



### PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION PLAN (PARC Plan) Public Outreach

#### **Open House Comments - November 2013**

#### What Are YOUR Park & Recreation Needs?

- 1. Need more stretch areas in weight room
- 2. More group power/more classes with pass
- 3. Outside/inside track area
- 4. Basketball gym
- 5. Soccer leagues
- 6. Involvement with community music groups
- 7. Outdoor music in summer
- 8. Arts fairs performing and otherwise
- 9. Dog park
- 10. Parks with bathrooms and big slides toddler friendly
- 11. More zip swings and tire swings
- 12. Park with running track
- 13. More play parks around 168th
- 14. Miniature golf
- 15. Walking trail with fitness stations
- 16. Business involvement to build community events/celebrations
- 17. Bathrooms and drinking fountains at parks
- 18. Update equipment

#### Stakeholders Meeting Comments - December 5, 2013

#### Softball, Soccer, Golf

Representatives present: United Sates Specialty Sports Association, Kidz Love Soccer, First Tee of North Puget Sound, Alderwood Classic Car Show, Alderwood Rotary, Meadowdale High School Golf Teams <a href="Softball: 10.5">Softball: 10.5</a>

- 1. Turf Meadowdale Playfields softball fields
  - Teams have left for updated complexes
  - Can advertise "rain or shine" tournaments with turf
  - No need for tractors
  - Increases revenue
- 2. Raising outfield fences at MAC
  - Equipment has outgrown current fields
  - Losing money with lost softballs

- 3. Extended/Earlier Game Times (Saturday starts at 8:00am, ends 11:00pm)
  - Increase revenue
- 4. Light restrictions at Meadowdale
  - Increase revenue

#### Soccer:

- 1. Turfing soccer fields at MAC
  - Reduce liability
  - Parents not getting angry
  - Less maintenance
  - Cut costs
- 2. Lining for Lacrosse on MAC soccer fields
  - Multipurpose fields
  - Gain revenue

#### Golf:

- 1. Preserve concourse 18<sup>th</sup> hole at Golf Course
  - Alderwood Terrace fundraiser directly benefits youth in community
- 2. Clean up cart paths at Golf Course trim back to natural edges
  - Safety issue
  - Visual attractiveness
- 3. Improve signage for Golf Course make easier to find/locate with GPS directions
  - Improve tourism
  - Increase revenue
- 4. Sign restrictions vs. Edmonds Community College
  - So people can find entrance to Golf Course
  - GPS problems
  - Look into changing address
- 5. Continue partnerships with City and Golf Course
  - Partners in a successful Golf Course
  - Increases tourism all around funding
  - Relates to the concourse
- 6. Golf Course partnership with Premier
  - Need to know status of current contract
- 7. Parks & Rec guide to paper not only electronic
  - Keep enrollment up
  - Make citizens more aware
- 8. Re-address fee structure with Edmonds School District high school golfers use City of Everett fee structure
  - Promote junior golf in area
  - Stay consistent/competitive with other schools in league



- Keep golf affordable for all kids
- 9. Look for additional sponsorships from big corporations
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  - Stay consistent/competitive with other schools in league
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- 10. \$8,000 to cover junior golf teams annually
  - Promote junior golf in area
  - Stay consistent/competitive with other schools in league
  - Keep golf affordable for all kids
- 11. The First Tee 5-year contract notification from City on updated transition
  - First Tee Contract needs updated information/contacts
- 12. Be creative with paying back City on IE –donating time for payback for Junior Golf Funding Community Service
  - To make affordable for high school golf teams
  - So the kids can give back
- 13. One day per year free access to Golf Course
  - For anybody to become familiar with course

#### **Special Interest Groups**

Representatives present: Dog Parks, Cascade Orienteering, EdCC LEAF Program, Parks & Recreation Board Orienteering:

- 1. North Lynnwood Park
  - Mostly school use of orienteering course
  - Maps are linked on website
- 2. Lynndale Park Used 2x/year
  - Use of classroom is valuable (1-meetings/1-entry level training)
  - ~100 participants
  - Training in navigational skills
  - Need to market program for fall
    - City let community know of events, publish website/publications

#### Dog Park:

- 1. Need site in Lynnwood
- 2. Nearest is in Edmonds 5 miles away
- 3. Need to serve high density residential
- 4. Friendly community gathering space
- 5. Used by individuals who cannot walk dogs long distances
- 6. Most people would use at least 1 time/week, expect heavy use
- 7. Most users will walk a distance to get there
- 8. Design needs:

- Space at least 1-2 acres
- Accommodate 40-50 users
- Water source
- Shade
- Parking
- Fencing
- Bark mulch or sand
- 9. Contact non-profit group for maintenance SNODOG
- 10. Donate through Parks & Rec Foundation

#### Edmonds Community College LEAF Program:

- 1. Program restoration at Gold Park, created Ethnobotanical Garden
- 2. Would like restoration projects in other Lynnwood parks also
- 3. 24 students can work 8 hours on Fridays
- 4. National Day of Service, Earth Day at another park Lynndale Park?

#### **Community Groups**

Representatives present: GreenStage, Heritage Park Partners

#### Heritage Park:

- 1. Completion of water tower restoration
- 2. Signage currently what it is and why it isn't completed future interpretive signs
- 3. Parking
  - not enough parking to offer larger programs in park, i.e. picnics (shuttle parking required former partners changed)
  - would like community/city partnership events, i.e., music programs
  - need to make sure parking is reserved for Visitors Center (summer brings RVs)
- 3. Need more "dogs on leash" signs problems with people letting dogs run loose signs not very obvious
- 4. A playground is needed an "old fashioned" theme
  - Visitors Center is used as rest stop families stop and a place is needed for the children
- 5. Anticipate barrier needed on property line and possible parking issues with new multifamily apartment complex to south
- 6. A lot of people use the park for photos wedding, holiday, senior pictures
- 7. The function of Heritage Park is different from other parks
- 8. No heat on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Wickers Building not turned on
- 9. Extend track in front of the trolley, outside shelter. Use shelter for other events
- 10. Finish inside of water tower building
- 11. Sidewalks need maintenance
  - Vegetation alongside is growing into sidewalks
  - Walkability



#### Lynndale Park Amphitheater:

- 1. Required to bring sound and lights access is challenging
- 2. Need a built-in, efficient way to access power
- 3. A sound board area at top
- 4. New light pole
- 5. Aisles paving one and adding another?
- 6. Seattle parks waives fee for GreenStage; all \$ comes from passing the hat
- 7. Amphitheater audience should be facing north and a little west

#### General:

- 1. Any time you can snatch up property neighborhood parks there's no place for kids today
- 2. "Safe" trail perception buildings, lights, paved paths (vs. Lynndale forest) open trails
- 3. Maintenance of walkability between City Center and Alderwood Mall needs to be addressed
- 4. Place for the community to gather is lacking
- 5. It's nice to see the Fire Department out on parade National Night Out
- 6. A parade is a way of grouping groups together
- 7. Need to plan ahead to acquire open space, neighborhood, conservation and athletic fields
  - Small venues and another Meadowdale
  - Partner/Joint or acquire
- 8. Increase access to gyms Phase 2
- 9. Increase trails safer pathways, walkability, biking
- 10. Concerned about engaging youth in service learning
  - Environmental stewards
  - LTAG leadership
  - Civic engagement focus on teens contributing to our community
- 11. Reach out to immigrant communities
  - Involving in civic engagement
  - Missing piece/representation in comp plan
  - Meeting with people where they're at on their schedule, in their language
  - Social Outreach/Underserved Populations
    - Serve through youth and senior programs
    - Culturally appropriate / EU / Translation
    - o Connect with new Multi-cultural Senior Center
    - Partnerships churches, college, community "centers"
      - Verdant
      - Heritage Park Partners
      - EdCC College Partnerships
        - LEAF School
        - Food access
        - Center for Student Learning more volunteer opportunities

#### **Online Comment Form Responses**

#### 1. WHAT PARKS AND FACILITIES DO YOU USE MOST? WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE THEM?

- I switch between swimming and fitness classes. More swimming when the children are in school. Less swimming in summer. The locker rooms, both women's and family are always filthy. Moldy and slimy. I see a cleaning man sweeping and dusting regularly. There should be more deep sanitary cleaning and less sweeping and dusting.
- Dog park: Please create a dog park at the Lyndale Park which is a few blocks from my home. I have to drive to Shoreline 3-4 times a week to use the dog park at the Shoreline Community College. I cannot use the Edmonds dog park because my border collie knows how to climb up the rocks and run after the trains. There are many people in my neighborhood who have dogs and have no place to take them to run off leash. The dog park at Shoreline is very nice because it is at least two football fields in length and there is plenty of room to throw a ball a good distance and have my dog retrieve it so she gets plenty of exercise. She is almost 14 years old but can chase a ball for what seems hours
- Dog Park
- Lynnwood library, Gold Park, Alderwood Park, Lynnwood Park Meadowdale Play fields, Recreation Center. They are well kept nice places!
- Sports
- We need more of everything, and we need more enthusiasm. People are definitely using the parks. For example, N. Lynnwood Neighborhood park is teeming with people most weekends with nice weather. Let's draw people there other evenings with activities/events. It is so well located and could be a center for neighborhood activities. Maybe even consider some lighting for the basketball court.
- As a resident, I use areas near me, such as Lynndale park, quite often. As a mostly retired person, I use the Rec. Center twice a week for exercise. As a geocacher, I have visited many pocket parks and scenic public lands as part of that recreation! I find most of these areas to be well kept up. In a few places, blackberry canes encroach onto trails and rec areas seasonally, but that is my only concern.
- I live near North Lynnwood Park and use it all the time. It's a really nice park. Adding some exercise stations would be helpful and a good use of the limited space. For example, pull up bars would be nice. Also, the drainage is not amazing there, and some parts of the walking path get completely flooded a few times a year. The field gets very muddy and flooded, too. If that could be fixed, it would be awesome.
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- Scriber Creek Park and Trail, Scriber Lake Park, Wilcox Park, Gold Park, Interurban Trail. I think the Scriber Creek Trail near Lynnwood Transit Center could use improvements. During the winter months, it floods severely.
- I currently don't use Lynnwood facilities but as Board President of Friends of Athletic Fields advocacy group, I know that playfield users can benefit greatly from having sand fields upgraded to synthetic turf. The Meadowdale Playfields look like a perfect opportunity to get more usage from your inventory (synthetic provides double the play time of sand surface), greatly improve playability, and reduce maintenance.

#### 2. WHAT NEW PARKS AND FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN LYNNWOOD?

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- I don't need more parks and facilities, just SAFE, CLEAN streets to walk on.
- Rowe Park with bathroom facilities
- Dog park
- Love the senior center community garden, can we get more of those, like the Seattle ppatches. Can we grow a food forest like Seattle? that would be wonderful
- Soccer leagues and basketball
- Outdoor swimming pool, indoor tennis center, more turf fields for soccer, more updated (and bigger) playgrounds. The rec center remodel is a good start toward making this city great, but generally speaking, our parks are somewhat small in comparison to what they should be for a city this size. need more information about biking in Lynnwood.
- I'd love to see more geocaches in parks and public areas. In fact, I'd like to place a few. How do I find out your policies for geocache placement? I want to be certain I am in compliance with any regulations you have in place.
- More dog parks and possibly community gardens.
- We need a dog park SO MUCH. Model after Mountlake Terrace. That's a really nice place to bring dogs but a little too far to do often. I think it would be a great gathering place. Also, I've heard of places where there is a cafe within a dog park -- you can get a cup of coffee and sit down while the dogs run around. I think that would be absolutely fantastic.

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- I would like the City of Lynnwood to buy the current Alderwood Middle School site. By the end of this decade, Alderwood Middle School will be moved to closer to Martha Lake and it frees up the current site. It would make a beautiful park with its sports fields and being adjacent to Golde Creek, lots of nature and conservation opportunities. The gymnasium could be retained and used for public events. Since the city already owns the small pond west of the AMS site, there could be a nature trail between Heritage Park and the new park at AMS. That part of Lynnwood lacks many parks (the only playground for miles is Logan Park near Bothell) and once it is annexed, it would be loved and be widely used by the immediate community.

### 3. WHAT RECREATION PROGRAM(S) DO YOU ATTEND? DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR NEW PROGRAMS?

- Lynnwood Recreation Center (Adult Fitness Classes, Group Power, Weight Room, and Aquatic - Adult Pool). I would like to see more classes/seminars interactive with local community health organizations.
- More community art events please. More support for the arts!!!
- Swimming and archery
- rec center, north lynnwood neighborhood park. Would like to see more partnerships with area groups/businesses. For example, partner with PAWS to deliver puppy kindergarten/dog training classes. Partner with Kennelly Keys to deliver more music classes/concerts in the park. Yeah, concerts in the park. For example, N. Lynnwood Neighborhood Park has this platform that I think was supposed to be used for performing. Why not invite groups to perform on Friday nights in summer? Why not allow a few vendors to sell kettle corn, etc. and make it a nice evening in the park?
- "Pump it up" exercise class at the rec program. Amy Kirk is the type of instructor one would hope to find at a private facility. That she is at the Rec. Center serving the public speaks highly of your facility!!
- We've taken tennis through the city, and swimming and some fitness classes. I'd like to see
  more variety of classes. Also, clean the locker rooms at the fitness center! Ugh, I know
  there's a lot of traffic there each day, but I can barely stand to stick around -- we usually just
  go home wet.
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- I learned of your PARC Plan from the DiscNW Executive Director and he mentioned that their organization is looking to offer more ultimate Frisbee league play in Lynnwood in the near future. Great game, lots of fun, and with no refs players are empowered to resolve issues themselves and play within the rules.

#### 4. ANY OTHER COMMENTS, THOUGHTS OR IDEAS?

- I truly appreciate the great staff at the Rec Ctr. The only area that seems to be lacking is in the cleaning.
- Thank you for your service to the community and taking time to listen to the community
- Rowe Park has been on the books for over 10 years. Money was spent for a plan. Nothing more has happened.
- My main message is we're doing well with what we have, but we ought to have more, more more!
- Thanks for being open to geocaching!
- Please let's get a dog park. Please please!
- I am interested in the indoor Cedar Valley location but don't want to rent, I just want to play. Do I understand that this is a rental opportunity, only? there is a lack of indoor pb playing opportunities in the NW. Is anything in the works that will allow indoor pb play at Cedar Valley? Pickleball in the last few years has really flourished throughout the world but particularly in the US. The USAPA (usapa.org) says that nearly 500,000 people play this sport weekly....a 4x increase in 3 years. I have been playing for 3 years....and teach pb in Oro Valley, AZ and in Mt Vernon, WA. Much of the play in outdoors and we need locations that offer pb indoors. Currently, indoor facilities in the NW are hard to find. Most rec centers in Oro Valley/Tucson offer indoor pb at least two times a week for 2-3 hours....and well attended both in the Winter (cold mornings) and Summer....when it is too hot to play outdoors. I encourage you to revisit the need for indoor pb in the Lynwood area. Pricing could also be an issue. The going rate for a session of pb ranges from \$2.50 to \$3.00 pp. or about \$15-\$20 per month. If you do decide to offer pb then it is imperative that you get listed on the USAPA website.....I am a member and can help you with that.
- These comments are all over the place; I'm just brainstorming here. My main message is we're doing well with what we have, but we ought to have more, more more!
- Add more benches along the Interurban Trail and lighting.
- I'd be happy to share some field usage data that FAF has on field conversions done in Seattle and discuss any concerns with synthetic turf that you all may have.

#### Parks Board & Arts Commission Joint Meeting Response to Survey – June 16, 2015

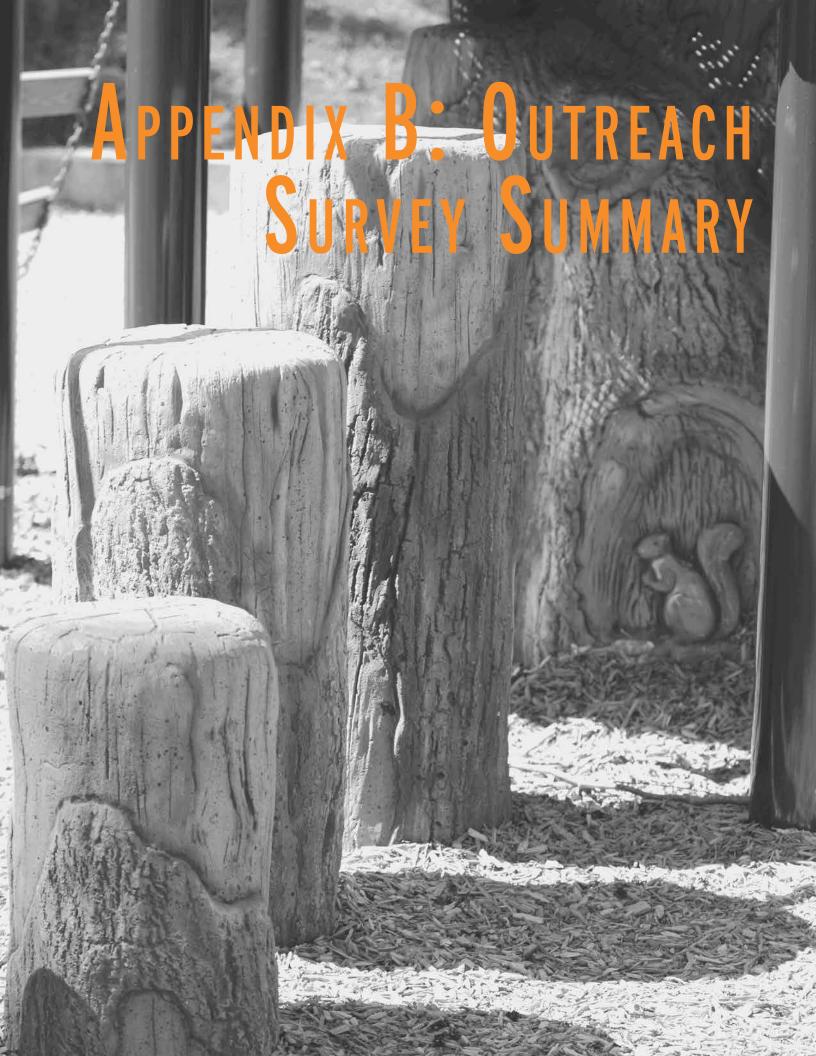
- Address loss of LHS fields/find replacement
- Address needs for fields in MUGA possible partnership with schools
- Asset Valuation include land, improvement, environmental, health and fitness opportunities
- Improve connectivity
- Help older adults to remain active in parks
- We're still feeling the effects of the recession let's address gap areas
- Capture opportunities to acquire park adjacent parcels
- Bike Education
- Bike Rentals
- Water Tower Renovation
- Special use park, Heritage Park, has worldwide users and needs amenities like picnic tables, gazebo, playground
- Make Lynnwood the next "green city" by partnering with non-profits like Earth Corps and Nature Consortium for fund raising and volunteer efforts.

#### Joint Board & Commission Meeting Comments and Questions to Draft Plan – January 13, 2016

- Thank you, interesting, liked equity and access to parks, need to look at this. We're not that big but need to see if we have enough amenities.
- Agree, very comprehensive, thorough look at challenges, what's the risk of doing nothing with the assets? What are the risks?
- That is the question, what if the City decides not to make any tough decisions and kick the can down the road?
- Incredible and remarkable change with connectivity in the community. Need safe place (44th bike lanes), consider the weather, places to go to get activity, mall walking, Verdant partner, things are team is doing, leverage for lower cost, good for quality of life.
- Busiest park Spruce heavily used by MUGA MF housing, county impact fees collected but not
  used for this population, how do we reflect that we're supporting the MUGA, regional provider?
   Willis tucker is taking the fees. Need restriction on development for Manor Way,
- You want to help with obesity, diversity, and a place where everyone is welcome, are we trying to make the parks available or are we trying to attract people with activities?
- I've spent 10 years facilitating a senior outdoor recreation program (biking), enhancing parks and recreation amenities benefits the full community. He's seen growth in his programs.



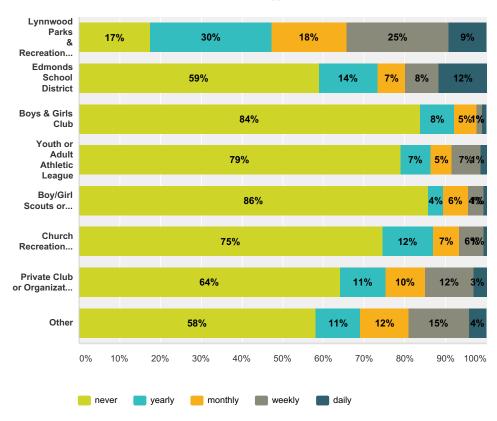
- It's not just about the number of acres but about the utility by making sure the amenity or enhancement could increase use.
- Gut reaction is no not want to lower it, North Lynnwood Park can't imagine it serving more people. Don't want to forget that there are services (storm, habitat, and connectivity) may be things that people/humans don't immediately use or personally benefit from.
- Wants more info on the national standard, most cities what is the benchmark and how are the performing?
- Difficulty of trying to deal with how do we fund this? Is there research on the return for each
  dollar invested economic impact? Studies that show home values in relation to proximity of
  parks which relates to higher resale value, assessed value, and property taxes. (Correlation)
  What about reduced health cost or health benefits, environmental benefits, Eco-system
  services, urban canopy? There is a public cost for declined health through fire, criminal justice,
  health care, social security, Medicare.
- Need clarification of level of service deficit and impact fees.
- Can we lower the standard, meet it, and change it back?
- I've watched open lots fill in, city is becoming full, where do we say what's left is more valuable? Impact fees can be a way to say that we're at at tipping point. Performance measure change it, but lock it in for the life of the plan. When you go to Fred Meyers it's very diverse. We have a diverse community, need in south lynnwood, and need to address the relative greater needs of that part of the community. We need to meet our neighbors. Look at success of Rec center vs. gold park which is passive. What do founders need to see. They need to see all of the measures of performance so council can back funding.
- Look at south end needing green spaces, golf course has a great trail, but golf course is amazing space but only available for a few people. What is the ratio of how many it serves, can we convert spaces into usable parks accessible by a larger population?
- Golf course is a form of revenue.
- People are using the web to scope real estate and livability, walkability, scores are available, it's pragmatic to maintain a the assets. There's a pragmatic argument for the fees.





## Q1 How often do members of your household participate in recreation programs sponsored by the following organizations during the seasons of most use?





	never	yearly	monthly	weekly	daily	Total
Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Department	17%	30%	18%	25%	9%	
	56	97	59	81	30	32
Edmonds School District	59%	14%	7%	8%	12%	
	172	42	20	24	34	29
Boys & Girls Club	84%	8%	5%	1%	1%	
	244	24	16	4	3	29
Youth or Adult Athletic League	79%	7%	5%	7%	1%	
	232	22	15	21	4	2
Boy/Girl Scouts or Campfire Boys & Girls	86%	4%	6%	4%	1%	
	252	11	18	11	2	2
Church Recreation Program	75%	12%	7%	6%	1%	
	217	36	19	17	2	29
Private Club or Organization Recreation Program	64%	11%	10%	12%	3%	
	188	33	28	35	9	2

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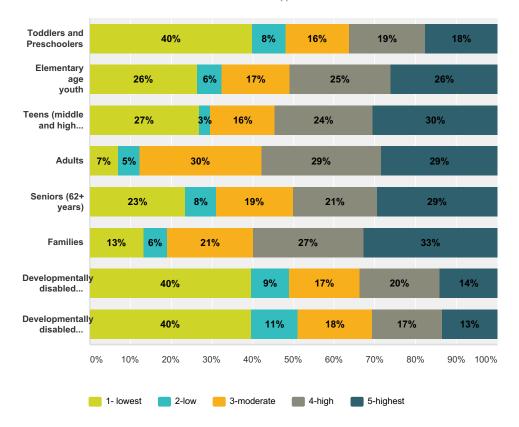
#### Lynnwood PARC Plan Update

Other	58%	11%	12%	15%	4%	
	122	23	25	31	9	210



Q2 What recreational programs do you think should be offered in Lynnwood (by any of the groups listed above) for the following age groups that your household members would use on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is the least important and 5 is the most important?





	1- lowest	2-low	3-moderate	4-high	5-highest	Total
Toddlers and Preschoolers	40%	8%	16%	19%	18%	
	111	23	44	52	49	279
Elementary age youth	26%	6%	17%	25%	26%	
	73	17	46	69	72	277
Teens (middle and high school)	27%	3%	16%	24%	30%	
	75	8	44	67	85	279
Adults	7%	5%	30%	29%	29%	
	20	15	85	83	81	284
Seniors (62+ years)	23%	8%	19%	21%	29%	
	70	23	56	62	88	299

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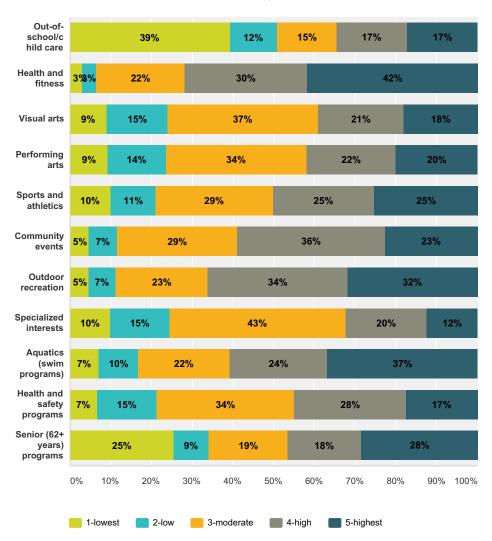
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Families	<b>13%</b> 37	<b>6%</b> 16	<b>21%</b> 59	<b>27%</b> 76	<b>33%</b> 91	279
Developmentally disabled (school age)	<b>40%</b> 107	<b>9%</b> 25	<b>17%</b> 47	<b>20%</b> 53	<b>14%</b> 38	270
Developmentally disabled (adult)	<b>40%</b> 107	<b>11%</b> 31	<b>18%</b> 49	<b>17%</b> 47	<b>13%</b> 36	270



## Q3 What recreational programs do you think should be offered in Lynnwood (by any of the groups listed above) for the following interest areas that your household members would use?





	1-lowest	2-low	3-moderate	4-high	5-highest	Total
Out-of-school/child care	39%	12%	15%	17%	17%	
	112	33	42	49	49	285
Health and fitness	3%	3%	22%	30%	42%	
	9	10	66	90	125	300
Visual arts	9%	15%	37%	21%	18%	
	26	43	106	60	52	287

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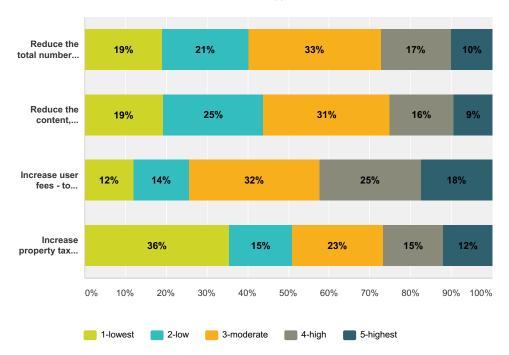
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Performing arts	9%	14%	34%	22%	20%	
	27	42	101	64	59	29
Sports and athletics	10%	11%	29%	25%	25%	
	29	32	83	72	73	2
Community events	5%	7%	29%	36%	23%	
	14	21	88	108	68	2
Outdoor recreation	5%	7%	23%	34%	32%	
	14	20	69	105	97	3
Specialized interests	10%	15%	43%	20%	12%	
	27	40	119	55	34	2
Aquatics (swim programs)	7%	10%	22%	24%	37%	
	21	29	67	71	110	2
Health and safety programs	7%	15%	34%	28%	17%	
	19	42	97	79	50	2
Senior (62+ years) programs	25%	9%	19%	18%	28%	
	77	26	59	55	86	3



# Q4 If the programs you selected require more money than can be currently budgeted from recreational resources to provide, how would you rate the following methods of paying for them?

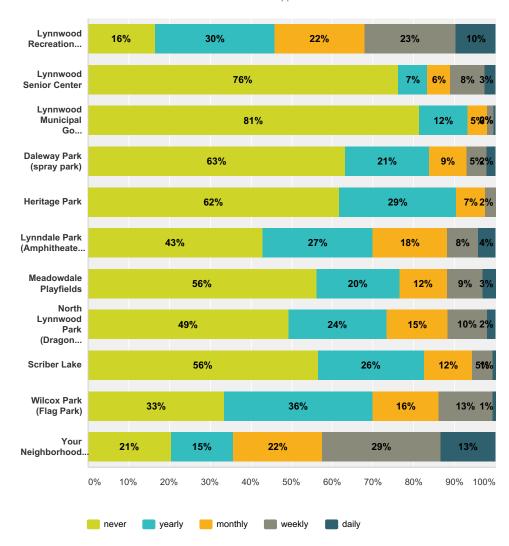




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Reduce the total number - of programs to control costs	<b>19%</b> 57	<b>21%</b> 63	<b>33%</b> 97	<b>17%</b> 51	<b>10%</b> 30	298
Reduce the content, variety, and duration - of existing programs to control costs	<b>19%</b> 57	<b>25%</b> 73	<b>31%</b> 92	<b>16%</b> 46	<b>9%</b> 28	296
Increase user fees - to finance program services	<b>12%</b> 37	<b>14%</b> 42	<b>32%</b> 99	<b>25%</b> 76	<b>18%</b> 54	308
Increase property taxes - to finance needed program services	<b>36%</b> 107	<b>15%</b> 46	<b>23%</b> 68	<b>15%</b> 44	<b>12%</b> 36	301

## Q5 How often do members of your household use the following park and recreational facilities in Lynnwood during the seasons of most use?

Answered: 327 Skipped: 8



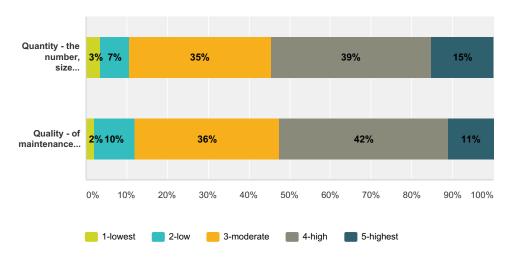
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Lynnwood Recreation Center	16%	30%	22%	23%	10%	
	51	92	68	70	30	31
Lynnwood Senior Center	76%	7%	6%	8%	3%	
,	242	23	18	27	8	31
Lynnwood Municipal Golf Course	81%	12%	5%	2%	0%	
	248	36	15	5	1	30
Daleway Park (spray park)	63%	21%	9%	5%	2%	
	191	63	28	15	6	30



Heritage Park	62%	29%	7%	2%	0%	0.00
	185	86	22	/	0	30
Lynndale Park (Amphitheater, skate park)	43%	27%	18%	8%	4%	
	130	82	55	23	13	30
Meadowdale Playfields	56%	20%	12%	9%	3%	
	167	61	35	26	9	29
North Lynnwood Park (Dragon Park, spray park)	49%	24%	15%	10%	2%	
	148	72	45	29	6	30
Scriber Lake	56%	26%	12%	5%	1%	
	171	79	36	15	2	30
Wilcox Park (Flag Park)	33%	36%	16%	13%	1%	
	101	110	49	40	2	30
Your Neighborhood Park	21%	15%	22%	29%	13%	
·	61	45	65	86	40	29

Q6 In general, how would rate the quantity and quality of the existing inventory of parks, recreation, open spaces, and trails provided in Lynnwood by the city, school district, county, and all other public agencies?



