

# **Lynnwood Parks Baseline Urban Forest Health Assessment**

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## Introduction

Urban forests play a vital role in the environmental, economic, and public health of Lynnwood. Trees, plants, and green spaces provide numerous benefits to the community, including reducing flooding and erosion, sequestering carbon, offering shade on hot days, cleaning the air, providing habitat for wildlife, and many more. However, these resources are at risk from multiple threats, including development, tree loss, and invasive species, and require active management to maintain their health for generations to come. The first step in managing these resources is understanding their current conditions.

Herrera biologists conducted a baseline land cover and forest health assessment for parks and open spaces within the incorporated city limits of Lynnwood, Washington. The assessment covered 18 parks, 5 open spaces, and one trail (Figure 1). The results of this assessment will allow City staff to make informed decisions when establishing long-term forest restoration and management priorities. The information presented in this technical memorandum will serve as high-level baseline data from which finer-scale, site-specific monitoring and restoration planning may occur based on City needs and priorities.

# **Methods**

Herrera used the Forest Landscape Assessment Tool (FLAT) to evaluate forest ecological conditions and potential threats to forest health. FLAT is a set of procedures and tools designed to provide land managers with a rapid, systematic, flexible, and costeffective environmental evaluation. This tool is based on the Tree-iage model, which was developed and piloted by the Green Cities Research Alliance and has been used by several Puget Sound jurisdictions to assess current forest conditions and establish long-term management priorities for forest restoration. The technical information produced by FLAT serves as a standardized baseline for ecological data, which forms the basis for developing forest stewardship or management plans. Apart from

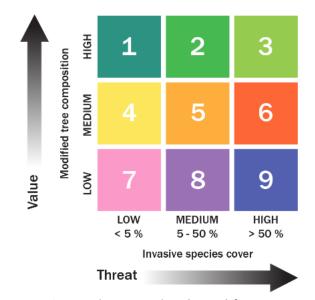
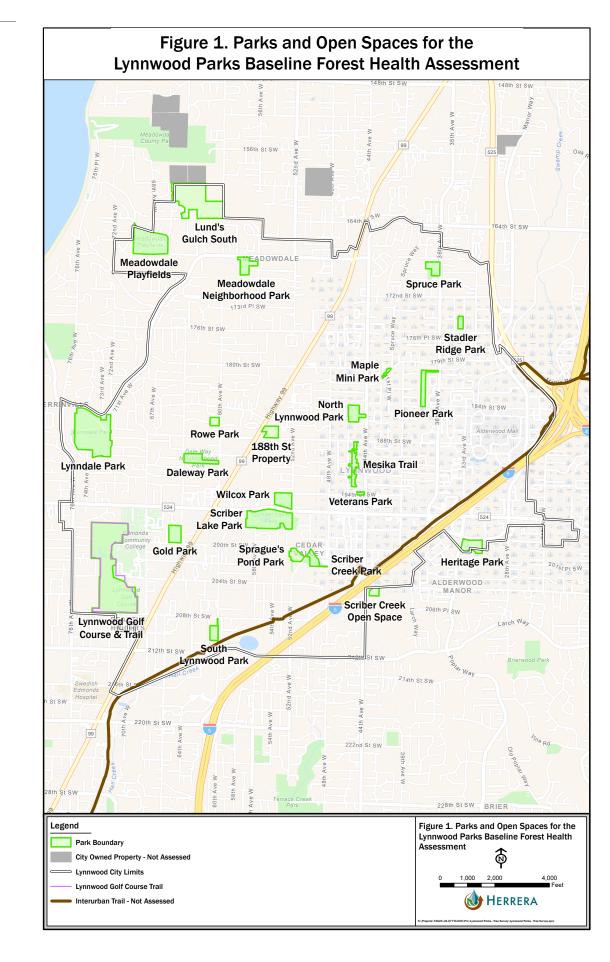


Image 1. Tree-iage Matrix adapted from Forterra

providing a framework for prioritizing actions, FLAT can also function as a monitoring tool to track changes in conditions and guide the modification of management strategies and priorities. The FLAT user manual contains complete documentation of the tool.

Prior to the field assessment, a GIS analysis of aerial imagery identified habitat management units (HMUs) based on five categories: forested, natural (non-forested), open water, hardscaped, or landscaped. A field team of Herrera biologists and arborists then conducted field surveys to verify HMU boundaries and further assess forested and natural areas to assign Tree-iage values.







An example of two HMUs within Scriber Creek Park. On the left, mature mixed deciduous and coniferous canopy and lowgrowing predominantly native understory define a different HMU than the deciduous canopy with overgrown invasive understory on the right.

HMU boundaries were estimated from their exterior boundaries when site conditions did not allow safe access to the interior of the HMU. HMUs that were estimated due to safety issues were the 188th Street Property HMUs 2 and 3, Scriber Lake Park HMUs 4 and 5, Scriber Creek Open Space HMU 1, and Lund's Gulch South HMUs 6 and 7). Existing forest conditions were documented, including tree canopy composition and invasive species threats.

Additional forest attributes including estimates of tree age, size classes, dominant native understory species, potential threats (e.g., disease, pests, erosion), native tree regeneration species, and stand density were also captured. A complete data form used during the field analysis showing all data fields collected is provided in Attachment 1.

After field investigations, Herrera analyzed the results within baseline forest health assessment data forms to determine a Tree-iage score for each HMU based on the Tree-iage matrix system (Image 1). Tree-iage scores range from 1 to 9 and are based on modified tree composition and invasive species cover. A number 1 represents high-quality habitat and low invasive-species threat, and a number 9 represents low-quality habitat and high invasive species threat. Tree-iage scores provide an overview of site conditions which support prioritization and planning efforts. From this data, we assigned a value (high, medium, or low) to each MU for habitat composition, according to the following breakdown:

High HMUs with more than 25% native tree-canopy cover, in which evergreen species and/ or madrones make up more than 50% of the total canopy OR, HMUs with more than 25% native tree canopy in partially inundated wetlands that can support 1%-50% evergreen canopy. OR, HMUs in frequently inundated wetlands that cannot support

evergreen/madrone canopy.

Medium HMUs with more than 25% native tree-canopy cover, in which evergreen species and/or madrones make up between 1% and 50% of the total canopy. OR, HMUs with less than 25% native tree canopy in partially inundated wetlands that can support 1%-50% evergreen/ madrone canopy.

Low

HMUs with less than 25% native tree-canopy cover. OR forests with more than 25% native tree canopy, in which evergreen species and/or madrones make up 0% of the total canopy.

In addition, each HMU was assigned one of the following invasive-cover threat values:

HMUs with more than 50% invasive species cover. High

Medium HMUs with between 5% and 50% invasive species cover.

Low

HMUs with less than 5% invasive species cover. More detailed site level information is available within the complete HMU data for future analysis and management planning. Forested areas within parks and open spaces should continue to be revisited to capture changes to forest conditions and as site management efforts continue. The FLAT system recommends re-assessment of forested areas approximately every 5 years. Data collection and monitoring intervals can be adjusted as needed based on management and restoration activities.

# APPENDI

# **Results**

The following tables (Tables 1–3) summarize the results of the baseline forest health assessment conducted in Lynnwood Parks. Attachment 1 provides an example data form and the complete data forms from the baseline forest health assessment's application of the FLAT. Attachment 2 includes figures of preliminary analysis for each park or open space site which illustrates HMUs, Tree-iage scores, and land cover classifications for non-forested areas. Image 2 provides example images for habitat types that received matrix ratings.



An example of a non-HMU. This portion of a park would be categorized as landscaped.

Image 2. Examples of Tree-iage Matrix Values at different Lynnwood Parks

1 High Value, Low Threat	2 High Value, Medium Threat	3 High Value, High Threat
Mature native canopy, predominantly conifers, native understory, strata and species diversity	Mature native canopy, predominantly conifers, mostly native understory with some invasive species present.	Mature native canopy, predominantly conifers, some native understory with some predominantly invasive species present.
Medium Value Low Threat	Medium Value Medium Threat	Medium Value High Threat
Native canopy, mix of conifers and deciduous, mostly native		Native canopy, predominantly invasive understory, trees may be less
understory, some strata and species diversity	Native canopy, mix of native and non-native understory, trees may be less mature. May be a mix of deciduous and conifers.	mature. May be a mix of deciduous and conifers.
Low Value Low Threat	Low Value Medium Threat	Low Value High Threat
Low density canopy cover, mostly short-lived or pioneer species, unplantable space but low invasive populations of forbs and shrubs.	Low-density canopy cover, large areas of open space with predominantly non-native or noxious species. Restoration and maintenance is achievalbe in the short-term but expensive.	Low-density canopy cover, large areas of open space with predominantly non-native or noxious species. Restoration and maintenance is difficult to achieve and expensive to maintain.

	Table 1. Summary of Baseline Forest Health Conditions in Surveyed Parks.				
Park	нми	Tree-iage Score	Conditions Summary		
	1	9	188th Street Property is located on 188th Street Southwest. There are 3 HMUs in this park, surrounding an open body of water, likely a constructed wetland. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by black cottonwood ( <i>Populus balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa</i> ), bigleaf maple ( <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> ), and Pacific willow ( <i>Salix lucida ssp. lasiandra</i> ). The invasive species Himalayan blackberry ( <i>Rubus armeniacus</i> ), field bindweed ( <i>Convolvulus arvensis</i> ), and European mountain-ash ( <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> ) are present. Park access is limited due to blackberry cover and steep slopes.		
188th Street Property	2	6	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by red alder (Alnus rubra), willow and Western redcedar (Thuja plicata). Redosier dogwood (Cornus sericea) and slough sedge (Carex obnupta) are the dominant native understory species. Dominant invasive species are Himlayan blackberry, English ivy (Hedera helix) and creeping buttercup (Ranunculus repens). This unit is a forested wetland.		
	3		The canopy in HMU 3 is predominantly Douglas-fir (Pseudotsuga menziesiü), red alder and bigleaf maple. Native understory is predominantly salmonberry (Rubus spectabilis), vine maple (Acer circinatum) and western redcedar. Dominant invasive understory is Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, English holly (Ilex aquifolium), and English (aka cherry) laurel (Prunus laurocerasus). Bamboo is present in small quantities.		
Data a Rad	1		Daleway Park is located between 64th Avenue West and 60th Avenue West. There are two HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock (Tsuga heterophylla), and Western redcedar. Invasive species include English holly, cherry laurel (Prunus laurocerasus), and English ivy.		
Daleway Park	2	2	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock (Tsuga heterophylla), and Western redcedar (Thuja plicata). Invasive species include cherry laurel, English holly, and herb-Robert (Geranium robertianum).		
	1	3	Gold Park is located at the corner of 200 <sup>th</sup> Street Southwest and 64 <sup>th</sup> Avenue West. There are three HMUs in this park. The canopy of HMU 1 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and Pacific madrone ( <i>Arbutus menziesii</i> ). The invasive species English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and English holly are present.		
Gold Park	2	9	The canopy of HMU 2 is dominated by red alder and Pacific willow. The invasive species creeping buttercup, field bindweed, and Himalayan blackberry are present. This HMU is a wetland with palustrine emergent (PEM) pockets.		
	3	3	The canopy of HMU 3 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and European mountain ash. The invasive species cherry laurel, English ivy, and Himalayan blackberry are present.		

Table 1. (continued) Summary of Baseline Forest Health Conditions in Surveyed Parks.					
Park	нми	Tree-iage Score	Conditions Summary		
Heritage Park	1	9	Heritage Park is located at the corner of Poplar Way and Alderwood Mall Parkway. There are four HMUs in this park, partially surrounding a small pond, several seasonal streams and a depressional wetland. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by black cottonwood, red alder, and Pacific willow. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, field bindweed, and creeping buttercup are present, and form an extremely dense understory cover. This unit is located on the edge of a wetland area, with top dieback possibly caused by high saturation.		
	2	6	HMU 2 is characterized by mature red alders and black cottonwoods, and smaller western redcedars. Oregon ash, red alder are both successional tree species and the dominant native shrub is osoberry ( <i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i> ), growing in small upland areas. This HMU is in a depressional wetland with multiple small streams entering into the nearby pond. Dominant invasive species are Himalayan blackberry, creeping buttercup, cherry laurel, English holly and English ivy.		
	3	2	HMU 3 has slightly smaller trees than HMU 2, with the exception of mature Douglas-fir. Dominant canopy is red alder, Douglas-fir, black cottonwood, and western redcedar. Willow and redosier dogwood occur in the understory. This HMU is located within a depressional wetland that receives roadway runoff, and drains to the pond. Primary invasive species are Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, creeping buttercup and cherry laurel.		
	4	6	HMU 4 is slightly upland from HMU 3 and occurs at the edge of the park. Dominant species are black cottonwood, red alder and western redcedar in the canopy, and cottonwood saplings in the understory. Dominant invasive species are English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, Portuguese laurel, cherry laurel and English holly which have smothered the understory.		
	1	9	Lund's Gulch South is being identified as all the City owned property within the City of Lynnwood boundary. This property is located along 164th Street Southwest and stretches up to 160th Street Southwest, with an entrance at the corner of 164th Street Southwest and 60th Avenue West. There are seven HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by black cottonwood and red alder. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, creeping buttercup, and Scotch broom are present. There are large open pockets with no trees located throughout the unit.		
	2	5	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by red alder, Western redcedar, and bigleaf maple. The invasive species English ivy, English holly, and herb-Robert are present.		
	3	1	The canopy in HMU 3 is dominated by Western redcedar, Douglas-fir, and Western hemlock. The invasive species English ivy, English holly, and cherry laurel are present. There are pockets where drought stress is evident near trailheads and the urban edge.		
Lund's Gulch South	3a 3b	1	Within HMU 3 there are two subunits, 3a and 3b. The subunits hold similar canopy characteristics to HMU 3 but contain higher concentrations of salmonberry (Rubus spectabilis), and red alder. These subunits were not large or dissimilar enough to be classified as their own HMUs.		
	4	5	Dominant canopy within HMU 4 is Douglas-fir, red alder and Western redcedar. Western redcedar, red alder and Western hemlock are regenerating in the understory. The most frequent native species in the understory is Western swordfern and salal. Cherry laurel, English holly and cotoneaster are the dominant invasive species.		
	5	4	The canopy in HMU 5 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and Western hemlock. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry and English holly are present.		
	6	1	HMU 6 is dominated by Western redcedar, bigleaf maple, and Douglas-fir. There were no invasive species observed in this units. This unit has steep slopes and vertical cliffs in some areas.		
	7	1	HMU 7 is dominated by Western redcedar, bigleaf maple, and Douglas-fir. There were no invasive species observed in this units. This unit has steep slopes and vertical cliffs in some areas.		

Table 1. (continued) Summary of Baseline Forest Health Conditions in Surveyed Parks.				
Park	нми	Tree-iage Score	Conditions Summary	
	1	2	Lynndale Park is located north of Lynndale Elementary School and covers the entire area north to Olympic View Drive. There are eleven HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock, and bigleaf maple. The invasive species English ivy, English holly, and cherry laurel are present.	
	2	6	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock, and Western redcedar. Invasive species include English ivy, English holly, and cherry laurel, and mistletoe.	
	3	2	The canopy in HMU 3 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock, and Western redcedar. Invasive species include English ivy, English holly, and cherry laurel, and mistletoe.	
	4	6	Canopy within HMU 4 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock, and Western redcedar. The invasive species English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and English holly are present. Mistletoe is present in this unit.	
	5	9	The canopy in HMU 5 is dominated by bitter cherry, Scouler's willow, and bigleaf maple. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, field bindweed, and Scotch broom are present.	
	6	6	The canopy in HMU 6 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock, and bigleaf maple. The invasive species English ivy, cherry laurel, and English holly are present. Mistletoe is present in this unit.	
	7	9	The canopy in HMU 7 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock, and bitter cherry. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, herb-Robert, and cotoneaster are present. This unit may be a depressional wetland.	
	8	5	The canopy in HMU 8 is dominated by Douglas-fir and Western hemlock. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, field bindweed and English holly, are present. Mistletoe is present in this unit.	
	9	5	The canopy in HMU 9 is dominated by Douglas-fir. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, creeping buttercup, and English ivy are present.	
Lynndale Park	10	3	The canopy in HMU 10 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock, and bigleaf maple. The invasive species English holly, English ivy, and Himalayan blackberry are present. There is heavy recreation use along the edges of the unit, contributing to high invasive cover. There is a heavy holly infestation in the southern end of the unit.	
	11	6	The canopy in HMU 11 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock, and Western redcedar. The invasive species English ivy, English holly, and Himalayan blackberry are present. The unit is surrounded by hardscape, landscape, and recreation space.	
	12	3	HMU 12 is located in the southern portion of the park adjacent to ballfields. Dominant canopy cover is Douglas-fir, Western hemlock and bigleaf maple. Western hemlock and Western redcedar are regenerating in the understory, as well as Western swordfern as the dominant native understory. Invasive species present are English holly, English ivy, cherry laurel, European mountain-ash, and herb-robert. Much of the site is trampled and bare.	
	13	3	HMU 13 has dominant canopy of Douglas-fir, bigleaf maple, Western redcedar and Pacific madrone. Western redcedar is regenerating in the understory. Dominant native species are lady fern (Athyrium filix-femina) and salal (Gaultheria shallon) and common bedstraw (Galium aparine). Primary invasive species are English holly, European mountain-ash, cherry laurel and English holly.	
	14	2	Dominant canopy in HMU 14 is Douglas-fir, bigleaf maple and Western redcedar. Pacific madrone and Western redcedar are regenerating in the understory. Dominant native understory is dull Oregon grape and red huckleberry. Dominant invasive specis are Englih holly, cherry laurel and cherry laurel.	
	15	6	Dominant canopy in HMU 15 is Douglas-fir and bigleaf maple. Western swordfern and osoberry are the dominant native understory types. Dominant invasive species are English holly, English ivy, herb-robert, bird cherry and cherry laurel.	
	16	6	Dominant canopy in HMU 16 is Douglas-fir, bigleaf maple and red alder. Bigleaf maple and willow are regenerating in the understory. Dominant native understory species is salal. Invasive species are high in cover; primary species are Himalayan blackberry, cutleaf blackberry, herb-robert, cherry laurel and Englishy holly.	

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	Table 1. (continued) Summary of Baseline Forest Health Conditions in Surveyed Parks.				
Park	нми	Tree-iage Score	Conditions Summary		
	1	2	The Municipal Golf Course is accessible from 68th Avenue West, in the Seattle Heights neighborhood. There are eight HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and Deodar cedar (Cedrus deodara). The invasive species English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and herb-Robert are present.		
	2	2	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and Pacific madrone. The invasive species English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and English holly are present.		
	3	8	The canopy in HMU 3 is dominated by silver maple (Acer saccharinum), Douglas-fir, and black cottonwood. The invasive species English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and English holly are present.		
Lynnwood Golf Course	4	6	The canopy in HMU 4 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and Austrian pine ( <i>Pinus nigra</i> ). The invasive species English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and English holly are present.		
and Trail	5	8	The canopy in HMU 5 is dominated by red alder, Western redcedar, and Douglas-fir. The invasive species English ivy, English holly, and Himalayan blackberry are present.		
	6	3	The canopy in HMU 6 is dominated by Douglas-fir. The invasive species English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and herb-Robert are present.		
	7	1	The canopy in HMU 7 is dominated by Pacific willow, red alder, and Sitka willow. The invasive species creeping buttercup, Himalayan blackberry, and cherry laurel are present. There is a wetland around the pond in this unit.		
	8	6	The canopy in HMU 8 is dominated by Douglas-fir, red alder, and bigleaf maple. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, and English holly are present. There is little to no native groundcover in this unit.		
Maple Mini Park	N/A	N/A	Maple Mini Park is located along Maple Road, with a small parcel on each side of 41st Place West. This park is primarily a stormwater facility and has no forest or HMUs. The invasive species common nipplewort ( <i>Lapsana communis</i> ) is present.		
	1	2	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park is located on the south side of 168th Street Southwest in and west of 56 <sup>th</sup> Avenue West. There are four HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by Western redcedar and Douglas-fir. The invasive species English ivy, cherry laurel, and Himalayan blackberry are present.		
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	2	3	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and Western hemlock. The invasive species English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and cherry laurel are present.		
	3	3	The canopy in HMU 3 is dominated by bigleaf maple, Douglas-fir, and black cottonwood. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, cutleaf blackberry (Rubus laciniatus), and Scotch broom (Cytisus scoparius) are present.		
	4	3	The canopy in HMU 4 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and red alder (Alnus rubra). The invasive species English ivy, cherry laurel, and English holly are present.		

Table 1. (continued) Summary of Baseline Forest Health Conditions in Surveyed Parks.				
Park	нми	Tree-iage Score	Conditions Summary	
	1	6	Meadowdale Playfields is located between 168th Street Southwest and North Meadowdale Road. There are three HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by black cottonwood, red alder, and Scouler's willow. The understory is dominated by Himalayan blackberry, but orange eye butterflybush (Buddleja davidii) and cherry laurel are also present. There is low regeneration in this HMU due to the dense blackberry understory.	
Meadowdale Playfields	2		The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and Western hemlock. The invasive species English holly, English ivy, and Himalayan blackberry are present. This HMU is a mature, conifer-dominated mixed forest.	
	3	6	The canopy in HMU 3 is dominated by bigleaf maple, Douglas-fir, and black cottonwood. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, cutleaf blackberry, and Scotch broom are present.	
	1	6	Mesika Trail is located between 44th Avenue West and 46th Avenue West. There are three pedestrian entrances off of 46 <sup>th</sup> Avenue West. There are four HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by Western redcedar, Douglas-fir, and red alder. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, and field bindweed are present.	
Mesika Trail	2	3	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by Western redcedar, red alder, and Western hemlock, though the hemlocks are declining. The invasive species English ivy, herb-Robert, and yellow archangel (Lamiastrum galeobdolon) are present.	
	3	3	The canopy in HMU 3 is dominated by Western redcedar, red alder, and Douglas-fir. The invasive species field bindweed, Himalayan blackberry, and English holly are present. There is a stream and wetland in this unit, and a population of skunk cabbages.	
	4	2	The canopy in HMU 4 is dominated by Western redcedar, Douglas-fir, and red alder. The invasive species English ivy, cherry laurel, and English holly are present.	
North Lynnwood Park	1	6	North Lynnwood Park is located on the west side of 44th Avenue West. There is one HMU in this park. The canopy is dominated by white birch (Betula papyrifera), willow, and black cottonwood. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, field bindweed, and English holly are present. The HMU has a trimmed and maintained edge, but the unit overall functions as a forested wet area.	

