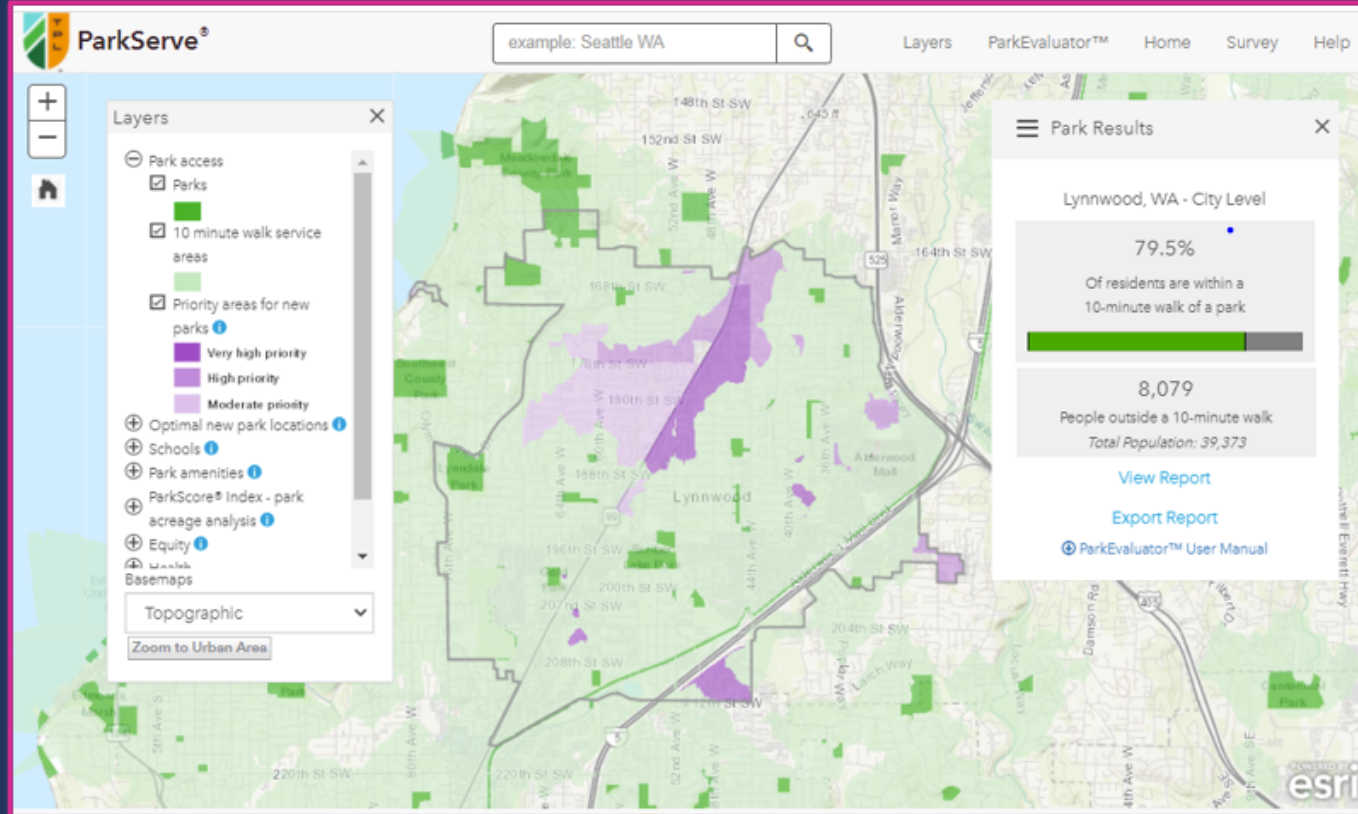
Plan for future growth

Provide access to parkland to a service standard of 3.5 acres per 1,000 persons

# Condition



# Distribution

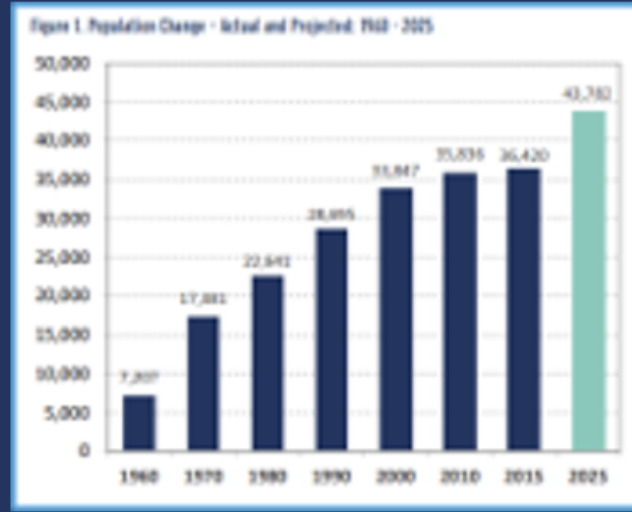
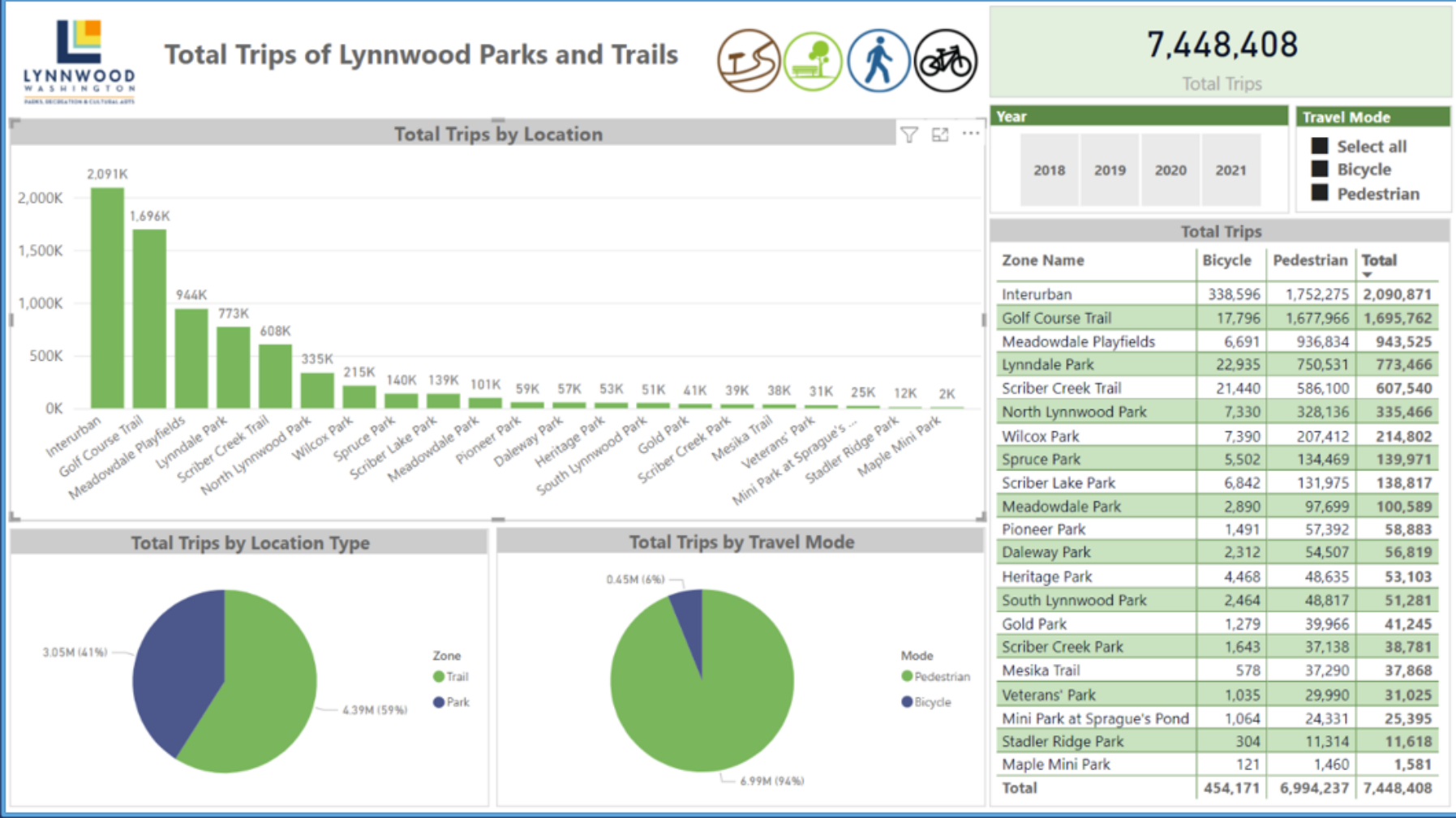


# Experience



# Demand

park user data- deep dive next time



2021 is partial year data

origin destination analysis: where are park visits coming from (this collects visitor usage from outside of Lynnwood)

98087 is unincorporated is it counted?

