



Parks, Arts,
Recreation &
Conservation
PARC Plan

Community Open
House Meetings
January 27-28, 2016



Planning 'Better Together'

What is a PARC Plan?

It's a 10-year guide and strategic plan for managing and enhancing parks, open space, trails, arts and recreation services in Lynnwood.



PARC Plan Process

Steps to Building the Plan

- Community Engagement
- Park, Trail & Program Inventory
- Community Needs Assessment
- Capital Project Planning
- Implementation Strategies
- Plan Review & Approval

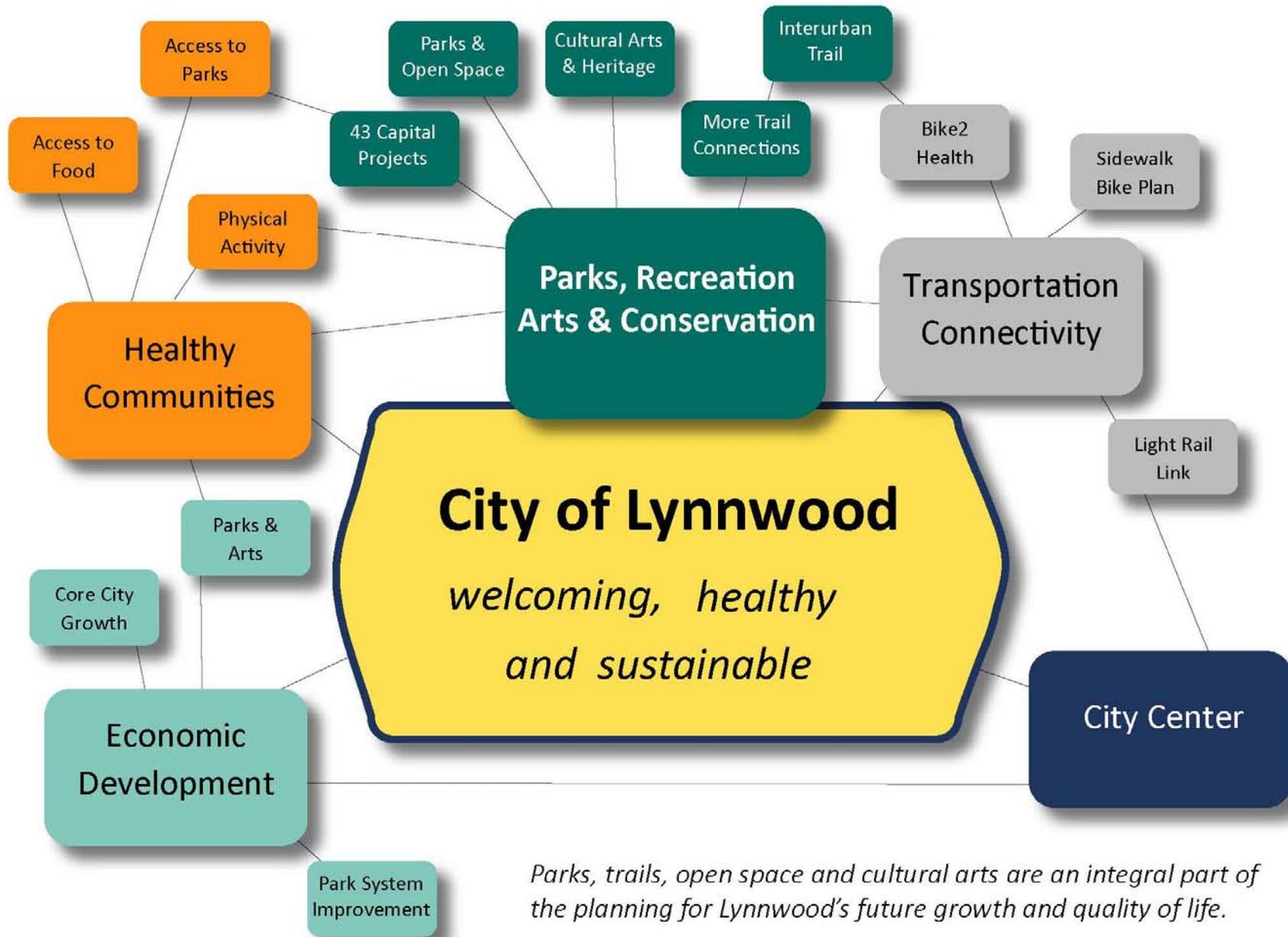


Relating to Other City Plans

- City Visioning Report
- City Center Plan
- Economic Development Plan
- Link Light Rail
- Sidewalk and Bicycle Plan
- Bike2Health Project
- Arts, Heritage & Culture Plans
- Healthy Communities Action Plan
- Individual Park Site Master Plans
- Department Biennium Report



Relating to Other City Plans - Themes





Community Feedback:

