



**ORDINANCE NO. 3027**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE 2013 AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REGARDING THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT AND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, SUBMISSION TO THE STATE, SEVERABILITY AND SUMMARY PUBLICATION**

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WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood adopted a Comprehensive Plan to comply with the requirements of the Growth Management Act on April 10, 1995, by Ordinance No. 2033, and amended the Plan annually in subsequent years by ordinance in accordance with GMA and Lynnwood Municipal Code Title 18; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130, the City's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, applications and suggestions to amend the Comprehensive Plan were accepted and docketed for processing after April 1, 2013, in accordance with the approved amendment schedule; and

WHEREAS, all proposed amendments were subjected to environmental review, culminating in issuance of Determinations of Non-Significance for all amendment proposals; and

WHEREAS, all proposed amendments were submitted for the mandatory 60-day state agency review and agencies were asked to comment prior to final action by the City Council, no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, the Lynnwood Planning Commission reviewed the list of annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments at their June 13, 2013 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Lynnwood City Council approved the final list of annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments at their July 15, 2013 special meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Lynnwood Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 12, 2013 on these proposals, and following the public hearing recommended approval of all the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Lynnwood City Council conducted a public hearing on September 24, 2013, and determined that taking action on the amendments, as described herein, was desirable and in the public interest and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Amendment of Lynnwood 2020 Comprehensive Plan. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element and Parks, Recreation Facilities, Open Space and Trails map are hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2: Amendment to the Future Land Use Map. The Future Land Use Map is hereby amended to change the land use designation from SF1 (Low Density Single Family) to PF (Public Facilities) for the City-owned property located at 4508 188<sup>th</sup> St, as set forth in Exhibit B to this ordinance, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

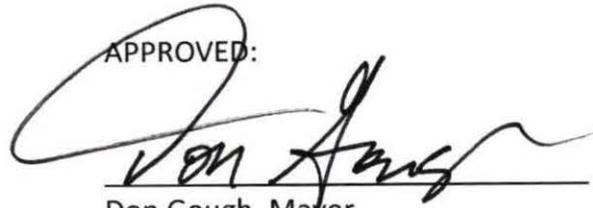
Section 3: Submission of Plan to the State. The Director of Community Development is hereby directed to submit a copy of all approved amendments to the City of Lynnwood – 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map to the Department of Commerce of the State of Washington.

Section 4: Effective Date of Amendment and Adoption. This Ordinance and the Plan and Map amendments adopted by this ordinance shall become effective five days following passage and publication of this Ordinance.

Section 5: Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

29<sup>th</sup> PASSED this 28th day of October, 2013, and signed in authentication of its passage this day of October, 2013.

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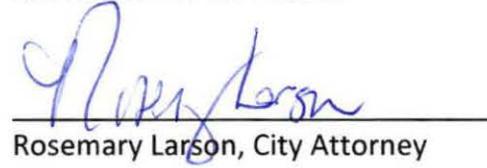


Don Gough, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
Lorenzo Hines, Jr., Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Rosemary Larson, City Attorney

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On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013 the City Council of the City of Lynnwood, Washington, passed Ordinance No. 3027. A summary of the content of said ordinance, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

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The full text of this ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2013

  
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Lorenzo Hines Jr., Finance Director

# Everett Daily Herald

## Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH } ss

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is Principal Clerk of THE HERALD, a daily newspaper printed and published in the City of Everett, County of Snohomish, and State of Washington; that said newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation in said County and State; that said newspaper has been approved as a legal newspaper by order of the Superior Court of Snohomish County and that the notice is a true copy of City Ordinances - Ordinance Summaries: 3027, 3028, 3029 524078

a printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was published in said newspaper proper and not in supplement form, in the regular and entire edition of said paper on the following days and times, namely:

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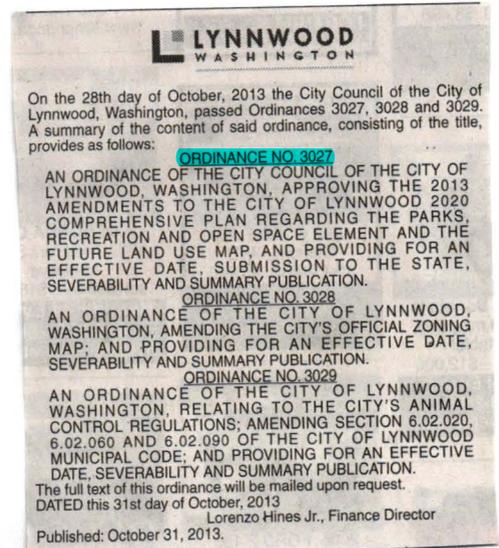
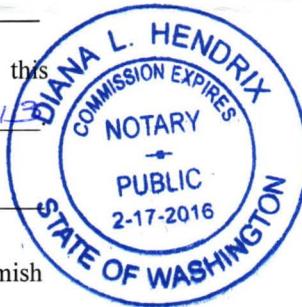
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Subscribed and sworn before me on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2013

Diana L. Hendrix

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Everett, Snohomish County.