City Center Plan: includes implementig 4 parks

There is no Hw 99 plan for parks but will still consider gap areas

South Lynnwood park has been closed- was that taken into account in this chart

# Lynnwood Parks Base Map

## Legend

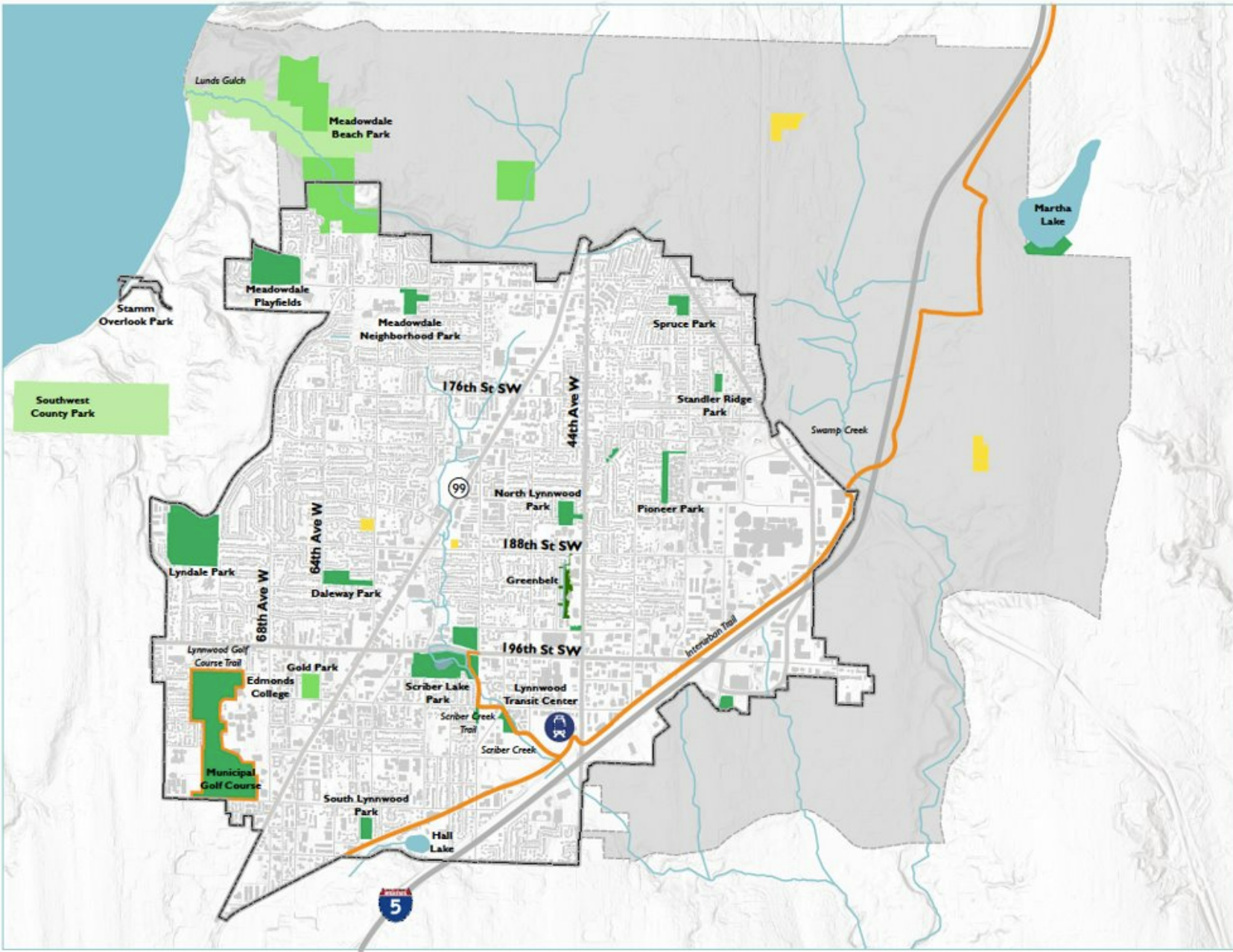
- Existing Park
- Open Space
- County Park
- Future Park
- Waterbody
- Stream
- Principal Arterial
- Road
- Interstate 5
- Future Link Light Rail station

## Trail category or status

- Trail
- Municipal Urban Growth Boundary
- City Limits
- Building



10 min walk (1/2 mile)



# Community at the Center



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# What do we mean by Accessibility and Inclusion?