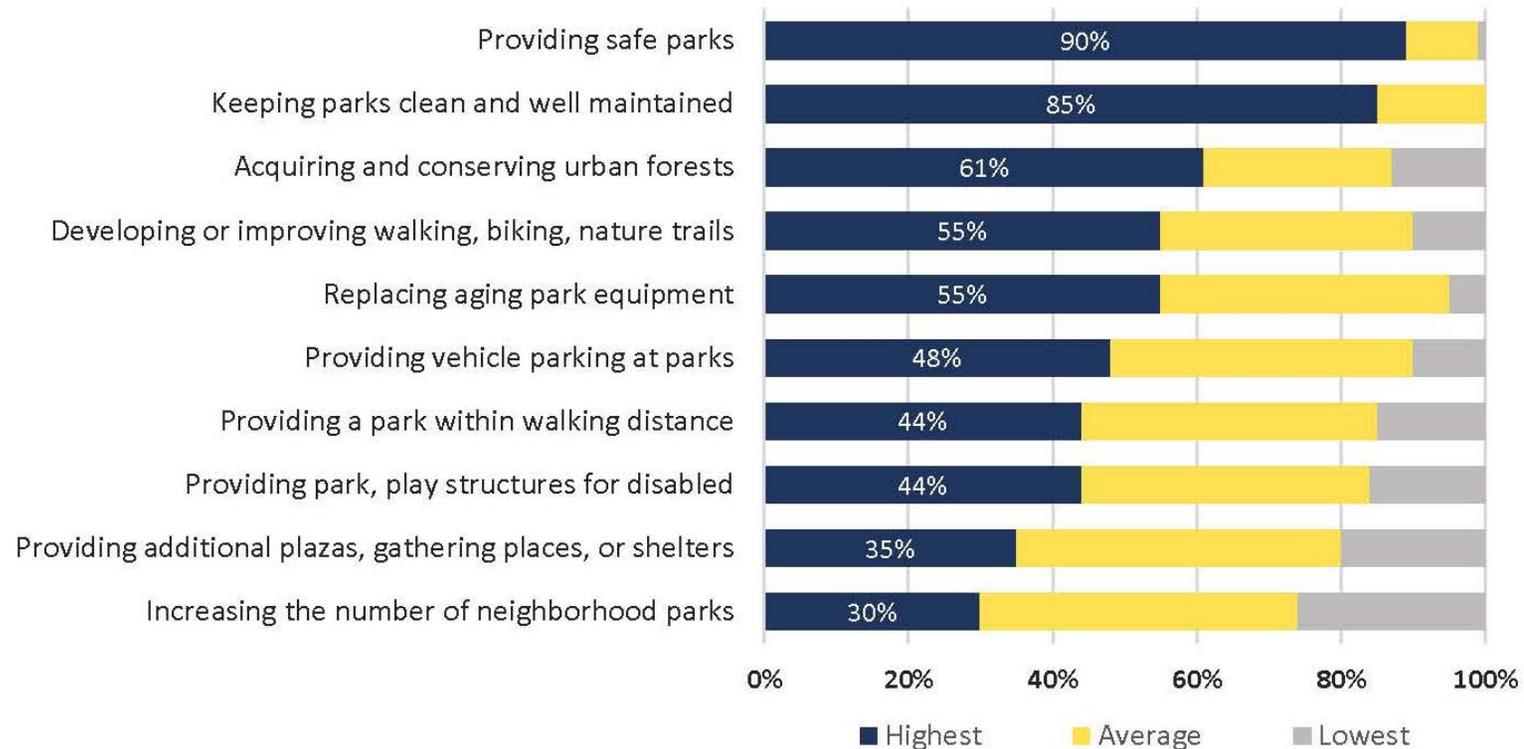
“Invest in the Meadowdale Playfields!”

“I really wish there were more fitness pass classes that fit into a working adult's daily schedule--specifically yoga or pilates as a fitness pass class.”

“Make the County develop parks in the future area to be annexed by Lynnwood.”

Priorities from Survey

- Safety & Maintenance Top Priorities
- Trails & Acquisitions Also Important





Community Feedback:

“Maintaining our outdoor recreation spaces is vital to our community!”