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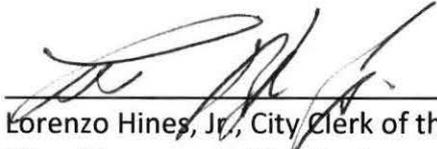
## **CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, Lorenzo Hines Jr., the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Lynnwood, Washington, hereby certify that the Ordinance hereto attached is a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 3027 of the City of Lynnwood, Washington, entitled as follows:

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That said ordinance was passed by the Council on October 28, 2013 of said City and was published and posted according to law; that said ordinance was duly published in the official newspaper of said City on October 31, 2013.

  
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Lorenzo Hines, Jr., City Clerk of the  
City of Lynnwood, Washington

# PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

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## INTRODUCTION

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Parks, recreation and open space are essential to a high quality of life in a community. Since incorporation in 1959, the City of Lynnwood has acquired and developed many park and open space lands and established an excellent recreation program. As Lynnwood and the Puget Sound region grow and change, it is vital to be prepared to accommodate new growth and diversity while maintaining and enhancing the quality of life we have grown to enjoy.

This element of the Comprehensive Plan includes a summary of the existing conditions and issues relevant to the City's parks, recreation and open space system. The element includes a demand and needs assessment and concludes with the goals, objectives and policies for the City's parks, recreation and open space system.

## PLANNING CONTEXT

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The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan is optional under the Growth Management Act (GMA), but the City is choosing to incorporate this element into the Plan because it is a vital part of a high quality community.

The GMA goals pertaining to the parks, recreation and open space element are:

**Open Space and Recreation:** Encourage the retention of open space, development of recreational opportunities, conserve wildlife habitat and increase access to natural resource lands.

**Environment:** Protect the environment and the state's high quality of life.

**Regional Planning:**

Lynnwood's Comprehensive Plan is consistent with Destination 2040's policies related to parks, recreation, and open space. The Plan calls for preservation, acquisition, and development of parks, recreation, and open space facilities, including non-motorized facilities, consistent with the regional vision.

**County-Wide Planning Policies:**

Countywide planning policies do not specifically address neighborhood or community parks and recreation issues within cities or their urban growth areas. It is, however, the County's policy to provide greenbelts and open space to provide separation from adjacent urban areas, and regional park facilities within urban growth areas. Snohomish County's Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan states that "parks are necessary for development." This policy provides the opportunity for cities to work with the County to provide park land within urban growth areas.

**SUMMARY OF ISSUES**

The following is a summary of issues relating to parks, recreation and open space in the City. It is the intent of the Comprehensive Plan to propose solutions to these issues through the implementation of programs and policies in this element.

- Due to the limited amount of vacant land in the City, the timing of acquisition and the location of park and open space lands are important to maintain a balance of land uses and meet the minimum level of service standards, planning standards and goals.
- Acquisition of park land in future annexation areas within Lynnwood's MUGA is recommended to provide recreation facilities for future Lynnwood residents and to reduce the demand on existing recreation facilities within the city limits.
- There is currently a deficit of active park facilities to serve Lynnwood's population. Additional acres of Core Parks (mini, neighborhood and community parks) are needed to meet the minimum level of service for active parks. It is necessary to replace the active recreation opportunities previously provided by the Lynnwood Athletic Complex, and to increase the level of service for community parks within the city.
- The demand for athletic facilities in the City exceeds the current supply. Loss of the Lynnwood Athletic Complex (LAC) had a significant impact on the need for athletic facilities in Lynnwood. The District has agreed to extend the City's contractual rights for use of the Meadowdale Playfields through June 5, 2065. However there are restrictions on the City's use of the facility. Through an Interlocal Agreement the City of Edmonds has use of the facility three days/week, and the District has use during school hours. Meadowdale Playfields, in its current condition, cannot accommodate the amount of use previously provided by LAC. In order to meet the demand for athletic facilities in Lynnwood, athletic fields in the city need to be improved. This could include upgrades at Meadowdale Playfields to accommodate the increased use of this facility caused by the loss of the LAC, and allow for year-round use.
- Following the renovation/expansion of the Recreation Center in 2011, Phase II development of a new Community Center is planned to provide for programming youth/teen and senior activities, performing arts and sports. The new community center would relieve over programming at the Recreation Center with complimentary programs.

