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# Comprehensive Plan

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## **CITY OF LACEY MISSION**

Our mission is to enrich the quality of life in Lacey for all its citizens, and to build an attractive, inviting, and secure community. Council works in partnership with residents to foster community pride, develop the economy, plan for the future, and to preserve and enhance our environment.

## **PARKS, CULTURE & RECREATION VISION**

Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation creates exceptional events, experiences and environments that delight, educate and inspire the human spirit, connecting people to each other and the past, and building a strong, healthy community.

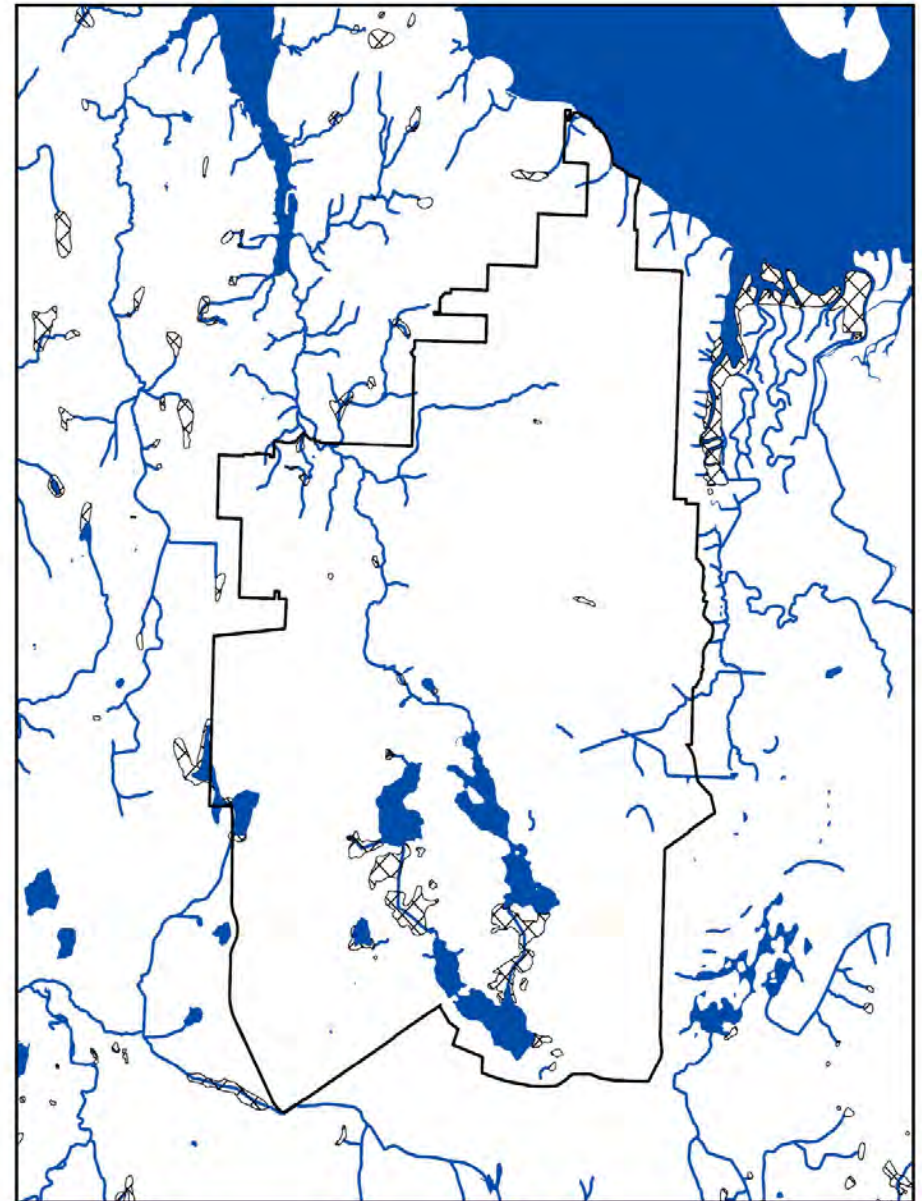
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## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Lacey is an inviting urban oasis located at the southern tip of Puget Sound. Acres of forests, beautiful freshwater lakes and stunning views of Mount Rainier greet our community each day. The Woodland Creek system flows through three lakes throughout Lacey on its journey to Henderson Inlet. Wetlands associated with Woodland Creek and Lacey's lakes encompass hundreds of acres of land and provide critical habitat to local fish and wildlife populations. The City of Lacey develops, promotes, and maintains a range of park facilities to provide access to these shared resources, while also protecting and enhancing natural habitats for the future. These sensitive areas play an important role in the health of our environment and our community.

Incorporated in 1966, the City of Lacey has a legacy of dedication to parks, culture and recreation activities. Our relatively young park system includes over 1,263 acres, diverse program offerings, and modern facilities. As a sports destination located on the I-5 corridor, our parks are highly valued, heavily used, and well maintained. Lacey's Parks, Culture & Recreation Department (LPCR) offers a full spectrum of programs and special events for all ages. Lacey residents have pride in the parks, programs, and facilities available, which include neighborhood, community and regional parks, plazas, trails, habitat reserves, and public facilities. **KS ARE ESSENTIAL**



**Woodland Creek Basin Waterways in Lacey**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the voice of our community rang loud and clear: **parks, culture and recreation are essential public services.** Our team works tirelessly to ensure every person in Lacey and many from around Thurston County and beyond benefit from the programs and facilities that LPCR offers. Thank you to our part-time and seasonal Lacey staff, as well as our volunteers, visitors, appointed Board members, and elected officials. Thank you to our 39 full-time staff and Board of Parks, Culture & Recreation members.



As reported by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), parks, culture and recreation are essential because they:

### 1. Promote health and wellness

- People who live near parks are both physically and mentally healthier than those who do not.
- Parks, culture and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for sports, hiking and walking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles.
- Leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services and education.
- Access to parks and other public open space

promotes greater mental well-being.

### 2. Provide programming and education activities that are critical to childhood development

- Leading provider of childcare and out-of-school time programming.
- Leader in youth sports, providing opportunities for children of all skills and abilities to play and introduce them to a wide variety of sports activities.
- Teaches kids about environmental responsibility, provides better cognitive oral stimulation, and promotes creativity and imagination.
- Children who spend a significant amount of time in nature also experience better emotional stability and improved mental health.

### 3. Drive economic opportunity

- Expenditures support economic activity and job creation.
- Employers and employees are more likely to locate near high-quality amenities.
- Boost home values and property tax bases.
- Leading source of first jobs for youth and young adults.

### 4. Unite people and strengthen communities

- Counters social isolation by connecting people with nature and each other.
- Foster positive social interactions and increase social capital within historically marginalized communities.
- U.S. public strongly supports parks, culture and

recreation's mission and funding.

## 5. Provide infrastructure that makes communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change

- Local agencies collectively manage more than 11 million acres of open space across the U.S.
- Local agencies are on the forefront of their communities' emergency response.
- Climate-ready parks provide proven, cost effective and sustainable environmental solutions.
- People with access to parks and green spaces live longer, healthier lives.
- The U.S. public wants parks and recreation to protect natural resources and mitigate the impact of climate change.

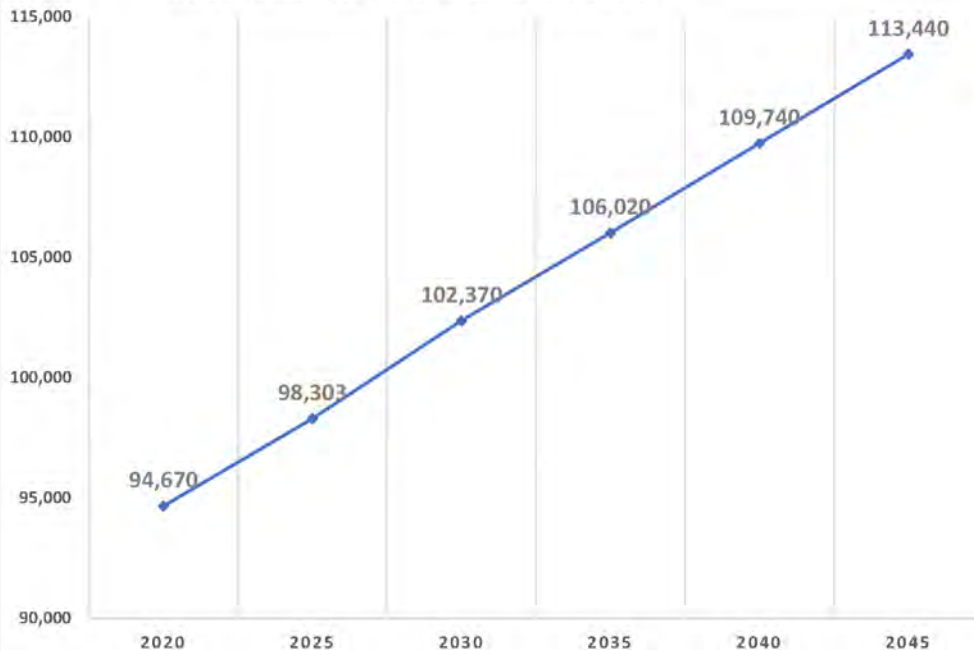


### CHALLENGES

Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation faces some challenges ahead, including:

- Providing adequate facilities to keep up with growth.
- Continuing to move from a predominately “property acquisition era” to a greater emphasis on **park improvement and development phase**.
- Solidifying a sustainable **future funding** strategy dedicated to parks, culture and recreation.

PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH FOR LACEY, WASHINGTON  
SOURCE: THURSTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, 2023



### Keeping up with Growth

The City of Lacey is the fastest growing city in the Thurston County and the largest in population (U.S. Census, 2020). Lacey's planning area, which includes the incorporated City and its unincorporated Urban Growth Area (UGA), had a population of approximately 93,218 in 2022. The total population is projected to grow around 1 percent per year, with a total projected population of 109,680 by the year 2040

(Thurston Regional Planning Council).

LPCR provides a multitude of programs and events to residents in the North Thurston Public School District. The district's 2023 enrollment is just over 14,000 students and is projected to increase to approximately 15,412 students by 2028. People who live outside NTPS and Urban Growth Area boundaries also participate in Parks, Culture and Recreation programs. As the community grows and recreational needs increase, LPCR must keep up with demand by providing adequate facilities for our residents. Currently, our indoor and developed outdoor space cannot accommodate the demand. This gap will continue increasing as projected student and residential populations grow.

Lacey Parks is currently facing a significant capital maintenance backlog without a dedicated capital funding source. Growing demand for parks exceed our capacity for maintenance and improvements—creating a system of deferred maintenance.



## Lacey and the Urban Growth Area



**21,298** Acres of Land  
**1,263** Acres of Parks  
2022 Population **95,889**  
Median Age **37.9**  
Total Households **36,898**  
Median Household Income **\$81,705**

Source: U.S. Census, ACS 2021

Increased wear and tear of aging parks facilities from a growing population creates a tremendous challenge. Avoiding deferred maintenance is critical to the continued preservation, accessibility, and enjoyment of LPCR assets.

## Moving to a Parks Improvement and Development Phase ●

Over the past few decades, the City has made a great investment for the community by acquiring acres of parkland and open space. The City's total park acreage (developed and undeveloped) per population is above the



national standard. Therefore, moving forward, priority will be given to using the City’s limited financial resources for parks improvement, development, and ensuring people have access, rather than property acquisition. Currently, 41 percent (513 acres) of the park system is developed, with the remaining 750 acres undeveloped. The City will, however, consider future acquisitions where deficiencies exist and property and funding are available.

### Solidifying a Future Funding Strategy ●



The City needs to solidify a future funding strategy for the long-term development, maintenance, and operation of all parks acreage, trail miles, and facilities. In the past, a 1% utility tax, set aside

for parks and open space, was the City’s primary funding source for acquisition and development. Park and Open Space Bond funds, approved by the voters in 2002, were the primary funding source for previous parks development. The final debt payment will be made in December 2026. There are currently no ongoing funding sources dedicated to essential parks infrastructure replacement and park development. Therefore, serious consideration must be given to establishing dedicated parks, culture and recreation funds (i.e., bond issues, sales

and/or property tax options). Currently, park improvement and development project implementation relies heavily on the general fund and outside revenue sources, neither of which are sufficient to meet the needs of proposed park projects.

### Plan Overview ●

The LPCR Comprehensive Plan, part of the *City of Lacey Comprehensive Plan*, provides LPCR an essential strategic vision, which direct short- and long-term actions and decisions based on community needs. The plan has ten sections that provide a clear understanding of the overall strategic goals, policies, and objectives for future parks, culture and recreation programs and facilities, as well as identified level-of-service standards, implementation actions, and cost estimates which includes potential funding options. The Plan must be updated a minimum of every six years to identify proposed capital projects and to meet the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Board planning requirements for project grant eligibility. The current LPCR budget can be found in Appendix A.

**Aligning with Lacey City Council Work Plan.** The 2022-2024 Lacey Work Plan identifies priority work plan items which make Lacey a vibrant place to live, work and play and ensure a vibrant and diverse economy. Many of the items in the Implementation Actions section of this plan are in alignment with the Work Plan.

# Alignment with City Council Work Plan Vision Areas

Lacey Parks, Culture, & Recreation Goal	Planning 	LWP 	Econ. 	Safe 	Infrs. 	Steward 	Engaged 	Services 
Develop a high-quality, equitable, diversified parks, culture and recreation system where physical, financial and social barriers are eliminated, and which includes unique facilities, events, and recreation and cultural programs. This encourages social interaction, cultivates community spirit, and strengthens the livability of Lacey in addition to meeting community needs.	Green	Green	Light Brown	Light Brown	Green	Light Brown	Green	Green
Prioritize LPCR projects and facilities, identify corresponding current and future funding sources, leverage investments and partnerships, and maintain Lacey's eligibility for grant funding.	Green	Light Brown	Green	Green	Green	Light Brown	Green	Light Brown
Develop a trails system that interconnects parks, schools, neighborhoods, open spaces, other trail systems, and important public facilities.	Green	Light Brown	Green	Green	Green	Light Brown	Green	Green
Educate and engage the public with the heritage of Lacey and the South Sound region through mission-driven programs and exhibits and by preserving sites and artifacts of historical and cultural importance and making them accessible to the community.	Light Brown	Green	Green	Light Brown	Light Brown	Light Brown	Green	Green
Use sustainable systems and practices that ensure the environmental, economic, social, and cultural needs and desires of future generations will not be compromised.	Green	Green	Green	Light Brown	Light Brown	Green	Green	Green

**Operating from an Equity Framework.** As Lacey continues to address the needs for equity and social justice, the Plan will include policies and objectives the City can implement and improve upon to ensure equity, diversity and inclusion in partnership with community members.

**Enhancing Parks Access.** There is room for increasing access and amenities at nearly two-thirds of Lacey’s existing parklands – nearly 800 acres in all, which is why this Plan articulates a shift from acquisition to development. But LPCR must balance future development with expenses related to parks development, as well as maintenance and operations.

**Economic Impact.** Every dollar spent on outdoor recreation stimulates \$1.52 in economic activity. In other words, parks and sports fields have a great return on investment! They generate spending that benefits our businesses and workers while also adding visitor dollars to our local tax base. There is a significant economic impact from heritage programs and special events.



You can’t have a great City without great parks, special events, and programs!

Through the 2021 Lacey Cares outreach survey, we learned that Lacey’s Parks, Culture and Recreation offerings are often cited as the number one reason people choose to live in Lacey, whether they are long-time or new community members.

## RENAMING & REBRANDING

In 2020, the Lacey Parks & Recreation Department went through a rebranding that resulted in a new name, new slogan, and new department colors. Now, we are known as the Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation Department to fully encompass what we do and how we support the community. The Lacey Museum also underwent rebranding.

Driving factors behind the change were:

- Create an identity recognizable to people in the community
  - Use color to add energy to our brand
  - Better exemplify our programs and services
  - Add a catchy slogan we can use for creative marketing
- Add division sub-brands with unique icons and signature colors



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AND CULTURAL CENTER



**LACEY PARKS**  
AQUATICS

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**LACEY PARKS**  
FACILITIES

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**LACEY PARKS**  
SPORTS & FITNESS

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**LACEY PARKS**  
VOLUNTEERS

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**LACEY PARKS**  
EVENTS

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**LACEY PARKS**  
PARKS & TRAILS

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**LACEY PARKS**  
TRIPS & TOURS

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**LACEY PARKS**  
YOUTH & TEEN

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## II. DEFINITIONS

### **American Alliance of Museums (AAM)**

A nonprofit organization representing the museum field through advocacy and professional development.

### **BIPOC**

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

### **Capital**

Money for buying land, buildings, equipment, etc. that are used to produce products or provide services.

### **Cricket**

A bat-and-ball game played between two teams of eleven players on a field at the center of which is a 22-yard pitch with a wicket at each end, each comprising two bails balanced on three stumps.

### **Deferred Maintenance**

Maintenance work that is postponed due to limitations in available resources, such as time, staffing, or funds.

### **Fastpitch**

Softball which is played with nine or ten players on each side and in which pitches are thrown with speed and base stealing is allowed.

### **Gaelic Rugby**

Played on a rectangular grass pitch with H-shaped goals at each end. It is played with a round ball and both hands and feet are used to control and pass the ball. There are 15 players on each team, with only 1 referee.

### **Geographic Information System Mapping (GIS)**

A system that creates, manages, analyzes, and maps all types of data.

### **Greenway**

A strip of undeveloped land near an urban area, set aside for recreational use or environmental protection.

### **InterCity Transit**

A municipal corporation that provides public transportation for people who live and work in Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Yelm.

## **Lacey Youth Council**

An advisory board to the Lacey City Council composed of high school students from North Thurston Public Schools.

## **Level of Service**

The amount and quality of park and recreation facilities that are needed to serve the community at a desired and measurable standard.

## **National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA)**

National not-for-profit organization comprised of Parks & Recreation professionals across the United States.

## **North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS)**

A Pre-K through 12th grade school district serving a diverse student population in northeast Thurston County.

## **Pickleball**

A game resembling tennis in which players use paddles to hit a perforated plastic ball over a net.

## **Pump Track**

A circular loop consisting of rollers and berms, that when ridden correctly requires no pedaling or pushing.

## **Shoreline Master Program (SMP)**

Local land-use policies and regulations that guide use of Washington shorelines. They protect natural resources for future generations, provide for public access to public waters and shores, and plan for water-dependent uses.

## **South Sound Region**

The area Puget Sound south of the Tacoma Narrows including Thurston County, the Olympia-Tumwater Metropolitan Statistical Area, and the Shelton Micropolitan Statistical Area.

## **Specialized Recreation**

Recreation programs and services that are geared toward people who have unique needs due to physical and/or cognitive disability.



## **Splash Pad/Spray Park**

An outdoor play area with sprinklers, fountains, nozzles, and other devices or structures that spray water.

## **State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA)**

A law enacted by the Washington state legislature that helps state and local agencies to identify and mitigate environmental impacts that could result from projects or decisions before they are implemented.

## **Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)**

Regional council of governments comprised of decision-makers from 23 jurisdictions and organizations in Thurston County that creates regionally focused plans and studies on topics such as transportation, growth management, and environmental quality.

## **Thurston Regional Trails Plan**

A plan proposed by the Thurston County Regional Planning Council for a region-wide trail network that interconnects within Thurston County.

## **Travel Shed**

The area covered by a 10-minute walk (about 0.5 mile radius).

## **Urban Growth Area (UGA)**

An area within which urban growth will be encouraged and outside of which growth can only occur if it is not urban in nature.

## **Utility Tax**

Gross income derived from operation of publicly- and privately-owned utilities, including businesses that engage in transportation, communications, and the supply of energy and water.

## **Washington Recreation & Parks Association (WRPA)**

A not-for-profit professional and public interest organization comprised of approximately 2,100 members in Washington State.

## Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

Washington State agency that manages grant programs to create outdoor recreation opportunities, protect the best of the state's wildlife habitat and working farms and forests, and help return salmon and orcas from near extinction.

## Work Plan

Documented plan that sets forth various projects that are underway or planned to be addressed during the fiscal year.

## FACILITY DEFINITIONS

General guidelines have been established to provide an inventory of community parks and open space to assess the capacity and levels of service for proposed development improvements and facility needs.

## Plazas and Public Spaces

Plazas and public spaces are small, specialized facilities including pocket parks, downtown parks, and seating areas along trails or sidewalks. Plazas and public spaces:

1. Typically used by nearby residents or special user groups, such as downtown employees and shoppers.
2. Have a service radius of two to three blocks with no minimum acreage guidelines but are typically less than one acre.
3. Usually have benches or picnic tables, flags or artwork, and limited play equipment, if any.
4. Located in proximity to higher-density residential or commercial areas with pedestrian access.

## Pocket Parks

Pocket parks, or "tot lots", are typically dedicated as active open space within subdivisions. They are owned and maintained by the development's homeowners association and only available for public use by residents who live in the development. These parks are not included in the City's inventory but are indicated on the non-City parks map for information.

## Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are easily accessible and serve the nearby population within walking distance of all residential areas. These parks:

1. Should be located within one-half mile of each

resident and preferably, 5- to 20-acres. Some neighborhood parks are smaller than five acres.

2. Are typically designated for the primary purpose of active, outdoor recreation.

3. Typically include open, multi-purpose playfields, limited athletic facilities, sport courts, children's playgrounds, and picnic facilities. Restroom facilities, if provided, are portable and/or seasonal. Parking is usually limited to parallel parking in the roadway.

4. Sites suitable for neighborhood parks are lands that can support intense development. At least 50 percent of a neighborhood park should be bordered by public roads, located in the center of the service area with convenient pedestrian access, and adjacent to or in close proximity to other open space and school sites.

5. Trails and open space are accessible to nearby neighborhoods, are considered neighborhood parks.

## Community Parks ●

Community parks serve multiple neighborhoods and may serve the entire city and urban growth area by offering a diverse environment suitable for a wide range of active and passive recreational activities. Community parks often include features unique in the community or the city, and:

1. Provide both developed and natural areas.

2. Have a preferred size of 40-100 acres and are

desired in each of the ten parks planning areas

3. Have common features such as athletic fields and courts (lighted or day-use), swimming facilities, recreation buildings, group picnic facilities, natural areas, skate parks, and local access trail systems.

4. Sites suitable for community parks include shorelines, waterfront, natural features and vegetation, and varied topography. At least 50 percent of the land should be bordered by public streets accessed from an arterial street, and a portion of the site would typically be suitable for intense development.

## Regional Parks ●

Regional parks are areas offering recreational opportunities that attract a diverse group of people countywide or from a larger region. They provide residents an opportunity to enjoy outdoor recreation in a natural setting or in an intensely developed area. This might include common features such as special-purpose facilities, lighted athletic complexes, waterfront, or natural areas. Typically, some areas require user fees to help offset the cost of operation.

## Special-Purpose Facilities ●

Special-purpose facilities offer major specialized or single-purpose facilities filling particular needs for

specific recreational facilities. Special-purpose facilities:

1. Have a service area that can be variable and is generally community wide. The acreage, preferred size, and site factors are variable as well.
2. Have common features include indoor swimming areas, golf courses, nature centers, athletic facilities, museums, and community centers.

## Trails ●

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Trails are areas developed for recreational travel or to accent linear resources, such as a forest, stream or shoreline. Trails:

1. Provide the community with an opportunity to enjoy forests, shorelines and streams and places to walk, jog or bicycle along paths set apart from public streets.
2. Service areas can be of various sizes, thought generally community-wide or regional, and the acreage and size can also be variable.
3. Have common features include paved paths, seating areas, landscaping, shoreline, and viewpoints.
4. Include linkages between public facilities, neighboring land uses, and varied topography. They have easy public access and typically, multiple access points.

## Open Space ●

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Open space is an undeveloped area which may or may not get developed. Open space:

1. Development may be approved for passive recreation uses or conservation efforts. These areas typically have protection measures associated with designated natural areas.
2. May provide a buffer between land uses, ensure a rural atmosphere, reduce building density, preserve natural settings, provide visual relief, or may be used for other public purposes.
3. Size is variable.
4. Areas consist of natural vegetation or landscaping and steep topography and may provide wildlife habitat.
5. Site suitability depends on the density of surrounding development.

## Conservancy Sites ●

Conservancy sites are special management areas with rare, irreplaceable, natural, or cultural features. Conservancy Sites:

1. Are created to preserve, protect, and enhance appreciation of significant or sensitive environmental and cultural features.
2. Are variable in size.
3. Commonly include wetlands, wildlife habitat, and historical sites and structures.
4. Show a presence of significant and sensitive features.
5. May be commonly called natural areas, refuges, or habitat reserves.





### III. STRATEGIC GOALS

The LPCR Comprehensive Plan’s strategic goals serve as the overall structure and framework for the Plan and a guide to identify policies, objectives, and prioritized implementation actions. The Plan’s goals coincide with the goals of other elements of the City of Lacey Comprehensive Plan and mutually support these elements to guide the community’s future. These goals were created through the Lacey Cares and Energize Lacey public involvement process with attention to the City’s mission statement and LPCR’s vision.

#### Goal #1 ●

Develop a high-quality, equitable, diversified parks, culture and recreation system where physical, financial, social and cultural barriers are eliminated, and which includes unique facilities, events, and recreation and cultural programs. This encourages social interaction, cultivates community spirit, and strengthens the livability of Lacey in addition to meeting community needs.

#### Goal #2 ●

Prioritize LPCR projects and facilities, identify corresponding current and future funding sources, leverage investments and partnerships, and maintain Lacey’s eligibility for grant funding.

#### Goal #3 ●

Develop a trails system that interconnects parks, schools, neighborhoods, open spaces, other trail systems, and important public facilities.

#### Goal #4 ●

Educate and engage the public with the heritage of Lacey and the South Sound region through mission-driven programs and exhibits and by preserving sites and artifacts of historical and cultural importance and making them accessible to the community.

#### Goal #5 ●

Use sustainable systems and practices that ensure the environmental, economic, social and cultural needs and desires of future generations will not be compromised.







## IV. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation was afforded the opportunity to spend 2021-2022 in a mode of increased public engagement. With guidance from a consultant, City staff, the Parks, Culture & Recreation Board (Parks Board), and a special Parks Outreach Team, LPCR engaged in an extensive two-year public outreach and engagement process.



In 2021 the City and consultant Jason Robertson and Company (JRO+CO) launched Lacey Cares, a broad, community engagement initiative that gave community members an opportunity to provide

input on how they would like Lacey to look and feel in the future. Following the outreach process, the feedback was sorted by major themes and organized into takeaways or action ideas to provide a concise, actionable summary of the public input.

A major theme of the process was parks, culture, and recreation offerings. Approximately 6,000 ideas were shared by community members on this topic. The City used this information to guide the next phases of community input that helped confirm priorities for the LPCR Comprehensive Plan update. The Lacey Cares Community Feedback and Key Take-

Away Summary is located in Appendix B, and many of the action ideas from this summary were used in the policies and objectives section of this Plan.

Building on the community input received through the Lacey Cares initiative, the City assembled an *Outreach Team* (OT) to further explore public priorities and preferences related to parks, culture and recreation.



### Outreach Team Structure

To help ensure an inclusive perspective, OT members represented a diverse range of Lacey community members and interests. In particular, members:

- Reflected Lacey’s diverse socioeconomic tapestry.
- Resided in diverse neighborhoods and districts.
- Included at least one representative from the Parks Board.
- Included both longtime and new residents with varied perspectives and experiences.
- Shared a passion for engaging fellow community members and strengthening a sense of community.

## Outreach Team Functions ●

The OT served as the primary entity responsible for designing and implementing public involvement strategies related to parks, culture and recreation. The OT’s goal was to help the City and partner entities and organizations understand community priorities and preferences in this specific topic area. Roles and responsibilities included:

- Actively participating in OT meetings.
- Reviewing and approving proposed community outreach strategies.
- Conducting public involvement activities (online or in-person depending on COVID-19 restrictions).
- Developing future action proposals.
- Reviewing and approving public input summaries and providing recommendations to the Parks Board.
- Presenting findings to community partners.

The OT met monthly from June until November, 2021 and:

- Created target engagement ideas and tools.

- Identified major themes based on public engagement and the data collected.
- Developed draft goals, a privatization tool, and preliminary findings and recommendations.
- Helped prepare the results summary and recommendations for the Parks Board (located in Appendix C).



Direct public engagement activities took place from June through August 2021 and included presentations to community groups and in-person intercept surveys at community events and high foot traffic locations (for example: park sites, food truck plaza, special events).

Two hundred intercept surveys with 800 inputs were received and evaluated (see results in Appendix D).

In October 2021, an LPCR prioritization survey was conducted to ask community members to help set priorities.

Stakeholders were asked to rate community proposals and express what matters most to them to inform the LPCR Comprehensive Plan update and ensure priorities are balanced to guide future investments and partnerships in the Lacey parks system.

There were 1,200 survey participants with respondent demographics that match Lacey’s demographics in terms of race, ethnicity and household income. In addition, 93% of respondents indicated they were Lacey parks users, and 62.5% shared that the park nearest their residence was in Lacey or the Lacey UGA. Since LPCR serves people both inside and outside the City limits this percentage is a fairly accurate picture of those utilizing Lacey parks facilities and programs. LPCR draws regional visitors to Lacey through events and facilities and those visitors, in turn, support local businesses, which are an important part of the Lacey community. The City’s economy is positively impacted through the expansion of the City’s tax base which provides critical funding resources, including for LPCR.

The findings from the Lacey Parks Outreach Prioritization Survey are located in Appendix E.

The LPCR Lacey Cares Community Input Findings and Future Outreach Recommendations (located in Appendix C) is authored by JRO+CO and is the culmination of the OT’s work and the public input received during the project. The introduction states:

“Over the past year, the City of Lacey has engaged the greater Lacey community in a discussion about the future and the way people would like to see their city look, feel and function. Through the Lacey Cares initiative and subsequent outreach, the City of Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Department has established a solid framework for future strategic planning. This document summarizes key findings related to community preferences and priorities and outlines next steps with respect to ensuring future initiatives are aligned with community expectations. The ultimate goal is to build a shared vision for the future of cultural and recreation assets and opportunities.”

## TOP CONCLUSIONS

Survey participants are most supportive of an aquatic center or public pool with preference for an indoor pool and people desire more swim lessons and access than what NTPS pools can offer (NTPS pools focus on students first). These findings are consistent for the region for universal support across all



socioeconomic profiles according to a regional aquatics center feasibility study that was completed in 2021 by neighboring cities Tumwater and Olympia, which included Lacey residents.



Indoor recreation is also a priority, but varies. The highest percentage of participants indicated an indoor swimming pool as their top priority. Indoor playgrounds were also rated very high, particularly for parents looking for low-cost activities out of the rain. There is high support for one or more spray parks and/or splash pads. Splash pads received the second most votes for desired outdoor features, just behind walking trails. They received the second most Top 3 priority votes, just behind swimming pool.

Open spaces, trails and preservation of natural areas are top priority. Respondents indicated preservation of existing

spaces, extension and connection of walking and biking trails and increased access to natural areas were of greatest importance. Surprisingly, over one-third of respondents selected cross-country trails as a priority. These can also be used for walking, bird watching, and other passive recreation purposes.

There is high support for one or more spray parks and/or splash pads. Splash pads received the second-most votes for desired outdoor features, just behind walking trails. They received the second most Top 3 priority votes, just behind swimming pool.

There is mild interest in acquiring additional parks relative to other priorities. There is mild interest in acquiring additional parks relative to other priorities, but the stronger preference is to complete the development of existing parks. New ballfields did not rate as high as other priorities but year round, multi-purpose, turf fields are desired. It is important to note this survey reflects the opinions of the general public, not sports user groups and stakeholders specifically.

Affordable, subsidized recreation opportunities remain a top priority for respondents.

There is a clear preference for events over classes with respect to programming, however cooking, crafts and art were the highest priority for classes. Concerts in the parks received the single largest vote for events preference, but others such as movies in the parks and fun runs were also rated highly.

Street fairs with food and entertainment were at the top of arts and culture priorities.

## CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT

The OT agreed to transition into the Lacey Parks Task Force moving forward that the City could activate later and confirm information if needed and/or gain additional insights.



Community engagement efforts continued into 2022 by relaunching the public involvement initiative *Energize Lacey-Shaping Our Community Together*. The Public Involvement Plan (PIP) was developed and approved by the Parks Board and Commission on Equity (COE). The PIP is located in Appendix F.

The PIP's purpose was to use the solid framework established through the Lacey Cares initiative for future strategic

planning, and establish priorities to build a shared vision for the future of Lacey's parks, culture and recreation assets and opportunities. The PIP included opportunities for the public to review materials, including a Lacey Parks map and Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways project board, ask questions, take a survey, and provide input to help shape Lacey's priorities and the LPCR Comprehensive Plan update.

From May through September 2022 City staff and Parks Board members engaged with the community at events, parks and programs. They shared information and worked to get as many surveys filled out and returned as possible. In addition, surveys were distributed in person at events, through community partners, posted on the City's website and social media accounts, emailed through department monthly newsletter, mailed utility bills, and advertised the monthly *Lacey Life* publication. Staff also had tablets available for people to fill out surveys electronically on site at events, and handed out materials with a QR code to the survey.

The Energize Lacey Community Outreach Survey was created using the top conclusions from the OT's work the year before.

In 2021, Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation engaged the Lacey community in a discussion about how they would like their City to look, feel, and function in the future. Based on the input received, Lacey Parks established a solid framework for future strategic planning but indicated that now, Lacey Parks needs your help establishing priorities. Lacey Parks shared that the ultimate goal is to build a shared vision for the future

of Parks, Culture, and Recreation’s assets and opportunities

The Energize Lacey survey is located in Appendix G.

## NOTABLE SURVEY FINDINGS

A recreational pool was the top indoor recreation facility requested by participants, followed by indoor playgrounds and then indoor sport courts.

When asked where people would prefer to see a spray park if one could be built, respondents said southwest Lacey, followed by northeast Lacey and then southeast Lacey.

When asked which future components of Greg Cuoio Park participants were the most excited about, more trails was the first choice, followed by preservation of outdoor spaces, then a larger playground.

When asked if recreation fees have ever been a barrier to participation, most participants said no.

When people were asked their preferred location for increased access to sports fields (converting grass to turf or adding fields), the highest ranked answers were Rainier Vista Park and the Regional Athletic Complex were highest ranked. Soccer was identified as the highest need for additional field access.

When asked if they have ever been turned away for field use due to fields already being full, 80% of respondents said no

and 20% said yes. It is important to note this feedback is from the general public who may not have experience booking or allocating fields.

When this survey was distributed to sports user groups and stakeholders specifically, their preferred location for increased access to sports fields (converting grass to turf or adding fields), the overwhelming response was the Regional Athletic Complex. For this high-use group, fastpitch softball was identified as the most common reason to book the fields.

When sports user groups were asked if they have ever been turned away for field use due to the fields already being full, 36% said no and 64% said yes.

There were 710 total responses to the survey, between online and in-person responses. The demographics for Lacey were represented appropriately in the survey.

The Youth Council provided feedback after reviewing the survey results and expressed interest in indoor opportunities



for teens such as a teen center.

The Energize Lacey data is located in Appendix H.

Before completing the LPCR Comprehensive Plan, City staff invited the Lacey Parks Task Force to meet and confirm the public priorities as articulated in the Plan on April 26, 2023.

The Task Force received an overview of the Plan updates, then divided into breakout groups to review and comment.

Task force members confirmed the top priorities as aquatics and indoor facilities (such as indoor pool, spray parks, and indoor playground), trails and preservation of outdoor spaces (such as the Greg Cuoio Park project), favored parks amenities (such as disc golf, pickleball, skate park, pump track, playgrounds, and food forest), and sports fields.

Some key take aways from the Lacey Task Force meeting were:

- The City’s Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan should be referenced in this Plan.
- A future indoor pool facility should include full service amenities if possible (for example lap lanes in addition to play features).
- Finish the sports fields the City already has scheduled space for and improve current fields to the extent possible to extend their usage hours (synthetic turf and lights).
- The general public believes sports fields are plentiful and always available from the City and NTPS; however, many youth sports groups are not able to get the field use they need.

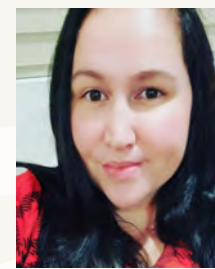
- Highlight partnerships we already have in place for the community.