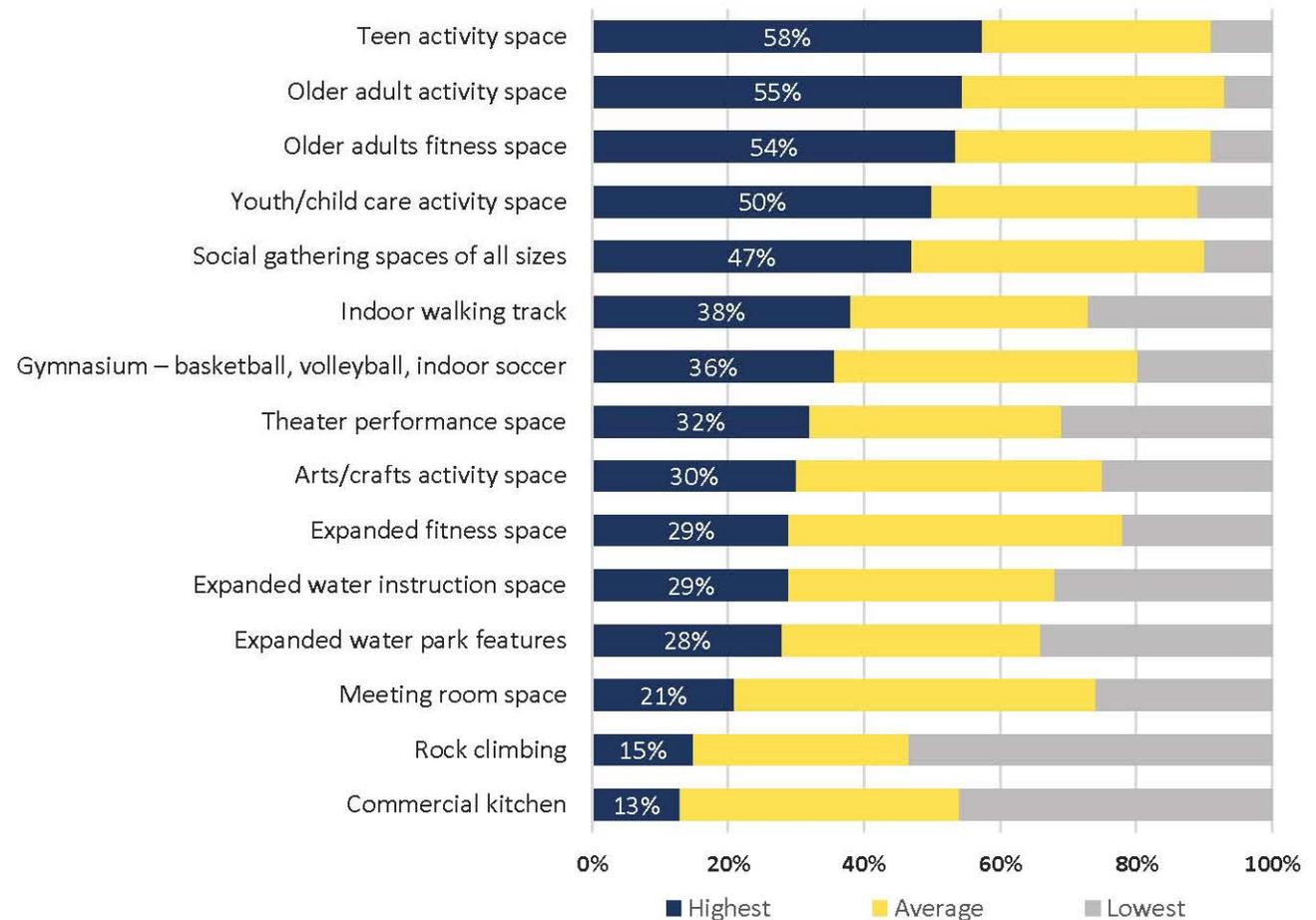
“Update the play equipment.”