- Preservation of the City's historical resources and interpretation of Lynnwood's past is important. Continued renovation of the historic structures, programming of heritage activities, and development of museum displays and interpretive exhibits at Heritage Park provide the community with a sense of its heritage.
- Implementation of the City's Multichoice Transportation System, the "skeleton system" of sidewalks, walkways, paths, promenades, trails and bikeways is important to meet the minimum level of service for trails in Lynnwood. Through the ACHIEVE/Healthy Communities program, a grant received in 2010 to provide a 'safe routes to school' with improved sidewalks at Lynnwood Elementary School.
- The acquisition and preservation of open space continues to be an important consideration when determining funding priorities. Significant environmental impacts have occurred in Lund's Gulch that threaten the gulch and its salmonid stream, and restorative efforts are necessary to regain the health of this important resource. Low Impact Development standards should be enforced for all proposed development adjacent to critical areas. Continued coordination with Snohomish County is needed to improve current development standards with the common goal of reducing the cumulative impacts of development on Lund's Gulch.
- The availability of funding to provide new parks and recreation facilities, and to provide improvements to existing facilities, is a critical issue. Alternate funding sources such as user fees, park impact fees, grant funds, bonds, partnerships with other agencies, non-profit organizations and the private sector, or formation of a metropolitan park district need to be considered to ensure that new city development is adequately served with parks and recreation facilities.
- Opportunities for entrepreneurs, both non-profit and for-profit, should be created to enrich the park experience and implement innovative approaches to revenue generation for parks and recreation facilities, events and programs.
- Social and demographic trends that affect service delivery should be regularly reviewed to identify and address new recreational needs and to reposition those facilities and programs that are no longer relevant.
- To anticipate and respond to the cultural diversity of the City's population, communication strategies should be implemented to provide timely, accurate information to Lynnwood residents and visitors, and non-English speaking populations.
- To preserve and protect our existing assets, the ongoing maintenance and operations of our parks and recreation facilities needs to remain an important budget consideration. To maintain and expand our park system, it is necessary to sustain a park maintenance and acquisition fund.
- The City has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 14 years. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board supports reforestation and tree preservation activities to preserve and enhance the existing tree canopy in Lynnwood.
- To provide the park, recreation and open space facilities needed within the City Center, sites must be identified, acquired and developed in accordance with the City Center Parks Master Plan and City Center SubArea Plan.
- Proposed alignments of the Lynnwood Link/Light Rail extension are currently under review by the City and Sound Transit. It is important that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department and the Parks and Recreation Board evaluate the alignment proposals and make recommendations to ensure minimal impacts to Lynnwood's parks and recreation facilities. Any negative impacts to the Interurban Trail, Scriber Creek Trail, Scriber Creek Park, and any associated wetlands, incurred by development of the Lynnwood Link/Light Rail extension must be mitigated with measures approved and accepted by the City.
- The City of Lynnwood was selected by the Snohomish Health District to participate in its Healthy Community Initiative in June, 2007. Action plan strategies created by a citizen task force provide a

framework in which the City's policy makers can work together to build and support an environment that makes it easier for Lynnwood residents to choose healthy foods and be physically active.

- The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department supports the City's Vision to invest in preserving and expanding parks, recreation, and community programs, by developing a network of pedestrian and bike trails; encouraging partnerships and participation in community events; creating civic pride; promoting healthy lifestyles; providing senior services; and promoting parks and cultural arts for economic growth.

## **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

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The City's current parks, recreation and open space inventory amounts to approximately 353 acres and includes park facilities within the City and in the MUGA, that offer both active and passive recreational opportunities. The park facilities within the City are categorized into the following functional classifications for planning and programming purposes, according to size and function.

### **Core Parks:**

Core Parks (mini, neighborhood and community parks) traditionally provide a combination of active and passive uses, including play equipment, picnic areas, athletic fields, and trails. The City currently operates 13 developed parks in the Core Parks category, with 2 park properties undeveloped. With the loss of the Lynnwood Athletic Complex, the Community Parks category shows a need for 45.69 additional acres to meet the minimum level of service. In the Core Parks category 62.74 acres need to be acquired and developed within the city. Currently Core Parks account for 116.26 acres of park land, or about 35% of the total park, recreation and open space inventory within the city.

### **Special Use Areas:**

Four facilities in Lynnwood are classified as "Special Use Areas" based on their current purpose and/or activity - the Municipal Golf Course, the Recreation Center, the Senior Center and Heritage Park - for a total of 81.86 acres. Because of its primary historical purpose, Heritage Park is included in this category.

### **Open Space:**

The City's Open Space classification includes large natural areas, environmental parks and urban greenbelts. It is the City's policy to preserve natural resources for the conservation of important habitats and for passive recreational use whenever possible. 138.46 acres in and adjacent to Lynnwood are preserved as Parks and Recreation-maintained open space. Scriber Lake Park, Scriber Creek Park and Gold Park are included in this category because they are environmental parks that do not have active recreation elements.

### **Regional Parks:**

Regional Parks are not included in the City's parks and open space inventory. Regional parks are typically large facilities that draw from multiple jurisdictions and are often located in unincorporated urban growth areas. These facilities are historically provided at the County level, whereas neighborhood and community parks are provided by cities, both within their boundaries and in their municipal urban growth areas. Meadowdale Beach County Park is an example of a regional park in unincorporated Snohomish County.