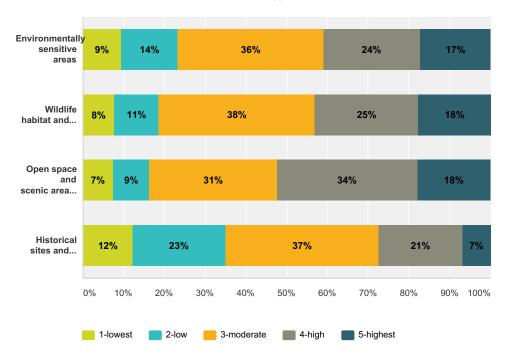


	1- lowest	2- low	3- moderate	4- high	5- highest	Total
Quantity - the number, size, and location of existing park and trail sites to serve the existing population	<b>3%</b> 11	<b>7%</b> 23	<b>35%</b> 113	<b>39%</b> 127	<b>15%</b> 49	323
Quality - of maintenance conditions and furnishings including parking, restrooms, trails, ourts, fields, picnic shelters, and other facilities	<b>2%</b> 6	<b>10%</b> 30	<b>36%</b> 107	<b>42%</b> 125	<b>11%</b> 33	301



# Q7 How would you rate the need for additional park and recreation facilities in Lynnwood in general whether provided by the city, county, school district, or another park provider?Conservation needs:

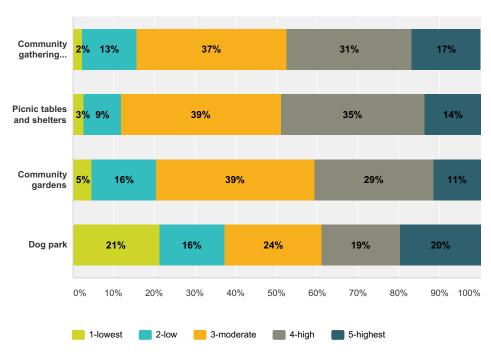




	1-lowest	2-low	3-moderate	4-high	5-highest	Total
Environmentally sensitive areas	9%	14%	36%	24%	17%	
	29	42	110	72	53	306
Wildlife habitat and migration corridors	8%	11%	38%	25%	18%	
	23	34	117	78	54	306
Open space and scenic area preservation	7%	9%	31%	34%	18%	
	23	27	97	106	55	308
Historical sites and buildings	12%	23%	37%	21%	7%	
	37	70	114	63	21	305

#### **Q8** The need for resource parks:

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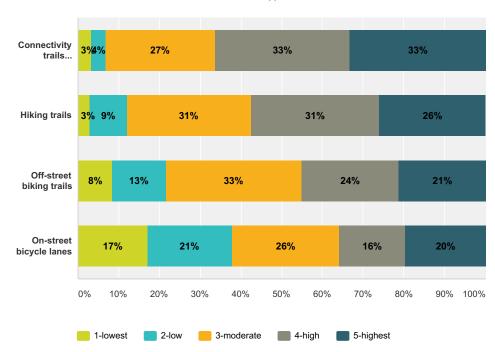


	1-lowest	2-low	3-moderate	4-high	5-highest	Total
Community gathering places	2%	13%	37%	31%	17%	
	7	41	114	94	52	308
Picnic tables and shelters	3%	9%	39%	35%	14%	
	8	28	121	108	42	307
Community gardens	5%	16%	39%	29%	11%	
	14	49	119	90	35	307
Dog park	21%	16%	24%	19%	20%	
	65	49	73	59	60	306



#### Q9 The need for trails:

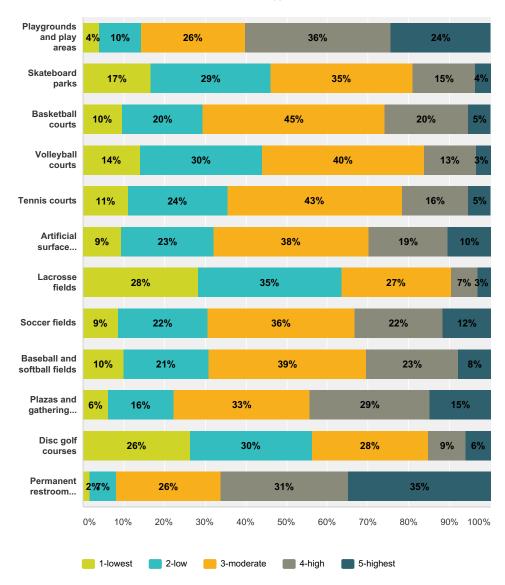
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	1-lowest	2-low	3-moderate	4-high	5-highest	Total
Connectivity trails (greenways), sidewalks, and pathways	3%	4%	27%	33%	33%	
	10	11	83	102	103	309
Hiking trails	3%	9%	31%	31%	26%	
	9	28	95	97	81	310
Off-street biking trails	8%	13%	33%	24%	21%	
	26	40	102	73	65	306
On-street bicycle lanes	17%	21%	26%	16%	20%	
	52	64	80	50	60	306

## Q10 The need for outdoor recreational facilities:

Answered: 313 Skipped: 22



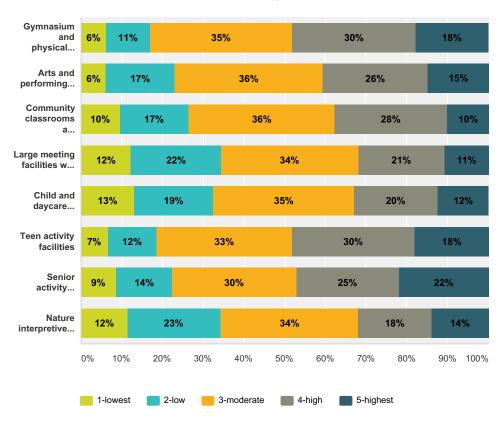
	1-lowest	2-low	3-moderate	4-high	5-highest	Total
Playgrounds and play areas	4%	10%	26%	36%	24%	
	12	31	78	108	74	303
Skateboard parks	17%	29%	35%	15%	4%	
	50	88	105	46	11	300
Basketball courts	10%	20%	45%	20%	5%	
	29	59	134	61	16	299
Volleyball courts	14%	30%	40%	13%	3%	
	42	91	119	39	10	301



Tennis courts	11%	24%	43%	16%	5%	
	33	73	128	49	16	29
Artificial surface multiuse fields	9%	23%	38%	19%	10%	
	28	68	114	58	31	29
Lacrosse fields	28%	35%	27%	7%	3%	
	85	106	81	20	9	30
Soccer fields	9%	22%	36%	22%	12%	
	26	66	109	65	35	3
Baseball and softball fields	10%	21%	39%	23%	8%	
	30	62	115	68	23	2
Plazas and gathering places	6%	16%	33%	29%	15%	
	19	48	101	89	45	3
Disc golf courses	26%	30%	28%	9%	6%	
	79	91	86	28	18	3
Permanent restroom facilities	2%	7%	26%	31%	35%	
	5	20	78	95	106	3

## Q11 The need for indoor recreational facilities:

Answered: 316 Skipped: 19

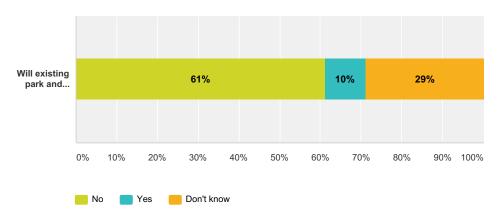


	1-lowest	2-low	3-moderate	4-high	5-highest	Total
Gymnasium and physical conditioning facilities	6%	11%	35%	30%	18%	
	19	33	106	92	54	30
Arts and performing facilities	6%	17%	36%	26%	15%	
	18	52	110	78	45	30
Community classrooms and meeting facilities	10%	17%	36%	28%	10%	
	29	51	108	84	30	30
Large meeting facilities with stage and kitchen	12%	22%	34%	21%	11%	
	37	67	102	64	32	30
Child and daycare facilities	13%	19%	35%	20%	12%	
	40	59	106	62	38	30
Teen activity facilities	7%	12%	33%	30%	18%	
	20	36	100	90	54	30
Senior activity facilities	9%	14%	30%	25%	22%	
	27	43	95	79	68	3.
Nature interpretive and learning facilities	12%	23%	34%	18%	14%	
	35	69	103	55	42	30



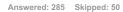
Q12 By the year 2035, the Lynnwood population is expected to increase by another 19,000 people. In your opinion, will existing park and recreation facilities currently provided by all agencies in Lynnwood be sufficient to provide for this population increase?

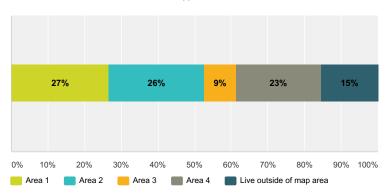




	No	Yes	Don't know	Total
Will existing park and recreation facilities be enough to provide for this population increase?	61%	10%	29%	
	193	32	91	316

### Q14 Where do you live based on the map above?



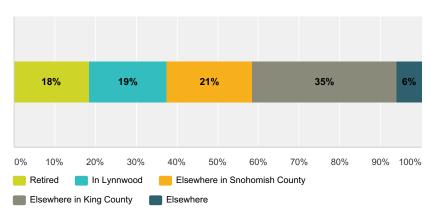


Choices	Responses
ea 1	<b>27%</b> 76
ea 2	<b>26%</b> 74
эа 3	<b>9%</b> 25
∋a 4	<b>23%</b> 66
e outside of map area	<b>15%</b> 44
	285



#### Q15 Where do you work?

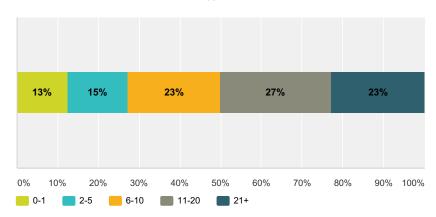
Answered: 299 Skipped: 36



Answer Choices	Responses	
Retired	18%	55
In Lynnwood	19%	57
Elsewhere in Snohomish County	21%	63
Elsewhere in King County	35%	106
Elsewhere	6%	18
Total		299

## Q16 How many years have you lived in Lynnwood?

Answered: 312 Skipped: 23

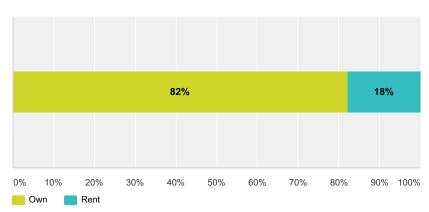


Answer Choices	Responses	
0-1	13%	39
2-5	15%	46
6-10	23%	71
11-20	27%	85
21+	23%	71
Total		312



#### Q17 What type of housing do you live in?

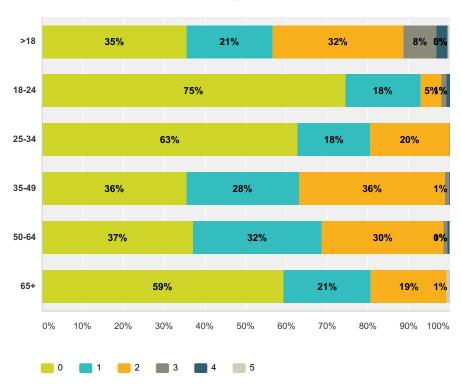
Answered: 313 Skipped: 22



Answer Choices	Responses
Own	<b>82%</b> 257
Rent	<b>18%</b> 56
Total	313

## Q18 How many people in your household are in the following age groups?

Answered: 322 Skipped: 13

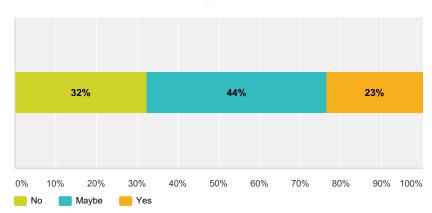


	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
>18	35%	21%	32%	8%	3%	0%	
	85	51	77	20	6	1	240
18-24	75%	18%	5%	1%	1%	0%	
	126	31	9	2	1	0	169
25-34	63%	18%	20%	0%	0%	0%	
	106	30	33	0	0	0	169
35-49	36%	28%	36%	1%	0%	0%	
	76	59	77	2	0	0	214
50-64	37%	32%	30%	1%	0%	0%	
	75	64	60	2	1	0	202
65+	59%	21%	19%	0%	0%	1%	
	105	38	33	0	0	1	177



## Q19 Are you interested in participating further in the development of the parks, recreation, open space, and cultural arts plan in Lynnwood?

Answered: 320 Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	Responses	
No	32%	103
Maybe	44%	142
Yes	23%	75
Total		320

### Q21 Do you have any specific comments or recommendations to make about the proposed park plan update or this survey?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 219

#	Responses	Date
1	A space in the park for small dogs to be able to run unharmed. Thanks.	3/23/2015 7:42 PM
2	I am amazed and thankful for all the outdoor recreation activities provided by the Lynnwood Senior Center and the variety of pool activities provided by the recreation center. (Moved here from California)	3/23/2015 7:15 PM
3	More busses needed for senior center outings.	3/23/2015 6:52 PM
4	Senior Center needs a new van. Larger facility for hike sign-ups.	3/23/2015 6:13 PM
5	Senior Center needs a new bus.	3/23/2015 6:07 PM
6	Senior Center needs a second bus.	3/23/2015 6:04 PM
7	I liked this survey.	3/23/2015 5:53 PM
8	Thank you for this survey. If it's still open it might be good to let people know by way of the local papers, etc., if you haven't already been doing this.	1/22/2015 9:23 PM
9	Disc golf courses are needed	1/12/2015 1:39 AM
10	Disc golf & dog parks are trending. Great way to increase park use affordably.	12/20/2014 12:52 AM
11	I would like to see a Frisbee golf course installed somewhere in Lynnwood. In Oregon, many communities have Frisbee Golf Courses. Here in Washington, they are very hit and miss.	12/19/2014 6:09 AM
12	Please add more Disc Golf courses in the city parks and green spaces.	12/18/2014 5:45 PM
13	I have developed my own ideas and drawn plans to expand our very underwhelming skatepark facilities, and even spoken with contractors. I also have approached the city about adding a Disc Golf Course and getting permitting for Nighttime Glow Disc Golf in local parks. One way to inexpensively add Disc Golf in Lynnwood, would be to add Baskets near the greens on the Municipal Course we already have and make it a Dual Use course. This would cost VERY little and have little impact on current play at this course. Please contact me for details on our plans, volunteer base of players and ideas. Will.	12/18/2014 3:58 PM
14	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. Areas between parks that lack a park could be targeted for acquisition.	12/10/2014 12:31 PM
15	Please assure that all future park development and updates accommodate the needs of various abilities. For example, including special needs swings so that all children may enjoy the joy of swinging.	12/4/2014 9:25 AM
16	Lynnwood needs a good dog park with water! Additional biking lanes and trails would also be a valuable addition for me.	12/3/2014 12:22 PM



17	The path around the golf course is a rape and assault trap. You have it fenced on both sides so that an attacker can block someone in. Look up CPTED - and learn it. The path has no access at all from the North which is insane, getting to QFC is a backtracking nightmare, so it's basically a tax funded waste of space that is beneficial to almost no one, since it was obviously designed with lots of thought for what we don't want people to do and not enough thought to accommodating their needs and desires. It's also blocked at the entrances such that bikes can not enter, making it useless as a travel alternative to 196th so people have to ride on 196th which is crazy dangerous. I often experience life threatening situations here and frankly I am really really sick of it. My kids don't want to grow up without a father because you prioritize cars and golfers over people biking to work to make a living. This danger is not something we have to accept. It was created by design and it can be eliminated by better design. You can put a pedestrian path right through the center of that damn golf course without disturbing the playing environment. There's already one there, it just doesn't connect through. Making people travel an extra mile to get around this obstacle is ridiculously rude and shows the city's contempt for citizens. One day we're just gonna go ahead and make that trail ourselves if you don't. Shall we line up some riot police against a couple thousand students trampling your precious greens and have some fun?	12/2/2014 1:41 PM
18	some questions are loaded. I also doubt very much that the city will grow by 19K people by 2035. If a large area were to be added to the city limits; then maybe.	11/29/2014 3:23 PM
19	Thank you for your time with creating this survey. I am pleased that I can be a voice to help make decisions about the parks in our county. I absolutely adore the parks here and feel they are vital to my happiness and peace of mind. Since I rent, I need parks more than anything since I do not have any yard to call my own.	11/18/2014 1:17 PM
20	Lynnwood has a wonderful park system, PLEASE plan for future growth, maintenance and continued park endorsement throughout the community. Building partnerships with citizens, business and city representatives to achieve outcomes that support all areas of our diverse population.	11/11/2014 2:36 PM
21	Yes we live in Woodinville so many of these questions woul not affect me. We use the pool about 6-10times per year based on NSD schedule	11/10/2014 1:02 PM
22	Invest in the Meadowdale Playfields!	11/2/2014 9:31 AM
23	Please create a dog park at Lynnwood Park - we have so many dogs in our condo project and in the neighborhood that have no place to play off leash. The Edmonds Dog Park is not safe - my dog got up on the train tracks.	10/31/2014 2:26 PM
24	I found many of the questions difficult to understand with the first read. Also, the map of Lynnwood (to determine which area I live in) was unreadable.	10/14/2014 12:16 PM
25	Would like to see more walking trails in forested areas to 'get away' from the city.	10/7/2014 5:17 PM
26	Currently I drive at least 30 minutes weekly or more to access mountain biking and mountain bike parks. Would love to see a mountain bike area and or dirt jump bike park (similar to Duthie in Issaquah or the Redmond Bike Park that just opened). I think that Lynndale park would be a GREAT option for this. Also, consider the golf course that is losing money. If you opened some type of mountain biking area/bike park/dirt jump park, you would bring in soooo many people that would also spend money in Lynnwood/Edmonds.	10/1/2014 11:54 AM
27	There are opportnities to create a Bike Park, much like the one that has recently been created in Redmond. This was done by volunteers, it can take underutilized green space and is a "draw" for people outside of the area as well as creating opportunity for recreation by Lynwood residents.  http://www.redmond.gov/PlansProjects/Parks/RedmondBikePark/	10/1/2014 11:14 AM
28	I would like to see a connecction along 196th street with bike lanes/walking trails from Lynndale park through Scriber lake park and connect to the interurban trail. Are there plans to connect Pioneer Park to the Alderwood Mall using an urban village philosophy?	9/26/2014 9:57 AM

29	The availability of the Rec Center pools does not seem adequate for the size of the population when it comes to	9/24/2014 11:06 AM
	open swim. I think a second similar Rec Center may be needed to deal with population growth. I am exceedingly grateful for the updated facilities available to me at the Rec Center, it is by far the best of it's kind of all the places I've lived. (I've moved 16 times so far). 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 and not as a separate fee (though I do not begrudge the contractors, they have all been wonderful!). I love the new addition of the Farmer's Market this past summer, I hope it was successful enough to expand a bit more next year. I currently drive to Everett's Howarth Park on weekends to allow my dog space to run; I would be very grateful for an off-leash (non-gravel filled, my dog hates that at the Edmonds off-leash park) park closer to home. Pioneer Park is mobbed with people walking dogs all day, it is unofficially a dog park. If I had children, I'd be concerned about them ever touching the ground due to the heavy use/need for pets to eliminate in the grass (they have to go somewhere!). Having a dedicated off-leash or other designated dog area in several parks would greatly improve the lives of both families with children and thoughtful pet owners. I feel some authority needs to enforce leash laws on cats due to rental unit owners allowing cats to roam freely in the public parks (Pioneer Park specifically) leaving toxic feces around indiscriminately. I have no problem with cats enjoying the outdoors, but they should be just as supervised as dogs when it comes to public spaces and sanitation. Cats are trainable enough and pet owners need to be responsible citizens. I would love to be involved in a community garden as I have no property of my own and an a horticulture graduate. Perhaps a club/organization could be established and produce generated could be donated to the food bank(s) in the area. I did read that the garden at the Senior Center is award-winning but it serves such a tiny porti	SZ JZOTT TINO AWI
30	When our children were young (now 24 and 27 yo) we used lots of facilities; now we only use the ones indicated above. As dog owners we would LOVE to see a Off Leash Dog Park in LYnnwood-why go to MtLake Terrace or Edmonds?? There is a fabulous area in the NW corner of Lynndale Parkmany citizens would be happy to form a dog park support team, we could enlist Girl and Boy Scouts to help too. I have lots of Scout contacts. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE consider a dog park. Thanks for asking.	9/17/2014 4:48 AM
31	Can't make out the above Map to tell you where I live!	9/14/2014 6:46 PM
32	Thx.	9/2/2014 8:02 AM
33	A clearer map would help.	8/28/2014 9:35 AM
34	We need to improve, update and enhance the parks and facilities we alreday have. The existing parks we have need to look clean, kept up and feel safe. Scriber Lake park is old, overgrown and almost completely unusable. Radical changes are needed there. Our parks need to be attractive and geared towards use by people and not just thought of in terms of habitat for plants and wildlife. In order to meet future demands, we need to use the current spaces to their potential. Purchasing land for future planned park space is also a good idea.	8/23/2014 7:27 PM
35	It would be nice to have a running track made out of asphalt so it can be used for multiple activitiesRubberized tracks limit what can be done on them.	8/20/2014 6:58 AM
36	I love Lynnwood's commitment to public spaces. I think the amount of space we have is great, but the parks and facilities are getting old. They could use some updating.	8/19/2014 6:14 PM
37	Question 2 is worded very poorly. Of course all those things should be offered, but not necessarily by the city. Question 12, did not have enough information - what percent increase is the additional \$19,000? What are the demographics of the expected growth? I think if the city wants to grow with the population they should focus on bringing businesses to Lynnwood. When people have jobs there is more money for everything. As an aside, I have no idea how Lynnwood parks programs compare to other urban areas.	8/19/2014 4:37 PM
38	More parking is needed at North Lynnwood Park and the playground equipment needs to be updated at Meadowdale play fields.	8/19/2014 7:26 AM
39	We need more outside open spaces, PARKS! On the east and north side of Lynnwood there are hardly any compared with other cities. Too many roads and cars, not enough open spaces to walk and play.	8/18/2014 12:01 PM



41	Please maintain the parks that you currently have	8/18/2014 5:00 AM
12	on question 18, you have greater than 18 as the first category. I'm assuming you meant less than < 18.	8/17/2014 10:18 AM
43	We love the rec center and the family annual pass. The only issue is that open swim is a pain to get into before it fills to capacity. I like the types of classes for my kids and the lower cost of them—it's given my kids opportunities that they wouldn't have had otherwise	8/16/2014 8:13 PM
44	Make sure that it works with the plan to bring light rail up north, and ways to bike or walk to the terminal	8/16/2014 10:18 AM
45	We have tried & tried to get our son into swimming lessons at the Lynnwood Rec Center & even though we have an account, and try to sign him up at 1 minute after midnight on the deadline, we haven't been able to get him in. We have given up. The Rec Center is so nice & great after the remodel, but it feels like it shouldn't be that hard.	8/13/2014 11:19 PM
46	bring art classes back to the community! sports and fitness are great but so is art.	8/13/2014 7:24 PM
47	Look at how Colorado creates open space and parks and recreation (Denver area).	8/13/2014 3:09 PM
48	The map is useless!!! You can't read any of the street names. I couldn't answer the area I lived in.	8/13/2014 2:48 AM
49	I live in unincorporated snohomish, by Lynnwood Highschool, so I am close enough that my family utilizes Lynnwood Parks & Rec activities and facilities from time to time. Unfortunately we don't use any one area exclusively so I am sorry I could not be more help in regards to this survey. We love the Teen nights at the Lynnwood Rec center, and my oldest has enjoyed a library event from time to time. I would love to see more teen related activities because I have a teen, and your location is nice and close.	8/13/2014 1:42 AM
50	Please make the play area, like slides and swings, etc. Safe and clean. Wilcox park have unsafe slides and the the small hill have a lot of sharp sticks that are dangerous to children. It has also many pointed stumps there.	8/13/2014 1:28 AM
51	I really miss having the track near home. I've had to start Jogging on the streets and sidewalks, and have tripped over uneven sidewalks and ruff roadways. I'd love to see Lynnwood bring back a nice track. I love the kids parks that have been added and improved, but we do need more for the older generation. Thanks for all your hard work in getting Lynnwood beautiful again!	8/12/2014 9:03 PM
52	No	8/12/2014 8:58 PM
53	Against raising taxes, applying for bonds, or increasing fees of any kind!	8/12/2014 7:22 PM
54	I would like to see a dog park in Lynnwood. Our current parks system seems to be well maintained and very clean, which I feel improves the quality of life here. It's important to maintain this high standard. Having activities for teens is also important, busy teens are less prone to cause trouble. When I had a Girl Scout Troop it was VERY difficult to find a meeting place. With such a strong Girl Scout community it would be nice to have meeting places more available.	8/12/2014 3:10 PM
55	Would love to see an off-leash dog park in Lynnwood. I live near Meadowdale Playfields and have to drive 15-20 minutes minimum to get to the closest dog park.	8/12/2014 2:35 PM
56	one way to get more funding is to enforce illegal parking at the Lynnwood recreation center. I have seen people park at handicap parking without permit. Big SUV park at low emission parking which is so wrong. At least give them some warning.	8/12/2014 1:33 PM
57	We love the parks!!!!	8/12/2014 1:26 PM
58	no	8/12/2014 1:04 PM
59	We feel that since there's a growing population of renters/leasers in our community (new rental developments) then they should contribute to help pay for community parks/facilities projects. With all these new rental developments being built, it creates a less stable community and it will be the homeowners who end up paying for everything if we don't include all Lynnwood residents. Just a suggestion. Thank you for sending out this survey. We would love to see more park facilities in our neighborhoods instead of apartments and condos. Too many people and not enough parks to go to that are big enough to hold multiple activities. Look at Jefferson park in Seattle. They did an excellent job of including lots of areas for different kinds of play and activities for all ages.	8/12/2014 12:15 PM

60	Create programs and activities to keep teens and schoolers out of the streets with physica, enticing and motivating amenities fort hem. Built better, safe (as in security) regulated (uses rules and user own liabilities) skateboarding and skate parks or a complex with divided areas of different difficulty levels, family oriented, many parents skate alone or with their kids. Many Seniors like to take their grand kids to skate. Perhaps including a Closed Circuit Monitoring/recording cameras for Security. Most important close to public transportation. Teens and lower income users might not have cars or rides to enjoy the parks. A lot of parks are away or not near by from public transportation. Proper lighting and restrooms should be provided. Soccer sport is growing more and more, more grass or artificial fields should be considered, Lynnwood does not have many public fields with or public transportation near by. Even indoor soccer facilities for all ages should be considered for the long months of winter. Perhaps is time to think in the future and put all these together in a large public complex with access to Park and Ride Center, Bike trail and with a natural environment landscape, not just a mass of structures or a theme park. I provided my name just to offer suggestions, I am a Senior who doesn't quit the outdoors in many activities and with long experience in many careers and trades. I am Senior who see little is done to keep the youth out of the streets, crime and being healthy. I am only aware that Boys and Girls Club is one of the very few helping these issues but is limited and not enough and unable to cover all the above.	8/12/2014 11:56 AM
61	Lynnwood P & R needs programs for people with disabilities (cognitive). Elementary - Teen & Adult programs. We always go elsewhere for them. Also, we need more turf soccer fields!!!	8/12/2014 11:45 AM
62	We need more!	8/12/2014 11:40 AM
63	Map is unreadable.	8/12/2014 10:49 AM
64	none	8/12/2014 10:30 AM
65	If you're going to put maps in a survey make them legible. We should not forget to take care of the parks we have before finding new ones. The city lost a great opportunity to expand North Neighborhood (Dragon) Park by not acquiring the large home site between the park and 44th Ave that was for sale a year or so back. Thanks, you folks do a lot without much I would imagine.	8/12/2014 10:26 AM
66	I love the existing parks & recreation structure in Lynnwood. A ton I use. A ton I don't. But I believe it's all valuable and worth paying for by reasonable tax or bonds. I'd support either. Love the REC CENTER and use it very frequently along w/many parks.	8/12/2014 10:19 AM
67	More Shakespeare in the Park. Since seating has been reduced, it's time to add more viewing opportunities. I think that's better than nagging the people who are there to squeeze in tighter and publicly berating (admittedly) less than stellar audience behavior.	8/12/2014 10:17 AM
68	I moved to Lynnwood in July of 2013. The content and variety of the community drew me here to start a business and have a family. The rec center and the classes there have helped me to recover from cancer and become a part of this community. I love this city and all the parks and programs here. I plan to stay here indefinitely.	8/7/2014 8:25 PM
69	Reduce population growth to make more land available for parks that are safe to roam, eco friendly, family friendly for picnics, etc. (Like the neighborhood parks in Vancouver,BC)	8/7/2014 3:56 PM
70	I like to live in Lynnwood, if Lynnwood can have more swimming classes for my child will be good. thanks	7/29/2014 8:29 PM
71	We need to encourage healthy behaviors and have safe and fun areas for the whole community to use	7/29/2014 7:42 PM
72	Very disappointed in the Parks & Rec class offerings this year. For 8 to 12 year olds there just were no options except the full week camps. We always end up going to Edmonds for their classes. We have a wonderful facility here in Lynnwood but there are no classes for the kids except swimming. Edmonds has acting, science, dance, gymnastics, sports, art why don't we?	7/29/2014 11:25 AM
73	You need much better parking at the Lynnwood Recreation Center. Or at least a crosswalk in the middle of 44th Ave. W to access the overflow parking lot.	7/28/2014 2:54 PM
74	Let's get field turf on the Meadowdale Playfields	7/28/2014 9:37 AM
75	We need more safe, well spaced sidewalks and some more pedestrian controlled crosswalks. Pedestrians are not safe in the city of Lynnwood.	7/28/2014 7:14 AM
76	Do not put parking at Rowes Park. Make a path to connect to back side of property. Put in a bathroom. Clear some of the underbrush. That's it.	7/27/2014 8:30 PM
77	Living in unincorporated Lynnwood, how much does my opinion count?	7/27/2014 8:28 PM