Ensuring that all people – no matter their race, ethnicity, income, age, location, gender identity, or health challenges thrive in parks.



## Breakout Room Activity:

What do accessibility  
and inclusion mean  
for you?

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# Breakout Group #1

- Lynn Sordel
- Doug Sheldon
- Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
- Marianne Johnson
- Nick Coelho
- Satwinder Lamba
- Stewart Sinning

## Project team:

- Marcela
- Andrew
- Eric

For some people green spaces is welcoming, but for physically disabled places are there enough hardscaped areas/dry areas/shelter from weather?

for the visually impaired: good access to smell the flowers

We can improve accessibility for disabled populations (physical and mentally)

Is there an image of safety?  
-visibility (opening up a canopy)

safety/cleanliness /welcoming for children

room to improve safety by removing debris like needles

Is there a perception of safety? " Image of safety" --Opening view sheds that are blocked by overgrown foliage.  
Cleaning up needles/glass

assurance that there will be faster police response

Inclusivity is an abstract term that can mean different things to everyone based on how they enjoy the park and what they need to access it

Having tools in place for everyone so that everyone can enjoy and access them-

Restrooms, pathways, improvements/ cleaning

we can improve in restrooms and smoother pathways for seniors on walkers

programs that call to other cultural practices and social constructs

Welcoming to diverse groups with culturally specific programs. Have to think outside the box.

For our volunteer events we include a land acknowledgement and look for ways to include Native American

Wayfinding- species, what's in the park in several languages

Making facility and shelter spaces that require renting in multiple languages/ wayfinding

Language barriers and technology can be difficult for people with english as a second language.

Language and technology accessibility needs to be improved to address gaps across cultures

# Breakout Group #2

- Brian McGraw
- Jason Rusk
- Lisa Weber
- Matt Epps
- Pa Ousman Joof
- Selam Habte
- Sun Lee

Ensuring that all people no matter their race, ethnicity, income, age, location, gender identity, and health challenges thrive in parks.

Discussion Q:  
What do accessibility and inclusion mean to you?

narrative and beautiful signs would help bring more kids

More interpretive signs

how easy to locate the park - feasibility & signage

signs in different languages

tech services are needed to support new generations

Google maps to locate the parking space, not the center of the park

concerns - discomfort in Scriber Lake Park because of existing users and enclosed features