Table 1. (continued) Summary of Baseline Forest Health Conditions in Surveyed Parks.				
Park	нми	Tree-iage Score	Conditions Summary	
Pioneer Park	1	3	Pioneer Park is located along 184th Place Southwest. There is one HMU in this park. The canopy is dominated by Western redcedar, Douglas-fir, and equal amounts of bigleaf maple and red alder. The invasive species English ivy, English holly, and cherry laurel are present. There are many downed Western redcedars in the middle of the unit, and an eroding hill.	
Davis Davle	1	3	Rowe Park is located west of 60th Avenue West. There are two HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock, and white birch. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, and field bindweed are present.	
Rowe Park	2	3	The canopy in HMU 2 is also dominated by Douglas-fir, Western hemlock, and white birch. The invasive species English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and European mountain ash are present. There are some high density stands of younger Douglas-firs and Western hemlocks that are overcrowded, causing patches of lower limb die-off.	
Scriber Creek Open Space	1	9	Scriber Creek Open Space is located along 204th Street Southwest. There is one HMU in this park. The canopy is dominated by black cottonwood, red alder, and willow spp. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, field bindweed, and reed canarygrass are present.	
	1	3	Scriber Creek Park is located along Cedar Valley Road and includes a pedestrian entrance off of 48 <sup>th</sup> Avenue West (Lynnwood Transit Center). There are four HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and Western hemlock. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, and English holly are present.	
Scriber Creek Park	2	9	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by black cottonwood and Pacific willow. The invasive species jewelweed (Impatiens capensis), climbing nightshade, and creeping buttercup are present. This HMU is on the edge of a palustrine scrub-shrub (PSS) wetland.	
	3	6	The canopy in HMU 3 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and red alder. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, field bindweed, and reed canarygrass (Phalaris arundinacea) are present. There are a high number of snags in this HMU, likely as a result of inundation.	
	4	6	The canopy in HMU 4 is dominated by black cottonwood, bigleaf maple and red alder. Alder and Western redcedar saplings are regenerating in the understory. Primary native species are redosier dogwood and salmonberry. Primary invasive species are cherry laurel, Himalayan blackberry, English ivy and bindweed.	

Table 1. (continued) Summary of Baseline Forest Health Conditions in Surveyed Parks.				
Park	нми	Tree-iage Score	Conditions Summary	
Scriber Lake Park	1	3	Scriber Lake Park is located south of 196th Street Southwest and south of Wilcox Park. There are six HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by Douglas-fir, Western redcedar, and Western hemlock. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, English holly, and English ivy are present.	
	2	6	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by red alder, black cottonwood, and Douglas-fir. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, and climbing nightshade (Solanum dulcamara) are present.	
	3	3	The canopy in HMU 3 is dominated by Western redcedar, red alder, and Douglas-fir. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, climbing nightshade, and English ivy are present.	
	4	6	The canopy in HMU 4 is dominated by red alder, black cottonwood, and bigleaf maple. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, herb-Robert, and creeping buttercup are present.	
	5	6	The canopy in HMU 5 is dominated by red alder, black cottonwood, and Douglas-fir. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, and climbing nightshade are present.	
	6	2	The canopy in HMU 6 is dominated by Douglas-fir, white pine, and Western redcedar. The invasive species cherry laurel, Himalayan blackberry, and English ivy are present.	
South Lynnwood Park	1	6	South Lynnwood Park is located east of 61st Avenue West and includes one pedestrian entrance off of 208 <sup>th</sup> Street Southwest. There are four HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by red alder, Sitka willow (Salix sitchensis), and European mountain ash. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, field bindweed, and English holly are present.	
	2	3	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by Douglas-fir and Western redcedar. The invasive species English ivy, English holly, and Himalayan blackberry are present.	
	3	9	The canopy in HMU 3 is dominated by Pacific willow and Sitka willow. The invasive species field bindweed, Himalayan blackberry, and creeping buttercup (Ranunculus repens) are present.	
	4	3	The canopy in HMU 4 is dominated by Douglas-fir, red alder, and Western redcedar. The invasive species English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and English holly are present. There is also a significant amount of knotweed present within the park.	

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	Table 1. (continued) Summary of Baseline Forest Health Conditions in Surveyed Parks.				
Park	нми	Tree-iage Score	Conditions Summary		
	1	6	Mini Park at Sprague's Pond is located on 200th Street Southwest. There are two HMUs in this park. In HMU 1 The canopy is dominated by Pacific willow. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, field bindweed, and English holly are present. This unit is a forested wetland.		
Sprague's Pond Park	2	9	HMU 2 is adjacent to Sprague's Pond. Dominant canopy cover is Pacific willow and black cottonwood. Dominant native understory is thimbleberry ( <i>Rubus parviflorus</i> ) and stinging nettle ( <i>Urtica dioica</i> ). Invasive species dominate the HMU. The primary species are Himalayan blackberry, creeping buttercup, English holly, and English iv The HMU is likely in or adjacent to a wetland.		
Spruce Park	1	2	Spruce Park is located west of 168th Place Southwest. There is one HMU in this park. The canopy is dominated by Western redcedar, Douglas-fir, and bigleaf maple. Th invasive species English ivy, English holly, and cherry laurel are present.		
Stadler Ridge Park	1	6	Stadler Ridge Park is located west of 33rd Place West. There are two HMUs in this park. The canopy in HMU 1 is dominated by Western redcedar, sycamore maple (Acc pseudoplatanus), and red maple (Acer rubrum). The invasive species cherry laurel, English Ivy, and English holly are present.		
Stadier Ridge Park	2	6	The canopy in HMU 2 is dominated by Douglas-fir, red alder, and Scouler's willow (Salix scouleriana). The invasive species field bindweed, creeping buttercup, and Himalayan blackberry are present.		
Veterans Park	N/A	N/A	Veterans Park is located at the corner of 194th Street Southwest (Veterans Way) and 44th Avenue West. This park has no forest or HMUs.		
Wilcox Park	1	3	Wilcox Park is located on the corner of 196th Street Southwest (SR 524) and west of 52 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue West; north of Scriber Lake Park. There are two HMUs in this park. Th canopy of HMU 1 is dominated by Western redcedar, Douglas-fir, and Western hemlock. The invasive species cherry laurel, English holly, and horse chestnut (Aesculus hipocastanum) are present.		
	2	2	The canopy of HMU 2 is dominated by the same species. The invasive species Himalayan blackberry, English holly, and English ivy are present. The forested areas have large amount of bare soil, possibly due to high foot traffic.		

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Table 2A. I	nvasive Sp	ecies Pres	ent in Su	rveyed Par	ks.							
Invasive Species Name (Scientific/Common)	188th St Property	Daleway Park	Gold Park	Heritage Park	Lund's Gulch	Lynndale Park	Lynnwood Golf Course & Trail	Maple Mini Park	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Meadowdale Playfields	Mesika Trail	North Lynnwood Park
Acer platanoides/ Norway maple						х	х				х	
Acer pseudoplatanus/ sycamore maple												
Aesculus hippocastanum/ horse chestnut												
Buddleja davidii/ butterfly bush										x		
Cirsium vulgare/					х							
Convolvulus arvensis/ field bindweed	x		Х	x	x	x			х		х	х
Cotoneaster integerrimus/ cotoneaster					х	х						
Cytisus scoparius/ Scotch broom					х	х				х		
Geranium robertianum/ herb-Robert		х	Х		х	х	х		х	х	х	
Hedera helix/ English ivy	х		Х	х	х	х	х		х	х	х	х
Hypericum perforatum/ St. John's-wort												

Table 2b. Inva	asive Speci	ies Present	in Surv	eyed Parks								
Invasive Species Name (Scientific/Common)	188th St Property	Daleway Park	Gold Park	Heritage Park	Lund's Gulch	Lynndale Park	Lynnwood Golf Course & Trail	Maple Mini Park	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Meadowdale Playfields	Mesika Trail	North Lynnwood Park
Hypochaeris radicata/ hairy cat's ear	х											
Ilex aquifolium/ English Holly	х	х	х	х	х	х	х		х		х	х
Lamium galeobdolon/ yellow archangel											х	
Lapsana communis/ nipplewort												
Phalaris arundinacea/ reed canarygrass										х		
Polygonum cuspidatum/ Japanese knotweed			х									
Prunus avium/ wild cherry	х	x		х		х			Х		х	
Prunus laurocerasus/ cherry laurel	х	х	х	х	х	х	х		х			
Prunus lusitanica/ Portuguese laurel						х				х		
Ranunculus repens/ creeping buttercup	х		х	х	х	х	х		Х	х	х	
Rubus armeniacus/ Himalayan blackberry	х		х	х	х	х	х		Х	х	х	х
Rubus laciniatus/ cutleaf blackberry							х			х		
Sonchus arvensis/ sow thistle	х					х						
Sorbus aucuparia/ European mountain-ash			х		х	х	х		х	х		

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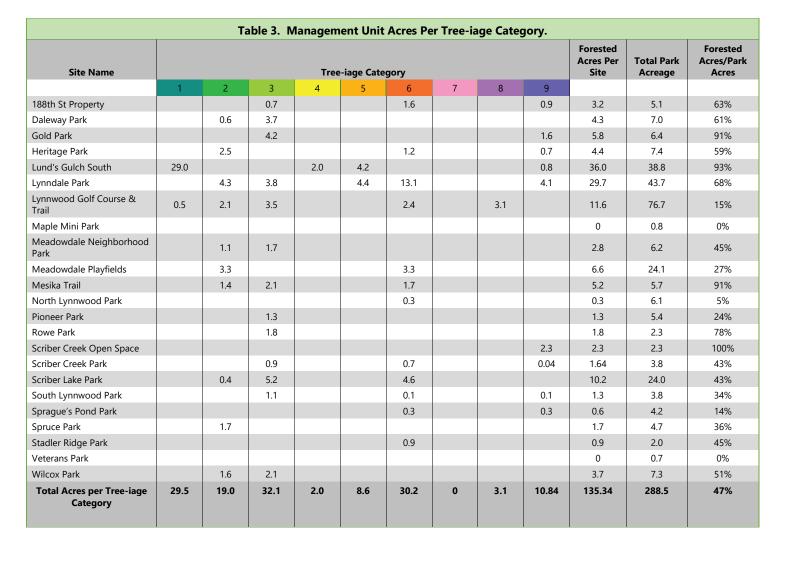
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Table 2c. Invasive Spec	ies Present	in Survey	ed Parks.								
Invasive Species Name (Scientific/Common)	Pioneer Park	Rowe Park	Scriber Creek Open Space	Scriber Creek Park	Scriber Lake Park	South Lynnwood Park	Sprague's Pond Park	Spruce Park	Stadler Ridge Park	Veterans Park	Wilcox Park
Acer platanoides/ Norway maple											
Acer pseudoplatanus/ sycamore maple									х		
Aesculus hippocastanum/ horse chestnut											х
Buddleja davidii/ butterfly bush											
Cirsium vulgare/											
Convolvulus arvensis/ field bindweed		х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х		
Cotoneaster integerrimus/ cotoneaster											
Cytisus scoparius/ Scotch broom											
Geranium robertianum/ herb-Robert		х			х						
Hedera helix/ English ivy	х	х		х	х	х		х	х		х
Hypericum perforatum/ St. John's-wort											х

Table 2d. Invasive Spe	cies Present	in Survey	ed Parks.								
Invasive Species Name (Scientific/Common)	Pioneer Park	Rowe Park	Scriber Creek Open Space	Scriber Creek Park	Scriber Lake Park	South Lynnwood Park	Sprague's Pond Park	Spruce Park	Stadler Ridge Park	Veterans Park	Wilcox Park
Impatiens capensis/ jewelweed				х							
<i>Ilex aquifolium/</i> English Holly	х	x	х	х	х	х	х	х	х		х
Lamium galeobdolon/ yellow archangel											
Lapsana communis/ nipplewort							х				
Phalaris arundinacea/ reed canarygrass			х	х	х						
Polygonum cuspidatum/ Japanese knotweed						х					
Prunus avium/ wild cherry	х								х		
Prunus laurocerasus/ cherry laurel	х			х	х			х	х		х
Prunus lusitanica/ Portuguese laurel											
Ranunculus repens/ creeping buttercup			х	х	х	х	х		х		
Rubus armeniacus/ Himalayan blackberry	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	х	х		х
Rubus laciniatus/ cutleaf blackberry											
Solanum dulcamara/ bittersweet nightshade				х	х						
Sorbus aucuparia/ European mountain-ash		х		х		х					

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# **Next Steps and Recommendations**

The City of Lynnwood Parks protect and maintain over 135 acres of forested land in parks and open spaces within the incorporated limits, which offer a valuable refuge and nature connection for the community and serve as essential habitat for urban wildlife. According to preliminary field assessments, more than two-thirds of the forested lands in Lynnwood's parks and open spaces have high or moderate value habitats, with over 50 percent of conifer or madrone canopy. However, the presence of large populations of invasive vegetation poses a significant threat to these forested areas. To determine priority forest management areas, Lynnwood Parks established their own criteria for prioritizing forest restoration sites and also incorporated prioritization strategies from the Snohomish County Healthy Forest Project 20-Year Plan (Snohomish County, 2021). The site prioritization process was divided into two categories: Field Objectives, which focused on specific objectives related to site restoration, and Community Objectives, which guided methods for community collaboration, inclusion, and involvement in Lynnwood Parks and open spaces.

The following two Field Objectives were identified to help guide forest site prioritization:

Field Objective 1: Prioritize sites for restoration within parks and open spaces where:

- Projects and work are already happening;
- There is > 1 acre of contiguous forest present or the site contains a stream, high-value wetlands, lakes, or opportunities to treat and store stormwater;
- The park is ranked as having moderate to high Racial or Social Equity opportunities based on the 10-minute park walkshed. The City of Lynnwood has developed a Racial and Social Equity Index to review park investments and help more equitably invest in opportunities that support racial and social equity. See Figure 2, Racial and Social Equity Index.
- There is potential to improve the geographic distribution of restoration locations or benefit specific wildlife habitat or goals.

Field Objective 2: Implement restoration best practices on all project sites using four phases:

- Phase 1: Invasive plant removal (may include mulching, seeding, or planting after weed removal)
- Phase 2: Secondary invasive removal and planting
- Phase 3: Plant establishment and follow-up maintenance
- Phase 4: Long-term stewardship and monitoring, which includes compliance with Snohomish County Noxious Weed Boards regulations regarding noxious weeds

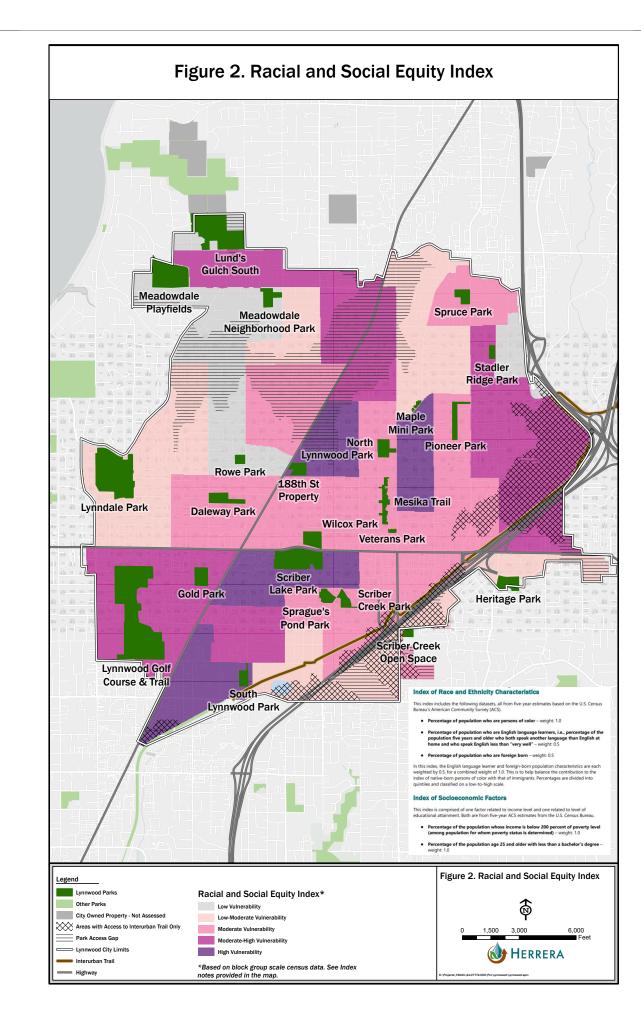


Image 3 illustrates the decision tree for Lynnwood Parks prioritization of restoration sites.

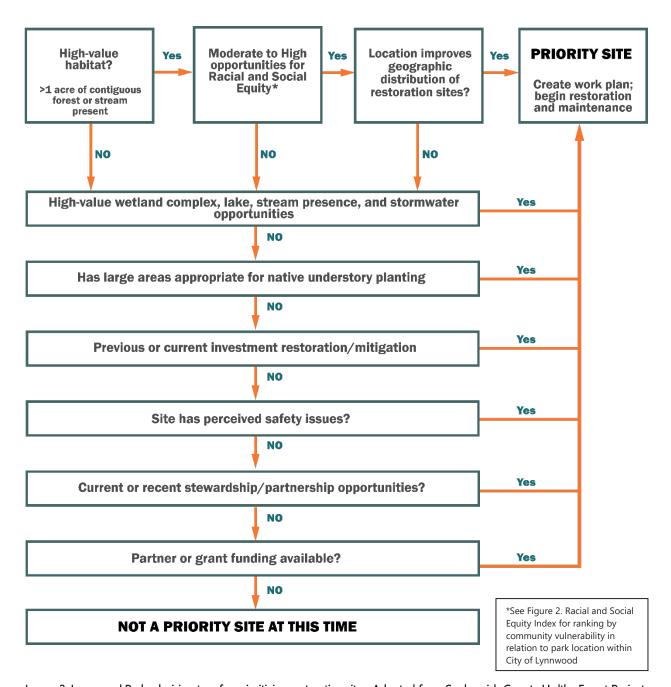


Image 3. Lynnwood Parks decision tree for prioritizing restoration sites. Adapted from Snohomish County Healthy Forest Project decision tree.

Lynnwood Parks adopted the Snohomish County Healthy Forest Project's Restoration strategy approach for tree-iage categories. Image 4 shows the restoration strategies needed for each tree-age category. As habitat complexity decreases and invasive species increase, the investment needed to improve habitat conditions increases.

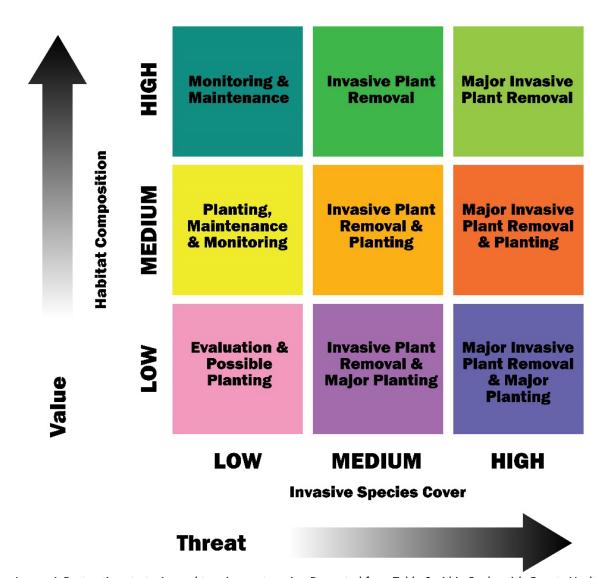


Image 4. Restoration strategies and tree-iage categories. Recreated from Table 6 within Snohomish County Healthy Forest Project's 20-Year Plan.

Lynnwood Parks have several Community Objectives to guide community stewardship, education, and relationship building within parks and open spaces. These objectives include:

- Community Objective 1: Promote positive community engagement.
- Community Objective 2: Build a Forest Steward Program. Friends of Scriber Lake is an example of one of these programs.
- Community Objective 3: Seek opportunities to engage youth and integrate environmental learning into events and activities.
- Community Objective 4: Appreciate volunteers and publicly celebrate forest restoration successes.

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- Community Objective 5: Use restoration to contribute to public safety.
- Community Objective 6: Work with community partners, such as school districts, neighboring cities, WSDOT, and Edmonds College, to encourage support for forest protection and management.
- Community Objective 7: Engage and educate residents and private landowners.

Lynnwood Parks will review the baseline data through their prioritization objectives and develop a preliminary list of parks that have high to medium priority for restoration actions. This list will be modified over time as forest conditions change, community needs evolve, and financial and social support grow.

In addition to these site prioritization objections, an additional consideration is that there are many parks that have high to moderate canopy composition throughout the majority of their HMUs, but they also have HMUs with significant invasive species populations. Invasive species are often concentrated along residential or high public use boundaries or areas. These sites provide a great opportunity to remove invasive vegetation and restore the native understory and forest conditions in areas that are highly visible and accessible to the community. A few examples of parks that include these types of conditions include:

- Gold Park
- Lynndale Park
- Meadowdale Playfields
- Mesika Trail
- Lynnwood Golf Course & Trail
- Scriber Lake Park

Overall, Lynnwood Parks protect and manage a large percentage of moderate to high quality forest habitat for the City of Lynnwood. This baseline assessment provides initial data for the City to continue to evaluate management goals and strategies.