78	1. I believe the best thing about Lynnwood is the Lund's Gulch trail. It is very well used but does not have enough parking. The new development nearest the parking lot has put up signs that it is a private road and park users may not park there. I hope they pay for their own road maintenance. 2. It would be nice if Lynnwood had a public garden like the Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens at American Legion Memorial Park. I think garden clubs and apartment dwellers would be willing to do much of the maintenance. Maybe start out small and see how it does? Check with other public gardens to get ideas - Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden, Bellevue Botanical Gardens, Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens	7/27/2014 1:05 PM
79	It would be nice to bring back the Lynnwood resident discounts to several activities/classes, especially summer programs for kids.	7/26/2014 11:53 PM
80	Thanks for asking	7/26/2014 3:26 PM
81	Thanks for doing this.	7/26/2014 11:31 AM
82	Regarding this survey: #14, unable to read map even with enlargement.	7/26/2014 10:30 AM
83	Would love to see outdoor basketball or tennis courts that were nice and unique enough that they drew some tournaments and were fun to play at.	7/26/2014 1:52 AM
84	Build it and they will come !!!!!	7/26/2014 1:36 AM
85	Maintaining our outdoor recreation spaces is vital to our community!	7/25/2014 11:57 PM
86	Please update community members on the status or planned opening of Doc Hagerman park	7/25/2014 9:41 PM
87	Put kids first!	7/25/2014 9:22 PM
88	there is no specific mention of additional aquatic facilities in this survey nor is there any mention of increasing the ratio of parks per household or putting a limit to the # of households per acre to maintain the quality of life for our city	7/25/2014 7:43 PM
89	No, but I have plenty to say about the Celebrate! Lynnwood last Sat. Not well organized at all.	7/25/2014 7:26 PM
90	The map was not readable so I didn't respond. I was not able to read the streets etc. to determine what area we live in.	7/25/2014 7:09 PM
91	Loss of old recreation facilities of the Lynnwood high was massive and not properly mitigated.	7/25/2014 6:35 PM
92	Make the County develop parks in the future area to be annexed by Lynnwood.	7/25/2014 6:13 PM
93	next time you do a survey make the map readable	7/25/2014 6:09 PM
94	Get a freaking child care at the rec Ctr for parents who want to participate in the group exercise programs. Seriously. Who plans a rec center for families and doesn't include a drop in child care?	7/25/2014 5:45 PM
95	Map was very difficult to decipher	7/25/2014 5:38 PM
96	this survey was hard to understand. I had to read some questions more than once. Surveys should be easy. We need more parks and a nice big meeting/party/ wedding space	7/25/2014 5:35 PM
97	No, but I think the questions and concerns are very valid and should be addressed, and plans made to keep the parks as a asset to our fine city,,,,,,,	7/25/2014 5:29 PM
98	Be sure to include access for people in wheel chairs, power chairs, walkers, even canes. We are a large and growing and FRUSTRATED population. Also, remember that many are independent and are by themselves, not with a companion!!! Easy open doors [electric openers, etc.!!	7/25/2014 5:18 PM
99	The P.A.R.C. Survey is great way to connect to a large volume of folks who are interested in what is happening with Lynnwood beyond the great print newspaper.	7/25/2014 5:13 PM
100	No	7/25/2014 4:49 PM
101	I'm not sure I can comment about the proposed update, since I haven't seen it, just this survey. I hope it takes the needs of the physically disabled into account, this survey certainly doesn't give any indication that it will.	7/25/2014 4:37 PM
102	Map is blurry, can't read it.	7/25/2014 4:32 PM
103	Would love to have a community dog park	7/25/2014 4:30 PM

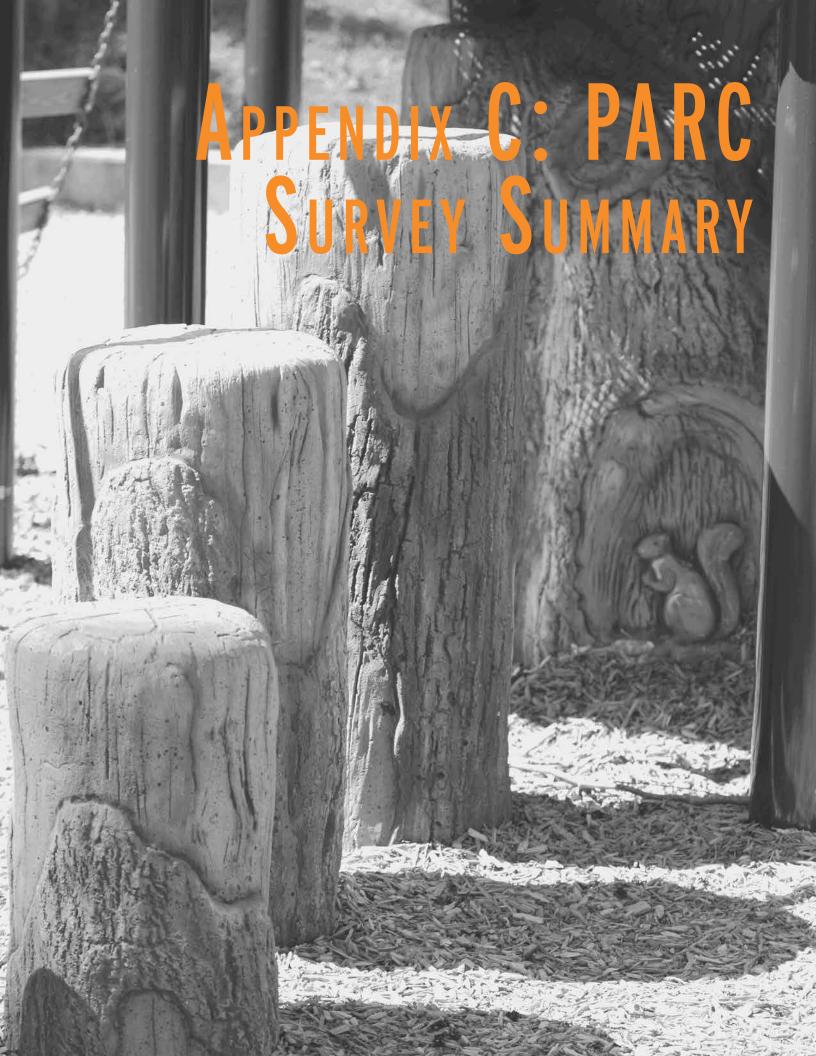
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104	I think lynnwood has already been mismanaged. All tree have disappeared nothing but back to back home devolpments. No open spaces and terrible roads. I have to use 36 th Ave W everyday but the road is only been patched. Never been repaved in 25 yrs.My street is swept by city occasionally in summer but in winter when there is wind and a blanket of pine needles no city sweepers and homeowners have to clean the mess. I recommend get rid of street cameras and invest the wasted money on bringing some class to lynnwood like theaters that can perform plays & musicals.	7/25/2014 4:26 PM
105	Yes, don't raise taxes. Raise user fees if need be. Those who use it should pay for it. Simple.	7/25/2014 4:26 PM
106	not at this time	7/25/2014 4:23 PM
107	I can't zoom in on the map to see the area boundaries	7/25/2014 4:21 PM
108	No	7/25/2014 4:15 PM
109	There needs to be more available activities for teenagers	7/25/2014 4:06 PM
110	Be specific on what will be done in Lynnwood and what would be done in Brier which is often considered part of Lynnwood.	7/25/2014 4:04 PM
111	The map was too small for me to read so I guessed that I live in area 2	7/23/2014 12:46 PM
112	Great job everyone! Hope you get a good response. Note that questions 7 and 8 are switched - the content of #7 refers to #8, and vice versa. ??	7/16/2014 3:49 PM
113	Not at this time.	7/5/2014 4:39 PM
114	Maintenance first, acquisition and development later.	6/30/2014 10:10 AM
115	Need more multi-purpose fields which can incorporate full-sized baseball, soccer, & lacrosse games similar to Edmonds Community College.	6/27/2014 9:25 PM
116	It may be best to upgrade (add street parking on streets adjacent to parks, more picnic tables, maintenance) rather than increase number of parks. Well maintained public plazas and green spaces can support a large population.	6/23/2014 8:24 PM



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# Lynnwood 2015 Parks, Arts, Recreation & Conservation (PARC) Plan Survey

Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Department recruited a random sample of 10,755 registered voters in April and May 2015 on a citywide basis to participate in a controlled sample survey concerning parks, arts, recreation, and conservation needs and priorities.

A total of 735 registered voters, including more than one registered voter per household in some instances, agreed to participate and 306 were emailed an invitation to take the survey on-line and 429 mailed a copy of a survey with a postage paid return envelope based on their survey participation preferences.

A total of 324 respondents completed surveys including 109 on-line and 215 by mail. Survey results are accurate to within +/-5% of the opinions of the respondents – who, based on surveying experience, **are likely to be the most interested and most likely voting population**.

The statistics are rounded and may not add to 100% and do not list undecided, do not know, or refused a response which ranged as described depending on the nature of the question.

# Survey participant characteristics

Survey respondents were asked to provide general demographic information in order to determine a profile of the responding population. Generally, the questions were answered by 304-307 or 97-98% compared with 10-7 or 3-2% who did not.

34% Northwest 26% Northeast 20% Southwest 20% Southeast	42% Retired 14% In Lynnwood 10% Elsewhere Snohomish Co 26% Elsewhere King County 4% Elsewhere 5% Other or not applicable	0-1 2-5 6-10 11-20 21+ yrs 1% 3% 10% 26% 61%
Which area of the city do you live in (defined by 188th Street and Highway 99)?	Where do you work?	How many years have you lived in Lynnwood?

What type of housing do you live in?	own 92%	rent 8%	
How many people in your	<18 1	18-24 25-34	<18 18-24 25-34 35-49 50-64 65+
household in these age groups?	123	68 37	93 248 237
	15%	8% 2%	12% 31% 30%

<u>Place of residence</u> - the distribution of survey respondents closely approximates the distribution of registered voter populations across the city with larger percentages residing in the north neighborhoods compared with the south neighborhoods.

**Place of work** – includes a substantial percentage of retirees (43%), which is typical of most interested and frequent voters.

Length of residence – heavily favors longtime residents which is typical of most interested and frequent voters.

**Age groups** – were heavily represented by the young (under 18 and 18-24) with middle-age adult parents (35-49) and older adults (50+) that is partly a reflection of the older and suburban character of the city.

### Existing park behavior

Survey respondents were asked the following series of questions to determine their park access and transportation. The question was answered by 307 or 95% of all respondents compared with 16 or 5% who did not.

0.25 miles or less 0.50 miles or less 0.50 miles or more	walk drive bike public transit
60% 30% 11%	25% 25% 0%
What is the distance to the nearest park to your home?	How do you travel to your closest park?

1% other

**Park distance** – the closest park is predominantly within 0.5 miles of a residence that is the general park service standard.

**Park access** – park users predominantly walk (72%) to the nearest park, and a reason why parks are located within close proximity, versus drive (25%) or bike (2%).

### Park use

Survey respondents were asked how often they use major park facilities. The question was answered by 306 or 97% of all respondents compared with 8 or 3% who did not. Following is a rank order list of their frequency response.

	Never		Monthly	Wee	
Neighborhood Park	46%		17%		
Lynndale Park*	48%		14%		3%
Meadowdale Playfields	22%		%6		3%
N Lynnwood Park**	64%		%6		1%
Wilcox/Flag Park	37%		15%		%0
Scriber Lake	93%		11%		%0
Daleway Park	%/9	21%	2%	4%	1%
Heritage Park	%9/		%9		%0

\* Amphitheater and skate park

\*\* Dragon Park and spray park

The neighborhood park - was the most frequently used (4% daily, 13% weekly, 17% monthly, 20% yearly, and 46% never) compared with Heritage Park (0% daily and weekly, 6% monthly, 17% yearly, and 76% never). Other major parks including Lynndale Park (Amphitheater and skatepark), Meadowdale Playfields, and North Lynnwood Park were also used frequently on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis.

### Quality rankings

Survey respondents were asked to rate the quality of parks, trails, and open space in Lynnwood on a scale of the very lowest quality to the very highest quality level. The question was answered by 303 or 94% of all respondents compared with 21 or 6% who did not. Following is a rank order list reflecting

the greatest percent given a high to very high satisfaction score compared with average and low to very lowest quality ranking.

Quality rankings	Low	Ave	High
Cleanliness	2%	32%	92%
Maintenance	3%	36%	%19
Landscaping and appearance	3%	37%	%09
Accessibility	3%	37%	%09
Park equipment - playgrounds	4%	44%	25%
Safety	2%	44%	21%
Walking/biking/nature trails	%/	45%	20%
Park features - shelters	10%	46%	42%
Drainage	11%	47%	42%
Adequate parking	19%	46%	36%
Lighting	12%	52%	36%
Restroom availability	17%	53%	31%
Restroom quality	21%	26%	23%

Cleanliness, maintenance, landscaping and appearance, accessibility, park equipment, safety and trails all were rated with high-very high scores above 50% compared with restroom quality rated at 23%.

### Policy priorities

Survey respondents were asked to rate priorities for a number of possible policies on the same lowest to highest rating scale. The question was answered by 310 or 99% of all respondents compared with 4 or 1% who did not.

Policy priorities	1	Low	Ave	High
Providing safe parks		%	10%	%06
Keeping parks clean and well maintained		%0	15%	85%
Acquiring and conserving urban forests		13%	<b>5</b> 6%	%19
Replacing aging park equipment		2%	40%	25%
Developing or improving walking, biking, nature trails		10%	35%	25%
Providing vehicle parking at parks	_	10%	45%	48%
Providing park, play structures for disabled		%91	40%	44%
Providing a park within walking distance		15%	41%	44%
Providing additional plazas, gathering places, or shelters		20%	45%	35%
Increasing the number of neighborhood parks		<b>%9</b> 7	26% 44%	30%



Providing safe, clean, well maintained parks, acquiring and conserving urban forests, replacing aging park equipment, and developing or improving walking, biking, and nature trails were given very highest priorities above 50% compared with increasing the number of neighborhood parks at 31%.

# Development priorities for outdoor facilities

Survey respondents were asked to rate priorities for a number of possible developments for outdoor facilities on the same lowest to highest rating scale. The question was answered by 302 or 96% of all respondents compared with 12 or 4% who did not.

Development priorities for outdoor	Low	Ave	High
Outdoor walking paths	3%	50%	21%
Walking paths	2%	20%	75%
Natural areas	2%	25%	%89
Playgrounds	3%	31%	65%
Benches and picnic tables	2%	33%	92%
Connected trails	%6	31%	%09
Swings for tots, youth, ADA	2%	40%	26%
Outdoor walking track	21%	34%	44%
Gazebos and picnic shelters	13%	49%	38%
Historic markers and interpretive signs	28%	36%	32%
Dog park/off-leash dog areas	34%	34%	32%
Bike racks	19%	52%	30%
Outdoor tennis/basketball courts	19%	53%	28%
Arboretum	35%	37%	28%
Outdoor multisport courts	23%	20%	27%
Spray parks	33%	41%	25%
BBQ pits	28%	47%	25%
Moveable goals for grass fields	32%	45%	23%
Fishing access	47%	32%	20%
Outdoor games – horseshoes, bocce ball, shuffleboard, table tennis	35%	45%	20%
Artificially turfed baseball/softball fields	49%	32%	19%
Artificially turfed multipurpose soccer, football, soccer fields	46%	34%	19%
Environmental education center	44%	38%	19%
Outdoor fitness stations	41%	41%	17%
Skate/bike parks	36%	44%	17%
Volleyball courts	34%	21%	15%

Zip lines	%69	18%	12%
Pickle ball courts	22%	32%	11%
Disc golf course	%19	28%	%6
BMX trails or course	63%	28%	%6
Mountain bike trails	%09	32%	8%

Outdoor walking paths, walking paths, natural areas, playgrounds, benches and picnic tables, connected trails, and swings for tots, youth, ADA compliance were given very highest priorities over 50% compared with mountain bike and BMX trails at 8-9%.

High priority rankings likely reflect activities for which there are very high participation rates for the population in general and for which bonds and other voted funding measures will likely be well received. Low priority rankings reflect niche activities for which there are low percentages of the population that are involved and which will be difficult to obtain voter approved funding.

That does not mean low priority activities should not be provided but that the methods by which they are funded will likely need to be other than voted measures and include grants, donations, self help, and possibly enterprises as well as a high recovery strategy for program fees and costs

# Development priorities for indoor facilities

Survey respondents were asked to rate priorities for a number of possible developments for indoor facilities on the same lowest to highest rating scale. The question was answered by 3.14 or 97% of all respondents compared with 11 or 3% who did not

Development priorities for indoor	Low	Ave	High
Teen activity space	%6	34%	28%
Older adult activity space	%/	36%	25%
Older adults fitness space	%6	38%	54%
Youth/child care activity space	11%	36%	20%
Social gathering spaces of all sizes	10%	43%	47%
Indoor walking track	27%	35%	38%
Gymnasium – basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer	20%	45%	36%
Theater performance space	31%	37%	32%
Arts/crafts activity space	25%	45%	30%
Expanded water instruction space	32%	36%	29%
Expanded fitness space	22%	46%	29%
Expanded water park features	34%	38%	28%

26% 53% 21%	54% 32% 15%	46% 41% 13%
Meeting room space	Rock climbing	Commercial kitchen

Teen, older adult, and youth/child care activity space as well as older adult fitness space were given the highest priorities over 50% compared with a commercial kitchen and a rock climbing wall at 13%.

### Use of indoor facilities

Survey respondents were asked how often they use indoor facilities. The question was answered by 317 or 98% of all respondents compared with 7 or 2% who did not. Following is a rank order list of their frequency response.

	Never	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Lynnwood Rec Cntr	31%	30%	23%	14%	3%
Meadowdale Playfields	%19	21%	%8	8%	3%
Lynnwood Senior Cntr	72%	14%	2%	%9	1%
Lynnwood Golf Course	72%	15%	%8	4%	%0
Cedar Valley Gym	%96	2%	1%	%0	1%

Lynnwood Recreation Center was frequented the most (3% daily and 14% weekly) and Cedar Valley Gym the least (1% daily and 0% weekly).

# Recreation Center quality rankings

Survey respondents were asked to rate the quality of the Lynnwood Recreation Center on the same lowest to highest rating scale. The question was answered by 255 or 79% of all respondents compared with 69 or 21% who did not. Some portion of the not responding may not be familiar enough with the Recreation Center to provide a response.

Quality rankings	Low	Ave	High
Aquatic facilities	%0	21%	%6/
Cleanliness	2%	30%	%/
Fitness facilities	1%	35%	64%
Customer service	3%	40%	22%
Type and quality of programs offered	2%	41%	22%

 Quality of instruction.
 0%
 47%
 53%

 Ease of access
 6%
 42%
 52%

 Hours of operation
 6%
 45%
 50%

 Locker room facilities
 7%
 52%
 41%

 Pool scheduling availability
 11%
 49%
 40%

 Parking
 28%
 43%
 29%

Aquatic facilities, cleanliness, fitness facilities, type and quality of programs, customer service, quality of instruction, and ease of access were rated with high-very high scores above 50% compared with parking at 29%.

## Senior Center quality rankings

Survey respondents were asked to rate the quality of the Lynnwood Senior Center on the same lowest to highest rating scale. The question was answered by 88 or 27% of all respondents compared with 236 or 73% of the respondents who did not. Some portion of the respondents who did not respond are presumed to not be familiar enough with Senior Center facilities to provide a response.

Quality rankings	Low	Ave	High
Cleanliness	2%	35%	63%
Customer service	8%	32%	%09
Quality of instruction	2%	40%	52%
Type and quality of programs offered	%6	36%	52%
Ease of access	8%	45%	47%
Hours of operation	12%	46%	45%
Parking	25%	41%	36%

Cleanliness, customer service, quality of instruction, and type and quality of programs offered were rated with high-very high scores above 50% compared with parking at 36%.

# Reasons for using or not using programs

Survey respondents were asked to identify why they do not use Lynnwood recreation programs including "not a reason, somewhat affecting, mostly affecting, and entirely affecting". The question was answered by 231 or 71% of all respondents and likely includes some who participate in some but not all Lynnwood recreation programs compared with 94 or 29% of the respondents who are presumed to use Lynnwood program services.



	Not	Some	Mostly	Entirely
Too busy to use programs	37%	56%	25%	12%
Program time not convenient	%09	17%	14%	%6
Participate in other programs	23%	20%	18%	%6
Facility too crowded	%89	17%	%8	8%
Fees too high	%19	25%	%8	%9
Don't know what's offered	%89	21%	%/	2%
Can't afford program	%29	19%	10%	4%
Program not offered	74%	14%	%/	4%
Class too full	21%	14%	2%	3%
Registration too difficult	81%	12%	2%	2%
Lack of parking	72%	19%	%8	2%
Accessibility	%88	2%	3%	2%
Scholarship not available or sufficient	%06	2%	3%	2%
Don't feel safe	92%	%9	%0	1%
Not conveniently located	83%	12%	4%	1%
Facility quality	92%	4%	3%	1%
Program quality	%06	%/	2%	1%
Customer service	91%	8%	1%	1%
Lack transportation	93%	2%	1%	1%
Language barrier	%/6	3%	%0	1%

Too busy to use programs, program time not convenient, and participate in other programs were mostly and entirely the reasons though is relatively low percentages of why respondents indicated they do not use Lynnwood recreation programs compared to language barrier which was some to not a reason.

### Sources of information

Survey respondents were asked to identify how they learn about Lynnwood recreation programs including "not a source, some information, most information, and single source of information". The question was answered by 301 or 93% of all respondents compared with 23 or 7% of the respondents who did not.

	Not	Some	Most	Single	ra
Recreation Guide	13%	22%	25%	10%	re
Inside Lynnwood city newsletter	%91	45%	34%	8%	

City mailings	36%	41%	20%	2%
Word-of-mouth	47%	36%	12%	2%
Search engine	72%	18%	%6	2%
Senior Messenger	85%	8%	%6	1%
Lynnwood eNews	74%	17%	8%	1%
Program poster/flyers	62%	29%	%6	%0
Newspaper	%99	27%	2%	%0
On-line news source	4/2	15%	2%	%0
Social media – Facebook/Twitter	%16	2%	2%	%0

The Lynnwood Recreation Guide and Inside Lynnwood newsletter are the most to single sources of information about Lynnwood recreation programs and social media including Facebook and Twitter that are not.

The results may reflect the older age of a plurality of the respondents and the means by which they typically gather information as much as the outreach methods the city is currently using to inform and promote programs.

## Recreation program priorities

Survey respondents were asked to rate priorities for a number of recreation program offerings on a lowest to highest rating scale. The question was answered by 305 or 94% of all respondents compared with 19 or 6% of the respondents who did not.

Recreation program priorities	Low	Ave	High
Provide recreation activities for all ages	1%	27%	72%
Provide youth development programs	4%	28%	%89
Help people build healthy lifestyles	%6	34%	28%
Address needs low-income youth or families	13%	31%	26%
Provide programs for the disabled	%/	36%	22%
Create a connected community	13%	36%	21%
Support arts and culture activities	11%	41%	49%
Provide volunteer opportunities	%/	47%	46%
Allow alcohol in rental facilities	75%	18%	2%

Provide recreation activities for all ages, youth development programs, healthy lifestyles, low-income youth and families, disabled, and connected community ranked very high with scores above 50% compared with allowing alcohol in rental facilities which did not at 7%.

Some high rated programs, such as address needs of low-income youth or families and programs for the disabled do not rank high on possible program participation questions since these are relatively small populations with low program volumes. The high priorities given these groups by the respondents at large, however, indicates there may be public support for using general funds to provide scholarships or subsidies to support these group needs.

# Recreation program participation

Survey respondents were asked to indicate what interest areas members of their household would participate in if offered including "very unlikely, unlikely, neutral, likely, very likely". The question was answered by 301 or 93% of all respondents compared with 23 or 7% of the respondents who did not. Following is a rank order list reflecting the highest percent given a likely to very likely participation indication.

Recreation program participation	Unlikely	Neutral	Likely
Fitness – aerobics, group classes, martial arts	25%	33%	42%
Health, nutrition, and wellness	33%	31%	36%
Arts and crafts	37%	28%	35%
Education – computer, language, jobs	41%	26%	33%
Dance, music, theater	42%	28%	30%
Indoor sports – volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer	26%	21%	23%
Intergenerational programs	21%	28%	21%
Athletic leagues – youth, adults, older adults	26%	24%	20%
Youth sports – lacrosse, soccer, baseball, flag football	%02	14%	15%
Non-school day youth day camps	73%	12%	15%
Before/after school child care	28%	12%	10%
Pre-school sports enrichment (age 3-5)	80%	10%	10%
Developmentally disabled (adult)	81%	12%	2%
Developmentally disabled (school age)	85%	%6	%9
Indoor hockey	82%	12%	%9

Fitness including aerobics, group classes, and martial arts was given the highest likely to very likely indication at 42% compared with indoor hockey at 6%.

High likely indications reflect activities for which there are high participation rates for the population in general and which will have high volume turnout. Low priority rankings reflect niche activities for which there are low percentages of the population that are involved and for which there will likely be small turnout.

That does not mean low volume activities should not be provided but that the program offerings should be tailored to niche population interest with smaller turnout.

### Cultural arts priorities

Survey respondents were asked to rate priorities for a number of cultural arts program services on a lowest to highest rating scale. The question was answered by 306 or 94% of all respondents compared with 18 or 6% of the respondents who did not.

Recreation program priorities	Low	Ave	High
Farmers Market	8%	22%	%0/
Festivals	%6	29%	62%
Community events	8%	33%	26%
Outdoor music/concert productions	14%	29%	22%
Arts/crafts fairs	11%	36%	49%
Performing arts	14%	45%	44%
Space for exhibitions or performances	15%	41%	44%
Outdoor theater productions	20%	37%	42%
Art exhibits	20%	44%	36%
Public art	25%	40%	35%
Art education	23%	45%	33%
Promotional art/cultural/historical attractions	23%	45%	33%
Cultural/historical attractions/tours	25%	45%	33%
Heritage/cultural/art museums	23%	45%	33%
Art gallery exhibits	22%	46%	32%
Support of individual artists	32%	40%	29%

Farmers' market, festivals, community events, and outdoor music and concert productions were given very high rankings of over 50% compared with support of individual artists at 29%.

Highly ranked arts programs more actively involve the general public and will likely favorably support the use of general funds. This does not mean individual artists should not be supported but that the means of funding this



type of art services may involve the use of other than general funds including donations, grants, and enterprise accounts.

### Comments

Do you have any specific comments or recommendations to make about the proposed PARC Plan or this survey? Survey respondents were given an opportunity to provide written comments or recommendations, of which 161 or 50% did and 163 or 50% did not. The comments varied widely and are documented in the appendix pages following.

### Lottery drawing

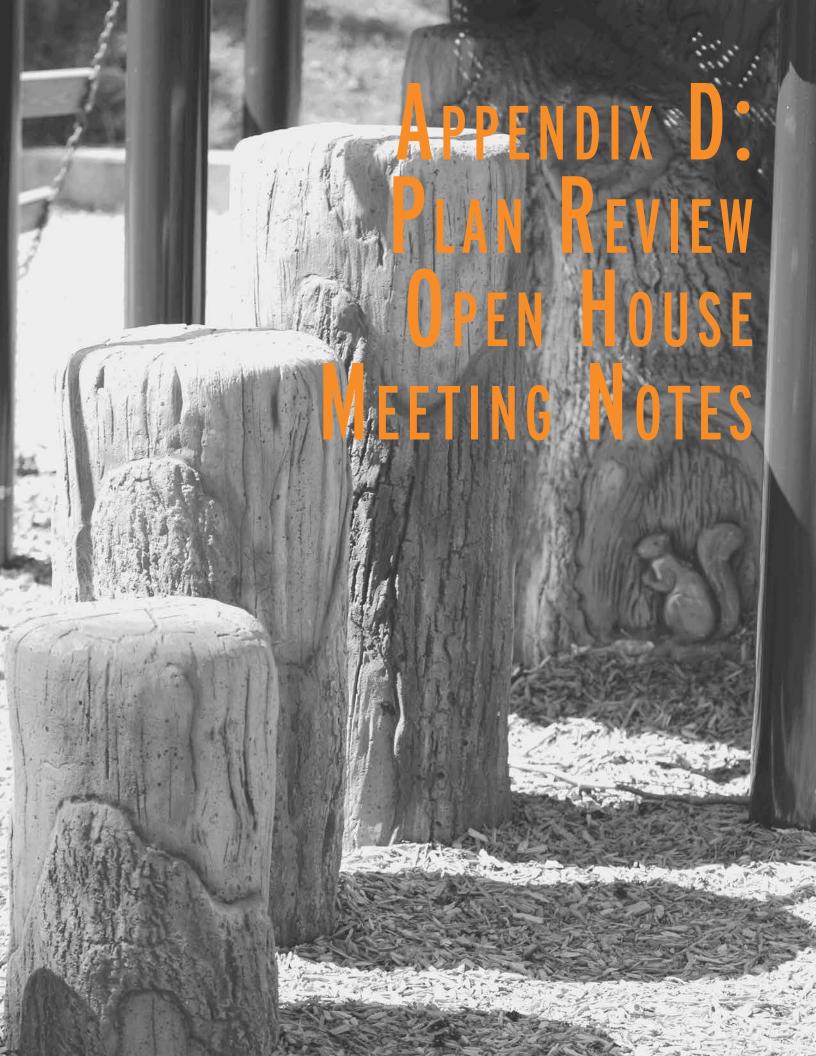
Please provide your name and email address if you would likely to be entered in the lottery drawing for a \$250 gift certificate.

Survey respondents were given an opportunity to participate in the drawing, of which 204 or 63% did and 120 or 37% did not.

### **Implications**

Survey results generally reflect the behaviors and priorities of an older, longer tenure, owner, and mostly interested and most likely to vote population as well as activities in which a larger percentage of the population is a participant – such as walking compared with skateboarding. As a consequence, the results should be considered when making policy decisions about the use of general funds and voter-approval measures for the financing of programs and park and recreation facilities.

That does not mean lower priorities should not be provided but that recreation volumes in these activities will reflect a lower participation rate or niche user population and the methods by which they financed should use methods involving grants, donations, enterprise, and other opportunities as well as a high cost recovery strategy for program fees and costs rather than general funds or voter approval financing measures.







### **MEETING NOTES**

PROJECT NUMBER: # 15-073PLN ISSUE DATE: February 1, 2016

PROJECT NAME: Lynnwood PARC Plan

RECORDED BY: Steve Duh / Jean Akers

TO: FILE

PRESENT: Members of the public

Staff from Lynnwood Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department

Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Board

Project team members from Conservation Technix & SvR | MIG

SUBJECT: PARC Plan: Open House Meeting Notes (Jan. 27th & 28th)

Community members were invited to a pair of consecutive open houses for the PARC Plan. Both meetings were held in the lobby of the Recreation Center, and the meetings occurred on January 27th and 28th 2016. The project team prepared informational displays covering the major themes of the PARC Plan. These displays included Project Overview, Survey Feedback, Repairs & Improvements, Upgrades & Enhancements, Expanding for the Future, Parks & Trails Maps, and Investing in the Future. Attendees were encouraged to talk to project team members, record their comments and complete a written comment card.

City staff and project team staff engaged with participants to explore proposed recommendations and general needs and interests for park and recreation in Lynnwood.

### **COMMENTS PER DISPLAY STATION**

The following represents a summary of the comments received during both evening sessions.