Love Scriber Lake for unique birding

safe (from traffic) paths / walking networks connecting parks and neighborhoods

safety measures - everyone can feel safe to go to parks

address seasonal flooding

Reflect differences in a neutral way

feel welcome, comfortable,

land acknowledgement

"health challenges" paired together

Health challenges - to replace it with a better term

Health, states of health, health status, health condition, or just...health

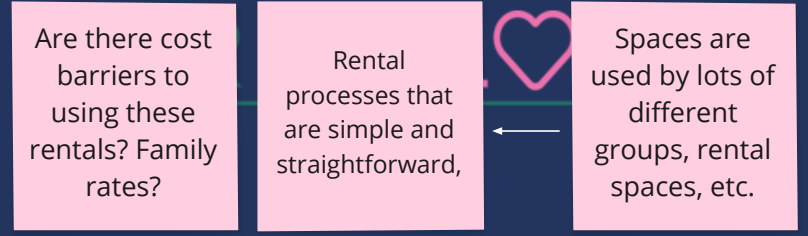
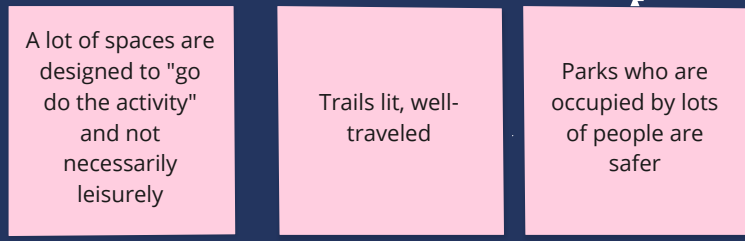
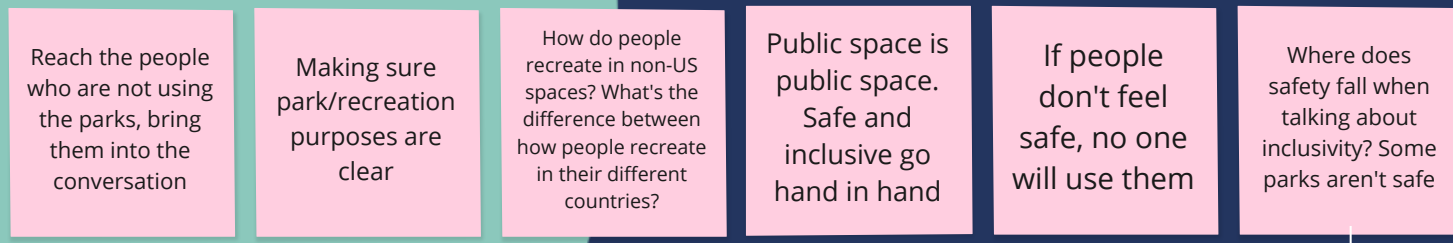
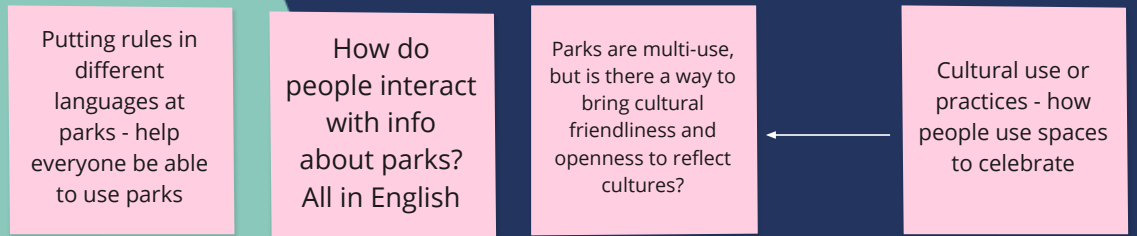
need to address physical and mental health

## Project team:

- Ziqi
- Sarah
- Misty

# Breakout Group #3

- Doris Wang
- Jennifer Sorensen
- Ashley Morris
- Mitsu Clark
- Rebecca Samy
- Shanon Tysland



## Project team:

- Hailey
- Christian
- Marielle

# Collective Definitions

signs in  
different  
languages

creating a  
welcoming  
environment

culturally  
friendly

culturally  
friendly -  
informing  
these are your  
parks

**cultural elements: we  
use space in different  
ways and we need to  
provide facilities that  
encourage all  
communities to use  
the spaces**

make sure we have  
facilities to  
encourage  
gatherings for  
people who are  
from different  
backgrounds

interpretive  
signs - parents  
can teach their  
kids  
plants/floral

parks are public  
spaces but  
people don't  
always know -  
tell everyone!

How are we  
sharing info  
about parks?  
Rental  
requests?

land  
acknowledge  
ment

Perception  
on safety

perception that a  
park is safe:  
greater visibility,  
concept that there  
aren't needles

Health  
"challenges" -  
unseen abilities/  
disabilities worth  
considering

physical  
disabilities  
needs are  
addressed in  
the facilities

Health  
challenges - to  
find a better  
word to replace  
challenges

digital space - how  
did you find these  
parks - how to  
make those  
resources  
accessible?

people can  
find parkings  
and trails in  
Google maps

# What makes our parks systems welcoming for our community members?

robust ecosystem for birds, etc.

Trees and bodies of water

Low traffic noise

Shaded areas

Visible from other spaces (roads/house /etc.)

Bike parking or vehicle parking

Being close by, walkable

Park etiquette reminders / respect for nature

Beautiful, Visible Park Sign at entrance

Establish the expectation of a safe, friendly experience

Informational Signage; images over words for universal understanding

Signs, Directions from roads

seating

drinking fountains year round-

Lighting

Dog poop bags along walking paths

Play ground equipment for the kids and benches close by.

I live near Spruce Park and walk my dog all the time through the park, and it's really nice having dog poop bags available on the walking path

Feeling safe

Parking

garbage cans/ bathrooms

different zones for different activities

# What makes parks less welcoming, what are the barriers?

drug usage,  
used needles  
on the  
ground

Flooded /  
damaged  
trails

Lack of  
enforcement  
of rules

litter

garbage on  
the roads

not enough  
parking

Lack of  
signage for  
the park

unclear  
entrance

wood chips

Himalayan  
blackberries/i  
invasive  
species

invasive  
species

crowded  
spaces (too  
many people)

Lack of diverse  
vegetation -  
fragrant  
flowers, tree  
species, etc.