## DEMAND AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Over the years, the City of Lynnwood has continued to improve and expand its inventory of recreational resources. Residents are well served by a variety of leisure opportunities, but with population growth comes an increasing demand for more parks, open space and recreation facilities in order to attain the adopted Parks Level of Service Standard (LOS).

**Level of Service:** The adopted Parks LOS Standard in Lynnwood is 10 acres per 1,000 population. This standard is expressed as minimum acres of park, recreation and open space recommended for each 1,000 persons, using the 2010 Census population of 35,836. The standard is further delineated as 5 acres per 1,000 population for Core Parks (mini, neighborhood and community parks), and 5 acres per 1,000 population for Other Park Land (open space and special use facilities). The City Center Sub-Area Plan recommends a separate Parks Level of Service Standard within the City Center area.

The demand and need for parks, recreation and open space in Lynnwood has been assessed through analyses of existing conditions, potential park sites, available resources and level of service. Trends in recreation were considered and public input was obtained through surveys and community meetings.

The existing and future demand and need for parks, recreation and open space within the city limits is reflected on Table 1.

<b>Table 1: Parks, Recreation and Open Space DEMAND AND NEED WITHIN CITY LIMITS</b>						
#	Classification	Existing <sup>1, 4</sup>	2010 – 35,836 Census Population		2025 – 86,000 Est. Population <sup>5</sup>	
			Demand <sup>2</sup>	Need <sup>3</sup>	Demand <sup>2</sup>	Need <sup>3</sup>
<b>Core Parks:</b>						
5	Mini	3.32 ac	5.38 ac	2.06 ac	12.90 ac	9.58 ac
8	Neighborhood	38.77 ac	53.76 ac	14.99 ac	129.00 ac	90.23 ac
2	Community	74.37 ac	120.06 ac	45.69 ac	288.10 ac	213.73 ac
<b>Subtotal:</b>		<b>116.26 ac</b>	<b>179.20 ac</b>	<b>62.74 ac</b>	<b>430.00 ac</b>	<b>313.54 ac</b>
<b>Other Park Land:</b>						
4	Special Use	81.45 ac	71.68 ac	0 ac	172.00 ac	90.55 ac
	Open Space	138.46 ac	107.52 ac	0 ac	258.00 ac	119.54 ac
<b>Subtotal:</b>		<b>219.91 ac</b>	<b>179.20 ac</b>	<b>0 ac</b>	<b>430.00 ac</b>	<b>210.09 ac</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>336.37 ac</b>	<b>358.40 ac</b>	<b>22.03 ac</b>	<b>860.00 ac</b>	<b>523.63 ac</b>
4	<b>Trails:</b>	<b>7.10 mi</b>	<b>9.04 mi</b>	<b>1.94 mi</b>	<b>21.50 mi</b>	<b>14.40 mi</b>

Source: City of Lynnwood Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department, revised 3/2013.

Notes:

- 1 Includes both developed and undeveloped park facilities within the city limits only.
- 2 Demand reflects total park acres required to meet minimum level of service standard for each category.
- 3 Need reflects additional park land required to meet minimum level of service standard for each category.
- 4 City park property located outside the city in the MUGA is not included in the City's demand and need analysis.
- 5 The 2025 population shown is an estimate that includes annexation of MUGA population and the new City Center population.

Population projections to 2025 were applied to determine future impacts on the City's existing parks system. Both potential annexation of the MUGA population and the new City Center population are reflected in the 2025 population estimate. In addition to maintaining and improving the City's existing facilities, additional park facilities will be needed to meet current and future demands and the adopted LOS within the City, and in the City's urban growth areas.

### **Within City Boundaries:**

The adopted Parks Level of Service Standard is a minimum of 10 acres per 1000 population. The current level of service for combined park classifications achieved is 9.38 acres per 1000 population. There remains a need for an additional 62.74 acres in the Core Parks category to meet the demand for 179.20 acres of active park land. The inventory also shows a deficit of 1.94 miles in the Trails category to meet the demand for 9.04 miles of trails outside of parks.

By the year 2025, it is estimated that Lynnwood's population will increase to approximately 86,000. This includes potential annexation of the MUGA population and also the estimated City Center population of 5,400. Continued park acquisition and development will be necessary to meet the demand for parks, open space and recreation facilities in 2025. Table 1 summarizes the existing and future demand and need within the City.

### **Within Municipal Urban Growth Areas:**

New residential and commercial development in Lynnwood's MUGA is generating demand for parks, recreation facilities and open space. In future north annexation areas, approximately 93 acres of open space in the Swamp Creek corridor have been preserved jointly by Snohomish County and the City of Lynnwood. The City has also acquired a 9-acre future park site (Manor Way) adjacent to this annexation area, and a 7.69-acre future park site (Doc Hageman Park) east of Interstate 5. A 21-acre wetland site has been acquired east of Lund's Gulch for preservation of the headwaters of Lund's Creek and potential future development of an environmental park.