### Written Comments from Flip Charts

- Develop Manor Way Park
- We like restrooms in parks
- More skate parks
- Like the plan to increase connectivity of bike lanes
- Have the website show park features (i.e. trails, shelters)
- Searchable
- Update & refresh photos of parks
- Bike / BMX course
- Address walking access to Meadowdale Beach Trail to beach RR underpass
- More natural area restorations/reserves
- More playgrounds for older kids
- Improve the playgrounds replacements
- 55+ 'playgrounds' fitness equipment outside
- Alternative playgrounds (8)
- Trail from Center to Sound

### PARC Plan: Open House Meeting Notes (Jan. 27th & 28th)

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- Indoor basketball court (x2)
- More natural outdoor gathering spots
- Big climbing net instead of toys
- Develop efficient water runoff systems
- We need a play structure like they have at Seattle Center
- Climbing net structure
- Update play equipment
- Live in gap between CP-4 & CP-3. Interested in having a local park in area (near CP-4)
- Off-leash dog area. Yay!
- Walking at night. Would like pathways with lights.
- Need bike routes near every school. Currently none planned near Lynnwood High School? Maybe because some schools are county?
- Golf classes for children (low cost)

### **Investing For The Future (tally dot voting)**

- 15 Acquire & Develop Trail Corridor Connecting City Center to Lund's Gulch
- 13 Upgrade & Expand Playground Equipment
- 13 Acquire Lands for Future Parks to Fill Gaps in City
- 12 Acquire Conservation Lands along Creeks or to Expand Open Spaces
- 11 Install Additional Picnic Shelters for Group Gatherings
- 10 Renovate & Expand Sport Fields
- 10 Renovate Existing Parks, such as Lynndale or Heritage Parks
- 9 Provide an Off-Leash Dog Area
- 3 Exercise Equipment in Parks
- 1 Gyms

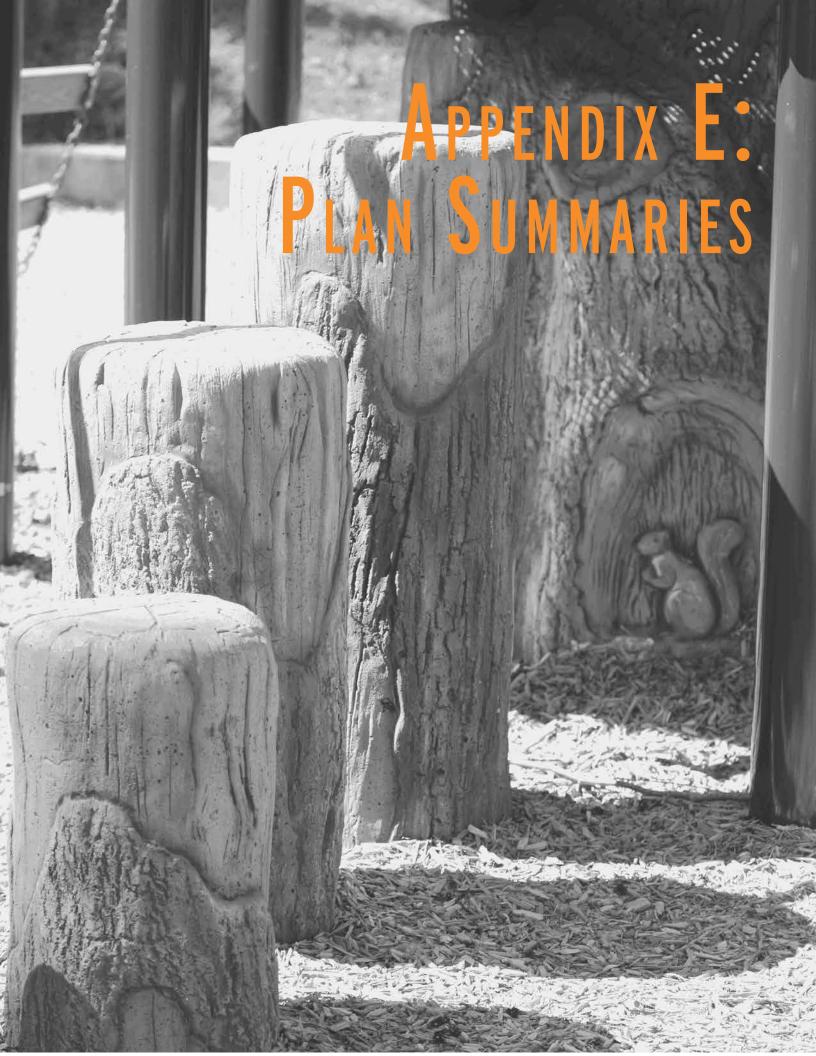
Every effort has been made to accurately record this meeting. If any errors or omissions are noted, please provide written response within five days of receipt.

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### 2010 Visioning Report

"Lynnwood Moving Forward – Our Community Vision." (First vision report, April 2009)

Lynnwood has a Vision that guides the City toward becoming a more community-centered place to live, work and play in the long term. The City of Lynnwood will be a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community with engaged citizens and an accountable government. The Lynnwood Vision Report emphasizes the need for leadership and stakeholders to consciously choose to use the adopted vision as direct guidance when making program, service, budget and decisions. The Vision statements that involve Parks and Recreation directly include "to be a welcoming city that builds a healthy and sustainable environment" and Lynnwood will "preserve and expand natural spaces, parks, and cultural diversity and heritage."

The Vision Report includes the specific parks and recreation vision statement: "To invest in preserving and expanding parks, recreation, and community programs." This objective would include developing a network of pedestrian and bike trails for recreation and transportation; encouraging business/organization partnerships & participation to create and promote community events; creating civic pride through cultural arts, events, parks, and services; promoting healthy lifestyles; providing diverse senior services creating a livable community; establishing a new signature event that creates civic pride; and using parks and cultural arts to attract economic growth.

Three of the seven core statements within the City's vision for the future require the participation of parks and recreation and suggest that parks and recreation administration should invest and preserve its infrastructure and programs while helping Lynnwood be a cohesive community that is both respectful and responsive to all citizens. As priorities for actions that enhance citizen engagement and ensure accountable government, the Task Force recommended:

- 1. Citizen Communication Plan
- 2. Maintain and enhance in-person connections with citizens
- 3. Focus efforts on building and enhancing the trust of citizens
- 4. Support and encourage citizen-to-citizen engagement

### Vision 2040

Adopted in 2008, Puget Sound Regional Council's VISION 2040 (an integrated growth management, environmental, economic, and transportation strategy) designated Lynnwood as a Core City and also designates 763 acres of Lynnwood (including Alderwood Mall, the Transition Area, and the City Center) as one of the 28 Regional Growth Centers in the four-county planning area. Growth Centers are expected to be areas of high-density/high-intensity land development served by robust transit service. The designation as a core center will focus new growth in Lynnwood that reinforces the need to accommodate greater density and transit-oriented development and provides an opportunity for Lynnwood to proactively and intentionally determine how the City should accommodate that growth.

### City of Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan (2015)

The City of Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan adopted in June 2015 restated the City's Vision developed in 2009. Lynnwood's Comprehensive Plan is consistent with VISION 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 multi-modal, non-motorized facilities, consistent with the regional vision. The Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan also incorporates policies on public spaces, identity, healthy communities and transportation that define the role of Lynnwood's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department.

PUBLIC SPACES & IDENTITY: The Comprehensive Plan acknowledges the value of public spaces and promotes the integration and development of public plazas and gathering spaces as the city accommodates new growth. The role of streetscapes, wayfinding and signage, key visual characteristics and the need to identify gateways and entrances into the City are not the direct responsibility of the Department but would warrant coordination with similar planning and design for designated public parks to ensure a unified sense of place.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: The Plan describes the Lynnwood Healthy Communities program and the proactive effort of working towards safer sidewalks, trails, and bicycle lanes making it easier, safer and more convenient for people to move about. Increasing opportunities for active living, supporting social development, following practices in sustainability and preserving historic resources are healthy community goals.

TRANSPORTATION: The City of Lynnwood has developed a Citywide multi-choice transportation system, known as the skeleton system. The skeleton system provides a framework of sidewalks, walkways, trails, paths, promenades and bikeways to allow people the choice to travel between most homes, schools, businesses, entertainment and other services throughout Lynnwood without using their cars. The bicycle skeleton system includes a total of 70 miles of bike lanes/routes, of which 12 miles or 17% is complete today. Existing and future planned pedestrian and bicycle facilities are shown on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Skeleton System Maps.

PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE: Lynnwood recognizes that investing in parks, recreation and open space is vital for preparation to accommodate new growth and



diversity while maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in the community. The Parks, Recreation & 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. 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. Lynnwood's current level of service standard for parks is 10 acres per 1,000 population. The Plan also recognizes that the possible Municipal Urban Growth Area (MUGA) annexation both north and east of its existing borders will trigger the future need and demand for facilities and conservation. Currently, there are no developed neighborhood parks or recreation facilities within the MUGA area. The Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan states the City's goal for parks, recreation and open space is to "provide a comprehensive system of parks, open space and recreation facilities" that serves the needs of current and future residents and visitors to Lynnwood and to meet the recreational needs of the community, provide a park system that includes mini, neighborhood and community parks."

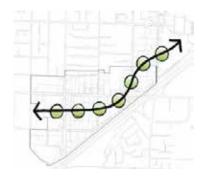
### City Center Subarea Plan (2007)

The City Center Subarea Plan envisions the future core downtown area of Lynnwood as a lively, diverse and appealing place to live, work, shop and play over the next 20 years through the upgrading of infrastructure, new public spaces and amenities, public transit expansion and new development. Within the subarea plan, the objectives most relevant to parks and recreation will create a more compact, walkable environment with parks, plaza and a strong sense of place. The urban design principles cited in the plan call for the creation of an array of public places including plazas, squares, courtyards, parks and at least one large, centrally-located civic space.

As a building block to achieving the walkable and accessible core city center, the existing Interurban Trail would be expanded to be connected, accessible and contiguous.

The plan calls for a series of parks and public spaces that are visible and accessible to the public connected together by a "promenade" that connects different activities, uses and parks throughout the City Center. While all major public facilities should provide parks or plazas accessible to the public, private development should also contribute public spaces. A fundamental aspect of this plan is that the City Center Core should be anchored by a large public space, the town square. The Town Square should be a part of the Promenade; a series of publicly-provided and privately-provided public spaces, including squares, greens, plazas, forecourts and courtyards that also connects to the Interurban Trail.





The first seven policies describe the level of service standard for public spaces in the City Center. The policies include the number of proposed parks and need for plazas adjoining development as well as needed trail connections. The future plan is to develop a full range of parks, plazas, and public buildings.

### Highway 99 Subarea Plan

Several policies that relate to parks and open space have been described in the Highway 99 Subarea Plan in order to reach the goal of enhancing community gathering spaces. Those park and open space policies focus on parks and open space opportunities within the Highway 99 corridor study area. The objectives include working with the Edmonds School District and partnering with developers and other property owners to integrate other land uses with connections and access to public parks, local and regional trails, gathering spaces and create new public amenities along the corridor.

### City of Lynnwood Annexation Fiscal Study Update: 6/17/09

Relative to fiscal impacts to the City of Lynnwood, annexation is somewhat negative in the first transition year, becoming more positive in the future. Overall, annexation would continue to yield a net positive fiscal impact on the City operations on an incremental cost basis.

### Lynnwood Link Light Rail Extension

Sound Transit is working with Lynnwood to extend light rail service to the Lynnwood Transit Center by 2023 with construction anticipated to begin in 2018. The Lynnwood Link project covers the extension from Northgate to Lynnwood. The project would add 8.5 miles of new light rail service with several new stations and provide frequent service between Snohomish County, Seattle and beyond. The benefits for this project include increased mobility, access and transportation capacity for both residents and workers.

### City Center Plan

The City Center Plan's goal is to create a compact, intense and lively City Center that offers Lynnwood new opportunities for culture, commerce and habitation. City Center is located at the union of I-5 and I-405. The Lynnwood Convention Center is located at the eastern City Center gateway. Multi-modal transit opportunities include the Lynnwood Transit Center, future home to Lynnwood Link Light Rail (construction starting in 2018), bus rapid transit on 196th Street SW, new streets, pedestrian and bicycle connections. The City Center Sub-Area Plan recommends that streetscape standards be established with design elements to provide private and public development standards, consistency along the public connections and create a sense of place for the growing downtown. The



streetscape standards establish an enhanced environment for the City Center including sidewalk paving, lighting, street trees and gates, street furnishings and other amenities. Town Square Park is ranked the top priority pedestrian project receiving 98% score in the July 2014 City Center project prioritization list.

### Lynnwood City Center Parks Master Plan (2007)

The Lynnwood City Center Parks Master Plan originated from the City Center Sub Area Plan's identification of four parcels for development into parks to meet the recreational needs of the increasing population of Lynnwood's City Center. The City Center parks are intended to act as "Catalyst Projects" to move the City Center plan forward, attracting private investment and development adjacent to park sites.

The City Center parks system includes four parks: Civic Park, Village Green, Billiards Park, and Town Square Park. The parks connect to one another and the greater city as follows:

- Streets Hierarchy
- The Promenade
- The Interurban Trail
- Bike Lanes
- Transit
- Mid-Blocks

Town Square: As the heart of the City Center, Town Square is a landmark for the reimagined downtown Lynnwood. The urban park would support a range of events, festivals, and activities year round, day and night. The location of Town Square provides direct interaction with the promenade, connecting the park to other City Center parks, the Interurban Trail, transit hubs, Convention Center, and Alderwood Mall. The iconic nature of the park will draw immediate neighborhood residents, employees of the adjacent businesses and office towers, and downtown visitors as a major destination for the City of Lynnwood and beyond. The project cost is estimated at close to \$15.4 Million.

Village Green: Village Green is a neighborhood park energized by the adjacent residents, retail, and 'woonerf style' street ringing the park with pedestrian activity with the promenade integrated into the park's eastern edge. The park will provide passive recreational spaces balanced with focal points of high energy and structured activities that can support a range of programs and events. The park's implementation cost is estimated at approximately \$5 million.

Civic Park: Civic Park will offer complementary activity, connectivity, and programming as an urban park extension of the forested Civic Campus. The park will provide both active and passive elements including a skate park, seasonal gardens, and open lawn areas. Projects costs are estimated at \$4.8 million.

Billiards Park: Billiards Park would contain iconic elements and activities that can be seen from the promenade and surrounding streets to define the park and create a desirable destination in the transition area between the City Center core and Alderwood Mall. Billiards Park is directly linked to the City Center and parks system by the promenade, integrated along the park's northern edge, providing an important key stop or 'green link' in

the NE area of the city. The integration of the promenade into the park would also provide direct connection to the Interurban Trail and Alderwood Mall. Park implementation costs are estimated at \$2.1 million.

### Bike2Health

The cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood, and Mountlake Terrace launched Bike2Health in an effort to increase bicycling connectivity, make bicycling safer, and improve access to health and wellness choices. The target of Bike2Health is to increase connectivity by completing 11 critical missing links of the regional bicycle network. The program is funded by a grant from the Verdant Health Commission. Bike2Health will create a regional bicycle network establishing several key north/south and east/west corridor routes and connecting major destinations (colleges, civic centers, employment centers, the Interurban Trail, etc.) and transit hubs (the Edmonds Ferry, the Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace transit centers, and Swift bus rapid transit stations). In total, roughly ten miles of bicycle network will be connected or improved by installing shared lane markings, bicycle route signage and about six miles of new bicycle lanes.

### Citywide Sidewalk and Bicycle Plan (Multi-choice Transportation System)

The Plan illustrates how the City can provide a framework of sidewalks, walkways, trails, paths, promenades and bikeways to allow people the choice to travel between most homes, schools, businesses, entertainment and other services throughout Lynnwood without using their cars. The pedestrian plan includes a total of 104 miles of sidewalks, paths, and trails, of which 85 miles or 82% is complete today. The bicycle plan system includes a total of 70 miles of bike lanes/routes, of which 12 miles or 17% is complete today.

### Economic Development Action Plan March 2015

This 2015 Economic Development Action (EDA) Plan update represents Lynnwood's Vision, Goals and Actions for Economic Development from 2015 through 2020 and beyond based on a refresh of the City's Economic Profile. The current plan update follows from the 2009 Lynnwood Moving Forward: Our Community Vision that included economic development goals for the future. Within the EDA Plan Goals 3, 4 & 5 contain strategies/actions relative to parks, trails and open space. Key Goals and Actions from those three goals have been pulled from the EDA Plan and listed below:

### 3.4: OPEN SPACE

Foster the importance of quality open space in attracting businesses and residents to Lynnwood.

Action 3.4.1 Review Lynnwood City Center planning documents and determine if existing



parks requirements should be amended to focus resources on a single City Center Park.

Action 3.4.2 Investigate the development of urban wetlands as a community open space amenity in partnership with Snohomish County.

Action 3.4.3 Leverage City investment with user fees and volunteer contributions to improve City Parks and Recreation facilities adjacent to planned and existing trail networks.

Action 3.4.4 Explore the viability of a Parks Impact Fee for new development to help fund capacity enhancements and maintenance to Lynnwood's system of parks and open space.

Action 3.4.5 In coordination with other City departments, identify and acquire land for park development.

### GOAL 4: STRENGTHEN LYNNWOOD'S IMAGE AND IDENTITY IN THE REGION.

### 4.1: BRANDING

Action 4.1.5 Incorporate branded public amenities into streetscapes, parks and other public spaces.

### **4.3: EVENTS AND VENUES**

Work to grow high-profile events to draw new visitors, energy and attention to Lynnwood and to create community involvement and identity.

Action 4.3.1 To support this growth, develop a "play book" outlining City requirements & codes, available & appropriate venues and associated costs, and volunteer organizations able to assist with event management.

Action 4.3.2 Promote and expand existing regional athletic events held in Lynnwood, including tournaments, 5k runs and bike races.

Action 4.3.3 Inventory Lynnwood's existing trails, parks, playfields, gyms and other venues and prioritize capacity improvements for athletic tournaments, fairs, concerts and other events.

Action 4.3.4 Seek grant and sponsor funding to help fund priority improvements to Lynnwood's primary event facilities.

Action 4.3.5 Partner with Snohomish County Sports Commission (SCSC) to attract sporting events and help raise additional funding for events, promotion and capacity improvements.

Action 4.3.6 Continue to work with the Lynnwood Convention Center to recruit major events and conventions.

### 4.4: MARKETING AND ADVERTISING

Action 4.4.1 Build a social media presence and update frequently with content highlighting positive growth and changes underway related to both economic development and quality of life in Lynnwood.

Action 4.4.4 Utilize newsletters, authored articles and press releases to promote Lynnwood's assets and attractions.

### GOAL 5: ENHANCE LYNNWOOD'S LIVABILITY AND UNIQUE SENSE OF PLACE.

Livability and a strong, positive sense of place is recognized as a critical contribution to developing and maintaining a city's comparative advantage in the Puget Sound region. In addition to animating physical space and fostering greater community connection, place-making improves local business viability by drawing both residents and visitors to unique, diverse and vibrant commercial and mixed-use areas.

### 5.2: CONNECTIVITY

Work to ensure multi-modal connectivity throughout the City.

Action 5.2.1 Designate primary pedestrian and bike connectors through and between Lynnwood's major assets and implement public realm improvements including lighting, signage, landscaping & street furniture.

Action 5.2.2 Continue to enhance bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure citywide, with a particular focus on the missing links and the Interurban Trail, as well as the Scriber Creek Trail connection to the Lynnwood Transit Center.

Action 5.2.3 Develop and implement an adopt-a-trail program to ensure maintenance and upkeep of existing trails in Lynnwood.

### **5.3: WAYFINDING AND SIGNAGE**

Enhance the City's connectivity with branded wayfinding and signage.

Action 5.3.1 Develop community signage that reflects community aspirations around sense of place; the signage should reinforce the City's boundaries, business districts, neighborhoods and key destinations and reflect the Lynnwood brand.

Action 5.3.2 Develop a set of unique wayfinding graphics for primary pedestrian and bike connectors through and between Lynnwood's major assets.

### **5.4: BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS**

Make identifying and improving neighborhoods a priority.

Action 5.4.2 Invest in neighborhood infrastructure, public spaces and amenities; prioritize infrastructure improvements according to project feasibility and quality of life enhancement.

Action 5.4.4 Partner with neighborhoods to inventory and prioritize neighborhood infrastructure needs and desired community amenities.

### 5.5: COMMUNITY SERVICES

Enhance community services as an important element in resident satisfaction with their community and their sense of belonging.



### Lynnwood Capital Facilities Plan 2016-2021

Approved on December 14, 2015, the Capital Facilities Plan for Lynnwood described the Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Department's list of 29 projects targeted for future implementation over the next six years. The projects were outlined with proposed dates, funding sources and estimated capital costs and included acquisition, park development, park improvement, trail development, trail extension, park signage program, Golf Course improvements, sports field renovations and open space preservation.

Wilcox Park Improvements	Tunnel Creek Trail
Interurban Trail	Center City Parks Acquisition
General Park Renovation	Off Leash Dog Park at Lynndale Park
Heritage Park Ph IV	South Lynnwood Park Improvements
Scriber Creek Trail Ext MP	Scriber Lake Park Renovation
Daleway Park Renovation Ph II	Meadowdale Playfields Soccer Renovation
Meadowdale Park Dev Ph II	Lynndale Golf Course Hitting Area
Lynndale Park Renovation Ph IV	Lynndale Golf Course Parking & Entry
Heritage Park Ph III	Lynndale Golf Course Concessions
Scriber Creek Trail Ext Acquisition	Alderwood Middle School Site Acquisition
Scriber Creek Trail Ext Dev	Strategic Acquisitions
Meadowdale Playfields Renovation	Historic Sites
Rowe Park Development	Neon Sign Exhibit
Off Leash Dog Park Dev	City Center Public Art
Meadowdale Playfields LED lighting	

### PRCA Department 2013/2014 Biennium Report

In their 2013-2014 biennium report, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department described its recent reorganization and strategic approaches to gaining greater efficiencies through difficult economic conditions. While re-evaluating and adjusting their services and staffing levels, the Department was able to forge new partnerships and relationships to help sustain programs. The Healthy Communities Initiatives is one example of expected programs that will continue the Department's contribution to the City's social well-being, economic vitality and environmental sustainability. The Department continues its mission of "creating a healthy community through people, parks, programs and partnerships."

Top priorities were outlined for the next biennium will be focused on long-range planning, finding efficiencies and continual improvements. The following 2015-2016 projects and initiatives are summarized briefly below:

### Parks, Arts, Recreation & Conservation (PARC) Comprehensive Plan

The new ten-year comprehensive plan will identify the value of current assets, deferred maintenance needs, prioritize capital renewal plans, and determine future level of service needs and goals. The Plan is expected to be completed in 2016.

### **Healthy Communities Action Plan**

A strategic ten-year Healthy Communities Action Plan will be crafted through a City wide work group and community members to collectively address Policy, Infrastructure Improvements, and Programming to help reach the broader goal of improving the health of Lynnwood with a specific focus on improving access to healthy foods and increased physical activity and supporting strong social networks..

### Staff Reorganization

Several reorganizations of staff in both Parks Operations and Recreation Divisions should be completed by June 2015 with the purpose to increase efficiency, maximize employee skills, and further develop our professional workforce.

### **Preparing For the Silver Tsunami**

An evaluation of our Adults 62+ programs and services will begin to identify new program growth opportunities, staff realignments, and providing additional resources to meet the needs for our rapidly increasing senior population.

### **Deferred Maintenance**

An effort to prioritize the extensive list of needed repair, equipment replacement, and capital renewal of our aging park system is underway. Strategies for addressing these needs will be developed and included in the PARC Plan.

### **Capital Projects**

Several capital projects in various planning stages to secure funding, initiate development or complete including:

- Lund's Gulch—secure newly acquired Seabrook Heights property and begin planning for future use
- Lynndale Park—create an off-leash dog run area
- Meadowdale Playfields—artificially turf two existing sand soccer fields
- Meadowdale Neighborhood Park—expand parking, construct a picnic shelter and develop a Pocket Farm in partnership with Farmer Frog
- Rowe Park—apply for state RCO grant to develop this future neighborhood park
- Scriber Creek Trail—begin planning for trail improvements on existing path and plan for future extension to Lund's Gulch

### **Restoring Arts Programming**

The Lynnwood Arts Commission is developing a new Cultural Arts Plan that is expected to be adopted in early 2016 and will outline programs, projects and policies that will continue to enhance Lynnwood's creative resources.



### The National Citizen Survey (NCS) Community Livability Report (2014)

The NCS Community Livability Report provides opinions of a representative sample of Lynnwood residents within the three pillars of a community (Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation) and across eight central facets of community (Safety, Mobility, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Economy, Recreation and Wellness, Education and Enrichment and Community Engagement). For Lynnwood, 80% of survey respondents rated the City as an excellent or good place to live. How residents rate their overall quality of life is an indicator of the overall health of a community. Recreation and Wellness received positive ratings from a majority of residents and generally strong with at least 63% rating each aspect as excellent or good. Almost all ratings were similar to the national benchmark and only two were below the national benchmark (open space and special events). When asked to indicate how much of a problem six potential issues were in Lynnwood neighborhoods, a majority indicated criminal activity and traffic calming were at least moderate problems. Least problematic were access to neighborhood parks with a majority indicating this was not at all a problem. The Top Community Qualities cited by survey respondents revealed the three most popular as:

- 1. Proximity and quality of shopping opportunities
- 2. Parks and green space
- 3. Safety

The report concluded that Lynnwood residents continue to enjoy an exceptional quality of life; mobility is a top priority and residents feel safe in Lynnwood but improvements could be made.

### The National Citizen Survey (NCS) Trends Over Time (2014)

This report discusses trends over time, comparing the 2014 ratings for the City of Lynnwood to its previous survey results in 2002, 2006 and 2009. Mobility ratings that increased in 2014 compared to 2009 include traffic flow, ease of walking, paths and walking trails, street lighting, snow removal and sidewalk maintenance. Community Engagement ratings generally remained stable, however, opportunities to volunteer and social events and activities received a lower rating in 2014.

### Vision & Mission for Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts

### Mission

Lynnwood Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts - creating a healthy community through people, parks, programs and partnerships.

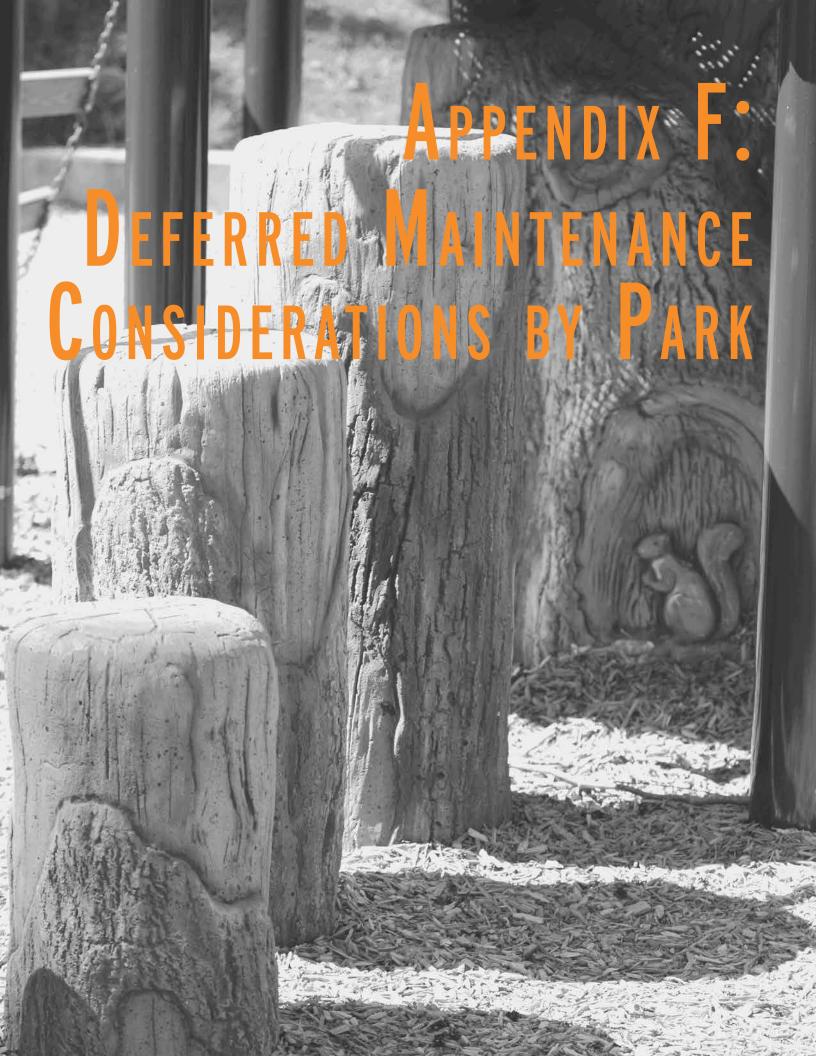
### Vision

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts aim to be part Lynnwood's daily life and community character by:

- Providing stewardship of our resources
- Providing recreation opportunities for all ages
- Contributing to the City's economic vitality
- Promoting health and wellness
- Fostering social connections
- Embracing innovation
- Supporting staff professional development and excellence
- Engaging and responding to the changing needs of our community
- Creating a connected community
- Providing premier customer service
- Leaving a legacy for future generations



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# System-Wide

#### December 2015

#### **System-Wide Recommendations**

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Item Description	Work to be performed						
PLANNING							
Annual Playground Safety Audits	Create and have the governing board adopt a Playground Safety Plan and implement yearly audits for each park to help stay on top of ASTM/CPSC standards/guidelines. **						
ADA Transition Plan	Develop an ADA Transition Plan to meet Department of Justice and NRPA requirements. City staff have already begun work on ADA Transition Plan. The following strategies/assessments are recommendations to consider including: **						
ADA Grill Replacement Strategy	50% (but no less than 2) grills should be ADA accessible. Meet min requirement immediately. Prepare a phasing strategy for implementation. Find funding that you can phase in over time. **						
ADA Picnic Table Replacement Strategy	20% (but no less than 2) picnic tables should be ADA accessible. Meet min requirement immediately. Prepare a phasing strategy for implementation. Find furniture line that you can phase in over time to match with the rest of the picnic tables. **						
ADA Bench Pad Addition Strategy	20% (but no less than 2) benches should be ADA accessible. Meet min requirement immediately. Prepare a phasing strategy for implementation of concrete pad adjacent to end of bench meeting ADA compliance (30" or 36" min clearance from short edge of bench and 48" min depth off of travel path). **						
ADA Parking Assessment	Provide an ADA parking assessment at each park to identify and prioritize upgrades needed to meet ADA compliance. Include things such as number of ADA stalls, slopes, striping, signage, and placement at shortest routes to desired elements - sometimes having multiple locations of ADA parking if elements are spread out or on opposite ends of a parking lot.  In this conditions assessment, the following parks were identified as not having the required number of ADA stalls: Lynndale Park, Meadowdale Playfields, Pioneer Park, Wilcox Park, (possibly also Mesika Trail if that gets planned as community garden location, etc) ***						
System-Wide Interpretive Signage & Wayfinding	Unify signage across park system, using consistent graphics and sign designs to reinforce Lynnwood Parks' brand and declutter park signage, including environmental education, rules and other signs.						
Vegetation Management Plan	Consider developing a vegetation management plan across the entire park system to comprehensively address invasive plant removal, volunteer planting/maintenance efforts, implement a stewardship regime, and define planting goals and strategies. Incorporate CPTED principles to improve park safety. (i.e lower vegetation for clear sightlines into parks from streets and parking lots.)						
Dog Park Site Planning	Appears to be a community-wide desire for a dog park(s). Suggest a site planning process that identifies the best location(s) based on desire and optimal space available. Suggested opportunity sites include: Doc Hagman Park, Meadowdale Park, Pioneer Park (dog run), Lynndale Skate Park (dog run)						
Community Garden Site Planning	Appears to be desire for one or more community garden locations. Suggest a site planning process that identifies the best location(s) based on desire and optimal space available (access to parking, good soil, sun, water). Potential opportunity sites include: Meadowdale Park (NW corner), Sprague's Pond Mini Park, South Lynnwood Park						
Fitness Stations / Outoor Exercise Loop Site Planning	Appears to be multiple neighborhoods that desire outdoor fitness equipment / exercise loop. Suggest a planning process that identifies multiple opportunity locations based on desire and optimal space available (places that already have a loop trail or space for it). Potential opportunity sites include: Meadowdale Park, North Lynnwood Park, Mesika Trail, Pioneer Park, Spruce Park						
Volunteer Management Program	Set up a volunteer management group or partnership. Successful models include the Green Seattle Partnership and Green Edmonds Partnership.						
CONSTRUCTION							
REPAIRS/RENOVATION	NS:						
Play area ADA entrance ramps	Entrance ramps to each play area should either slope in all directions or require a stem wall – need to meet ADA code. Currently almost every play area does not comply.**						
Garbage Cans	For heavy use parks, consider Big Belly compactor trash cans or similar telemetry enabled receptacles to increase maintenance efficiency.						
Picnic tables, benches and bike racks	Purchase new furnishings to replace worn and outdated.						
Park signage	Update all park rules and miscellaneous signs within the parks and trails to reflect current rules.						
Playground surfacing	Play area surfacing: recommend marking vertically on the play equipment where engineered wood fiber is intended to rest for ease of maintenance.						
Irrigation controls	Update existing controller to communicate with our centrally located controls. This will help to reduce water consumption.						
NEW IMPROVEMENTS	S:						
Playground signage	CPSC guidelines recommend signage to indicate appropriate children's ages (2-5 years old or 5-12 years old) at each play area. **						
Bike racks	Recommend different style/model to comply with APBP Bike Parking guidance. **						
Playground signage	CPSC guidelines recommend signage to indicate appropriate children's ages (2-5 years old or 5-12 years old) at each play area. **						