- Continue engaging with the public and educate regarding how many Lacey parks there are and how this knowledge can help the public make informed future decisions.

The Implementation Actions section of this Plan are informed by the public input described in this section.

## **Parks, Culture & Recreation Board Takes the Lead on the LPCR Comprehensive Plan Update**

The Parks, Culture & Recreation Board took the lead in updating the Plan and discussed it at their monthly meetings between October 2022 and June 2023.



# Historical Commission Takes the Lead on History and Preservation Elements

## Historical Commission

- October 19, 2022 – Vision and strategic goals reviewed.
- January 18, 2023 – First draft reviewed.
- April 19, 2023 – Second draft reviewed and historic and museum elements approved.

## Commission on Equity

- April 25, 2022 – Public involvement plan reviewed.
- October 24, 2022 – Vision and strategic goals reviewed.
- February 27, 2023 – First draft plan reviewed.
- May 22, 2023 - Second draft plan reviewed and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) elements approved.

## Youth Council

- December 12, 2021– Energize Lacey input solicited.
- March 16, 2023 – First draft reviewed; input received.

## Planning Commission

- June 20, 2023 - Final draft plan reviewed.
- July 18, 2023 - Public hearing.

## City Council Worksession

- August 10, 2023

## City Council Meeting – Final Approval

- September 7, 2023

Various state and local agencies and groups received copies of the draft Plan to provide comment. The agencies included the State of Washington Department of Commerce; the City of Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation Department; the City of Tumwater Parks and Recreation Department; Thurston County Public Works Parks Maintenance Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC); the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO); Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife; and the State Parks and Recreation Commission. Additional state agencies were notified of the intent to adopt the LPCR Comprehensive Plan update and were given an opportunity to request a copy of the Plan.







## V. POLICIES & OBJECTIVES

The City has identified the following policies and objectives to reach the Plan's strategic goals.

### Strategic Goal #1

Develop a high-quality, equitable, diversified parks, culture and recreation system where physical, financial, social and cultural barriers are eliminated which includes unique facilities, events, and recreation and cultural programs. This encourages social interaction, cultivates community spirit, and strengthens the livability of Lacey in addition to meeting community needs.

1. **Policy:** Pursue traditional and non-traditional programs and amenities for all ages and families

#### Objectives:

- a. Continue to provide extraordinary parks and community programs that contribute to a high quality of life and attract tourism and economic development to Lacey.
- b. Continue to provide local programs, summer lunch and day camp programs, aquatics, outdoor adventure, cultural arts, sports and fitness, and special events.
- c. Continue to adapt youth programming to meet growing demand and priorities.
- d. Continue to engage Lacey's adult population to identify and promote viable, desired programming.
- e. Grow and promote community garden opportunities.
- f. Be responsive to emerging program, facility, and event needs.
- g. Promote City parks, culture and recreation programs

and facilities to maximize community use so they are used by as many community members as possible.

- h. Promote the role parks facilities and recreational programming play in bolstering community and individual wellness.
- i. Provide recreation opportunities for all family structures.
- j. Continue adding courts, picnic areas and other recreation amenities as feasible.



2. **Policy:** Implement facility enhancements that meet the needs of the community.

#### Objectives:

- a. Host events and educational programming that promotes the respectful engagement of cultural and generational identities and practices.

b. Provide programs and events that foster belonging and inclusion so people know that Lacey is a welcoming community.

3. **Policy:** Hire, train, support, and develop a high standard of professional parks, culture, recreation and museum staff.

**Objectives:**

a. Partner with other agencies, cities, Thurston County, and districts to maximize scarce resources by offering joint training opportunities.

b. Actively participate in Washington Recreation & Park Association and state and regional museum association activities to network, attract qualified professionals to Lacey, and learn about training opportunities for current staff.

c. Continue the Counselor in Training (CIT) and Teen Leadership Program to encourage youth to pursue Parks, Culture and Recreation careers.

d. Evaluate training and professional development opportunities for part- and full- time staff to offer optimum service and implement plan objectives.

4. **Policy:** Continue formalizing a program to encourage and provide opportunities for volunteer stewardship of parks and natural areas.

**Objectives:**

a. Identify a volunteer coordinator in the department.

b. Cross promote volunteer and stewardship opportunities that are available.

c. Continue to engage with the public in this hands-on way.

d. Implement an annual volunteer recognition event.



5. **Policy:** Protect City assets by maintaining parks, culture and recreational facilities at a high standard of care.

**Objectives:**

a. Conduct a parks and facility condition assessment and transition to a new asset management system.

b. Ensure facilities are up to code (e.g., conduct required playground safety Inspections).

c. Maintain signage standards.

d. Create standardized designs and specifications for construction of support facilities (i.e., restrooms and picnic shelters).

6. **Policy:** Create sound planning structure and accountability for all recreation program areas.

**Objectives:**

a. Establish cost recovery levels for all program areas.

- b. Conduct program assessments.
- c. Determine which metrics to use for program and facility evaluation.
- d. Create business plans for all program areas.

7. **Policy:** Due to the shortage of athletic fields for community use, determine where additional fields can be installed on current park or school properties to ensure sufficient land is available for community sports use and to provide a regional draw.

**Objectives:**

- a. Establish local athletic fields level of service.
- b. Establish plan to reach the level of service.
- c. Research and evaluate shared development and use of NTPS high school varsity fields.



8. **Policy:** Continue free and low-cost events with community and regional draw that bring people together. Such as:

**Objectives:**

- a. Cultural Celebration.
- b. Lacey Spring Fun Fair.
- c. 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular.
- d. Lacey In Tune Summer Concerts and Movies.
- e. Play in the Parks series.
- f. Lighted Parade and Holiday Tree Lighting.

9. **Policy:** Provide robust and community-driven parks, culture and recreation resources where physical, financial, social, and cultural barriers to use are eliminated.

**Objectives:**

- a. Provide free public parks.
- b. Provide financial assistance for programs. Enhance the financial assistance policy and program to reach kids and families in need in Lacey.
- c. Provide services that are responsive, transparent, accountable, equitable, and welcoming with an emphasis on providing a safe, trusted environment for underserved community members.

10. **Policy:** Provide paid rental spaces for special private events.

**Objectives:**

- a. Enhance facility rentals policy meets the needs of the community.

11. **Policy:** Provide parks in close proximity to all residents.

**Objectives:**

- a. Use GIS systems to create more accurate access and demographic maps by determining actual travelsheds and by mapping City demographics.
- b. Update level of service standards and work toward meeting and maintaining those levels. Identify the need for additional facilities.
- c. Use frequent public transit map to evaluate public access to parks.
- d. Work with partners such as InterCity Transit to increase access to parks.
- e. Use Washington State Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) standards as a guideline for adequate level of service standards.
- f. During development review, require developers to dedicate land for future parks, open space, and recreation facilities, if consistent with park level of service standards or other needs.

12. **Policy:** Ensure Lacey’s Park system includes opportunities for its community members to experience nature and solitude.

**Objectives:**

- a. Assess which properties should be developed vs. left as open space.
- b. Identify and acquire future park and open space sites in the City and/or Urban Growth Area understanding the City is not in an “acquisition” phase.
- c. Develop parks or plazas near urban corridors so all people have opportunities.

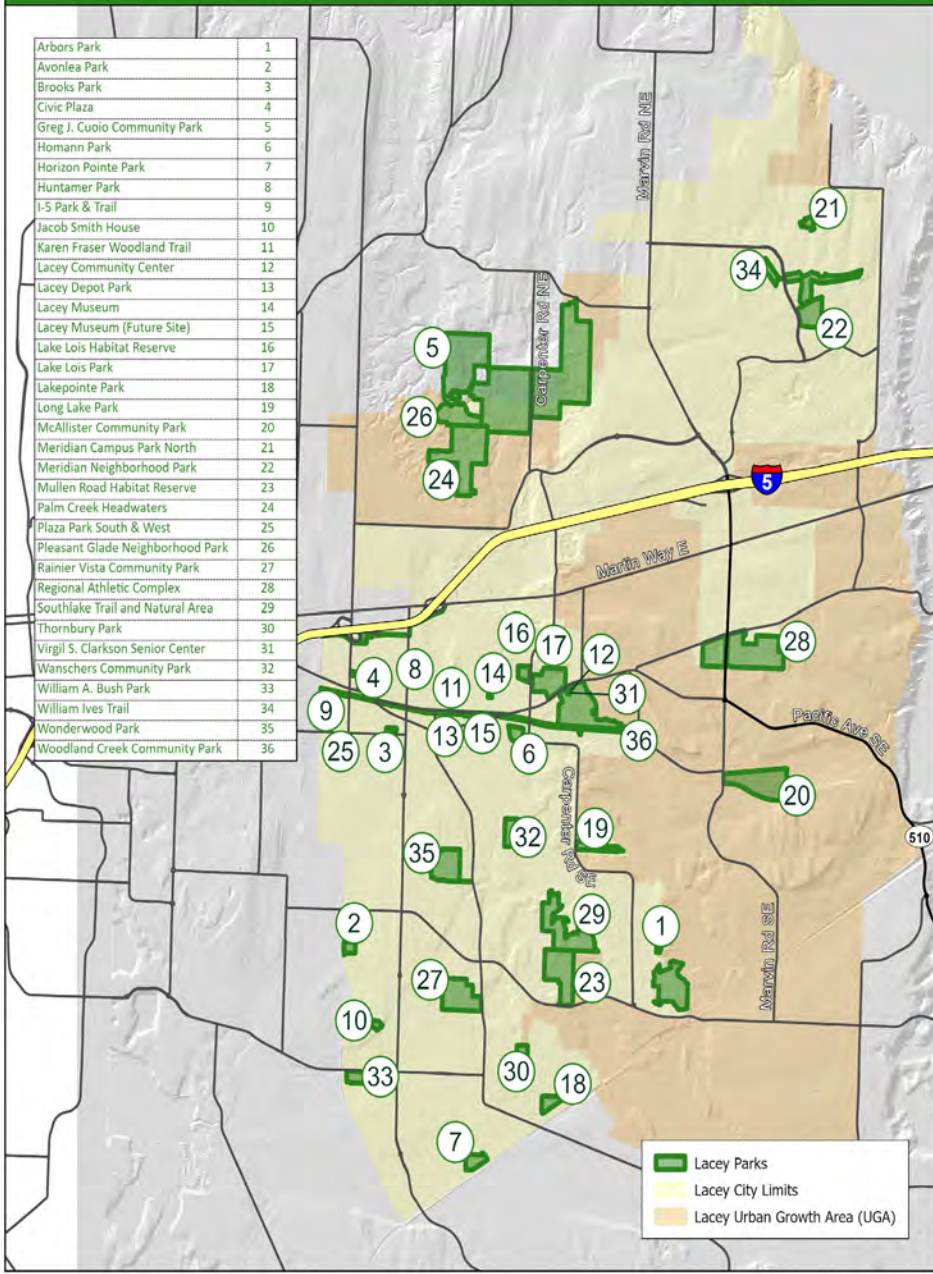
13. **Policy:** Ensure a robust planning process is in place to reflect site suitability and development.

**Objectives:**

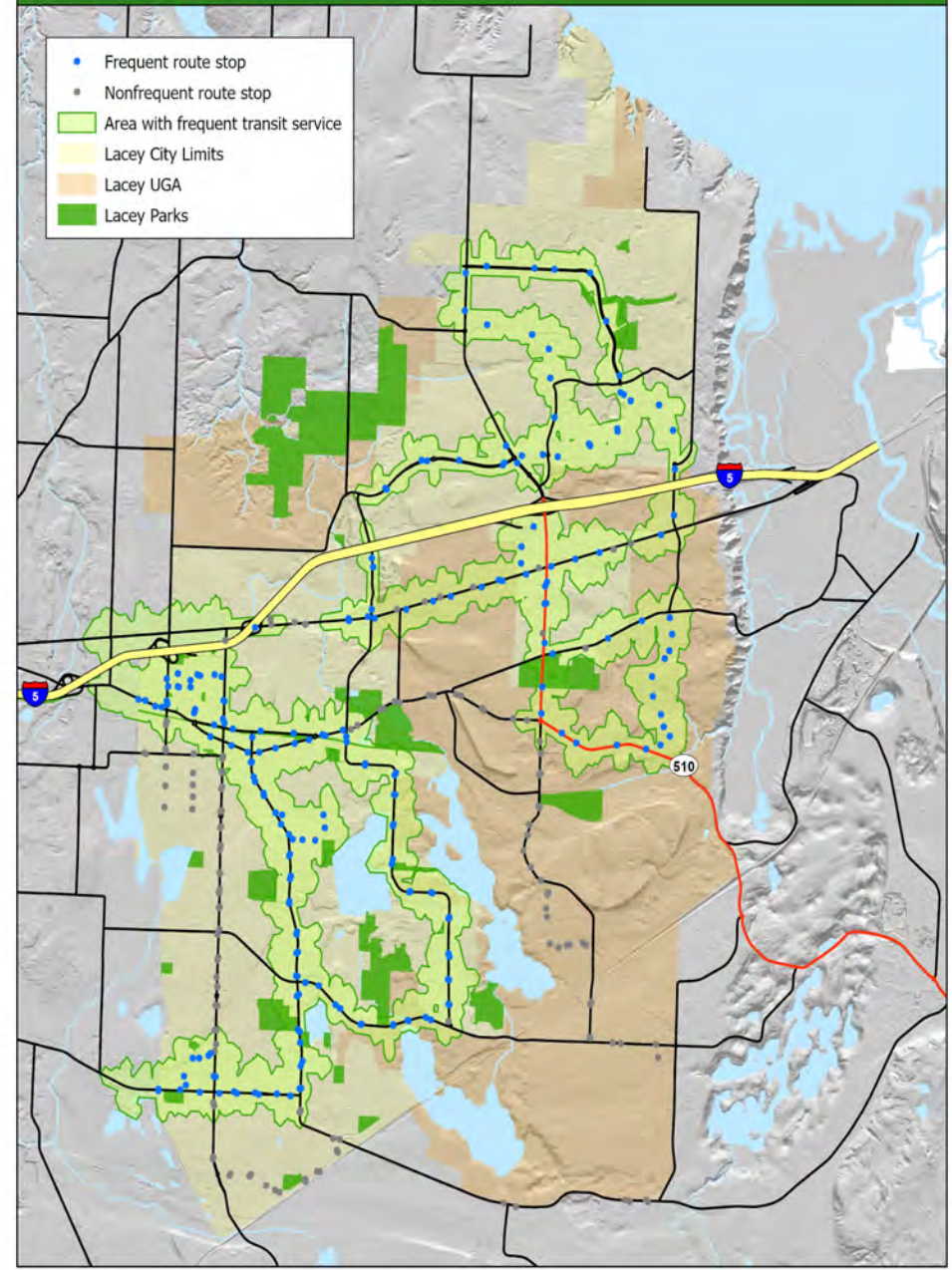
- a. Prepare a master plan upon acquisition of new park property, soliciting input from all potential users and affected agencies. The master plan will reflect the suitability of the site for specific uses, the needs of the anticipated users, and the integration of the new park to the whole system.
- b. Consider the intersection of parks and public infrastructure so that access to park spaces is reviewed.
- c. Consider coordination with the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan to ensure parks and their associated master plans are compatible with adjacent zoning.



## Lacey Parks, Culture, and Recreation Parks and Facilities Overview



## Access to Lacey Parks: Public Transit



Areas with public transit every 30 minutes are considered frequent on this map. The travelsheds indicated are .25 mile or “5-Minute travel”.

## Strategic Goal #2

Prioritize LPCR projects and facilities, identify corresponding current and future funding sources, leverage investments and partnerships, and maintain Lacey's eligibility for grant funding.

1. **Policy:** Transitioning from an acquisition to development phase.

### Objectives:

- a. Focus funds on development of properties already owned.
- b. Prioritize access to free public spaces.

2. **Policy:** Identify current and upcoming projects in this Plan.

### Objectives:

- a. Estimate the costs for the projects in the Implementation Actions section, and the Parks Capital Improvement Program, to include potential funding sources.

3. **Policy:** Investigate and identify sustainable, stable long term and revenue-producing options for funding for the projects in this Plan and for ongoing maintenance and operations.

### Objectives:

- a. Investigate innovative methods for financing facility development, maintenance, and operations to reduce costs, retain financial flexibility, match user benefits and interests, and increase facility capacity.

b. The City will research and consider all reasonable options to finance parks, recreation and cultural services and facilities. This may include user fees, park-impact fees, grants, general revenue, dedicated funds (i.e., bond issues, sales and/or property tax options), Metropolitan Park District funding mechanism, fees in-lieu of open-space requirements in subdivisions, private and public donations, sponsorships and volunteer services.



c. Enhance Sponsorship & Naming Rights policy.

d. Ensure an adequate Sponsorship & Naming Rights policy.

e. Ensure that adequate maintenance resources accompany development.

f. Communicate what sustainable sources of revenue are in place or needed to maintain and expand parks, culture and recreation facilities and programs.

g. Ensure funding strategies don't create access barriers

for users.

h. Communicate how City manages expenses and programming to reduce impact to taxpayers, and the different ways parks, culture and recreation provide community benefit to all.

4. **Policy:** Initiate and strengthen partnerships to offer optimum services to residents that would not be possible without the partnership.

### Objectives:

a. Maximize limited public resources by continuing the strong partnership with NTPS to seek creative solutions.

b. Continue contracting with Senior Services for South Sound (SSSS) to provide a variety of senior services including social and recreational activities to meet community need.

c. Partner with Thurston County, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and other public and private agencies, tribes or individuals, to maximize use of community resources, improve facility quality and availability, reduce costs, and meet community needs through joint planning and development efforts.

d. Seek opportunities for shared parking facilities to minimize impervious surfaces and maximize available funds.

e. Work in cooperation with utility providers to extend municipal utilities, such as sewer service and drinking water, to all public parks, whenever possible.

f. Continue to partner with private parties. Maximize existing partnerships and form new ones.

g. Continue to partner with private businesses to offer recreation programs.

h. Work with newly formed Lacey Community Foundation and other foundations and community



service organizations who will help provide funding and community outreach.

i. Work with partners to offer and promote diverse activities and programs for parents and toddlers, teens, families, and wellness programs.

## Strategic Goal #3

Develop a trails system that interconnects parks, schools, neighborhoods, open spaces, other trail systems, and important public facilities.

*The following policies and objectives are derived in part from the City's Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan. Please refer to the latest update for the most recent information, and for additional information regarding safety, connection and building momentum in Lacey.*

1. **Policy:** Continue to provide a high-quality system of multi-



purpose trails and corridors.

### Objectives:

- a. Use existing rail, utility, and unopened street rights-of-way, alleys, streams (where environmentally sound), and other corridors for urban trails. Preserve unimproved public rights-of-way for important open space, greenway linkages, and trails.
- b. Acquire railroad rights-of-way for conversion to trails and compatible public uses. Identify potential corridors and sites for trails, prior to urban development.
- c. Support opportunities to provide short connections to trails between local neighborhood streets and to activity centers, schools, businesses, etc. to improve the convenience of walking and biking.
- d. When located in areas where future trails are shown on the adopted map, ensure that new development provides appropriate pieces of the trail system using impact fees, the SEPA process, trail right-of-way dedication, or other means.

2. **Policy:** Continue to provide a trail system that promotes physical activity and a health-conscious community.

### Objectives:

- a. Seek options for additional trail opportunities.
- b. Encourage walking and bicycling for recreation and transportation purposes by linking parks to walking routes, streets, and trails.
- c. Continue to partner with other jurisdictions and State agencies to ensure well-connected and maintained regional trail network and coordinated signage program, consistent with the Thurston Regional Trails Plan.

d. Support programs that encourage walking and biking.

## Strategic Goal #4

Educate and engage the public with the heritage of Lacey and the South Sound region through mission-driven programs and exhibits and by preserving sites and artifacts of historical and cultural importance and making them accessible to the community.

*The following policies and objectives are derived in part from the 2023-2032 Lacey Museum Strategic Plan (see Appendix I), which is updated annually. Refer to the latest update form details and the most recent information.*

1. **Policy:** Preserve significant, high-quality historical and aesthetic resources that reflect our diverse community.

### Objectives:

- a. Work with the Lacey Historical Commission and community partners to identify, preserve, and enhance Lacey's heritage, traditions, and cultural features including historical sites, archaeological sites, buildings,



structures, objects, artworks, views, and monuments.

b. When appropriate, provide on-site educational markers to share the significance of the resource with the public.

2. **Policy:** Create and deliver high-quality mission-driven educational experiences.

**Objectives:**

a. As resources allow, deliver tours, programs, and events to the public at the museum and other historic locations as appropriate.

b. As resources allow, develop changing exhibits to educate and delight the public.

c. Ensure community participation and engagement by promoting and marketing museum activities as resources allow.

3. **Policy:** Build the new Lacey Museum & Cultural Center (LMCC) and ensure its financial stability.

**Objectives:**

a. Secure funding and construct the building.

b. Develop an operations and interpretive plan for the new facility that includes a sustainable funding plan with a mix of income sources including the general fund, lodging tax, earned income, grants, and donations.

c. Develop a five-year programming and exhibits schedule for the new facility.

d. Develop a charter membership, annual giving campaign, and community partner giving program.

4. **Policy:** Preserve, care for and manage collections professionally.

**Objectives:**

a. Ensure the retention of professionally-trained collections staff and provide them with opportunities for professional development as the field evolves and technology changes.

b. Continue to process new acquisitions, catch up on the backlog, and make collections accessible to the public through an online database.

c. Within available resources, preserve collections using museum best practices.

d. Regularly review and update the museum policy manual and develop procedures to ensure consistent implementation of the policies.

e. Update the museum's disaster plan and coordinate with the City Safety Manager to incorporate it into the City's disaster plan.

f. Develop a collecting plan to identify gaps and needs for



the collection.

5. **Policy:** Build and foster community partnerships to increase capacity and sustainability.

**Objectives:**

a. Continue to develop and strengthen community partnerships with educational institutions, service organizations, nonprofits organizations, local governments, and others to ensure the museum’s ability to meet community needs.

b. continue to develop strong volunteer and internship programs to support museum and community objectives.

**Strategic Goal #5**

Utilize sustainable systems and practices that ensure the environmental, economic, social and cultural needs and desires of future generations will not be compromised.

*The following policies and objectives are derived in part from the City’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Draft*

*Plan which will be completed after the adoption of this Plan. Please refer to the latest update for the most recent information.*

1. **Policy:** Increase community access and engagement.

**Objectives:**

a. Implement the Communications Plan, including developing a Language Access Plan to improve communication accessibility, and continue to enhance the cultural relevancy of City materials.

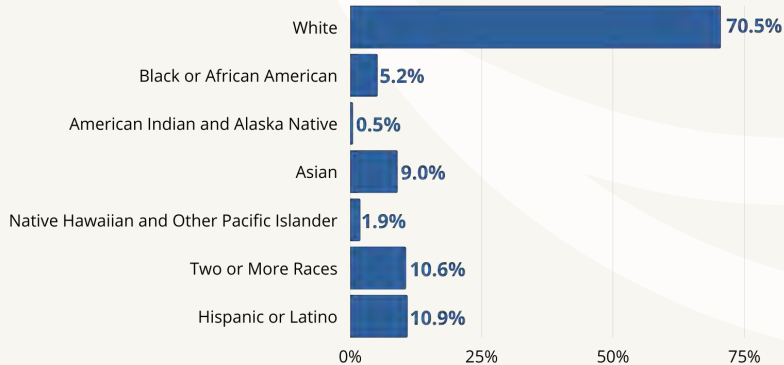
b. Continue to develop and implement engagement strategies that build community trust and increase participation of black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) and other underrepresented voices in local decision making, including on advisory bodies, task forces, and planning efforts.

c. Enhance relationships and opportunities in the community for continued dialogue and knowledge-sharing among the City, partner entitles, and community members through events, programs, forums, art, etc.

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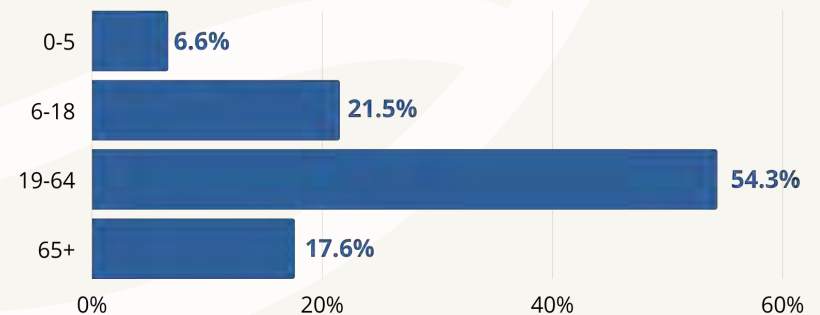
**City of Lacey Race Demographics**

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2021



**City of Lacey Age Demographics**

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2021



d. Be intentional and create meaningful tools and metrics that contribute to equitable outcomes.

e. Recognize and support diversity and inclusiveness through acknowledgement statements, public art, events, programs, and use of City platforms to amplify community voices.

2. **Policy:** Protect and preserve natural habitat for people and wildlife.

**Objectives:**

a. Continue to support, protect, enhance, and restore the natural environment and eliminate health disparities so that all have the opportunity to achieve their full health potential.

b. Identify, protect, and conserve wildlife habitat (nesting sites, foraging areas) and significant environmental features (wetlands, open spaces, woodlands, shorelines, etc.) and retain migration corridors.

c. Provide public access to observe wildlife, enjoy nature, and develop an appreciation for our natural environment. Interpret and provide environmental educational opportunities to instill an appreciation of critical areas and wildlife habitat in our community members.

d. Accommodate passive recreation opportunities where feasible and ensure minimal or passive development of some areas in parks to retain natural character.

e. Continue to protect and expand Lacey-managed open space and natural resources, including the urban tree canopy.

f. Identify potential sites for parks, open space, and trails, prior to urban development.



3. **Policy:** Connect natural areas and open space in the developed areas. Preserve these open areas to meet the future needs of increasing population.

**Objectives:**

a. Acquire and/or preserve areas such as wetlands, lakes, and streams to serve as natural area linkages and urban separators, when possible.

b. Maintain flexibility in planning for new parks and recreation facilities and open space to take advantage of favorable opportunities for acquisition or development.

c. Preserve parks and open areas to meet the future needs of increasing population through purchase of options, development rights, or control and tenure.

d. Extend appropriate types of trails through natural area corridors or greenways such as Woodland Creek and around natural features that provide a high quality, diverse representation of area environmental resources.

e. Involve community members in the preservation and maintenance of open spaces.



## VI. LOCAL AREA HISTORY



Dwight Jordan shows off his sulky racer at his property across from the Woodland Driving Park.  
Photo courtesy Lacey Museum, Rex Jordan Collection.

For thousands of years, the Lacey area was inhabited by the Coast Salish people, specifically Southern Lushootseed speakers, now known as the Nisqually and Squaxin Island tribes. They harvested food and materials from the sea, estuaries, and rivers. Their lives and cultures would be forever changed by the exploration and settlement of European and American people.

Many of Lacey's early non-native settlers traveled the Oregon Trail to the area in the mid-1800s. In 1891, the Northern Pacific Railway extended a branch of the Tacoma, Olympia, and Grey's Harbor line to the community (known as Woodland then), making possible a general store, a post office, a hotel, and a racetrack. Many became farmers or loggers, while others started industries and businesses.

Saint Martin's College was established in 1895, bringing an influx of students and immigrant workers to the area. One of

the earliest radio licenses in the state was issued to the KGY, the campus station run by Father Sebastian Ruth. In 1939, it was one of 13 colleges selected by the Civil Aeronautics Authority to prototype a civilian pilot training program for men and women.

During the early 20th Century, particularly the 1920s and 1930s, Lacey became a destination for vacationers all over the region with the development of resorts on Lacey's beautiful lakes, which provided the feeling of seclusion but with the proximity to city amenities. The resorts offered swimming, fishing, boating, high dives, water slides, dance halls, and water sports. Located northeast of Chambers Lake, Mountain View Golf Course and the Mountain View Rodeo Ranch, provided opportunities for recreation and entertainment.

With the increase in population, interest from Olympia to incorporate the Lacey area caused a group of local business owners and representatives from the North Thurston School District, the Lacey Fire District, and the Lacey Area Chamber of Commerce to join forces to prevent annexation. After a failed attempt to incorporate the City of Lacey in 1964 and a renewed attempt by Olympia, the City of Lacey was incorporated on December 5, 1966 through a vote of its residents.

## Local Parks History ●

After incorporation, the City of Lacey began purchasing land for the development of parks. Park properties came under the ownership of the City through several donations, dedications, and state grants from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) now called the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). Wonderwood Park, Lacey's first community park, was made possible, in part, by a state grant. In 1990, the City began collecting a 1 percent utility tax for the acquisition and development of parks and open spaces. In 2002, Lacey residents supported a \$9.9 million bond issue to fund park development and renovation.



From 2006-2016, the City acquired 527.38 acres of parks, trails, and open space through dedication, donation, partnership, state grants, and City funds. Of the 405.5 acres of property acquired as a part of Greg Cuoio Park, portions



of the property are designated as part of required mitigation for water right permits granted to the City by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The chart below shows Lacey's commitment and progress to provide parks as the community grows.

Between 2017-2022 the focus changed from an acquisition phase to a development phase with the purpose being to ensure safe public access to the public lands. However, the City was able to purchase a long-time acquisition goal, the Long Lake Park 1.8-acre adjacent parcel. In addition, 20 acres of parkland was donated to the City adjacent to Mullen Road Habitat Reserve, doubling the size of this conservancy property.

## Parks, Facilities, Trails and Open Space Acquisition History

Park Facilities	Year	Acreage	Funding Source	Park Planning Area
Lacey Community Center	1970	0.30	Donation/Lacey Lions Club	Tanglewilde/Thompson Place
Wonderwood Park	1971	20.00	State Grant/City Funds	Wonderwood
Lake Lois Park	1972	5.71	State Grant/City Funds	Tanglewilde/Thompson Place
Homann Park	1973	7.85	Donation	Wonderwood
Wonderwood Park Expansion	1973	19.30	State Grant	Wonderwood
Brooks Park	1974	1.10	City Funds	Wonderwood
Civic (Flag) Plaza	1979	0.17	Donation	Woodland
Lacey Museum	1979	0.54	Donation/Land Lease	Woodland
Southwick Lake - Mt. Tahoma Tract B	1980	3.30	Dedication	Rainier Vista
Long Lake Park	1983	9.95	City Funds	Interlake
Lake Lois Park Expansion	1986	1.14	City Funds	Tanglewilde/Thompson Place
I-5 Park	1986	1.00	D.O.T. Lease	Woodland
West & South Plaza Parks & Woodland Square (Huntamer) Park	1988	1.97	Dedication	Woodland
Long Lake Natural Area	1988	51.46	Dedication	Interlake
Rainier Vista Community Park	1990	45.40	State Grant/City Funds	Rainier Vista
I-5 Park and Trail Expansion	1991	2.00	D.O.T. Lease	Woodland
Woodland Creek Community Park	1991	66.22	State Grant/City Funds	Tanglewilde/Thompson Place
Southwick Lake - Lake Hills Tract A	1991	4.88	Dedication	Rainier Vista
Woodland Creek Community Park	1992	2.43	City Funds	Tanglewilde/Thompson Place
Thornbury Park	1992	2.80	Dedication	Rainier Vista
William A. Bush Park	1992	9.88	Dedication	Rainier Vista
Rainier Vista Community Park Expansion	1992	1.00	Dedication	Rainier Vista
Lake Lois Habitat Reserve	1993	15.14	State Grant/City Funds	Tanglewilde/Thompson Place

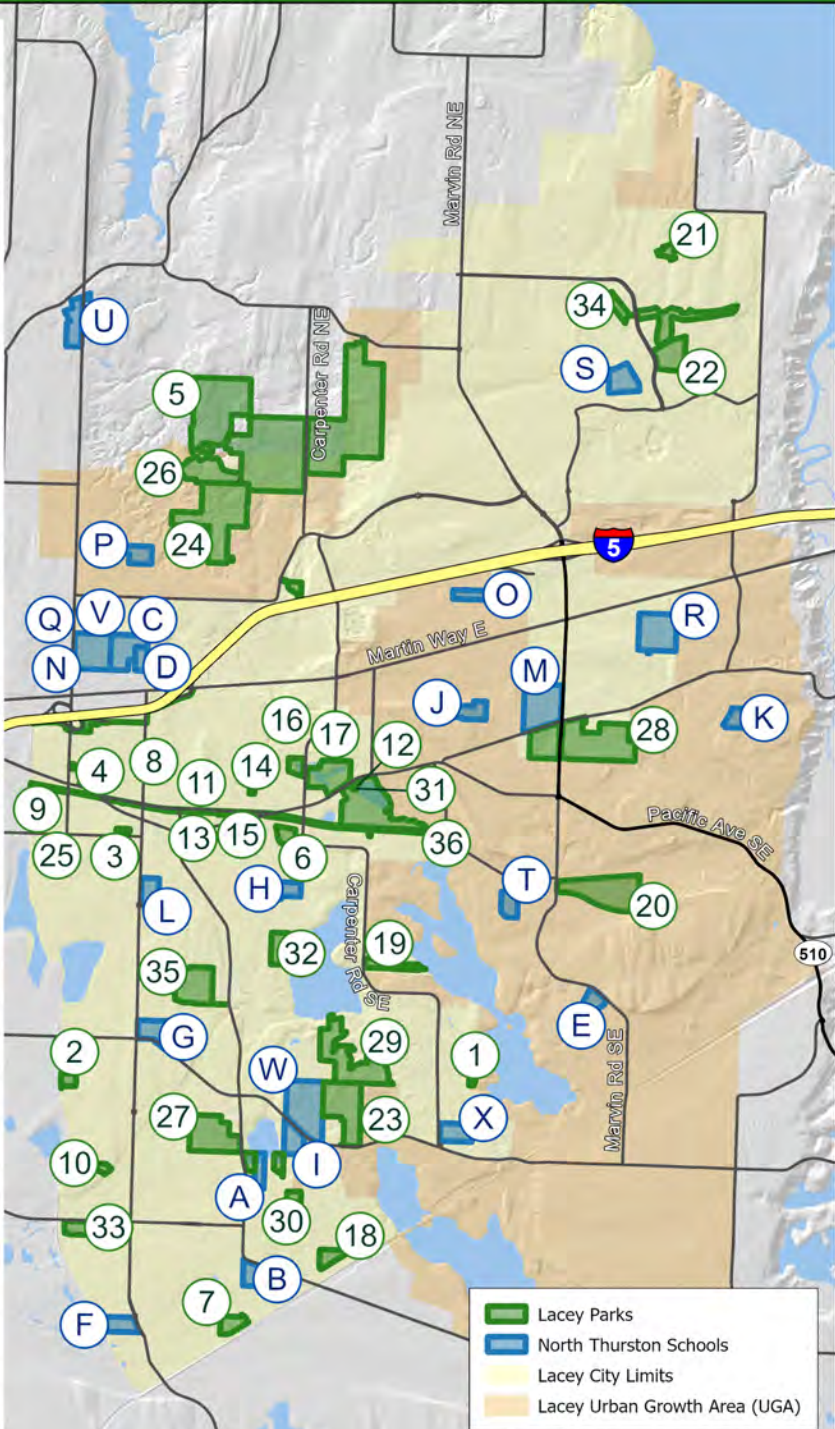


Park Facilities	Year	Acreage	Funding Source	Park Planning Area
Meridian Neighborhood Park	1993	25.22	Dedication	Hawks Prairie
Meridian Campus N. Neighborhood Park	1993	5.03	Dedication	Hawks Prairie
Avonlea Neighborhood Park	1993	5.49	Dedication	Wonderwood
Thornbury Park Expansion	1993	5.35	Dedication	Rainier Vista
Wanschers Park	1993	14.89	Donation	Wonderwood
McAllister Grove Community Park	1994	57.50	Donation/City Funds	McAllister
Thomas W. Huntamer Park Expansion	1995	0.78	Donation/City Funds	Woodland
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center	1997	N/A	Donation/City Funds	Tanglewilde/Thompson Place
Horizon Pointe Park	1998	1.26	Dedication	Rainier Vista
Mullen Road Habitat Reserve (Timberland Wetlands)	1998	31.85	Donation	Interlake & Wonderwood
Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) City/County	1998	67.06	County/City	Meadows & Tanglewilde/Thompson Place
Southwick Lake - Ivy hill Tract A	1999	4.94	Dedication	Rainier Vista
Arbors Park	2000	1.08	Donation	Interlake
Lake Lois Habitat Reserve Expansion	2001	17.56	City Funds	Tanglewilde/Thompson Place
Pleasant Glade Park	2002	31.75	State Grant/City Funds	Pleasant Glade
Lakepointe Park	2002	9.58	Dedication	Rainier Vista
Jacob Smith Historical House	2002	1.20	City Funds	Rainier Vista
Draham Rd Greenbelt	2004	4.40	City Funds	Pleasant Glade
Jacob Smith House Expansion (Corporate Park exchange 2.5 acres)	2005	1.97	Property Exchange	Rainier Vista
Horizon Pointe Park Expansion	2005	9.50	Dedication	Rainier Vista
RAC Expansion	2006	4.30	City Funds	Meadows
Karen Fraser Woodland Trail	2006	31.94	State Grant/City Funds	Woodland
RAC Expansion	2007	25.99	Thurston County	Meadows
William Ives Trail	2008	36.74	Dedication	Hawks Prairie

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Pleasant Glade Park Expansion	2009	10.50	City Funds	Pleasant Glade
Greg Cuoio Park	2011	407.24	City Funds/State Grant	Pleasant Glade
South Lake Trail & Natural Area Parcels	2011	60.80	Dedication	Interlake
Palm Creek Headwaters	2012	86.78	City Funds	Pleasant Glade
Southwick Lake - Tract A	2015	3.14	Dedication	Rainier Vista
New Lacey Museum (5700 Lacey Blvd)	2016	1.01	City Funds	Woodland
McAllister Park	2019	-0.04	Purchased by Thurston County	McAllister
Long Lake Park Expansion	2022	1.81	City Funds	Interlake
Mullen Road Habitat Reserve Expansion	2022	20.06	Donation	Interlake & Wonderwood
<b>TOTAL DEVELOPED PROPERTY</b>		<b>518</b>	<b>41%</b>	
<b>TOTAL UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY</b>		<b>751</b>	<b>59%</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>		<b>1,269</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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## VII. LEVELS OF SERVICE STANDARDS

Level of service measurements (LOS) provide a quantifiable assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, and gaps of service in the City’s current parks, culture and recreation system.