There are currently no active use park facilities in the City's MUGA, which had an estimated 2008 population of 41,597. As a result, Lynnwood's parks are over-burdened with non-resident use. Applying our current Parks Level of Service Standard to today's MUGA population would require approximately 415 acres of parks and open space. To provide park facilities needed by the growing population in the MUGA, the City will continue to seek equitable methods of acquisition and development with Snohomish County and other jurisdictions.

If annexation within the MUGA is approved by the voters, additional parkland and facilities will be needed. The City will develop a comprehensive plan of funding options including park impact fees to assist in this matter. NOTE: Snohomish County already has impact fees within the MUGA area the City proposes to annex.

## **GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

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### **GOAL:**

**Provide a comprehensive system of parks, open space and recreation facilities that serves the needs of current and future residents, and visitors to Lynnwood.**

### **Subgoal: Park System**

**Provide a system of mini, neighborhood and community parks to meet the recreational needs of the community.**

### **Objectives:**

**P-1: Acquire park land in the city for the development of Core Parks to help meet the community's recreational needs.**

**Policy P-1.1:** Provide the minimum adopted level of service of 5 acres/1000 population for Core Parks.

**Policy P-1.2:** Acquire park land in accordance with the Annual Budget and Capital Facilities Plan.

**Policy P-1.3:** Annually review vacant and underdeveloped parcels and park service areas to determine underserved neighborhoods in the city.

**Policy P-1.4:** Plan for the location of parks in the proximity of high-density developments.

**Policy P-1.5:** Use a variety of methods for funding acquisition of park lands including park impact fees, grants, user fees, City funding, interjurisdictional cost-sharing, land developer contributions and other sources.

**Policy P-1.6:** Adopt and implement a program to require new residential and commercial development to provide impact mitigation to the City, either by dedication of park land, plazas, park improvements, or payment of park impact fees.

**Policy P-1.7:** Preserve land for future park development.

**P-2: Acquire park land in the Municipal Urban Growth Area for future park development to meet the recreational needs of future annexation areas.**

**Policy P-2.1:** Pursue cooperative planning efforts with Snohomish County and neighboring jurisdictions in urban growth areas and future annexation areas.

**Policy P-2.2:** Annually review potential parks and open space sites in the MUGA, and related facilities needed to provide the recommended level of service.

**Policy P-2.3:** Seek methods of acquisition and development of these sites and facilities, which reflect the responsibilities of Snohomish County and the City.

- P-3: Plan and develop new parks and renovate existing parks in the city and in the Municipal Urban Growth Area.**
- Policy P-3.1:** Design new parks in accordance with the purpose, size and classification of each.
- Policy P-3.2:** Design new parks and provide improvements to existing parks to promote public safety and security.
- Policy P-3.3:** Provide a variety of recreational opportunities to serve a diverse population.
- Policy P-3.4:** Provide accessibility to all park facilities in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
- P-4: Begin construction of Doc Hageman Park in Lynnwood's MUGA. Master plan completed in April 2009. Seek state funding and equal matching funds for first phase of park construction.**
- P-6: Develop new neighborhood park in west Lynnwood, Rowe Park, per master plan completed in 2004, when funding is available.**
- P-7: Develop an off-leash dog park in an existing city park or an acquired site in the city or in the MUGA.**
- P-8: Renovate the existing amphitheater at Lynndale Park to expand seating capacity, improve access, improve lighting, and preserve and protect existing slopes and trees.**
- P-9: Continue development at Meadowdale Park per the 2001 Master Plan with expanded parking and picnic shelters.**
- P-10: Develop the 188th St SW mini park in an underserved neighborhood.**

### **Subgoal: Open Space System**

**Provide a system of open space to preserve and protect the area's remaining native forests, wetlands, streams and wildlife habitats, and to provide natural buffers to the built environment.**

#### **Objectives:**

- OS-1: Continue acquisition of open space properties in the Lund's Gulch, Swamp Creek and Scriber Creek watersheds.**
- Policy OS-1.1:** Provide the minimum adopted level of service of 3 acres/1000 population for Open Space.
- Policy OS-1.2:** Preserve and protect in public ownership areas with significant environmental features such as view corridors, landforms, steep slopes and plant and animal habitats from the impacts of development.
- Policy OS-1.3:** Use a variety of methods for funding open space acquisitions including grants, donations, tax abatements, City funding, interjurisdictional cost-sharing, land developer contributions and other sources.

**Policy OS-1.4:** Support volunteer and interjurisdictional efforts for restoration and preservation of the four major watersheds in South Snohomish County: Scriber Creek, Lund's Gulch, Swamp Creek and Hall Creek.

**Policy OS-1.5:** Continue to encourage stewardship of open space and natural areas through the Park Stewards program.

**OS-2: Plan conservation and passive development of 21-acre Lund's Creek Open Space with the Brackett's Landing Foundation. Plan for potential environmental center and interpretive development of uplands.**

**OS-3: Develop Master Plan for the preservation of Lund's Gulch in partnership with Snohomish County, the Brackett's Landing Foundation and Friends of Lund's Gulch.**

**OS-4 Acquire open space within urban areas to buffer and enhance the built environment.**

**Policy OS-4.1:** Continue to review vacant and underdeveloped parcels within the city for potential acquisition of open space.