# **Appendix A**

# **Park HMU Map Figures**

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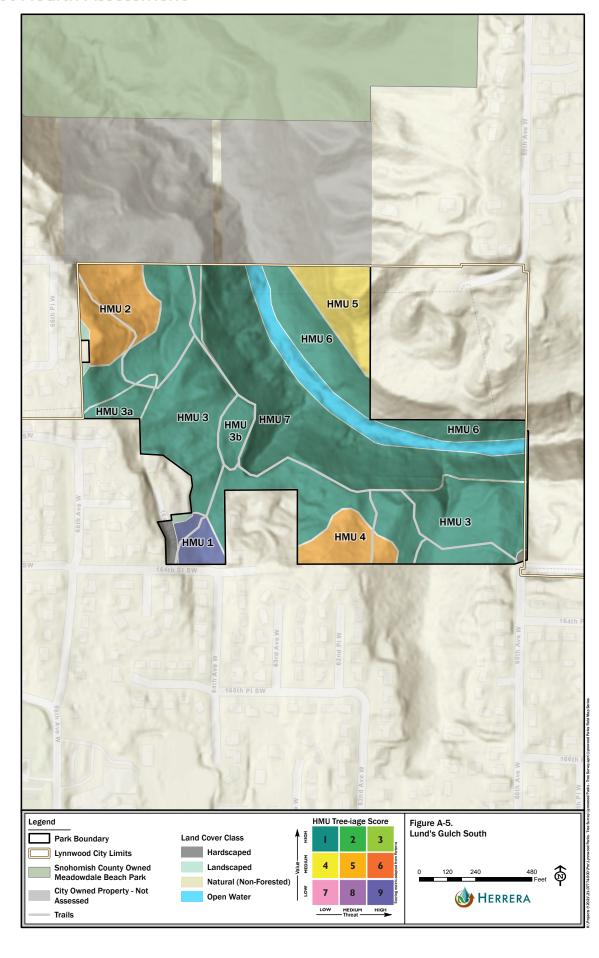


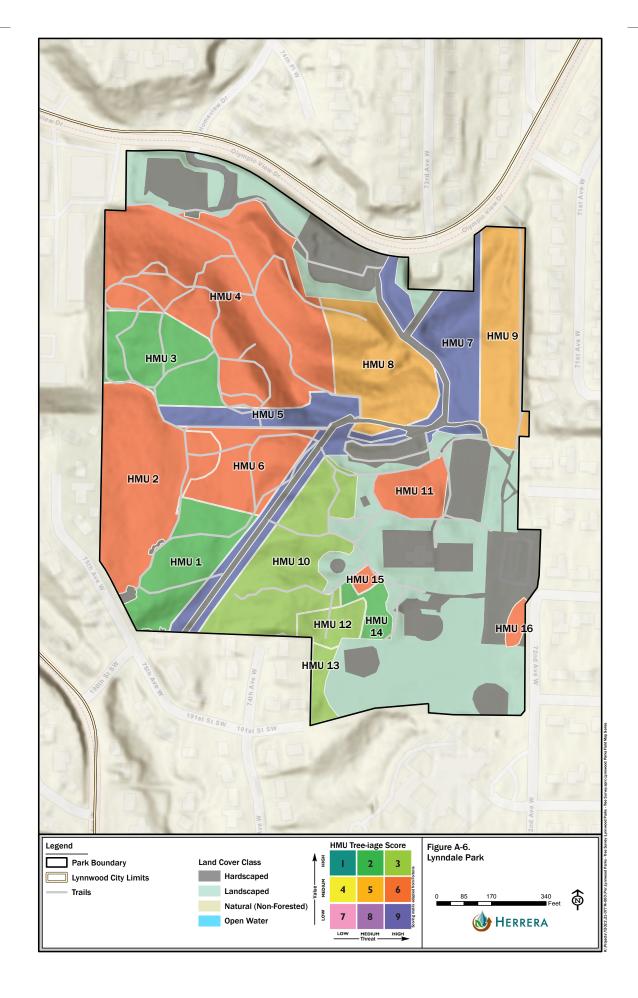


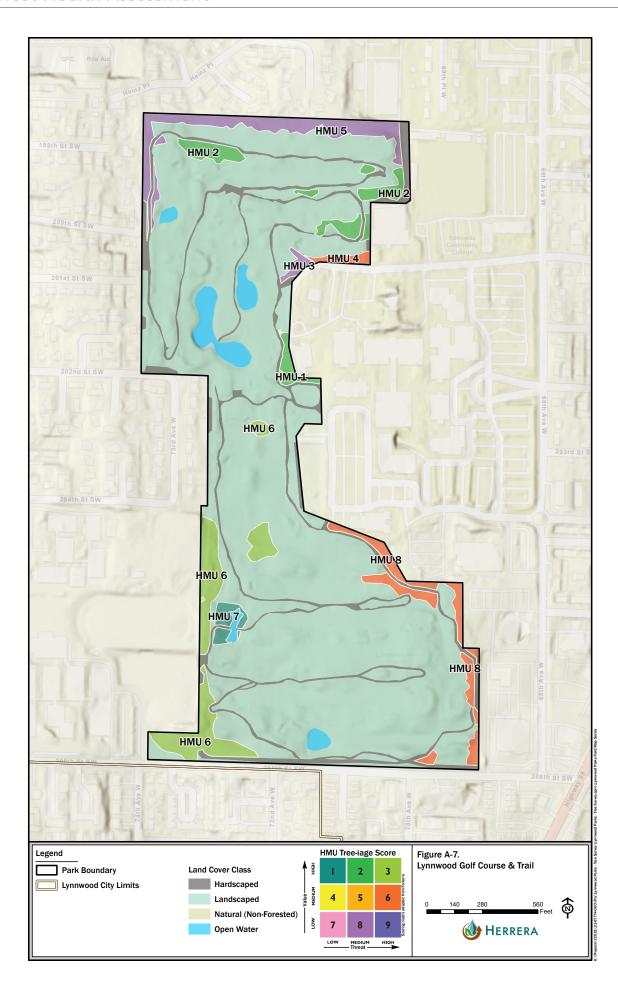


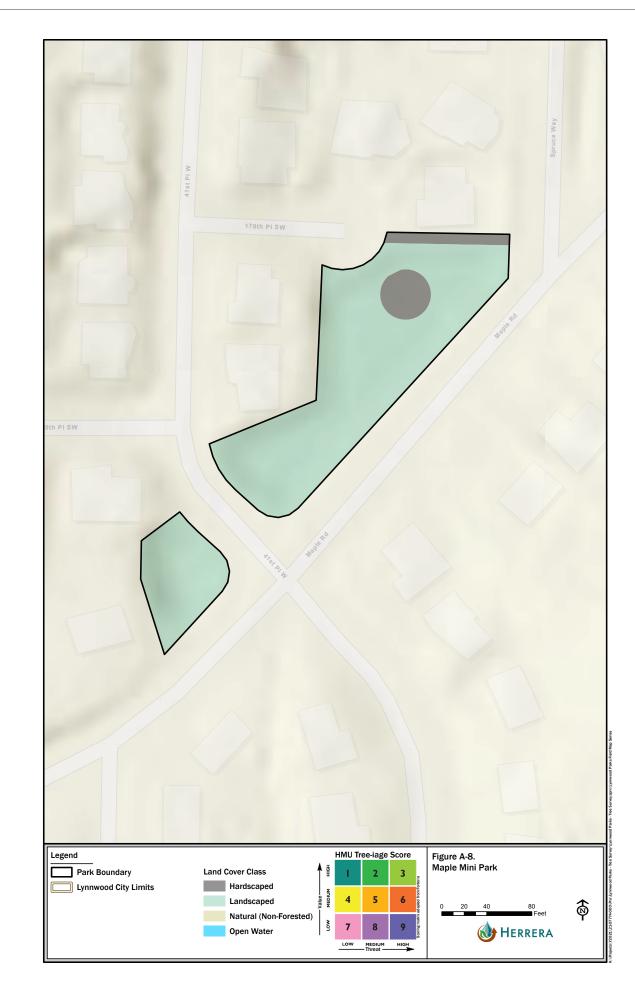




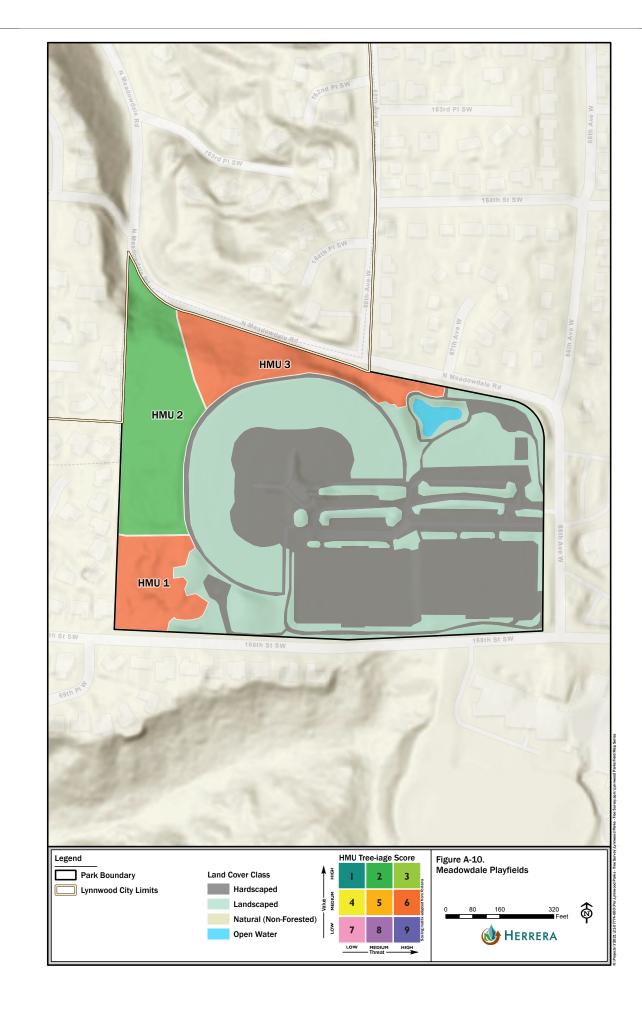


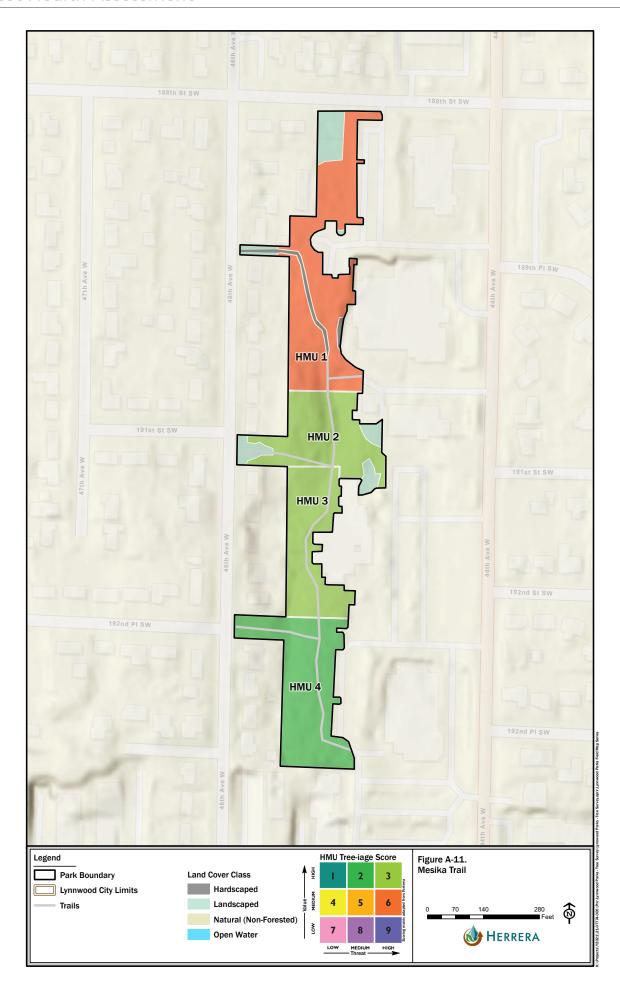


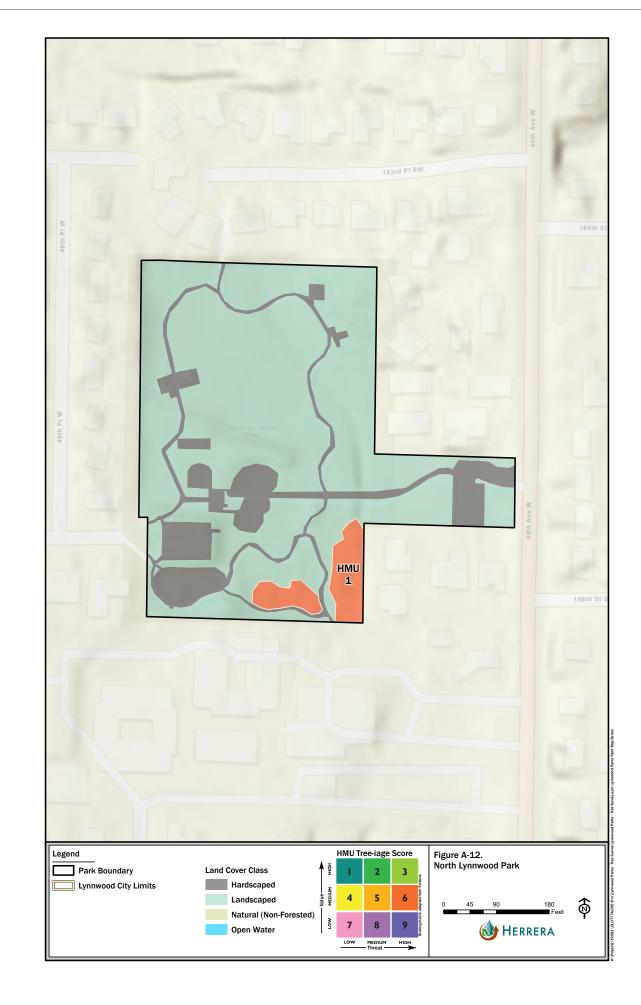


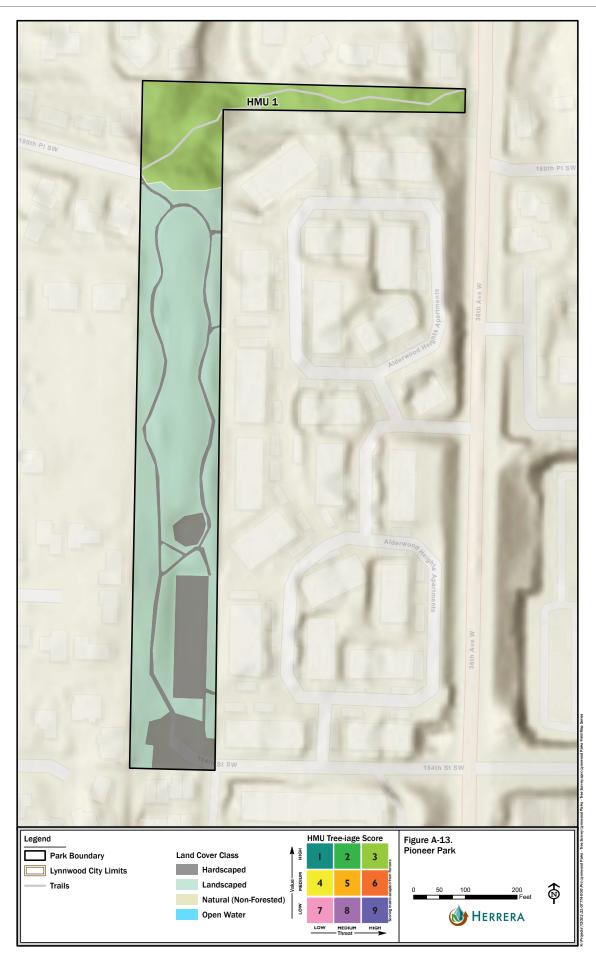


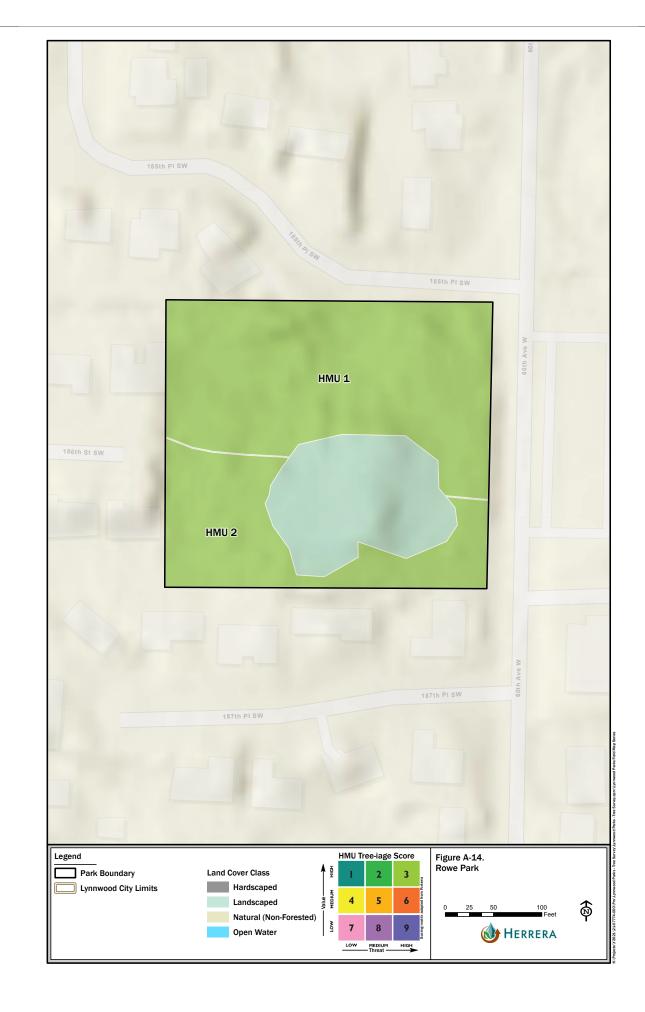


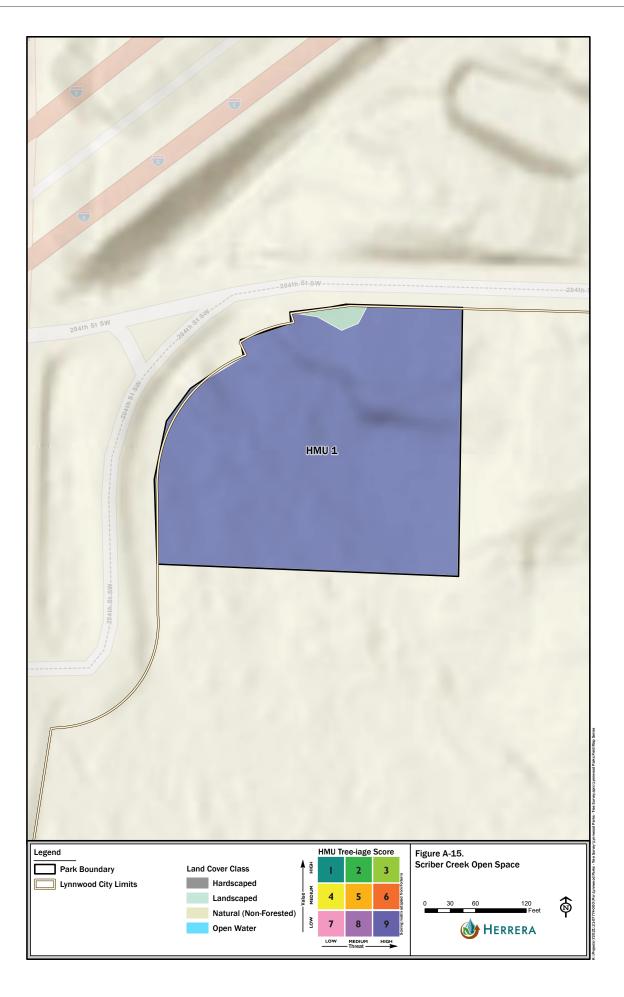


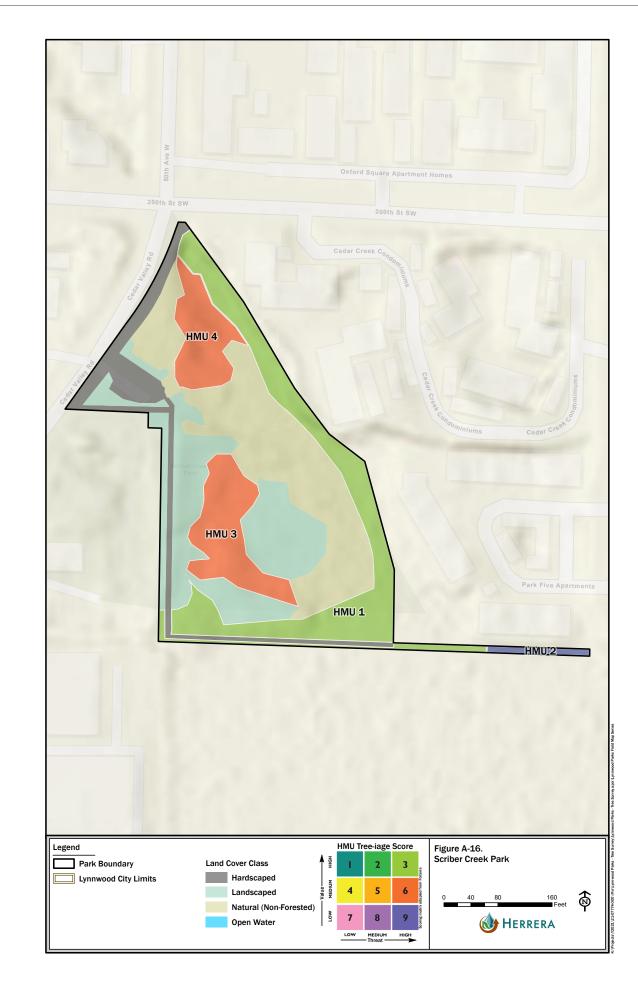






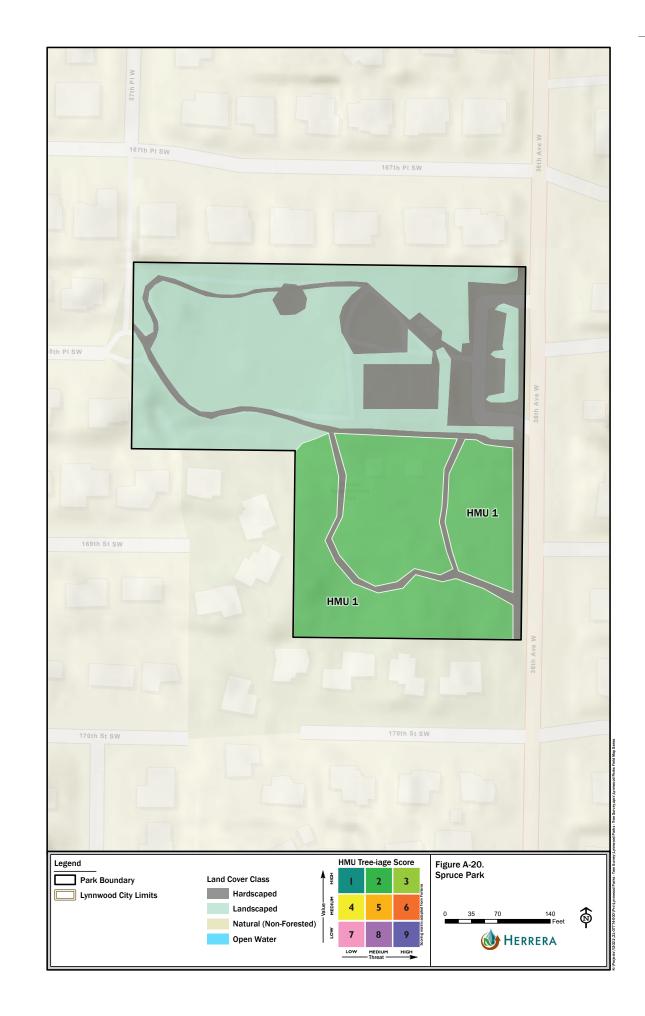














# HMU 2 HMU 1 Figure A-23. Park Boundary Land Cover Class Lynnwood City Limits **HERRERA**

# **Appendix B**

# Forest Landscape Assessment Tool Field Survey Data

Full document can be viewed online at:

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# ParksLove – Lynnwood, WA Summary of 2023 Asset Condition, Deferred Maintenance Estimate, Valuation, and Cost-Estimating Tasks

#### Introduction

The Lynnwood Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts (PRCA), through their ParksLove Project, aims to develop a community-drive comprehensive strategy to advance and shape parks and programming to be representative, accessible, and equitability distributed among the residents of Lynnwood. To help develop this forward-thinking comprehensive strategy, PRCA needed to first understand the status of its existing parks and the condition of their current assets, as well recognize the financial implications associated with current deferred maintenance actions and the depreciated value of its assets. In addition, PRCA also needed to estimate and recognize the financial implications of the system-wide improvements and enhancements identified in the strategy.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) specialists and cost estimators from SiteWorks conducted a series of tasks to gather park asset condition information and then develop cost estimates for deferred maintenance, update the 2015 park valuation estimate, and establish construction estimates for future improvement/enhancement options. SiteWorks assessed and compiled this information for all existing parks and trails in Lynnwood (a total of 20 sites and trails), as well as developed cost estimates for several open space areas and potential new sites that present opportunities for future development. The information in this report provides a high-level summary of the results of the individual tasks that SiteWorks completed for the ParksLove Project. This summary information, as well as the more detailed results, provide important information to help guide PRCA's decision-making and implementation efforts for the outcomes of the project.

#### **Methods**

SiteWorks used a variety of field-based evaluations and cost-estimating techniques to develop the condition assessment, deferred maintenance estimate, updated parks valuation, and future construction cost estimates. An overview of our methods for each of these project tasks is described below.

#### **Asset Condition Summary**

SiteWorks completed a field assessment of Lynnwood parks and their primary recreation assets in September 2022. The field assessment was focused on individual assets at each park and trail (identified in Cartegraph, PRCA's mapping and inventory tool) and assessing the current condition of those specific assets using a series of assessment metrics including the need for resurfacing, if the asset was missing parts, the presence of graffiti, any damage or broken elements of the asset, ADA compliance issues, and overall condition. This type of assessment is particularly useful for identifying specific assets that are in need of routine maintenance, repair, or replacement at each site.

The resulting average condition ratings also provide a general sense of the condition of all assets within an asset class at a specific park or across the entire park system. Asset class is a category label used in Cartegraph to group/identify similar types of assets. PRCA uses 10 asset classes in Cartegraph including Athletic Space, Benches, Doors, Facility Equipment, Facilities, Park Misc, Signs, Park Structures, Park Amenities, and Playground Equipment. For summary purposes, SiteWorks consolidated these 10 asset classes into seven. In coordination with PRCA, the Bench



asset class was incorporated into the Park Amenities asset class, and the Doors and Facility Equipment asset classes were integrated into the Facilities or Park Structures asset classes.

SiteWorks relied on data that was exported and compiled by the Lynnwood PRCA from Cartegraph for these summary analyses of the field-based asset condition assessment. In general, SiteWorks did not "clean" or validate the data exports from Cartegraph. That said, for summary purposes and where appropriate, SiteWorks did make some modifications to the asset class (as noted above for Benches, Doors, and Facility Equipment) and/or asset type labels for some assets. For example, some playground equipment was tagged with a "Park Structure" asset class, while others were tagged with a "Playground Equipment" asset class. SiteWorks recategorized all playground equipment under the "Playground Equipment" asset class label. These modifications have only been made in the Cartegraph exports and are not recognized in the master Cartegraph database.

The average condition ratings provide a general indicator of the overall condition of assets (by class and type) at each park. For reference purposes, condition ratings of 3 to 5 are generally indicative of assets that are in moderate to great/new condition, while ratings of 1 to 2 are indicative of assets that are in need of repair and/or replacement. An overall condition score (average of all asset condition ratings) is also provided for each park. This overall park condition score is an indicator of the average condition ratings of those assets that were assessed during the field investigation at each park and should not be strictly interpreted as indicative of the overall condition of a park.

There are several reasons why the overall condition scores for each park may not be indicative of the comprehensive condition of a park. First, there were numerous components at each park that were not assessed (e.g., pathways and trails, parking lots, landscaped areas, natural areas, lighting, irrigation, other site components not yet inventoried in Cartegraph) during the 2022 assessment process. Second, given the high number of some common types of assets (e.g., trash cans, picnic tables, signs), and lower number of other assets (e.g., sports courts, picnic shelters, other facilities), it's possible that the sheer number of common asset ratings may overly influence an aggregated condition score. And finally, a park is more than the sum of its assets. Its overall condition is also a function of how the site's assets come together to establish a larger recreation setting, its aesthetic conditions, its environmental parameters, etc. This higher level, comprehensive assessment was generally beyond the scope of the 2022 asset assessment process.

#### <u>Deferred Maintenance Estimate</u>

Based on the condition assessment results, SiteWorks compiled a list of deferred maintenance items for each park and estimated the cost of completing these identified items. The 2023 Deferred Maintenance Estimate used the 2015 Deferred Maintenance List as starting point (referred herein as Previously Identified Deferred Maintenance Actions). Those assets that received an "Overall Condition" rating of either one (1) or two (2) during the 2022 Parks Assessment (completed by SiteWorks staff on September 12 through 16, 2022) were also added to the list of deferred maintenance items (referred herein as New Deferred Maintenance Actions).

#### For purposes of this task:

The Previously Identified Deferred Maintenance Actions do not include ADA enhancements
that were identified during the 2015 parks planning process. It also does not include actions
that have been completed since the original list was compiled (per input and directive from
PRCA).

#### B. Park Asset Evaluation

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New Deferred Maintenance Actions are based on the field assessment that SiteWorks staff
completed in September 2022. This assessment captures a snapshot or moment in time of
current park conditions for the assets identified for assessment by the Lynnwood PRCA and
may not be indicative of longer-term park-specific and/or system-wide maintenance needs.

All deferred maintenance costs (previous and new) are order of magnitude costs for planning purposes only. These deferred cost estimates, including updated 2015 estimates, are provided in 2023 dollars. To update the 2015 cost estimates to 2023 dollars, SiteWorks applied a total escalation rate of 38 percent to the 2015 deferred maintenance cost estimates. From 2015 to 2021, an annual 4 percent escalation rate was used (6 years at 4 percent). A 6 percent and 8 percent escalation rate was applied for 2022 and 2023, respectively. The 2023 cost estimates for New Deferred Maintenance Actions are based in part on input from Eric Peterson, Lynnwood PRCA Parks Superintendent, regarding material and labor costs.

#### Park Valuation Estimate

As part of the 2019-2035 Parks, Arts, Recreation & Conservation Plan, PRCA compiled an asset valuation "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." SiteWorks updated this valuation and depreciation estimate to recognize the current condition of parks, trails, and recreation assets by incorporating the current condition of assets (see the asset condition task), updating average asset replacement costs, and calculating a depreciated value for each asset based on the condition and average replacement cost. In addition, we established a replacement schedule (target year) for when an asset was likely to require replacement given its current condition, use and maintenance level.

To develop the valuation estimate, SiteWorks established current (2023) asset replacement values based on the previous valuation exercise (with appropriate escalation to 2023 dollars), recent construction estimates for similar facilities, input from PRCA, and other cost estimating sources (e.g., BNi Building News General Construction 2023 Costbook). The replacement values and corresponding park asset valuations are planning level estimates only. They represent a reasonable average replacement value for each type of asset. Actual cost estimates to replace an asset may be higher or lower depending on site-specific conditions, permitting requirements, contingency costs, labor rates, and other factors at the time of replacement.

SiteWorks applied a condition multiplier (based on the results of the condition assessment) to the asset replacement value to derive the depreciated value of each existing asset. In addition and also based on the condition assessment, SiteWorks estimated the number of usable years remaining in the lifecycle of an asset (Years Until Replacement), as well as a year when the asset would likely need to be replaced (Replacement Year). This provides a general sense of when assets across the park system may need to be replaced.

Similar to the previous iteration, the updated park valuation estimate provides an order of magnitude estimate of the public capital investment in Lynnwood's parks. The estimate summarizes the current value of park asset investments and factors in the depreciation of these assets based on their current condition. The valuation captures capital improvements to the primary park assets at each park and does not include the full suite of public infrastructure located at each park.



#### Results

The summary results from are presented in a series of tables, including:

- Average Condition Assessment
- Deferred Maintenance Estimate
- Park Valuation
- Construction Cost Estimates

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## Summary

	Previous Deferred Maintenance (2015)	Previous Deferred Maintenance (2015)	New Deferred Maintenance (2022)	Total
Park/Trail	2015 Dollars	2023 Dollars	2023 Dollars	2023 Dollars
Daleway Park	\$139,000	\$191,820	\$450	\$192,270
Gold Park	\$8,000	\$11,040	\$320	\$11,360
Golf Course Trail	\$11,000	\$15,180	\$520	\$15,700
Heritage Park	\$38,000	\$52,440	\$1,346	\$53,786
Interurban Trail	\$90,000	\$124,200	\$7,862	\$132,062
Lynndale Park	\$3,295,500	\$4,547,790	\$12,396	\$4,560,186
Maple Mini Park	\$31,000	\$42,780	\$5,760	\$48,540
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	\$94,000	\$129,720	\$9,756	\$139,476
Meadowdale Playfields	\$75,000	\$103,500	\$360	\$103,860
Mesika Trail	\$20,000	\$27,600	\$1,012	\$28,612
North Lynnwood Park	\$270,000	\$372,600	\$1,564	\$374,164
Pioneer Park	\$123,500	\$170,430	\$360	\$170,790
Scriber Creek Park	\$78,000	\$107,640	\$8,010	\$115,650
Scriber Lake Park	\$3,108,000	\$4,289,040	\$17,060	\$4,306,100
Scriber Creek Trail <sup>*</sup>	-	-	-	-
South Lynnwood Park**	\$209,750	\$42,780	\$0	\$42,780
Sprague's Pond Mini Park	\$30,000	\$41,400	\$126,278	\$167,678
Spruce Park	\$51,000	\$70,380	\$160	\$70,540
Stadler Ridge Park	\$8,700	\$12,006	\$1,080	\$13,086
Veterans Park	\$18,000	\$24,840	\$40	\$24,880
Wilcox Park	\$176,500	\$243,570	\$26,700	\$270,270
Total	\$7,874,950	\$10,620,756	\$221,034	\$10,841,790

#### Notes

New Deferred Maintenance is based on the field assessment that was completed in September 2022. This assessment captures a snapshot or moment in time of current park conditions and may not be indicative of longer-term park-specific and/or system-wide deferred maintenance needs.

Previous Deferred Maintenance does not include ADA enhancements that were identified during the 2015 planning process. It also does not include actions that have been completed since the original list was compiled (per input and directive from Lynnwood PRCA).

A total escalation rate of 38% was applied to the 2015 deferred maintenance costs to update costs from 2015 to 2023 dollars. From 2015 to 2021, an annual 4% escalation rate was used (6 years at 4%). A 6% and 8% escalation rate was applied for 2022 and 2023, respectively.

All deferred maintenance costs are order of magnitude costs for planning purposes only. Previous Deferred Maintenance costs only include construction costs and do not include softs costs, permitting, or taxes (as noted in the 2015 estimate). New Deferred Maintenance costs include both material and labor costs, but not soft costs, permitting, or taxes (where potentially applicable). As noted above, all costs are provided in 2023 dollars.

#### Overall Condition Rating by Asset Class and Park

Asset Class	Daleway Park	Gold Park	Golf Course Trail	Heritage Park	Interurban Trail	Lynndale Park	Maple Mini Park	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Meadowdale Playfields	Mesika Trail	North Lynnwood Park	Pioneer Park	Scriber Creek Park	Scriber Creek Trail*	Scriber Lake Park	South Lynnwood Park	Sprague's Pond Mini Park	Spruce Park	Stadler Ridge Park	Veterans Park	Wilcox Park
Assets per Park	49	18	46	52	140	318	6	39	215	62	136	32	16		78	51	21	47	25	14	86
Athletic Space	3.3					4.3		3.0	4.0		3.3	3.0				5.0		3.0	4.0		3.5
Facility	3.7			4.0		4.0		3.0	3.6		3.9			-	3.9	5.0		3.5			2.7
Park Amenity	3.0	2.5	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.0	2.7	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6		3.1	4.6	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.2
Park Misc	3.0	3.0	3.6	3.7	3.1	3.7	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	-	3.0	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.5
Park Structure	3.0			4.0		3.6		4.0	3.4	3.5	3.0			-		5.0					2.0
Playground Equipment	3.0			3.5	4.0	3.5		4.0	3.5		3.8			-		5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0		3.8
Sign	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.8	2.5	2.8	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.2	-	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.5
Overall Asset Average	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.7	2.7	2.9	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.9		3.4	4.6	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.3

<sup>\*</sup> Scriber Creek Trail is currently under construction and was not assessed in 2022.

Assets per park represents the number of assets in the exported Cartegrgaph dataset that are located at each park. The number of assets per park is likely different than the number in Cartegraph due to several potential reasons: 1) some assets could not be located during the field assessment, 2) some assets were combined during the field assessment (e.g., a group of 3-4 bollards was combined into one asset), and/or 3) not all exported data had a location value and thus could not be associated with a specific park.



#### **ParksLove**

Lynnwood, WA Valuation Summary August 31, 2023

#### Valuation Summary

		2023 Depreciated Asset		
Park	2023 Replacement Costs	Value	2023 Land Valuation	<b>Total Current Valuation</b>
Daleway Park	\$3,510,970.00	\$2,501,212.00	\$6,357,600.00	\$8,858,812.00
Gold Park	\$189,000.00	\$126,680.00	\$7,611,000.00	\$7,737,680.00
Golf Course Trail	\$87,000.00	\$55,080.00	\$0.00	\$55,080.00
Heritage Park	\$1,957,000.00	\$1,522,720.00	\$2,637,000.00	\$4,159,720.00
Interurban Trail	\$13,146,400.00	\$7,983,320.00	\$0.00	\$7,983,320.00
Lynndale Park	\$22,493,620.00	\$16,681,348.00	\$31,213,800.00	\$47,895,148.00
Maple Mini Park	\$414,000.00	\$248,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$249,000.00
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	\$3,302,850.00	\$2,151,600.00	\$7,334,500.00	\$9,486,100.00
Meadowdale Playfields	\$18,644,040.00	\$14,941,132.00	\$18,407,796.90	\$33,348,928.90
Mesika Trail	\$275,000.00	\$198,500.00	\$5,864,912.80	\$6,063,412.80
North Lynnwood Park	\$6,270,250.00	\$4,090,580.00	\$5,227,500.00	\$9,318,080.00
Pioneer Park	\$2,481,200.00	\$1,275,420.00	\$7,320,700.00	\$8,596,120.00
Scriber Creek Park	\$306,840.00	\$152,216.00	\$773,200.00	\$925,416.00
Scriber Creek Trail*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Scriber Lake Park	\$4,019,920.00	\$2,125,968.00	\$3,968,500.00	\$6,094,468.00
South Lynnwood Park	\$3,252,200.00	\$3,195,160.00	\$3,294,000.00	\$6,489,160.00
Sprague's Pond Park	\$840,830.00	\$591,212.00	\$727,654.50	\$1,318,866.50
Spruce Park	\$3,183,550.00	\$2,008,000.00	\$1,683,000.00	\$3,691,000.00
Stadler Ridge Park	\$1,282,270.00	\$1,021,966.00	\$3,618,500.00	\$4,640,466.00
Veterans Park	\$133,500.00	\$80,940.00	\$2,044,029.60	\$2,124,969.60
Wilcox Park	\$5,760,500.00	\$3,811,000.00	\$8,296,500.00	\$12,107,500.00
Total	\$91,550,940.00	\$64,762,054.00	\$116,381,193.80	\$181,143,247.80

APPENDIX

2023 Replacement Costs = estimated replacement costs for current assets at each park.

2023 Depreciated Asset Value = estimated current value of assets based on current conditions at each park.

2023 Land Valuation = land values per Snohomish County Assessor for each park.

Total Current Valuation = sum of 2023 Depreciated Asset Valuation + 2023 Land Valuation.

 $<sup>^</sup>st$  Scriber Creek Trail is currently under construction and was not assessed in 2022.

<sup>\*\*</sup> South Lynnwood Park was recently (2022) renovated. The renovations addressed the previously identified deferred maintenance actions, except the northern right-of-way pathway and invasive species removal in the woodland area. As such, while the 2015 cost estimate for these actions is provided above for reference purposes, these estimated costs have not been escalated to 2023 dollars except for the two items identified previously, nor have they been included in the total deferred maintenance cost estimate for the park.

<sup>\*</sup> The Scriber Creek Trail links Scriber Lake Park, Sprague's Pond Park, Scriber Creek Park, and the Interurban trail, among other community sites. Hard surface components and other related assets are already included in the individual sites listed previously.