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#### Daleway Park

#### December 2015

#### **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Daleway Park	Playground	1	Raise level of engineered wood fiber to conform with designed critical fall height (appears low/bare in areas).**	\$2,000
Daleway Park	Playground	1	Replace or repair S-hooks on toddler swings to comply with ASTM/CPSC standards/guidelines.**	\$50
Daleway Park	Concrete Pathways	.06 miles	The concrete pathways throughout the park are uneven, cracked and are in need of replacement including the area around the restrooms.**	\$15,000
Daleway Park	Horseshoe Pit	1	Repair horseshoe pit and provide ADA access path.**	\$5,000
Daleway Park	Irrigation Controller	1	Update existing controller to communicate with our centrally located controls.  This will help to reduce water consumption.	\$5,000
Daleway Park	ADA picnic tables	2	Provide new picnic tables that comply with ADA.**	\$3,000
Daleway Park	Benches	2	Provide ADA companion seating at benches.**	\$1,000
Daleway park	Turf area	1	Restore turf in the vast area, including drainage and irrigation improvements, adjusted grade and reseeding.	\$35,000
Daleway Park	Trails through the Park	1	Place 2 inches of 5/8 <sup>th</sup> minus rock on the existing trails to cover roots and improve walking surface for safety.	\$10,000
Daleway Park	East Entrance Signage	1	Update with new signage similar to Stadler Park. There is no sign to identify three additional entrances at this time.	\$5,000
Daleway Park	Upgrades to Restroom	1	Update original fixtures to improve lighting and energy consumption, renew building exterior and interior and improve ventilation.	\$7,000
Daleway Park	Forest Restoration	5 Acres	Invasive plant removal and native vegetation replacement. Some of this work has been accomplished with volunteer projects.	\$20,000
Daleway Park	Turf Area	1	Improve gradient and drainage in the grass area.	50,000
Daleway Park	Playground Equipment	1	Update half buckets to full bucket seats.	1,000
Daleway Park	Play Area	1	Install a wedge of resiliant surfacing along the entire edge between the spray park and the playground to reduce potential for trip hazard.	10,000
Daleway Park	Basketball Court	2500 SF	Replace or repair the uneven playing surface caused by tree roots.	\$18,000
Daleway Park	Parking Lot	21 spaces	Crack seal, resurface and stripe parking area.	\$5,000
				Subtotal
				\$192,050

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
	item Description	Quantity	work to be performed	COSt
PLANNING				
Daleway Park	Tot Lot	1	Develop a concept plan for a tot lot with play equipment targeted for 2-5 year olds.	\$20,000
				P. SUBTOTAL
				\$20,000
CONSTRUCT	ION			
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:			
Daleway Park	Picnic Shelter	1	Install a picnic shelter.	\$25,000
Daleway Park	Playground Equipment	3	Provide more standard-sized swings.	\$30,000
		_		C. SUBTOTAL
				\$55,000

TOTAL \$267,050

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# Doc Hagman Park

# December 2015

#### **Additional Opportunities**

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Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*		
PLANNING						
Doc Hagman Park	Master Plan	1	Develop park per master plan in two phases.	50,000		
				P. SUBTOTAL		
				\$50,000		

TOTAL \$50,000

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#### Gold Park

#### December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Gold Park	Pathways thru Park	.14 miles	Add material to restore the developed trail walking surface.**	\$5,000
Gold Park	Parking Lot	1	Repave ADA access aisle.**	\$2,500
Gold Park	Handicap Parking Sign	1	Replace handicap sign pole to meet ADA identification sign height requirements **	\$500
Gold Park	Picnic Tables	3	Provide additional picnic tables - including ADA-compliant tables.**	\$4,500
Gold Park	Grills	2	Provide additional grills - including ADA-compliant grills.**	\$2,000
Gold Park	Parking Lot	5 spaces	Seal cracks and restripe.	\$2,500
Gold Park	Plant Info Posts	1	Replace ECC Leaf-maintained broken plant info signs (plastic plaques).	\$500
Gold Park	Urban Forest	6 Acres	Remove invasive plants, restore with nativevegetation and prune/remove hazard trees to improve line of sight.	\$5,000
				Subotal
				\$22,500

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*	
CONSTRUC	CONSTRUCTION				
NEW IMPROVEMENTS:					
Gold Park	Dog Stations	3	Provide dog debris stations	\$1,500	
Gold Park	Restroom Facility	1	Provide a restroom building	\$100,000	
Gold Park	ADA Trails	1	Develop ADA accessible trails throughout the park. **	\$100,000	
				C. SUBTOTAL	
				\$201,500	

TOTAL \$224,000

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# **Golf Course Trail**

# December 2015

#### **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Golf Course Trail	Trail	2.5 miles	Address drainage issues through the trail by adding catch basins to the seasonally wet areas.	\$5,000
Golf Course Trail	Trail	1.5 miles	Remove decomposed chips along trail and complete the replacement of crushed rock. This work will include the removal or tree roots and any other trip hazards along the trail.	\$35,000
Golf Course Trail	Trail	1	Replace bollards.	\$6,000
Golf Course Trail	Trail	1	Restripe asphalt road portion of path by the college	\$5,000
				Subtotal
				\$51,000

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
CONSTRUCT	ION			
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:			
Golf Course	Hitting Area	1	Provide hitting area	\$30,000
Golf Course	Pro Shop	1	Pro Shop Renovations	\$125,000
Golf Course	Parking	1	Expand parking area.	\$100,000
Golf Course	Private/ Separated Entrance	1	Provide a private/separated entrance.	\$250,000
				C. SUBTOTAL
				\$505,000

TOTAL \$556,000

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Heritage Park

#### December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Heritage Park	Parking Lot	2 spaces	Repave ADA stalls to comply with ADA slope requirements. **	\$10,000
Heritage Park	Concrete and Asphalt Pathways	0.18 miles	Repair damaged pathways due to roots and sinkholes. **	\$10,000
Heritage Park	Irrigation Controller	1	Update existing controller to communicate with our centrally located controls.  This will help to reduce water consumption.	\$5,000
Heritage Park	Water Meter	1	Raise sunken water meter cover to eliminate tripping hazard in sidewalk in front of Info Center. **	\$500
Heritage Park	Handrails	1	Add handrails to ramps on both sides of the brick courtyard **	\$5,000
Heritage Park	Brick Courtyard	1	Relevel brick patio to meet ADA requirements. **	\$10,000
Heritage Park	Parking Lot	32 spaces	Seal and stripe parking lot.	\$6,000
Heritage Park	Bike Rack	1	Relocate bike parking and/or provide better access and circulation around rack.	
Heritage Park	Vegetation	1	Remove invasives in woodland areas.	\$20,000
Heritage Park	Trees	1	Assess unhealthy looking tree in brick courtyard, and the large, damaged willow tree south of the Info Center.	\$1,000
Humble house	Back Patio	400 SF	Skim coat and repair back patio.	\$2,000
				Subotal
				\$69,500

**Additional Opportunities** 

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
CONSTRUCT	ION			
REPAIRS/RENC	OVATIONS:			
Heritage Park	Water tower	1	Complete water tower renovation.	\$400,000
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:			
Heritage Park	Interpretive trail	1	Develop walking paths around the pond.	\$250,000
Heritage Park	Extend Trolley Tracks	1	Extend trolley tracks to increase exposure of trolley and expand use of shelter.	\$100,000
Humble House	Perimeter landscape beds and patio	1	Improve landscaping/patio behind Humble House.	\$45,000
Heritage Park	Lawn area	1	Reduce lawn area on steep slopes (plant with natives) for ease of maintenance and to improve safety.	\$15,000
Heritage Park	Parking lot	1	Provide more overflow parking to accommodate large events.	\$80,000
Heritage Park	Parking lot	1	Provide a reservable picnic shelter	\$35,000
Heritage Park	Children's play area	1	Develop a children's play area	\$60,000
Heritage Park	Develop demonstration gardens	1	Provide demonstration gardens that speak to heritage.	\$10,000
	-	-	•	C. SUBTOTAL
				\$1,405,000

TOTAL \$1,474,500

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# Interurban Trail

# December 2015

#### **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Interurban Trail	Drinking fountain	1	Provide ADA access to existing drinking fountain(s). **	\$500
Interurban Trail	Trail	3.8 Miles	Repair and replace asphalt including the removal of tree roots and repair of sinkholes, including center line striping on blind corners and crosswalks painting.	\$10,000
Interurban Trail	Asphalt trail	1/4 mile	Replace trail behind Target to Ash Way	\$8,000
Interurban Trail	Trail	3.8 Miles	Trim brush along the trail to increase visibility for pedestrians and cyclists.	\$5,000
Interurban Trail	Invasive plant removal	1	Remove invasives along trail.	\$80,000
				Subtotal
				\$103,500

# **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*		
PLANNING	PLANNING					
Interurban Trail	Master Plan	3.8 Miles	Develop an Interurban Trail corridor master plan. Including: - opportunity sites to develop workout stations along portions of the trail - low-maintenance planting palette - site(s) for public art	\$50,000		
				P. SUBTOTAL		
				\$50,000		
CONSTRUCT	ION					
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:					
Interurban Trail	City Center Improvements	EA	Construct City Center trailhead improvements.	\$25,000		
Interurban Trail	Add Public Art Mural Project	EA	Commission a public artist to implement a mural.	\$25,000		
Interurban Trail	Interurban Trail Add Rest Areas 5 Add additional rest areas - e.g. picnic tables and benches, including some ADA accessible ones.					
Interurban Trail	Drinking Fountains	2	Provide additional drinking fountains along the trail.	\$4,000		
				C. SUBTOTAL		
				\$66,500		

TOTAL \$220,000

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# Lunds Gulch

# December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Lunds Gulch	Remove Abandoned Homes	2	Remove abandoned homes	\$40,000
Lunds Gulch	Invasive Plant Removal	1	Remove invasive plants throughout site.	\$75,000
				Subtotal
				\$115,000

# **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*		
PLANNING						
Lunds Gulch	Develop Site Master Plan	1	Develop a master plan for site. Considerations to include: - A trail system - Parking - Wetland trails with observation nodes - Access to Puget Sound and trails to county park	\$50,000		
				P. SUBTOTAL		
				\$50,000		
CONSTRUCT	ION					
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:					
Lunds Gulch	Trail Development		Develop/formalize trail system in South Lunds Gulch area and connect to existing County Beach Park Trail.	\$300,000		
	-	-	-	C. SUBTOTAL		
				\$300,000		

TOTAL \$465,000

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Lynndale Park

#### December 2015

#### Deferred Maintenance & Compliance

Park site	Item Description	<del> </del>	Work to be performed	Cost*
Lynndale Park	Playground Equipment	4	Replace timber surrounds on 2 play areas with concrete or new timbers. Add additional play chips to all play areas. Replace swings and/or safety surfacing enclosure. **	\$30,000
Lynndale Park	Playground Equipment	1	Relocate monkey bars further from the curbing for adequate clearance per ASTM/CPSC standards/guidelines. **	\$10,000
Lynndale Park	ADA in Parking Lots	4 spaces	Various ADA stall and ramp repairs transitioning from parking lots to paths in the park, meeting ADA standards for slopes, landings, additional requirements. **	\$25,000
Lynndale Park	Walking trails throughout the Park	1.46 miles	The asphalt trail through the park needs repair from damages due to erosion and other issues caused by tree roots. Restoration to the stainways in the back valley. Additional crushed rock to amend the trails thru the park.	\$10,000
Lynndale Park	Picnic Tables	3	Install new ADA accessible picnic tables.**	\$4,500
Lynndale Park	Playground ADA Ramp	1	Repair entry ramp to play area to minimize tripping hazard.**	\$1,000
Lynndale Park	Parking Lots	106 spaces	Improve the west entrance lot, making it available for seasonal use.	\$10,000
Lynndale Park	Basketball Court	2	Repair and seal coat the cracks in the court.	\$7,000
Lynndale Park	Irrigation Repairs and Upgrades	2	Upgrade park Irrigation controllers to reduce water consumption by providing communications with a centrally located controller	\$10,000
Lynndale Park	Field 1 and Turf Area around the Main Building	1	Install additional drainage to address wet areas on field 1. Fill and seed uneven areas throughout the park.	\$5,000
Lynndale Park	Main Restroom building, meeting room and office	1	Upgrade partitions similar to the work performed at Wilcox park. Renew the building's interior and exterior this will include new paneling for the interior and exterior walls, fixture replacement, pluming upgrades, updated and increased lighting and replacement of the original skylights due to age and discoloration.	\$35,000
Lynndale Park	Landscape areas	1	Renew planting beds to create a refreshed appearance throughout the park.	\$8,000
Lynndale Park	Park and Tennis court lighting	1	Clean fixtures, refurbish poles, replace lenses and upgrade to energy efficient LED lighting.	\$30,000
Lynndale Park	Asphalt Path	1	Reorient/reconfigure storm drain covers in path on south end of tennis courts - slats are running along path of travel.	\$500
Lynndale Park	Invasive Plant Removal	1	Remove invasive plants throughout site and plant natives as part of larger forest restoration	\$50,000
Lynndale Park	Improve Sightlines into Park	1	Prune upper north parking lot shrub hedges.	\$1,000
Lynndale Park	Urban Forests	35 acres	Remove invasive plants and hazard trees and replace with native species.  Prune around the tennis court and sport fields.	\$45,000
Lynndale Park	Update /improve camp buildings	1	Renovate camp buildings.	\$60,000
Lynndale Park	West Restrooms	1	Repair and reopen west building restrooms.	\$10,000
				Subtotal
				\$352,000

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*		
CONSTRUCT	CONSTRUCTION					
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:					
Lynndale Park	Tennis courts updates	1	Update lighting to LED.	\$15,000		
Lynndale Park	Orienteering/ Geocaching Expansion	1	Expand orienteering/ geocaching area.	\$10,000		
Lynndale Park	Picnic Area 2	1	Provide picnic shelter for picnic area 2.	\$25,000		
Lynndale Park	Additional parking	1	Provide more parking.	\$100,000		
Lynndale Park	Baseball fields	3	Rehabilitate ball fields with synthetic turf	\$3,000,000		
				C. SUBTOTAL		
				\$3,150,000		

TOTAL \$3,502,000

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# Lynndale Skate Park

# December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Skate park	Turf Area	1	Restore turf area including the placement of bollards to stop unauthorized vehicles from entering the area grade.	\$6,500
Skate Park	East Entrance	1	Update with new entry signage similar to Stadler Park. There is no sign to identify three additional entrances at this time.	\$5,000
Skate Park	Restroom Building	1	Interior and exterior cosmetic building repairs including paint.	\$3,000
Skate Park	West Building Restrooms	1	Refurbish restroom building to accommodate seasonal fluctuations in park use. This work includes all new fixtures within the building.	\$20,000
Skate park	Irrigation Controller	1	Update existing controller to communicate with our centrally located controls.  This will help to reduce water consumption.	\$5,000
Skate park	Landscape	1	Miscellaneous plant replacement and maintenance	\$2,000
Skate park	Tree Health	5	Have arborist assess trees in north parking lot at skate park. Maples adjacent to parking lot also appear stressed.	\$5,000
Skate Park	BikeRack	1	Reorient or relocate and replace bike racks with a more user-friendly model and configuration.	\$500
Skate Park	Replace rules sign	1	Replace rules sign - needs updating.	\$500
Skate park	Playground Equipment	1	Replace play structure or major components and add additional play chips **	\$30,000
Skate Park	Public art railings & finials	1	Repaint public art railings and replace finials.	\$1,500
				Subtotal
				\$79,000

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
PLANNING				
Skate Park	Concept Plan	1	Develop a new park concept plan to include:  - resdesign of the skate park. Involve the community for feedback on what elements they would like to see being built; currently not satisfied with skate park.  - redesign basketball area that is currently insufficient space - close proximity to furnishings, parked cars, and main path of travel.  - reconfiguration of parking lot to improve vehicular and pedestrian circulation  - possibly provide a picnic shelter	\$50,000
				P. SUBTOTA
				\$50,000

TOTAL \$129,000

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# Maple Mini Park

# December 2015

#### **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Maple Mini Park	Play Surfacing	1	Raise/maintain surfacing to meet ASTM/CPSC standards/guidelines.**	\$1,000
Maple Mini Park	Play equipment	1	Replace play equipment to meet ASTM/CPSC standards/guidelines.**	\$30,000
Maple Mini Park	ADA access to play equipment	1	Provide ADA access to play equipment **	\$1,500
Maple Mini Park	Add grill and ADA access	1	Add additional grill and provide ADA access to the grill.**	\$1,500
				Subtotal
				\$34,000

TOTAL	
\$34,000	

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# Manor Way

# December 2015

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*		
PLANNING	PLANNING					
Manor Way	Park Concept Plan		Develop a park concept plan. Considerations to include: - passive park - walking paths - bike trails - Could county impact fees be used for development?	\$50,000		
				P. SUBTOTAL		
				\$50,000		

TOTAL	
\$50,000	

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#### Meadowdale Park

#### December 2015

#### **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Meadowdale Park	Playground	1	Extend safety surfacing around base pole at top of zipline to comply with ASTM/CPSC standards/guidelines. ** Or, replace with new zipline due to wood poles needing replacement within the next 3 years (not reflected in cost). **	\$10,000
Meadowdale Park	Playground	1	Replace missing bolt covering on play equipment. **	\$50
Meadowdale Park	Picnic Tables	3	Replace current embedded picnic tables with movable ones that are ADA compliant.**	\$4,500
Meadowdale Park	Benches	2	Provide benches for upper area around loop trail with ADA access concrete pad. **	\$2,000
Meadowdale Park	Gravel Trail	0.12 miles	Reinforce edges of gravel trail with boulders and (new) timbers to stop erosion and add crushed rock to grade walking surface.	\$12,000
Meadowdale Park	Irrigation Controller	1	Update existing controller to communicate with our centrally located controls.  This will help to reduce water consumption.	\$5,000
Meadowdale Park	Log Posts at Each Comer of the Restroom Building	4	Replace lower portion of the logs with concrete to address the deterioration of the logs due to rot.	\$8,000
Meadowdale Park	Parking Lot	9 stalls	Sealcoat and restripe.	\$4,000
Meadowdale Park	Vast Area to the East of the Park	1	Upgrade irrigation system to include this area of the park. The turf continues to decline due to lack of irrigation during dry weather.	\$20,000
Meadowdale Park	Restroom Facility	1	Miscellaneous repairs and maintenance to the building and fixtures.	\$5,000
Meadowdale Park	Forested Areas	2.64 Acres	Removal of invasive plants and replacement with native species.	\$25,000
Meadowdale Park	Playground	1	Adjust concrete curbing around the playground between the basketball court and play area to remove tripping hazard.	\$2,000
Meadowdale Park	Public Art	1	Repair salmon bench - missing rock.	\$1,000
Meadowdale Park	Lower Drainage Pond Hazard	1	Fix lower drainage pond hazard	\$25,000
Meadowdale Park	Invasive Plant Removal	1	Remove invasive plants in lower sloped lawn area at bottom of gravel trail.	\$15,000
				Subtotal
				\$138,550

#### **Additional Opportunities**

CONSTRUCTION							
NEW IMPROVEMEN	NTS:						
Meadowdale Park	Parking Lot	1	Provide additional parking.	\$80,000			
Meadowdale Park	Picnic Area	1	Provide a picnic shelter with ADA accessible grills.**	\$80,000			
Meadowdale Park	Bike Racks	5	Provide bicycle racks.	\$1,250			
				C. SUBTOTAL			
				\$161,250			

TOTAL \$299,800

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#### Meadowdale Playfields

#### December 2015

#### Deferred Maintenance & Compliance

ark site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Meadowdale Playfields	Playground Areas	1	Replace the entire play structure to comply with ASTM/CPSC standards/guidelines. **	\$125,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Asphalt Pathway	1	Repair pathways due to roots and sinkholes this includes replacement in some areas. **	\$8,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Railings	2	Reconstruct railings around dugouts and bleachers to meet ADA standards (currently some are too low). **	\$10,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Birch Pond Slopes	1	Regrade the area around the birch pond area to reduce slope for improved saftey, maintenance access and reduced erosion. Repave asphalt path to meet ADA compliant slopes. **	\$60,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Parking Lot ADA	188 spaces	Regrade parking stall and path of travel to playground and to concession building. Rebuild concrete ram alongside ball fields to meet ADA standards **	\$56,000
Meadowdale Playfields	ADA Access to Play Area	1	Provide ADA access to play area. **	\$1,500
Meadowdale Playfields	Benches	3	Provide ADA companion seating/access to benches along the asphalt path. **	\$1,500
Meadowdale Playfields	Concrete Repair	1	Repair uneven concrete slabs located around the main restroom building.  These create tripping hazards. **	\$3,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Parking Lot	188 spaces	Repair heavily worn asphalt areas.	\$3,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Basketball Court	1	Apply color coat and striping to preserve court surface.	\$8,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Restroom Building	1	Repair and replace building amenities damaged due to vandalism. (Paint, partitions, lighting, sky light replacement and reseal roof, repairs to roof on storage shed, paint and reseal silo)	\$10,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Irrigation Controller	1	Update existing controllers to communicate with the centrally located controls.	\$10,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Northern Trail	300'	Renew existing trail surface along north side of park with additional crushed rock.	\$4,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Vast Turf Area	2 Acres	Fill sinkholes, adjust grade and seed where needed.	\$4,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Sand Based Turf	3 fields	Address issues contributing to slow drainage.	\$10,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Asphalt Pathway	.67 miles	Replace walkway along south side of park "root damage"	\$8,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Invasive Plant Removal	1	Remove scotch broom along the slope of the birch pond before it gets established.	\$1,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Update Rules Sign	1	Update rules sign	\$500
Meadowdale Playfields	Fences	1	Increase height of fences.	\$35,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Concession Building	1	Remodel concession building.	\$20,000
	-		-	Subtotal
				\$383,500

ark site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
PLANNING				
Meadowdale Playfields	New Master Plan	1	Develop a new master plan to accommodate youth and adult sports. Complex needs upgrading to be competitive. Reference previous (unused?) Master Plan configuration.	
				P. SUBTOTAL
				\$50,000
CONSTRUCTION				
NEW IMPROVEMENTS:				
Meadowdale Playfields	Design Tot Lot	1	Design and construct a tot lot with play equipment targeted for 2-5 year olds.	\$20,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Redesign Parking	1	Redesign parking.	\$10,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Softball Complex		Update Softball Complex - raise fencing, replace infields, update backstop	\$250,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Lighting		Upgrade existing lights to LED	\$500,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Soccer Fields	1	Renovate soccer fields with synthetic turf.	2,750,000
Meadowdale Playfields	New Walking Path	1	Develop a walking path through the wooded area	\$30,000
				C. SUBTOTAL
				\$3,560,000

TOTAL \$3,993,500

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# Mesika Trail

# December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Mesika Trail	Benches	4	Replace benches and bring to ADA compliance. **	\$4,000
Mesika Trail	Picnic tables	2	Replace picnic tables and bring to ADA compliance. **	\$3,000
Mesika Trail	ADA Gravel Path	1	Grade at least 1 pathway to meet ADA compliance (check steepness) and provide signage to inform users of ADA compliant pathway. **	\$10,000
Mesika Trail	Trails	.3 miles	Add two inches of crushed rock to the entire trail. Trim back brush along the sides.	\$5,000
Mesika Trail	Urban Forest	1	Remove invasive plants (this includes english ivy) and replace with native species. This work will also include the removal of hazard trees.	\$10,000
Mesika Trail	Bridge	3	Repair bridges throughout the trail.	\$3,000
Mesika Trail	Signage Update	1	Update signage along trail to reflect non-smoking policy update.	\$2,000
				Subotal
				\$37,000

# **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
PLANNING				
Mesika Trail	Develop a Master Plan	1	Develop a master plan to address the following suggested items:  - picnicking opportunities  - community garden expansion  - additional recreational games  - additional bench and picnic table placement on south portion of trail  - add fitness stations along trail	\$50,000
				P. SUBTOTAL
				\$50,000
CONSTRUCT	ION			
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:			
Mesika Trail	Dog Station	3	Provide dog stations along trail.	\$1,500
				C. SUBTOTAL
				\$1,500

TOTAL \$88,500

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# North Lynnwood Neighborhood Park

#### December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
North Lynnwood Park	Northern Playground Areas	2	Replace tot swings and fasteners to comply with ASTM/CPSC standards/guidelines. Update drainage and add additional engineered wood fiber surfacing to meet critical fall heights. **	\$15,000
North Lynnwood Park	Parking Lot	1 stall	Regrade ADA parking stall to meet ADA standards. **	\$5,000
North Lynnwood Park	Asphalt Pathway	.5 miles	Regrade and replace the existing narrow path around the park that is heavily damaged by sinkholes and roots. **	\$85,000
North Lynnwood Park	Update Benches	3	Replace and update to meet ADA standards. **	\$3,000
North Lynnwood Park	Update Grills	3	Update to meet ADA accessibility standards. **	\$3,000
North Lynnwood Park	Spray Park	1	Redesign or regrade slopes in spray park to meet ADA compliance. **	\$30,000
North Lynnwood Park	Stage/Play Area	1	Provide ADA access to stage/play area. **	\$10,000
North Lynnwood Park	Parking Lot	1	Repair, sealcoat and stripe the parking lot.	\$6,000
North Lynnwood Park	Parking Lot	1	Replace failing concrete curbs.	\$5,500
North Lynnwood Park	Basketball Court	1	Repave court	\$18,000
North Lynnwood Park	Restroom Building	1	Repair building including new partitions, lighting improvements, and ventilation upgrades.	\$15,000
North Lynnwood Park	Irrigation Controller	1	Update existing controller to communicate with our centrally located controls.  This will help to reduce water consumption.	\$5,000
North Lynnwood Park	Turf Areas	4 Acres	Improve drainage, fill grade and reseed sinkholes and ruts in the turf areas	\$10,000
North Lynnwood Park	Picnic Shelters	2	Repair and renovate the picnic shelters including the addition of power and water to each shelter.	\$15,000
North Lynnwood Park	Invasive Plant Removal	1	Remove blackberry and other invasives.	\$15,000
North Lynnwood Park	Shelter reservation signs are outdated	1	Replace shelter reservation signs with updated signage.	\$500
North Lynnwood Park	Upgrade irrigation lines	1	Upgrade irrigation lines from galvanized to PVC	\$40,000
North Lynnwood Park	Upgrades to Restroom Facility	1	Update restroom amenities lighting, fixtures and ventilation	\$20,000
				Subotal
				\$301,000

TOTAL \$301,000

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# Pioneer Park

# December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Pioneer Park	ADA Access to Play Area	1	Provide ADA access to play area. **	\$1,000
Pioneer Park	Enlarge the Walking Path	1	Widen asphalt path throughout, particularly around tree at tennis courts that do not comply with ADA code. **	\$15,000
Pioneer Park	Update Benches	6	Upgrade benches and provide ADA compliant models with ADA access/circulation. **	\$10,000
Pioneer Park	Update Picnic Tables	3	Wood of picnic tables are beginning to rot and chip. Concrete base of picnic table is cracked and chipped. Upgrade and provide ADA compliant models with ADA access/circulation. **	\$6,000
Pioneer Park	Asphalt path	.65 miles	Regrade to meet ADA standards. Also, provide path ADA and general access from adjacent apartment entry points - will require replacing asphalt over culverts. **	\$35,000
Pioneer Park	Tennis Court	2	Repair crakcs on playing surface.	\$5,000
Pioneer Park	Play Area	1	Replace the wood play area surround with concrete.	\$10,000
Pioneer Park	Play Area	1	Replace the play equipment with updated equipment and possible cover.	\$80,000
Pioneer Park	Asphalt Parking Area	12 spaces	Repair holes in parking area this work includes seal coating and striping.	\$15,000
Pioneer Park	Seed Lawn	1	Seed patchy areas and sink holes - target top of mounds that are worn.	\$500
Pioneer Park	Wooded Area Trails	1	Add rock to trail, improve drainage and repair steps installed by Boy Scouts.	\$5,000
Pioneer Park	Forest Restoration	2 Acres	Remove invasive plants and replace with native species. This work has been started with the help of volunteer groups.	\$8,000
				Subotal
				\$190,500

TOTAL	
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# **Rowe Park**

# December 2015

#### **Additional Opportunities**

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CONSTRUCTION					
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:				
Rowe Park	Develop	1	Develop park per master plan	\$1,000,000	
				C. SUBTOTAL	
				\$1,000,000	

TOTAL \$1,000,000

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# Scriber Creek Park

# December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Scriber Creek Park	Handicap Parking Sign	1	Raise ADA sign to comply with standards **	\$500
Scriber Creek Park	ADA Benches	2	Provide ADA accessible benches. **	\$2,000
Scriber Creek Park	ADA PicnicTables	2	Provide ADA accessible picnic tables. **	\$3,000
Scriber Creek Park	Invasive Plant Removal	1	Remove invasive plants.	\$12,000
Scriber Creek Park	Information Kiosk	1	Replace information kiosk Lucite cover.	\$1,000
Scriber Creek Park	Asphalt Trail Repairs	0.13 miles	Replace asphalt trail between pump station and Park And Ride; Replace asphalt on west side of park where it goes over culvert.	\$50,000
Scriber Creek Park	Turf Maintenance	1	Regrade slopes of turf to 4:1 or plant or less to comply with OSHA guidelines.	\$15,000
				Subtotal
				\$83,500

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
PLANNING				
Scriber Creek Open Space	Passive Park Concept Plan	1	Develop a passive park concept plan on upland area.	\$20,000
	=	-	-	P. SUBTOTAL
				\$20,000
CONSTRUCT	ION			
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:			
Scriber Creek Park	New Elevated Trail	1	Improve access to pond with an elevated trail/ boardwalk.	70,000
				C. SUBTOTA
				\$70,000

TOTAL \$173,500

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#### Scriber Lake Park

#### December 2015

#### **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Scriber Lake Park	Parking Lot	20 spaces	Repairs and sealcoat parking lot. Provide ADA parking closest to amenities to comply to ADA standards. **	\$21,000
Scriber Lake Park	Fence	300'	Replace worn and rotten timbers from post and pole fencing.	\$4,000
Scriber Lake Park	Asphalt Pathways	.2 miles	Repair and partially replace pathways due to roots and sinkholes throughout the park.	\$12,000
Scriber Lake Park	Restroom	1	Replace partitions,upgrade lighting, improve ventilation and paint.	\$5,000
Scriber Lake Park	Forest Area	15 Acres	Remove invasive plants and replace with native species.	\$12,000
Scriber Lake Park	Park Signs	2	Repair worn and damaged park signs.	\$3,000
Scriber Lake Park	Floating Bridges	180 If	Repair worn or damaged timbers.	\$25,000
Scriber Lake Park	Bulkhead at North Side of the New Floating Dock	1	Reconstruct bulkhead to give support to the new dock. Park staff completed the work to the south end in 2013.	\$8,000
Scriber Lake Park	Wetland Walkway	800 If	Replace current hog fuel path/wood edging with a raised walkway or boardwalk. Path is continually flooded. Rises about 1 foot.	\$70,000
Scriber Lake Park	Replace Handrails	1	Replace handrails throughout the trail system.	\$20,000
Scriber Lake Park	Remove Turf	1	Remove and replace small turf area with native groundcovers and low perennials to reduce future maintenance costs.	\$5,000
Scriber Lake Park	Weir	1	Improve oil collection at weir. Weir maintained by PW.	\$15,000
Scriber Lake Park	Landscaping	SF	Reduce landscaping along street front to create a more visible and inviting park.	\$3,000
				Subtotal
				\$203,000