**Policy OS-4.2:** Preserve open space corridors and trail linkages between parks, neighborhoods, schools and commercial centers. Where possible, acquire key linkages between parks and trail segments to create connected trail system.

**OS-5: Provide passive recreational opportunities in acquired natural areas.**

**Policy OS-5.1:** Provide neighborhood access to natural areas with trailheads and parking, in accordance with Chapter 17 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code and ESA regulations.

**Policy OS-5.2:** Provide environmental educational opportunities in natural areas with interpretive signage, nature trails and overlooks.

**OS-6: Work with Public Works and community volunteers in the enhancement of City-owned stormwater detention areas for passive community appreciation.**

**OS-7: Continue Scriber Lake Park renovation per master plan completed in 2005. Phase I design and construction of a new overwater dock, completed in 2012. Seek funding for additional phases to fully develop park as a safe and active community park.**

**OS-8: Provide improvements to Gold Park including trail development and invasive plant removal to increase use and public safety in park. Support continuing volunteer efforts by Edmonds Community College and other volunteer groups.**

### **Subgoal: Facilities and Programs**

**Provide facilities and programs that promote a balance of recreational opportunities.**

#### **Objectives:**

**FP-1: Identify and prioritize the need for new/upgraded facilities and programs on an annual basis.**

**Policy FP-1.1:** Seek adequate funding and timely development of such facilities in accordance with the Annual Budget and Capital Facilities Plan.

**Policy FP-1.2:** Provide the minimum adopted level of service of 2 acres per 1000 persons for Special Use facilities.

**Policy FP-1.3:** Provide improvements to facilities that are cost-effective, durable, attractive and energy efficient.

**Policy FP-1.4:** Provide facilities that meet competitive playing standards and requirements for all age groups and recreational interests.

**Policy FP-1.5:** Continue to offer specialized programming for diverse community groups such as seniors, youth and teens, and preschool.

**FP-2: Complete phased development of Heritage Park, including renovation of all the historic structures, and development of museum programming in the park.**

**Sub-Objective 1:** Provide information that interprets the history of the Lynnwood/Alderwood Manor area, including historical displays, programs, activities, museum programming and interpretive signage.

**Sub-Objective 2:** Work with Snohomish County Tourism Bureau to facilitate visitor information services.

**Sub-Objective 3:** Work with the Alderwood Manor Heritage Association to provide historical programming within the park and the management of heritage collections.

**Sub-Objective 4:** Work with the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society to provide a community genealogical library in the Humble House.

**Sub-Objective 5:** Work with the Car 55 Restoration Committee to complete renovation of Interurban Car 55. Work with docents to provide tours of the trolley.

**Sub-Objective 6:** Work with local gardening groups to develop demonstration gardens and landscaping within the park.

**Sub-Objective 7:** Work with the Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Foundation and community volunteers to complete Phase II renovation of the historic water tower.

**Sub-Objective 8:** Work with the Heritage Park Partners Advisory Committee to plan and coordinate heritage programming in the park, and provide museum development in the Wickers Building.

**Sub-Objective 9: Develop and manage the Heritage Park Docent Program to provide guided tours of the park's historical buildings, the Wickers Museum and Interurban Car No. 55.**

**FP-3: Plan for Recreation Center Phase II construction of a new community center that will provide programming space for youth/teen and senior activities, performing arts and sports.**

- FP-4: Develop a master plan for Wilcox Park, Scriber Lake Park and the adjoining School District property, reflecting how these facilities can be connected for pedestrian access and related activities.**
- FP-5: Participate in the planning and design of a regional performing arts facility.**
- FP-6: Develop a master plan for improvements to the Meadowdale Playfields athletic complex, including renovation of the soccer and softball fields, to meet the community's demand for athletic fields, allow for year-round use, and provide a competitive athletic facility.**

### **Subgoal: Trail System**

**Provide a connecting system of non-motorized trails for recreational, commuter and general circulation purposes to promote Lynnwood as a "walkable city."**

#### **Objectives:**

- T-1: Support other City departments in the implementation of the "Multi-Choice Transportation System Plan", which proposes a comprehensive city-wide "skeleton system" of sidewalks, walkways, bike paths and trails. The Plan would link parks, schools, community facilities, commercial centers, neighborhoods and adjacent regional trail systems.**
- Policy T-1.1:** Work with other jurisdictions to provide a continuous regional trail network.
- T-2: Develop additional non-motorized pedestrian trails outside of parks to meet the adopted minimum level of service.**
- Policy T-2.1:** Provide the adopted minimum level of service standard of 0.25 miles/1000 population for trails outside parks.
- Policy T-2.2:** Design and construct trails to required standards to serve a variety of users at varying skill levels.
- Policy T-2.4:** Include bicycle lanes when City streets are being reconstructed or built, and add bike routes to existing City streets, where feasible.
- Policy T-2.5:** Require new development to provide access and connections to parks, trails and school sites.
- Policy T-2.6:** Encourage public and private funding for the development of trails.
- T-3: Plan and construct the northward extension of the Scriber Creek Trail to generally follow the creek route, from Scriber Lake Park north to the Meadowdale area and Lund's Gulch.**
- Policy T-3.1:** Promote trail safety through signage and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- T-4: Provide improvements to the Interurban Trail to include trailheads, enhanced landscaping, signage and historic markers.**

**Policy T-4.1:** Support interjurisdictional efforts to provide consistent and aesthetic improvements along the length of the Interurban Trail.