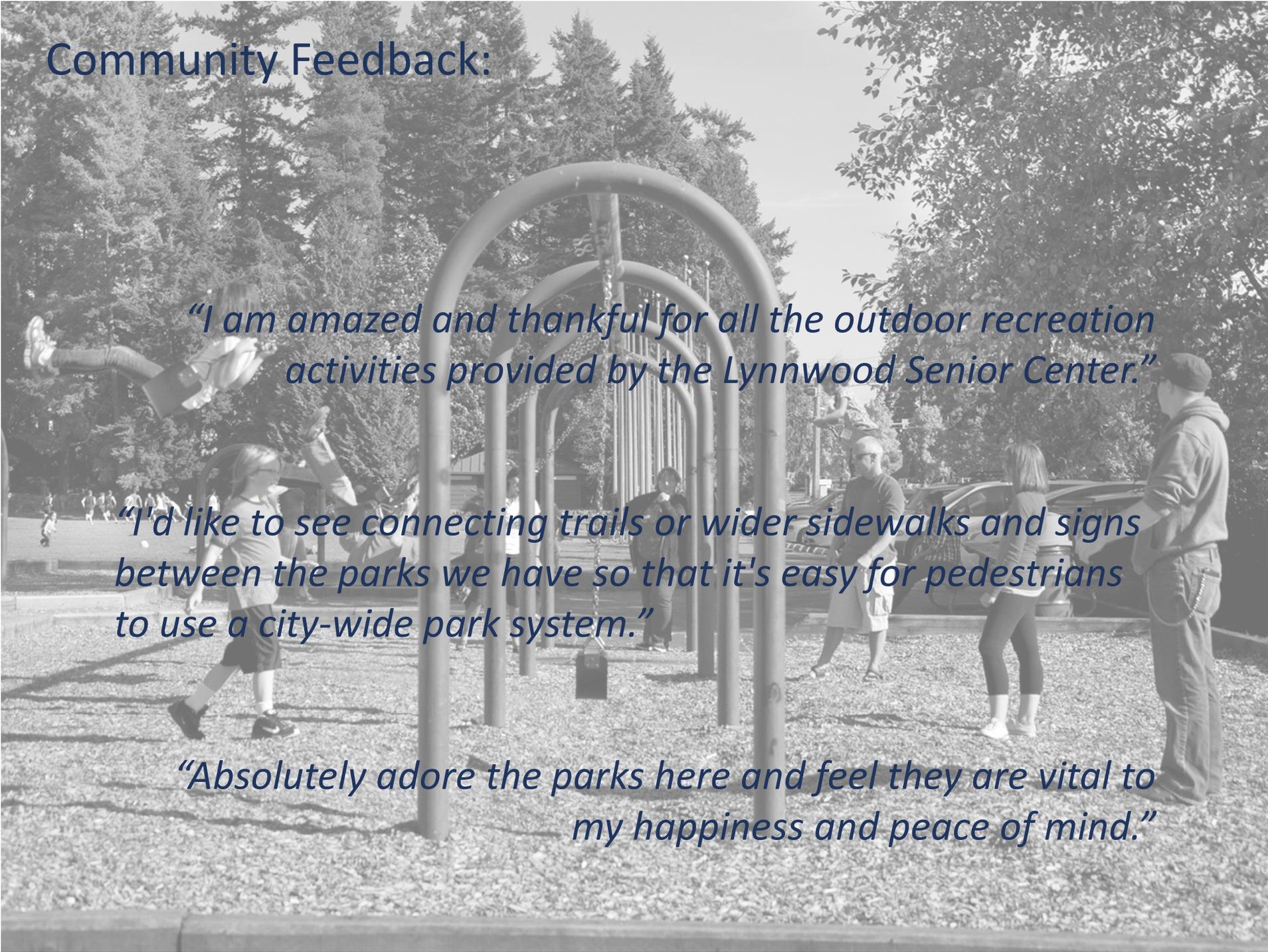
“Disc golf & dog parks are trending. Great way to increase park use affordably.”

Priorities from PARC Survey

Indoor Facility Priorities

- Youth, Teen & Older Adult Space in Demand





Community Feedback:

“I am amazed and thankful for all the outdoor recreation activities provided by the Lynnwood Senior Center.”

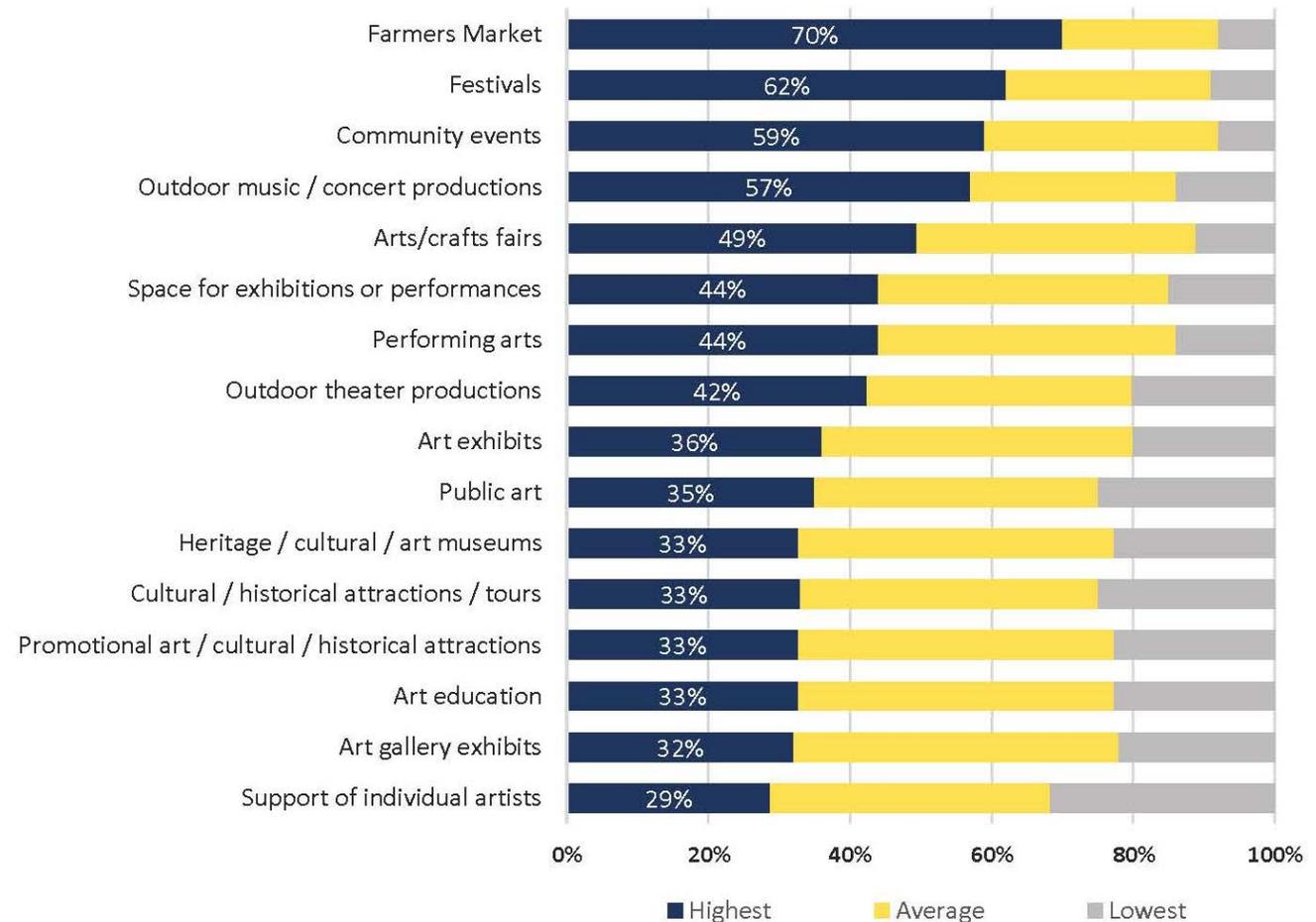
“I'd like to see connecting trails or wider sidewalks and signs between the parks we have so that it's easy for pedestrians to use a city-wide park system.”