The purpose of a Level of Service standard ensures:

1. The City provides adequate parks, culture and recreation facilities as it develops and grows.
2. Land is acquired where there is an identified need.
3. Equitable distribution and accessibility to parks, culture and recreational facilities available to residents throughout the City and its Urban Growth Area.

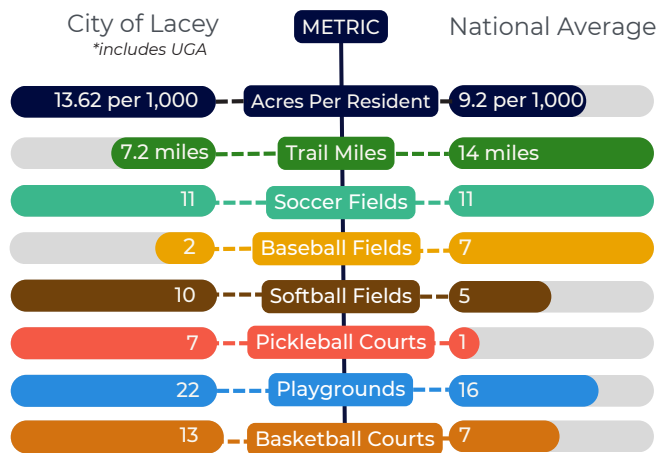
### Local and State Level of Service

Currently, the RCO and the state do not have required level of service standards. Because communities differ greatly, the level of service can be determined uniquely based on criteria such as quantity, distribution and access, and/or quality. Many communities use their level of service to assess how they compare to neighboring cities or cities of similar size and geographic area. Acreage alone does not give a realistic picture of how well park, culture and recreational needs are being met in a community. Convenient and accessible parks, culture and recreational facilities should be considered. For example, a community could have the majority of its acreage in several large parks, and find that, despite meeting a level of service, it does not serve the residents as well as the community with several smaller parks located within easy walking distance of homes.

### National Level of Service

For many years, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recommended a standard of 10 acres per 1,000 population for local parks. Typically, counties, cities, park districts, and state agencies provide regional facilities. Lacey is well within this national standard. The City has just over 1,263 acres of park land for a population of 93,218 people (includes City boundary and Lacey Urban Growth Area). The national standard, based on Lacey’s population, is 817.5 acres.

## BENCHMARK COMPARISONS



NRPA has recommendations for number of recreation facilities and amenities per population; however, each community is unique and therefore it is important to include this type of information in the Local level of service section.

## Lacey Level of Service ●

Many local agencies adopt their own level of service standard because each community is different, and each place a different emphasis on the amount of park and recreational facilities desired in the community and to what extent it is developed.

The 2017 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan identified the local level of service as having a neighborhood park/trail within one-half mile of each resident and having a community park and/or regional park in each of the ten planning areas.

To measure this level of service, the maps indicated a .5-mile radius from the outside of each City Park and a “10-minute travel” was assumed.

The 2023 LPCR Comprehensive Plan update establishes a new measurement for park distribution level of service which will more accurately reflect accessibility and a .5 mile travelshed or “10-minute travel” will be determined taking into account barriers to access that might exist (for example, neighborhoods with no through streets, bodies of water, private property, etc.).

The 2023 update will also show all publicly accessible parks,

culture or open space facilities rather than just those owned by the City. This is significant due to the important health and wellness benefits of getting physical activity, and connecting with people socially. It is important to document that these opportunities exist within the community and helps to take a more collaborative approach to measuring needs in Lacey.



The quality of park amenities, intensity of development, number of people in the park, and the experience a person has at the park (based on natural features and beauty, safety, cleanliness, and welcoming environment) are difficult to assess in a level of service. Although difficult to assess, these criteria play an important role in determining if the City is meeting the community’s needs. Comments from park visitors indicate Lacey has high-quality, heavily used parks. Here are a few examples. (A complete list is available in Appendix D.)

## Comments from Park Visitors ●

1. Parks are well-built and attractive
2. Parks are well-maintained and clean
3. Parks and programs are welcoming with friendly staff
4. People feel safe in our parks
5. People care about and have pride in our parks and misuse of parks by others is of concern



In the future, more formalized assessments of amenity conditions will be included in the level of service evaluation as indicated in the Policies & Objectives section of this plan. In addition, and also noted in the Policies & Objectives section, metrics can be developed and used to assess need in the future.

It's worth noting that often, community parks and open spaces (including trails) fill the role of neighborhood parks. In fact, this occurs in most of the ten parks planning areas of Lacey. Wonderwood Park is an example of an existing park that serves neighborhood and community park needs. In this example, there would be no need to provide a neighborhood park within a .5-mile distance from Wonderwood Park.

## Recreation and Cultural Level of Service ●

There is no formal level of service when it comes to recreation and cultural programs. Within programming there is flexibility to be able to adapt to emerging community needs, and fill gaps that other organizations are not providing.

The 2023 LPCR Comprehensive Plan establishes guiding principles for recreation and cultural services: Provide and support recreation and cultural programs that are socially responsible, economically accountable, and equitable. Ways to do this are located in the Policies & Objectives section of this Plan.

In order to be able to respond to community needs, it is important to listen to public feedback. This plan includes feedback from the 2021 Lacey Cares outreach project where priorities were sought, and the 2022 Energize Lacey outreach project where priorities were confirmed. Please see the Public Involvement section of this Plan for more information.

## Significance of Partnerships

The City of Lacey's partnerships with Thurston County, North Thurston Public Schools, Senior Services for South Sound, and others are a crucial part of providing an adequate level of service. For example, the City contracts with Thurston County to provide Specialized Recreation programs for individuals with disabilities. The city also partners with Senior Services for South Sound to provide senior programs and activities. In addition, the City has a robust partnership with North Thurston Public Schools for joint use of facilities with the goal of providing more services to the community.



The Regional Athletic Complex, Lacey's premier sports venue, was originally made possible by an agreement with Thurston County.

The City's joint-use agreement with NTPS allows each entity

first-priority use. It also gives the City the opportunity to schedule many of the NTPS athletic fields (school use comes first) and use the three high school pools for swim lessons and aqua fitness. The City also schedules other swim team use (other than City or NTPS) in order to expand opportunities to the public.

The joint-use agreement with NTPS is highly valued by community members and both City and NTPS staff. There are a number of challenges with the joint-use agreement. With the increase in school activities during the school year the City does not have as much access as the public would like. City use is limited to after the school teams use is complete and that is for the pools as well as the fields. Some of the NTPS athletic events cannot start until 5:30 p.m. leaving no time for the community user groups. This is also a major challenge with the three high school pools. Furthermore, NTPS pools water temperature is cooler than desired for City/community programs but correct for NTPS swim teams. With the limited time City staff are able to program, it is difficult to secure staff since the City can only guarantee a limited number of hours. The community has expressed a desire for more of a recreational pool than a competitive pool where lessons could take place as well as leisure features such as lazy rivers, zero depth, play toys, etc.

There is an athletic field shortage in Lacey due to increased demand from user groups, and lack of resources to maintain and irrigate fields appropriately. For example, the Bucknell/





Nisqually fields closure in 2016 eliminated 5 sports fields from their community inventory for groups to use. In addition, annually there are a variety of fields that need to be closed due to lots of use and long-needed upgrades and renovations, and/or school use.

An emerging need is the Port of Olympia fields being taken off-line for Thurston County Little League users. Port of Olympia has 7 baseball fields going offline which, with the already full inventory City and NTPS has, put additional stress on existing facilities. Currently City staff are fielding more requests for the Regional Athletic Complex baseball/softball fields than can be accommodated, turning away almost double the requests for weekend tournaments.

The need for synthetic soccer/football fields has been recently increasing due to a variety of new sports opportunities emerging and growing in popularity (for example, rugby, Gaelic football, field hockey, ultimate frisbee,

cricket). In addition, during poor weather months City staff are turning away multiple groups every weekend that want to use turf fields that have lighting. As City staff tries to diversify users, it presents a scheduling puzzle.

NTPS has brought on grass fields at many elementary schools that were previously dirt. NTPS has also made new fields available at Salish Middle School and has provided a synthetic turf field at Timberline High School with another on the way at River Ridge High School. In addition, improvements at Komachin Middle School will increase use of the current space.

Even with that said, due to a combination of public input (public input shows the community wants multi-use fields), for more field needs, higher than can be accommodated requests from community sports user groups, and fields being taken offline, the need for more sports fields has increased significantly. Lacey's most-immediate local amenity needs include:

1. 4, full size multi-use sports fields (soccer/lacrosse/football/etc.)
2. 4, (2 baseball fields and 2 softball fields-used by both adults and youth).

Moving forward, as indicated in the Policy & Objectives section, potential shared development of NTPS high school varsity fields should be researched, evaluated, and considered. If the high school fields had synthetic turf and lights, community use could be made available (fastpitch,

baseball, and potential other types of fields as well).

Due to the rapid and continued growth, it will be important moving forward to continue to evaluate sports field needs. In the next Plan update, as mentioned in the Policy & Objectives section, a more formalized study of sports field needs would be helpful.



## Open Space ●

In addition to park-designated land, the City has many other areas dedicated to open space. These areas differ from open spaces designated as part of the park system, however, are a valuable resource for preservation of sensitive areas such as wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat conservations. A map of these areas is being developed to identify this type of open space. These areas contribute to the overall health and sustainability of the community and contribute to the City's level of service.

In addition, the City of Lacey requires developers to provide 10 percent open space, dedicated to park use with an active component, for all new developments. These areas include tot lots, pocket parks, and trails, which also contribute to Lacey's overall level of service.

## Museum Level of Service and Industry Standards ●

Similar to recreation and cultural programs, there is no formal level of service for museums. However, there are core standards for museums as defined by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), which are "adaptable and expected of museums of all types and sizes, with each museum fulfilling them in different ways based on its discipline, type, budget, governance structure, and other unique circumstances." (AAM Ethics, Standards, and Professional Practices)

### Core Standards

There are seven categories of core standards and they are summarized below.

### Public Trust and Accountability

The museum is a good steward of its resources held in the public trust, identifies the community it serves and makes appropriate decisions in how it serves them. This includes being a good neighbor, striving to be inclusive, placing education at the center of its public service role, being committed to public accountability, and providing public

access to the museum and its resources.

## Mission and Planning

The museum has a clear understanding of its mission and all aspects of the museum's operations are focusing on meeting that mission. This includes ongoing and reflective institutional planning and evaluation of its activities.

## Leadership and Organizational Structure

The governance, staff and volunteers understand their roles and responsibilities and carry them out ethically, legally and effectively.

## Collections Stewardship

The museum legally, ethically, and effectively manages, owns, documents, researches, cares for, and uses their mission-appropriate collections.

## Education and Interpretation

Exhibits, programs and interpretive content is mission-driven, based on scholarly research, and meets the needs of its existing and potential audiences.

## Financial Stability

The museum operates in a fiscally responsible manner that promotes long-term sustainability.

## Facilities and Risk Management

The museum maintains its facilities, ensures the safety and

security of people and collections, and provides for the visitors' needs.



The Lacey Historical Commission adopted a strategic plan for the Lacey Museum in 2019 based on these core standards and has updated it annually since then. (See Appendix I Lacey Museum Strategic Plan 2023-2032.) Six overarching goals were defined:

1. Plan and build the new Lacey Museum & Cultural Center.
2. Create and deliver high-quality experiences at the Lacey Museum & Cultural Center.
3. Preserve, care for, and manage collections professionally.

4. Identify and secure stable, long-term funding and revenue sources for the museum.

5. Increase museum awareness, visibility and value throughout the city and region.

6. Build and foster community partnerships to increase capacity and sustainability.

For more information, see Strategic Goal #4 in the Policies & Objectives section.

## New Museum Facility

Many of these goals are centered around the need for a new museum facility, which has been on the City's Capital Facilities Plan since 2010. The current museum facility is insufficient to meet the needs of the community and professionally care for and provide access to museum collections. These insufficiencies include:

- No fire suppression
- Lack of stable climate control
- Lack of storage space
- Lack of workspace
- Exhibit installation requires closing the museum
- Insufficient parking and space for events
- Lack of public visibility

- Inability to bring in tour groups due to space constraints

- Inaccessible to less-abled patrons



In 2012, the City of Lacey Historical Commission invited members of the public to engage in the planning process for a new museum facility. City staff, Commissioners, consultants, stakeholders, and members of the public participated in several workshops during the planning process. Out of this, eight objectives for the new facility were identified:

- Increase visibility.
- Be a center for community engagement.
- Educate people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, and backgrounds about Lacey and South Sound history, heritage and culture.
- Provide opportunities for new and repeat visitation.

- Improve identification of Lacey as a unique city.
- Improve collections stewardship and accessibility.
- Strive to meet professional standards.

Increase the public trust in the museum.

Four phases were identified for the new Lacey Museum & Cultural Center.

**Phase 1:** Construction of the Lacey Depot and train-themed playground.

This phase was completed in 2019 and was used for grant matching funds.

**Phase 2:** Architecture and engineering for the new museum facility and site.

This phase was completed in 2021 with a grant from the Washington State Heritage Capital Projects Fund (HCP).



**Phase 3:** Bringing the site to a pre-development stage.

This phase was completed in 2022 and included the Department of Ecology Voluntary Clean-Up program, Salmon-Safe certification, and a cultural resources survey. It was funded by a second grant from HCP.

**Phase 4:** Construction of the Lacey Museum and Cultural Center.

This is the final phase and is dependent on available funding.

### Community Partners and Champions

Bringing a project like this to fruition requires community support in many forms. The following are key museum partnerships which have provided financial support, goods and services, consultations, and collaborations (present and future).

- Washington State Historical Society
- Lacey Rotary Club
- Lacey Fire District #3
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- Lacey Community Foundation
- Lacey Sunrise Lions
- Squaxin Island Tribe
- PARC Foundation

- North Thurston Public Schools
- Lacey Historical Society
- Saint Martin's University
- Olympia Genealogical Society
- Panorama
- Lacey Timberland Library
- Lacey South Sound Chamber

- Experience Lacey & Beyond
- South Sound Heritage Association
- North Thurston Kiwanis Club
- Friendly Flower Garden Club



## Lacey Parks Classifications

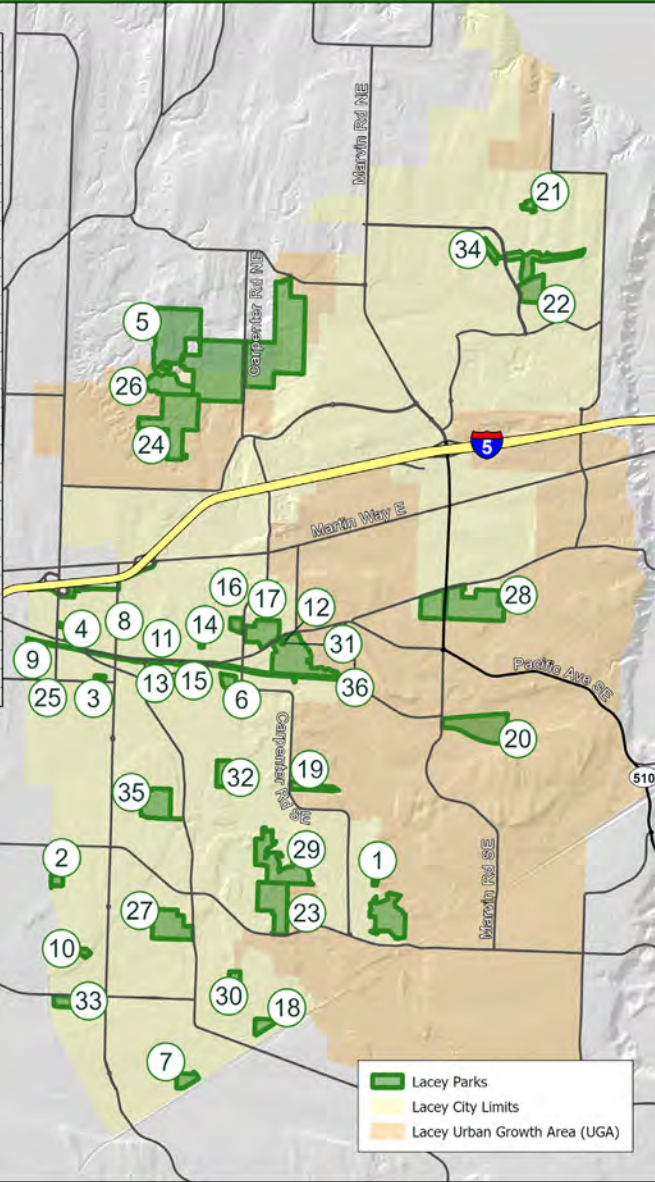
Park Name	Classification	Acreage
1. Arbors Park	Neighborhood	1.08
2. Avonlea Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood	5.49
3. Brooks Park	Open Space	1.10
4. Civic (Flag) Plaza	Plaza	0.17
5. Depot Park	Plaza/Community	1.01
6. Greg Cuoio Park	Open Space	405.50
7. Greenbelt	Open Space	4.90
8. Homann Park	Neighborhood	7.85
9. Horizon Pointe Park	Neighborhood	9.50
10. Huntamer Park	Plaza/Community	1.50
11. I-5 Park and Trail	Open Space/Trail	3.00
12. Karen Fraser Woodland Trail	Trail	22.68
13. Lake Lois Habitat Reserve	Conservancy	28.56
14. Lake Lois Park	Neighborhood	7.00
15. Lakepointe Park	Neighborhood	9.58
16. Long Lake Natural Area	Open Space	51.46
17. Long Lake Park	Neighborhood/Community	9.95
18. McAllister Grove Community Park	Open Space	59.70
19. Meridian Campus North Neighborhood Park	Open Space	5.00
20. Meridian Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood	25.22
21. Mullen Road Habitat Reserve (Timberline Wetlands)	Conservancy	32.35
22. Palm Creek Headquarters	Open Space/Community	86.78
23. Pleasant Glade Park	Neighborhood	42.25

Park Facilities	Park Facilities	Acreage
24. Rainier Vista Community Park	Neighborhood/Community/Regional	46.4
25. Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) City/Council	Neighborhood/Community/Regional	97.38
26. Southlake Trail	Trail	15.55
27. Southwick Lake	Open Space	16.26
28. Thornbury Park	Neighborhood	8.20
29. Wanschers Park	Neighborhood	14.89
30. West & South Plaza Parks	Plaza	1.25
31. William A Bush	Neighborhood	9.88
32. William Ives Trail	Trail	58.32
33. Wonderwood Park	Neighborhood / Community	40.00
34. Woodland Creek Community Park	Neighborhood / Community	72.77



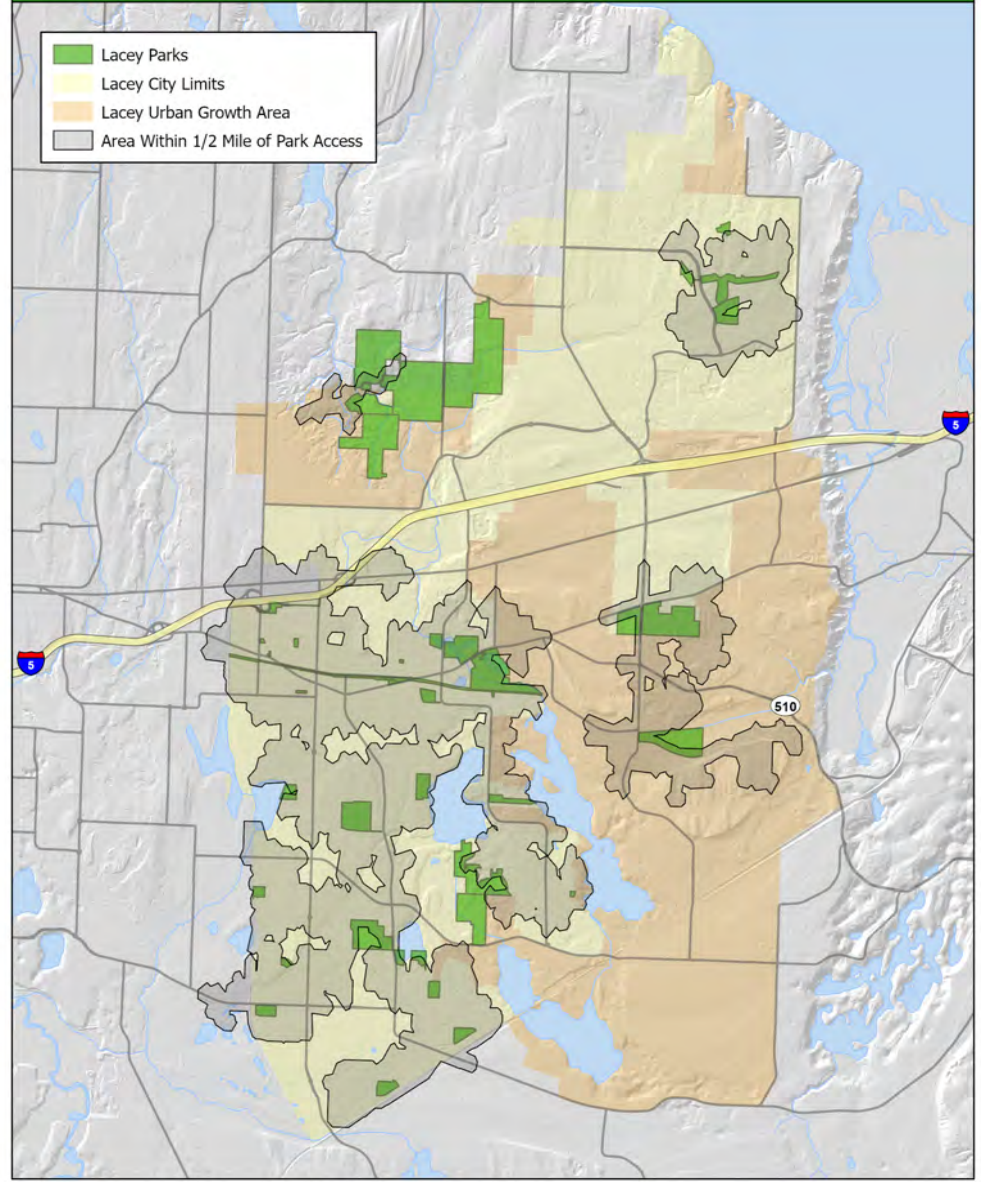
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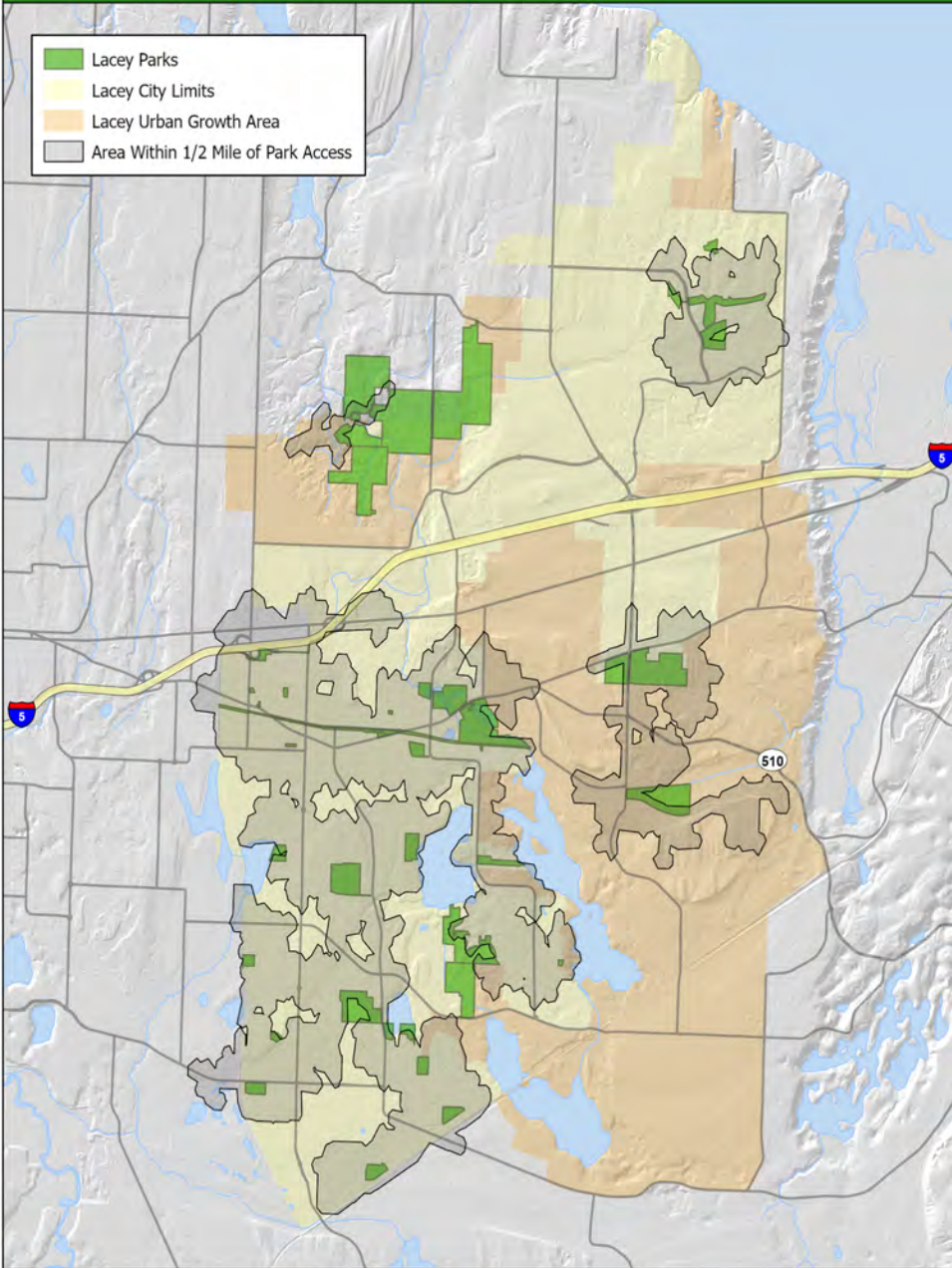


## Lacey Parks & Facilities Access

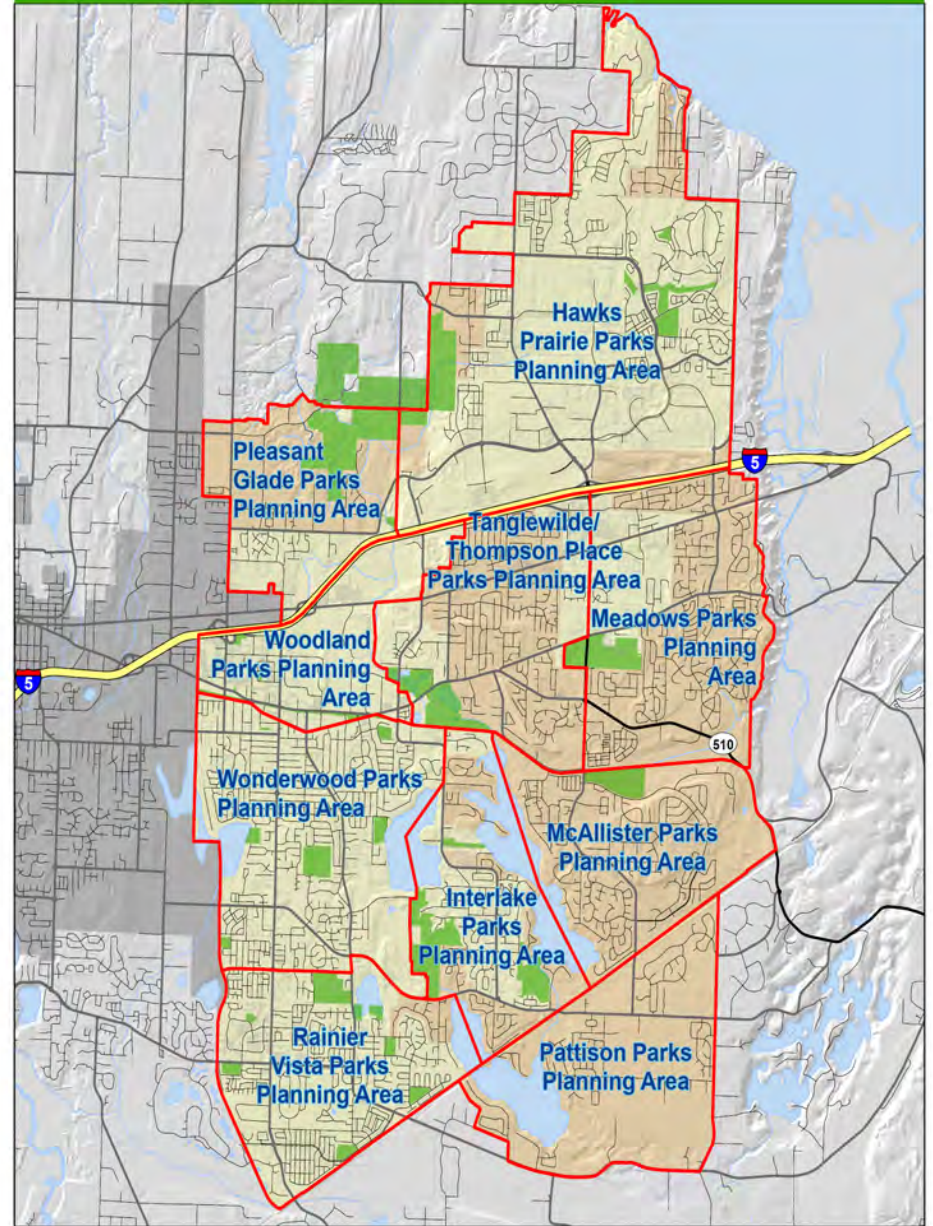
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- Lacey Urban Growth Area
- Area Within 1/2 Mile of Park Access



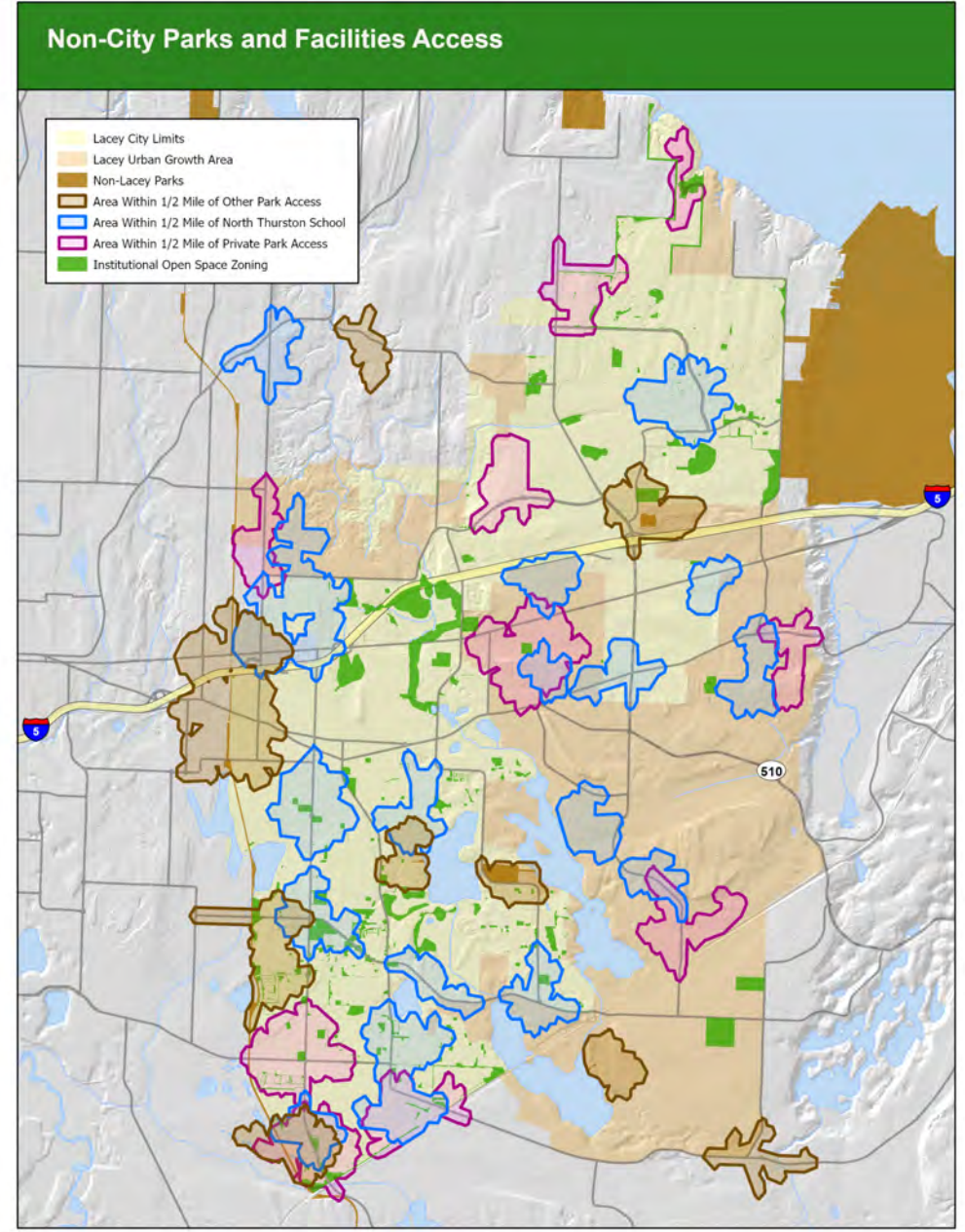
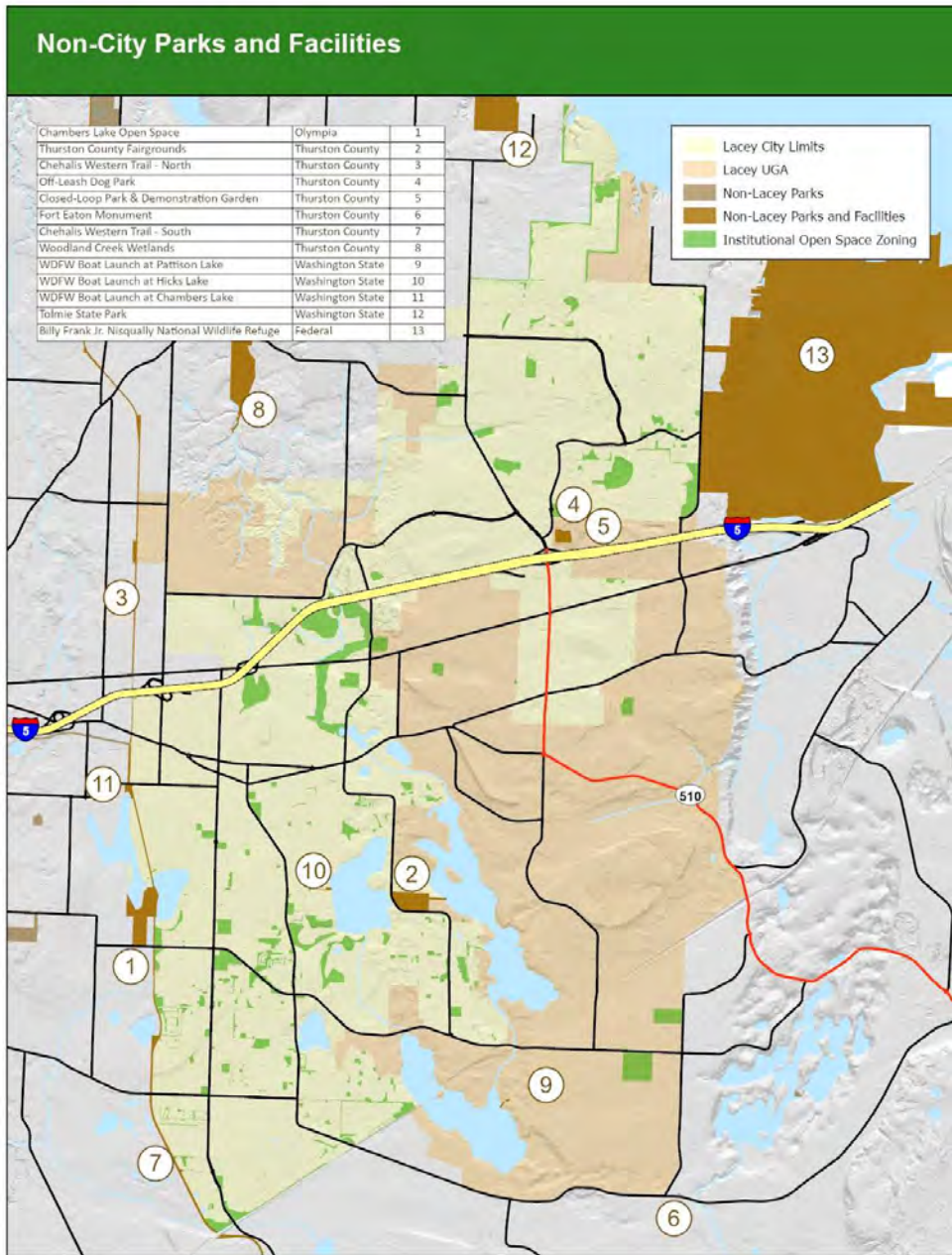
## Lacey Parks & Facilities Access