**Policy T-4.2:** Promote trail safety through signage and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.

**T-5:** **Coordinate with Public Works to provide a seamless Interurban Trail corridor through Lynnwood by completing “missing links” in the Interurban Trail, specifically segments located at 212th St SW to 63rd Ave W to 211th St SW, 208th St SW and 52nd Ave W, and 208th and 54th Ave W. The objective is to remove trail users from traffic where possible, providing a continuous trail route through the city.**

**T-6:** **Coordinate development of the South Lund’s Gulch Trail with Snohomish County, Brackett’s Landing Foundation and volunteers. The trail is planned to begin in north Lynnwood, continue north into Lund’s Gulch, cross Lund’s Creek and connect with the existing Meadowdale Beach Park county trail, giving Lynnwood residents access to Lund’s Gulch open space and a walkable connection to Puget Sound.**

**T-7:** **With Public Works, coordinate a feasibility assessment of sidewalk and crosswalk needs (safe routes to schools) for schools that have been impacted by the reduction of Edmonds School District busing.**

### **Subgoal: Activity Centers**

**Ensure that parks and open space are included as part of the land use mix in the activity centers' master plans.**

#### **Objectives:**

**AC-1:** **Work with Community Development to identify parks and open space sites, related improvements, and implementation strategies for the City Activity Centers, City Center plans, including the City Center Parks Master Plan, the City Center Streetscape Plan, and the Highway 99 Subarea Plan.**

**AC-2:** **Establish park and open space guidelines and achieve level of service standards for public and private improvements in the City Center and the Highway 99 corridor.**

### **Subgoal: Interjurisdictional Coordination**

**Coordinate parks, open space and facility planning and development with appropriate jurisdictions and agencies for mutually beneficial partnerships.**

#### **Objectives:**

**IC-1:** **Partner with Edmonds School District to improve existing school recreation sites for shared school/park use. Partner with ESD and the City of Edmonds to improve Meadowdale Playfields to compensate for the loss of athletic facilities at the Lynnwood Athletic Complex.**

**Policy IC-1.1:** Work with other agencies to provide adequate recreational facilities for community use.

**IC-2:** Work closely with service providers and other local private and non-profit organizations in order to meet the diverse program and special events needs of the community.

**IC-3:** Pursue cooperative planning efforts with Snohomish County to provide parks and open space in future annexation areas.

**IC-4:** Work with local businesses, land owners and other agencies, to pursue the feasibility of creating a Farmers Market in Lynnwood, through the ACHIEVE/Healthy Communities grant obtained in 2009.

**IC-5:** Work with Edmonds Community College and support volunteer efforts to make improvements to Gold Park.

**Policy IC-5.1:** Work with non-profit organizations and other community volunteers on parks, trails and open space service projects.

**IC-6:** Create sponsorship opportunities for entrepreneurs, both non-profit and for-profit, to enrich the park experience and implement innovative approaches to revenue generation for parks and recreation facilities, events and programs.

**IC-7:** Work with Sound Transit, other departments and other jurisdictions on planning of the alignment of the Lynnwood Link/Light Rail Extension, to ensure minimal impact to parks and recreation facilities, and proposed mitigation measures.

### **Subgoal: Facilities Management**

**Manage and maintain parks, open space and recreation facilities to optimize use and protect public investment.**

#### **Objectives:**

**FM-1:** Continue a regular schedule for maintenance of parks, facilities and open space, and revise annually.

**Policy FM-1.1:** Maintain and upgrade existing parks and facilities for the safety, comfort and satisfaction of park users.

**Policy FM-1.2:** Ensure that adequate funding and staff are available for management and maintenance of parks, facilities and open space.

**Policy FM-1.3:** Promote interjurisdictional operations of parks and facilities.

**Policy FM-1.4:** Advise the City Council and other City boards and commissions on a regular basis about facility management issues.

**Policy FM-1.5:** Update staff training in playground safety standards and play equipment inspection.

**FM-2: Coordinate the operations of Heritage Park facilities with the Heritage Park Partners Advisory Committee, including the Visitor Information Center, Heritage Resource Center, Genealogy Research Library, Interurban Car 55, Water Tower, heritage programming and demonstration gardens.**

**Policy FM-2.1:** Work with non-profit organizations and other community volunteers on parks, trails and open space service projects.