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
CONSTRUCTION				
NEW IMPROVE	EMENTS:			
Scriber Lake Park	Children's Play Area	1	Develop and build new children's play area.	\$60,000
Scriber Lake Park	Implement Master Plan Created in 2005	1	Develop park per master plan (will discourage unwanted uses). Plan/prioritize implementation of components.	\$4,000,000
Scriber Lake Park	Picnic Shelter	1	Add picnic shelter.	\$25,000
Scriber Lake Park	53rd St Entrance	1	Develop 53rd St entrance.	\$50,000
				C. SUBTOTAL
				\$4,135,000

TOTAL \$4,338,000

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# South Lynnwood Park

#### December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
South Lynnwood Park	Play Equipment	1	Updated and/or redesign play equipment to comply with ASTM/CPSC standards/guidelines. **	\$60,000
South Lynnwood Park	Picnic shelter & Grills	1	Provide a picnic shelter with ADA compliant picnic tables and grills. **	\$25,000
South Lynnwood Park	Wood Fencing at Entrances	1	Replace wood fencing at north path and update tennis court path entrances to meet ADA guidelines. **	\$20,000
South Lynnwood Park	Walking Path Rehab	.16 miles	Widen paths and regrade areas to provide ADA compliant path. **	\$25,000
South Lynnwood Park	Basketball Court	1	Repave basketball court due to cracking, warping.	\$20,000
South Lynnwood Park	Tennis Court	1	Repair warping and drainage issues in southwest corner.	\$1,500
South Lynnwood Park	Invasive Plant Removal	1	Remove invasive plants along north path entrance to park (including blackberry, knotweed, morning glory).	\$6,000
South Lynnwood Park	Play Area	1	Repair drainage near small playhouse play area on south edge where steep drop-off shows pipe outfall and erosion behind wooden retaining walls.	\$2,500
South Lynnwood Park	Drainage Plan	1	Drainage to lower lawn area needs improvement. Wet grass is getting torn up by continued use.	\$5,000
South Lynnwood park	Irrigation Controller	1	Update existing controller to communicate with our centrally located controls.  This will help to reduce water consumption.	\$5,000
South Lynnwood Park	Benches	3	Replace benches with models that have backs to accommodate more users	\$4,500
South Lynnwood Park	Turf Restoration	1	Repair turf used by soccer teamsneeded (observed to have been reseeded 10-29-15). Possible soccer field location? Heavy turf use by soccer players.	\$15,000
South Lynnwood Park	Restrooms	1	Update restroom amenities, lighting, fixtures and ventilation.	\$20,000
				Subtotal
				\$209,500

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Additional Opportunities					
Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*	
CONSTRUCT	CONSTRUCTION				
NEW IMPROVE	NEW IMPROVEMENTS:				
South Lynnwood Park	Bike Rack	1	Provide a bike rack.	\$250	
				C. SUBTOTAL	
				\$250	

TOTAL \$209,750

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# Spragues Pond Mini Park

# December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Parking Lot	1 space	ADA parking stall appears non-compliant (slopes, access path, signage and asphalt shim). **	\$1,500
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Path and Access	.09 miles	Repair/replace failing asphalt along path. Need to introduce tactile warning strip at end of path that exits at cul-de-sac per ADA standards. **	\$5,000
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Parking Lot	9 spaces	Crack seal sealcoat and stripe parking lot, Replace parking stops.	\$6,000
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Turf Areas	1	Repair sinkholes and seed. Add irrigation. Reduce extents of lawn to reduce geese impacts.	\$10,000
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Native Plants	1	Remove invasive blackberries and plant natives.	\$5,000
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Parking Lot	1	Replace wooden parking stops	\$3,000
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Signage visibility	1	Improve visibility of park signage	\$1,000
				Subtotal
				\$31,500

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*	
CONSTRUCT	ION				
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:				
Sprague's Pond Mini Park  Landscape Areas  1  Renew landscaped areas throughout the park to create a more inviting atmosphere  \$2,000					
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Lawn / Play Area	1	Add a shade structure	\$10,000	
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Waterfront	1	Work with current proprty owner to replace bulkhead	\$30,000	
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Parking Lot / Cul- de-sac	2	Add dog stations	\$1,000	
				C. SUBTOTAL	
				\$43,000	

TOTAL \$74,500

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#### Spruce Park

# December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Spruce Park	Playground Areas	2	Replace or repair of major play features to comply with ASTM/CPSC/ADA standards, including ADA guidelines. **	\$60,000
Spruce Park	Asphalt Pathway	.4 miles	Repair pathways at each of the entrances to meet ADA compliance. **	\$10,000
Spruce Park	Provide ADA Aaccess	1	Provide ADA access to tot lot. **	\$1,500
Spruce Park	Site Furnishings	3	Updrade to ADA compliant picnic tables, grills, and benches. **	\$10,000
Spruce Park	Parking Lot	20 spaces	Repair asphalt, crack seal sealcoat and stripe the parking lot.	\$16,000
Spruce Park	Basketball Court	1	Repair and repaint court surface.	\$12,000
Spruce park	Restroom	1	Repairs and replace amenities damaged due to vandalism.	\$5,000
Spruce Park	Irrigation Controller	1	Update existing controller to communicate with our centrally located controls.  This will help to reduce water consumption.	\$5,000
Spruce Park	Wooded Trail	300'	Renew existing trail surface with additional crushed rock.	\$4,000
Spruce Park	South Edge	1	Remove invasive plants.	\$4,000
Spruce Park	Landscape Beds	1	Renew landscaped areas and bark formal beds	\$5,000
Spruce Park	Vast Turf Area	2 Acres	Fill sinkholes adjust grade and seed where needed.	\$4,000
				Subtotal
				\$136,500

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
CONSTRUCT	TION			
NEW IMPROVE	MENTS:			
Spruce Park	New picnic shelter	1	Provide a picnic shelter	\$25,000
Spruce Park	Existing cut tree trunk	1	Turn weird cut tree trunk into table	\$1,000
Spruce Park	New bike racks	2	Install bike racks	\$1,500
Spruce Park	Toddler swings	2	Provide toddler swings	\$20,000
				C. SUBTOTAL
				\$47,500

TOTAL \$184,000

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# Stadler Ridge Park

# December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Stadler Ridge Park	Play Area	3	Raise level of engineered wood fiber to conform with designed critical fall height (currently low in areas). **	\$1,500
Stadler Ridge Park	Accessible Benches	2	Provide ADA accessible benches. **	\$2,000
Stadler Ridge Park	ADA Route	0.21 miles	Regrade the ADA route of travel to meet ADA compliance. **	\$30,000
Stadler Ridge Park	Concrete Pathway	0.21 miles	Repairs to the sidewalk where the ground has settled and created an uneven walking surface. **	\$2,000
Stadler Ridge Park	Railings	1	Provide railings on both sides of stairs meeting ADA compliance. **	\$10,000
Stadler Ridge Park	Play Area	3	Repairs to drainage	\$3,000
Stadler Ridge Park	Invasive Removal within Landscape Plantings and Forested Areas	1.5 acres	All areas need excessive weed and invasive plan removal. This work can be accomplished with the help of volunteers.	\$5,000
Stadler Ridge Park	Railing Connections at Concrete	1	Repair concrete cracking and reinstall railings with proper joint filler to prevent future cracking.	\$2,000
	-	-		Subtotal
				\$55,500

# **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*	
CONSTRUCT	CONSTRUCTION				
NEW IMPROVE	NEW IMPROVEMENTS:				
Stadler Ridge Park	Add Fence	1	Add fence around basketball court.	\$10,000	
				C. SUBTOTAL	
				\$10,000	

TOTAL \$65,500

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# Veterans Park

# December 2015

# **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Veterans Park	ADA parking	none currently	Provide at least 1 ADA parking stall at the entrance of the park for accessibility.  **	\$2,500
Veterans Park	ADA curb ramp	1	Retrofit curb ramp to meet ADA code. **	\$3,500
Veterans Park	Standing interpretive signs	1	Update signage to be more weatherproof and meet ADA height standards. **	\$1,500
Veterans Park	Plaza Pavers	1	Level sunken pavers to meet ADA compliance and pressure wash or remove moss - throughout park and access path at parking lot. **	\$7,500
Veterans Park	Landscape repairs	1	Remove and replace diseased and dead cherry's and replace with suitable trees. Reduce Rhododendrons and amend soils.	\$2,000
Veterans Park	Cedar Benches	4	Sand and stain benches.	\$2,000
Veterans Park	Turf area	1	Top-dress and seed lawn area	\$1,000
Veterans Park	Metal Art Sculpture	1	Clean moss and dirt build up.	\$200
				Subtotal
				\$20,200

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
PLANNING				
Veterans Park	Master Plan updates	1	Update master plan in collaboration with VWF local post	\$30,000
				P. SUBTOTAL
				\$30,000
Construction				
Veterans Park	Drinking fountain	1	Add drinking fountain	\$2,000
				C. SUBTOTAL
				\$2,000

TOTAL	
\$52,200	

Date of Visit: October 29, 2015

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#### Wilcox Park

December 2015

#### **Deferred Maintenance & Compliance**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
Wilcox Park	Playground areas	3	Raise level of ASTM-compliant engineered wood fiber to conform with designed critical fall height (currently appears low / bare in areas). **	\$15,000
Wilcox Park	ADA Parking	2 spaces	Provide an ADA parking stall, striping, and signage at the west end of the park by playground to meet ADA standards. **	\$5,000
Wilcox Park	Wilcox Park Pavilion Pavers	1	Reset sunken pavers to eliminate tripping hazards and meet ADA specifications; replace worn and rotting timbers along parking lot. **	\$15,000
Wilcox Park	Restrooms	1	Renovate restroom to include new gutters and downspouts, plumbing repairs and replacement of some worn and damaged fixtures. Repairs to the rock retaining wall in front of the restrooms. Bathroom path is considered a ramp due to slope and requires railings according to ADA standards. **	\$20,000
Wilcox Park	Gazebo	1	Provide ADA railings on both sides of stairs going up to gazebo. Provide ADA ramp access to gazebo. Retailing wall height triggers guardrail per ADA standards. **	\$20,000
Wilcox Park	Play Area	1	Provide ADA access ramp to play area. **	\$1,500
Wilcox Park	Drinking Fountain	1	Retrofit drinking fountain at north side of the park next to picnic shelter to meet ADA standards. **	\$1,000
Wilcox Park	2 Parking Lots	71 spaces	Crack seal, sealcoat and stripe the parking lots.	\$25,000
Wilcox Park	Basketball Court	1	Replace basketball courts.	\$25,000
Wilcox Park	Irrigation Controller	1	Update existing controller to communicate with the centrally located controls.	\$5,000
Wilcox Park	Foot Bridge	1	Replace worn railings along either side of the foot bridge.	\$7,000
Wilcox Park	Playground Areas	3	Replace wood retaining wall around play area with concrete.	\$10,000
Wilcox Park	Turf Areas	1 Acre	Fill grade in mounds leading up to forest area that have been eroded and reseed, including sinkholes and ruts in turf areas.	\$5,000
Wilcox Park	Forested Areas	2 acres	Remove invasive plant removal and restoration plantings. Some work has been done with volunteer groups.	\$10,000
Wilcox Park	Flag Poles	27	Clean, seal and paint the tops of the flag poles.	\$4,000
Wilcox Park	Lights at Flag Poles	27	Clean light fixtures and possible upgrade to Led	\$4,000
Wilcox Park	Signage	1	Improve park signage.	\$1,500
				Subtotal
				\$174,000

# **Additional Opportunities**

Park site	Item Description	Quantity	Work to be performed	Cost*
CONSTRUCTION				
Wilcox Park	Trails and Urban Forest	1	Develop trails in forested area and restore understory vegetation. Connect park east/west. No current trails.	\$25,000
Wilcox Park	West Fence	1	Complete fence on the west side of the park.	\$15,000
Wilcox Park	Access	1	Improve parking and walking access to Wilcox Park, including a connecting trail to Cedar Valley Elementary.	\$20,000
				C. SUBTOTAL
				\$61,500

TOTAL \$235,500

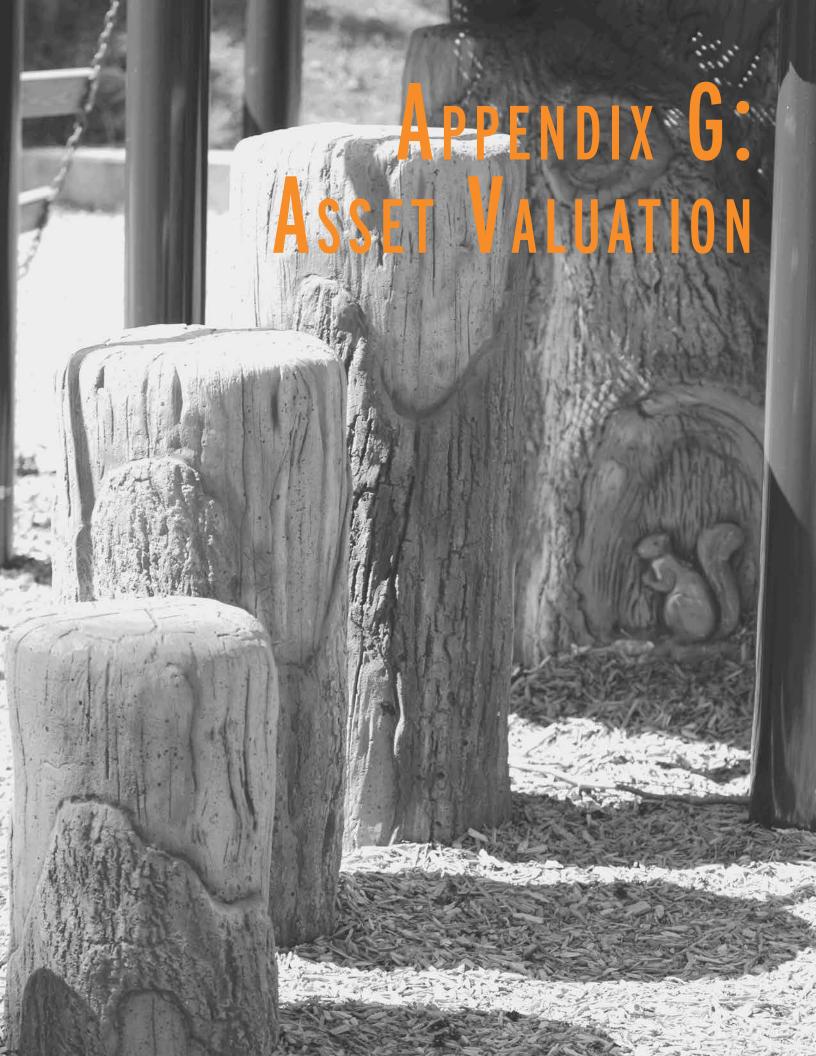
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# PARK SYSTEM ASSET VALUATION

The asset valuation model was developed to provide an order of magnitude estimate of the total public capital investment in Lynnwood's physical park amenity assets and to provide an estimate of the overall depreciation of those assets. These valuations do not include the underlying land value - only the cost of the capital improvements.

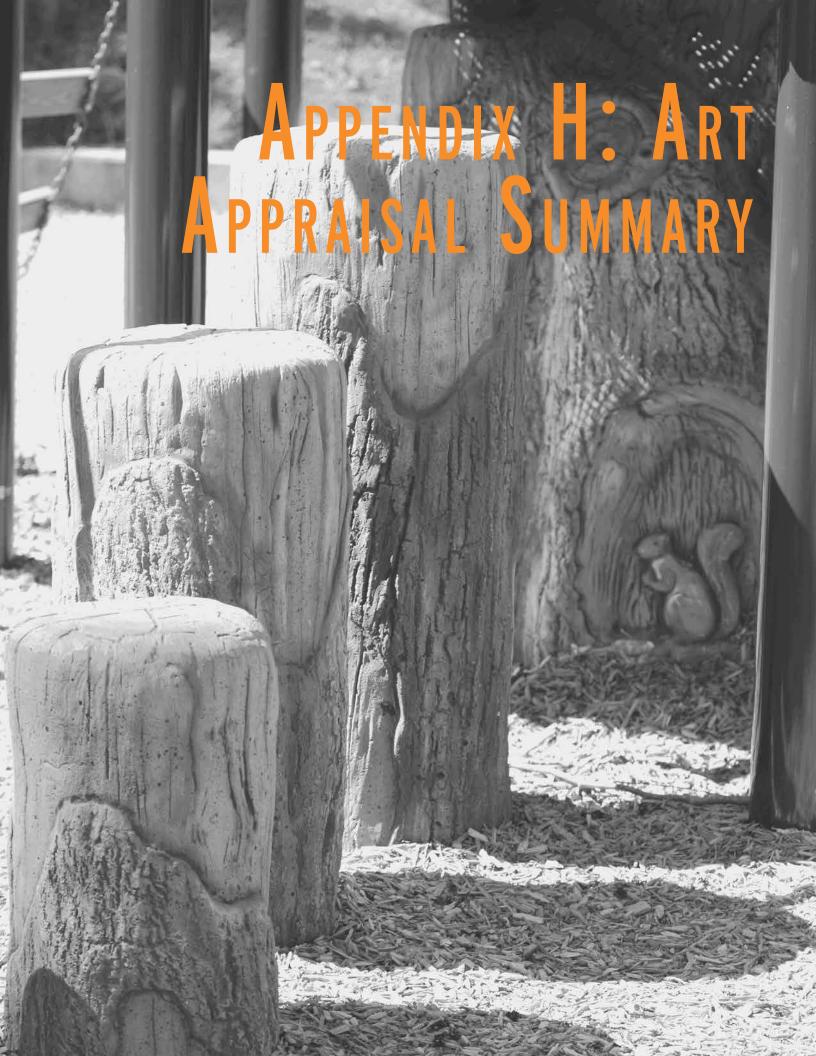
To arrive at these valuations, two methodologies were used. For most asset classes, an average valuation was used for the cost of replacing the asset in 2016 dollars. These "average replacement values" were developed by reviewing various sources of data including national guidance, local CFP projects from both Lynnwood and other agencies and recent planning-level cost estimates. For trails and paths within parks, the costs were averaged for these improvements. Since there is a variety of materials and uses for the City's designated trails, a more detailed asset valuation methodology was prepared. For these trails, the total square feet of the asset was calculated, multiplied by the material cost (e.g. asphalt was more expensive than gravel) to generate an approximate cost for each asset. Using these two methods, each asset's total "Asset Investment Value" was estimated.

This Asset Investment Value was multiplied by the Current Asset Condition. The Current Asset Condition was based upon the asset inventory and is applied as a percentage multiplier to the condition of the original asset. To reflect the non-linear degradation of assets, the 1, 2 and 3 condition valuation shown in the asset inventory is changed to a 0.8, 0.4, and 0.1 multiplier (respectively) within the valuation matrix. For consistency, all lighting was identified as good condition and assigned a 0.8 multiplier.

Using these methods, the total asset investment value is \$24.6 million. Reflective of a legacy system, these assets have depreciated to approximately \$9.4 million. More recent investment classes, like the Skate Parks/Spray Parks, Public Art, and the Amphitheater/ Stage have better retained their original investment value, while legacy assets, such as playgrounds, soccer fields and basketball courts, have shown significant depreciation.



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# PERSONAL PROPERTY APPRAISAL FOR

City of Lynnwood

**Appraiser** 

Erin Fossum, MA McAllister/Fossum Appraisal Services, LLC 1617 Boylston Ave. Seattle, WA 98122 (206) 271-7966

# **Cover Letter: Explanation of Appraisal Document**

January 6, 2016

City of Lynnwood Care of Sarah Olson Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department

Dear Ms. Olson,

I have completed the appraisal on the selected personal property that you requested I appraise for the purpose of **financial consideration**. As you requested, on October 16, 2015 I conducted an appraisal inspection with you present of the personal property at the above referenced address and various locations around the city buildings and city parks in Lynnwood, Washington. The property belongs to the city of Lynnwood. Values are effective as of the date of inspection, October 16, 2015. This report and the values listed are to be used only for the function of establishing current **fair market values** for personal knowledge and for making financial decisions. Any other use renders this report null and void. Values stated do not reflect any expenses which might be incurred should these items be sold such as advertising costs or selling commissions. This appraisal report is intended for use only by you and by the City of Lynnwood.

In summary, the fair market value of the appraised items total \$1,152,385.00.

After careful examination of the personal property included in this appraisal, the values found represent my best opinion of fair market value in the appropriate marketplace where these items would normally be sold. That marketplace would be second hand shops, consignment shops, local auctions, or estate sales in the region where these items are most commonly sold to the public. Also, local, regional, national and international auction houses were consulted where such property is most commonly sold to the public. Sources of data for my value conclusions also include invoices, classified advertisements, nationally recognized price guides, sales by dealers, retailers, or other personal observations. Markets analyzed appeared stable. Because quality, condition, and desirability affect the appropriate markets where the public would purchase items, I have considered different markets for different items of personal property.

It is also understood that if any of the items here appraised were sold through a shop, an auction, or at an estate sale, a commission would be charged, and therefore, the net value to the seller would be lower than the values seen in any of the aforementioned sales venues.

**Fair Market Value definition** as set forth in the Internal Revenue Code, Section 20.2031-(b) is as follows: "Fair Market Value is the price at which the property would change hands in a reasonable amount of time, between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of relevant facts. The Fair Market Value may not be determined by a forced sale price. Also, it may not be determined by the sale price in a market other than that in which the item is most commonly sold to the public."

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As you know, appraising is not an exact science. The appraiser generally works with incomplete information and a partial history of the property. Therefore, determination of the value for your property is achieved through research in the marketplace where similar items are found through the sales comparison approach. The appraiser attempts to find a minimum of three comparable prices in the marketplace to determine the mode price of the individual item. This method catches and screens out spiking high and low prices to determine, not an average, but the mode price that reflects the most reoccurring selling band of prices for the item. This is combined with any information you were able to provide me. I then make use of your resources to go directly to a supplier or dealer to cross check information. This information is then combined with my own independent research to arrive at a determination of value for your property. Finally, I will be receptive and responsive to any question you might have about your appraisal. I understand that I am in the business of helping you or a client value the personal property assets, and I will do all I can to help you.

Please see the list of research materials and resources consulted in arriving at the determination of value for the items here appraised.

#### Research Resources:

1stDibs.com

Abmeyer + Wood (Seattle, WA)

AlfredoArreguin.com

Amazon Art

Annex Gallery (Seattle, WA)

ArchibaldGlass.com

ArtCountryCanada.com

Artsy.net

AskArt.com

Brackenwood Fine Arts Gallery (Langely, WA)

BruceWestSculptures.com

ByronBratt.com

Camano Arts Association

Chief Seattle Arts

Cole Gallery (Edmonds, WA)

CollageFineArt.com

DeborahWalker.net

EarlOlsen.com

Elizabeth Leach Gallery (Portland, OR)

EllySimmons.com

FineArtImpressions.com

Ferrin Contemporary (North Adams, MA)

Friesen Gallery (Sun Valley, ID)

Fountainhead Gallery (Seattle, WA)

GlassFocus.com (consultation with Lutz Haufschild)

Golden Eagle Art Galleries (Stouffville, ON)

Gunnar Nordstrom Gallery (Bellevue, WA)

JackGunterArt.com

JayHaavik.com

Jeffrey Moose Gallery (Seattle, WA)

JoelGrossmanArt.com

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KathleenCoyleArt.com

KathleenMoore.com

KimmelFineArts.com

KRStudios.com

LeeKellySculpture.net

Linda Hodges Gallery (Seattle, WA)

Lisa Harris Gallery (Seattle, WA)

LiveAuctioneers.com

LouiseMcDowellSculptor.com

LutzHaufschild.com

MaraSmith.com

Mark Humpal Fine Art (Portland, OR)

MatzkeFineArt.com

MayaGlass.com

MikeThoreson.com

Montserrat Gallery (New York, NY)

NorieSato.com

Pacific Galleries (Seattle, WA)

PamBeyette.com

Patricia Cameron Gallery (Seattle, WA)

PatTolle.com

PeggyZehring.com

Quintana Galleries (Portland, OR)

RichardLaLonde.com

RobGischerPaintings.com

Rob Schouten Gallery (Greenbank, WA)

Ro Gallery (Long Island City, NY)

RonPettyArt.com

Stonington Gallery (Seattle, WA)

SusanZoccola.com

TJonsson.com

TomAskmanArt.com

TomMorandi.com

Xanadu Gallery (Scottsdale, AZ)

Winfield Gallery (Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA)

In general, the condition of the items examined was good. Any alterations from original condition or damage beyond that usual and common for the items of similar age are so noted in the appraisal report. Some items, although used and showing ordinary wear and tear, are desirable to collectors and are considered appreciable contents, such as antique furniture, fine and decorative arts, sterling silver and some ceramics and glassware. The markets considered and recent sales prices reviewed for these types of items were antique stores, antique shows and local and national auction houses where comparable items are most commonly sold to the public.

In this appraisal all material and medium designations are based only on visual examination without benefit of laboratory analysis that would be necessary for conclusive identification. Therefore, all stated material identities and associated values are conditional on an "appears to be" basis. When values would be noticeably affected by primary and secondary materials

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determination, microscopic samples are taken and are sent to a scientific laboratory for study. Value conclusions in this report were not contingent upon such precise determination of material types.

The identification or the interest of the requesting party for this appraisal is simply that represented to the appraiser by such party and no inquiry or investigation has been made or is any opinion given as to the truth of such representation. I regard all information concerning this appraisal as confidential. I retain a copy of this document along with my original notes, and I will not allow others to have access to these records without your written permission unless so ordered by a court of law.

No part of this report may be reproduced, copied or used in any manner by anyone without the written consent of this appraiser. The report can only be used in its entirety including all cover letters. Testimony or attendance in court, arbitration; or at any other hearing, is not required by reason of rendering this appraisal; unless such arrangements are made a reasonable time in advance and commissioned at the customary per hour fee charged for such services as of that date.

If the scope of the assignment is limited by the client, or working conditions result in real limitations, or if any reason existed which resulted in a departure from the Certified Appraisal of Personal Property Standard, the nature of such a departure, the reason for such departure and its impact on the final value conclusions would be noted in the report. The market data approach was used in preparation of this report. If this approach was not used it would be so stated in the appraisal and the reasoning for this departure would be discussed.

This report is offered with no other contingent or limiting conditions that would affect the values stated. This appraiser has no past, present or contemplated future interest in the appraised items or any other interest that would bias the appraisal report. Employment to make the report and compensation for it are not contingent upon the valuation found. The fee is based on an hourly rate. This report was prepared in accordance with the principles and procedures for the valuation and evaluation of personal property as prescribed by the Certified Appraiser of Personal Property program of the International Society of Appraisers (ISA) and is subject to the rules and standards of the ISA Program. Any departure from this standard, the reasons for such departure and its impact on the appraiser's value conclusion will be discussed with the client in advance.

The value conclusions expressed herein are based on the appraiser's best judgment and opinion and are not a representation or warranty that the items will realize those values if offered for sale at auction or otherwise. The values expressed are based on current information on the date the appraisal was made. No opinion is expressed as to any past value, nor, unless otherwise expressly stated, as to any future value.

- I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief:
- 1. The statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct.
- 2. The reported analysis, opinions and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and is my personal, impartial, and unbiased professional analysis, opinions, and conclusions.
- 3. I have no present or perspective interest in the property that is the subject of this report and no personal interest with respect to the parties

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involved. I have no involvement in the transaction or appraisal of the property within the past three years.

- 4. I have no bias with respect to the property that is the subject of this report or to the parties involved with this assignment.
- 5. My engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reporting predetermined results.
- 6. My compensation for this appraisal is not contingent upon the development or reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal.
- 7. I have personally inspected the listed property that is the subject of this report.
- 8. Unless noted elsewhere, no one provided significant professional assistance to the person signing this report.
- 9. This appraisal has been prepared in conformity with and is subject to the current version of the International Society of Appraisers Appraisal Report Writing Standard and Code of Ethics. In addition, my analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the 2014-2015 versions of The Appraisal Foundation's Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP).

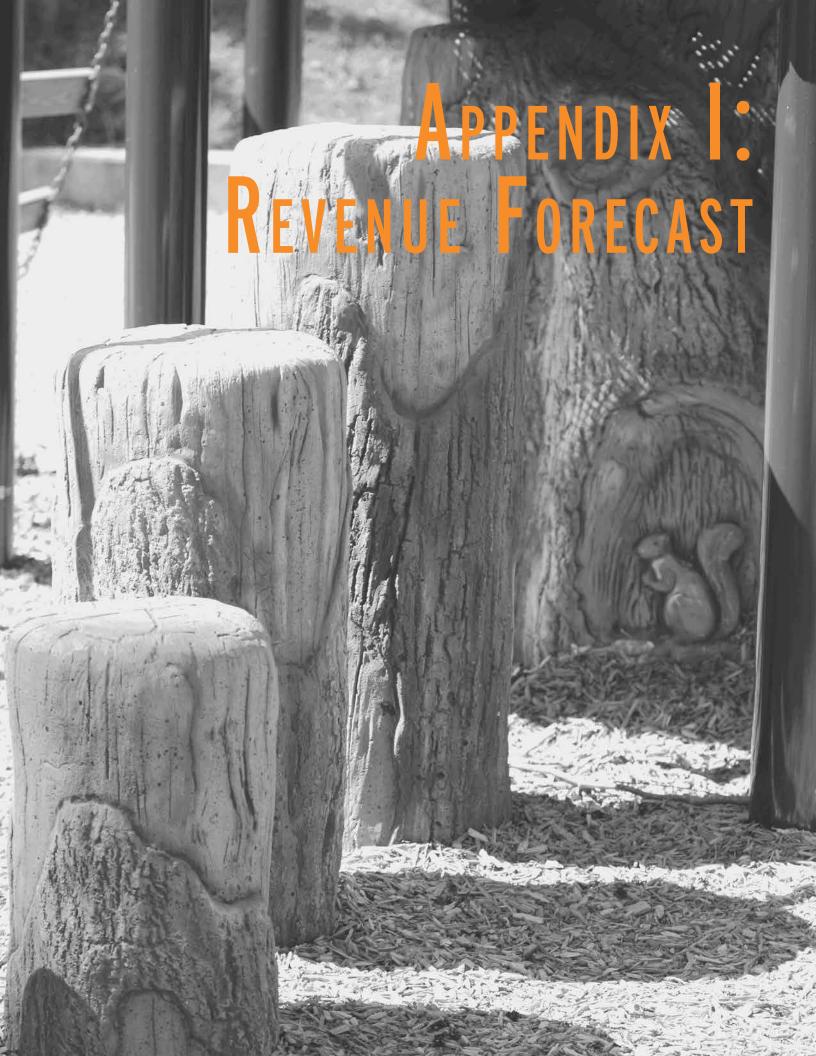
#### Sincerely,

Erin Fossum, MA (University of Washington)
McAllister/Fossum Appraisal Services, LLC
International Society of Appraisers, Accredited Member

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DATE: February 4, 2016

TO: Steve Duh, Conservation Technix

FROM: Erik Rundell

SUBJECT: LYNNWOOD GROWTH PROJECTIONS SUMMARY

## 1 Overview

As part of the PARC Plan update process, ECONorthwest (ECO) developed 10-year growth projections for the City of Lynnwood to inform future level-of-service needs and potential revenues for the planning process. Specifically, ECO projected future population, housing, and employment within the city. ECO then used these growth figures to project future general fund tax revenues, and park and recreation fee revenues over the planning period (2016-2026).