#### CAPITAL PROJECT LIST - PRIORITY RANK ORDER

Overall Project Rank	Park Location	Proposed Project	Park Equity Score	Project Evaluation Score (Average)	Combined Park Equity + Project Evaluation Score Questions Score
1	Pioneer Park	Loop Trail	1.71	1.86	1.78
2	North Lynnwood Park	Loop Trail	1.64	1.86	1.75
3	Interurban Trail	Trail Redevelopment (at Target)	2.00	1.43	1.71
<u>4</u> 5	Maple Mini	Park Renovation: Stormwater, Play Area, Paths, Picnic, Parking Addition	1.21 1.64	2.14 1.43	1.68
6	North Lynnwood Park Rowe Park	Spray & Play Improvements  New Park Development	1.64	1.43	1.49
7	Sprague's Pond Park	Pond Access and Recreation (East)	1.50	1.43	1.46
8	North Lynnwood Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements	1.64	1.29	1.46
8	North Lynnwood Park	Parking Access and Improvements	1.64	1.29	1.46
10	Interurban Trail	Bus Barn Wedge Opportunity Zone	2.00	0.86	1.43
11	Pioneer Park	Parking & Access Improvements	1.71	1.14	1.43
12	Golf Course Trail	Opportunity Zones East (Parking, Trails, Mini Golf, Play, Picnic)	1.79	1.00	1.40
13	Veterans Park	Access and Connectivity Improvements	1.64	1.14	1.39
14	Interurban Trail	208th / 53rd Trailhead	2.00	0.71	1.36
14	Interurban Trail Interurban Trail	Access Improvements @ Alexan Alderwood Trailhead	2.00	0.71 0.71	1.36 1.36
14	Interurban Trail	Beech Road Trailhead	2.00	0.71	1.36
14	Interurban Trail	City Center Station Trailhead	2.00	0.71	1.36
19	Golf Course Trail	East Trail Improvements	1.79	0.86	1.32
19	Golf Course Trail	Neighborhood Access Improvements	1.79	0.86	1.32
19	Golf Course Trail	Opportunity Zone SW (parking, zipline, lawn, picnic, ADA access)	1.79	0.86	1.32
22	Wilcox Park	Parking & Play Area Renovation	1.50	1.14	1.32
23	Mesika Forest & Trail	Neighborhood Access Improvements	1.86	0.71	1.29
23	Mesika Forest & Trail	Opportunity Zone North (Trails, Nature Play, Learning Circle, Picnicking, Lawns)	1.86	0.71	1.29
25	Lynndale	FACILITY: Central Program Building & Restroom	0.71	1.86	1.28
25 27	Pioneer Park	Play Area Renovation	1.71 1.50	0.86 1.00	1.28 1.25
27	Sprague's Pond Park Wilcox Park	Lawn Renovation Parking ADA Stalls & Accessible Route (north)	1.50	1.00	1.25
27	Wilcox Park Wilcox Park	South Shelter Accessible Route	1.50	1.00	1.25
30	North Lynnwood Park	Lawn Renovation	1.64	0.86	1.25
31	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Opportunity Zone (Ziplines, Pump Track, Fitness Stations)	0.86	1.57	1.22
31	Mesika Forest & Trail	Opportunity Zone South (picnic)	1.86	0.57	1.22
33	Interurban Trail	Environmental Resiliency Projects	2.00	0.43	1.21
33	Interurban Trail	Fitness Section Corridor	2.00	0.43	1.21
35	Golf Course Trail	AAA Facility Upgrades and Path Improvements (208th St SW)	1.79	0.57	1.18
36	Gold Park	Parking Improvement	1.50	0.86	1.18
37	Daleway Park	Parking & Access Improvements	1.21	1.14	1.18
38	Mesika Forest & Trail Pioneer Park	Environmental Resiliency Project: Stream  Opportunity Zone (fitness, dog park)	1.86 1.71	0.43	1.14
40	Golf Course Trail	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.79	0.43	1.11
40	Scriber Lake Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.79	0.43	1.11
40	Scriber Lake Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements (NW)	1.79	0.43	1.11
40	Scriber Lake Park	Upland Viewpoint	1.79	0.43	1.11
40	Scriber Lake Park	Wetland viewpoint	1.79	0.43	1.11
40	Scriber Lake Park	Trail Development (Forest)	1.79	0.43	1.11
46	188th Street Property	Opportunity Zone (Parking, Wetland viewpoints, Trails, Picnicking)	1.36	0.86	1.11
47	Sprague's Pond Park	Opportunity Zone (Picnic Shelter, Restroom Building, Lookout)	1.50	0.71	1.11
47	Sprague's Pond Park	Parking & Access Improvements (East)	1.50	0.71	1.11
47	Town Square	New Park Development	1.50 1.64	0.71	1.11
50 51	North Lynnwood Park  Daleway Park	Opportunity Zone (play, sport)  Spray & Play Improvements	1.64	0.57 1.00	1.11
52	Heritage Park	FACILITY: Building Improvements (ADA, Roofs)	1.14	1.00	1.07
52	Heritage Park	Opportunity Zone (terraced seating, picnic lawn, ADA picnic)	1.14	1.00	1.07
52	Spruce Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements	1.14	1.00	1.07
52	Spruce Park	Parking & Access Improvements	1.14	1.00	1.07
56	Pioneer Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.71	0.43	1.07
57	188th Street Property	Improved Street Crossing	1.36	0.71	1.04
58	Meadowdale Playfields	Synthetic Turf Replacement	0.93	1.14	1.04
59	Gold Park	Opportunity Zone (play, placemaking, furnishings)	1.50	0.57	1.04
59	Wilcox Park	Partnership Opportunity Zone School District Property (Trails, Lawn, Sports Field, Parking,	1.50	0.57	1.04
61	North Lynnwood Park	Dog Park, Bridge) Environmental Resiliency Projects: Forest	1.64	0.43	1.03
62	Scriber Creek Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.57	0.43	1.00
63	Heritage Park	Wetland Loop Trail	1.14	0.45	1.00
64	Rowe Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.41	0.57	0.99
65	188th Street Property	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.36	0.57	0.97
66	Gold Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.50	0.43	0.96
66	Sprague's Pond Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.50	0.43	0.96
66	Sprague's Pond Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements (West)	1.50	0.43	0.96
66	Wilcox Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.50	0.43	0.96
70	Daleway Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements	1.21	0.71	0.96
70	Daleway Park	Park Shelter	1.21	0.71	0.96
72	Stadler Ridge Park	Parking ADA Stalls & Accessible Route	0.86	1.00	0.93
73	Heritage Park	Park Shelter Trailboad and Barking Improvements	1.14	0.71	0.93
	Lund's Gulch North	Trailhead and Parking Improvements	0.71	1.14	0.93
74	Lund's Gulch South	Trailhead and Parking Improvements SE	0.71		
74 74 74	Lund's Gulch South Lund's Gulch South	Trailhead and Parking Improvements SE  Trailhead and Parking Improvements SW	0.71 0.71	1.14	0.93

#### CAPITAL PROJECT LIST - PRIORITY RANK ORDER (CON'T)

Overall Project Rank	Park Location	Proposed Project	Park Equity Score	Project Evaluation Score (Average)	Combined Park Equity + Project Evaluation Score Questions Score
78	Meadowdale Playfields	Lighting Replacement	0.93	0.71	0.82
79	Daleway Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.21	0.43	0.82
80	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Dog Park	0.86	0.71	0.79
81	Heritage Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.14	0.43	0.78
81	Heritage Park	Wetland Overlook	1.14	0.43	0.78
81	South Lynnwood Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.14	0.43	0.78
81	South Lynnwood Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements	1.14	0.43	0.78
81	Spruce Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	1.14	0.43	0.78
86	Lynndale	Little League Complex (field, parking, access)	0.71	0.86	0.78
86	Lynndale	Parking and Access Improvements (SW)	0.71	0.86	0.78
86	Lynndale	Trail Development	0.71	0.86	0.78
89	Meadowdale Playfields	Parking Access and Improvements (NW)	0.93	0.57	0.75
89	Meadowdale Playfields	Trail Development	0.93	0.57	0.75
91	Wilcox Park	Historic 196th Bridge Rehabilitation	1.50	0.00	0.75
92	Daleway Park	Lawn Renovation	1.21	0.29	0.75
92	Daleway Park	Opportunity Zone (volleyball, play)	1.21	0.29	0.75
92	Daleway Park	Stormwater Improvements	1.21	0.29	0.75
95	Lynndale	Dog Park Illumination	0.71	0.71	0.71
95	Lynndale	Tennis Court Renovation and Illumination	0.71	0.71	0.71
97	Meadowdale Playfields	Environmental Resiliency Projects	0.93	0.43	0.68
97	Meadowdale Playfields	Improved Street Crossing and Entrance	0.93	0.43	0.68
99	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	0.86	0.43	0.64
99	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Play Area Renovation	0.86	0.43	0.64
99	Stadler Ridge Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	0.86	0.43	0.64
102	Systemwide	ADA Transition Plan	0.00	1.29	0.64
103	Lund's Gulch North	Environmental Resiliency Projects	0.71	0.57	0.64
103	Lund's Gulch South	Environmental Resiliency Projects	0.71	0.57	0.64
105	Meadowdale Playfields	Central Access	0.93	0.29	0.61
105	Meadowdale Playfields	Permanent Portable Restroom/Toilet	0.93	0.29	0.61
107	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Remote Control Crawler Course	0.86	0.29	0.57
107	Stadler Ridge Park	Play Area Addition	0.86	0.29	0.57
107	Stadler Ridge Park	Permanent Portable Restroom/Toilet	0.86	0.29	0.57
110	Lynndale	Environmental Resiliency Projects	0.71	0.43	0.57
110	Lynndale	Skate Park Renovation and Expansion	0.71	0.43	0.57
112	Meadowdale Playfields	Dugout Covers	0.93	0.14	0.54
113	Off Leash Dog Park [TBD]	Locate and develop dog park [location tbd]	0.00	0.86	0.43
113	Scriber Creek Trail Extension	Trail Expansion (Lund's Gulch South to Wilcox Park) Alignment Planning	0.00	0.86	0.43
113	Systemwide	Deferred Maintenance	0.00	0.86	0.43
113	Tunnel Creek Trail	Develop trail on ESD Property above 33rd Place West	0.00	0.86	0.43
117	Systemwide	Signage Package	0.00	0.43	0.21
117	Systemwide	Strategic Parkland Acquistion	0.00	0.43	0.21

#### **CAPITAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE (2023)**

Park Location	Proposed Project	Project Cost Estimate (Rounded)
Pioneer Park	Loop Trail	\$ 240,000
North Lynnwood Park	Loop Trail	\$ 607,000
Interurban Trail	Trail Redevelopment (at Target)	\$ 374,000
Maple Mini North Lynnwood Park	Park Renovation: Stormwater, Play Area, Paths, Picnic, Parking Addition  Spray & Play Improvements	\$ 4,019,000 \$ 1,455,000
Rowe Park	New Park Development	\$ 5,129,000
Sprague's Pond Park	Pond Access and Recreation (East)	\$ 3,285,000
North Lynnwood Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements	\$ 89,000
North Lynnwood Park	Parking Access and Improvements	\$ 259,000
Interurban Trail	Bus Barn Wedge Opportunity Zone	\$ 834,000
Pioneer Park Golf Course Trail	Parking & Access Improvements  Opportunity Zones Fact (Parking Trails Mini Calf Play Pionis)	\$ 171,000 \$ 136,000
Veterans Park	Opportunity Zones East (Parking, Trails, Mini Golf, Play, Picnic)  Access and Connectivity Improvements	\$ 130,000
Interurban Trail	208th / 53rd Trailhead	\$ 385,000
Interurban Trail	Access Improvements @ Alexan	\$ 122,000
Interurban Trail	Alderwood Trailhead	\$ 164,000
Interurban Trail	Beech Road Trailhead	\$ 66,000
Interurban Trail	City Center Station Trailhead	\$ 270,000
Golf Course Trail	East Trail Improvements	\$ 214,000
Golf Course Trail	Neighborhood Access Improvements	\$ 198,000
Golf Course Trail	Opportunity Zone SW (parking, zipline, lawn, picnic, ADA access)	\$ 701,000
Wilcox Park Mesika Forest & Trail	Parking & Play Area Renovation  Neighborhood Access Improvements	\$ 2,094,000 \$ 143,000
Mesika Forest & Trail	Opportunity Zone North (Trails, Nature Play, Learning Circle, Picnicking, Lawns)	\$ 231,000
Lynndale	FACILITY: Central Program Building & Restroom	\$ 8,069,000
Pioneer Park	Play Area Renovation	\$ 837,000
Sprague's Pond Park	Lawn Renovation	\$ 346,000
Wilcox Park	Parking ADA Stalls & Accessible Route (north)	\$ 104,000
Wilcox Park	South Shelter Accessible Route	\$ 15,000
North Lynnwood Park	Lawn Renovation	\$ 1,328,000
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Opportunity Zone (Ziplines, Pump Track, Fitness Stations)	\$ 2,143,000
Mesika Forest & Trail Interurban Trail	Opportunity Zone South (picnic) Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 898,000 \$ 1,143,000
Interurban Trail	Fitness Section Corridor	\$ 1,143,000
Golf Course Trail	AAA Facility Upgrades and Path Improvements (208th St SW)	\$ 10,039,000
Gold Park	Parking Improvement	\$ 160,000
Daleway Park	Parking & Access Improvements	\$ 418,000
Mesika Forest & Trail	Environmental Resiliency Project: Stream	\$ 2,157,000
Pioneer Park	Opportunity Zone (fitness, dog park)	\$ 691,000
Golf Course Trail	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 483,000
Scriber Lake Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 13,913,000
Scriber Lake Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements (NW)	\$ 117,000
Scriber Lake Park Scriber Lake Park	Upland Viewpoint  Wetland viewpoint	\$ 616,000 \$ 308,000
Scriber Lake Park	Trail Development (Forest)	\$ 5,000
188th Street Property	Opportunity Zone (Parking, Wetland viewpoints, Trails, Picnicking)	\$ 491,000
Sprague's Pond Park	Opportunity Zone (Picnic Shelter, Restroom Building, Lookout)	\$ 770,000
Sprague's Pond Park	Parking & Access Improvements (East)	\$ 490,000
Town Square	New Park Development	\$ 8,207,000
North Lynnwood Park	Opportunity Zone (play, sport)	\$ 550,000
Daleway Park	Spray & Play Improvements	\$ 1,680,000
Heritage Park	FACILITY: Building Improvements (ADA, Roofs)	\$ 246,000
Heritage Park Spruce Park	Opportunity Zone (terraced seating, picnic lawn, ADA picnic)  Neighborhood Access Improvements	\$ 560,000 \$ 145,000
Spruce Park	Parking & Access Improvements	\$ 145,000
Pioneer Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 54,000
188th Street Property	Improved Street Crossing	\$ 154,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Synthetic Turf Replacement	\$ 18,018,000
Gold Park	Opportunity Zone (play, placemaking, furnishings)	\$ 700,000
Wilcox Park	Partnership Opportunity Zone School District Property (Trails, Lawn, Sports Field, Parking, Dog Park, Bridge)	\$ 2,413,000
North Lynnwood Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects: Forest	\$ 1,148,000

## CAPITAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE (2023) (CON'T)

Park Location	Proposed Project	Project Cost Estimate (Rounded)
Scriber Creek Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 77,000
Heritage Park	Wetland Loop Trail	\$ 1,687,000
Rowe Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 74,000
188th Street Property	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 175,000
Gold Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 1,338,000
Sprague's Pond Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 37,000
Sprague's Pond Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements (West)	\$ 63,000
Wilcox Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 133,000
Daleway Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements	\$ 124,000
Daleway Park	Park Shelter	\$ 175,000
Stadler Ridge Park	Parking ADA Stalls & Accessible Route	\$ 159,000
Heritage Park	Park Shelter	\$ 154,000
Lund's Gulch North	Trailhead and Parking Improvements	\$ 1,648,000
Lund's Gulch South	Trailhead and Parking Improvements SE	\$ 103,000
Lund's Gulch South	Trailhead and Parking Improvements SW	\$ 192,000
Spruce Park	Lawn Renovation	\$ 691,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Lighting Replacement	\$ 9,091,000
Daleway Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 9,091,000
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Dog Park	\$ 608,000
Heritage Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 184,000
	Wetland Overlook	\$ 559,000
Heritage Park		
South Lynnwood Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 1,068,000
South Lynnwood Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements	\$ 63,000
Spruce Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 49,000
Lynndale	Little League Complex (field, parking, access)	\$ 6,126,000
Lynndale	Parking and Access Improvements (SW)	\$ 946,000
Lynndale	Trail Development (aux)	\$ 9,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Parking Access and Improvements (NW)	\$ 472,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Trail Development	\$ 10,000
Wilcox Park	Historic 196th Bridge Rehabilitation	\$ 9,109,000
Daleway Park	Lawn Renovation	\$ 1,328,000
Daleway Park	Opportunity Zone (volleyball, play)	\$ 21,000
Daleway Park	Stormwater Improvements	\$ 424,000
Lynndale	Dog Park Illumination	\$ 139,000
Lynndale	Tennis Court Renovation and Illumination	\$ 1,237,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 271,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Improved Street Crossing and Entrance	\$ 61,000
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 73,000
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Play Area Renovation	\$ 425,000
Stadler Ridge Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 49,000
Systemwide	ADA Transition Plan	\$ -
Lund's Gulch North	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ -
Lund's Gulch South	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 912,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Central Access	\$ 164,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Permanent Portable Restroom/Toilet	\$ 308,000
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Remote Control Crawler Course	\$ 62,000
Stadler Ridge Park	Play Area Addition	\$ 132,000
Stadler Ridge Park	Permanent Portable Restroom/Toilet	\$ 52,000
Lynndale	Environmental Resiliency Projects	\$ 1,401,000
Lynndale	Skate Park Renovation and Expansion	\$ 821,000
Meadowdale Playfields	Dugout Covers	\$ 411,000
Off Leash Dog Park [TBD]	Locate and develop dog park [location tbd]	\$ 250,000
Scriber Creek Trail Extension	Trail Expansion (Lund's Gulch South to Wilcox Park) Alignment Planning	\$ 500,000
Systemwide	Deferred Maintenance	\$ -
Tunnel Creek Trail	Develop trail on ESD Property above 33rd Place West	\$ 14,000
Systemwide	Signage Package	\$ 944,000
Systemwide	Strategic Parkland Acquistion	\$ 6,000,000
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# Funding Options for Parks and Recreation in Lynnwood

#### **Local Funding Options**

The City of Lynnwood has access to several local funding options that can be used to support its Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department. Potential sources are listed below, although discussions with City leadership will help determine the applicability and usage of revenue sources for growing, developing, and maintaining its parks, recreation, and cultural arts program.

These options are organized under the following categories:

- Debt options: These options require the city to use its existing debt capacity to fund projects. These debt options are not necessarily "new funds" to the city since the debt service of these funds must be paid back from some form of tax revenue.
- Available city taxes: Cities in Washington have certain general (e.g., no limitations on uses of funds) and dedicated funding sources available for use.

#### **Debt Options**

#### Councilmanic Bonds

The Councilmanic bonds may be sold by cities without public vote and are retired with payments from existing city revenue or new general tax revenue. The state constitution has set a maximum debt limit for councilmanic bonds of 1.5 percent of the value of taxable property in the city.

#### General Obligation Bonds

Cities and counties have the authority to borrow money by selling bonds to fund capital projects, such as land acquisitions or facility construction. General Obligation Bonds require a 60-percent majority vote at a general or special election, and—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 limits total debt of 5 percent of the total assessed value of property in the jurisdiction.

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#### Available City Taxes

#### Excess Levy (One Year Only)

Cities and counties that are levying their statutory maximum rate can ask voters to raise their rate for one year at any special election date.<sup>1</sup> The excess levy is not subject to the regular levy's aggregate \$5.90 and one-percent rate limits. The excess levy requires a voter approval of 60 percent of 40 percent of those voting in the last general election.<sup>2</sup>

#### Regular Property Tax (Levy Lid lift)

Cities are authorized to impose ad valorem taxes upon real and personal property. A levy lid lift is an instrument for increasing property tax levies for operating and/or capital purposes, if approved by the majority of voters.

- 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.
- The lift can be either single-year or multi-year. In a multi-year lift, the levy lid can be increased up to six years, and implementing such a lift requires an election in either the August primary or the November general election.

#### Sales Tax (Public Facility Option)

The sales tax is a percentage of the retail price charged for specific classifications of goods and services within the State of Washington.<sup>3</sup>

- Cities and counties may impose local option sales taxes within their boundaries at a rate set by state statute and local ordinances, and the revenue may be used to fund essential county and municipal services. The city currently takes both the basic and local option sales tax.
- Counties and cities may form public facilities districts and ask voter approval on up to 0.2 percent of the proceeds for financing, designing, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, and reequipping its public facilities and certain recreational facilities.

The City of Lynnwood's current sales tax rate is 10.6 percent, with 9.4 cents of every dollar going to the City. The largest share of that dollar, 61.3 cents, goes to the state, 13.2 cents to RTA/Sound Transit, 11.3 cents to Community Transit, and the remainder to Snohomish County and other uses.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RCW 84.52.052

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Washington State Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 2(a)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Chapter 82.14 RCW

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> City of Lynnwood, accessed through: https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Government/Departments/Finance/Treasury

#### **Business and Occupation Tax**

Business and Occupation (B&O) taxes are excise taxes levied on different classes of businesses to raise revenue. Businesses are put in different classes such as manufacturing, wholesaling, retailing, and services, with potentially varying rates.

- Cities can impose this tax for the first time or raise rates following a referendum.
- B&O taxes are limited to a maximum tax rate at 0.2 percent, but cities may levy a rate higher than 0.2 percent, if it is approved by a majority of voters.

The City of Lynnwood does not have a local B&O tax, but does levy a business license fee of \$93 per employee working more than 15 hours per week for nonresidential uses.

#### **Admissions Tax**

An admissions tax is a use tax for entertainment that can be imposed by both cities and counties.<sup>5</sup>

- Cities and/or counties may levy an admission tax in an amount no greater than 5 percent of the admission charge, as is authorized by statute.
- If a city imposes an admissions tax, the county may not levy a tax within city boundaries.
- 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.

The City of Lynnwood has an admissions tax of \$0.05 for each ticket sold.

#### Impact Fees

Cities and counties are allowed to charge development 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 City's capital facilities plan.<sup>6</sup> The fees must be spent or encumbered within ten years of collection. The city currently levies transportation and park impact fee on both residential and commercial development.

#### Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)

Cities and counties may impose a tax on 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.<sup>7</sup> The city currently employs both quarters of the 0.50 percent local option REET.

- The first quarter percent REET (REET 1) is limited to capital projects listed in the city's capital facilities plan element of their comprehensive plan, which includes 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, but the 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

Cities and counties may impose the lodging tax as a user fee for hotel/motel occupation.8

- Cities and/or counties may impose a two-percent tax on all charges for furnishing lodging at hotels, motels, and similar establishments for a continuous period of less than one month. Jurisdictions may levy an additional tax of up to two percent, or a total rate of four percent, under RCW 67.28.181(1). 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.
- These revenues must be used solely for paying for tourism promotion and for the acquisition and/or operating of tourism-related facilities.

The City of Lynnwood currently levies a lodging tax of 12.5 percent, plus a \$2 surcharge per night.

#### Gambling Excise Tax

The state of Washington does not collect a gambling tax, but local cities, counties, or towns may impose the gambling excise tax as a use tax on gambling receipts. Tax rates are dependent upon the type of activity and range from 2 percent to 20 percent of gross or net receipts. The City of Lynnwood currently levies a 5-percent gambling tax. 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.

#### Conservation Futures Tax

The Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) in Snohomish County imposes a 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

<sup>5</sup> RCW 35.21.280

<sup>6</sup> RCW 82.02.050

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> RCW 82.46.010

<sup>8</sup> RCW 67.28.180

<sup>9</sup> RCW 9.46.110

annually by the County Council using the recommendation by the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board grant awards.<sup>10</sup>

#### Federal Grants and Conservation Programs

State and federal advocacy has played a pivotal role for local governments as constrained general fund resources have required increased reliance on direct appropriations and securing grants, both for capital improvements and resources to fund ongoing operations and maintenance of those assets. These advocacy efforts include building relationships with legislators and other government officials and educating them about the kinds of projects and programs such funding will enable. By engaging with different levels of government, municipalities can access vital funding, expertise, and support to implement essential projects, improve infrastructure, and enhance the overall well-being of their constituents, fostering a collaborative and coordinated approach to addressing regional challenges.

#### Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (NPS-RTCA) by the National Park Service offers support to local conservation and outdoor recreation initiatives across the United States. NPS-RTCA aids communities and public land stewards in the development or restoration of parks, conservation areas, rivers, wildlife habitats, and the establishment of outdoor recreation opportunities and initiatives to engage future generations with the outdoors.