## Lacey Parks Planning Areas

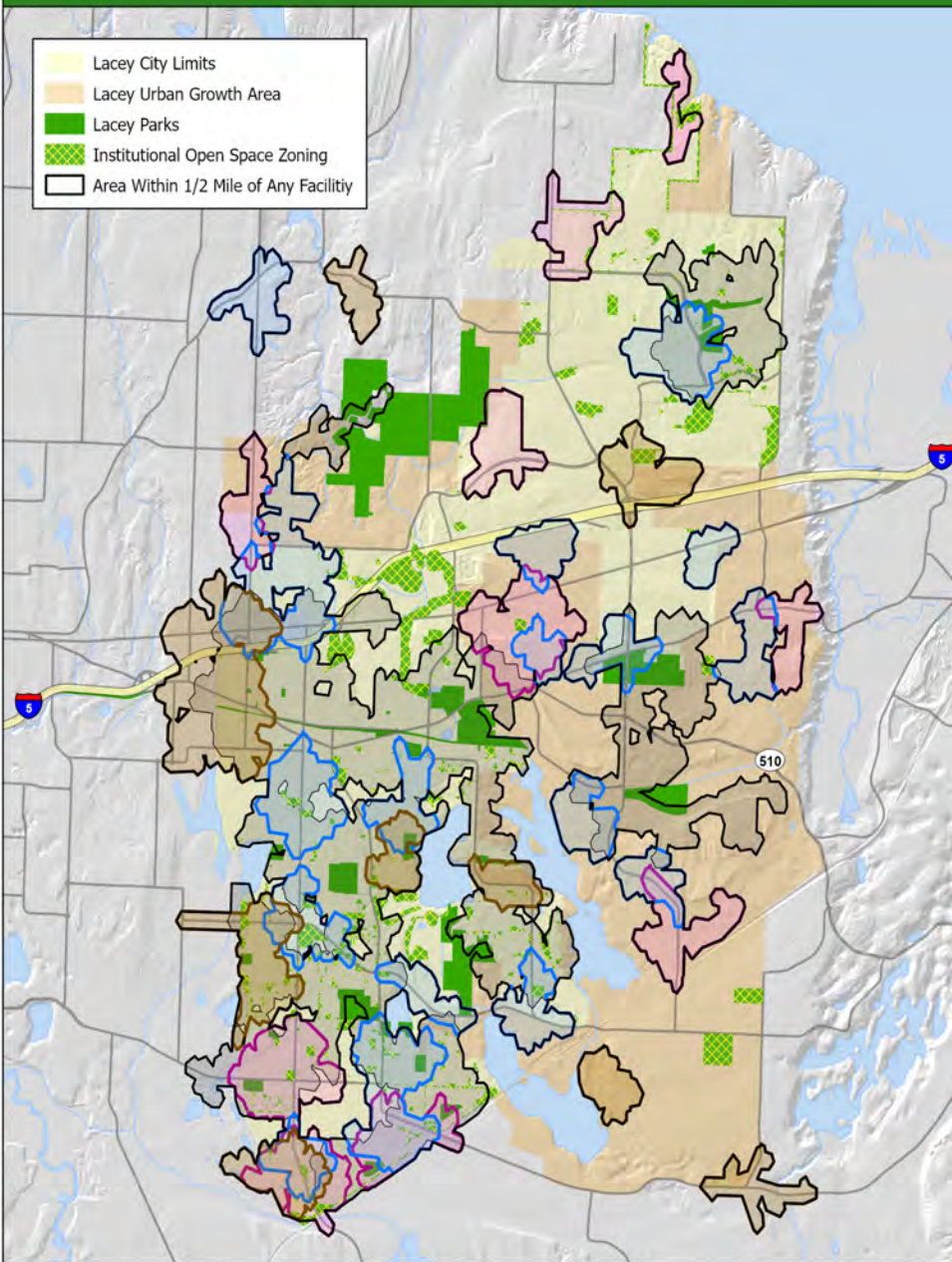


# Non-City Parks & Facilities

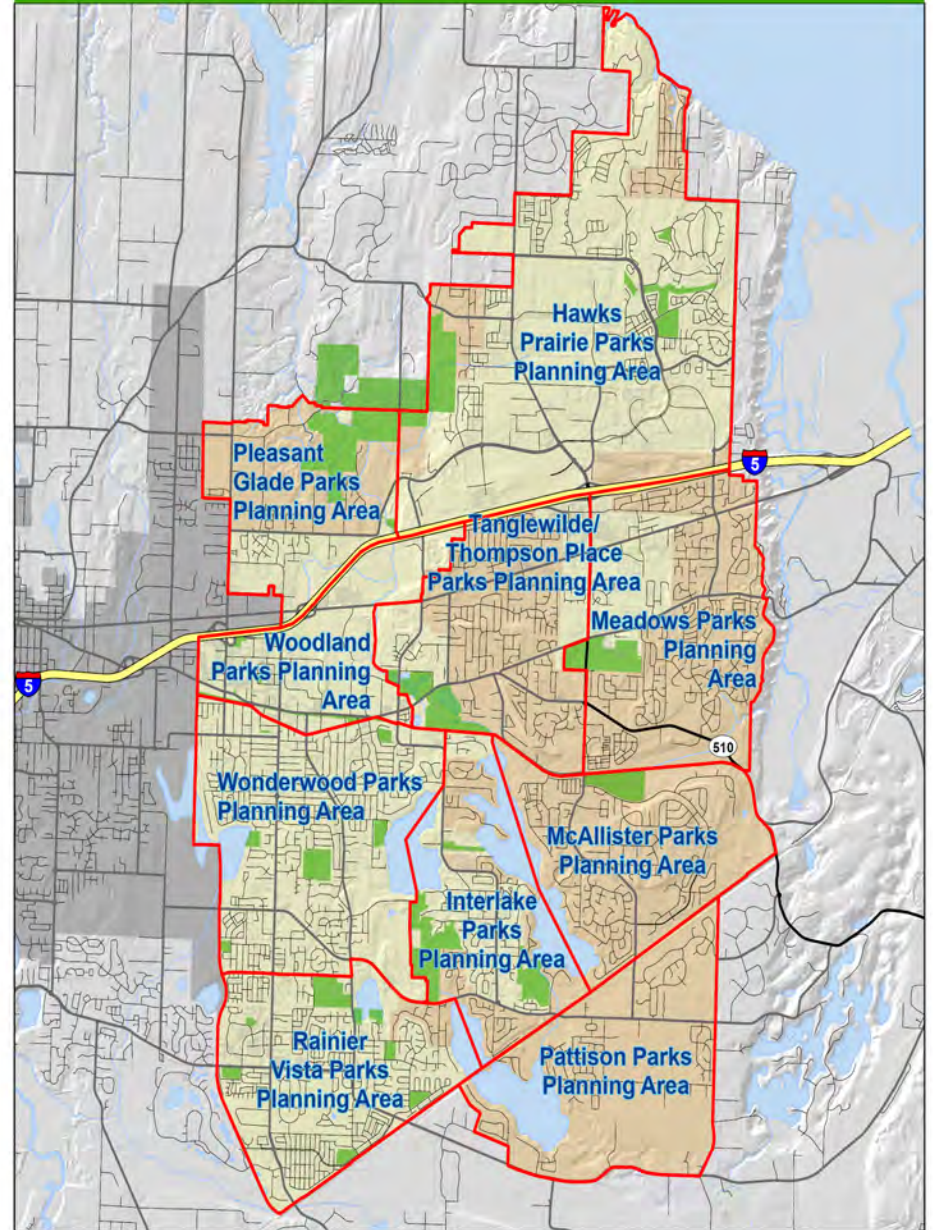


# Lacey Parks & Facilities and Non-City Parks & Facilities

## All Parks, Open Space, & Recreational Facilities in Lacey



## Lacey Parks Planning Areas



North Thurston Public Schools provide playgrounds, fields, covered play sheds, tennis courts and other outdoor amenities that are available to the public during non-school hours but no later than dusk (unless otherwise reserved).

A reminder that school activities take priority before public use.

NTPS sports fields must be booked through Lacey Parks, and the stadiums and high school varsity fields must be booked through NTPS.

Please see the NTPS website for operating rules for individual sites.

Although not located within Lacey's Urban Growth Area, the following facilities have a significant influence on the local recreational activities and therefore, have been included on the map:

**Tolmie State Park** is a 106-acre regional park, located on 61st Avenue NE, about one mile north of the Hawk's Prairie Planning Area. It has one half mile of Puget Sound shoreline, large natural area, beach, nature trail, picnic grounds and shelters, amphitheater mooring buoys, underwater scuba park, and shellfish gathering.

**Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Area** is a 2,818-acre United States Fish and Wildlife Service conservancy property adjacent to the northeast boundary of the Planning Area. It has nature trails, an environmental education center, and

significant waterfowl habitat.

**Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area** is a Washington State Department of Natural Resources conservancy area on Henderson Inlet about 4 miles north of the Hawk's Prairie Planning Area. It has over 4 miles of marine shoreline, 260 acres of upland, and 190 acres of tideland - all subject to limited public access. The Chehalis-Western Trail links this site to the planning area.

**Luhr Beach Boat Ramp** located at the mouth of the McAllister Creek, owned and operated by the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife, provides saltwater access

**Chehalis Western Trail**, a paved, regional pedestrian and bicycle trail that runs along Lacey's western border and stretches north 6.5 miles to the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area and south 16 miles to the rural town of Rainier.



## VIII. PARKS PLANNING AREAS

The City of Lacey is located in the northeast corner of Thurston County and southern end of Puget Sound. The northern-most tip has shoreline along the Puget Sound and the southern area follows the Burlington Northern railroad near Yelm Highway. The western border is the Chehalis Western Rail line, which has been converted to a public trail. The eastern boundary generally follows the Willamette Meridian and Nisqually Bluff. US Interstate 5 bisects the City, with the majority of the community living south of the freeway. However, the City's northern portion is growing at a tremendous rate and where most of the urban growth is projected to occur over the next twenty years.

Lacey's incorporated boundaries include 12,176.4 acres (19.0 square miles) and its urban growth area includes approximately 9,121.2 acres (14.3 square miles) for a total planning area of approximately 21,297.6 acres (33.3 square miles). The Lacey Urban Growth Area (area currently in the county) is where urban growth will most likely occur over the next twenty years. The City of Lacey, plus its urban growth area, is approximately 5.25 miles wide and 9.25 miles long, at the widest points. Staff divided this overall planning area into ten smaller parks planning areas with an average size of 3 to 3.5 square miles. The planning areas are separated into reasonable zones, bordered by major transportation corridors (I-5, Pacific Avenue, BNRR) and natural features (lakes, creeks).

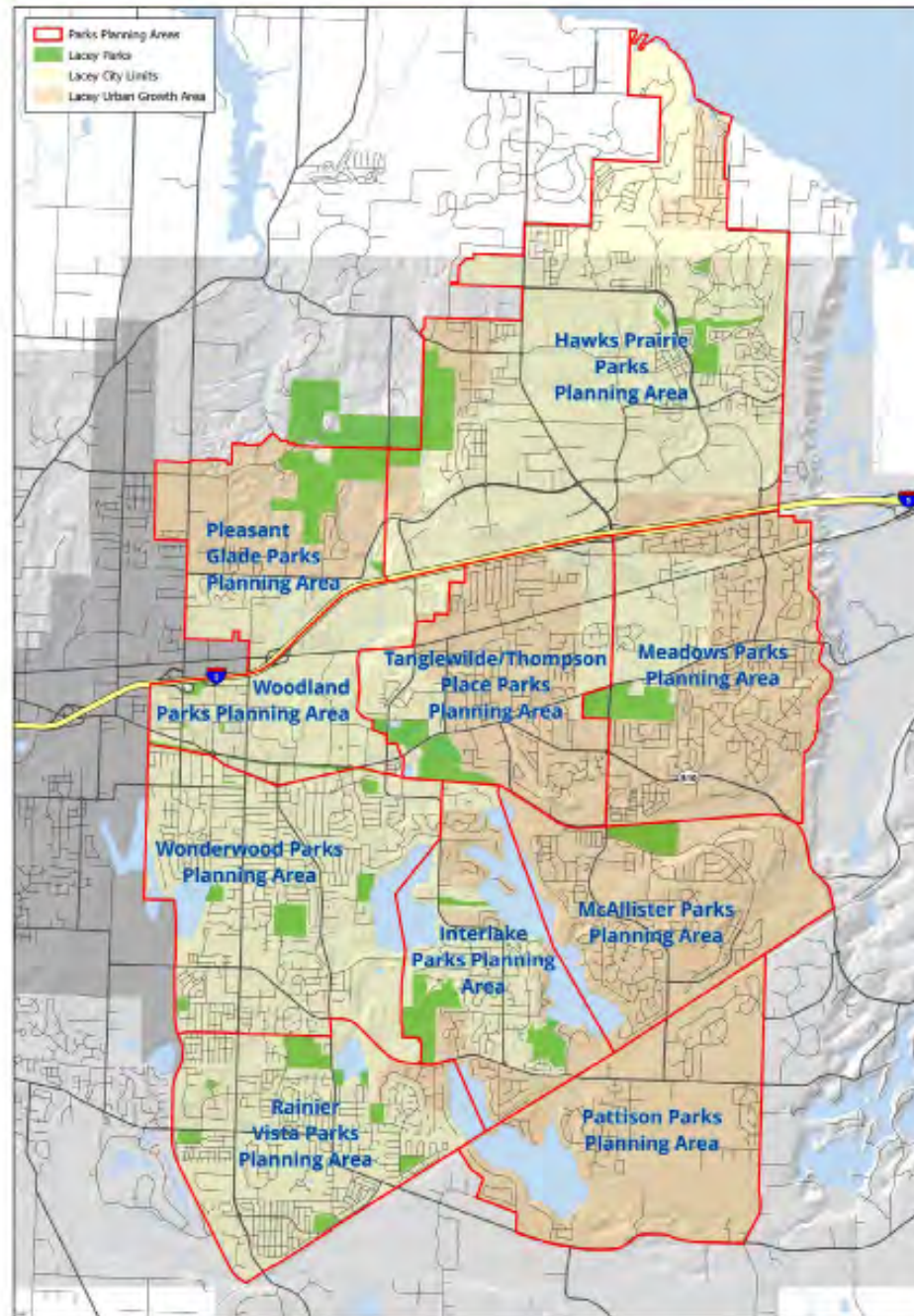
Staff considered existing community and regional facilities when identifying the ten parks planning areas. The same name was used in areas where the parks planning area and the planning area boundaries (established in the Lacey Comprehensive Plan) matched. Hawks Prairie, the largest planning area, is 7.2 square miles. As further development occurs, we may divide this area into smaller sections. Woodland, the smallest planning area, is 1.82 square miles.

Each planning area was evaluated based on its recreational facilities, their conditions, and future park needs. According to the identified needs, there are some planning areas that lack a neighborhood park or trail within a .5-mile travelshed of residents. Pleasant Glade, Hawks Prairie, Tanglewilde/Thompson Place, Meadows, McAllister, and potentially Pattison. Though deficiencies are noted, the overall acreage is above the national standard, and Lacey has moved into a development phase rather than acquisition, with a focus on development and connectivity.

Each planning area has some type of important habitat for a variety of wildlife and environmentally sensitive areas, typically associated with wetlands, lakes, streams, and forest areas.

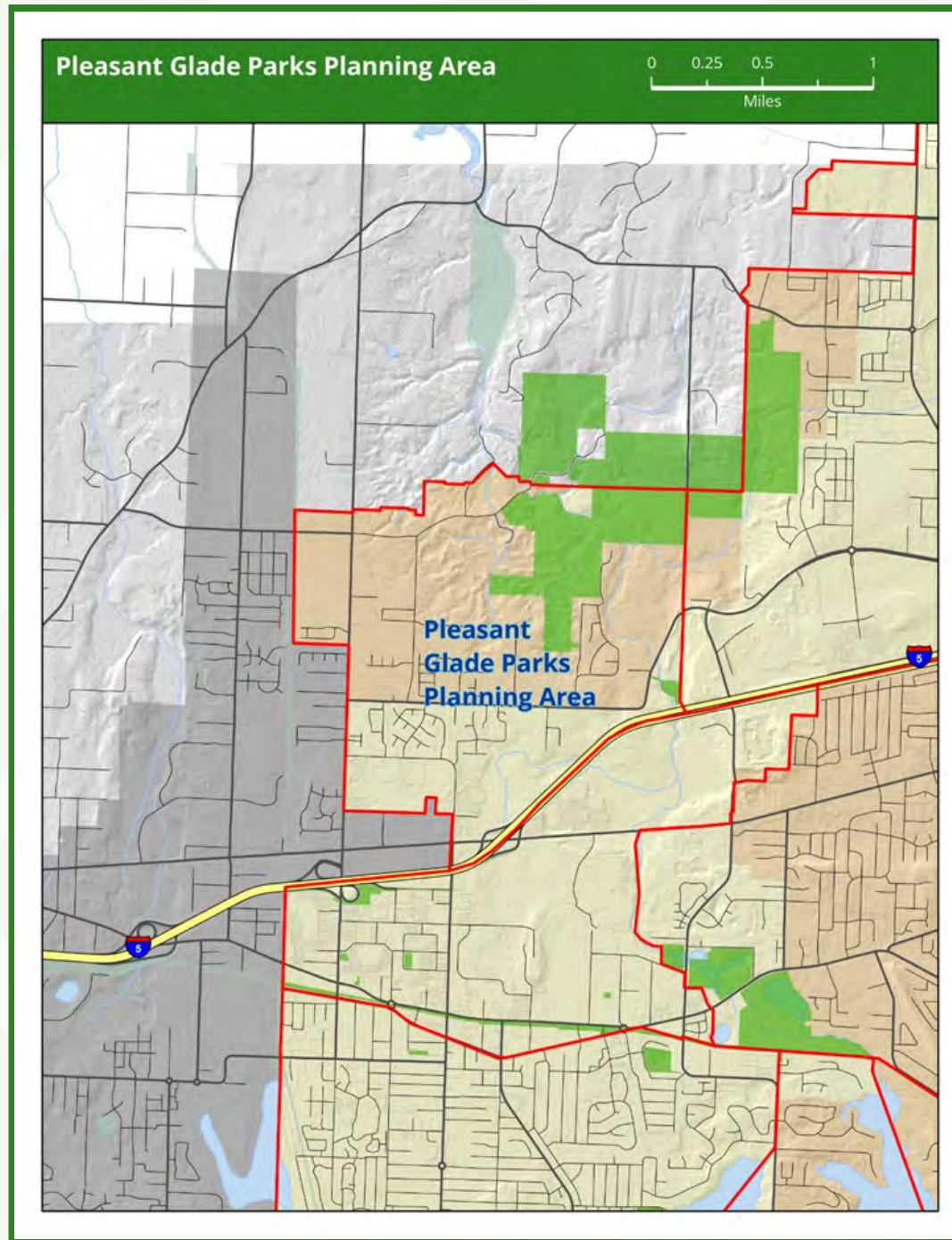
# Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation

## Parks Planning Areas





# PLEASANT GLADE PARKS PLANNING AREA



## PLEASANT GLADE PLANNING AREA

Pleasant Glade Planning Area, located in the northwest corner of Lacey, encompasses 2.2 square miles. The Chehalis-Western trail is on the west, Carpenter Road on the east, US Interstate 5 to the south, and Lacey's Urban Growth Area boundary to the north. More than half of the existing planning area is located within the Lacey Urban Growth Area boundaries and is primarily rural in character. In addition, part of the City-owned Park property actually lies outside the City boundary in unincorporated Thurston County. Its zoning is mostly residential, with some commercially zoned areas. The area's 2022 population was 2,965 with a population density of 1,335 people per square mile. By 2027, the population is predicted to grow to 3,064 and density will increase to 1,379 people per square mile. In 2035, 4,300 people may live in this planning area.



Existing recreational opportunities include four public schools, two trails (the I-5 bike trail and the Chehalis Western Trail), one private school, and three park sites. The Pleasant Glade Planning Area has 64.4 acres of park land per 1,000 residents. The public schools are Pleasant Glade Elementary School, Chinook Middle School, and Envision Career Academy and North Thurston High Schools. Together, the schools have many opportunities for active recreation including gymnasiums, fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, basketball courts, a running track, indoor pool, and classrooms. Northwest Christian Academy, a private school, has classrooms, football/soccer field, tennis courts, and 60 acres of open space. LPCR partners with NTPS to offer a free summer recreation program with free lunch and some summers this program operates at Pleasant Glade Elementary School (facility use is dependent on school availability).

In 2002, the City acquired Pleasant Glade Park, classified as a neighborhood/community park, featuring a small pond and over 2,100 feet of Woodland Creek frontage. The City completed minor park improvements in 2015 to allow for public access. In 2022, the Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan (GCPGMP) was completed which includes future low-impact Pleasant Glade Park improvements to include multi-use trails, disc golf course, small park shelter, playground, a nature viewing area for the pond, and a small parking lot.

In 2009, Lacey acquired an adjacent parcel and in 2011, purchased 407 acres of pastoral and forested land adjacent to Pleasant Glade Park for a future active and passive community/regional park (Greg Cuoio Park). The GCPGMP indicates the intention to provide for open space preservation, water rights mitigation, natural storm water filtration, water quality protection in the Woodland Creek watershed, and wildlife habitat corridors while also allowing for a balance of some more active park amenities. The park contains significant wetland areas with creek frontage on Woodland, Fox, and Eagle Creeks. As mentioned, the GCPGMP was completed in 2022 after an 18-month planning and public involvement process.

Approximately 186 acres of Greg Cuoio Park is located in the Pleasant Glade Park Planning Area, with the remaining 175.8 acres split between rural Thurston County (44.6 acres) and the Hawks Prairie Planning Area (131.2 acres).

In 2012, the City purchased Palm Creek Headwaters, an 86.78-acre property south of and adjacent to Greg Cuoio Park. This property contains Palm Creek and as indicated in the GCPGMP will be connected to adjacent park property.

The 22-mile Chehalis-Western Trail, owned and maintained by Thurston County, extends from Woodard Bay to Offutt Lake, just north of Tenino.

## **Important Habitat**

The natural features located in the Pleasant Glade Planning

Area include wetland areas associated with Woodland Creek, which flows from Long Lake to Puget Sound, and several stands of trees with native understory and relatively few invasive plants. The entire Woodland Creek corridor, located within this planning area, falls under the Shoreline Master Program and is designated a shoreline of the state. This law helps protect the creek and prevent damaging development within the corridor and its buffer. The City of Lacey also adopted requirements for buffers around wetland and stream areas.

The City of Lacey owns a 4.4-acre parcel along Woodland Creek, shown as Greenbelt on the map, in this planning area. In addition, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has mapped important bird habitat areas along the Woodland Creek corridor.

## **Parks Needs and Conditions Assessment**

The following section evaluates the parks needs and conditions of the Pleasant Glade Planning Area. The assessment was part of the GCPGMP Public Involvement Plan, the Lacey Cares and Energize Lacey public outreach processes, and staff evaluation of the planning area as compared to the level of service indicated in this Plan.

78.5 percent of Pleasant Glade Planning Area's population is within a .5-mile travelshed of a neighborhood park. Based on adopted level of service standards, this planning area could use another neighborhood park; however, the overall parks

acreage as compared to population is solid. A long-term development plan has been identified through the GCPGMP with a goal of maintaining protection of sensitive areas but allowing balanced recreational use. Since the 537 acres of park property, including Greg Cuoio Park, Pleasant Glade Park and Palm Creek Headwaters are adjacent to one another they were all included in the planning process for the area.



The GCPGMP includes many phases of development to include access on all four sides of the combined 537 acres, future connectivity of all the trails in the park areas to include a suspension bridge over Woodland Creek connecting Greg Cuoio and Pleasant Glade Parks, future restrooms, demonstration and community gardens, outdoor and indoor education, expansion of the disc golf course, off leash dog park, family mountain biking area, kids adventure track, fitness trail, and cross country course. There is a significant amount of stakeholder support for development of trails at this location for local cross-country training and meets. The local high school athletic director and coaches are interested in engaging the cross-country teams in any possible activities or work parties to support installation and maintenance of trails.

The GCPGMP also identifies the need for a Park Maintenance shop to be constructed on the east side of Carpenter Road to support future expansion of the park properties.

**Pleasant Glade Park:** This park has minimal development which includes a gate, picnic table, and some non-developed trails. Future planning for this park is included in the GCPGMP. The public input for this site includes a strong preference for passive use, trails and nature viewing, with some more active uses such as disc golf, park shelter use for gatherings, and a playground potentially built into the natural terrain.

### Greg Cuoio Park Planning

The GCPGMP was completed in 2022 after an extensive planning and public involvement process, and City Council approved the construction of Phase 1A.



# GREG CUOIO PARK & GREENWAYS VISION

To provide open space preservation, water quality protection, and enhancement of the natural environment, balancing the natural environment with recreation opportunities to create a place for visitors and residents to experience and learn about this incredibly unique park.

The identified sensitive areas will be protected with adequate buffers. Through an in-depth public involvement process, the programming and guiding principles for the park were updated:

## PROGRAMMING



walking / biking trails  
(paved and unpaved)



picnicking / lawn games



playgrounds



demonstration gardens



passive recreation  
(nature viewing, etc)



education / community space  
(outdoor and indoor)



events



disc golf

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- protect / restore ecology
- ensure safety / security
- cost effective / low maintenance
- new activities / programs
- inclusive design elements
- ease of access / circulation

**Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A:** Phase 1A construction is intended for 2024 and will consist of a safe main entry off Carpenter Road, 50 parking stalls, 18 holes of disc golf built as a gold level standard course, a large shelter and phase 1 of a large playground. Phase 1A will also include a one-mile multi-use 10' wide gravel trail around the perimeter of the developments and many secondary natural surface trails.



### Phase 1A Improvements

- Park access drive
- Parking lot
- Flexible open lawn
- Shelter
- Temporary restrooms
- Paved and soft surface trail
- Playground
- Emergency and maintenance access
- 18-hole golf course
- Signage and wayfinding

**Greg Cuoio Park Future Phases:** The GCPGMP outlines many future phases. Public input includes a strong desire for more trails, a second phase to the playground which can include a zipline (this would be Lacey's first one), and Lacey's first dog park. Importantly, a restroom and additional parking will need to be included in the next phase.

**Palm Creek Headwaters:** Due to identified sensitive areas, this space will remain minimally developed according to the GCPGMP and the primary use will be natural trails.

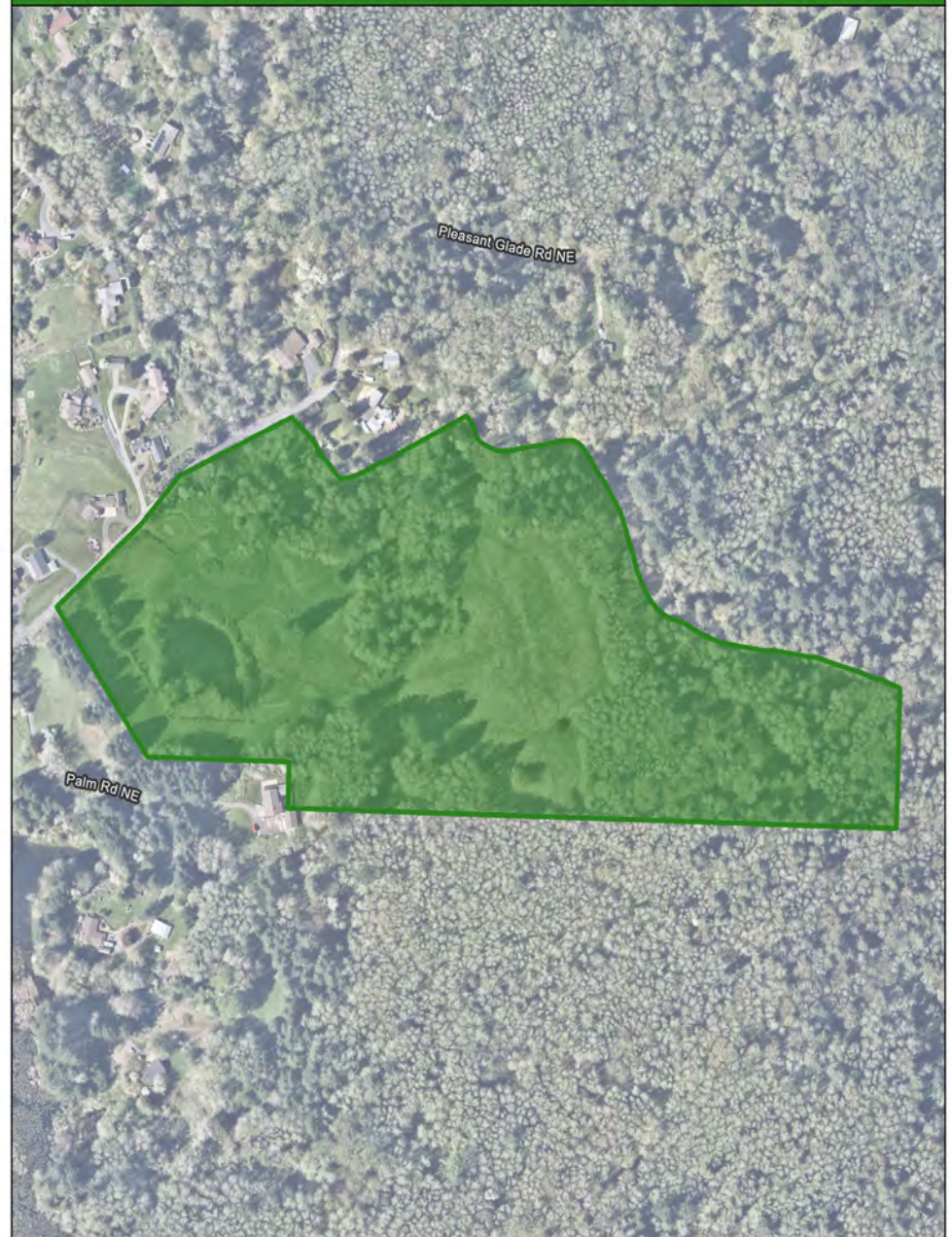


# PLEASANT GLADE PARKS PLANNING AREA PARKS

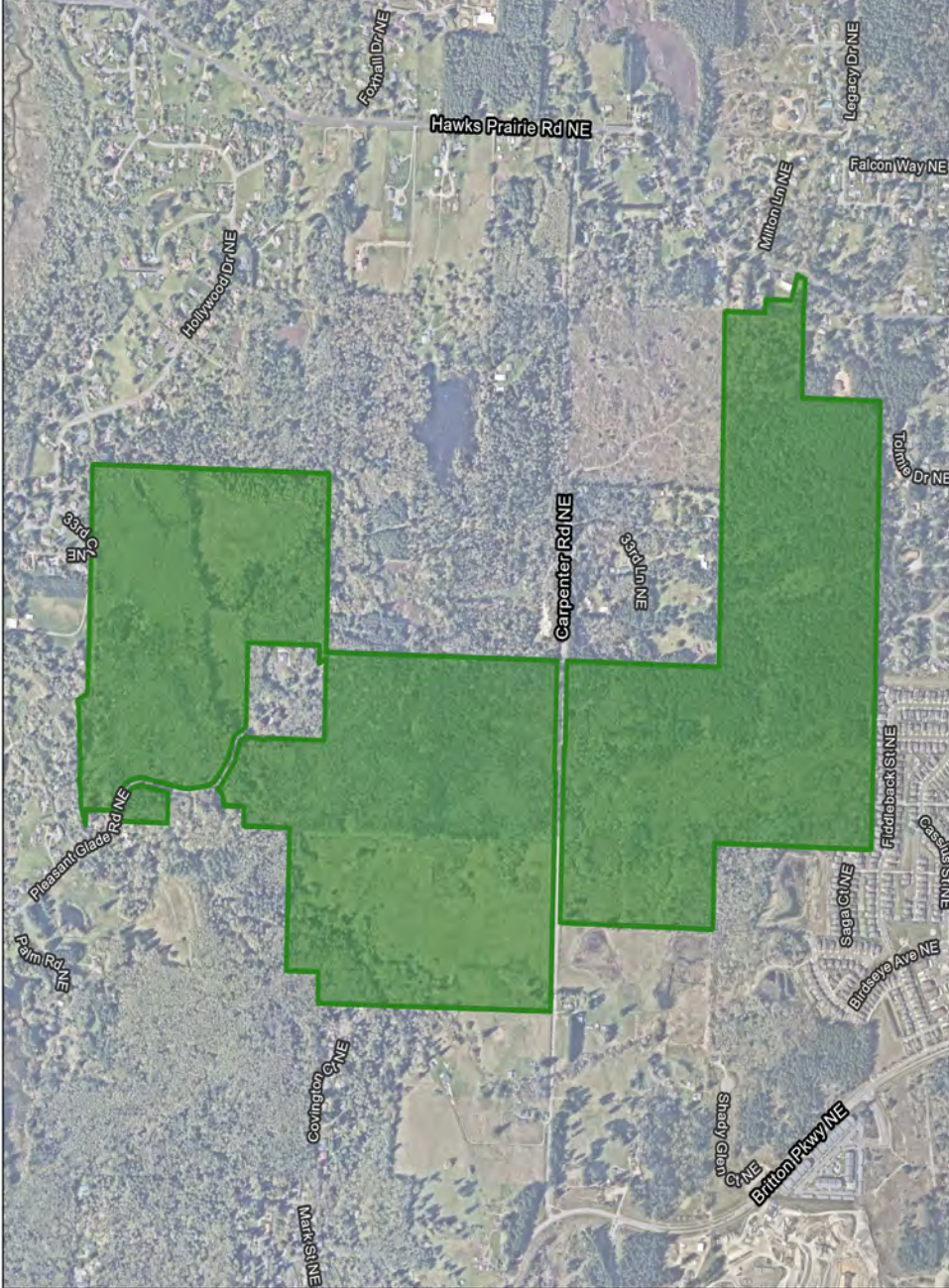
Greenbelt Natural Area



Pleasant Glade Neighborhood Park



# Greg J. Cuoio Community Park

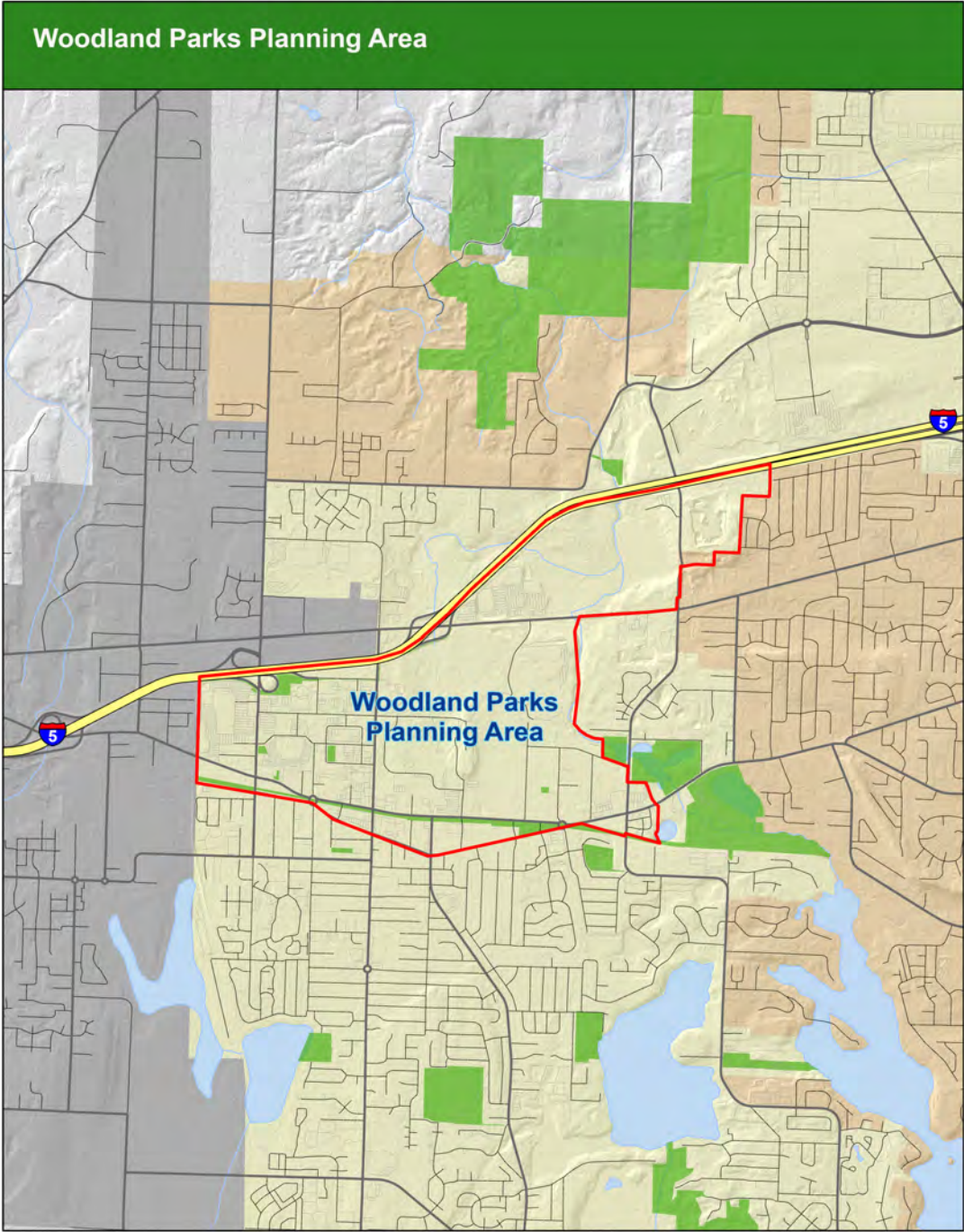


# Palm Creek Headwaters





# WOODLAND PARKS PLANNING AREA



The Woodland Parks Planning Area, considered Lacey's downtown area, includes the Central Business District (CBD). The Chehalis-Western Trail is on the west, Carpenter Road to the east, Lacey Boulevard to the south, and US Interstate 5 to the north. Almost the entire 1.82 square mile planning area is in incorporated Lacey and is generally zoned CBD, Woodland District, and Moderate- and Low-Density Residential. This area contains the Lacey Historic Neighborhood and the City's earliest Donation Land Claim, which is now the Panorama retirement community. The planning area's estimated population is 2,104 with a population density of 1,158 people per square mile. In 2027, the population is predicted to be 2,427 and density will increase to 1,335 people per square mile. By 2035, 2,600 people may live in this planning area.