Section 2 below describes the approach for making the projections in more detail and summarizes the projected totals. The section first reviews the growth projections for population, housing, and employment, and then summarizes the revenue projections based on that growth.

# 2 Growth Projections

The growth projections focus on the future population and employment growth within the City of Lynnwood from 2016 to 2026. The projections provide a range of outcomes based on potential rate of growth the city could realistically realize.

ECO then projected the growth in housing units throughout the city to determine what areas have the potential to realize the most growth, and affect park and level-of-service needs.

## 2.1 Population, Housing and Employment Projections

#### Population and Housing

ECO projected population and housing projections for three growth scenarios: low growth, medium growth, and high growth.

- Low Growth. This scenario assumed that the city's population would continue to grow at the same rate as it has averaged over the last 15 years an average annual growth rate of 0.66%.
- Medium Growth. This scenario assumed that the city's population would grow at a rate that the City's would realize its comprehensive plan target population of 43,782 by 2025 an average annual rate of 1.86%.
- **High Growth.** This scenario assumed that the city's population would grow at a rate even greater than the medium scenario. For this scenario, ECO used an average annual rate of 2.01%, which is the 15-year annual average for all incorporated areas in Washington State.

Using the projected population totals, ECO then estimated the number of households and housing units. To determine the number of future households (occupied housing units), ECO divided the projected population by Lynnwood's 2015 average household size of 2.55 people per household. To determine the number of total housing units, ECO assumed a housing occupancy rate of 95%. Exhibit 1 summarizes the total population, households, and housing units the city would gain over the next ten years for each growth scenario.

Exhibit 1. Projected Population and Housing by Growth Scenario, 2016-2026

	Population	Households	Housing Units
High Growth	8,168	3,203	3,372
Medium Growth	7,499	2,941	3,095
Low Growth	2,499	980	1,032

Source: ECONorthwest, Washington Office of Financial Management, City of Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan

Exhibit 3 below depicts the breakdown of the projected housing units by single-family houses and multifamily units. The share of single-family versus multifamily units is based on the zoned land capacity within city limits. Snohomish County conducted a parcel level buildable lands analysis in 2012. Based on this analysis, Lynnwood had capacity for 338 single-family units and 4,468 multifamily units.

Exhibit 2. City of Lynnwood Buildable Land Capacity, 2012

	Single-Family	Multi-Family	<b>Housing Units</b>
Lynnwood	338	4,430	4,768

Source: Snohomish County

ECO assumed that the single-family housing capacity would be almost completely used in each growth scenario. The remaining projected housing growth for each scenario was assumed to be all multifamily units.



4,000 3,500 3,000 2,500 Multi-Family 2,000 ■ Single Family Housing 1,500 1.000 500 337 325 330 0 High Medium Low

Exhibit 3. Projected Housing Units by Type by Scenario, 2016-2026

Source: ECONorthwest

## **Employment**

ECO projected growth based on the historical ratio of population to employment growth within the city. A population to employment ratio links the overall growth in employment and population so they are internally consistent. Changes in population (increases or decreases) are related to changes in employment over time. However, employment fluctuates much more than population changes due to economic cycles (recessions and recoveries). To account for fluctuations in employment, ECO used Lynnwood's 10-year average population to employment ratio of 1.46 people per job. To estimate the total number of jobs for each growth scenario, ECO assumed that in 2026 the ratio would be the same as the 10-year average.

Exhibit 4 shows the total projected growth in jobs for each scenario and the breakdown of those jobs by employment sector. The High Growth scenario would result in 5,576 new jobs, the Medium Growth scenario would have 5,119 new jobs, and the Low Growth scenario would result in 1,706 jobs.

The sector breakdown of the employment growth was assumed to be the same as the city's current distribution of jobs. Service sector jobs account for almost half of all jobs, retail jobs are 28%, and education, manufacturing, construction, and government account for an increasingly smaller share of jobs, respectively.

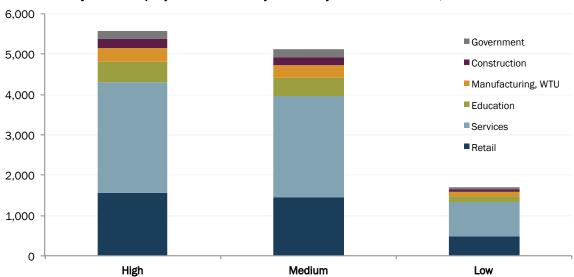
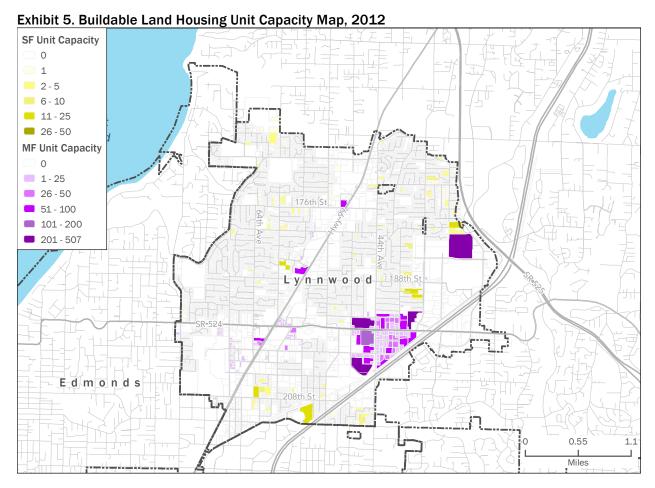


Exhibit 4. Projected Employment Growth by Sector by Growth Scenario, 2016-2026

## **Growth Allocation**

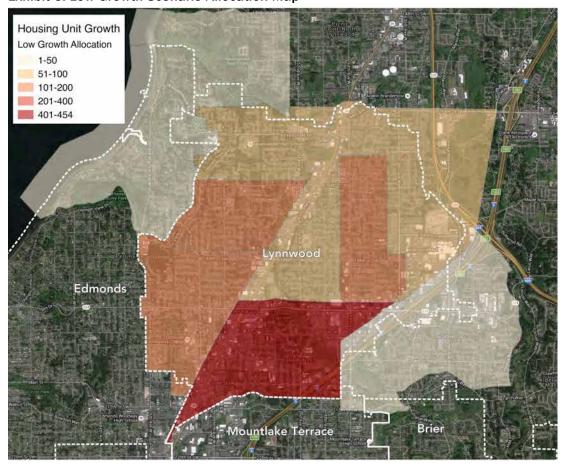
After projecting total population, housing, and employment growth, ECO distributed the housing growth geographically to assess what areas of the city would realize the most new development. ECO used Snohomish County's parcel level buildable lands analysis to allocate single-family and multifamily housing growth for each scenario. The buildable lands analysis identified vacant and redevelopable parcels within the city that can accommodate the cities future growth. Exhibit 5 displays the housing unit capacity of parcels within Lynnwood.





Source: Snohomish County, ECONorthwest

Given the limited capacity for new single-family housing, the allocation methodology assumed almost all of the zoned single-family capacity within city limits would be used. The remainder of the housing growth for each scenario was assumed to be multifamily housing. ECO allocated housing growth to buildable parcels based on their improvement value to land value ratio. Parcels first to receive the projected growth were those with the lowest improvement values relative to land values, starting with vacant parcels. The allocation methodology assumed these are the easiest to develop and thus the most likely to develop in the next ten years. The allocation process then summarized housing unit growth by Census Tracts. Exhibit 6 though Exhibit 8 show where growth was allocated for each scenario.

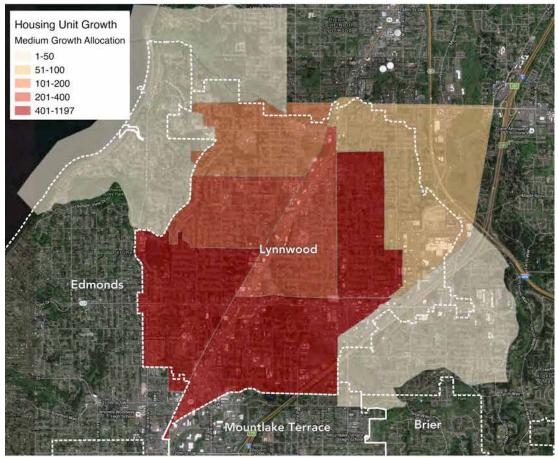


**Exhibit 6. Low Growth Scenario Allocation Map** 



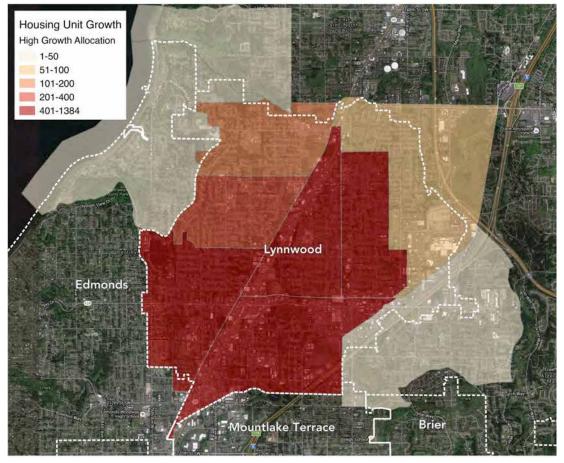
Source: ECONorthwest

**Exhibit 7. Medium Growth Scenario Allocation Map** 



Source: ECONorthwest

**Exhibit 8. Low Growth Scenario Allocation Map** 



Source: ECONorthwest

## 2.2 Revenue Projections

After projecting future population and employment growth, ECO developed tax revenue projections based on the projected new growth. The components of this growth that influence revenues include the timing, scale, and quality of new development as well as the population and employment impacts of the development as it is completed.

To model tax revenues, a 10-year cash flow model incorporated the projected development (housing units and square feet of commercial space) by scenario over time and applies the appropriate tax base productivity and tax rates to estimate the stream of future tax revenues. New development and the spending associated with construction and new residents are a key driver of revenues for the model. Specifically, the model estimates property tax, sales tax, business license, utility tax, and shared revenues. Those future revenues are then discounted at a rate of four percent to account for the time value of money for local governments, plus some risk premium, and presented as net present value total in 2016 dollars.



The City of Lynnwood also developed six-year revenue projections (2016-2021) for general fund revenues, which they shared with ECO for use in our revenue modeling. The main difference in methods is that the City's numbers are based on growing current revenues using an assumed growth rate. The City's projections also included totals for gambling taxes and "other" taxes, which ECO's model does not include. To account for significant differences in methodology, ECO extended the City's revenue projections to 2026 using their same methods and assumptions. ECO also supplemented the revenue model estimates with the City's projections for gambling and other taxes to provide a better comparison.

Exhibit 9 compares the projected general fund revenues from the City and ECO's fiscal revenue model. Overall, the City's extended projections are in line with the Low Growth scenario. This makes sense given that Low Growth scenario is based on recent growth trends. ECO's revenue model does sizably project more revenue with higher levels of growth, with \$29.6 million to \$32.2 million for the Medium and High Growth scenarios compared to about \$10 million for the Low Growth scenario.

#### Tax Revenues

Exhibit 9. General Fund Tax Revenue Projection Summary, 2016-2026

	Total	NPV 2017-2026 Incremental Revenues			
		City			
Revenue Source	2016 Adopted	Projections	Low	Medium	High
Property Taxes	\$11,400,516	\$3,780,687	\$2,255,178	\$6,771,880	\$7,376,583
Sales Taxes	\$18,213,391	\$5,291,620	\$4,859,796	\$14,582,872	\$15,883,654
Business Licenses	\$2,902,112	\$121,296	\$782,386	\$2,347,720	\$2,557,135
Utility Taxes	\$5,942,264	\$504,860	\$1,571,316	\$4,715,075	\$5,135,657
Shared Revenues	\$2,068,300	\$334,790	\$340,816	\$1,022,691	\$1,113,915
Gambling Taxes	\$128,914	\$5,338	\$5,338	\$5,338	\$5,338
Other Taxes	\$619,925	\$109,165	\$109,165	\$109,165	\$109,165
Total	\$41,275,424	\$10,147,757	\$9,923,996	\$29,554,741	\$32,181,447

Source: City of Lynnwood, Snohomish County, Washington Department of Revenue, ECONorthwest

#### Park and Recreation Fees

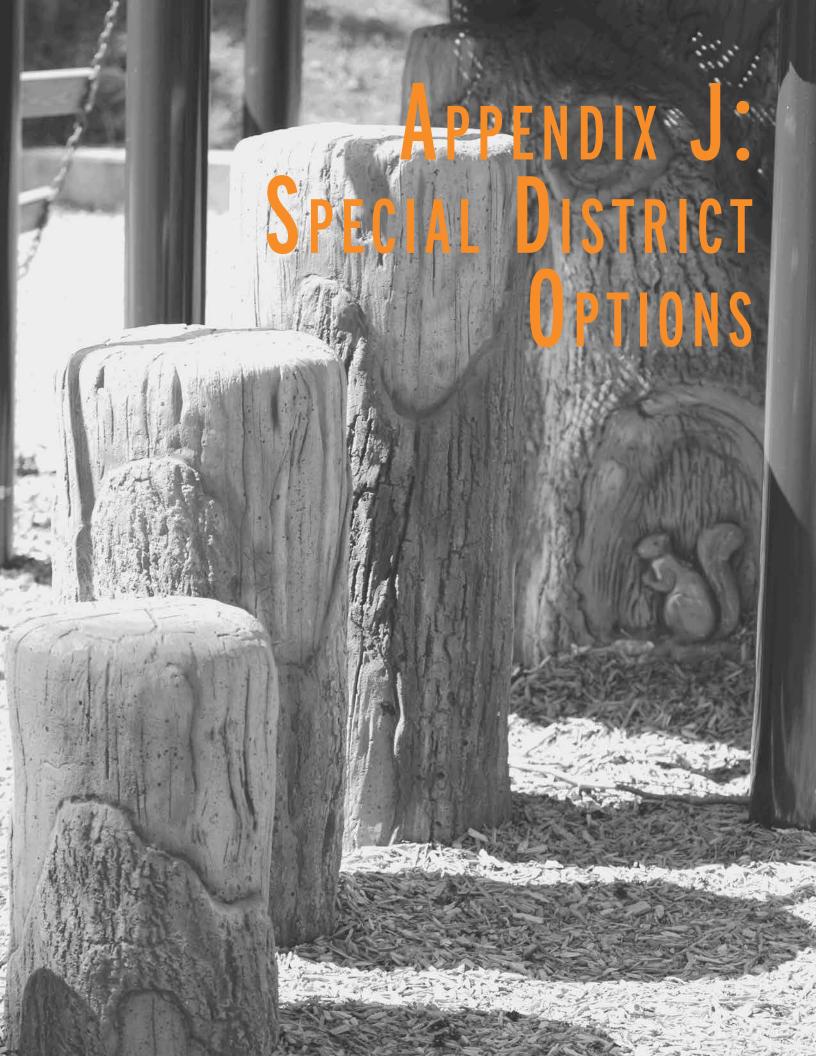
ECO projected park and recreation fee revenues based on future population growth and historical fee revenues. In 2015 the Department of Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture received over \$2.9 million in program and facility fee revenues. The average fee revenue per capita for 2012 and 2015 (the most recent and applicable years available) was \$78.31 per person. ECO applied this average to the projected 10-year population growth for each growth scenario. Exhibit 10 below shows the total net present value of fee revenues over ten years in 2016 dollars. Project fee revenues range from \$24.9 million to \$26.7 million.

Exhibit 10. Park and Recreation Fee Revenue Projections, 2016-2026

Scenario	10-Year Total	10-Year NPV
Low Growth	\$29,577,325	\$24,896,383
Medium Growth	\$31,601,850	\$26,499,092
High Growth	\$31,864,407	\$26,706,621

Source: City of Lynnwood, ECONorthwest

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## **MEMORANDUM**

PROJECT NUMBER: #15-073PLN ISSUE DATE: November 29, 2015 (rev. 02/02/16)

PROJECT NAME: Lynnwood PARC Plan

TO: Sarah Olson, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Park District Issue Paper

#### **Issue Statement**

The City of Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Department is examining the feasibility of creating a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) to provide operating and limited capital funding to support the provision of parks and recreation services within the Lynnwood urban area. With new, planned growth and urban densities, additional supplemental and dedicated funds (beyond that provided by the City General Fund) may be required to adequately provide for the projected increase in parks and recreation needs. This memorandum highlights the mechanics of and considerations related to the establishment of a Lynnwood MPD.

#### **Metropolitan Park Districts (RCW 35.61)**

A metropolitan park district is a separate, independent taxing authority for the finance, development and operations of park and recreation amenities within a defined geographic area. In general, the purpose of an MPD is to provide management, control, improvement, maintenance and acquisition of parks, parkways, boulevards and recreation facilities. MPDs may be useful in instances when the service area includes more than one local government agency and when the public desires more specific and accountable governance of park facilities and services.

#### **Functions & Powers**

- May purchase, acquire and condemn lands; may employ counsel; provide for park police; power
  to regulate, manage, control, improve, acquire, extend & maintain parks, parkways, aviation
  landings, playgrounds, etc.; may authorize, conduct and manage amusements, bathhouses,
  purchase & sale of food, giving of concerts & entertainment; may provide services beneficial for
  the public or for production of revenue for expenditure for park purposes; may sell, exchange or
  dispose of surplus property
- May annex territory
- May issue and sell warrants, short-term obligations, or G.O. bonds (voter approved or MPD Board approved)

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• May issue revenue bonds

May petition for the creation of a Local Improvement District (LID)

#### **Mechanics of a Metropolitan Park District**

Excepting the potential scope of services to be provided by a Lynnwood MPD and the assessment of public interest for the establishment of an MPD, the mechanics of formation and governance warrant further exploration and will shape the future function and scope of the MPD:

- What will be the extent of the MPD boundary?
- How will the district be placed on the ballot?
- How will the district be governed?

#### **District Boundaries**

The boundary of a proposed MPD will need to be specifically defined for the ballot measure and for use by the County Assessor's Office for the creation of tax code areas. Differing approaches may be considered for Lynnwood to include city-only (coterminous with current city limits) or city limits plus all, or a portion, of the MUGA. Consideration of the extent of the MPD boundary should be weighed heavily against a number of factors including existing taxing capacity, voter history and sentiment and governance.

## Initiation: Petition vs. Resolution

The district can be placed on the ballot one of two ways: petition of 15% of registered voters or legislative body resolution. Petition can help validate voter interest in the district, but causes a necessary extension to the overall timeline. This is primarily due to the need to mobilize volunteers for signature gathering. A resolution by the local legislative body avoids this early mobilization and provides more time for campaigning. If the MPD boundary is coterminous with Lynnwood city limits, the resolution must be approved by the City Council. If the MPD extends beyond city limits into the MUGA, the Lynnwood City Council and the Snohomish County Council each must adopt resolutions to place the MPD on the ballot.

#### Governance

The district can be governed by a separately elected parks commission, the local legislative authority (city council or county commissioners), or an interlocal agreement.

 Five commissioners may be elected at the same election creating the district (staggered 2-6 year terms), or



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• For a district entirely within one city or the unincorporated area of one county, the legislative authority of the city or county may act as the metropolitan park board; or

• For a district located in multiple cities or counties, each legislative authority may appoint one or more members to serve as the board.

#### **Taxing Authority**

An MPD has two regular property tax levies available - 50 cents per thousand and 25 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value - that are considered as one levy with regard to allowable levy limits. The two levy allowances are different only in the way an MPD's tax amount is prorationed (see below for more). Washington State imposes a \$5.90 aggregate tax limit for senior taxing districts, such as cities and counties. Levy growth limits also are regulated in Washington; for jurisdictions with a population of 10,000 and over, the limit factor is one hundred percent plus the lesser of one percent or inflation.

If either the \$5.90 statutory limit or the 101% constitutional limit is exceeded, one or more of the levies involved are reduced according to a statutory formula (known as prorationing). MPDs are considered junior taxing districts and are subject to prorationing when the aggregate regular levy rates of senior taxing districts and junior taxing districts (e.g., fire, MPD, cemetery, library, etc.) exceed the \$5.90 per thousand dollar assessed value. The proration order for taxing districts is shown in Appendix B. A metropolitan park district does have the power (by voter approval) to "protect" a 25 cent levy rate from prorationing for a period of six years. This levy protection is subject to the 101% constitutional limit.

The state constitution requires that taxes be uniform across a taxing district. If an MPD boundary overlaps with another taxing district (fire district, for example) in only a portion of the MPD and that other taxing district forces a rate reduction, the entire MPD is impacted by the levy rate adjustment even though the other taxing district may be only within a small portion of the MPD boundary.

Any taxing jurisdiction, including an MPD, that is levying property taxes at a rate lower than the statutory maximum can ask the voters to lift the levy lid by more than one percent. A simple majority vote is required. Even though an MPD has a maximum rate of \$0.75, some of the difference between that amount and its current tax rate may not be available for a levy lid lift because of prorationing.

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**Table 1: Summary of MPD Mechanics** 

To Initiate	15% Voter Petition OR Council Resolution
Voter Approval	50% + 1 - simple majority
	Local Legislative Authority (Council) OR
Governance	Interlocal Agreement <b>OR</b>
	5 Park Commissioners (separately elected)
Levy Rate Capacity	75 cents / \$1,000 assessed value
Taxing Authority	Does not expire
Bonding & Excess Levies	Requires 60% voter approval

#### Considerations for a Lynnwood MPD

The following highlights an initial set of considerations regarding the creation of a Lynnwood MPD.

- Geography / Boundary
- Tax Rate Implications
- Timing & Elections
- Public Sentiment & Outreach
- Program Funding Priorities

## **MPD Boundary**

As noted above, there are several considerations to be discussed before identifying the appropriate boundary for a Lynnwood MPD and include taxing capacity, voter history and governance. The formation of an MPD with a boundary that is coterminous with the city limits may be the most straightforward in terms of securing a resolution for formation and understanding the tax rate and collection potentials. However, depending upon the intended scope of services to be provide by an MPD, consideration may be warranted to expand the boundary to include all or a portion of the Lynnwood MUGA, but such an expansion into the MUGA may trigger the following.

- The inclusion of any of the unincorporated lands within the MUGA will necessitate a resolution approved by the Snohomish County Council to place the issue on the ballot. Depending upon the political ties between the City and the County and the implications to the County regarding future taxing capacity, it may prove difficult to secure the County Council's approval for an MPD that includes the MUGA.
- Concerns may be raised about long-term planning and growth management that relate to the
  provision of urban-level services (i.e., parks and recreation) in an unincorporated area and the
  potential dis-incentivize future City-based annexations of the MUGA.



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The Boundary Review Board will have jurisdiction to review and approve the proposed boundary
of an MPD. Scrutiny of the boundary by the BRB may trigger additional issues related to urban
level services and the appropriateness of the boundary extent for the parks and recreation
services proposed via the MPD.

- The inclusion of any or all of the MUGA into a Lynnwood MPD will result in an immediate limitation to the upper threshold for the MPD tax rate. The MUGA currently has a higher aggregate tax rate with regard to the \$5.90 limitation, and therefore, this area has a lower current taxing capacity. The MPD would be required to maintain a uniform tax rate across the district, and the assessment of a lower, uniform tax rate will have a slight negative impact on the overall potential for MPD tax collections.
- To appropriately address potential concerns by the County Council and the BRB about the
  inclusion of the MUGA in an MPD, the City should outline and discuss the pros/cons of initiating
  the MPD inside city limits first, then growing the MPD boundary through annexation. Such an
  approach may also be beneficial regarding tax collections. Additionally, it will be important to
  assess the current patronage of MUGA residents to Lynnwood parks, facilities and programs to
  better understand latent usage and as a springboard to justify the potential expansion of the
  MPD to include MUGA.

## Tax Capacity & MPD Revenue Considerations

Based on the state-mandated \$5.90 aggregate tax limit for cities, available tax capacity for 2015 is \$1.89. Levy capacity should be recalculated in the near future as Assessor's annual report for 2016 taxes becomes available.

The following chart summarizes the current (2015) tax rates by taxing district within the three tax code areas assigned to the City of Lynnwood and the MUGA. Tax Code Area #02446 represents the unincorporated area east and north of the City, and it is larger than the MUGA.

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Table 2: Summary of Current Tax Rates by Lynnwood Tax Code Areas

x Code Area (TCA)		00449	00452	02446
Lynnwood	Regular Levy	1.9847	1.9847	
Lynnwood EMS 2014-2023	Regular Levy	0.4657	0.4657	
County Regular	Regular Levy	0.9578	0.9578	0.9578
County Conservation Futures	Regular Levy	0.0406	0.0406	0.0406
Road District	Regular Levy			1.6118
Fire Dist 01 Expense	Regular Levy			1.5000
Fire Dist 01 EMS Permanent 2002-On	Regular Levy			0.5000
Hospital Dist 2 Maintenance	Regular Levy	0.0974	0.0974	0.0974
Sno-Isle Intercounty Rural Library	Regular Levy	0.4681	0.4681	0.4681
School 015 Bonds	Excess Levy	1.9751	1.9751	1.9751
School 015 Capital Projects	Excess Levy	0.3848	0.3848	0.3848
School 015 M & O	Excess Levy	2.5741	2.5741	2.5741
State School	Regular Levy	2.2788	2.2788	2.2788
Sum of Regular Levy Rate	6.2931	6.2931	7.4545	
Sum of Excess Levy Rate  Sum of Tax Rates for TCA  Aggregate Tax Rate (City/County)  Available Capacity within the \$5.90 Limit		4.9341	4.9341	4.9341
		11.2272	11.2272	12.3886
		4.0143	4.0143	5.1757
		1.8857	1.8857	0.7243

Tax rate data above illustrate that the City of Lynnwood and the MUGA appear to have available capacity under the \$5.90 limit to support an MPD. Within the City, the available capacity is \$1.88, and within the MUGA the capacity is \$0.72. If a future MPD were to include the MUGA, the tax rate would be limited to the lowest available capacity within the affected tax code areas. In this case, the MPD rate would be limited to \$0.72 per \$1,000 assessed value, and this would leave over a dollar of capacity within city limits. Depending on the funding needs for parks and recreation, the City should consider that viability of proceeding with a City General Fund levy lid lift, instead of an MPD, since the City's available capacity is approximately \$1.39 and exceeds the upper limit of an MPD's taxing authority.

Currently, Lynnwood has a backlog of deferred maintenance for its park system that amounts to approximately \$3 million. The City will need to consider how it will address financing this deferred maintenance and how an MPD will prevent or waylay a recurrence of future deferred maintenance. Additionally, a city-only MPD can generate up to \$3.5 million based on the current assessed valuation and at the maximum rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000. The City will need to strategize what elements of their parks, trails, open space and recreation system would be part of the MPD's governance and finance



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responsibilities and address how the potential \$3.5 million in MPD funding can cover the future City Center parks O/M, along with other needed park capital projects, deferred maintenance and assurance for reliable maintenance levels into the future for all parks within the MPD.

#### Implications of Enacting Levy for MPD to the City

Based on the amount of available capacity and the potential levy amount allowable for an MPD, the enactment of an MPD levy may limit the city's ability or interest in seeking future, near-term lid lifts for the City General Fund. While the MPD is the first junior taxing district to be reduced in the event of exceeding the \$5.90 limit (and thereby not financially impacting a successful City General Fund lid lift), the resulting reduction to the MPD levy rate may result in either the closure of developed parks or a shifting of the maintenance burden to the City's General Fund. The proration order for taxing districts is shown in Appendix B.

Related to the issue noted above regarding tax capacity and MPD program scope, consideration should be given to the voter's perspective of the MPD as both a new tax and a new layer of government. It will be important to discuss with City leadership the notion of services rendered for tax receipts collected, with specific focus on whether a potential MPD tax would merely be in addition to all other existing taxes or if a small (likely not commensurate) reduction in the City levy rate would be considered. The potential for a small amount of "give" on the City's levy rate may translate into a higher level of support among potential voters.

## **Potential Election Timelines**

A range of election options exists for the establishment of an MPD; however, due to the timing and number of steps required before tax collections can proceed, a review of the process is critical. The formation of an MPD will require a hearing by the City Council for placement on the ballot, approval of the district boundary by the Boundary Review Board, review by the Department of Revenue to establish the new boundaries, and a second hearing by the Council to establish the levy amount. The following election options were reviewed and the resulting collection period identified:

•	August 2016	$\Rightarrow$	February 2018 tax collection
•	November 2016	$\Rightarrow$	February 2018 tax collection
•	February 2017	$\Rightarrow$	February 2019 tax collection
•	April 2017	$\Rightarrow$	February 2019 tax collection

A number of other factors affect the selection of an appropriate election date including:

- identification of conflicting or competing ballot measures;
- historic voter turnout and past election results at the voter precinct level;

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- election of government representatives (local, state, and federal);
- amount of time available for campaigning and voter education; and the
- initial tax collection period for the new district.

#### Public Involvement Planning & Gauging Public Sentiment

The establishment of an MPD is, by definition, the creation of a new layer of government. In today's political climate, the perception of expanded government is one that may cause significant headwind to a campaign for the creation of an MPD. If the City chooses to proceed, a clear and intention public involvement program should be conceived that explores the programs and services to be provided by an MPD and an initial gauge of public sentiment for the use of an MPD as a tool to address financing and operations. Such a program could include community surveys, stakeholder discussions, open house meetings and an informational roadshow. Additionally, the City should be aware of and follow the guidelines of the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, so as to not over-step the line between seeking general feedback from the public on the issue and campaign-oriented discussions or materials. Typically, a separate entity or organization would advocate for the MPD ballot measure.

#### **Next Steps**

Although this document details several considerations related to the establishment of a Lynnwood MPD, further refinement of program details needs to made and specific issues resolved before preparing a formal proposal to City Council for consideration. The items below represent the future milestones and major areas of focus should the Council direct staff to proceed:

- Service delivery plan to articulate what parks and recreation services are provided by the MPD
- Financing program to address operating and capital needs
- Public involvement plan
- Council work session to review findings and confirm direction

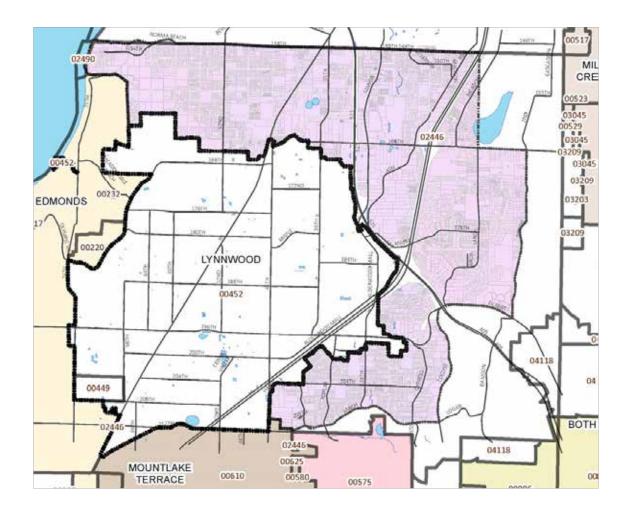


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## **APPENDIX A**

Tax Code Areas of the City of Lynnwood & Vicinity



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## **APPENDIX B**

## Proration Order of City's \$5.90 Tax Limit

The total regular levy rate of senior taxing districts (counties and cities) and junior taxing districts (fire districts, library districts, etc.) may not exceed \$5.90 per \$1,000 assess value. If this limit is exceeded, levies are reduced or eliminated in the following order until the aggregate tax rate of \$5.90 is met.