“Absolutely adore the parks here and feel they are vital to my happiness and peace of mind.”

Priorities from PARC Survey

Cultural Arts Program Priorities

- Farmers Market, Events & Festivals in Demand





Community Feedback:

“Need to plan ahead to acquire open space, neighborhood, conservation and athletic fields.”

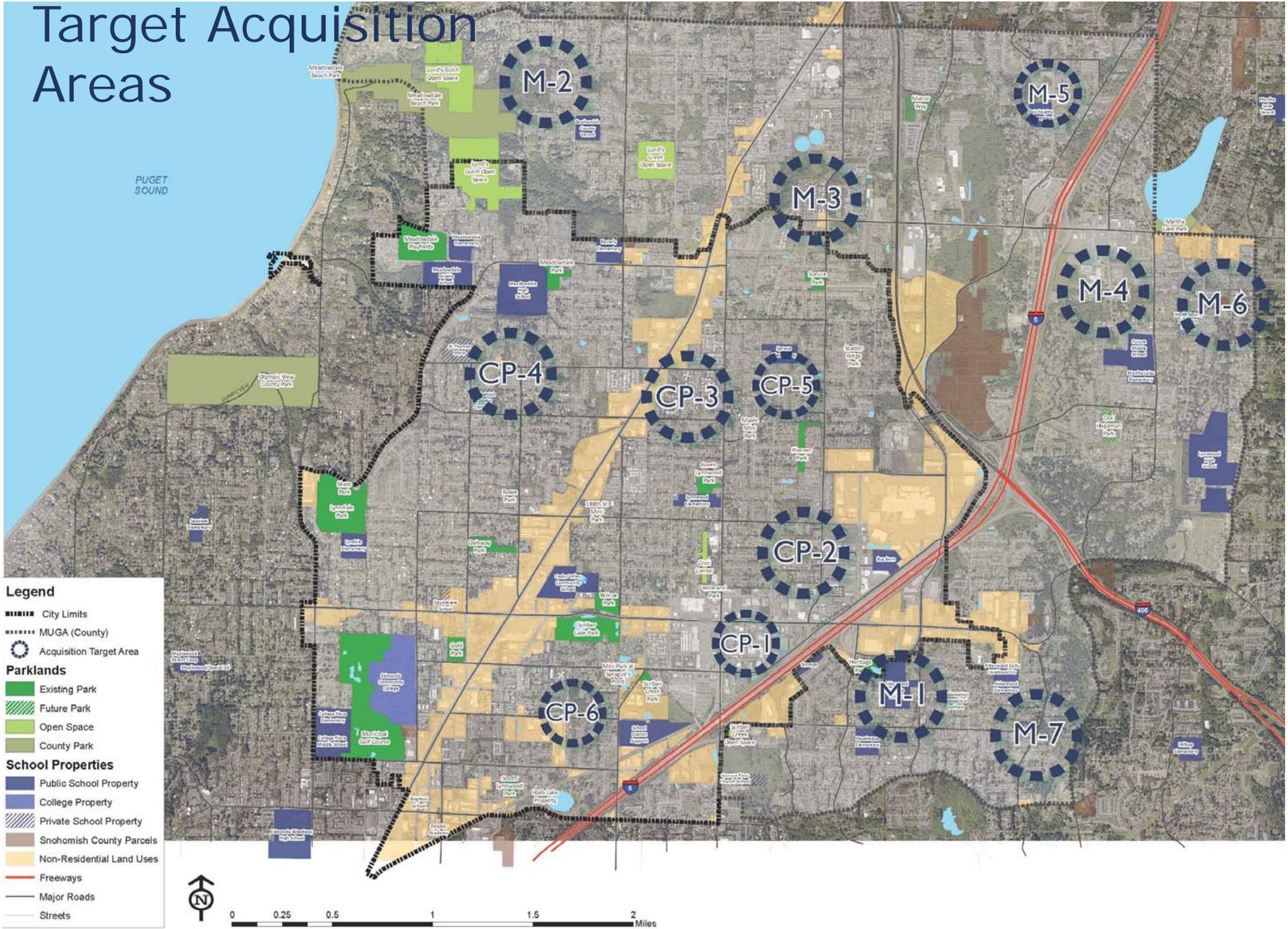
“Increase trails – safer pathways, walkability, biking.”