NPS-RTCA does not provide financial grants, but it offers professional services to help organizations realize their vision for conservation and outdoor recreation projects. Community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, national parks, and local, state, and federal agencies can apply for technical assistance, including assistance on helping to identify potential funding sources. Service is typically one to two years in length and may extend longer depending upon the complexity of the project and available staffing capacity.<sup>11</sup>

#### Community Development Block Grants

The Department of Housing and Urban Development allocates yearly Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) using a predetermined formula to states, counties, and cities. Cities with populations of at least 50,000 are entitled to receive annual grants directly. As a city with a population under 50,000, Lynnwood is considered a non-entitlement community, so must be assisted by the County or State, who disburses the funds. The primary objective of the CDBG grant program is to foster sustainable urban communities by offering adequate housing, suitable living conditions, and enhancing economic prospects, especially for

individuals with low to moderate incomes. These block grants have historically supported projects such as the construction and revitalization of public amenities like community centers, parks, and playgrounds in underprivileged areas.

CDBG funds can be used for a wide variety of public service projects that benefits low to moderate income groups and are consistent with the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium Housing and Community Development 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.<sup>12</sup>

#### North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program

The U.S. Standard Grants Program is a competitive program that provides matching grants to public-private partnerships undertaking projects within the United States that align with the objectives outlined in the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA).

These projects are generally focused on the long-term safeguarding, restoration, or improvement of wetlands and the associated upland habitats, ultimately benefiting migratory birds linked with wetlands. The North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 extends this support to organizations and individuals engaged in collaborative efforts for wetland conservation in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, specifically aiming to aid wetlands-linked migratory birds and other wildlife.

The program encompasses two competitive grant streams: the Standard Grants Program, operating across Canada, the United States, and Mexico, and the Small Grants Program, exclusive to the United States. Both programs necessitate matching partner contributions at a minimum 1-to-1 ratio with federal funds not eligible for matching. The Standard Grants Program emphasizes comprehensive projects aimed at the protection, restoration, and enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats in the three participating countries. Conversely, the Small Grants Program, while following the same selection criteria and administrative guidelines, focuses on smaller-scope projects within the United States. These projects are generally smaller in size and scope, with grant requests capped at \$100,000. Priority in funding is given to new grantees or partners engaging with the Act's Grants Program for the first time.<sup>13</sup>

#### Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

Funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program was established in 2014 as a nationally competitive program providing grant assistance to economically disadvantaged urban communities with limited access to publicly available outdoor recreation. Selected by the National Parks Service Director,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Chapter 84.34 RCW

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> National Park Service. Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (NPS-RTCA). Accessed through: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm">https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Snohomish County. CDBG Public Services Applications. Accessed through: https://snohomishcountywa.gov/695/CDBG-Public-Services-Applications

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grants: US Standard. Accessed through: <a href="https://www.fws.gov/service/north-american-wetlands-conservation-act-nawca-grants-us-standard">https://www.fws.gov/service/north-american-wetlands-conservation-act-nawca-grants-us-standard</a>

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projects may include acquisition, development, or rehabilitation of public parks and other outdoor recreation spaces and supporting infrastructure, with a 50-percent match requirement.<sup>14</sup>

The application period for the sixth grant cycle closed in May of 2023. Reportedly, the NPS was anticipating opening a new application cycle in the fall of 2023, although no announcement has been made at the time of this writing.

#### State Grants and Conservation Programs

Established in 1964 under the Marine Recreation Land Act, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) has a mandate to allocate funds to state and local agencies, usually on a matching basis. These funds support the acquisition, development, and improvement of wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation properties with a portion of funds set aside for planning grants. The RCO grant programs draw from a diverse funding pool, historically including sources such as the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, state bonds, Initiative 215 funds, off-road vehicle funds, the Youth Athletic Facilities Account, and the Washington Wildlife and recreation Program. <sup>15</sup> Specific programs are listed in Exhibit 1.

**Exhibit 1. Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Programs** 

Source: Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Programs	Description
Local Parks Maintenance Grants (LPM)	The LPM provides one-time funding through the Washington State Legislature to supplement parks' operating and maintenance budgets with a focus on addressing maintenance backlogs for key facilities in local parks. The grants can be used for maintenance of trails, restrooms, picnic sites, playgrounds, signs, and kiosks.
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	The WWRP is divided into Habitat Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Accounts from which cities, counties, and other local entities may apply for funding in urban wildlife habitat, local parks, trails, and water access categories available on a matching basis. Grant applications are evaluated annually, with the State Legislature authorizing funding for the WWRP project lists.
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) offers funding to acquire land and enhance public outdoor amenities such as parks, trails, and wildlife areas. Grants require a 50-percent match, which can be cash or in-kind contributions. The

revenue for this grant program is a percentage of the federal revenue generated through the sale or lease of offshore oil and gas resources. The National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP) supplies funding for the upkeep of trails and amenities that offer a wilderness access through a variety of activities like hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, motorcycling, and National Recreational Trails snowmobiling. Qualifying projects encompass the upkeep and re-direction of Program (NRTP) recreational trails, establishment of facilities along the trails and at trail entrances, and implementation of programs for environmental education and trail safety with a 20-percent match required. The program is financed through federal gasoline taxes specifically designated for non-highway recreational purposes. The objective of this grant program is to encourage disadvantaged youth to engage with the natural environment. Grants are accessible for programs oriented towards outdoor environmental education, ecology, agriculture, and other activities linked to natural resources. The funding is directed towards No Child Left Inside (NCLI) assisting underprivileged youth, supporting their academic progress, boosting self-esteem, encouraging personal responsibility, fostering community engagement, enhancing personal well-being, and nurturing an appreciation for nature. Grants are capped at \$150,000, with a 25-percent match. The Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program supplies grants for the establishment, equipping, maintenance, and enhancement of athletic facilities serving youth and Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) the community. Eligible entities include cities, counties, and recognized nonprofit Program organizations. A 50-percent match is required, in the form of either cash or in-kind contributions. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board provides grants for the acquisition or restoration of lands directly associated with safeguarding or rehabilitating salmon habitats. Projects are expected to showcase a clear positive impact on fish Puget Sound Acquisition and habitats. Although design-focused projects are not obligated to provide a Restoration Fund matching amount, acquisition and restoration initiatives require a 15-percent match. Funding for these grants is derived from various sources, including the sale of state general obligation bonds, the federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund, and the state Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund.

#### **Other State Resources**

In addition to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, there are a range of other state programs and resources with a variety of eligibility requirements. Some of these programs are summarized below in Exhibit 2.

#### **Exhibit 2. Other Washington State Resources**

Resource	Description
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> National Parks Service, accessed at: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/outdoor-recreation-legacy-partnership-grants-program.htm">https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/outdoor-recreation-legacy-partnership-grants-program.htm</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. Investing in Washington's Great Outdoors. Accessed through <a href="https://rco.wa.gov/">https://rco.wa.gov/</a>

### Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program (UCF)<sup>16</sup>

The DNR Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program offers grants to support the planning, growth and maintenance of trees in Washington's urban areas.

Eligible entitles include cities and towns, counties, tribal governments, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions to improve the health of community forests and develop local urban forestry programs. Since 2008, in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), UCF has administered over 200 pass-through grants for tree inventories, tree canopy assessments, urban forestry plans, tree planting, and educational projects, totaling over \$2,600,000.

#### State of Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Combined Funding Program<sup>17</sup>

The Water Quality Combined (WQC) funding program provides annual funding to projects that improve and protect water quality throughout Washington. The program combines state and federal funding sources to provide grants and loans to these projects and also offers technical assistance to applicants.

### Washington State Department of Transportation Pedestrian & Bicycle Program

The Pedestrian and Bicycle program objective is to improve the transportation system to enhance safety and mobility for people who choose to walk or bike. Often combined with the Safe Routes to School Program, the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Program seeks to eliminate pedestrian and bicyclist fatal and serious injury traffic crashes, increase availability of connected pedestrian and bicyclist facilities that provide low traffic stress and serve all ages and abilities, and increase the number of people that choose to walk and bike for transportation. Both construction projects and development/design projects are eligible for funding.

### Puget Sound Regional Council<sup>18</sup>

The Puget Sound Regional Council helps communities secure federal funding for transportation projects. Currently resources are available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which continues or expands core funding for transportation, broadband, water, energy, and the environment, with funding available through 2026.

### Washington State Transportation Improvement Board<sup>19</sup>

The Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) was established in the 1988 Legislative Session and amended by the 1993 and 1995 Legislatures to fund high-priority projects in communities throughout the state to enhance the movement of people, goods, and services. It is an independent state agency, that administers the Urban Arterial Program; Arterial Preservation Program, Small City Preservation Program; Active Transportation Program; Small City Arterial Program; and Road Transfer Program.

### Other Methods & Funding Sources

### Metropolitan Park District

Metropolitan park districts can be established to oversee the management, oversight, enhancement, upkeep, and procurement of parks, parkways, and boulevards. Beyond managing existing assets, these districts have the authority to accept and oversee park and recreation lands, as well as equipment transferred by any city or county within the district. The initiation of a metropolitan park district can commence in cities with a population of 5,000 or more through a city council ordinance or a petition. Its creation necessitates majority approval by the voters. <sup>20</sup> A metropolitan park district is governed as a separate municipal corporation from the City, and its governing body can be five commissioners elected at the same election as the one creating the district, the legislative authority of the city or county (for a district located entirely within one city or unincorporated area of one county), or representatives appointed by each legislative body (for a district located in multiple cities or counties). <sup>21</sup>

#### Park and Recreation District

Park and recreational districts can be established to offering recreational activities and facilities for leisure time (such as parks, play areas, swimming pools, golf courses, trails, community centers, gardens, camping sites, boat launches, etc.). The initiation of these districts requires submission of a petition signed by 15 percent of registered voters residing within the proposed district. Following the petition process and review by county commissioners, a proposal for district formation and the election of five district commissioners is presented to the voters of the prospective district during the subsequent general election. After establishment, park and recreational districts maintain the right to propose a regular property tax, annual supplementary property tax levies, and general obligation bonds. To proceed with any of these funding methods, approval from 60 percent of voters and a 40 percent voter turnout are necessary. If approved, the district can impose a standard property tax, not surpassing \$0.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value, for a maximum of six consecutive years.<sup>22</sup>

#### Park and Recreation Service Area (PRSA)

Park and Recreation Service Area's purpose is 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. They are governed by independent, quasimunicipal corporation, but governed by members of county legislative authority, acting ex

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> State of Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program, accessed at <a href="https://www.dnr.wa.gov/urbanforestry">https://www.dnr.wa.gov/urbanforestry</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> State of Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Combined Funding Program, accessed at https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/water-quality-grants-and-loans/wqc-funding-cycle

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Puget Sound Regional Council, accessed at https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Washington State Transportation Improvement Board, accessed at http://www.tib.wa.gov/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Chapter 35.61 RCW

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Chapter 36.69 RCW

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. <sup>23</sup>

#### Business Sponsorships, Private Grants, Donations & Gifts

Business sponsorships for programs may be available throughout the year, which may include in-kind contributions, including food, door prizes and equipment/material. Additionally, trusts and private foundations may offer financial support for projects related to parks, recreation, and open spaces. Grants from these entities are typically distributed through a competitive application process and exhibit significant variation in size, depending on the financial capacity and funding criteria of the organization. Project funding can also come from philanthropic contributions, which may involve direct monetary donations or contributions through various channels like wills or insurance policies. Community-driven fundraising initiatives can also contribute to funding for park, recreation, or open space facilities and projects. One example is the Community Foundation of Snohomish County's program which extends support through small grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 for eligible nonprofit organizations (501(c)(3)) or public agencies, including local government, schools, libraries, or parks.

Among the many entities with whom the City of Lynnwood partners, Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Foundation was established as a charitable 501(c)(3), with a mission "To preserve, sustain, safeguard and create a living historical site that honors the past of the original Lynnwood park community, while uplifting our future." Staff reports that the foundation partners with the city to secure grants, serve as a fiscal agent, and fundraise to support parks programs. In addition, the city regularly seeks grants from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Hazel Miller Foundation. These organizations, with their focus on parks, recreation, and conservation (NRPA), health (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation), and South Snohomish County (Hazel Miller Foundation), are particularly well-suited to support Lynnwood's programs and assets.

#### 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, utility providers, and other entities.

### Acquisition Tools & Methods

### **Direct Purchase Methods**

#### Market Value Purchase

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

### Partial Value Purchase (or Bargain Sale)

A bargain sale involves a landowner selling their property to a charitable organization at a price below its fair market value. This method is personalized and distinct, suitable for landowners deeply connected to their community, displaying civic pride, or with concerns regarding capital gains. Besides receiving cash upon closure, the landowner may qualify for a charitable income tax deduction, calculated based on the disparity between the land's fair market value and the actual sale price. This approach is often chosen when a landowner aims to make a charitable contribution while simultaneously raising needed funds. Bargain sales present an opportunity for effective tax planning in collaboration with a charitable organization.

#### Life Estates & Bequests

If a landowner intends to reside on the property for an extended duration, or potentially until their passing, there are various modified sale agreements available. One such arrangement is a life estate agreement, where the landowner can continue residing on the property by contributing a remainder interest and retaining a "reserved life estate." Essentially, the landowner donates or sells the property to the city while reserving the right for themselves or a specified individual to inhabit and use the property. When the owner or other specified person dies or releases his/her life interest, complete ownership and authority over the property are then transferred to the city. Donating a remainder interest may render the landowner eligible for a tax deduction at the time of the donation. Conversely, in a bequest, the landowner designates in a will or trust document that the property will be passed on to the city upon their demise. While a life estate provides the city with a certain level of title control during the landowner's lifetime, a bequest does not. Without prior disclosure and acknowledgment by the city regarding the intent to bequeath, there are no assurances regarding the property's condition upon transfer or any potential associated liabilities. <sup>28</sup>

<sup>23</sup> RCW 36.68.400

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Foundation, accessed at https://lynnwoodparksfoundation.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> National Recreation and Park Association, accessed at <a href="https://www.nrpa.org/">https://www.nrpa.org/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, accessed at https://www.rwjf.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Hazel Miller Foundation, accessed at https://www.hazelmillerfoundation.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Washington State Health Care Authority. Life estates. Accessed through: <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/i-help-others-apply-and-access-apple-health/life-estates">https://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/i-help-others-apply-and-access-apple-health/life-estates</a>

Gift Deed

If a landowner intends to leave their property to a public or private entity upon their passing, they can formalize this intention by registering a gift deed with the county assessor's office. This document acts as a clear indication of the landowner's wish to include the intended beneficiary in their estate property transfer. Typically, the registration of the gift deed is done with the implicit agreement of the recipient.

### Option to Purchase Agreement

This binding contract between a landowner and the city is applicable as per the conditions outlined in the option and restricts the seller from retracting their offer. Once in effect and signed, the Option Agreement can be activated on a specified future date or upon the fulfillment of specified conditions. These agreements can have varying durations and encompass all the necessary terms related to concluding a property sale.

#### Right of First Refusal

In this agreement, the landowner grants the city the initial opportunity to purchase the property if the landowner decides to sell. The agreement does not stipulate the sale price for the property, allowing the landowner to decline the city's offer. This type of agreement represents the least binding form of agreement between an owner and a potential buyer.

#### Conservation and/or Access Easements

Through a conservation easement, a landowner willingly agrees to sell or donate specific rights associated with their property, often related to development or subdivision, to a private organization or public agency. The entity holding the easement enforces the landowner's commitment not to exercise these rights, effectively extinguishing them. It is a legal pact between the landowner and the city, permanently restricting land use to conserve a portion of the property for public use or protection. The landowner retains ownership, but usage is limited. Conservation easements may lead to income tax deductions and reduced property and estate taxes. Typically, this approach is employed to designate trail corridors or strategically protect natural resources and habitat. In a written purchase and sale agreement, the city acquires land at its current market value, determined through an independent appraisal. The timing, payment of real estate taxes, and other contingencies are subject to negotiation.

#### Park or Open Space Dedication Requirements

Local governments have the option to mandate developers to set aside land for parks under the State Subdivision Law and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).<sup>29</sup> According to the subdivision law, developers can be compelled to provide park or recreation enhancements or pay a fee instead of dedicating the land and its improvements. Under SEPA requirements, land dedication can be part of the mitigation for the potential impact of a proposed development.

### Landowner Incentive Measures

### **Density Bonuses**

Density bonuses serve as a strategic planning technique employed to promote various public land use goals, primarily in urban settings. They provide an inducement by permitting development at densities surpassing existing regulations in a specific location, while in return, requiring certain concessions. Typically applied to an individual plot or development, density bonuses incentivize developers, especially for multi-family housing units, to construct at elevated densities contingent upon meeting specific requirements such as providing a designated number of affordable housing units or public open spaces. Effective implementation of density bonuses relies on market dynamics supporting higher densities compared to prevailing regulations.

#### Transfer of Development Rights

The process of transferring development rights (TDR) is an incentivized planning approach in which property owners exchange the authorization to fully develop a piece of land in one location with the privilege to exceed prevailing regulations in another area. Local authorities can designate zones for constrained or limited development and others where development beyond established regulations is permissible. Typically, though not exclusively, the properties designated as "sending" and "receiving" are owned by the same entity. Certain programs facilitate transactions between different owners, effectively creating a marketplace for the buying and selling of development rights.

#### IRC 1031 Exchange

An IRC Section 1031 Exchange can facilitate the exchange of like-kind property solely for business or investment purposes if the landowner owns business or investment property. No capital gain or loss is recognized under Internal Revenue Code Section 1031. This option may be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Ch. 58.17 RCW and Ch. 43.21C RCW

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 helps to preserve private properties as open space, farm, or timber lands.<sup>30</sup> 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 group for the purpose of land conservation or preservation, the customary obligation to pay seven years' worth of varied tax rates is exempted. This tax liability can be integrated into the negotiated land acquisition process for transitioning from private to public or semi-public conservation purposes. Snohomish County administers this reduction in property tax as an encouragement for landowners to willingly safeguard open spaces, farmlands, or timberlands on their properties.<sup>31</sup>

### **Other Land Protection Options**

#### Land Trust & Conservancies

Land trusts are non-profit organizations that specialize in obtaining and safeguarding special open spaces. Typically independent of government agencies, they play a vital role in conservation efforts. Forterra is a prominent regional land trust serving the Lynnwood vicinity. Their endeavors have resulted in the preservation of over 275,000 acres of diverse landscapes, including forests, farms, shorelines, parks, and natural spaces in the region over 100+ community focused projects. <sup>32</sup>Additionally, there are national organizations like the Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, and the Wetlands Conservancy, all of which have local branches contributing to conservation efforts.

### Regulatory Measures

There are a variety of regulatory measures protect land, including: 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 provide protection or enhancement of open space lands, with proper management. Utilities maintain corridors for provision of services such as electricity, gas, oil, and rail travel. Some utility companies have collaborated with local authorities to create public initiatives like parks and trails within utility corridors.

<sup>30</sup> Ch.84.34 RCW

 $<sup>^{31}</sup>$  Snohomish County Washington. Open Space & Designated Forest Land Programs. Accessed through:  $\underline{\text{https://snohomishcountywa.gov/3074/Open-Space-Designated-Forest-Land-Programs}}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Forterra Land for Good. Accessed through: www.forterra.org





DATE: September 26, 2023

TO: Sarah Olson, Deputy Director, Lynnwood Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts

FROM: ECONorthwest

SUBJECT: City of Lynnwood Revenue Forecast

### Intro/Overview

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ECONorthwest created a 10-year Park Revenue Forecast for the City of Lynnwood for the 2016 PARC Plan. This memo updates that City Revenue Forecast based on the population and employment forecasts provided by the City's Development and Business Services Department and other information provided by City Finance and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department (PRCA) staff. This update uses that information to create this Park Revenue forecast which seeks to forecast revenue from 2024 to 2036. This memo provides an overview of the Comprehensive Plan requirements and resulting forecast alternative scenarios, the process for updating the fiscal model, and the resulting revenue projections.

## **Growth Projections**

The City of Lynnwood is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan which projects growth as required by the Washington Growth Management Act. The City provided the growth projection alternatives being evaluated for the comprehensive plan to ECONorthwest for this analysis. The projections are based on the future population and employment growth estimates in the City of Lynnwood which provide a range of outcomes based on the potential rate of growth based on three alternative development scenarios. These population and employment projections were translated to housing units and jobs and distributed geospatially, to help determine the areas of the city with the potential to realize the most growth.

### Population, Housing, and Employment Projections

Lynnwood's Comprehensive Plan is designed to accommodate population and employment growth targets as allocated by Snohomish County. These allocations rely on base levels of population and employment as well as an analysis of buildable land capacity. The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Forecasts prepared earlier this year use 2020 housing, population, and employment as a baseline. This work relies in part on data that predates the Covid-19 pandemic.

ECO utilized three alternative scenarios as developed for the Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan:

Alternative 1 – No Action Scenario: What would happen and how changes would occur
without adoption of City Center and Alderwood Plan. This alternative represents
population growth of 1.68 percent annually to year 2044.

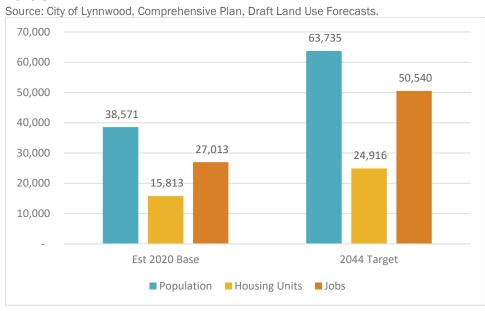
• Alternative 2 – Concentrated Growth Scenario: What would happen if more growth is concentrated in the City Center and Alderwood Regional Growth Center. This alternative represents population growth of 2.12 percent annually to year 2044.

• Alternative 3 – Dispersed Growth Scenario: What would happen if growth is more dispersed across the city (more in Highway 99 Corridor, College District, and elsewhere). This alternative represents population growth of 2.13 percent annually to year 2044.