Existing recreational opportunities in the Woodland Planning Area include six park areas, the Lacey Museum, and the Lacey Women's Club. The Woodland Planning Area has 7.47 acres of park land which includes the I-5 Park and Trail (leased from Washington State Dept. of Transportation), the Civic (Flag) Plaza, the Lacey Depot, Thomas Huntamer Park, and West and South Plazas, which are both located in the downtown area. Two regional trails pass through this planning area: the I-5 Bicycle Trail in the northern portion and the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail through the southern portion. The parks and trails provide opportunities for bicycling along U.S. Interstate 5 and convenient access to shopping areas and the library.

Thomas Huntamer Park, one of the downtown parks, has

benches, picnic tables, children's play equipment, a restroom, and stage. It has been identified as a plaza/community park and is the site of many LPCR community events including Lacey In Tune, a popular summertime series offering lunch time and evening performances, concerts, and movies. Other City events held in Huntamer Park include Arbor Day, Children's Day, and the Holiday Tree Lighting, but many private and rented community events take place at this location throughout the year including the South Sound Chamber's annual BBQ Festival.



All the Woodland Planning Area's plazas have easy pedestrian access and tremendous urban beautification potential. Although there are no neighborhood parks in this planning area, there are several plazas and trails, and a plaza/community park that need the service level.

The Lacey Museum, a cultural attraction in the planning area, is located in a historic house in the Lacey Historic Neighborhood. The museum hosts long-term and changing exhibits on the heritage of the South Sound and broader topics that provide context to local history, as well as a monthly lecture series called History Talks! The museum is no longer able to meet the needs of the community for education or collections stewardship due to space restrictions. A new museum facility was added to the Capital Facilities Plan in 2010.



The City purchased property between Lacey Boulevard SE and Pacific Avenue to build the new Lacey Museum & Cultural Center and Depot Park. With funding assistance from the Washington State Historical Society, the site's master plan has been updated and construction documents for the new facility and surrounding site have been prepared. The City

completed construction of a near-replica of the historic Lacey Depot along the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail in 2020 as a landmark project for the City's 50th anniversary, but did not hold the grand opening until 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The depot is the size of the original building that stood on the site and contains picnic tables and restrooms for seasonal public use (free drop-in use and private rentals). As part of the new museum campus, the Lacey Depot will be used for events and programs as well as a lunch spot for school field trips.

A train playground was installed in 2021 next to the Lacey Depot to enhance the user experience. Lacey Rotary donated \$50,000 toward the playground and installed a Lacey Rotary historic marker along the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail as a Lacey Rotary Legacy project and celebration of their 50th Anniversary. The City's Community & Economic Development Department created a new Lacey Food Truck Plaza and Market as a way to support local businesses and provide a destination for community members to enjoy the diversity of flavors and local goods and entertainment.

A Depot District Sub-Area Plan (first adopted in 2009 and later updated in 2019) works to guide development in this area while providing a framework for preserving the historic character of the neighborhood. The primary goals of the plan are to promote economic development, enhance the quality of life for residents, and create a unique and vibrant sense of place. The plan includes recommendations for land use,

transportation, open space, and design guidelines for new development.



Saint Martin's Abbey and University (SMU), a private university, sits on 300 acres and is located east of College Street and north of Pacific Avenue. The college, established in 1895 by Benedictine Catholic monks, is an important historic resource for the City of Lacey.

Saint Martin's College, as it was originally known, opened its doors to its first student on September 11, 1895. At that time, it was a school for boys and young men ages 10 to 20. In 1938, it became an accredited, baccalaureate-granting institution. Although women attended classes in certain circumstances previously, it was not until 1965 that the College opened enrollment for women in all of its programs. Old Main, the oldest building on campus, was built in 1913 after the original Old Main succumbed to fire. In 2005, the

college became Saint Martin's University to better represent its offerings.

SMU provides opportunities for both active and passive recreation. Pope John Paul II High School, near Saint Martin's campus, has no park or recreation facilities of its own and relies on nearby SMU and City of Lacey amenities.

The former Northern Pacific rail line that runs along the south edge of this planning area was converted to the Woodland Trail and renamed the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail in 2018. Karen Fraser was a trailblazer becoming the youngest Lacey Councilmember and then the first female mayor and going on to be a state senator.

The Karen Fraser Woodland Trail, owned and maintained by both the City of Lacey and the City of Olympia, provides bicycle and pedestrian access to core areas of Lacey. It also connects to both the City of Olympia portion of the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail and the Thurston County Chehalis-Western Trail at the Hub Bicycle Roundabout. The Chehalis-Western trail extends to Woodard Bay at the north end and to Offut Lake at the south end, just north of Tenino. In 2010, a bridge across Interstate 5 was opened, and in 2015, the last segment of the trail was completed in the vicinity of South Sound Center with a pedestrian and bike overpass constructed over Pacific Avenue.

## Important Habitat ●

The Woodland Planning Area's nature features include the

Woodland Creek corridor and its associated wetlands. SMU also has extensive natural areas; most of the site is open space with a variety of wetland classifications.

This planning area also has a small oak stand and an important bird habitat, located along Woodland Creek. The stand of oaks is significant because they are quite rare and can provide significant habitat for various birds and small animals. However, these stands are limited and declining and, as a result, are important to preserve.

The property adjacent to and east of Woodland Creek and west of Carpenter Road between I-5 and Martin Way requires special mention. This property has areas of environmental sensitivity because of Woodland Creek, its associated wetlands, and steep slopes. Due to the noted sensitivities, most of the properties have been designated Open Space Institutional.

## Parks Needs and Conditions Assessment

This section evaluates the park needs of the Woodland Parks Planning Area. The assessment was part of the 2012 Lacey Museum Master Plan outreach, the 2020 Lacey Cares engagement, the formation of the Gold Star Families Foundation of Lacey, the formation of the Lacey Community Foundation, the input and engagement from Lacey Rotary Club and staff evaluation of the planning area as compared to the level of service indicated in this Plan.

95.8 percent of the Woodland Parks Planning Area's

population is within a .5-mile travelshed of a trail or community park/plaza. Based on adopted level of service standards, this planning area has no additional acquisition



needs at this time. However, development of the following park properties have been identified:

Public input for this planning area includes a potential partnership for a baseball stadium.

**Huntamer Park:** This Park is located in the heart of Lacey. Some of the public input for this site includes the addition of a water feature and a public art installation. The play structure at the site is in need of replacement. There is a potential for replacement of the play structure with a spray park or other water feature.

**Civic Plaza:** This Park is also referred to as Flag Plaza. The

plaza infrastructure is aged and in need of repair but still hosts many meaningful gatherings. In 2019, the Gold Star Families Foundation of Lacey formed to construct and maintain a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Lacey. Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments are located across all 50 states in honor of the Gold Star families of our nation's fallen service members. The closest to Lacey are located in Lynnwood and in Forks. Civic Plaza was the selected location, and the City obtained the permit from the Washington State Department of Transportation for the foundation's installation of the monument at Civic Plaza. The foundation started fundraising in 2020 and in 2021 the City of Lacey council approved a \$30,000 contribution towards the purchase of the monument. The monument was installed in 2023.

The Lacey Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is a place of remembrance for people from all over Thurston County and even Washington State to visit, honor, and reflect on the sacrifices made by our fallen service members and their families.

In 2020, the Friendly Flower Garden Club installed a Blue-Star Memorial By-Way marker at Civic Plaza, a tribute to the Armed Forces of America. The Club maintains the flowers and landscaping directly around the By-Way marker.

**New Museum & Cultural Center:** The Lacey Depot construction was completed and planning and design for the site was completed in 2020 in conjunction with the Depot District Sub-Area Plan. Removal of the warehouse facility

and site upgrades occurred in 2021. A funding plan is being developed to support the next phase of construction.

Community members started the Lacey Community Foundation in 2022 to support the efforts of Parks, Culture & Recreation projects in Lacey and in particular the Lacey Museum & Cultural Center.

**I-5 Park & Trail:** The I-5 park and trail has major concerns due to the impact of houseless individuals and vandalism.

Other needs identified in the Woodland Planning Area include more pedestrian-friendly amenities, trail connections, public spaces and the preservation of the Woodland Creek Corridor which functions as a tributary to the Deschutes River and follows the Woodland Creek.

The corridor is a significant natural resource for the community, providing habitat for wildlife, supporting water



quality, and offering opportunities for recreation and education. The corridor includes a variety of ecosystems, including wetlands, forests, and meadows, which support a diverse range of plant and animal species.

In addition to its ecological value, the Woodland Creek Corridor is also a popular destination for outdoor recreation. The corridor includes several miles of trails that are open to the public for hiking, running, and bird watching. It also provides fish habitat, with several species of fish returning to the corridor on an annual basis for spawning.



# WOODLAND PARKS PLANNING AREA PARKS

Civic Plaza



Huntamer Park

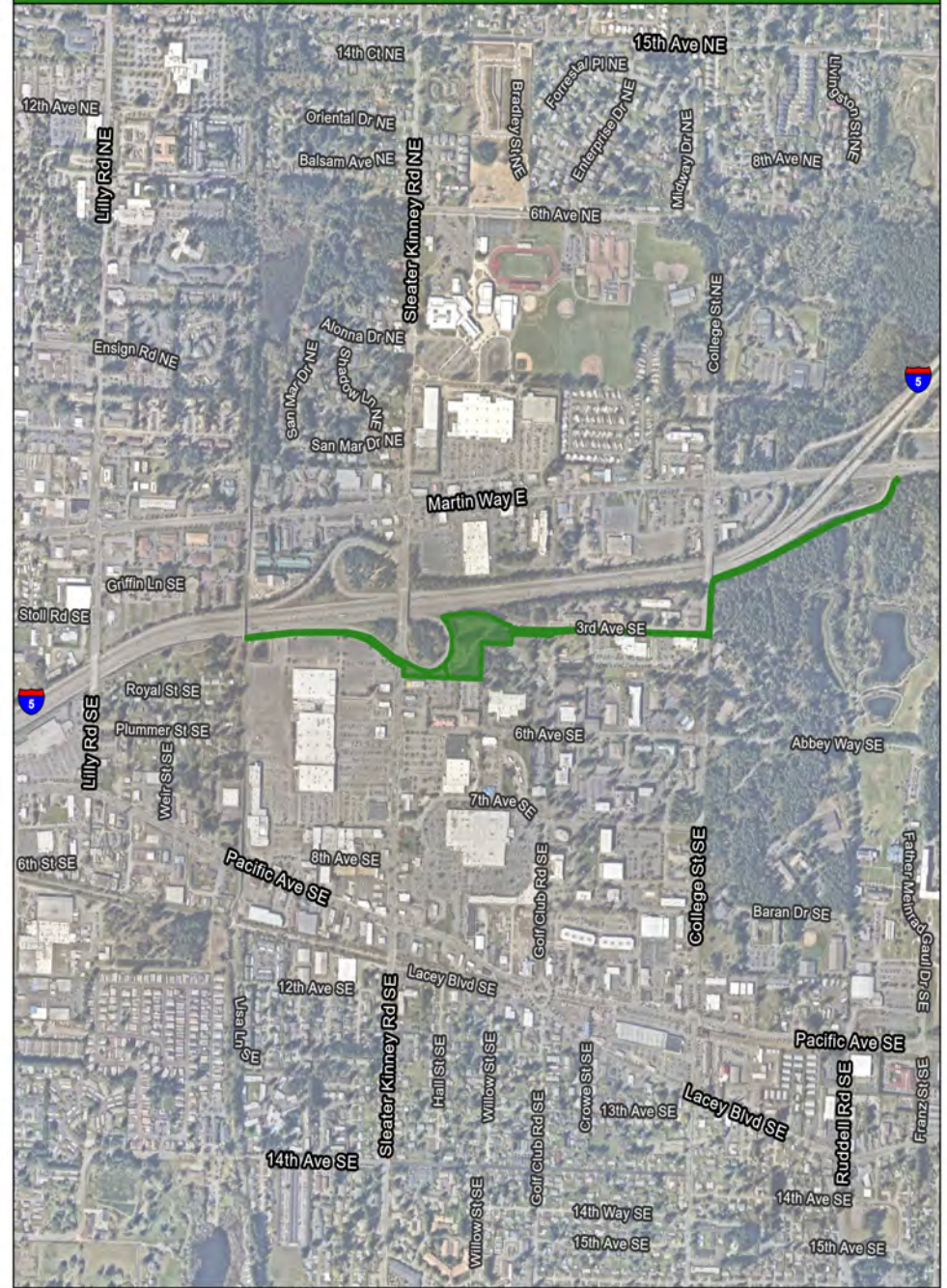




# I-5 Park



# I-5 Bikeway, Park, and Trail



Plaza Park South



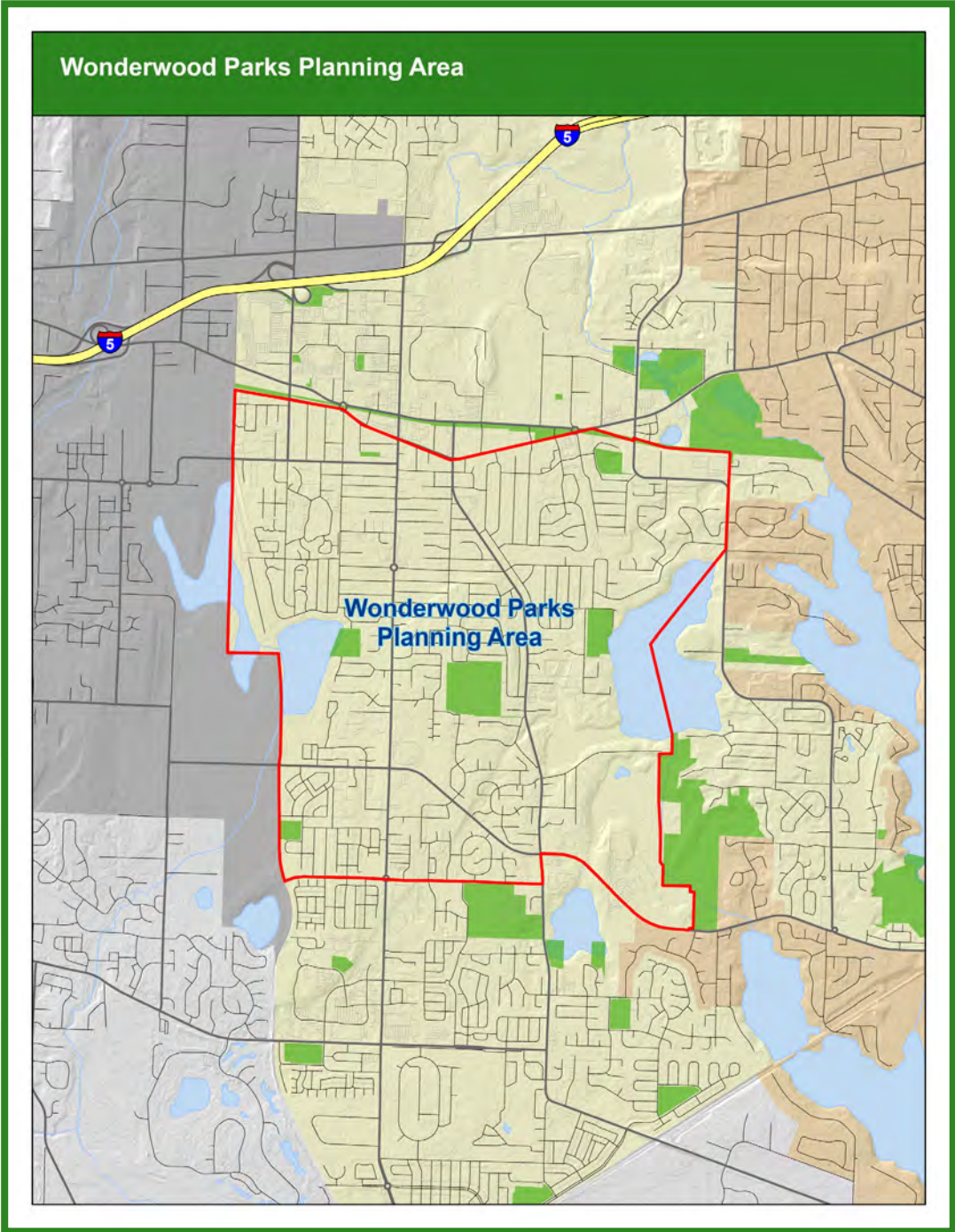
Plaza Park West



Lacey Museum



# WONDERWOOD PARKS PLANNING AREA



The Wonderwood Parks Planning Area, 4 square miles, is located south of Lacey Boulevard. The Chehalis-Western Trail and Chambers Lake are to the west, Carpenter Road and Hicks Lake to the east, and 45th Avenue to the south. The planning area is located, generally, in Lacey's incorporated area. The area is primarily zoned residential, with two small neighborhood commercial areas and a small, light-industrial commercial area along Carpenter Road. The area's estimated population is 18,183 with a population density of 4,569 people per square mile. By 2027, the population is projected to grow to 18,705 increasing its density to 4,700 people per square mile. In 2035, 19,000 people may live in this planning area.

The Wonderwood Parks Planning Area has the highest residential population in the city limits. In 2022, 32 percent of the city population and 20 percent of the total urban growth area live in this planning area. Through 2027, this area will continue to have the highest percentage of residents. In years following, growth in this area will slow compared to other park planning areas.

Recreational opportunities in the planning area include Wonderwood Park, a neighborhood/community park; Avonlea Park, a neighborhood park; Homann Park, a neighborhood park; Wanschers Park, a neighborhood park; and Brooks Park, an open space. The Wonderwood Planning Area has 4.8 acres of park land per 1,000 residents. The parks in this area provide a variety of passive and active outdoor recreational opportunities and include baseball and soccer fields, tennis

and basketball courts, and playground equipment. Several of the parks include trails (paved and dirt) and Wanschers Park provides public water access. Chambers Lake Natural Area provides informal access and viewing opportunities.

The Chambers Lake Natural Area is a stormwater facility managed by the City of Lacey Stormwater Division and although it has a nature trail and benches along the perimeter it is not considered a park property.



Other recreational opportunities in the planning area, not owned or managed by the City, include the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Hicks Lake boat launch, several public schools, and Panorama, retirement community. Panorama offers its residents a private dog park, butterfly

park, and community gardens. The public schools (Timberline High School, Komachin Middle School, and Mountain View and Lacey Elementary schools) provide several athletic fields, outdoor courts (some covered), multiple playgrounds, an indoor pool, running tracks, tennis courts, classrooms, and gymnasiums. Typically, LPCR Department offers a free, summer program with recreation and educational activities in collaboration with the North Thurston Public School District free lunch program at Mountain View and Lacey Elementary schools. School sites for this program can change annually based on school schedules.

The 22-mile Chehalis-Western Trail, owned and maintained by Thurston County, extends from Woodard Bay in the north to Offut Lake in the south, just north of Tenino.

## Important Habitat

The area's natural features include Chambers and Hicks lakes, both protected by the Shoreline Management Act. They also have wetlands associated with them, which makes them more sensitive to urban development. The wetlands have buffer requirements to help protect them from intrusive development.

According to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, this area also has important bird habitats located around the south end of Chambers Lake, the southern area of Hicks Lake, and in the northeast corner, near Hicks Lake.

## Parks Needs and Conditions Assessment

The following section evaluates the park needs and conditions of the Wonderwood Parks Planning Area. The assessment was part of the Lacey Cares engagement effort and staff evaluation of the planning area as compared to the level of service indicated in this Plan.

98.3 percent of the Wonderwood Planning Area's population is within a .5-mile travelshed of a neighborhood park. Based on adopted level of service standards, this planning area has no additional acquisition needs at this time. However, development of the following park properties have been identified:



**Wanschers Park:** The City has identified this park as needing an updated master plan to include parking lot renovation/ expansion. Public input in the past has included a swim area, dock installation, restrooms, park shelter, spray park, and off-leash dog area.

**Homann Park:** This facility is in need of a significant renovation of the picnic area.

**Brooks Park:** This future neighborhood park is in need of amenities. It only contains green space.



# WONDERWOOD PARKS PLANNING AREA PARKS

## Avonlea Park



## Wanschers Community Park





# Brooks Park



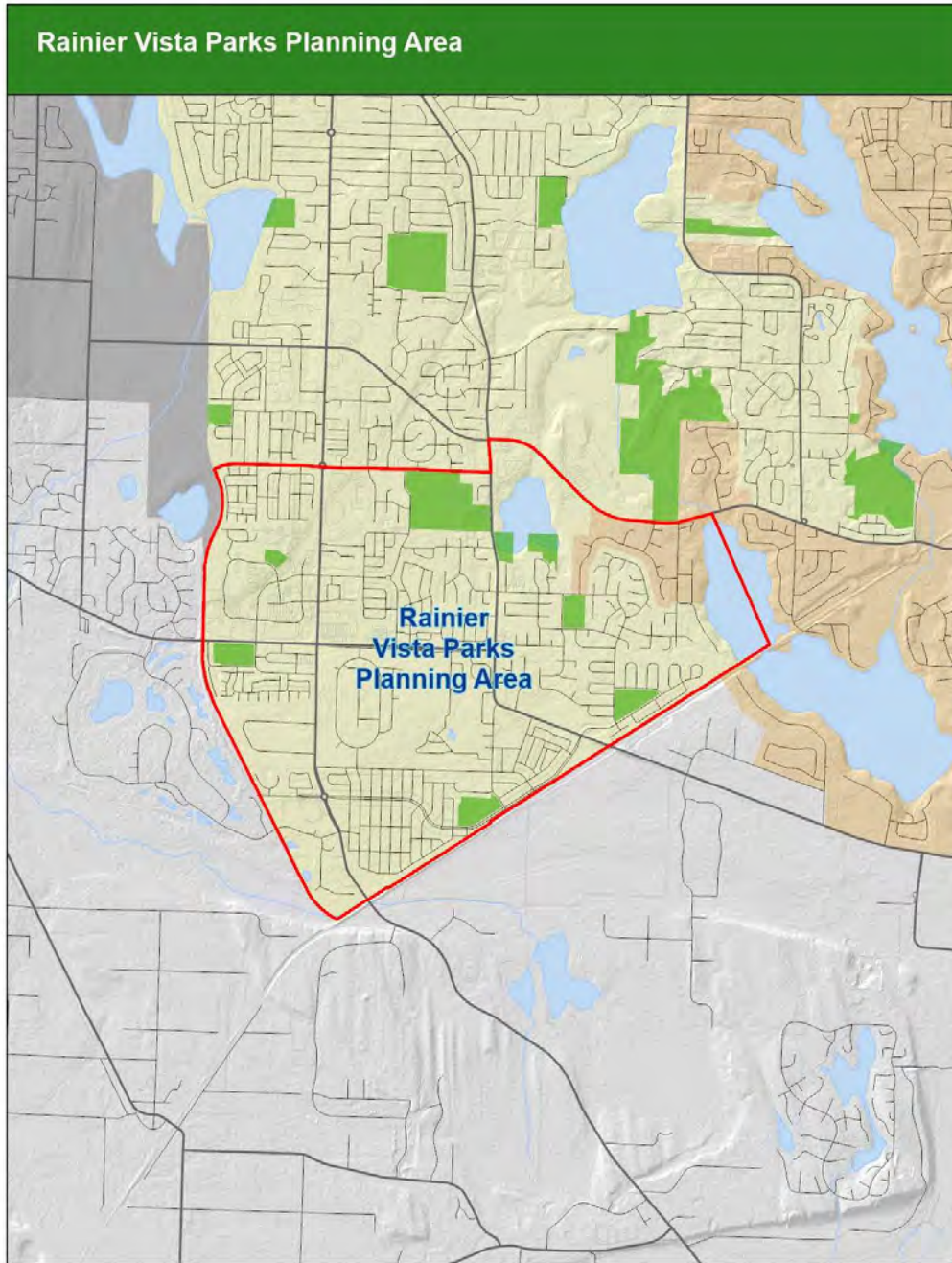
# Homann Park



## Wonderwood Park



# RAINIER VISTA PARKS PLANNING AREA



The Rainier Vista Parks Planning Area, 3 square miles, is located in the southwest corner of Lacey. The Chehalis-Western Trail is on the west, Pattison Lake on the east, the Burlington Northern railroad line to the south, and 45th Avenue to the north. A portion of the planning area is located in the Urban Growth Area, specifically the area near the northwest corner of Pattison Lake. The planning area's zoning is a combination of single- and multi-family residential and commercial. The area's estimated population is 16,194, with a population density of 5,389 people per square mile. The Rainier Vista Parks Planning Area is the highest density of all ten planning areas. By 2027, the population is projected to grow to 16,477, with density increasing to 5,482 people per square mile. In 2035, 17,000 people may live in this planning area, creating a combined need of 6.7 acres of additional park land.



Recreational opportunities in the planning area include four public schools, an 18-hole golf course, the Jacob Smith House, and seven parks. The four public schools include Lakes, Horizons, and Chambers Prairie Elementary schools, and Aspire Middle School. Together, the schools have athletic fields, multi-purpose courts (two covered), gymnasiums, and classrooms.

In 2002, the City acquired the historic Jacob Smith House. Built in 1859, the house is a one and a half story Greek revival structure. Groups and individuals can rent the facility for meetings, parties, receptions, and more. In 2005, the City traded the property adjacent to the Jacob Smith House for the small “semi-private” Corporate Center Park, adjacent to the Lacey Corporate Center Apartments.

Capitol City Golf Club, a private 18-hole golf facility, open to the public, provides another recreational opportunity in this planning area.

The Rainier Vista Planning Area has five parks and one special-use facility, the Jacob Smith House, all of which are developed. The area includes four neighborhood parks: Thornbury Park, William A. Bush Park, Horizon Pointe Park, and Lakepointe Park, and one neighborhood/community park: Rainier Vista Community Park, completed in 2004. The Parks combine for 87.94 acres of park land.

The 22-mile Chehalis-Western Trail, owned and maintained by Thurston County, extends from Woodard Bay in the north to



## Important Habitat

The natural features of the Rainier Vista Parks Planning Area include Southwick Lake and the Southwick Lake Natural Area, the northwest corner of Pattison Lake, and associated wetlands. Southwick and Pattison Lakes fall under the Shoreline Management Act, intended to provide for coordinated development and protection of natural resources.

According to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the area also has important bird habitat around Southwick Lake.

## Parks Needs and Conditions Assessment

The following section evaluates the park needs of the Rainier Vista Parks Planning Area. The assessment was part of the Lacey Cares and Energize Lacey public outreach processes, and the City received input and participation from Gateway Rotary. In addition, the assessment was evaluated by staff as compared to the level of service indicated in this Plan.

92.4 percent of the Rainier Vista Parks Planning Areas is within a .5-mile travelshed of a neighborhood park. Based on adopted level of service standards, this planning area has no additional acquisition needs at this time. However, development of the following park properties have been identified:

Public input for this entire planning area includes a dog off-leash area, and the addition of more play equipment and swings at all parks. This park planning area is the top choice for a potential spray park location in Lacey.

**Rainier Vista Park:** In 2018, City staff received significant public input in support of installing outdoor Ping Pong tables. The COVID-19 pandemic slowed the timeline for this project.

The Parks Board received a significant amount of public input from the Thurston County Pickleball Association during the years 2019-2023. In 2019, the Parks Board received some near term and longer-term requests. Near term requests included lining two of the four adjacent tennis courts for pickleball and allowing the storage of portable equipment on site. These

near term requests were fulfilled. Long term requests included four more pickleball courts adjacent to the current courts. In 2023 the City received a letter of commitment for \$25,000 toward the additional courts from the Thurston County Pickleball Club. Their letter reported their Club is 400+ members and growing rapidly and while the Thurston County area currently enjoys a number of dedicated pickleball courts, the demand for pickleball greatly outnumbers the amount of available courts which leads to lengthy wait times during the peak hours of play. The COVID-19 pandemic slowed the timeline for this project.

**Bush Park:** The ages 5-12 playground equipment at Bush Park is in need of replacement and Gateway Rotary is interested in helping fund the replacement and provided a \$110,000 letter of commitment for the project.



# RAINIER VISTA PARKS PLANNING AREA PARKS

## Rainier Vista Community Park



## Horizon Pointe Park



# Southwick Lake Natural Area



# William A. Bush Park





Jacob Smith House



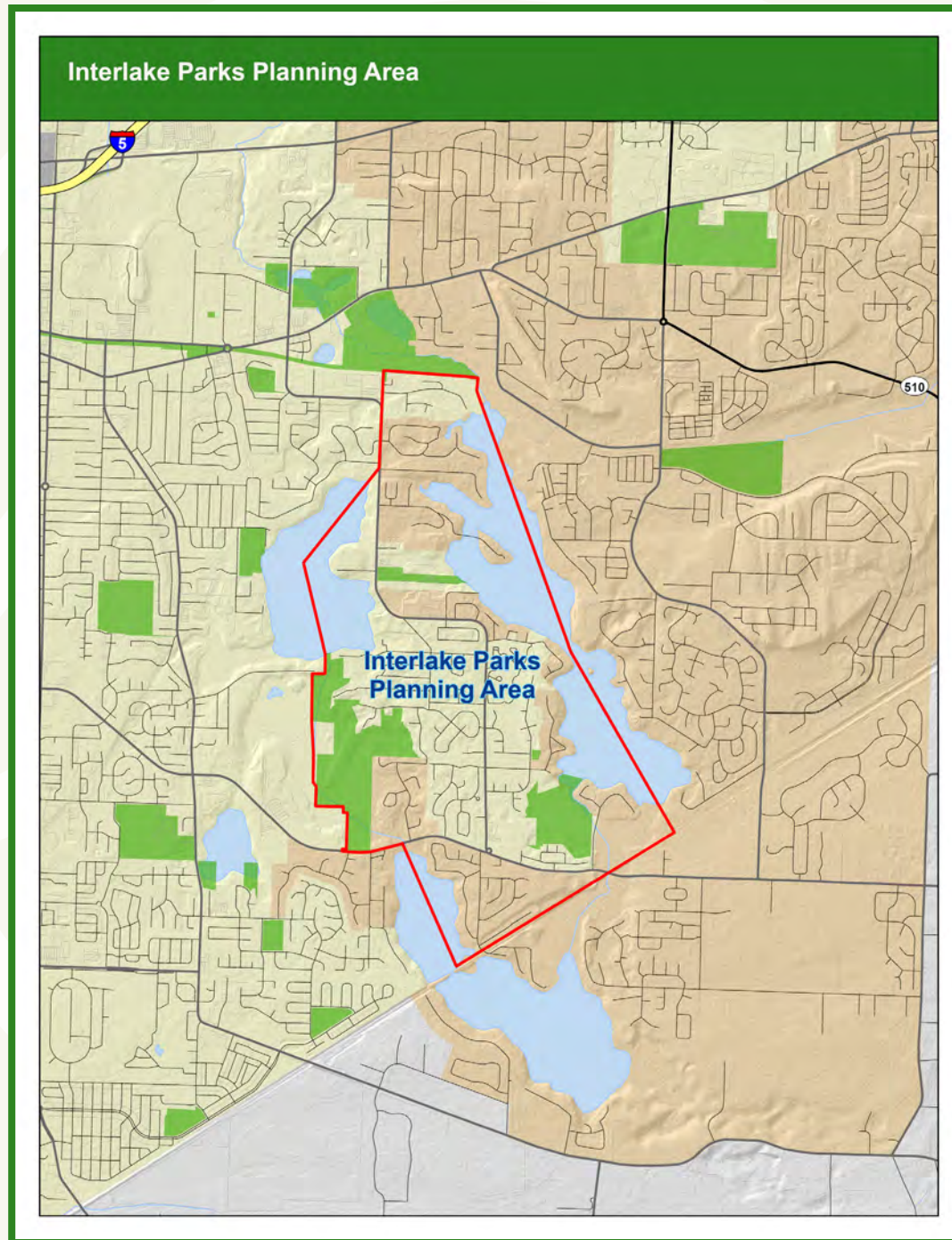
Lakepointe Park



# Thornbury Park



# INTERLAKE PARKS PLANNING AREA



The Interlake Parks Planning Area, 2.47 square miles, is located northeast of the Rainier Vista planning area and includes portions of Hicks, Long, and Pattison lakes. Hicks Lake and its drainage are the western border, Long Lake and its outfall, and Woodland Creek to the east, the Burlington Northern railroad line to the south and the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail and Woodland Creek Community Park to the north. Approximately one-third of this planning area is located within the Lacey Urban Growth Area. The area's zoning is primarily residential with a small section of neighborhood commercial. The area's estimated population is 5,959, with a population density of 2,415 people per square mile. By 2027, the population is expected to grow to approximately 6,012, increasing its density to 2,436 people per square mile. In 2035, 6,200 people are projected to live in this planning area.