“Provide parks with bathrooms and big slides – toddler friendly.”

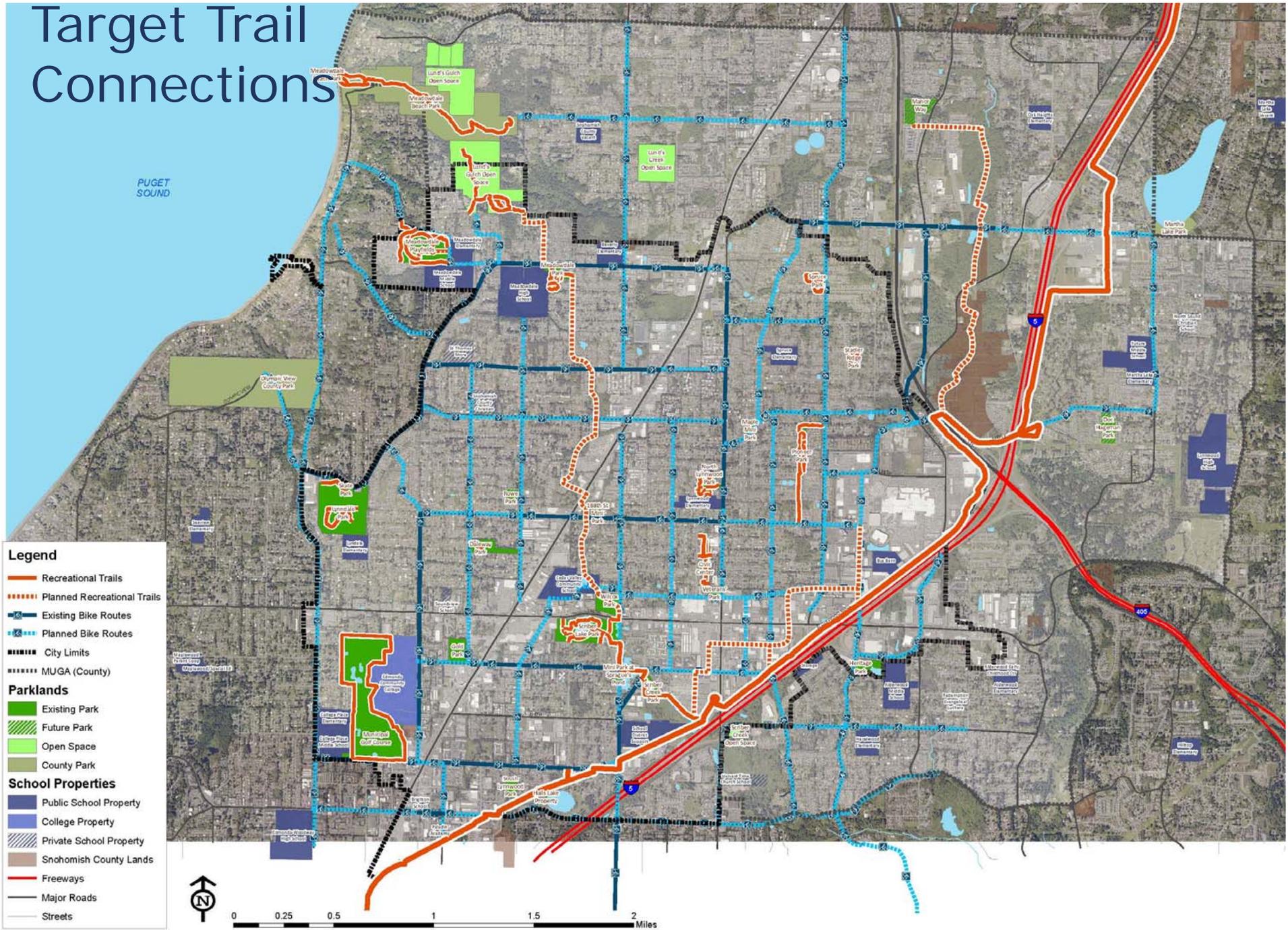


Future Forward – Core Strategies

Target Acquisition Areas



Target Trail Connections



Legend

- Recreational Trails
- Planned Recreational Trails
- Existing Bike Routes
- Planned Bike Routes
- City Limits
- MUGA (County)