Perception of  
no  
maintenance,  
lack of  
vegetation,

overgrown  
vegetation

lack of green  
space, not  
enough open  
space

highway and  
road noise

broken  
restrooms,  
locked  
restrooms, no  
restrooms

Lack of  
variety of  
things to do

Language  
barriers  
on signage

lack of variety  
to do in the  
park

Lack of adult  
playgrounds - adults  
are big kids who like  
to play with their  
kids on the  
equipment and stay  
healthy.



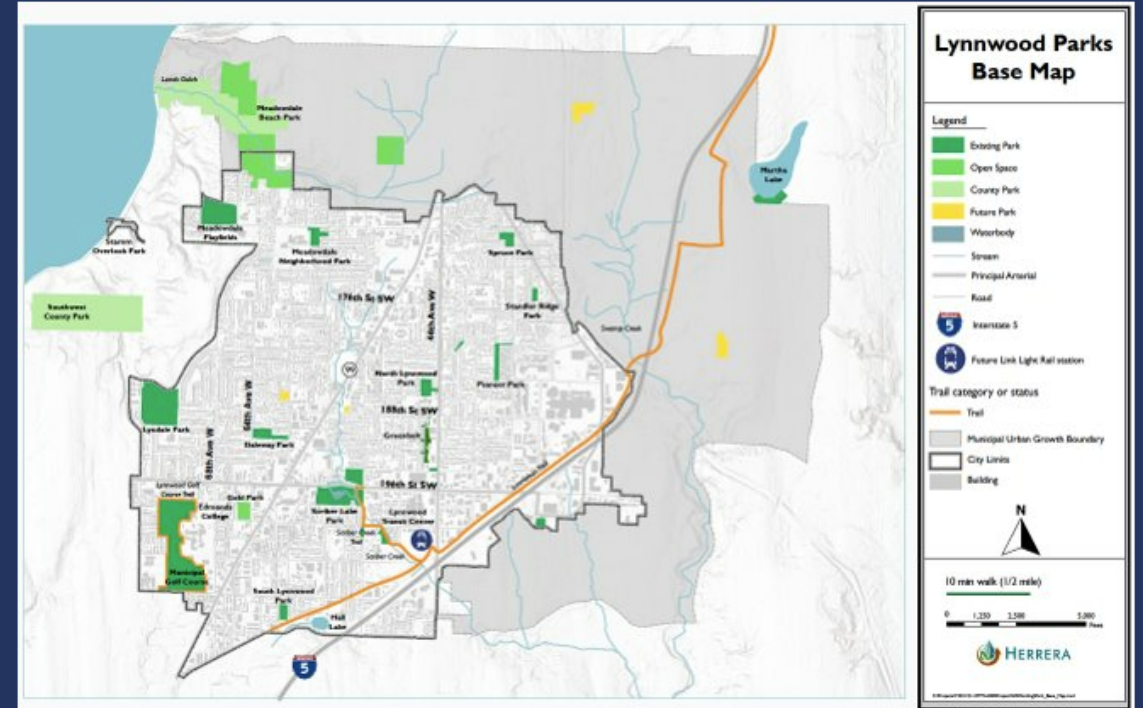


# How can you help us?

The next time you visit a park, tell us what made it feel welcoming or what it was missing that would make it welcoming.

If you can, take a picture and email or text to us at:

- [outreach@thevidaagency.com](mailto:outreach@thevidaagency.com)
- (206) 279-3938



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# Next Steps & Q&A

- Please remember to complete the Survey
- Co-Design Team Meeting #2:
  - Thursday, 6/16 6-8pm
- Co-Design Team Meeting #3:
  - Thursday, 8/18 6-8pm
- Co-Design Team Meeting #4:
  - Thursday, 10/20 6-8pm
- Community Listening Sessions:
  - Tuesday, 6/28
  - Tuesday, 10/25

The logo for 'PARKS LOVE' is displayed in a light green font. The word 'PARKS' is underlined, and the word 'LOVE' is also underlined. The letter 'A' in 'PARKS' is replaced by a stylized tree icon, and the letter 'O' in 'LOVE' is replaced by a heart icon.

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¡Buenas noches!



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