Recreational opportunities in the planning area include a school, two parks, boat launch, and the Thurston County Fair Grounds. The school, Woodland Elementary, has the following recreational opportunities: athletic fields, a playground, gymnasium, covered multi-purpose court, and classrooms.

Long Lake Community Park, this planning area's community park, has 285 feet of beach frontage (recently increased to 660 feet with the new adjacent property addition) and is located in a wooded area. This special-use, community park offers a place to swim, play sand volleyball, enjoy a passive walk, and have a picnic. This is an extremely popular park, which emphasizes the importance of public access to the lakes in our area.

Arbors Park is a City owned neighborhood park that has a playground, picnic tables and open space, and is leased to Meadlow Lake HOA for maintenance. The 25-year lease expires in July of 2025, but staff has begun working with the HOA on potential lease updates.

Thurston County Fairgrounds, owned and managed by the County, falls within this planning area and is adjacent to Long Lake Park. The Fairgrounds offer an equestrian arena, Expo Center, a meeting hall, display hall, and other fair-related facilities. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) owns and operates the adjacent boat-launch facility as noted.

## Important Habitat

The natural features of the Interlake Planning Area include Hicks, Pattison, and Long Lakes, and Woodland Creek. There are significant wetland areas around the lakes and associated with Woodland Creek. These areas are sensitive because one hydraulic system connects all the lakes. Hicks, Pattison, and Long Lakes are all designated shorelines of the state. The City owns two significant wetland areas, the Mullen Road Habitat Area (formerly called Timberline Wetlands) and the Long Lake Natural Area at the southwest end of the lake.

According to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), this area has important habitat for birds and threatened or endangered animals. The DFW designated the area south of Hicks Lake and the area south of Long Lake as important bird habitat. Long Lake has been designated as an important habitat for State endangered or threatened species.

## Parks Needs and Conditions Assessment

The following section evaluates the parks needs and conditions of the Interlake Planning Area. The assessment was part of the Lacey Cares public outreach process and staff evaluation of the planning area as compared to the level of service indicated in this Plan.

80.7 percent of the Interlake Planning Area's population is within a .5-mile travelshed of a neighborhood park. Based

on adopted level of service standards, this planning area has no additional acquisition needs at this time. The areas not within the .5-mile travelshed of neighborhood parks are lands that are privately owned along lakes/waterways. There are opportunities for future access as outlined below.

Public input for this planning area includes a spray park location.

**Mullen Road Habitat Reserve:** Public input for this site includes access to trails while preserving the natural habitat. There are some limited trails in the habitat reserve but most of it is protected.



In 2022, an additional 20 acres adjacent to the Mullen Road Habitat was donated to the City of Lacey by a private developer to fulfill Thurston County's open space requirements for a Thurston County development that's close in proximity. The new portion has some accessible trails as indicated on the access map.

**Long Lake Park:** Public input includes adding more parking, providing a fishing pier, and acquiring the land adjacent to the park for expansion.

In 2018 a consultant was hired to conduct a safety assessment of Long Lake Park Beach. Some near term and longer-term changes were identified. For the near term, the dock was removed, and the swim area reconfigured for safety. The changes were made prior to the summer of 2019. The swim dock from Long Lake was able to be repurposed to become a fishing dock at Longs Pond / Woodland Creek Community Park. Longer term changes include decreasing the slope of the beach and changing the beach material from pea gravel to a recommended sand product. Longer term changes also include a more updated access trail from the parking lot to the beach.

The same consultant was able to provide some recommendations for use of the adjacent private property should it become available to the City for purchase. In 2022, it did become available, and the City was able to purchase the 1.8-acre property directly south and adjacent to Long Lake Park. This property, which falls between the City's

park property and the WDFW boat launch, has been a long-term goal for acquisition as mentioned in previous planning documents including the Long Lake Park Master Plan.

Moving forward, there is a need for an updated master plan for the park to include the new, adjacent property and determination of overall amenities and upgrades for the site.



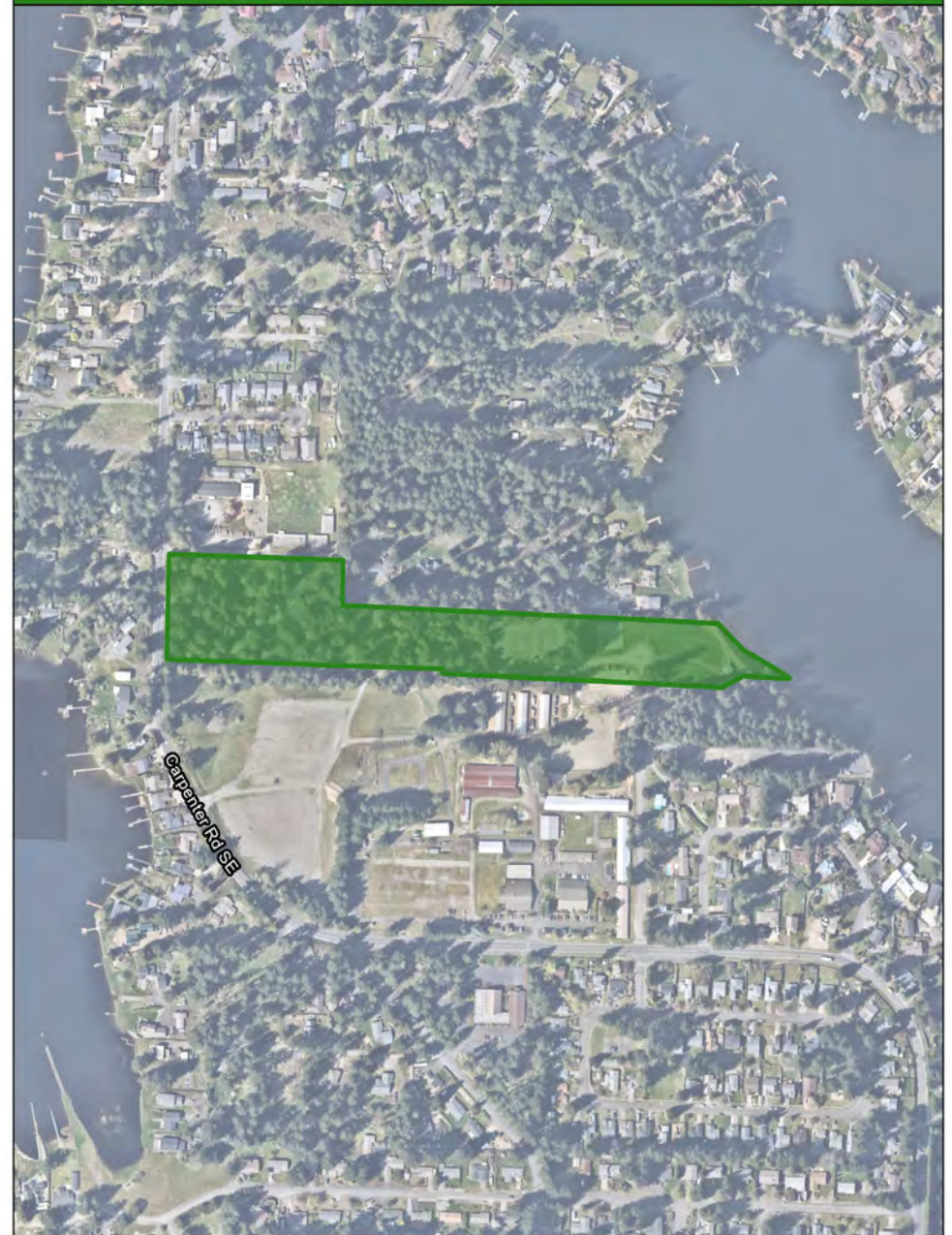
**Arbors Park:** Has outdated playground equipment and is need of new equipment and surfacing. Irrigation would be a nice addition as well.

# INTERLAKE PARKS PLANNING AREA PARKS

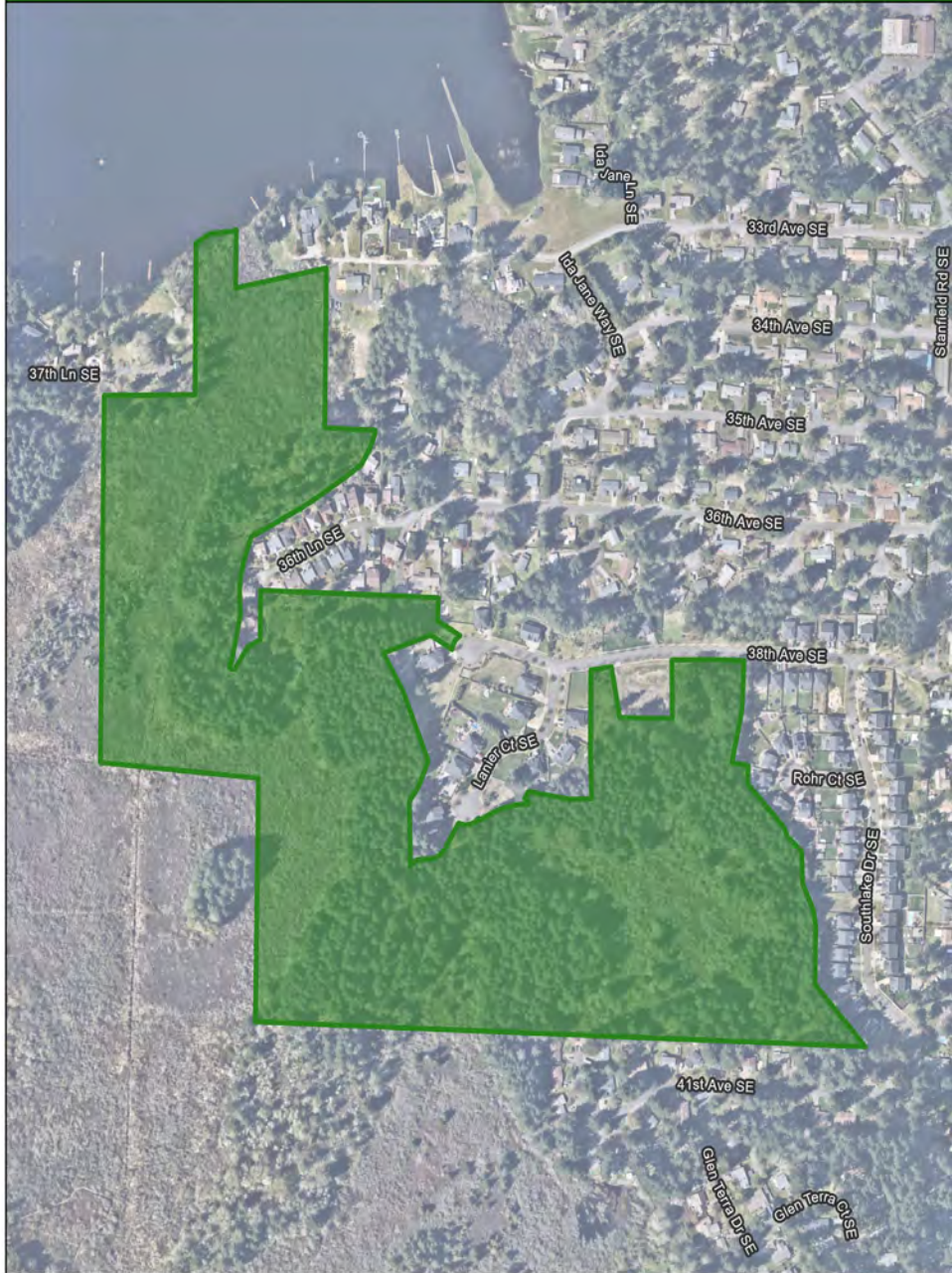
Long Lake Habitat Reserve



Long Lake Park



## Southlake Trail and Natural Area



## Mullen Road Habitat Reserve

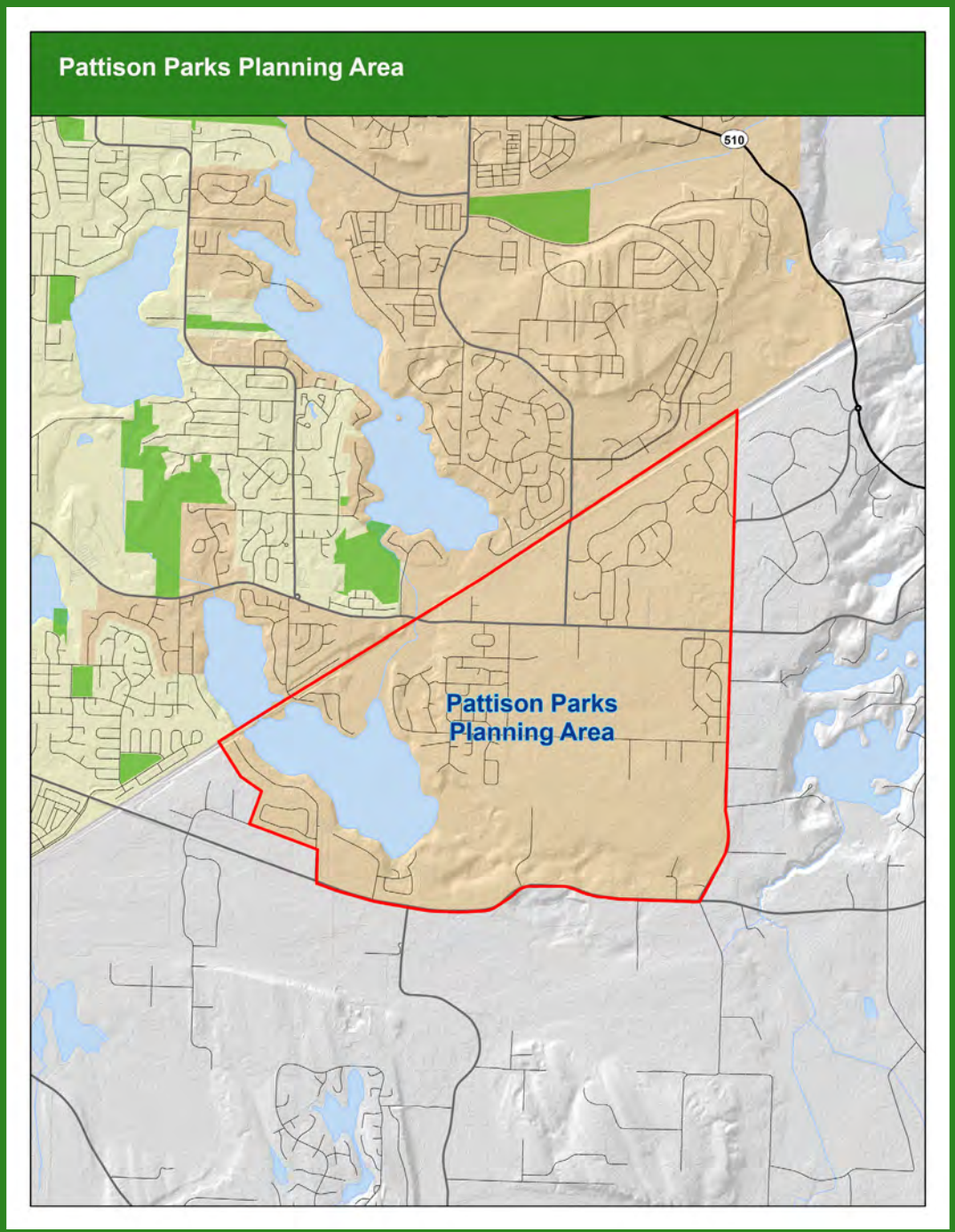




Arbors Park



# PATTISON PARKS PLANNING AREA



The Pattison Parks Planning Area, 3.09 square miles, is in the southeast area of Lacey's Urban Growth Area. The Burlington Northern railroad is to the northwest, Meridian Road to the east, and Yelm Highway to the south. The entire planning area is located outside Lacey's incorporated area. Most of the planning area is zoned McAllister Geological Sensitive Area, intended to protect ground water resources. It also has a small Neighborhood Commercial area. Most of the uses are residential. The area's estimated population is 4,134 with population density of 1,338 people per square mile. By 2027, the population is projected to grow to approximately 4,182 increasing densities to 1,354 people per square mile. In 2035, 7,000 people are currently projected to live in this planning area. However, the ability to extend sewer to this area (due to the specific requirements for groundwater protection in the McAllister Springs Geologically Sensitive Area) will greatly affect this area's projected population.

The only recreation opportunity in this planning area is the Pattison Lake Boat Launch. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife operates the launch, the only public access to Pattison Lake.

A historic opportunity outside the planning area, but nearby, is the Fort Eaton marker. This monument marks the site where a fort was located during an Indian War in 1855.



## Important Habitat ●

The natural features in the Pattison Parks Planning Area include the southern half of Pattison Lake, Woodland Creek, and McAllister Springs. The McAllister Geologically Sensitive Area is an aquifer recharge area, therefore, sensitive to development. The emphasis in this zone is on protecting water quality, as the McAllister Springs are an important water source. Pattison Lake is a designated shoreline of the state. The Shoreline Management Act regulates the development and use of specific shorelines in the State.

There is also important bird habitat located east of the southern half of Pattison Lake. The threatened or endangered species habitat is located around the entire southern half

of Pattison Lake. Oak stands, located to the west of the southern half of Pattison Lake, provide unique habitat.

## **Parks Needs and Conditions Assessment** ●

The following section evaluates the parks needs and conditions of the Pattison Parks Planning Area. The assessment was part of the Lacey Cares public outreach process and staff evaluation of the planning area as compared to the level of service indicated in this Plan.

11.7 percent of the Pattison Planning Area's population is within a .5-mile travelshed of a neighborhood park.

Due to the environmental sensitivity of this area for critical groundwater resources, the extension of sewer lines is necessary for further development in this area to occur at projected population levels. The Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan identifies this area as needing further study to determine if it would be more appropriately designated as a potential "urban reserve" area or removed from the urban growth boundary. The acquisition of additional park land or improvements in this area should not proceed until further study occurs.

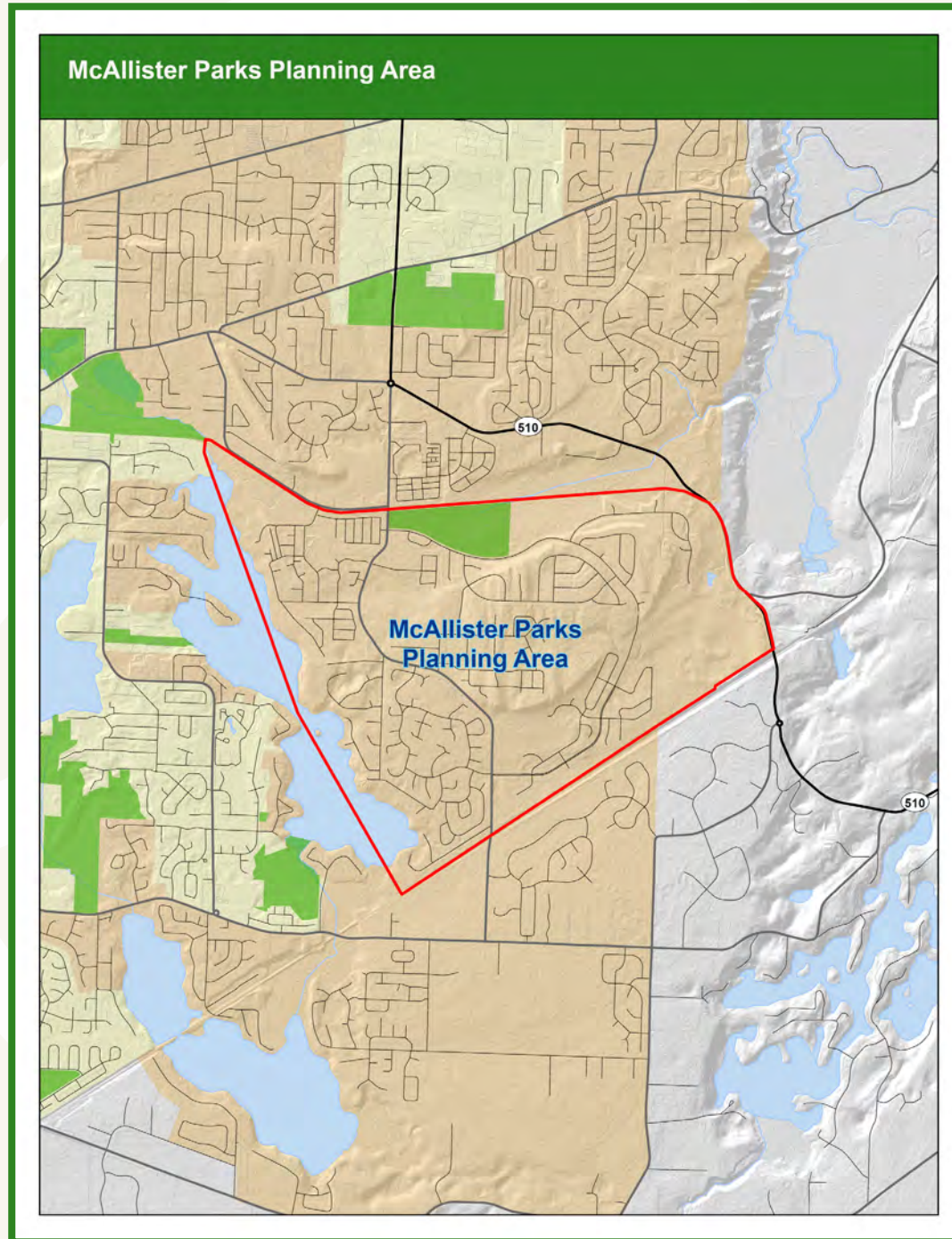
The Pattison Parks Planning Area has no parks. While there are community park lands in nearby Interlake (Long Lake Community Park) and McAllister (undeveloped McAllister Community Park) planning areas, all community and

neighborhood parks are well over three miles away. The only recreational opportunity within the area is a boat launch operated by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. The launch is the only public access to Pattison Lake.

Public input in this planning area includes public access to wetlands and natural areas. Nothing will be done in this area until further study occurs.



# McALLISTER PARKS PLANNING AREA



The McAllister Parks Planning Area, 2.82 square miles, is north of the Pattison Planning Area. Long Lake is on the west and the Burlington Northern railroad splits into two lines on the east side of the area and runs along both the north and south sides of the area. The north line is active up to the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail. All of the planning area is located outside the incorporated city limits. Its zoning is primarily residential with a small area of light industrial. The area's estimated population is 5,262, with a population density of 1,865 people per square mile. By 2027, the population is predicted to grow to 5,665, increasing its density to 2,007 people per square mile. In 2035, 9,800 people are projected to live in this planning area.

Recreational opportunities in the area include two elementary schools and an undeveloped park. The schools are Evergreen Forest and Seven Oaks Elementary schools, which have athletic fields, a multi-purpose field, playgrounds, a covered multi-purpose court, gymnasiums, and classrooms.

Once developed, the approximately 60-acre, undeveloped, McAllister Community Park will be a passive and active recreational facility. The future park site includes a portion of McAllister Creek and its associated wetland area that will be protected for passive recreation. A future school site is located adjacent to McAllister Park. The park and school will make efficient use of public monies by sharing facilities for community recreation and student needs.

## Important Habitat ●

The natural features of this area are Long Lake, portions of McAllister Creek, and their associated wetlands. Long Lake is a state shoreline and must be developed under the provisions of the state Shoreline Management Act and the local Lacey Shoreline Master Program.



According to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, this area also has important habitat for birds and state-threatened or endangered species. This planning area has the urban growth area's largest oak stands, which provide unique and important habitat for birds and other small animals. In 2015, Thurston County approved the Oak Tree Preserve, an 814 single-family lot, residential development located on land containing large

stands of oak trees. Efforts to incorporate the preservation of these trees was included in this development. The deciduous stands of trees can provide significant habitat. However, these stands are limited and declining and, as a result, are important to preserve.

## Parks Needs and Conditions Assessment ●

The following section evaluates the park needs of the McAllister Planning Area. The assessment was part of the Lacey Cares public outreach process. In addition, assessment was done as a component of a series of public meetings and input received in 2019 during the Parks Board review of a potential disc golf course at the undeveloped McAllister Park. Staff has also reviewed the planning area as compared to the level of service indicated in this Plan.

9.9 percent of the McAllister Planning Area's population is within a .5-mile travelshed of a neighborhood park. It is very likely this percentage will increase in the future.

Currently, this planning area has need for potential acquisition in the southern and eastern areas. The following development of McAllister Park Planning Area has been identified:

**McAllister Park:** Public input for this site includes developing the park according to the master plan, including a dog off-leash area (assuming water quality is sound). However, significant input was received in 2019 from a group called

McAllister Citizens for Preserving our Natural Heritage (MCPNH). MCPNH is made up of approximately 175 local residents who live in the community and enjoy the park in its natural undeveloped state. They propose to categorize McAllister Park as Open Space or Conservancy in perpetuity and rename it McAllister Heritage Park. MCPNH also proposes to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) using Thurston County guidelines as outlined in the proposal. The proposal is included in Appendix L.

Development at this park is not listed in the PCIP (2024-2029); therefore, the recommendation is the park should stay as is until a formal update to the current Master Plan is considered.



**BNRR Line:** Conversion to the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail Phase III, when the opportunity arises. Thurston County initiated some meetings in 2021 to discuss the upcoming road improvements. There is a potential for Thurston County to convert the current railway to a trail and a potential for the City to maintain the trail corridor in the future.

Public input in this planning area also includes acquisition of Long Lake waterfront, if the opportunity arises.

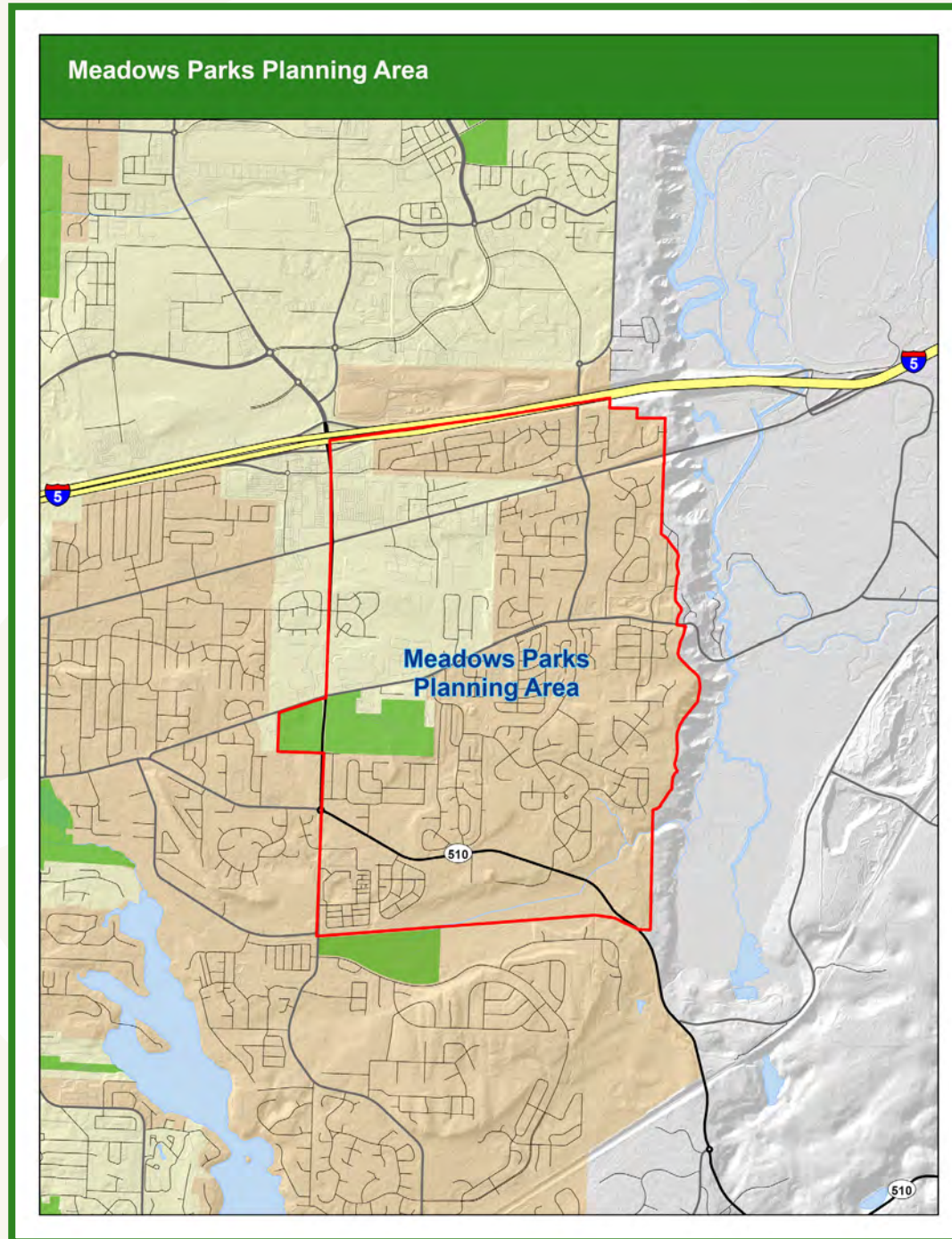




# McALLISTER PARKS PLANNING AREA PARK



# MEADOWS PARKS PLANNING AREA



The Meadows Parks Planning Area, 3.52 square miles, is located on the eastern side of the community. Marvin Road is to the west, the Nisqually Bluff to the east, the Burlington Northern railroad to the south, and US Interstate 5 to the north. The Regional Athletic Complex was incorporated into the City of Lacey in 2022. Most of the area is located outside the incorporated area of the City of Lacey and is zoned primarily residential. Most of the commercial area is located within the incorporated areas. The area's estimated population is 14,976, with a population density of 4,258 people per square mile. By 2027, the population is projected to grow to approximately 15,534, increasing its density to 4,417 people per square mile. In 2035, 15,400 people are projected to live in this planning area.



Current recreational opportunities in the planning area include two public schools and the Regional Athletic Complex (RAC). The Meadows Planning Area currently has 4.8 acres of park land per 1,000 residents; however, this is regional park land with community and even neighborhood park elements. The schools are Meadows Elementary School and River Ridge High School. Together, the schools have a multi-purpose field; baseball, softball, and soccer fields; a playfield; playgrounds; a covered multi-purpose court; gymnasiums; a track; an indoor pool; and classrooms. The RAC, which is partially funded by a Public Facilities District is a 72-acre park which includes soccer, softball and baseball fields, basketball courts, picnic areas, play areas, and associated facilities. The complex is both community and destination facing, more community use during the week and attracting visitors for tournaments more on the weekends. The RAC Phase III, 26.4 acres of undeveloped property lies to the west, across Marvin Road, at the southwest corner of Steilacoom Road and Marvin Road for the purpose of expanding the RAC potentially with a private/public agreement to include commercial activity which would enhance visitor experience and further attract attendees from out of the area for wellness and economic benefits. The RAC is not only used for sports and drop in park users but is rented out for special events such as Poly Fest, Juneteenth, fun runs and more.

## Important Habitat

The planning area has a small section of important oak habitat, located in the southwestern corner. The deciduous stands of trees can provide significant habitat for various birds and small animals. However, these stands are limited and declining and as a result are important to preserve. Oak trees were preserved during the construction of the RAC. This planning area also contains some geologically sensitive slope areas as part of the Nisqually Bluff, which provides important habitat for birds and animals living in the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Area. Portions of McAllister Creek and associated wetlands also run through this planning area. The property the City manages west of Marvin Road (to expand the RAC) contains Oregon white oak stands and a portion is habitat for the Mazama pocket gopher, a priority species per the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

## Parks Needs and Conditions Assessment

The following section evaluates the park needs of the Meadows Parks Planning Area. The assessment was part of the Lacey Cares engagement effort and staff evaluation of the planning area as compared to the level of service indicated in this Plan.

32.8 percent of the Meadows Planning Area's population is within a .5-mile travelshed of a neighborhood park.

Currently, this planning area has need for potential acquisition in the northern and eastern areas. The following developments have been identified:



**Regional Athletic Complex (RAC):** Sports user groups/public input for this site included sports field development with turf, lights, and additional parking. The gravel lot has been designed and is scheduled for construction in 2023. The new parking lot will maximize parking spaces and will include space for school bus parking and electric vehicle charging stations. The new lot will include lights and security cameras.

The RAC has a robust list of improvements needed. Most notably, conversion to LED lighting needs to happen within the next few years. In addition, sports field netting, a playground replacement, concrete improvements, irrigation control update, synthetic turf field replacements, and

drainage upgrades are needed within the next 6 years. Conversion of soccer field 2 from natural grass to synthetic turf with the addition of lights is also desired but a funding source for this large project has not been identified.

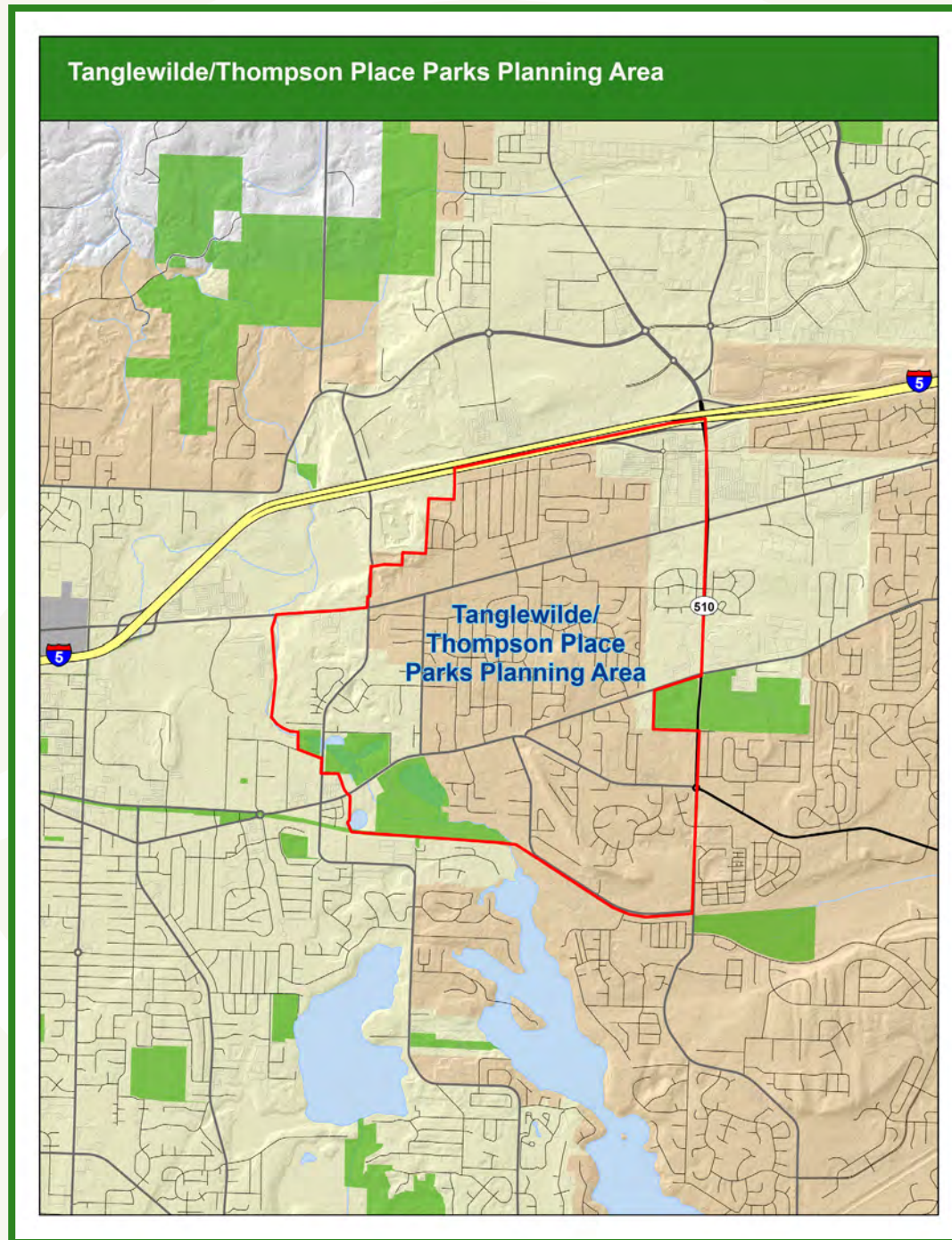
**RAC Phase III:** This property is currently undeveloped. Site-use feasibility is being explored due to mazama pocket gopher issues. Sports user groups/public input for this site includes more youth, softball and baseball fields and more multi-use soccer fields.