Parklands

- Existing Park
- Future Park
- Open Space
- County Park

School Properties

- Public School Property
- College Property
- Private School Property
- Snohomish County Lands

Freeways
Major Roads
Streets

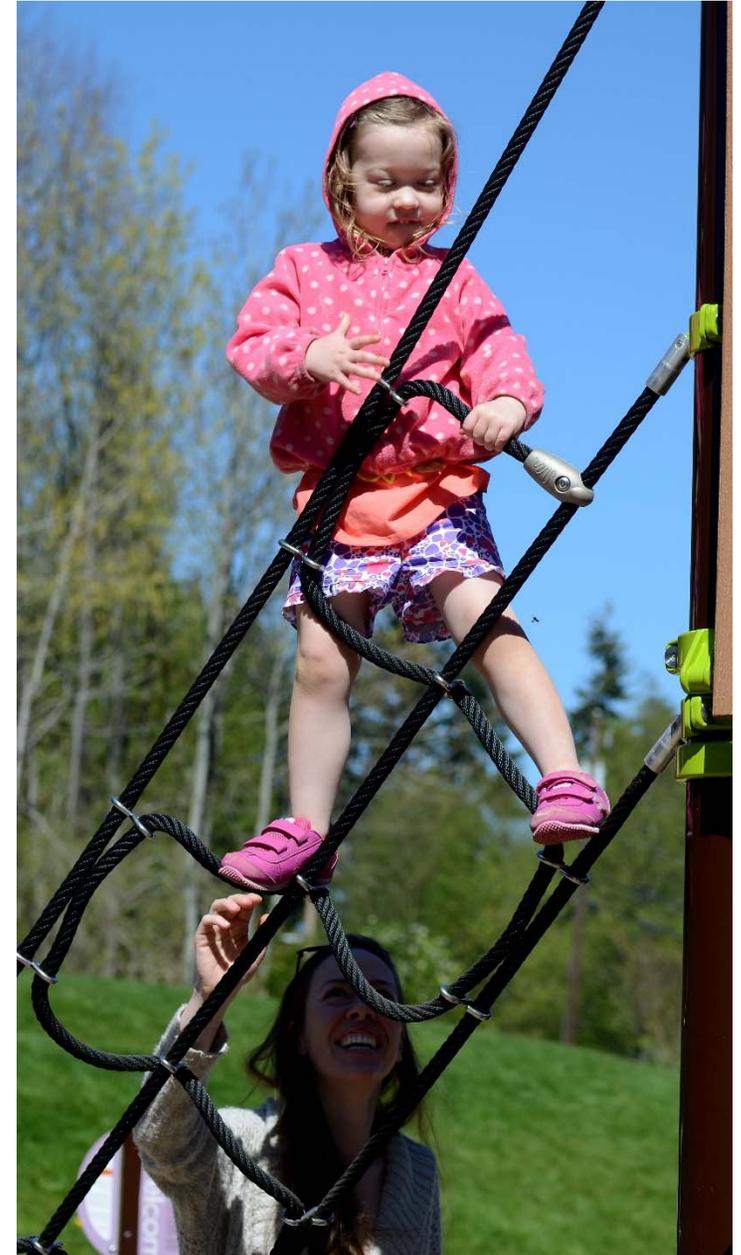


Safe, Secure & Accessible



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- Improve & upgrade play equipment
- Address backlog of deferred facility maintenance
- Upgrade for ADA compliance at parks, trails & facilities
- Prepare an asset management plan





Healthy & Vibrant –
Programs + Arts

Healthy & Vibrant Programming

- Continue to provide recreational programs that promote the health and inclusion of all ages and abilities
- Continue to foster the partnerships with the Edmonds School District
- Explore new / additional partnership opportunities with regional healthcare providers
- Pursue plans to meet space demands for indoor programs



Active & Connected



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- Strive to provide equitable access such that residents live within 1/2-mile of a developed park
- Acquire additional land for neighborhood & community parks
- Proceed with Town Square Park
- Upgrade playgrounds, picnic shelters & other amenities
- Add new park amenities



Trails & Linkages

- Develop a network of shared-use trails to connect parks, neighborhood and other community destinations
- Link the City Center – Scriber Creek – Lund’s Gulch
(future “*Center to Sound Trail*”)
- Improve conditions for safe road crossings; wayfinding; signage





Community Feedback:

“We love the rec center and the family annual pass.”