**FM-3: Continue to implement City Pesticide and Fertilizer Use Policy within the City on public properties, including posting of areas to be treated in accordance with state and local requirements.**

### **Subgoal: Monitoring and Evaluation**

**Monitor, evaluate and update parks, recreation facilities and open space to ensure balanced, efficient and cost-effective programs.**

#### **Objectives:**

**ME-1: Update parks, facilities and programs in accordance with public input and survey results.**

**Policy ME-1.1:** Encourage community input by providing opportunities for public involvement in park, recreation and open space planning.

**ME-2: Annually update the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan, in accordance with the Recreation and Conservation Office guidelines.**

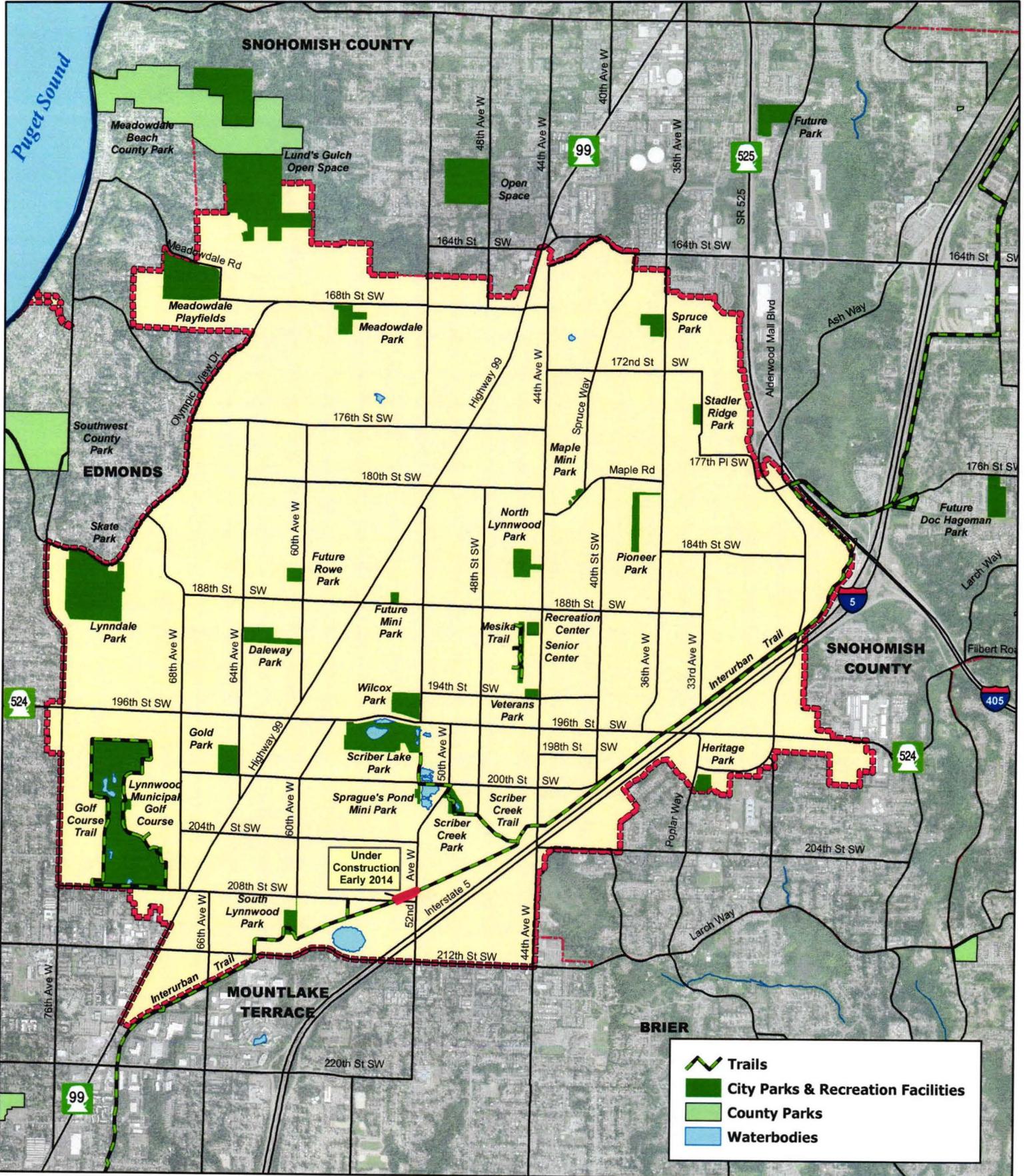
**ME-3: Continue public information programs to increase public awareness of the City's parks, recreation and open space system.**

**ME-4: Develop the 2015-2025 Lynnwood Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan to help guide the planning, acquisition and development of parks, facilities, open space and recreation programs.**

**ME-5: Annually update the Capital Facilities Plan with capital projects that reflect the recreational needs of the community.**



# Parks, Recreation Facilities, Open Space and Trails



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**EXHIBIT B**