# MEADOWS PARKS PLANNING AREA PARK



# TANGLEWILDE/THOMPSON PLACE PARKS PLANNING AREA



The Tanglewilde/Thompson Place Parks Planning Area, 2.96 square miles, is bound by Carpenter Road to the west, Marvin Road to the east, the Burlington Northern railroad line and Lacey Woodland Trail to the south, and US Interstate 5 to the north. Part of the area is located within the incorporated area of Lacey, but most is located in the urban growth area. Its zoning is primarily residential, with some commercial areas. The area's estimated population is 9,532, with a population density of 3,187 people per square mile. By 2027, the population is predicted to grow to 9,989, increasing its density to 3,340 people per square mile. In 2035, 10,500 people are projected to live in this planning area.

Recreational opportunities in this area include three schools, two public parks, the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail, a regional trail, and the Tanglewilde Park and Recreation Center (managed by a park and recreation district and includes an outdoor pool). The public schools include Lydia Hawk and Olympic View Elementary schools and Nisqually Middle School. Together, the schools have athletic fields, a multi-purpose field, playfield, playgrounds, two covered multi-purpose courts, a running track, gymnasiums, and classrooms.



This area's two parks are Lake Lois Park/Habitat Reserve and Woodland Creek Community Park. Lake Lois Park has a ¼ mile interpretive trail with benches. Woodland Creek Community Park is the site of the Lacey Community Center, Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center, and the "White House," which hosts a number of recreation programs and events. In Fall 1996, Phase I of the Lacey Community Center was completed. In June of 2003, the 5,035-square-foot Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center opened. The senior center is heavily used and was expanded in 2012.

Woodland Creek Community Park also includes a wildlife viewing area, trailhead for the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail, picnic shelters and tables, an open play area, playground equipment, a fishing dock, a junior disc golf course and restroom. The Park has several natural features including



Woodland Creek, Long's Pond, and the associated wetlands. Woodland Creek Community Park is the site of the annual Family Fish-In and many other events.

In 2010, the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail was completed along the southern portion of the planning area, creating an important bicycle and pedestrian access to Lacey's core area, Olympia, and providing connection to the regional Chehalis Western Trail.

In 2022 the Jackson Family/Goose Pond Historic Marker was installed along the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail close to Dr. Thelma and Nat Jackson's family home and Goose Pond. The marker highlights the Jackson Family history, their road to Washington, and the impact they have had on the community. In addition, local artist Jennifer Kuhns created and dedicated a mosaic of the Jacksons to the City where it was temporarily installed at the Lacey Community Center.



This planning area also includes Tanglewilde Park, a private recreational facility, maintained by the Tanglewilde Park and Recreation District for residents of the subdivision to use. The outdoor pool is open to the public during the summer. The five-acre park has an outdoor swimming pool, a wading pool, picnic area, playground, two tennis courts, and a basketball court. The district has several proposed improvements to their facilities including an expanded pool deck for increased seating, area for food and drinks and possibly a splash pad and water slide. Proposed park improvements include a small soccer field, walking paths, and a new pavilion with potential for outdoor movies, bathrooms, and potential concessions.

Another potential recreational opportunity in this area is the proposed Young Child & Family Center of Lacey (YCFC) on the NTPS 15-acre site adjacent to Nisqually Middle School on Marvin Road. This property is referred to as the Nisqually or former Bucknell site.

## YOUNG CHILD & FAMILY CENTER OF LACEY

### NEED

There is a critical need for early learning and indoor recreation resources in Lacey. The demand for high-quality childcare programs has outpaced industry growth for several years with a nation-wide decrease in supply starting in 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated this crisis. Beginning in the spring of 2020, COVID-related operating restrictions and decreased enrollment have caused over 30% of childcare

centers to close.

According to the Washington State Department for Children, Youth & Families (DCYF), the vast majority of NTPS service area falls within an “extreme childcare access desert.” This same area was significantly impacted by COVID-related operating restrictions in early learning programs with over 40% of programs closing for some period during the pandemic. Further, access to these programs is not equal and the impacts of COVID on the childcare industry overall have placed a greater burden on rural and low-income families.

NTPS invited the City of Lacey and South Sound YMCA to the table to consider innovative solutions to filling the unique learning needs of children ages 3-5 both in and outside of the classroom. The partners put their heads together and started considering feasibility of a learning center combined with family recreation focus in order to both fill the educational gap and create opportunities to create healthy families thereby healthy community. Lacey Parks shared that the 2021 Parks Outreach project showed indoor aquatics and other indoor recreation spaces coming in at the top for public expressed local needs.

## POTENTIAL

NTPS owns property that could house a Young Child & Family Center on Marvin Road adjacent to Nisqually Middle School. On the site, a facility could provide early learning classrooms that would be equipped to serve up to 600 students annually

in full-day programs. The center could also have family-friendly spaces for parenting classes and other agencies and organizations could have space on-site to provide programming related to the health and wellbeing of young children and families. This could include an on-site medical partner, mental health services, and community-based resources. A commercial grade kitchen could be included for nutrition classes and large group events. The recreation components could include a pool, indoor playground, and other opportunities for family-based physical activities. Outside site plan could include a small spray park and/or nature playground. Spray parks are included as a top priority to members of the Lacey community as was highlighted during the public outreach.



Both NTPS and the City are limited in their capacity to fund a project like this. Lacey Parks has been engaging the public (see Public Involvement section of this Plan) to confirm priorities. The next NTPS bond cycle is 2028.

A significant challenge is families going without early learning and indoor recreation opportunities for the next 3-5 years. Additionally, constructions costs are increasing every year.

A Young Child & Family Center of Lacey project is estimated at \$71 million dollars. NTPS owns a parcel of property that the facilities could be located on (an estimated \$4 million dollars of the \$71 million total).

### Important Habitat

Natural features located in the Thompson Place Parks Planning Area include the Lake Lois Habitat Reserve, Woodland Creek, Long's Pond, Goose Lake, and associated wetland areas. Woodland Creek becomes a shoreline of the state in this planning area due to its flow volumes, which are increased by natural springs. This occurs at the north side of the planning area prior to it flowing under Interstate 5.

This planning area includes important bird habitat and an oak stand. The bird habitat follows the Woodland Creek drainage. The City of Lacey demonstrated its commitment to habitat protection by preserving this area in the form of two parks along the corridor and a required two-hundred-foot setback

for development from the creek. The oak stand is located in Lake Lois Park and has been preserved.

### Parks Needs and Conditions Assessment

The following section evaluates the park needs of the Tanglewilde/Thompson Place Planning Area. The assessment was part of the Lacey Cares and Energize Lacey public outreach processes and staff evaluation of the planning area



as compared to the level of service indicated in this Plan.

58.6 percent of the Tanglewilde/Thompson Place Planning Area's population is within a .5-mile travelshed of a neighborhood park.

Currently, this planning area has need for potential acquisition in the northern portion. The following developments have been identified:

**Woodland Creek Community Park:** Public input for this site includes adding swings, additional parking, and making more master-plan improvements. Some of these include a bigger

fishing dock, constructing a trail around the pond, and connecting to the sidewalk along Pacific Ave, providing an off-leash dog area.

Public input, and the master plan includes a community garden at this site. The City has an opportunity to pursue Woodland Creek Food Forest development in collaboration with non-profit partners. Community input particularly in support of a one-acre food forest. A survey was done in 2022 and the findings are summarized in Appendix K.

The fishing age limit was changed by DFW which now allows seniors to fish in Long's Pond.

**Lacey Community Center:** This is a special-use facility. Public input for this site includes adding more parking and potentially adding Phase II.

**Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center:** Partner and community input supports the addition of Phase 3 to the building. Additional parking close to the building is also needed.

**Karen Fraser Woodland Trail:** Public input for this site includes connecting Woodland Creek Park to McAllister Park when the opportunity arises.

**Lois McKinney House:** This historic structure is currently vacant, and in extremely poor condition. Historical Commission and public input include pursuing the opportunity to renovate and open this facility as an interpretive center or other partnership for use at some point in the future.



# TANGLEWILDE/THOMPSON PLACE PARKS PLANNING AREA PARKS

Lake Lois Park



Lake Lois Habitat Reserve



Lacey Community Center



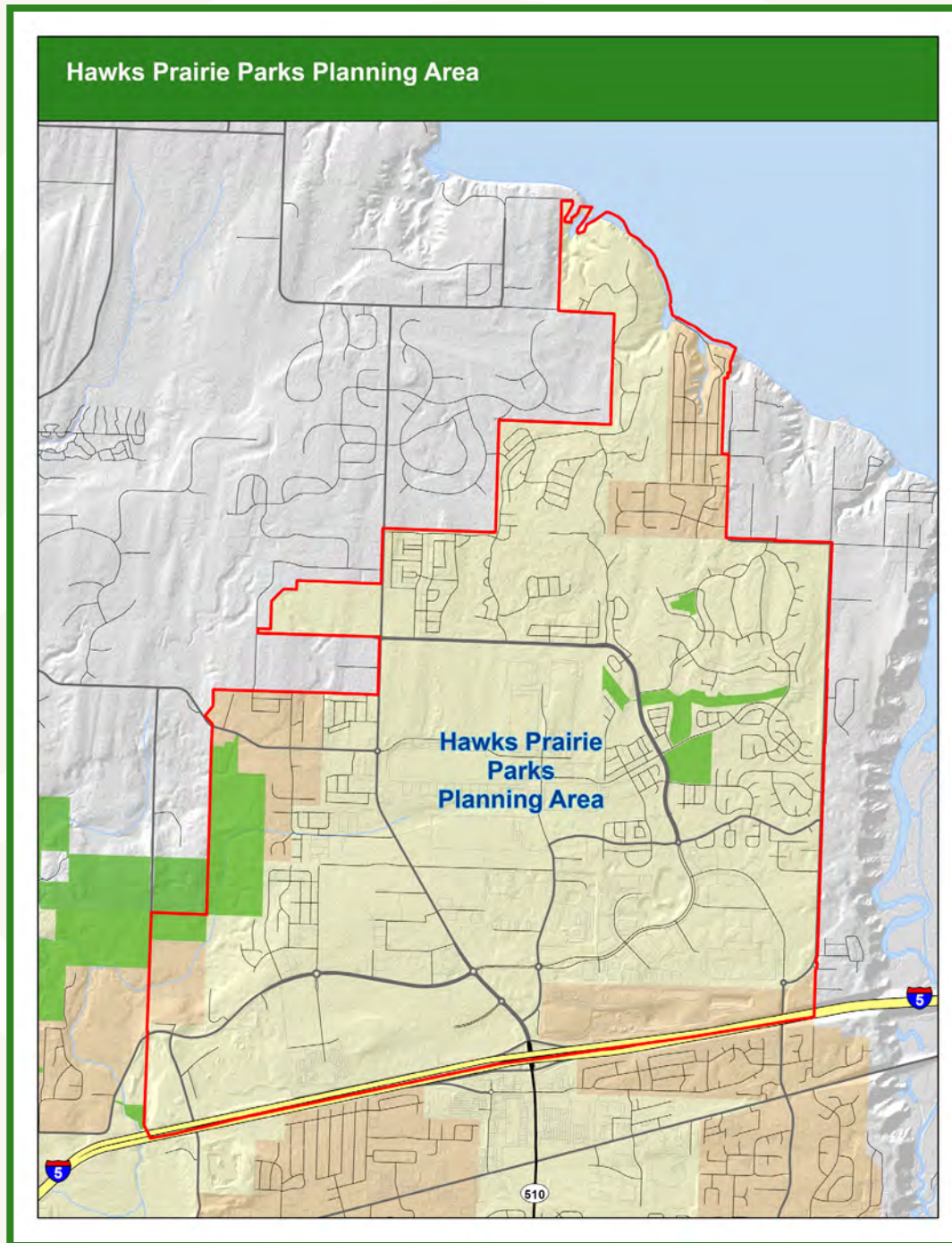
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center



# Woodland Creek Community Park



# HAWKS PRAIRIE PARKS PLANNING AREA





The Hawks Prairie Parks Planning Area covers the most northern section of Lacey. The urban growth area boundary and Carpenter Road NE are on the west, Meridian Road on the east, US Interstate 5 on the south, and Puget Sound on the north. Most of this planning area is in the incorporated area of Lacey. The land area of this planning area is 7.32 square miles, the largest of the ten areas. There are many different zones in this area including commercial, light industrial, residential, and the Hawks Prairie Business District. The area's estimated population is 15,214 with a population density of 2,109 people per square mile. By 2027, the population is predicted to grow to 15,591, increasing its density to 2,161 people per square mile. In 2035, 16,600 people may live in this planning area.

In the future, the Hawks Prairie Parks Planning Area will likely need to be split and/or boundary lines adjusted due to the size of the planning area and the significant amount of growth occurring there.

Recreational opportunities in this area are primarily limited to the Meridian Campus area and portions of the future Greg Cuoio Park. The planning area is zoned for schools and parks, but only the Meridian Neighborhood Park has been developed with play equipment, a picnic shelter, basketball court, and informal multipurpose field. There are two golf courses in the area, The Woodlands and The Links, collectively called "The Golf Club at Hawks Prairie." Both are 18-hole golf courses, privately owned for public use. Meridian Campus North Neighborhood Park, a 5-acre park, is located in the northern

portion of Meridian Campus. This planning area's combined neighborhood parks acreage is 29.2. There is also a 36.6-acre wildlife corridor with a public walking trail known as the William Ives Trail. In 2009, the City constructed a pedestrian trail linking the Meridian Neighborhood Park with the William Ives Trail.



Jubilee, a 55+ community, has a clubhouse with swimming pool, tennis courts, and various other amenities accessible only to its community members. The community also maintains a private trail that extends from the development to the Puget Sound shoreline. The Beachcrest Homeowner's Association has a private marina and beach with Saltwater access for residents and guests, only.

A new private recreation business is being constructed in 2023, called 23 Kitchens. This recreation and restaurant

facility will include 5 outdoor and 6 indoor pickleball courts in addition to a retail shop and restaurant.

## Important Habitat

The natural features in the Hawks Prairie Parks Planning Area include the Puget Sound, streams, and wetlands. Puget Sound is a shoreline of the state and is important because it is the only saltwater coastline in Lacey. The City of Lacey has no public saltwater access.

This planning area has important oak tree stands that provide habitat to birds and small animals. Deciduous stands of trees also provide significant habitat. These stands are limited and declining and, as a result, are important to preserve. The Nisqually Bluff also provides important habitat for birds and animals and are (is) an important habitat features for the adjacent Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Area, located to the east.



## Parks Needs and Conditions Assessment

The following section evaluates the park needs of the Hawks Prairie Parks Planning Area. The assessment was part of the Lacey Cares public engagement process and staff evaluation of the planning area as compared to the level of service indicated in this Plan.

48.5 percent of the Hawks Prairie Parks Planning Area's population is within a .5-mile travelshed of a neighborhood park.

The City has potential to partner with NTPS when they develop new school sites, which would supplement neighborhood park needs. In addition, to increase connectivity, the City will explore trail linkages to access parks and other existing trails in the neighboring planning areas.

The Hawks Prairie Parks Planning Area's population increased more than any other planning area over the last several years. The challenge over the next few years will be to develop the park amenities to meet the needs of the growing population. Another need in this planning area is access to Puget Sound. This is Lacey's only planning area that touches the Sound. A park along the water would be an added bonus to the community. The City could explore the possibility of a public/private partnership for joint development.

This planning area currently has need for potential acquisition in southern and western portions.

Public input for this parks planning area includes a potential spray park location.

Other public input includes adding pickleball courts somewhere in Northeast Lacey.

Additional public input includes the potential construction of a large indoor sports facility in this planning area.

An indoor sports facility feasibility study was completed in 2019 for four potential sites that were researched. Public input also indicated the inclusion of teen sports and activities would be important in this type of facility. The project is dependent on stakeholders coming forward to partner in funding.



**Meridian Neighborhood Park:** This popular park is unfinished. Public input for this site includes the addition of sports fields and exploring the feasibility of a skate park or other skate feature, and the potential for outdoor pickleball courts.

**Meridian Campus North Neighborhood Park:** This site has been identified for master planning and eventually development. The City has received a significant number of inquiries as to when this planning process will take place.

# HAWKS PRAIRIE PARKS PLANNING AREA PARKS

Meridian Campus Park North



Meridian Neighborhood Park



# William Ives Trail





## IX. IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

The City will take action during the planning period 2023-2029 (near term) to satisfy demand and need. The actions are listed in the Parks Capital Improvement Program (PCIP) by category, and are in the near term section based on the 2021 Lacey Cares and 2022 Energize Lacey public outreach processes and identified needs, stakeholder input to the Parks Board, Parks Board and City staff input and the City Council 2022-2024 Work Plan adopted in September of 2022.

The costs included in the PCIP are estimates only. If the projects are approved to move forward, actual project cost must be confirmed and the impact to maintenance and operations considered. During the planning period, opportunities not envisioned at the time of this writing, may arise that could achieve goals, objectives, and/or priorities. Many variables, such as utility and street improvements, grant funds available and secured, partnership potential, volunteer assistance, facility components

and design, and levels of maintenance, affect these costs. This plan allows for flexibility.

All of the projects will require public funding. Therefore, serious consideration must be given to establishing dedicated parks, culture and recreation funds (i.e., bond issues, sales and/or property tax or park district options). Continued public input and participation are critical before moving forward on these park assets.

The PCIP will be updated annually and the information will be used to update the City's Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Facility Plan.



**PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

	Capital or M&O	Potential Funding Sources*	Parks Planning Area - refer to area for more information	Project Cost Estimate** 2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>INDOOR POOL &amp; PLAYGROUND</b>										
Partnership for Indoor Pool Only	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding, Federal Funding	TBD	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	TBD	TBD	\$ -	\$ -
Partnership for Indoor Pool Only	M&O	Partner	TBD	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Partnership for Indoor Playground Only	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding, Federal Funding	TBD	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	TBD	\$ -
Partnership for Indoor Playground Only	M&O	Partner	TBD	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spray Park #1	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding, Federal Funding	Central Lacey	\$450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522,000	\$ -	\$ -
Spray Park #1	M&O	Local funding	Central Lacey	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 56,000
Spray Park #2	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Southwest Lacey	\$450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 540,000	\$ -
Spray Park #2	M&O	Local funding	Southwest Lacey	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 56,000
Spray Park #3	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Northeast Lacey	\$450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 540,000	\$ -
Spray Park #3	M&O	Local funding	Northeast Lacey	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 56,000
Spray Park #4	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Southeast Lacey	\$450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 540,000	\$ -
Spray Park #4	M&O	Local funding	Southeast Lacey	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 56,000
<b>GREG CUOIO PARK</b>										
Phase 1A	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Pleasant Glade & Hawks Prairie	\$5,500,000	\$ 5,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Phase 1A	M&O	Local funding	Pleasant Glade & Hawks Prairie	\$300,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 306,000	\$ 312,120	\$ 318,362	\$ 324,730



**PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

	Capital or M&O	Potential Funding Sources*	Parks Planning Area refer to area for more information	Project Cost Estimate** 2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>GREG CUOIO PARK (Continued)</b>										
Next Phase Planning & Design	Capital	Local funding, State Funding	Pleasant Glade & Hawks Prairie	\$1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,120,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Next Phase	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Pleasant Glade & Hawks Prairie	\$5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,800,000	\$ -	\$ -
Next Phase	M&O	Local funding	Pleasant Glade & Hawks Prairie	\$300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 324,000	\$ 362,880
<b>MERIDIAN NEIGHBORHOOD PARK</b>										
Potential pickleball courts, skate features and/or pump track	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Hawks Prairie	\$500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -
Potential pickleball courts, skate features and/or pump track	M&O	Local funding	Hawks Prairie	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sports field development planning & design	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding	Hawks Prairie	\$400,000				\$ 464,000	\$ -	\$ -
Sports field development	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Hawks Prairie	\$2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400,000	\$ -
Sports field development	M&O	Local funding, Fee Based Revenues	Hawks Prairie	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,000
<b>MERIDIAN CAMPUS NORTH PARK</b>										
Master Plan	Capital	Local funding	Hawks Prairie	\$100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,000	\$ -	\$ -
Master Plan	M&O	N/A	Hawks Prairie	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Planning & Design	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding	Hawks Prairie	\$400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 496,000	\$ -
Development per master plan	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Hawks Prairie	\$2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,560,000
Development per master plan	M&O	Local funding	Hawks Prairie	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,000
<b>LONG LAKE PARK</b>										
Updated Master Plan	Capital	Local Funding	Interlake	\$200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232,000	\$ -	\$ -
Updated Master Plan	M&O	N/A	Interlake	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Planning & Design	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding	Interlake	\$1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -
Development per master plan	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Interlake	\$5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,400,000
Development per master plan	M&O	Local Funding	Interlake	\$100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,000

PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM										
	Capital or M&O	Potential Funding Sources*	Parks Planning Area refer to area for more information	Project Cost Estimate** 2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>WILLIAM A. BUSH PARK</b>										
Playground Replacement	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Rainier Vista	\$350,000	\$ -	\$ 357,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Playground Replacement	M&O	N/A	Rainier Vista	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>BROOKS PARK</b>										
Master Plan	Capital	Local Funding	Wonderwood	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Development per master plan (includes planning & design)	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Wonderwood	\$500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 580,000	\$ -	\$ -
Development per master plan	M&O	Local Funding	Wonderwood	\$10,000	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,400	\$ 10,600	\$ 10,800	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
<b>LACEY MUSEUM &amp; CULTURAL CENTER</b>										
Development per master plan	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding, Federal Funding	Woodland	\$13,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Development per master plan	M&O	Local Funding, Fee Based Revenues	Woodland	900,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 972,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 1,008,000
<b>RAINIER VISTA PARK</b>										
Pickleball Courts Expansion & Outdoor Table Tennis	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Rainier Vista	\$915,000	\$ -	\$ 988,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pickleball Courts Expansion & Outdoor Table Tennis	M&O	N/A	Rainier Vista	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Playground Replacement	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding	Rainier Vista	\$500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -
Playground Replacement	M&O	N/A	Rainier Vista	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>WOODLAND CREEK PARK</b>										
Longs Pond Fishing Dock Replacement	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	\$250,000	\$ -	\$ 270,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Longs Pond Fishing Dock Replacement	M&O	N/A	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Partnership for Woodland Creek Food Forest	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding, Federal Funding	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	\$20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Partnership for Woodland Creek Food Forest	M&O	Partner	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

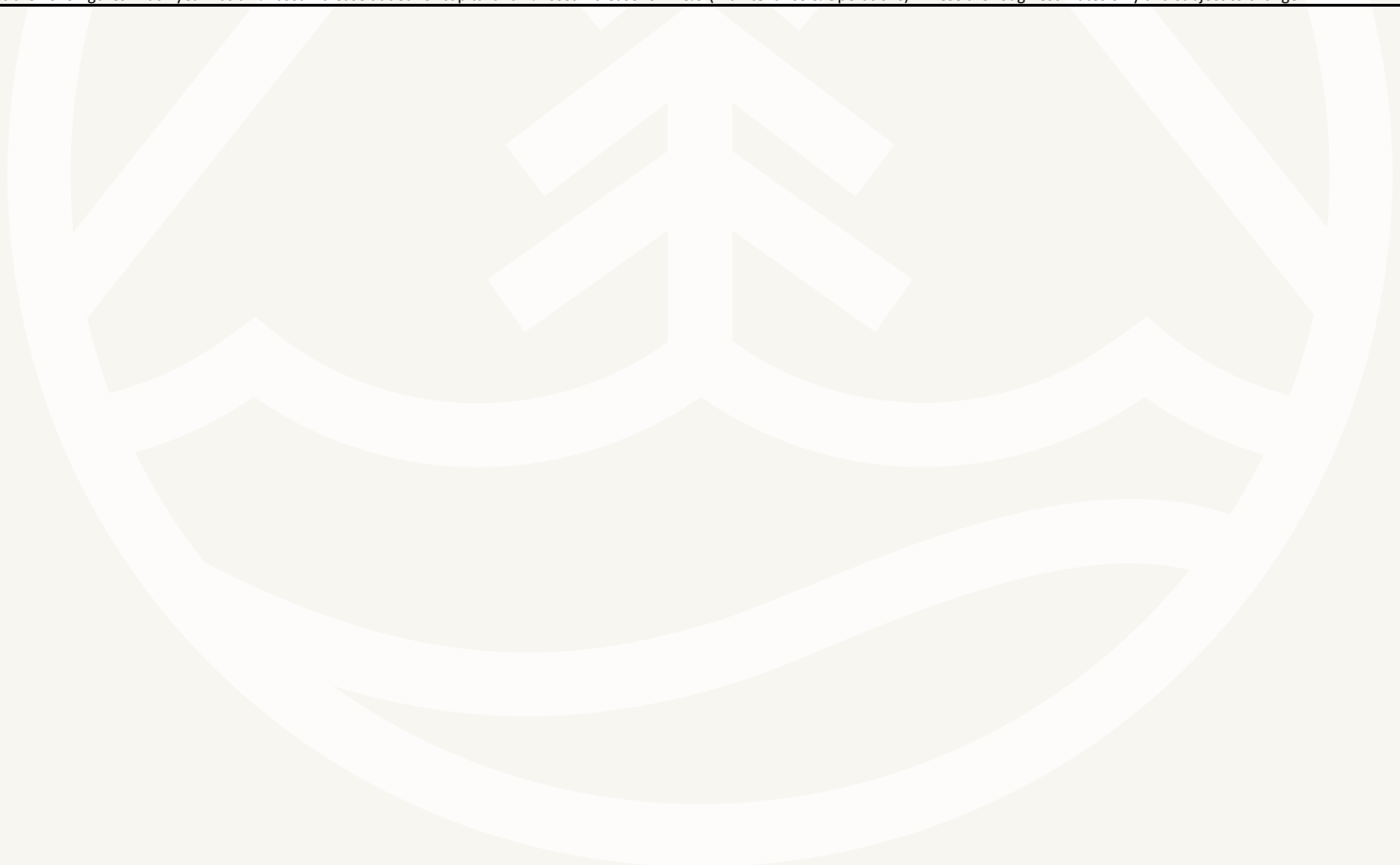
	Capital or M&O	Potential Funding Sources*	Parks Planning Area refer to area for more information	Project Cost Estimate** 2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>SPORTS FACILITIES PARTNERSHIPS</b>										
Baseball stadium	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding	Woodland	\$1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Baseball stadium	M&O	Partner	Woodland	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Indoor Sports Facility	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding	Hawks Prairie	TBD	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Indoor Sports Facility	M&O	Partner	Hawks Prairie	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>REGIONAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX</b>										
Parking lot construction	Capital	Local Funding, PFD	Meadows	\$2,800,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parking lot construction	M&O	Local Funding, PFD	Meadows	\$15,000	\$ 15,300	\$ 15,600	\$ 15,900	\$ 16,200	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,800
LED fields lights conversion	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, Federal Funding	Meadows	\$2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,160,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LED fields lights conversion	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Baseball outfield fence poles w/ netting	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, PFD	Meadows	\$200,000	\$ 208,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Baseball outfield fence poles w/ netting	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sports fields netting	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, PFD	Meadows	\$178,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 199,360	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sports fields netting	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Large Central Playground replacement	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, PFD	Meadows	\$450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 504,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Large Central Playground replacement	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Soccer Fields Playground replacement	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, PFD	Meadows	250,000	\$ -	\$ 270,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Soccer Fields Playground replacement	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Baseball Complex Playground replacement	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, PFD	Meadows	350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 406,000	\$ -	\$ -
Baseball Complex Playground replacement	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Baseball complex concrete improvements	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, PFD	Meadows	\$300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360,000	\$ -
Baseball complex concrete improvements	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Irrigation control update	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, PFD	Meadows	\$40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Irrigation control update	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Baseball/softball infield turf replacements (Fields 1&2)	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, PFD	Meadows	\$400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 496,000
Baseball/softball infield turf replacements (Fields 1&2)	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Baseball/softball fields drainage	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, PFD	Meadows	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Baseball/softball fields drainage	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Phase 3 Planning & Design	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, PFD	Meadows	\$2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,160,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Phase 3 Planning & Design	M&O	N/A	Meadows	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

	Capital or M&O	Potential Funding Sources*	Parks Planning Area refer to area for more information	Project Cost Estimate** 2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>REGIONAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX (Continued)</b>										
Phase 3 Development	Capital	Non-profit, Local Business, Local Funding, State Funding, Federal Funding, PFD	Meadows	\$9,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,080,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Phase 3 Development	M&O	PFD, Local Funding	Meadows	\$300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 324,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 336,000
<b>KAREN FRASER WOODLAND TRAIL</b>										
Phase 3 acquisition	Capital	Partner	Woodland	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Phase 3 maintenance	M&O	Local Funding	Woodland	\$15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,800
Trail Corridor Master Plan / CED	Capital	Local Funding	Woodland	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ 54,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trail Corridor Master Plan / CED	M&O	N/A	Woodland	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>MCKINNEY HOUSE</b>										
Site Assessment / Wetland Delineation	Capital	Local Funding	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	\$49,000	\$ 49,980	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Site Assessment / Wetland Delineation	M&O	N/A	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>MIDTOWN / HUNTAMER PARK</b>										
Playground replacement	Capital	Local Funding, Local Business, State Funding, Federal Funding	Woodland	\$450,000	\$ -	\$ 486,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Playground replacement	M&O	Local Funding	Woodland	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ 52,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 56,000
<b>HOMANN PARK</b>										
Picnic area renovation	Capital	Local Funding, State funding	Wonderwood	\$300,000	\$ -	\$ 324,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Picnic area renovation	M&O	N/A	Wonderwood	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>THORNBURY PARK</b>										
Playground replacement (5-12)	Capital	Local Funding, State funding	Rainier Vista	\$350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 406,000	\$ -	\$ -
Playground replacement (5-12)	M&O	N/A	Rainier Vista	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>VIRGIL S. CLARKSON SENIOR CENTER</b>										
Phase 3 Planning & Design	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, Federal Funding	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	\$600,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720,000	\$ -
Phase 3 Planning & Design	M&O	Local Funding	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,000
Phase 3 Development	Capital	Local Funding, State Funding, Federal Funding, Non-profit	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	\$3,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,720,000

**PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

	Capital or M&O	Potential Funding Sources*	Parks Planning Area refer to area for more information	Project Cost Estimate** 2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>VIRGIL S. CLARKSON SENIOR CENTER (Continued)</b>										
Parking lot expansion	Capital	Local Funding, Federal Funding	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	\$500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 620,000
Parking lot expansion	M&O	N/A	Tanglewilde/ Thompson Place	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>LACEY DEPOT PARK</b>										
Parking lot expansion	Capital	Local Funding	Woodland	\$250,000	\$ -	\$ 270,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parking lot expansion	M&O	N/A	Woodland	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
*Local funding options available to the City: See Executive Summary, Policies & Objectives, and Implementation Actions sections for more information on local funding and implementation strategies.										
State funding options available will vary per project, Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office programs such as Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP), Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Aquatic Lands & Enhancements (ALEA) and Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) are viable sources in addition to direct state legislative requests.										
Federal funding options available such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), in addition to direct federal legislative requests.										
**Project Cost Estimates are 2023 figures. Each year has a 4% cost increase added for capital and 2% cost increase for M&O (Maintenance & Operations). These are rough estimates only and subject to change.										



Further long-term actions have been identified for the planning period 2030 – 2042, as listed below.

### **Parks Development**

1. Pursue additional phases of development for Greg Cuoio Park per the Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan.
2. Pursue further development of Woodland Creek Community Park per master plan .

### **Facility Upgrades**

1. Explore improvements to the White House at Woodland Creek Park for indoor recreation.
2. Explore the option of restrooms and parking lots at neighborhood parks.
3. Explore renovation of Lacey Community Center restrooms and other facility upgrades that might be needed.
4. Explore conversion of soccer field 2 to synthetic turf and lights at the RAC.
5. Explore renovation of softball fields and parking expansion at Rainier Vista Park.

### **Master Planning**

1. Explore planning for Arbors Park
2. Explore update of Wanschers Park Master Plan
3. Explore update of of McAllister Park Master Plan

### **Indoor Ice Rink**

1. Explore feasibility and potential partners

### **Acquisition**

During the transition from an acquisition phase to a development phase, Lacey will consider acquisitions when a deficit has been identified and property and funding are available.

Pursue/explore acquisition of:

1. Community Park land for Pattison Lake public access.
2. Park land in Hawks Prairie, Meadows, Tanglewilde/Thompson Place, McAllister, and Pleasant Glade Planning Areas.



# LACEY PARKS

## CULTURE & RECREATION

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PUT US ON YOUR **PLAYLIST!**

## **Appendix A**



## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

The mission of the City of Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Department is to enhance our community with parks, trails, open space and natural habitat areas, and to provide Lacey's residents with the best possible recreational opportunities through its facilities, services, and programs. The Department plans City parks, trails, open space, and natural habitat areas to meet current and future community needs. Parks, Culture and Recreation full time include the Director, one Recreation Manager, one Executive Assistant, two Department Assistants, one Parks Comprehensive Planner/Coordinator, Recreation Supervisors, four Recreation Coordinators, one Recreation Assistant at the Lacey Community Center, one Park Aide at the RAC, and one Museum Curator. In addition, there are many seasonal part-time employees.

### **BUDGET SUMMARY**

The Parks, Culture and Recreation Department budget is organized into ten programs:

1. General Services
2. Youth/Teens
3. Recreation Administration
4. Aquatics
5. Physical Activities/Sports
6. Cultural Arts and Events
7. Outdoor Activities
8. Fitness
9. Special Events/Activities
10. Museum Operations

The total 2023 budget for Parks, Culture and Recreation is **\$3,272,362**. The direct cost of most recreation programs and classes is typically recovered through user fees with the exception of some special events, and the Summer Playground Pals Program. A challenge again for 2023 as in 2022 is not knowing the impact the COVID-19 public health crisis will have on the ability to run certain programs.

The City does not offer its own specialized recreation program, but contributes financial support, as do the cities of Olympia and Tumwater, to Thurston County to manage a county-wide program.

The City does not offer its own senior programs, but contributes the facility and financial support to Senior Services of South Sound, which provide a broad range of programs at the Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center.

### **2023 PROGRAMS, GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

- **General Services:** Continue to develop performance measures for the department, further develop the department's leadership team, and plan ahead for Recreation & Conservation grant opportunities for the next cycle. Consider changes to the department due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, based on community need. Consider part time recruitment and retention challenges due to the pandemic.
- **Youth/Teens:** Continue the community and grant-supported summer playground program, pursue increased volunteer solicitation, and pursue preschool programs. Pursue addition of programs at JSH and LCC. Enhance community engagement.
- **Recreation Administration:** Expand marketing of programs and activities.
- **Aquatics:** Explore ways to recruit and retain staff due to local and national shortage, and keep swim lessons going for the community. Continue making improvements to the Long Lake Park swim area and incorporate new adjacent property. Enhance community engagement.
- **Physical Activities/Sports:** Increase youth and adult participation by offering new and additional classes/program/leagues. Continue to develop a reporting structure for Sports Commission happenings and zip code tracking for athletic events. Enhance community engagement.
- **Cultural Arts and Events:** Audit program to meet community needs and interests. Enhance community engagement.
- **Outdoor Activities:** Offer new outdoor programs targeted to seniors, families, and teens depending on COVID-19 restrictions. Enhance community engagement.
- **Fitness:** Continue to research new locations to expand and offer classes. Enhance community engagement.