### **Growth Target**

The Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan allocates the population, housing, and employment growth according to the three alternative scenarios. The land use forecasts show target levels of population, housing units, and employment by year 2044 of 63,735 persons, 24,914 households, and 50,540 jobs, as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1
Population, Housing, and Jobs, 2020 Base Year and 2044 Comp Plan Forecast Target Levels



ECONorthwest applied a constant annual growth rate to the three alternative forecasts and a five-percent vacancy rate for translating the population to housing units. After doing so, two of the three alternatives developed for the Comprehensive Plan result in total population, households, and employment that achieve Lynnwood's population and employment targets, with Alternative 2's projections of 63,790 persons in 25,693 housing units and 50,789 jobs, and Alternative 3's population slightly higher at 64,018 in 25,783 housing units and 50,807 jobs by year 2044. Alternative 1 is expected to fall short of the target rates with only 57,554 persons in 23,485 housing units and just 37,497 jobs as shown in Table 1.

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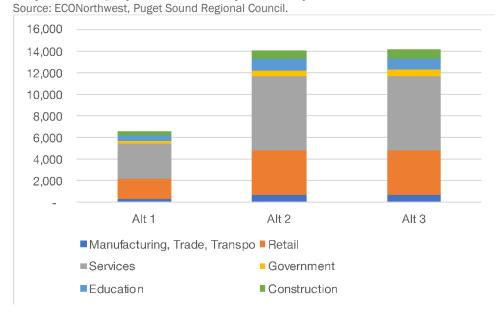
Table 1
Projected Population, Housing, and Employment by Alternative, 2044
Source: ECONorthwest, Census, Puget Sound Regional Council, City of Lynnwood.

	2020				
	Base	Target	Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3
Population	38,571	63,735	57,554	63,790	64,018
Housing Units	15,813	24,916	23,584	25,693	25,783
Jobs	27.013	50.540	37,497	50.678	50.807

### **Employment**

ECONorthwest analyzed the employment distribution across broad industry sectors as reported by the Puget Sound Regional Council for allocation of future jobs. As with the 2016 analysis, the sector breakdown of employment growth forecast was assumed to be the same as the city's base year distribution of jobs. Applying the distribution of jobs by industries of the 2020 base year to future jobs in the 2044 forecast, ECO also applied an assumption of employment density by broad industry type to yield annual development to support that forecast using an annual average growth rate to yield an estimate of jobs forecast by broad industry group, as shown Figure 2.

Figure 2
Projected Employment Growth by Sector by Alternative, 2020-2036



### **Growth Allocation**

ECONorthwest applied the growth alternative scenarios as described in the Comprehensive Plan forecast to projected development. As described in that forecast, Alternative 1 assumes that future development will be similar to recently built development patterns in Lynnwood, including four to six units per acre in single-family zones, 13 to 28 units per acre in multifamily zones, and 141 units per acre in RGC zones (land designated Regional Growth Center, which includes most of the City Center and the area around Alderwood Mall), with the potential for

mixed-use at 129 units per acre. On the commercial side, those projections assume 20,000 square feet of commercial per acre in the RGC zone. As noted, Alternative 1 fails to meet either housing unit or jobs targets.

Alternative 2 assumes more concentrated growth in the City Center and Alderwood neighborhoods, and less growth in the Highway 99 Corridor, College District, or elsewhere, with a key goal of meeting housing, population, an employment targets. A key assumption of this alternative is increased development in mixed-use zones to reach growth targets, particularly employment, with a greater ratio of commercial/employment to residential development to achieve job targets, also assuming office/commercial densities similar to Redmond, WA and residential densities similar to Alternative 1 with a larger share of mixed-use podium developments. The Comprehensive Plan forecast acknowledges that meeting the job targets requires a dramatic change in the assumed type of commercial development, along with some reasonable work-from-home assumptions.

Alternative 3 assumes less growth in the City Center and Alderwood, with more growth in the Highway 99 Corridor, College District, and elsewhere, with a key goal of meeting housing, population and employment targets. It assumes similar development rates in multifamily and mixed-use zones as Alternative 2 to reach targets, particularly for employment. But, it assumes somewhat more redevelopment along Highway 99 for commercial and mixed use, along with more redevelopment in single-family zones as a result of increased middle-housing housing types (duplexes, townhomes, ADUs, and the like). In addition to increased infill housing in neighborhoods, it assumes seven to nine units per acre in single-family zones, 13 to 28 units per acre in multifamily zones including Highway 99, and 130 units per acre in RGC zones. For commercial uses, it assumes 150,000 square feet of commercial per acre in RGC, 40,000 square feet of health care per acre in RGC, and 20,000 to 40,000 square feet of commercial per acre on Highway 99.

Please see the Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan land use forecast documents for additional information on these forecasts.

### **Revenue Projections**

ECONorthwest utilized the annualized development forecast alternatives to develop tax revenue projections based on those alternative growth scenarios. As noted earlier, the City's Comp Plan forecasts were based on a 2020 base year. However, 2020 tax revenues were severely reduced due to curtailed spending from Covid-19 pandemic-related shut-downs. As such, the City requested a utilization of 2023 budget numbers and for the projection period to be 2024 to 2036.

Like the prior analysis, this model estimates the primary general fund revenue categories of property tax, sales, tax, business license, utility tax, and shared revenues. It also estimates and reports the restricted revenue streams of Park Impact Fees and Real Estate Excise Taxes. It utilizes the same general methodology as the 2016 analysis, but has updated values as appropriate where data are available (i.e., updating the business license fee to the current values, and updating property tax information such as Assessed Value and construction values across the various land uses, as well as updating levy information). It also updates the employee density to be consistent with the density assumptions employed in the Comprehensive Planning work. This

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analysis reports all values in current dollars and does not inflate future years or discount those future years to present value.

Tables 2 and 3 show the general fund and restricted revenues as provided by the City and projected by ECO's fiscal model for the three development alternatives from 2024 through 2036. Because the levels of population and employment supported by the land use forecasts are fairly similar between Alternative 2 and Alternative 3, the projected revenue is also similar between the two alternatives.

Table 2 **General Fund Revenue Forecast,** Increase in Funding from Projected Development by Alternative, 2024 to 2036 Source: ECONorthwest and City of Lynnwood.

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
General Fund Revenue Sources			
Property Taxes	\$4,849,000	\$7,072,000	\$7,119,000
Sales Taxes	\$25,133,000	\$42,117,000	\$42,358,000
Business Licenses & Permits	\$3,347,000	\$6,852,000	\$6,884,000
Utility Taxes	\$8,142,000	\$12,888,000	\$12,967,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$2,791,000	\$4,419,000	\$4,446,000
General Fund Subtotal	\$44,262,000	\$73,348,000	\$73,774,000

Some line items are one-time charges attributable to new development whereas other line items increase over the planning horizon as development attributed to the plan accumulates over time. For example, the business license income is based on employment supportable in the new development, so its increment begins small at the beginning of the planning horizon, but increasing as development continues. Some line items are impacted in both ways. For example, the largest increase in the general fund line items is expected to be sales taxes. There are two components of sale tax as calculated by the model. The first is the sales taxes generated by the value of the construction, and the second is the ongoing sales tax enabled by new development. The first is dictated by the value of annual development, whereas the second increases as the development accumulates over the planning horizon. The pattern of one-time revenue increases compared to those calculated against development cumulatively is apparent from the year-overyear analysis shown in Appendix 1.

Table 3 shows the restricted revenues as projected by ECO's fiscal model after applying rates and assumptions provided by the City for the three development alternatives from 2024 through 2036. Similar to the development-driven items in the general fund, these forecasts are driven largely by the land use forecasts which are fairly similar between Alternative 2 and Alternative 3, vielding similar levels of projected revenue between the two alternatives.

Table 3 **Restricted Park Revenue Forecast** Increase in Funding from Projected Development by Alternative, 2024 to 2036 Source: ECONorthwest and City of Lynnwood.

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
Restricted Revenues			
Park Impact Fee	\$20,536,000	\$29,951,000	\$30,152,000
REET Revenue	\$9,541,000	\$13,915,000	\$14,009,000
Restricted Revenue Subtotal	\$30,077,000	\$43,866,000	\$44,161,000

The Park Impact Fee is a one-time charge on new development. For all alternatives, this analysis assumes that 90 percent of new housing development will be multi-family although it is acknowledged that this proportion may vary somewhat based on land use patterns across the different alternatives. And the REET (Real Estate Excise Tax), is calculated for the initial sale of new development and on subsequent sales, as estimated by a 2.5 percent turnover sale rate, as estimated based on prior observations in Lynnwood and other similar communities.

### Conclusion

In all, the general fund revenues and restricted fund revenues are expected to generate between \$74M and \$118M from for the planning horizon of 2024 to 2036, with annual revenues of approximately \$4M to \$11.7M, depending on the year and Alternative land use forecast, as shown in Table 4 below.

Table 4 Summary of General Fund and Restricted Revenues by Alternative, 2024-2036 Source: ECONorthwest and City of Lynnwood.

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
General Fund Revenue Sources			
Property Taxes	\$4,849,000	\$7,072,000	\$7,119,000
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Grand Total	\$74,339,000	\$117,214,000	\$117,935,000

A key challenge for Parks will be keeping up generally with operations and maintenance as the population and park system continues to grow. Some of the maintenance currently deferred in the Lynnwood Park system is summarized in Table 5.

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Table 5
City of Lynnwood Deferred Maintenance Estimate by Park Asset

Source: SiteWorks

**Previous Deferred Previous Deferred New Deferred** Maintenance Maintenance Maintenance (2015) 2015 (2015) 2023 (2022) 2023 Total Park/Trail 2023 Dollars **Dollars Dollars Dollars** Daleway Park \$139,000 \$191,820 \$450 \$192,270 **Gold Park** \$8,000 \$11,040 \$320 \$11,360 **Golf Course Trail** \$11,000 \$15,180 \$520 \$15,700 Heritage Park \$38,000 \$52,440 \$1,346 \$53,786 \$90,000 \$124,200 \$7,862 \$132,062 Interurban Trail \$4,560,186 \$3,295,500 \$4,547,790 \$12,396 Lynndale Park Maple Mini Park \$31,000 \$42,780 \$5,760 \$48,540 Meadowdale Neighborhood Park \$94,000 \$129,720 \$9,756 \$139,476 \$103,860 Meadowdale Playfields \$75,000 \$103,500 \$360 Mesika Trail \$20,000 \$27,600 \$1,012 \$28,612 \$270,000 \$372,600 \$1,564 \$374,164 North Lynnwood Park \$123,500 \$170,430 \$360 \$170,790 Pioneer Park Scriber Creek Park \$78,000 \$107,640 \$8,010 \$115,650 Scriber Lake Park \$3,108,000 \$4,289,040 \$17,060 \$4,306,100 Scriber Creek Trail\* South Lynnwood Park\*\* \$209,750 \$42,780 \$0 \$42,780 \$30,000 \$41,400 \$126,278 \$167,678 Sprague's Pond Mini Park Spruce Park \$51,000 \$70,380 \$160 \$70,540 Stadler Ridge Park \$8,700 \$12,006 \$1,080 \$13,086 \$18,000 \$24,840 \$40 \$24,880 Veterans Park \$176,500 \$243,570 Wilcox Park \$26,700 \$270,270 \$7,874,950 \$10,620,756 \$221,034 \$10,841,790

### Total Notes

New Deferred Maintenance is based on the field assessment that was completed in September 2022. This assessment captures a snapshot or moment in time of current park conditions and may not be indicative of longer-term park-specific and/or system-wide deferred maintenance needs.

Previous Deferred Maintenance does not include ADA enhancements that were identified during the 2015 planning process. It also does not include actions that have been completed since the original list was compiled (per input and directive from Lynnwood PRCA).

A total escalation rate of 38% was applied to the 2015 deferred maintenance costs to update costs from 2015 to 2023 dollars. From 2015 to 2021, an annual 4% escalation rate was used (6 years at 4%). A 6% and 8% escalation rate was applied for 2022 and 2023, respectively.

All deferred maintenance costs are order of magnitude costs for planning purposes only. Previous Deferred Maintenance costs only include construction costs and do not include softs costs, permitting, or taxes (as noted in the 2015 estimate). New Deferred Maintenance costs include both material and labor costs, but not soft costs, permitting, or taxes (where potentially applicable). As noted above, all costs are provided in 2023 dollars.

Based on the forecast needs of the PRCA Department's operations and capital project needs with the City's expected population, housing, and employment growth, the City will likely need to seek additional revenue sources, not only to pursue the projects on the plan's project list but also to ensure that operations and maintenance needs are adequately addressed.

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<sup>\*</sup> Scriber Creek Trail is currently under construction and was not assessed in 2022.

<sup>\*\*</sup> South Lynnwood Park was recently (2022) renovated. The renovations addressed the previously identified deferred maintenance actions, except the northern right-of-way pathway and invasive species removal in the woodland area. As such, while the 2015 cost estimate for these actions is provided above for reference purposes, these estimated costs have not been escalated to 2023 dollars except for the two items identified previously, nor have they been included in the total deferred maintenance cost estimate for the park.

# Appendix 1 General Fund and Restricted Revenue Forecast, 2024-2036

Source: ECONorthwest	and City of	Lynnwood	d.											
Incremental Revenues Resulting	From Developn													
Revenue Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
General Fund Revenue Sources														
Property Taxes	\$0	\$62,000	\$124,200	\$186,500	\$248,900	\$311,200	\$373,600	\$435,800	\$498,000	\$559,900	\$621,600	\$683,000	\$744,100	\$4,849,000
Sales Tax on Construction	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$1,219,500	\$15,854,000
Ongoing Sales Tax	\$0	\$119,000	\$237,900	\$356,900	\$475,800	\$594,800	\$713,700	\$832,700	\$951,700	\$1,070,600	\$1,189,600	\$1,308,500	\$1,427,500	\$9,279,000
Ongoing B&O Tax	\$36,800	\$73,600	\$110,400	\$147,100	\$183,900	\$220,700	\$257,500	\$294,300	\$331,100	\$367,800	\$404,600	\$441,400	\$478,200	\$3,347,000
Utility Taxes	\$38,200	\$136,200	\$234,300	\$332,300	\$430,300	\$528,300	\$626,300	\$724,300	\$822,400	\$920,400	\$1,018,400	\$1,116,400	\$1,214,400	\$8,142,000
Shared Revenues	\$13,100	\$46,700	\$80,300	\$113,900	\$147,500	\$181,100	\$214,700	\$248,300	\$281,900	\$315,500	\$349,100	\$382,700	\$416,300	\$2,791,000
Restricted Revenues														
Park Fee - Residential	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$1,147,600	\$14,919,000
Park Fee - Nonresidential	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$432,100	\$5,617,000
REET Revenue	\$717,400	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$735,300	\$9,541,000
Total Incremental Revenues	\$2,887,300	\$3,236,700	\$3,586,300	\$3,935,900	\$4,285,600	\$4,635,300	\$4,985,000	\$5,334,600	\$5,684,300	\$6,033,400	\$6,382,500	\$6,731,200	\$7,079,700	\$74,339,000
Incremental Revenues Resulting	From Developn	nent- Alt 2												
Revenue Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
General Fund Revenue Sources														
Property Taxes	\$0	\$90,400	\$181,100	\$272,000	\$363,000	\$453,900	\$544,900	\$635,700	\$726,300	\$816,600	\$906,600	\$996,200	\$1,085,300	\$7,072,000
Sales Tax on Construction	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$1,778,700	\$23,123,000
Ongoing Sales Tax	\$0	\$243,500	\$487,000	\$730,500	\$974,000	\$1,217,600	\$1,461,100	\$1,704,600	\$1,948,100	\$2,191,600	\$2,435,100	\$2,678,600	\$2,922,100	\$18,994,000
Ongoing B&O Tax	\$75,300	\$150,600	\$225,900	\$301,200	\$376,500	\$451,800	\$527,100	\$602,400	\$677,700	\$753,000	\$828,300	\$903,600	\$978,900	\$6,852,000
Utility Taxes	\$78,200	\$230,400	\$382,600	\$534,800	\$687,000	\$839,200	\$991,400	\$1,143,600	\$1,295,800	\$1,448,000	\$1,600,200	\$1,752,400	\$1,904,600	\$12,888,000
Shared Revenues	\$26,800	\$79,000	\$131,200	\$183,400	\$235,500	\$287,700	\$339,900	\$392,100	\$444,300	\$496,400	\$548,600	\$600,800	\$653,000	\$4,419,000
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Park Fee - Residential	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$1,419,300	\$18,451,000
Park Fee - Nonresidential	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$884,600	\$11,500,000
REET Revenue	\$1,046,300	\$1,072,400	\$1,072,400	\$1,072,400	\$1,072,400	\$1,072,400	\$1,072,400	\$1,072,400	\$1,072,400	\$1,072,400	\$1,072,400	\$1,072,400		\$13,915,000
Total Incremental Revenues	\$4,262,900	\$4,876,500	\$5,490,400	\$6,104,500	\$6,718,600	\$7,332,800	\$7,947,000	\$8,561,000	\$9,174,800	\$9,788,200	\$10,401,400		· , ,	\$117,214,000
Ingramental Devenues Beauting	From Dovolono	nant Alt 2												
Revenue Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
General Fund Revenue Sources	2024	2023	2020	2021	2020	2029	2000	2031	2032	2000	2034	2033	2030	Total
Property Taxes	\$0	\$91,000	\$182,300	\$273,800	\$365,400	\$457,000	\$548,500	\$639,900	\$731,100	\$822,000	\$912,600	\$1,002,800	\$1,092,600	\$7,119,000
Sales Tax on Construction	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500	\$23,277,000
		\$244,600		\$733,900	\$978,500	\$1,790,500	\$1,790,500		\$1,790,500			\$2,690,900		
Ongoing Sales Tax	\$0 \$75,600		\$489,300					\$1,712,400		\$2,201,700	\$2,446,300		\$2,935,600	
Ongoing B&O Tax	\$75,600 \$78,600	\$151,300 \$221,700	\$226,900	\$302,600	\$378,200	\$453,900	\$529,500	\$605,200 \$1,150,600	\$680,800	\$756,400 \$1,456,000	\$832,100	\$907,700	\$983,400	\$6,884,000
Utility Taxes	\$78,600	\$231,700	\$384,900	\$538,000 \$184,500	\$691,200	\$844,300	\$997,500	\$1,150,600	\$1,303,800	\$1,456,900	\$1,610,100	\$1,763,200	\$1,916,300	
Shared Revenues	\$26,900	\$79,500	\$132,000	\$184,500	\$237,000	\$289,500	\$342,000	\$394,500	\$447,000	\$499,500	\$552,000	\$604,500	\$657,000	\$4,446,000
Restricted Revenues	¢4 400 700	¢4 400 700	¢4 400 700	¢4 420 700	¢4 400 700	¢4 400 700	¢4 400 700	¢4 400 700	¢4 400 700	¢4 400 700	¢4 400 700	¢4 400 700	¢4 400 700	¢40 500 000
Park Fee - Residential	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	
Park Fee - Nonresidential	\$888,700	\$888,700	\$888,700	\$888,700	\$888,700	\$888,700	\$888,700	\$888,700	\$888,700	\$888,700	\$888,700	\$888,700		\$11,553,000
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Total Incremental Revenues	\$4,291,000	\$4,908,000	\$5,525,300	\$6,142,700	\$6,760,200	\$7,377,700	\$7,995,200	\$8,612,500	\$9,229,600	\$9,846,400	\$10,463,000	\$11,079,000	\$11,694,800	\$117,935,000

ParksLove Plan outreach efforts continued in the summer and fall of 2023 to gather input on the draft capital project list and the draft Plan. Feedback was gathered at community events and online. The draft Plan was published for public comment between October 30 - December 1, 2023. The following summary captures the collective theme of comments collected followed by individual responses.

### Outreach Themes Summary

#### **Park Amenities and Features:**

Suggestions for adding or improving park amenities and features such as workout areas, guided nature trails, spray parks, community garden spaces, rain gardens, fruit trees, climbing structures, covered play areas, splash pads, and more.

### **Maintenance and Safety:**

Concerns related to park maintenance, safety issues like drug use and homelessness in parks, suggestions for restroom improvements, and requests for the removal of wasp nests, tree roots, garbage, graffiti, and concerns about criminal activities.

### **Pedestrian Crossings and Path Improvements:**

Requests for safer pedestrian crossings, pathway improvements, and suggestions for making paths more accessible and user-friendly, including wider paths, updated materials, and lighting.

### **Dog Parks and Dog-Related Features:**

Requests for dog parks, leash-free areas, dog poop stations, and water features for dogs in parks. Concerns about off-leash dogs and related issues.

### **Environmental Sustainability:**

Suggestions for incorporating environmentally sustainable features into parks, such as native plants, living moss walls, habitat restoration, rain gardens, meadows, and low-maintenance meadows. Reducing crumb rubber usage and integrating stormwater management.

### **Community Engagement and Involvement:**

Calls for community involvement in park planning and maintenance, adoption programs for gardens and facilities, and ideas for events, programs, and partnerships to engage residents.

Youth and Family-Friendly Enhancements:

Suggestions for youth and family-friendly park improvements, including playground upgrades, additional swings, age-appropriate play structures, splash pads, and safer facilities.

#### **Additional Recreational Activities:**

Requests for the addition of recreational activities such as mini-golf, zip lines, basketball courts, soccer fields, skate park improvements, and pickleball facilities.

### **Traffic and Parking Concerns:**

Concerns about traffic safety and parking availability near parks, along with suggestions for additional parking spaces, improved traffic management, and pedestrian crossings.

#### **Cultural and Social Events:**

Ideas and requests for cultural and social events, celebrations, festivals, and gatherings in parks, as well as comments on the impact of park activities on the community.

These themes encompass a wide range of suggestions, concerns, and ideas expressed by individuals regarding park improvements, maintenance, safety, community engagement, and various recreational and environmental considerations in their respective areas.