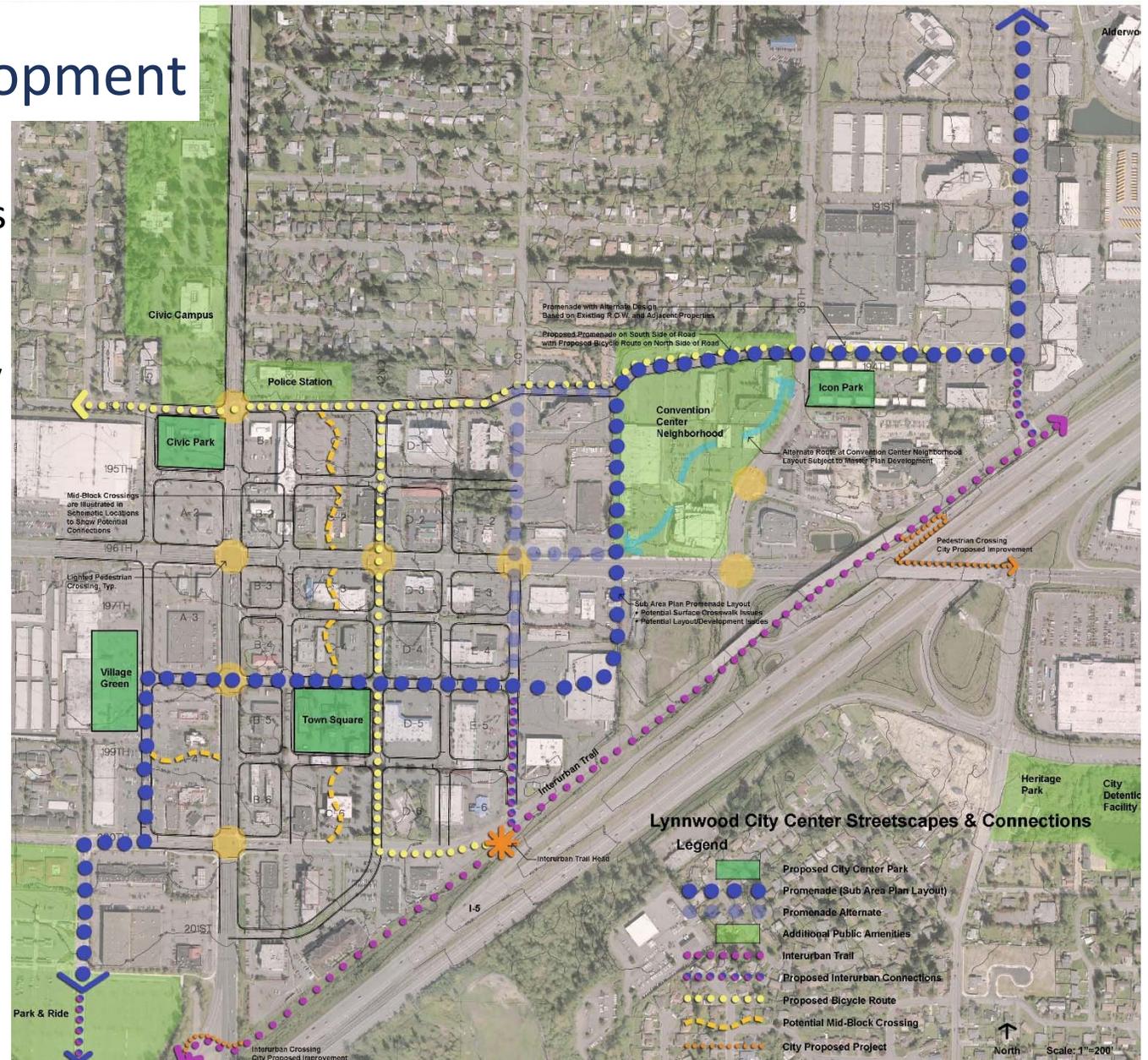
“Bring art classes back to the community!”

“Lynnwood P & R needs programs for people with disabilities (cognitive).”

Benefits of Parks, Recreation & Arts

Economic Development

Increases in local economic prosperity as residential and commercial property values rise, community and economic development sustainability and enhanced tourism.



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According to the 2015 Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington, there were a total of about 446 million participant days a year spent on outdoor recreation in Washington, resulting in \$21.6 billion dollars in annual expenditures.



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Health & Wellness

Improvements to physical and mental health are increased through physical activity and contact with the natural world.



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Public health advocates promote walking for better physical health, therefore Lynnwood needs greater access to pedestrian connections, trails, etc.

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Connectedness

Social and community benefits, including more stable neighborhoods, improved social connections and reductions in crime and juvenile delinquency.



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Connectedness

Walkability is being ranked with housing values and quality of life by realtors and real estate developers. Lynnwood's walkability index is 47 ([walkscore.com](https://www.walkscore.com)) and needs to be 60 to reach a noticeable improvement.