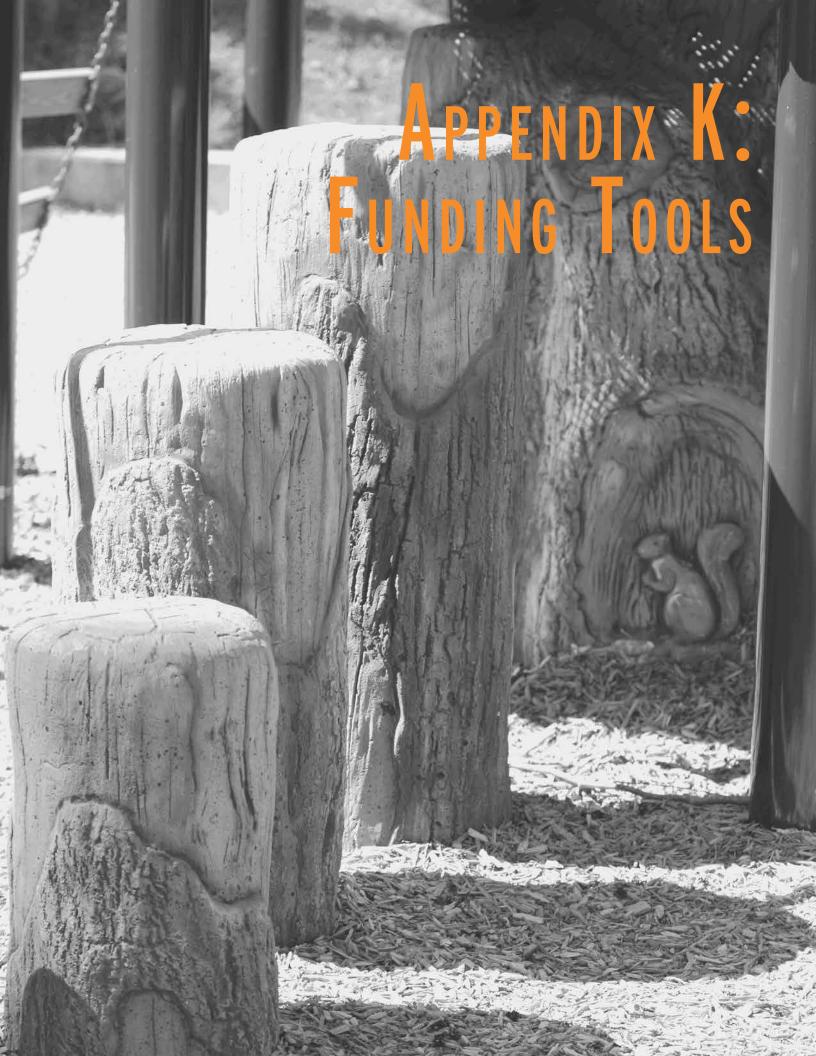
First		Park and Recreation District Park and Recreation Service Area Cultural Arts Stadium & Convention District	\$.60 \$.60 \$.25
Second		Flood Control Zone	\$.50
Third		Hospital District Metropolitan Park District Cemetery District All other districts not otherwise mentioned	\$.25 \$.25 (unprotected) \$.1125
Fourth		Metropolitan Park District	\$.50
Fifth	<b>☑</b>	Fire District Fire District (one paid, full-time, emp.)	\$.50 \$.50
Sixth	☐ ☑ ☑	Fire District Library District Hospital District Tacoma Metro Park District	\$.50 \$.50 \$.50 \$.50
Seventh	\ \ \ \ \	County Current Expense County Road City	\$1.80 \$2.25 \$3.375

## NOTE:

- ☑ Tax districts assessed within the City/MUGA
- $\hfill \square$  Tax districts not within the City/MUGA



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# LOCAL FUNDING OPTIONS

The City of Lynnwood possesses a range of local funding tools that could be accessed for the benefit of growing, developing and maintaining its parks and recreation program. The sources listed below represent likely potential sources, but some also may be dedicated for numerous other local purposes which limit applicability and usage. Therefore, discussions with City leadership are critical to assess the political landscape to modify or expand the use of existing City revenue sources in favor of park and recreation programs.

# Councilmanic Bonds

Councilmanic bonds may be sold by cities without public vote. The bonds, both principal and interest, are retired with payments from existing city revenue or new general tax revenue, such as additional sales tax or real estate excise tax. The state constitution has set a maximum debt limit for councilmanic bonds of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ % of the value of taxable property in the city.

# **General Obligation Bond**

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=84.52.056

For the purposes of funding capital projects, such as land acquisitions or facility construction, cities and counties have the authority to borrow money by selling bonds. Voter-approved general obligation bonds may be sold only after receiving a 60 percent majority vote at a general or special election. If approved, an excess property tax is levied each year for the life of the bond to pay both principal and interest. The state constitution (Article VIII, Section 6) limits total debt to 5% of the total assessed value of property in the jurisdiction.

# Excess Levy - One Year Only

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=84.52.052

Cities and counties that are levying their statutory maximum rate can ask the voters, at any special election date, to raise their rate for one year (RCW 84.52.052). As this action increases revenue for one-year at a time it is wise to request this type of funding for one-time uses only.

Excess Levy for Operations and Maintenance

- Some special districts may also impose a one-year (two for fire districts, four for school districts) levy, commonly known as an "operations and maintenance" levy.
- Nine special purpose districts may impose an excess levy, but not a regular levy.
- The excess levy requires a voter approval of 60 percent of 40 percent of those voting in the last general election (Washington State Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 2(a)).
- The districts allowed an excess levy are: metropolitan park district, park and recreation service area, park and recreation district, water-sewer district, solid waste disposal district, public facilities district, flood control zone district, county rail district, service district, public hospital district, road district, rural county library district, island library district, rural partial-county library district, intercounty rural library district, cemetery district, city, town, transportation benefit district, emergency medical service district with a population density of less than one thousand per square mile, cultural arts, stadium, and convention district, ferry district, city transportation authority, or regional fire protection service authority.
- The excess levy is not subject to the regular levy's aggregate \$5.90 and one percent rate limits.

# Regular Property Tax - Lid Lift

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=84.55.050

Cities are authorized to impose ad valorem taxes upon real and personal property. A city's maximum levy rate for general purposes is \$3.375 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Limitations on annual increases in tax collections, coupled with changes in property value, causes levy rates to rise or fall; however, in no case may they rise above statutory limits. Once the rate is established each year, it may not be raised without the approval of a majority of the voters. Receiving voter approval is known as a lid lift. A lid lift may be permanent, or may be for a specific purpose and time period.

## Purpose:

A levy lid lift is an instrument for increasing property tax levies for operating and/or capital purposes. Taxing districts with a tax rate that is less than their statutory maximum rate may ask the voters to "lift" the levy lid by increasing the tax rate to some amount equal to or less than their statutory maximum rate.

## **Process to Enact:**

A simple majority vote of citizenry is required.

## **Revenue Authority:**

Cities and counties have two "lift" options available to them: Single-year/basic or Multi-year.

Single-year: The single-year lift does not mean that the lift goes away after one year; it can be for any amount of time, including permanently, unless the proceeds will be used for debt service on bonds, in which case the maximum time period is nine years. Districts may permanently increase the levy but must use language in the ballot title expressly stating that future levies will increase as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW. After the initial "lift" in



the first year, the district's levy in future years is subject to the 101 percent lid in chapter 84.55 RCW. This is the maximum amount it can increase without returning to the voters for another lid lift.

The election to implement a single-year lift may take place on any election date listed in RCW 29A.04.321.

Multi-year: The multi-year lift allows the levy lid to be "bumped up" each year for up to a maximum of six years. At the end of the specified period, the levy in the final period may be designated as the basis for the calculation of all future levy increases (in other words, be made permanent) if expressly stated in the ballot title. The levy in future years would then be subject to the 101 percent lid in chapter 84.55 RCW.

In a multi-year lift, the lift for the first year must state the new tax rate for that year. For the ensuing years, the lift may be a dollar amount, a percentage increase tied to an index, or a percentage amount set by some other method. The amounts do not need to be the same for each year. If the amount of the increase for a particular year would require a tax rate that is above the maximum tax rate, the assessor will levy only the maximum amount allowed by law.

The election to implement a multi-year lift must be either the August primary or the November general election.

#### **Limitations on Revenue:**

The single-year lift allows supplanting of expenditures within the lift period; the multi-year left does not, and the purpose for the lift must be specifically identified in the election materials.

## **Overview of Specific Provisions:**

For both single- and multi-year lifts, when the lift expires the base for future levies will revert to what the dollar amount would have been if no lift had ever been done.

The total regular levy rate of senior taxing districts (counties and cities) and junior taxing districts (fire districts, library districts, etc.) may not exceed \$5.90/\$1,000 AV. If this limit is exceeded, levies are reduced or eliminated in the following order until the total tax rate is at \$5.90.

- Parks & Recreation Districts (up to \$0.60)
   Parks & Recreation Service Areas (up to \$0.60)
   Cultural Arts, Stadiums & Convention Districts (up to \$0.25)
- 2. Flood Control Zone Districts (up to \$0.50)
- Hospital Districts (up to \$0.25)
   Metropolitan Parks Districts (up to \$0.25)
   All other districts not otherwise mentioned
- 4. Metropolitan Park Districts formed after January 1, 2002 or after (up to \$0.50)

- 5. Fire Districts (up to \$0.25)
- 6. Fire Districts (remaining \$0.50)

Regional Fire Protection Service Authorities (up to \$0.50)

Library Districts (up to \$0.50)

Hospital Districts (up to \$0.50)

Metropolitan Parks Districts formed before January 1, 2002 (up to \$0.50)

## Sales Tax

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=82.14

## Purpose:

Paid by the consumer, sales tax is a percentage of the retail price paid for specific classifications of goods and services within the State of Washington.

#### **Process to Enact:**

Governing bodies of cities and counties may impose sales taxes within their boundaries at a rate set by state statute and local ordinances, subject to referendum.

## **Revenue Authority:**

Until the 1990 Legislative Session, the maximum possible total sales tax rate paid by purchasers in cities was 8.1 percent. This broke down as follows: state, 6.5 cents on the dollar; counties, 0.15 cents; cities, 0.85 cents; and transit districts, a maximum of 0.6 cents (raised to 0.9 cents in 2000). Since then multiple sales options were authorized. Those applicable to Parks and Recreation include: counties may ask voters to approve a sales tax of up to 0.3 percent, which is shared with cities. At least one-third of the revenue must be used for criminal justice purposes.

Counties and cities may also form public facilities districts, and these districts may ask the voters to approve a sales tax of up to 0.2 percent. The proceeds may be used for financing, designing, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, and reequipping its public facilities.

#### Limitations on Revenue:

Revenue may be used to fund any essential county and municipal service.

## **Overview of Specific Provisions:**

If a jurisdiction is going to change a sales tax rate or levy a new sales tax, it must pass an ordinance to that effect and submit it to the Department of Revenue at least 75 days before the effective date. The effective date must be the first day of a quarter: January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1.



# **Business and Occupation Tax**

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=35.102

## **Purpose:**

Business and occupation (B&O) taxes are excise taxes levied on different classes of business to raise revenue. Taxes are levied as a percentage of the gross receipts of a business, less some deductions. Businesses are put in different classes such as manufacturing, wholesaling, retailing, and services. Within each class, the rate must be the same, but it may differ among classes.

## **Process to Enact:**

Cities can impose this tax for the first time or raise rates following referendum procedure.

## **Revenue Authority:**

B&O taxes are limited to a maximum tax rate that can be imposed by a city's legislative body at 0.2 percent (0.002), but grandfathered in any higher rates that existed on January 1, 1982. Any city may levy a rate higher than 0.2 percent, if it is approved by a majority of voters (RCW 35.21.711).

#### Limitations on Revenue:

Beginning January 1, 2008, cities that levy the B&O tax must allow for allocation and apportionment, as set out in RCW 35.102.130.

## **Admissions Tax**

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=35.21.280

## Purpose:

An admissions tax is a use tax for entertainment.

## **Process to Enact:**

Both cities and counties may impose this tax through legislative action.

## **Revenue Authority:**

Cities and/or counties may levy an admission tax in an amount no greater than five percent of the admission charge, as is authorized by statute (cities: RCW 35.21.280; counties: RCW 35.57.100). This tax can be levied on admission charges (including season tickets) to places such as theaters, dance halls, circuses, clubs that have cover charges, observation towers, stadiums, and any other activity where an admission charge is made to enter the facility.

If a city imposes an admissions tax, the county may not levy a tax within city boundaries.

The statutes provide an exception for admission to elementary or secondary school

activities. Generally, certain events sponsored by nonprofits are exempted from the tax; however, this is not a requirement. Counties also exempt any public facility of a public facility district for which admission is imposed.

#### Limitations on Revenue:

There are no statutory restrictions on the use of revenue.

## **Impact Fees**

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=82.02.050

## Purpose:

Development impact fees are charges placed on new development in unimproved areas to help pay for various public facilities that serve new development or for other impacts associated with such development.

## **Process to Enact:**

Both cities and counties may impose this tax through legislative action.

## **Revenue Authority:**

Counties that plan under the GMA, and cities, may impose impact fees on residential and commercial development activity to help pay for certain public facility improvements, including parks, open space, and recreation facilities identified in the county's capital facilities plan.

## Limitations on Revenue:

The improvements financed from impact fees must be reasonably related to the new development and must reasonably benefit the new development. The fees must be spent or encumbered within ten years of collection.

## Real Estate Excise Tax

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=82.46.010

## Purpose:

Excise tax levied on all sales of real estate, measured by the full selling price, including the amount of any liens, mortgages, and other debts given to secure the purchase.

#### **Process to Enact:**

Both cities and counties may impose this tax through legislative action.

REET 2 must be approved by majority vote if the county chooses to fully plan under the Growth Management act (GMA); it may be approved by legislative action if the county is required to plan under the GMA.



## **Revenue Authority:**

The state levies this tax at the rate of 1.28 percent; a locally-imposed tax is also authorized. Counties and cities may levy a quarter percent tax (REET 1); a second quarter percent tax (REET 2) is authorized.

#### Limitations on Revenue:

First quarter percent REET (REET 1) must be spent on capital projects listed in the city's capital facilities plan element of their comprehensive plan. Capital projects include planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of parks, recreational facilities, and trails.

The second quarter percent REET (REET 2) must also be spent on capital projects, which includes planning, construction, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation, or improvement of parts. Acquisition of land for parks is not a permitted use of REET 2.

Both REET 1 and REET 2 may be used to make loan and debt service payments on projects that are a permitted use of these funds.

# **Lodging Tax**

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?Cite=67.28.180

## Purpose:

The lodging tax is a user fee for hotel/motel occupation.

#### **Process to Enact:**

Both cities and counties may impose this tax through legislative action.

## **Revenue Authority:**

Cities and/or counties may impose a "basic" two percent tax under RCW 67.28.180 on all charges for furnishing lodging at hotels, motels and similar establishments for a continuous period of less than one month.

This tax is taken as a credit against the 6.5 percent state sales tax, so that the total tax that a patron pays in retail sales tax and hotel-motel tax combined is equal to the retail sales tax in the jurisdiction. In addition, jurisdictions may levy an additional tax of up to two percent, or a total rate of four percent, under RCW 67.28.181(1). This is not credited against the state sales tax. Therefore, if this tax is levied, the total tax on the lodging bill will increase by two percent.

If both a city and the county are levying this tax, the county must allow a credit for any tax levied by a city so that no two taxes are levied on the same taxable event.

#### **Limitations on Revenue:**

These revenues must be used solely for paying for tourism promotion and for the

acquisition and/or operating of tourism-related facilities. "Tourism" is defined as economic activity resulting from tourists, which may include sales of overnight lodging, meals, tours, gifts, or souvenirs; there is no requirement that a tourist must stay overnight.

# **Gambling Excise Tax**

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=9.46.110

## Purpose:

The gambling excise tax is a use tax on gambling receipts.

#### **Process to Enact:**

Both cities and counties may impose this tax through legislative action.

## **Revenue Authority:**

Cities and counties that choose to allow gambling activities within their borders are authorized to collect taxes on gambling activities within specified limits. Maximum tax rates are dependent upon type of activity and range from two percent to 20 percent of gross or net receipts.

## Limitations on Revenue:

Gambling tax revenues must first be used for gambling law enforcement purposes to the extent necessary for that city. The remaining funds may be used for any general government purpose.

## **Overview of Specific Provisions:**

Gambling taxes imposed by the county apply only to activities that occur in the unincorporated areas.

# Conservation Futures Tax (Snohomish County)

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=84.34

The Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) is provided for in Chapter 84.34 of the Revised Code of Washington. Snohomish County imposes a Conservation Futures levy at a rate of \$0.0625 per \$1,000 assessed value for the purpose of acquiring interests, or rights, in real property for the preservation of open space, farm and agricultural land, and timber land for preservation for public use by either the county or the cities within the county. Funds are allocated to projects annually.



# FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

# Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

http://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, also known as the Rivers & Trails Program or RTCA, is a technical assistance resource for communities administered by the National Park Service and federal government agencies so they can conserve rivers, preserve open space and develop trails and greenways. The RTCA program implements the natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation mission of NPS in communities across America.

# **Community Development Block Grants**

These funds are intended to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons. Snohomish County, in partnership with 18 cities and towns within the county through an interlocal agreement, receives CDBG funds on an entitlement basis as an Urban County Consortium. The county administers this funding on behalf of the consortium through the Snohomish County Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD). CDBG funds can be used for a wide variety of projects, services, facilities and infrastructure.

# North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program

http://www.fws.gov/policy/524fw1.html

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetland conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. Two competitive grants programs exist (Standard and a Small Grants Program) and require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. Funds from U.S. Federal sources may contribute toward a project, but are not eligible as match.

The Standard Grants Program supports projects in Canada, the United States, and Mexico that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats.

The Small Grants Program operates only in the United States; it supports the same type of projects and adheres to the same selection criteria and administrative guidelines as the U.S. Standard Grants Program. However, project activities are usually smaller in scope and involve fewer project dollars. Grant requests may not exceed \$75,000, and funding priority is given to grantees or partners new to the Act's Grants Program.

# Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Programs

www.rco.wa.gov

The Recreation and Conservation Office was created in 1964 as part of the Marine Recreation Land Act. The RCO grants money to state and local agencies, generally on a matching basis, to acquire, develop, and enhance wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation properties. Some money is also distributed for planning grants. RCO grant programs utilize funds from various sources. Historically, these have included the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, state bonds, Initiative 215 monies (derived from unreclaimed marine fuel taxes), off-road vehicle funds, Youth Athletic Facilities Account and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

## **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)**

This program, managed through the RCO, provides matching grants to state and local agencies to protect and enhance salmon habitat and to provide public access and recreation opportunities on aquatic lands. In 1998, DNR refocused the ALEA program to emphasize salmon habitat preservation and enhancement. However, the program is still open to traditional water access proposals. Any project must be located on navigable portions of waterways. ALEA funds are derived from the leasing of state-owned aquatic lands and from the sale of harvest rights for shellfish and other aquatic resources.

## Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)

The RCO is a state office that allocates funds to local and state agencies for the acquisition and development of wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation properties. Funding sources managed by the RCO include the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. The WWRP is divided into Habitat Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Accounts; these are further divided into several project categories. Cities, counties and other local sponsors may apply for funding in urban wildlife habitat, local parks, trails and water access categories. Funds for local agencies are awarded on a matching basis. Grant applications are evaluated once each year, and the State Legislature must authorize funding for the WWRP project lists.

## Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides grants to buy land and develop public outdoor facilities, including parks, trails and wildlife lands. Grant recipients must provide at least 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Grant program revenue is from a portion of Federal revenue derived from sale or lease of off-shore oil and gas resources.

## National Recreational Trails Program

The National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP) provides funds to maintain trails and facilities that provide a backcountry experience for a range of activities including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, motorcycling, and snowmobiling. Eligible projects include the maintenance and re-routing of recreational trails, development of trail-side and trail-head facilities, and operation of environmental education and trail



safety programs. A local match of 20% is required. This program is funded through Federal gasoline taxes attributed to recreational non-highway uses.

## Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program

The YAF provides grants to develop, equip, maintain, and improve youth and community athletic facilities. Cities, counties, and qualified non-profit organizations may apply for funding, and grant recipients must provide at least 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions.

## **Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund**

Grants are awarded by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for acquisition or restoration of lands directly correlating to salmon habitat protection or recovery. Projects must demonstrate a direct benefit to fish habitat. There is no match requirement for design-only projects; acquisition and restoration projects require a 15% match. The funding source includes the sale of state general obligation bonds, the federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund and the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund.

## OTHER METHODS & FUNDING SOURCES

# Metropolitan Park District

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=35.61

Metropolitan park districts may be formed for the purposes of management, control, improvement, maintenance and acquisition of parks, parkways and boulevards. In addition to acquiring and managing their own lands, metropolitan districts may accept and manage park and recreation lands and equipment turned over by any city within the district or by the county. Formation of a metropolitan park district may be initiated in cities of five thousand population or more by city council ordinance, or by petition, and requires majority approval by voters for creation.

# Park and Recreation District

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=36.69

Park and recreation districts may be formed for the purposes of providing leisure-time activities and recreation facilities (parks, playgrounds, pools, golf courses, paths, community centers, arboretums, campgrounds, boat launches, etc.) and must be initiated by petition of at least 15% percent of the registered voters within the proposed district. Upon completion of the petition process and review by county commissioners, a proposition for district formation and election of five district commissioners is submitted to the voters of the proposed district at the next general election. Once formed, park and recreation districts retain the authority to propose a regular property tax levy, annual

excess property tax levies and general obligation bonds. All three of these funding tyoes require 60% percent voter approval and 40% percent voter turnout. With voter approval, the district may levy a regular property tax not to exceed sixty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for up to six consecutive years.

## **Function and powers**

- Acquire and hold real and personal property, to make contracts, to borrow money, to sue and be sued, to make or establish charges, fees, rates, rentals, to make and enforce rules and regulations, to operate jointly with other government units, to acquire, construct, maintain and operate recreation facilities
- May make improvements or acquire property by formation of a LID
- May issue revenue bonds
- May issue G.O. bonds (voter approved or PRD authority)

Governed by independent municipal corporation with board of five commissioners elected from designated districts for staggered 4 year terms.

# Park and Recreation Service Area (PRSA)

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=36.68.400

Purpose to finance, acquire, construct, improve, maintain or operate any park, senior citizen activities center, zoo, aquarium and/or recreation facilities; and to provide higher level of park service.

## **Function and Powers**

- Acquire, construct, own or lease, operate parks and recreation facilities, to make contracts, to sue and be sued, may impose and collect fees & charges, may impose admission fees, may enter into contracts, power to enact and enforce police regulations;
- May issue G.O. bonds (voter approved or PRSA authority)
- May accumulate reserves for stated capital purpose
- May exercise power of eminent domain

Governed by independent, quasi-municipal corporation, but governed by members of county legislative authority, acting ex officio; if a city or town included, the PRSA is governed by an interlocal cooperation agreement; if it is a multi-county area then governed by interlocal cooperation agreement.

# **Business Sponsorships/Donations**

Business sponsorships for programs may be available throughout the year. In-kind contributions are often received, including food, door prizes and equipment/material.

# **Interagency Agreements**

State law provides for interagency cooperative efforts between units of government. Joint acquisition, development and/or use of park and open space facilities may be provided between Parks, Public Works and utility providers.



# Private Grants, Donations & Gifts

Many trusts and private foundations provide funding for park, recreation and open space projects. Grants from these sources are typically allocated through a competitive application process and vary dramatically in size based on the financial resources and funding criteria of the organization. Philanthropic giving is another source of project funding. Efforts in this area may involve cash gifts and include donations through other mechanisms such as wills or insurance policies. Community fundraising efforts can also support park, recreation or open space facilities and projects. The Community Foundation of Snohomish County also offers small grants (\$500 - \$5,000) to qualified non-profit organizations (501(c)(3)) or public agencies such as local government, schools, libraries or parks.

# **ACQUISITION TOOLS & METHODS**

# **Direct Purchase Methods**

## Market Value Purchase

Through a written purchase and sale agreement, the city purchases land at the present market value based on an independent appraisal. Timing, payment of real estate taxes and other contingencies are negotiable.

## Partial Value Purchase (or Bargain Sale)

In a bargain sale, the landowner agrees to sell for less than the property's fair market value. A landowner's decision to proceed with a bargain sale is unique and personal; landowners with a strong sense of civic pride, long community history or concerns about capital gains are possible candidates for this approach. In addition to cash proceeds upon closing, the landowner may be entitled to a charitable income tax deduction based on the difference between the land's fair market value and its sale price.

## **Life Estates & Bequests**

In the event a landowner wishes to remain on the property for a long period of time or until death, several variations on a sale agreement exist. In a life estate agreement, the landowner may continue to live on the land by donating a remainder interest and retaining a "reserved life estate." Specifically, the landowner donates or sells the property to the city, but reserves the right for the seller or any other named person to continue to live on and use the property. When the owner or other specified person dies or releases his/her life interest, full title and control over the property will be transferred to the city. By donating a remainder interest, the landowner may be eligible for a tax deduction when the gift is made. In a bequest, the landowner designates in a will or trust document that the property is to be transferred to the city upon death. While a life estate offers the city some degree of title control during the life of the

landowner, a bequest does not. Unless the intent to bequest is disclosed to and known by the city in advance, no guarantees exist with regard to the condition of the property upon transfer or to any liabilities that may exist.

## Gift Deed

When a landowner wishes to bequeath their property to a public or private entity upon their death, they can record a gift deed with the county assessors office to insure their stated desire to transfer their property to the targeted beneficiary as part of their estate. The recording of the gift deed usually involves the tacit agreement of the receiving party.

## **Option to Purchase Agreement**

This is a binding contract between a landowner and the city that would only apply according to the conditions of the option and limits the seller's power to revoke an offer. Once in place and signed, the Option Agreement may be triggered at a future, specified date or upon the completion of designated conditions. Option Agreements can be made for any time duration and can include all of the language pertinent to closing a property sale.

## Right of First Refusal

In this agreement, the landowner grants the city the first chance to purchase the property once the landowner wishes to sell. The agreement does not establish the sale price for the property, and the landowner is free to refuse to sell it for the price offered by the city. This is the weakest form of agreement between an owner and a prospective buyer.

## **Conservation and/or Access Easements**

Through a conservation easement, a landowner voluntarily agrees to sell or donate certain rights associated with his or her property (often the right to subdivide or develop), and a private organization or public agency agrees to hold the right to enforce the landowner's promise not to exercise those rights. In essence, the rights are forfeited and no longer exist. This is a legal agreement between the landowner and the city that permanently limits uses of the land in order to conserve a portion of the property for public use or protection. The landowner still owns the property, but the use of the land is restricted. Conservation easements may result in an income tax deduction and reduced property taxes and estate taxes. Typically, this approach is used to provide trail corridors where only a small portion of the land is needed or for the strategic protection of natural resources and habitat. Through a written purchase and sale agreement, the city purchases land at the present market value based on an independent appraisal. Timing, payment of real estate taxes and other contingencies are negotiable.

## Park or Open Space Dedication Requirements

Local governments have the option to require developers to dedicate land for parks under the State Subdivision Law (Ch. 58.17 RCW) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) (Ch. 43.21C RCW). Under the subdivision law developers can be required to provide the parks/recreation improvements or pay a fee in lieu of the dedicated land



and its improvements. Under the SEPA requirements, land dedication may occur as part of mitigation for a proposed development's impact.

## Landowner Incentive Measures

## **Density Bonuses**

Density bonuses are a planning tool used to encourage a variety of public land use objectives, usually in urban areas. They offer the incentive of being able to develop at densities beyond current regulations in one area, in return for concessions in another. Density bonuses are applied to a single parcel or development. An example is allowing developers of multi-family units to build at higher densities if they provide a certain number of low-income units or public open space. For density bonuses to work, market forces must support densities at a higher level than current regulations.

## **Transfer of Development Rights**

The transfer of development rights (TDR) is an incentive-based planning tool that allows land owners to trade the right to develop property to its fullest extent in one area for the right to develop beyond existing regulations in another area. Local governments may establish the specific areas in which development may be limited or restricted and the areas in which development beyond regulation may be allowed. Usually, but not always, the "sending" and "receiving" property are under common ownership. Some programs allow for different ownership, which, in effect, establishes a market for development rights to be bought and sold.

## IRC 1031 Exchange

If the landowner owns business or investment property, an IRC Section 1031 Exchange can facilitate the exchange of like-kind property solely for business or investment purposes. No capital gain or loss is recognized under Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 (see www.irc.gov for more details). This option may be a useful tool in negotiations with an owner of investment property, especially if the tax savings offset to the owner can translate to a sale price discount for the City.

## **Current (Open Space) Use Taxation Programs**

Property owners whose current lands are in open space, agricultural, and/or timber uses may have that land valued at their current use rather than their "highest and best" use assessment. This differential assessed value, allowed under the Washington Open Space Taxation Act (Ch.84.34 RCW) helps to preserve private properties as open space, farm or timber lands. If land is converted to other non-open space uses, the land owner is required to pay the difference between the current use annual taxes and highest/best taxes for the previous seven years. When properties are sold to a local government or conservation organization for land conservation/preservation purposes, the required payment of seven years worth of differential tax rates is waived. The amount of this tax liability can be part of the negotiated land acquisition from private to public or quasi-public conservation purposes. Snohomish County has four current use taxation programs that offer this property tax reduction as an incentive

to landowners to voluntarily preserve open space, farmland or timber land on their property. More information is available at:

http://dor.wa.gov/Docs/Pubs/Prop\_Tax/OpenSpace.pdf or http://snohomishcountywa.gov/3074/Open-Space-Designated-Forest-Land-Progra

## OTHER LAND PROTECTION OPTIONS

## Land Trusts & Conservancies

Land trusts are private non-profit organizations that acquire and protect special open spaces and are traditionally not associated with any government agency. Forterra (formerly called the Cascade Land Conservancy) is the regional land trust serving the Lynnwood area, and their efforts have led to the conservation of more than 234,000 acres of forests, farms, shorelines, parks and natural areas in the region (www.forterra.org). Other national organizations with local representation include the Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land and the Wetlands Conservancy.

# **Regulatory Measures**

A variety of regulatory measures are available to local agencies and jurisdictions. Available programs and regulations include: Critical Areas Ordinance, Lynnwood; State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA); Shorelines Management Program; and Hydraulic Code, Washington State Department of Fisheries and Department of Wildlife.

# Public/Private Utility Corridors

Utility corridors can be managed to maximize protection or enhancement of open space lands. Utilities maintain corridors for provision of services such as electricity, gas, oil, and rail travel. Some utility companies have cooperated with local governments for development of public programs such as parks and trails within utility corridors.