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Comment	Location	Text
		It would be wonderful to have a "work out" area with permanent work out equipment like
Online Open House	e Daleway	Ober Park on Vashon Island. A guided nature trail showcasing native plants and trees would be
Online Open House		neat as well! Please keep the spray parkit's one of the only places to cool down during these
		increasingly hot times for folks without AC.
1		So excited to see these ideas and plans! I would love to see more community garden spaces
Online Open House	Not Specified	and an edible food forest - helping to address food insecurity and building community .Plus,
online Open House	Not specified	rain gardens throughout the parks to deal with heavy rain events and filtering water. Thank
		you for all you do!
Online Open House	Not Specified	I also suggested more fruit trees like downtown seattle! I think it would be wonderful to also
Offilite Open House	Not Specifica	have p patch gardens in snohomish county
Online Open House	Not Specified	Love this idea and would love to see this happen!
		I love this park. Updating the splash pad would be great, half of it is broken. And obviously
Online Open House	North	increase safety. Too many drug addicts in the woods and drug deals going on in the parking lo
		I run through there early in the morning and see if first hand.
		I'm with Marni, I would love to see some community garden spaces! But I also love to see
Online Open House	Mesika	mesika trail improved and brought back to native plants. It's underutilized and sometimes feel
Omine Open House	IVICSIKa	a little sketchy since people sleep in the woods there. I love ALL the plans and hope there's
		budget to do it all over time.
Online Open House	Not Specified	Call cedar grove for help with storm water, I work for them and helped with a storm water
Online open riouse	Trot specified	Project on Eatonvill wa.
Online Open House	l vnndale	I really would like to see the lynndale play space redone, the pg is outdated & there is
Online Open House	-,	camping/crime in the parking lot & wooded area.
		N. Lynnwood NP: I love all the plans. This park is very well used and loved. It would be great to
Online Open House	North	have some fitness stations around the walking trail (e.g., pull up bar and such). Do for all ages;
		we have walkers of all ages!
		North Lynnwood Park:
Online Open House	North	My kids like to run at this park and would love if the pathway was updated so that they could
oe open nouse		safely run on it. (Maybe track material like polyurethane and make it for 2 way traffic)? There
		are a lot of teens in cross country and track that would utilize the pathway if it was easy to rur
		on.
		My family (my husband and I have four kids under 6) we visit all the parks but from what I have
		noticed all of my kids seem to gravitate to is more climbing structures such as rock walls or
Online Open House	Not Specified	rope climbing structures. They love walking on trails and looking at signs so maybe try to
		include more signs of what trees are there and information? We're also huge fans of when a
		park has more fruit trees and bushes in lawn areas!
	<b>.</b>	Remove the wasp nest outside of the bathrooms at North Lynnwood park. Makes the pathwa
Online Open House	North	smooth, too many tree roots. The bathrooms at all Lynnwood parks need attention. So much
,	Spruce	garbage and it's disgusting to see pee poop and toilet paper on the floor. Specifically the
		women's bathroom at Spruce Park. Lots of garbage in general at parks.
		I would just love to see a local park with a covered play area. We live in an area where it is well
		and rainy most of the year making outdoor play a challenge. Playgrounds aren't very fun wher
		everything is wet! Most people end up avoiding parks in bad weather and opting for indoor
Online Open House	North	alternatives but we miss out on the fresh air and community offered by our beloved
		neighborhood parks which should be taken advantage of year round! A covered play area
		would be a game changer for families. We frequent North Lynnwood Park but would drive a
		long way to get to a covered playground, there just aren't any anywhere!
Online Open House	Not Specified	Yes, this is a great idea. Phoenix has covered play structures to create shade, I was standing
	· .	there wondering why no one in the PNW thought of it because of the rain.
		We live next to this park but rarely go because the structure is outdated, the wood chips need
Online Open House	North	redoing or replacing, and it's a long walk to the structure from any point. We would love a
p		larger structure, one for smaller kids, improvement on the pathways to accommodate people
		going both ways. It also gets super swampy, so a way to drain the water better.
Online Open House	Not Specified	Please create playgrounds with the rubberized surface or turf. Wood chips and sand are not
,		accessible for those with mobility limitations.

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Online Open House	North	North Lynnwood Park! There is so much potential at this park. Lots of good comments so far. My thoughts: 1) Needs more seating of all kinds, all over, including near the play structure and splash pad. It would be great if there were some shelter structures over seating for shade (see: Inspiration Playground in Bellevue's City Park.) 2) Play structure upgrade: Yay! For more fun play structure options, there are lots of adaptive playground structures around in the area now; a combination of these types of structures would be excellent. See: Emma Yule playground in Everett for more interesting/creative play structures. Add rubberized surface rather than wood chips. 3) Splash pad needs an upgrade, it's on the list! 4) The "stage" and large woodchip area - I have no idea what the intended usage here was when it was built but it's just wasted space so I am glad to see it marked for development on the map! Either an under 5 playground option plus maybe garden area with seating, possibly edible forest type trees like others have commented. 4) Trail around the park: It would be ideal to have an accessible feet/mobility device trail and a wheel trail for bikes, or one wider trail with markings to accommodate both. 5) Glad to see lawn improvment on there - the green space area is huge but barely utilized because it is so often muddy even once the rains stop. Again it's a bit of wasted space. So glad these projects are in the works. Parks are so important to our community.
Online Open House	Gold	Gold Park is absolutely unusable due to the drug use and homeless population. Even walking by there on foot is terrifying. The "roosters" just hang there all day. Opening the homeless services in the old emissions control has bring such a criminal element to this neighborhood. My only fear is unless we can put some treatment facilities in place, it'll shove this population into the Dale Way area and cause even more problems. What a change within the last 5 years!
Online Open House	Not Specified	For all parks, there needs to be a noise ordinance. We often get booming base and very loud music which defeats enjoyment for all. There have been permits issued for groups that exceed reasonable noise levels.
Online Open House	Not Specified	I own the company, the sealcoat king, I would love to work on resurfacing the parking lots in Lynnwood and make them look good
Online Open House	Not Specified	Also a lot of tree root damage on pathways, could use asphalt repairs since it is a tripping hazard for kids and adults walking or riding bikes.
Online Open House	Not Specified	This comment is for all the parks. I would like to see the addition of living moss wall features to all the parks. Increasing the population of Lynnwood also increases the production of carbon dioxide and pollutants. Moss walls are good at capturing carbon dioxide, filtering pollutants, and producing oxygen. Their vertical nature maximizes their abilities while minimizing space usage. Living moss walls could be kept simple or other plants could be added for increased beauty and air cleaning properties. They could be placed in a nook by a bench or a table as a peaceful retreat or featured more prominently as an artistic display. Living moss features would be a great benefit for everyone living in Lynnwood, whether or not they use the parks. Thank you for your consideration.
Online Open House	Stadler	For Stadler Ridge specifically and all parks. Better lighting. Forego permanent portable bathrooms and install permanent bathroom structures-lock bathroom after park closure.
Online Open House	Stadler	I have concerns about installation of a permanent portable restroom at Stadler Ridge. Being a less visible park, nestled in a residential area, Stadler Ridge often attracts suspicious after-hours activity. I am worried that having an accessible public restroom may facilitate unwanted loitering and compromise neighborhood safety. I would be interested to learn more about the details of the portable restroom and options for managing hours of accessibility. In general, the idea of a permanent structure is more appealing from a cosmetic, hygienic, and safety standpoint. I welcome the other proposed changes for the park.
Online Open House	Lynndale	Lynndale Park - love the ideas. Would be great to add a perimeter trail to increase mileage for walkers and hikers using the park for walks.
Online Open House	Golf Course Trail	Lynnwood golf course path - Love the plans for potential mini-golf or zip line. This would make it a fun attraction for those who do not golf. Please leave the path unpaved, as this gives it more of a nature/hike feel with the natural peat under your feet. The biggest improvement needed is a crosswalk to access the path from the north end. Having to cross 196th on the north side of the trail is taking your life into your hands. There needs to be an additional crosswalk between 68th and 76th on the north end to enter the trail at the college on 69th Pl W. There is already a hidden path in the Copper Ridge condos across the road on the north side for people who live in the Lynndale Park neighborhood area. We just need a safe crossing from there to 69th Pl W. to enter the trail.
Online Open House	Wilcox	Wilcox Park: A dog park
Online Open House	Meadowdale NP North	Love the improvement ideas, especially the pump track at Meadowdale Neighborhood.  North Lynnwood park could use some picnic shelters near the spray park and play area.

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		188th Street Property: I like the idea of utilizing this space and adding picnic tables (covered) and maybe a boardwalk to view the wetlands. Maybe a short natural walking loop. Because o its hidden away location, I worry it might attract crime or homeless, and then end up not beir used by families.
Online Open House	188th St Wilcox Scriber Lake Park	Wilcox Park: Many people already use the backside to let their dogs off leash. I think a dog pa would be a great idea with a cover for rainy days, and a walking area around the pond (would you remove the fence barrier?). It might be a good place for a community garden as well.
		Maybe partner with the adjacent school for that.  It would be great if there was a safe pedestrian crossing between Scriber Lake Park and Wilco
Online Open House	Not Specified	Park, midway between 52nd and 58th.  I would love to see a pump track at one of the parks. There are no pump tracks close by and my son loves the one out in north bend, would love to have one closer
Online Open House	Not Specified	Thank you so much for this opportunity. I would suggest more loop trails around several of the parks perimeters for runners a particularly with distances of 5 kilometers or even as fa as 10 kilometers. This would provide a safe route for local runners to follow around the parks and can be used in the future for later cross country races or benefit events.
Facebook	Not Specified	please put in inclusive swings with the "Y" harness especially at meadowdale park! thank you
Facebook	Gold Park	How about gold park? I couldn't get out my car last time try visit, lot of homeless encampments, didn't fell safe at all.
Facebook	Not Specified	I would like affordable rentals. Make sure to have alot of room for tents since homelessness is on the rise.
Facebook	Pioneer Park	An off leash area big enough to play some fetch! I like that park but get uncomfortable playin fetch without a fence because of all the commotion, we tend to head to meadowdale instead
Facebook	Not Specified	Community gardens! We need places for people to grow healthy food. You were making sure that not everybody lives in a house, but instead, in an apartment community. Give them som space to have a life and grow something good for them.
Facebook	Not Specified	Shade trees scattered around are always nice (maybe that's covered by the "forest" line item.
Facebook	Not Specified	As long as the vagrants are kept out of the parks
Facebook	Pioneer Park	? I have never seen anyone at that park - seems it has minimal parking, no shade kiosks and appears to almost belong to the housing around it. Certainly needs more seating spaces and "points of interest" - maybe some murals with a "spot the " objects, hop scotch things, maybe one of those hanging music tube things? Kids need to be excited, challenged, active, interactive. A plain park is BORING for the kids and the parents - why bother? Know a lot of families go to the 48th ave park in Mtlk Terrace check it out
Facebook	Pioneer Park	Cheryl Stevenson the park is busy every day almost all day long with dog walkers, regular walkers, sun bathers, frisbee players, picnickers, tennis players, and children at the playgroun It does get quiet after dark - but I prefer it that way.
Facebook	Scriber Lake Park	Scriber Lake Park needs the trees and bushes trimmed way back. It would be incredible to wa the path around the lake and actually have a view of the water all the way around. Plus, trimming back a lot of the bushes and trees that are leaning or dying would cut back on the homeless encampments that are currently there. Oh, relocate the coyotes that live in the par too.
Facebook	Not Specified	Pump track would be an awesome addition
Facebook	Not Specified	It would be great if I could walk or bike safely to all the parks with my kids.
Facebook Facebook	Not Specified  Not Specified	Less lawn more for butterflies and bees  More trees. Cut the ivy that is strangling the park trees in all the parks. More park benches under trees.
Facebook	North Lynnwood Park	This is fantastic - this park has so much potential and is in dire need of updates! Will check bawhen the link is fixed!
Facebook	Daleway	Dog Park
Facebook	Daleway	Wow, lots of great projects! I would love to see community gardens throughout the city so the they are accessible to as many people as possible as well as a food forest. Utilize more edibles and native plantings such as blueberries, huckleberries, etc. Also, rain gardens throughout all the parks to deal with flooding and filtering run off.
Facebook	Daleway	I used to walk through Daleway Park, but not anymore. Too much criminal activity.
Facebook	Daleway	Update splash Park and remove criminals/drug addicts, they gather in the woods and hang out in the parking lot
Facebook	Daleway	Plant fruit trees around the neighborhoods.
Event Outreach Event Outreach	County	add more seats near the parking lot @ meadowdale beach park. add more basketball courts logan park add a ride on rocketship.
Event Outreach	Daleway	daleway park is what we'd like improved we would love more swings!!!

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Event Outreach	Gold	no grafittti no homeless more pickle ball - lynndale. already are! Tree water, salmon orcas. Clean up Gold park.
Event Outreach	Heritage	heritage park loop for connecting the community
Event Outreach	Heritage	herritage park more opportotunetes to get on the train.
Event Outreach	Heritage	no crime activities kids activities chapel for bulgarian Heritage groups to visit
Event Outreach	Tieritage	lindale dog park i put & maintain tools for using of the park to repair dog digging holes. 2.
Event Outreach	Lynndale	Security camers in parking lot. 3. emergency call box
Event Outreach	Lynndale	betteer restrooms at lyndale
Event Outreach	Meadowdale NP	meadowdale np need more ziplines
Event Outreach	Meadowdale NP	meadowdale park needs safer restrooms
Event Outreach	Meadowdale NP	rrently te? pet access to mnp from south nieghborhoodls
Event Outreach	Meadowdale Playfields	thank you for the fantastic meadadale playfields sometimes the graffitli on the southwest
	-	corner gots pretty bad.
Event Outreach	Meadowdale Playfields	Restrooms that are close to the Park. Medowdale play field.
Event Outreach	North	n. lynnwood need wading pool
Event Outreach	North	N. lynnwood need pathway widening and smooth.
Event Outreach	North	dragon park need a dragon painted or a slide
Event Outreach  Event Outreach	North North	n lynnwood park Disc golf we are so excited about the possible improvements to n lynnwood park and the 188th creek
Event Outreach	North	improvements
Event Outreach	North	dragon park needs a soccer field and a million more swings
Event Outreach	North	north lynnwood park need better & cleaner bathrooms!
Event Outreach	North	north lynnwood park need more water features & parking.
Event Outre1-	North	Please improve dragon park loop path.his too irregulor for kids learning how to bike. More
Event Outreach	North	climbing rock & walls
Event Outreach	North	north lynnwood need a tennis court and no more littering and a cleaner shelter
Event Outreach	North	dragon park need a pool
Event Outreach	North	widen side walks @ dragon park
Event Outreach	North	dragon park better restrooms
Event Outreach	North	north lynnwood park. new playgrounds for kids
Event Outreach	North	I like dragon park
Event Outreach	Pioneer	clean up the forest behind the pioneer park.
Event Outreach	South	i love south lynnwood park!
Event outreath	30411	south lynnwood park. I love the tenis courts lout i hate how a lot of people smoke and smoke
Event Outreach	South	weed which ruins the whole point of the park.
Event Outreach	South	more parks like south lynnwood add more splash areas
Event Outreach	Spruce	Spruce Park should not have the straight swings
Event Outreach	Wilcox	more maintenance at wilcox clean up.
Event Outreach	Wilcox	splash park at wilcox
Event Outreach	Wilcox	lighting walking trails getting me outdoorsmore swings at wilcox
Event Outreach	Wilcox	more swings at wilcox
Event Outreach	Wilcox	soccer field at wilcox park and water features
Event Outreach	Wilcox	Wilcox park need fox basketball court and add more swings
Event Outreach	Wilcox	wilcox park beach volleyball park.
Event Outreach	Wilcox	wilcox feels unsafe
Event Outreach	Wilcox	wilcox park water feature
Event Outreach	Not Specified	i always apprerate a playground - native plants incorpourated at entrances / ground facilites / shelters to add attracttion help soil
Event Outreach	Not Specified	keeping our forest & trees healthy is one of the best things we can do for climate change. we
c.n. Jun caun	. Tot opcomed	love out parks.
Event Outreach	Not Specified	improve bathrooms sink water pressure overall cleanliness new sinks
Event Outreach	Not Specified	no pet waste stations garbage pickes. Love & enjoy the parks.
Event Outreach	Not Specified	cute gate composte bins more trees
Event Outreach	Not Specified	lighted activities natural enverment
Event Outreach	Not Specified	pool park could use a mwal on back wall
Event Outreach	Not Specified	kids are getting taller at a young age it would be great for jungle gym to accomuate thier heigi
Event Outreach	Not Specified	parking space shed clean restroom litter free smoke free
Event Outreach Event Outreach	Not Specified	put pictures of each park on google maps to clearly see playgrounds or whellchair
Event Outreach	·	more trash buns in all of them!
	Not Specified	
Event Outreach	Not Specified	lots of plants no litter more trash cans so less trash more plants for better air gas cars
	Not Specified	if there was tethers for dogs near the restrooms or plasces to tether a leash too.
	Net Ceceifical	
Event Outreach	Not Specified	more picnic tables splash pad. playground is dwerie so keep the kiddos entertained.
Event Outreach Event Outreach	Not Specified	walking trails exercise clean air recycling composting
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Event Outreach	Daleway	undesirables uses happening here
Event Outreach	Daleway	drug use
Event Outreach	Daleway	waterfall feature
Event Outreach	Daleway	forest - want low lying bushes
Event Outreach	Daleway	add shelter
Event Outreach	Daleway	walking trails
Event Outreach	Daleway	like improving neighborhood connections
Event Outreach	Golf Course Trail	like the mini golf idea
Event Outreach	Golf Course Trail	better separation and marking on College side
Event Outreach	Golf Course Trail Golf Course Trail	more wayfinding Need 196th St ped crossing between 76th & 68th
Event Outreach Event Outreach	Lynndale	like the current playground
Event Outreach	Lynndale	fix the bathrooms
Event Outreach	Lynndale	need more drinking fountains
Event Outreach	Lynndale	need unlocked bathrooms
Event Outreach	Lynndale	add signage on trails, trail markers, mile markers, doggie stations, formal trails (dirt ok)
Event Outreach	Lynndale	Like the tire swing
Event Outreach	Lynndale	more trails
Event Outreach	Meadowdale Playfields	add water bottle fill station at playground / concession
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Event Outreach	North	need new slides
Event Outreach	North	fix the paths
Event Outreach	North	lawn for soccer
Event Outreach	North	this is my favorite park
Event Outreach	North	want stroller-friendly path
Event Outreach	North	new playground
Event Outreach	North	more features on the splash pad and more shade over benches
Event Outreach	North	widen loop path - it's great for bikes
Event Outreach	Spruce	add slides it's quaint
Event Outreach Event Outreach	Spruce Wilcox	better basketball court
Event Outreach	Wilcox	keep swings
Event Outreach	Wilcox	Like the tire swing
Event Outreach	Wilcox	open lawn for soccer with nets
Event Outreach	Wilcox	like kid lay, slides
Event Outreach	Wilcox	ESD lot already gets used as a park and dog area
Event Outreach	Lynndale	more nature trails (dirt with mile markers)
Event Outreach	Daleway	scared about the shoting and homeless in forest
		want more nature viewing and walking paths, lots of interest in SCT and Boardwalk Trail,
Event Outreach	Not Specified	hiking, ping pong, tae chi, game tables, exercise, walking, shade, paved paths during rain, dirt
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Event Outreach	North	BBQ & picnic large group celebrations
Event Outreach	General	what happened to "Adopt A Garden" program?
Event Outreach	Daleway	love the splash pad
Event Outreach	Lund's Gulch	connect trails to the beach
Event Outreach	Meadowdale Neighborhood	more ziplines
Event Outreach	General	ice cream trucks at all parks please fix the park
Event Outreach	Scriber Lake Lynndale	add pickleball nets and lines
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Event Outreach	General	need more dog parks
Event Outreach	Daleway & Gold	concerns about homeless and drug users
Event Outreach	Bulgarians	National Day of Culture & Literacy May 24th / March 3rd Independence Day
Event Outreach	Golf Course Trail	Need 196th St ped crossing between 76th & 68th
Event Outreach	Daleway	need habitat restoration
Event Outreach	Lynndale	dog poop is a problem
Event Outreach	Spruce	need merry go round and seesaw
Event Outreach	Spruce	add water bottle fountain
Event Outreach	Spruce	dog water fountain
Event Outreach	Spruce	bucket swing for littles
Event Outreach	Spruce	dog fountain
	Civic Campus	turn lawn into low maintenance meadow
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Event Outreach	Daleway & Gold	concerns about homeless and drug users
Event Outreach	Bulgarians	National Day of Culture & Literacy May 24th / March 3rd Independence Day
Event Outreach	Golf Course Trail	Need 196th St ped crossing between 76th & 68th
Event Outreach	Daleway	need habitat restoration
Event Outreach	Lynndale	dog poop is a problem
Event Outreach	Spruce	need merry go round and seesaw
Event Outreach Event Outreach	Spruce	add water bottle fountain dog water fountain
Event Outreach	Spruce Spruce	bucket swing for littles
Event Outreach	Spruce	dog fountain
Event Outreach	Civic Campus	turn lawn into low maintenance meadow
Event Outreach	Wilcox	add spray park or water feature, more benches
Event Outreach	Wilcox	add fence around basketball court
Event Outreach	Wilcox	needs water feature

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Event Outreach	North	better/wider paths
Event Outreach	North	bigger spray park - move to rock area
Event Outreach	General	gaga ball pit
Event Outreach	Golf Course Trail	likes mini golf
Event Outreach	Lynndale	more play
Event Outreach	Lynndale	update bathrooms
Event Outreach	General	giant/wide roller slide
Event Outreach	Lynndale	love this park
Event Outreach	Lynndale	want ice cream truck
Event Outreach	General	no crumb rubber
Event Outreach	General	integrated stormwater
Event Outreach	General	forest preservation - utilize partnerships to help get forest stewardship projects
Event Outreach	Daleway	lots of bad activity in eastern forest
Event Outreach	Daleway	want a little kids toy playground
Event Outreach	Daleway	renovate the spray pad
Event Outreach	Daleway	add lighting
Event Outreach	Lynndale Park	improve skate park
Event Outreach	Lynndale	more lighting
Event Outreach	Meadowdale Playfields	Grafitti and middle school hang out on SW corner
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Event Outreach	Meadowdale Playfields	one of the swings needs straps
Event Outreach	Mesika Forest	needs garbage bins
Event Outreach	Mesika Forest	needs poop bag station
Event Outreach	Wilcox	multipurpose sport court
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