- Special Events/Activities: Expand visibility with more advertising; enhance year-round special events with new activities and features to attract more participants. Assist with Sponsorship Program. Oversee department Grand Opening events. Enhance community engagement
- Museum Operations: Continue inventory and entry of the museum collection into the database, and engage in Heritage Capital Grant projects. Work in cooperation with the Historical Commission to further develop programming and planning for the Lacey Depot and New Museum and Cultural Center project. Continue to the new museum strategic plan which includes a funding strategy. Facilitate another traveling exhibit, and introduce new educational programming at the current museum. Enhance community engagement

Account Number	Description	2021 Actual Revenue/Expense	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
<i>Current Expense Fund - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>				
<b>General Services</b>				
001-7401-574.10-01	Salaries-Regular	179,458	230,106	399,144
001-7401-574.20-01	Employer Paid            Ⓚ	55,744	96,873	150,596
001-7401-574.31-01	& Operating Supply	1,250	17,750	2,750
001-7401-574.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	187	1,000	1,000
001-7401-574.35-35	Replaced Equipment	10,491	10,000	10,000
001-7401-574.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	52,925	220,295	12,000
001-7401-574.43-01	Transportation/Per Diem	2,335	3,800	4,800
001-7401-574.43-02	Dues, Subscriptions, Publ	1,250	1,250	1,250
001-7401-574.43-03	Registrations	745	1,200	2,200
001-7401-574.45-01	Equipment Rental	3,382	2,752	3,245
001-7401-574.45-02	IMS Rental	15,228	25,136	29,615
001-7401-574.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	-	100	100
001-7401-574.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	250	-	-
001-7401-574.49-25	Assessments/Taxes	22,375	19,178	19,178
001-7401-574.49-30	Software Maintenance	25,458	26,624	27,689
<b>Total General Services</b>		<b>371,078</b>	<b>656,064</b>	<b>663,567</b>
<b>Youth/Teens</b>				
001-7402-574.10-01	Salaries-Regular	66,835	139,100	142,504
001-7402-574.10-05	Salaries-Overtime	42	2,500	2,500
001-7402-574.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	44,015	159,950	159,950
001-7402-574.20-01	Employer Paid            Ⓚ	42,283	79,096	78,465
001-7402-574.20-03	Unemployment Compensation	584	-	-
001-7402-574.31-01	& Operating Supply	2,661	15,365	15,365
001-7402-574.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	-	4,950	4,950
001-7402-574.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	370	-	-
001-7402-574.41-11	Prof. Svc-Recreational	8,658	72,000	72,000
001-7402-574.45-06	Rentals-School Facilities	1,575	5,500	5,500
001-7402-574.49-02	Printing & Binding	-	880	880
<b>Total Youth/Teens</b>		<b>167,023</b>	<b>479,341</b>	<b>482,114</b>
<b>Recreation Administration</b>				
001-7403-574.10-01	Salaries-Regular	164,371	172,515	181,979
001-7403-574.10-05	Salaries-Overtime	117	2,000	2,000
001-7403-574.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	78	9,369	9,369
001-7403-574.20-01	Employer Paid            Ⓚ	67,339	74,266	77,837

Account Number	Description	2021 Actual Revenue/Expense	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
<i>Current Expense Fund - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>				
<b>Recreation Administration-Continued</b>				
001-7403-574.31-01	& Operating Supply	2,059	6,500	6,500
001-7403-574.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	-	500	500
001-7403-574.31-17	Supplies-Uniform Purchase	-	250	250
001-7403-574.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	-	2,100	2,100
001-7403-574.41-37	Prof Svc-Sunshine Program	-	8,377	8,377
001-7403-574.42-01	Telecommunications	12,793	13,500	13,500
001-7403-574.42-03	Communications-Recreation	5,982	46,495	16,495
001-7403-574.43-01	Transportation/Per Diem	-	6,000	9,000
001-7403-574.43-02	Dues, Subscriptions, Publ	1,275	1,300	1,300
001-7403-574.43-03	Registrations	2,246	6,000	13,000
001-7403-574.45-01	Equipment Rental	28,439	23,141	27,285
001-7403-574.45-02	IMS Rental	44,808	73,964	87,144
001-7403-574.49-02	Printing & Binding	341	2,200	2,200
001-7403-574.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	11,720	20,000	20,000
001-7403-574.49-25	Assessments/Taxes	7,774	17,000	17,000
001-7403-574.49-58	Misc-Scholarships	1,960	6,678	6,678
<b>Total Recreation Administration</b>		<b>351,302</b>	<b>492,155</b>	<b>502,514</b>
<b>Aquatics</b>				
001-7404-574.10-01	Salaries-Regular	154,323	162,071	173,337
001-7404-574.10-05	Salaries-Overtime	6,368	12,500	12,500
001-7404-574.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	58,558	250,000	190,000
001-7404-574.20-01	Employer Paid	63,582	57,764	60,874
001-7404-574.20-03	Unemployment Compensation	1,365	-	-
001-7404-574.31-01	& Operating Supply	2,417	8,500	8,500
001-7404-574.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	5,516	5,650	5,650
001-7404-574.41-11	Prof. Svc-Recreational	6,283	2,500	2,500
001-7404-574.42-01	Telecommunications	1,241	2,000	2,000
001-7404-574.43-01	Transportation/Per Diem	-	200	200
001-7404-574.43-03	Registrations	-	200	200
001-7404-574.45-09	North Thurston Pool Agree	97,041	105,000	105,000
001-7404-574.49-02	Printing & Binding	2,227	2,500	2,500
<b>Total Aquatics</b>		<b>398,921</b>	<b>608,885</b>	<b>563,261</b>
<b>Physical Activities</b>				
001-7405-574.10-01	Salaries-Regular	80,478	85,415	21,256

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<i>Current Expense Fund - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>				
<b>Physical Activities- Continued</b>				
001-7405-574.10-05	Salaries-Overtime	502	1,100	1,100
001-7405-574.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	4,550	65,000	40,000
001-7405-574.20-01	Employer Paid            k	31,374	33,171	8,103
001-7405-574.20-03	Unemployment Compensation	86	-	-
001-7405-574.31-01	& Operating Supply	10,588	16,350	16,350
001-7405-574.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	-	5,900	5,900
001-7405-574.41-11	Prof. Svc-Recreational	25,640	72,000	72,000
001-7405-574.45-05	Rentals-Other	15,109	20,000	20,000
001-7405-574.45-06	Rentals-School Facilities	28,683	46,000	46,000
001-7405-574.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	-	600	600
001-7405-574.49-02	Printing & Binding	-	4,850	4,850
<b>Total Physical Activities</b>		<b>197,010</b>	<b>350,386</b>	<b>236,159</b>
<b>Cultural Arts and Education</b>				
001-7406-574.10-01	Salaries-Regular	25,655	26,753	29,373
001-7406-574.10-05	Salaries-Overtime	3	-	-
001-7406-574.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	3,678	15,600	15,600
001-7406-574.20-01	Employer Paid            k	13,737	14,575	15,459
001-7406-574.31-01	& Operating Supply	1,362	2,820	2,820
001-7406-574.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	-	1,000	1,000
001-7406-574.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	196	-	-
001-7406-574.41-11	Prof. Svc-Recreational	21,944	40,000	40,000
001-7406-574.45-05	Rentals-Other	-	5,000	5,000
001-7406-574.45-06	Rentals-School Facilities	38	500	500
<b>Total Cultural Arts and Education</b>		<b>66,613</b>	<b>106,248</b>	<b>109,752</b>
<b>Outdoor Activities</b>				
001-7407-574.10-01	Salaries-Regular	5,268	5,478	5,724
001-7407-574.10-05	Salaries-Overtime	-	200	200
001-7407-574.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	-	12,780	12,780
001-7407-574.20-01	Employer Paid            k	1,731	1,904	1,995
001-7407-574.20-03	Unemployment Compensation	-	100	100
001-7407-574.31-01	& Operating Supply	-	2,840	2,840
001-7407-574.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	-	300	300
001-7407-574.41-11	Prof. Svc-Recreational	-	18,305	18,305
<b>Total Outdoor Activities</b>		<b>6,999</b>	<b>41,907</b>	<b>42,244</b>

Account Number	Description	2021 Actual Revenue/Expense	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
<i>Current Expense Fund - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>				
<b>Fitness</b>				
001-7408-574.10-01	Salaries-Regular	5,851	6,170	2,862
001-7408-574.10-05	Salaries-Overtime	-	105	105
001-7408-574.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	-	5,609	5,609
001-7408-574.20-01	Employer Paid k	2,096	2,291	997
001-7408-574.31-01	& Operating Supply	-	200	200
001-7408-574.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	-	1,700	1,700
001-7408-574.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	-	1,350	1,350
001-7408-574.41-11	Prof. Svc-Recreational	2,991	10,000	10,000
001-7408-574.45-05	Rentals-Other	-	1,900	1,900
001-7408-574.45-06	Rentals-School Facilities	-	500	500
<b>Total Fitness</b>		<b>10,938</b>	<b>29,825</b>	<b>25,223</b>
<b>Special Events</b>				
001-7409-574.10-01	Salaries-Regular	167,764	177,588	188,026
001-7409-574.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	6,361	20,560	20,560
001-7409-574.20-01	Employer Paid k	66,740	72,226	81,008
001-7409-574.20-03	Unemployment Compensation	158	-	-
001-7409-574.31-01	& Operating Supply	7,054	17,000	15,200
001-7409-574.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	2,530	3,000	3,000
001-7409-574.41-11	Prof. Svc-Recreational	41,023	102,300	102,300
001-7409-574.43-02	Dues, Subscriptions, Publ	594	-	-
001-7409-574.44-06	Promotion - Events	6,885	11,350	11,350
001-7409-574.45-05	Rentals-Other	3,427	33,200	33,200
001-7409-574.45-06	Rentals-School Facilities	-	200	200
001-7409-574.49-02	Printing & Binding	1,716	1,600	1,600
<b>Total Special Events</b>		<b>304,252</b>	<b>439,024</b>	<b>456,444</b>
<b>Museum Operation</b>				
001-7410-575.10-01	Salaries-Regular	79,401	86,068	91,976
001-7410-575.10-05	Salaries-Overtime	340	-	-
001-7410-575.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	20,770	16,000	16,000
001-7410-575.20-01	Employer Paid k	45,599	44,534	46,750
001-7410-575.20-03	Unemployment Compensation	430	-	-
001-7410-575.31-01	& Operating Supply	3,517	4,400	4,400
001-7410-575.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	359	1,282	1,282
001-7410-575.31-17	Supplies-Uniform Purchase	-	250	250

Account Number	Description	2021 Actual Revenue/Expense	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
<i>Current Expense Fund - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>				
<b>Museum Operation-Continued</b>				
001-7410-575.31-23	Supplies-Building Maint.	69	-	-
001-7410-575.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	700	2,300	2,300
001-7410-575.41-31	Prof. Svc-Building Maint.	-	300	300
001-7410-575.42-01	Telecommunications	4,417	2,500	2,500
001-7410-575.43-01	Transportation/Per Diem	-	100	100
001-7410-575.43-02	Dues, Subscriptions, Publ	232	850	850
001-7410-575.43-03	Registrations	195	250	250
001-7410-575.44-06	Promotions	661	500	500
001-7410-575.45-02	IMS Rental	9,672	14,500	13,822
001-7410-575.45-05	Rentals-Other	1,644	3,700	3,700
001-7410-575.46-02	Insurance-Fire/Property	486	370	405
001-7410-575.47-01	Utility-Electric	584	800	800
001-7410-575.47-02	Utility-City of Lacey	1,183	650	650
001-7410-575.47-03	Utility-Natural Gas	1,636	1,649	1,649
001-7410-575.49-02	Printing & Binding	122	300	300
001-7410-575.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	1,669	1,800	1,800
001-7410-575.49-30	Software Maintenance	819	500	500
<b>Total Museum Operation</b>		<b>174,505</b>	<b>183,603</b>	<b>191,084</b>
<b>Total Parks and Recreation</b>		<b>2,048,641</b>	<b>3,387,438</b>	<b>3,272,362</b>
<b>Other Operating Expense</b>				
001-7501-508.90-00	Unassigned Funds	-	64,964	-
001-7501-597.02-01	Transfer Out 301 Fund	3,423,707	342,779	-
001-7501-597.10-03	Transfer Out 303 Fund	6,142	2,053,449	181,250
001-7501-597.10-04	Transfer Out-Util. Tax	3,057,486	3,587,411	3,477,649
001-7501-597.10-08	Transfer Out 007 Fund	200,000	540,325	200,000
001-7501-597.11-02	Transfer Out 302 Fund	147,081	750,000	300,000
001-7501-597.12-00	Transfer Out-WA	1,004,052	935,978	950,667
001-7501-597.15-01	Transfer Out	40,000	-	-
<b>Total Other Operating Expenses</b>		<b>7,878,468</b>	<b>8,274,906</b>	<b>5,109,566</b>
<b>Total Current Expense Fund Expenditures</b>		<b>42,776,349</b>	<b>53,594,081</b>	<b>54,845,909</b>



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**COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FUND**

The Community Buildings Fund was established to manage revenues and expenditures directly related to operation of two of city's public facilities: the Lacey Community Center and Jacob Smith House. The Community Center opened for public use in 1996. The Jacob Smith House was acquired and renovated in 2003, and opened for public use in 2004.

Lacey's Senior Center was included in the fund in 2003, when it opened to public use. The Senior Center has been managed by Senior Services for South Sound since July 2003, under a contract that expired in 2013, and was renewed for another ten years. The City completed construction of a 5,344 square foot expansion to the Senior Center in April of 2013.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Twenty-six years of operations at the Community Center and eighteen years of the Jacob Smith House have provided a solid foundation for examining maintenance and operation costs, and used to project potential revenue in 2023 for both the Community Center and the Jacob Smith House. Revenues were impacted by COVID-19 in 2021, but in 2022 saw an increase and 2023 should continue to increase as well.

Senior Services uses revenues from membership fees, grants, and fundraising activities to operating expenses. The City pays for utilities and insurance, plus routine maintenance and repair of the building and grounds.

For 2023 the operating budget will be **\$892,281**.

**2023 PROGRAMS, GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

- Continue to work with recreation to determine programming that can be held in the facilities, balanced with community rentals.
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- Estimate life cycle repairs at the Lacey Community Center, Jacob Smith House, and Lacey Senior Center, and develop a program for repair and replacement to keep the building in good sound operating condition.

Account Number	Description	2021 Actual Revenue/Expense	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
<i>Community Buildings Fund - Revenues</i>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
005-0000-308.00-00	Estimated Beginning Cash	-	133,500	238,750
005-0000-311.10-00	Property Taxes-Current	340,844	480,753	410,410
005-0000-348.94-00	Parks & Recreation Serv.	-	4,000	4,000
005-0000-361.10-00	Investment Interest	6,074	3,492	7,126
005-0000-361.10-40	LGIP Earnings	285	158	1,700
005-0000-361.11-00	Interest Earnings	285	70	295
005-0000-361.32-00	Unrealized Gain(Loss)	(2,335)	-	-
005-0000-361.32-02	Reverse Prev Year Adj	(6,705)	-	-
005-0000-362.40-19	Com Center Parks CivicRec	79,530	125,000	200,000
005-0000-362.40-29	Jacob Smith ParksCivicRec	23,203	21,000	30,000
005-0000-367.00-00	Contributions	6,000	-	-
005-0000-397.00-00	Transfers In	108,215	-	-
<b>Total Community Buildings Fund Revenue</b>		<b>555,396</b>	<b>767,973</b>	<b>892,281</b>

Account Number	Description	2021 Actual Revenue/Expense	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
<i>Community Buildings Fund - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>				
<b>Community Center</b>				
005-7601-575.10-01	Salaries-Regular	120,163	128,018	135,511
005-7601-575.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	10,752	29,812	29,812
005-7601-575.20-01		49,615	52,575	55,036
005-7601-575.20-03	Unemployment Compensation	(39)	-	-
005-7601-575.31-01		379	2,000	2,000
005-7601-575.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	2,111	2,500	2,500
005-7601-575.31-17	Supplies-Uniform Purchase	581	600	600
005-7601-575.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	-	12,400	12,400
005-7601-575.42-01	Telecommunications	3,462	4,000	4,000
005-7601-575.45-02	IMS Rental	6,168	7,102	7,913
005-7601-575.45-03	Copier Rental	750	750	750
005-7601-575.46-01	Insurance-Liability	6,072	6,525	8,333
005-7601-575.46-02	Insurance-Fire/Property	3,431	2,610	2,858
005-7601-575.46-06	AWC-L & I Pool	2,074	2,100	2,100
005-7601-575.47-01	Utility-Electric	13,697	15,500	15,500
005-7601-575.47-02	Utility-City of Lacey	11,054	10,500	10,500
005-7601-575.47-03	Utility-Natural Gas	574	8,500	8,500
005-7601-575.47-07	Utility-Solid Waste	-	15,000	15,000
005-7601-575.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	1,127	1,000	1,000
005-7601-575.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	-	500	500
005-7601-575.49-23	Custodial	1,960	5,000	5,000
005-7601-575.49-25	Assessments/Taxes	1,779	3,600	3,600
005-7601-575.60-01	Capital Outlays-Equipment	-	-	25,000
<b>Total Community Center</b>		<b>235,710</b>	<b>310,592</b>	<b>348,413</b>
<b>Jacob Smith Facility</b>				
005-7602-575.10-01	Salaries-Regular	33,895	36,072	38,150
005-7602-575.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	2,739	9,563	9,563
005-7602-575.20-01		13,668	14,531	15,214
005-7602-575.31-01		262	1,250	1,250
005-7602-575.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	533	1,500	1,500
005-7602-575.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	-	8,650	8,650
005-7602-575.42-01	Telecommunications	1,643	2,500	2,500
005-7602-575.45-02	IMS Rental	3,420	1,954	4,610
005-7602-575.46-02	Insurance-Fire/Property	650	494	541
005-7602-575.47-01	Utility-Electric	1,330	2,000	2,000

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<i>Community Buildings Fund - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>				
<b>Jacob Smith Facility-Continued</b>				
005-7602-575.47-02	Utility-City of Lacey	7,590	7,250	7,250
005-7602-575.47-03	Utility-Natural Gas	816	2,000	2,000
005-7602-575.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	-	400	400
005-7602-575.48-03	Rep & Maint-Facilities	-	500	500
005-7602-575.48-10	Rep & Maint-Equip-Grnds	-	1,000	1,000
005-7602-575.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	2,431	3,300	3,300
005-7602-575.49-23	Custodial	1,875	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Jacob Smith Facility</b>		<b>70,852</b>	<b>97,964</b>	<b>103,428</b>
<b>Senior Center</b>				
005-7603-555.31-01		-	600	600
005-7603-555.46-02	Insurance-Fire/Property	5,799	4,416	4,835
005-7603-555.47-01	Utility-Electric	11,551	16,000	16,000
005-7603-555.47-02	Utility-City of Lacey	1,264	2,200	2,200
005-7603-555.47-03	Utility-Natural Gas	4,999	4,500	4,500
005-7603-555.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	-	1,250	1,250
005-7603-555.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	-	450	450
<b>Total Senior Center</b>		<b>23,613</b>	<b>29,416</b>	<b>29,835</b>
<b>Museum Building</b>				
005-7604-575.31-01		-	1,000	1,000
005-7604-575.31-23	Supplies-Building Maint.	61	-	-
005-7604-575.46-02	Insurance-Fire/Property	1,688	3,720	4,074
005-7604-575.47-01	Utility-Electric	4,611	7,500	7,500
005-7604-575.47-02	Utility-City of Lacey	7,961	1,500	1,500
005-7604-575.47-03	Utility-Natural Gas	3,094	3,000	3,000
005-7604-575.48-03	Rep & Maint-Facilities	5,199	2,500	2,500
005-7604-575.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	2,422	500	500
<b>Total Museum Building</b>		<b>25,036</b>	<b>19,720</b>	<b>20,074</b>
<b>Museum Complex</b>				
005-7606-575.31-01		1,162	1,000	1,000
005-7606-575.31-23	Supplies-Building Maint.	137	350	350
005-7606-575.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	104	-	-
005-7606-575.41-31	Prof. Svc-Building Maint.	-	500	500
005-7606-575.47-01	Utility-Electric	-	960	960

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<i>Community Buildings Fund - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>				
<b>Museum Complex-Continued</b>				
005-7606-575.47-02	Utility-City of Lacey	-	900	900
005-7606-575.47-07	Utility-Solid Waste	-	840	840
005-7606-575.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	-	100	100
005-7606-575.48-03	Rep & Maint-Facilities	-	6,500	6,500
005-7606-575.48-10	Rep & Maint-Equip-Grnds	-	700	700
<b>Total Museum Complex</b>		<b>1,403</b>	<b>11,850</b>	<b>11,850</b>
<b>Community Center Facility Maintenance</b>				
005-7611-575.31-23	Supplies-Building Maint.	7,360	5,041	5,041
005-7611-575.31-24	Small Tools & Equip-Bldg	-	200	200
005-7611-575.31-29	Supplies-Grounds Maint.	1,065	1,000	1,000
005-7611-575.41-31	Prof. Svc-Building Maint.	190	5,100	5,100
005-7611-575.47-07	Utility-Solid Waste	15,063	-	-
005-7611-575.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	-	103	103
005-7611-575.48-03	Rep & Maint-Facilities	38,300	4,750	54,750
005-7611-575.48-10	Rep & Maint-Equip-Grnds	-	200	200
005-7611-575.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	14,249	7,694	7,694
005-7611-575.49-23	Custodial	17,647	41,803	41,803
<b>Total Community Center Facility Maintenance</b>		<b>93,874</b>	<b>65,891</b>	<b>115,891</b>
<b>Jacob Smith Facility Maintenance</b>				
005-7612-575.31-23	Supplies-Building Maint.	489	69,875	875
005-7612-575.31-29	Supplies-Grounds Maint.	1,556	1,750	1,750
005-7612-575.41-31	Prof. Svc-Building Maint.	-	2,018	2,018
005-7612-575.41-39	Prof. Svc-Tree Evaluation	-	250	250
005-7612-575.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	-	250	250
005-7612-575.48-03	Rep & Maint-Facilities	-	65,250	750
005-7612-575.48-10	Rep & Maint-Equip-Grnds	-	200	200
005-7612-575.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	1,244	3,780	3,780
<b>Total Jacob Smith Facility Maintenance</b>		<b>3,289</b>	<b>143,373</b>	<b>9,873</b>
<b>Senior Center Facility Maintenance</b>				
005-7613-555.31-23	Supplies-Building Maint.	3,260	1,126	1,126
005-7613-555.31-24	Small Tools & Equip-Bldg	91	200	200
005-7613-555.31-29	Supplies-Grounds Maint.	613	1,000	1,000
005-7613-555.41-31	Prof. Svc-Building Maint.	120	1,300	1,300

Account Number	Description	2021 Actual Revenue/Expense	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
<i>Community Buildings Fund - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>				
<b>Senior Center Facility Maintenance-Continued</b>				
005-7613-555.41-39	Prof. Svc-Tree Evaluation	-	3,700	3,700
005-7613-555.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	-	250	250
005-7613-555.48-03	Rep & Maint-Facilities	6,434	9,500	9,500
005-7613-555.48-10	Rep & Maint-Equip-Grnds	-	300	300
005-7613-555.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	6,340	8,000	8,000
005-7613-555.49-23	Custodial	24,391	40,791	40,791
<b>Total Senior Center Facility Maintenance</b>		<b>41,249</b>	<b>66,167</b>	<b>66,167</b>
<b>Child Care Center Facility Maintenance</b>				
005-7615-554.31-23	Building Maint.	8,542	-	-
005-7615-554.41-02	Prof. Svc-Engineering	5,400	-	-
005-7615-554.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	26,216	2,500	2,500
005-7615-554.48-03	Rep & Maint-Facilities	98,290	-	163,750
005-7615-554.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	2,451	-	-
005-7615-594.60-08	Replace Res-Child Care	1,391	20,500	20,500
<b>Total Child Care Center Facility Maintenance</b>		<b>142,290</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>186,750</b>
<b>Total Community Buildings Fund Expenditures</b>		<b>637,316</b>	<b>767,973</b>	<b>892,281</b>

**REGIONAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX (RAC)**

The Regional Athletic Complex operating fund (RAC) is comprised of 98 acres, 68 of which opened for public use in May of 2009. Phase III is a 26-acre parcel located west of Marvin Road, and scheduled for future development.

An on-site crew of four (4) full-time maintenance personnel and seasonal maintain the 68-acre site as well as a full time supervisor and part-time recreational overseen by a Recreation Manager. schedules use of the complex, facilitates leagues, tournaments, and events, solicits sponsors and manages the concession contract. Since the softball/fastpitch/baseball complex opened in May 2009, revenue generated at the RAC has exceeded revenue projections, with the exception of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

The 2023 budget of **\$1,332,495** is the estimated cost to operate the RAC but may change during the year due to continuing COVID-19 public health crisis restrictions. The costs to maintain this facility are covered by fees, and intergovernmental revenues. The intergovernmental revenues are made up of the City's contribution, LTAC funds applied for, as well as revenues contractually received from the Capital Area Regional Public Facilities District.

**2023 PROGRAMS, GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

- Increase revenues by optimizing tournament and league play, and special events
- Develop, promote, and maintain the complex as the premier athletic facility in Washington
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- Ensure gender equitable use of the facility
- Work with the Sports Commission to market the facility and secure event bookings
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- Develop and promote a diversity of activities not typical to athletic complexes
- Enhance community engagement

Account Number	Description	2021 Actual Revenue/Expense	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
<i>Regional Athletic Complex - Revenues</i>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
007-0000-308.00-00	Estimated Beginning Cash	-	21,840	-
007-0000-333.97-36	CFDA #97.036	966	-	-
007-0000-338.10-10	Capital Area - PFD	200,000	200,000	200,000
007-0000-347.40-00	Event Admissions Fee	3,542	5,000	5,000
007-0000-347.60-50	Physical Activities Prog	296	4,000	4,000
007-0000-347.60-59	Sports Parks-CivicRec	9,225	-	-
007-0000-347.60-90	Special Events Program	-	10,000	10,000
007-0000-347.60-99	Spec Event Parks-CivicRec	8,740	-	-
007-0000-347.62-00	Shelter Fees	-	6,000	6,000
007-0000-347.62-09	Shelters Parks-CivicRec	7,300	-	-
007-0000-347.65-00	Field Use Fees	12	300,000	300,000
007-0000-347.65-09	Field Fees Parks-CivicRec	361,307	-	-
007-0000-347.67-00	Concession Commission	512	1,000	1,000
007-0000-347.68-00	League Fees	-	55,000	55,000
007-0000-347.68-09	RAC League Parks CivicRec	61,295	-	-
007-0000-361.10-00	Investment Interest	6,694	3,319	18,498
007-0000-361.10-40	LGIP Earnings	302	146	4,413
007-0000-361.32-00	Unrealized Gain(Loss)	(2,879)	-	-
007-0000-361.32-02	Reverse Prev Year Adj	(6,048)	-	-
007-0000-362.50-10	Lease - Consessionaire	10,200	22,000	22,000
007-0000-367.10-04	Cont.-Parks Sponsor/Event	-	7,000	-
007-0000-397.10-02	Transfer In 109 Fund	160,000	180,000	180,000
007-0000-397.10-04	Transfer In - Utility Tax	197,013	239,847	326,584
007-0000-397.11-01	Transfer In 001,003,005	200,000	540,325	200,000
<b>Total Regional Athletic Complex Fund Revenues</b>		<b>1,218,477</b>	<b>1,595,477</b>	<b>1,332,495</b>



Account Number	Description	2021 Actual Revenue/Expense	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
<i>Regional Athletic Complex - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Regional Athletic Complex</b>				
<b>Regional Athletic Complex Maintenance</b>				
007-3305-576.10-01	Salaries-Regular	219,300	263,172	358,877
007-3305-576.10-05	Salaries-Overtime	8,104	12,563	12,563
007-3305-576.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	111,014	123,575	101,735
007-3305-576.20-01		127,460	155,076	160,071
007-3305-576.20-03	Unemployment Compensation	1,609	-	-
007-3305-576.31-01		70,045	99,000	99,000
007-3305-576.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	1,240	2,500	2,500
007-3305-576.31-17	Supplies-Uniform Purchase	2,344	2,000	2,000
007-3305-576.34-01	Fuel	5,065	10,000	10,000
007-3305-576.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	25,375	18,360	18,360
007-3305-576.42-01	Telecommunications	7,942	7,750	7,750
007-3305-576.43-03	Registrations	298	-	-
007-3305-576.45-01	Equipment Rental	67,646	81,189	93,093
007-3305-576.45-02	IMS Rental	7,008	13,998	13,949
007-3305-576.45-05	Rentals-Other	2,383	1,500	2,500
007-3305-576.46-01	Insurance-Liability	11,422	12,274	15,674
007-3305-576.46-02	Insurance-Fire/Property	12,869	10,306	11,285
007-3305-576.46-06	AWC L & I Pool	1,002	1,015	1,015
007-3305-576.47-01	Utility-Electric	80,168	80,000	80,000
007-3305-576.47-02	Utility-City of Lacey	79,408	432,325	92,000
007-3305-576.47-07	Utility-Solid Waste	12,893	12,360	14,360
007-3305-576.48-01	Rep & Maint-Equipment	1,694	3,500	3,500
007-3305-576.48-03	Rep & Maint-Facilities	1,945	31,500	3,500
007-3305-576.49-25	Assessments/Taxes	12,520	11,000	11,000
<b>Total Regional Athletic Complex Maintenance</b>		<b>870,754</b>	<b>1,384,963</b>	<b>1,114,732</b>
<b>Regional Athletic Complex General Services</b>				
007-7401-576.10-01	Salaries-Regular	117,265	100,438	106,065
007-7401-576.10-05	Salaries-Overtime	4,516	-	-
007-7401-576.10-06	Salaries-Part-Time	-	14,000	14,000
007-7401-576.20-01		53,585	41,875	43,881
007-7401-576.20-03	Unemployment Compensation	-	500	500
007-7401-576.31-01		2,076	7,500	7,500
007-7401-576.31-02	Small Tools & Equipment	1,153	1,500	1,500

Account Number	Description	2021 Actual Revenue/Expense	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
<i>Regional Athletic Complex - Expenditures</i>				
<b>Regional Athletic Complex</b>				
<b>Regional Athletic Complex General Services-Continued</b>				
007-7401-576.31-17	Supplies-Uniform Purchase	-	500	500
007-7401-576.41-01	Prof. Svc-Other	27,387	20,000	20,000
007-7401-576.41-11	Prof. Svc - Recreation	-	6,000	6,000
007-7401-576.43-01	Transportation/Per Diem	-	1,500	1,500
007-7401-576.43-02	Dues, Subscriptions, Publ	-	120	120
007-7401-576.43-03	Registrations	60	800	800
007-7401-576.45-02	IMS Rental	11,604	8,831	8,447
007-7401-576.49-06	Maintenance Contracts	676	450	450
007-7401-576.49-25	Assessments/Taxes	8,914	6,500	6,500
<b>Total Regional Athletic Complex General Services</b>		<b>227,236</b>	<b>210,514</b>	<b>217,763</b>
<b>Total Regional Athletic Complex Fund Expenditures</b>		<b>1,097,990</b>	<b>1,595,477</b>	<b>1,332,495</b>

## **Appendix B**

# Lacey Parks, Recreation and Culture Focus Area

## LACEY CARES Community Feedback + Take-Away Summary

July 14, 2021

Context: 6,000 total ideas shared; idea count in (parenthesis) indicates relative volume; indented bullets reflect nuance on similar idea above each major bullet; ideas sorted by major theme (some overlap will occur across themes). Take-away/action ideas provide concise, actionable summary of input to left.

What makes Lacey special/What do you value most?	Key Take-Aways/Action Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks/Great Parks/Parks and Recreation (133)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The RAC athletic facility (5)</li> <li>○ Senior Center (5)</li> <li>○ Parks well maintained (there's soap in the bathrooms!) (4)</li> <li>○ Museum (3)</li> <li>○ Lake parks (3)</li> <li>○ Neighborhood parks (3)</li> <li>○ Lacey parks and rec aquatics program (3)</li> <li>○ The small 9 fairway disc golf course (2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks/Recreation are an instrumental part of Lacey's identity and a key decision factor for people who choose to live and remain here. (Values/Vision)</li> <li>• Parks draw visitors for initial and return trips, and some become permanent residents. (Values/Vision)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment/Open Space/Green Space (93)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trees/forested areas (55)</li> <li>○ Trails/Chehalis Western Trail (55)</li> <li>○ Lakes/Lake Parks (21)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability, preservation and maintenance of open space, trees, lakes, trails and other natural amenities make Lacey a standout destination for current and future residents. (Values/Vision)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities/Events (24)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Family activities! Love children's days, Christmas lighting and parades, everything Lacey Parks does, library events, etc.! (8)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lacey residents appreciate the ability to connect and engage in a wide variety of community cultural exchanges, festivals and family-friendly events. (Values/Vision)</li> </ul>
Parks and Rec Goals	Key Take-Aways/Action Ideas
GENERAL, FUNDING AND BUDGET	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Already great/continue work that has been done (19)</li> <li>• Plan for the future, sustain or develop new resources (14)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Continued ballot measures to support long term maintenance in order to increase open space and help our current needs (2)</li> <li>○ I'm hopeful we'll run another Parks Bond. I think there was misinformation with last one. Full Council needs to support.</li> <li>○ Lacey parks are best in state. Given competing needs, I hope Lacey will fund recreation programs and maintain existing parks.</li> <li>○ Lacey has a wonderful Parks Department that created spaces for citizens to take advantage of great outdoors. As it grows, Lacey needs to continue setting aside these areas.</li> <li>○ Maintain current and build larger emergency fund future projects and maintenance if funding decreases.</li> <li>○ A plethora of parks, yet all seem to have room to build more on.</li> <li>○ \$ for discover, fishing/hunting licenses should go to local parks.</li> <li>○ Create support by providing more involvement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City should create and communicate what sustainable sources of revenue are in place or needed to maintain and expand parks and recreation facilities and programs.</li> <li>• Ensure funding strategies don't create access barriers for users.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have enough parks, slow down (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Every time you offer something, it costs homeowners fees/taxes. When do you cut from your budget as I have had to do? (2)</li> <li>○ Overhaul rec programs. See what is utilized/what isn't. Cut poorly attended programs. Grow what people actually want and not same programs we had for decades with 2/3 participants. (2)</li> <li>○ Work with other jurisdictions to share regional facilities. Let's not compete. Work together and manage our resources.</li> <li>○ Work with NTSD to allow access to fields for rec purposes. After all, residents PAY for those facilities through high taxation.</li> <li>○ Scale back/ focus on maintaining properties and trails. Do not expand into culture/arts. Budget shows abundance of funds better used to develop north area of city.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City should communicate how it manages expenses and programming to reduce impact to taxpayers, and the different ways parks and recreation provide community benefit to all.</li> </ul>
<b>PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More kids activities and programs (35) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expansion and enrichment of programs for at-risk youth (including outreach to their families/schools to assure access to programs) (2)</li> <li>○ Summer programs for kids and adults (2)</li> <li>○ More affordable options for kids programs (2)</li> <li>○ More cooking classes for kids (2)</li> <li>○ Music opportunities for kids</li> <li>○ Outdoor theater</li> <li>○ Language classes</li> <li>○ Food growing/garden classes for kids</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue and adapt youth programming to meet growing demand and priorities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger variety of adult programs (36) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kickball, volleyball, flag football, softball, racquetball, golf (6)</li> <li>○ Cooking (4)</li> <li>○ Dance (2)</li> <li>○ Arts (drawing, painting, pottery) (2)</li> <li>○ Car repair (2)</li> <li>○ Golf, baseball/softball, basketball, soccer, tennis, table tennis, football, rodeo</li> <li>○ Free classes: plumbing, carpentry, gardening, sewing, yoga, etc.</li> <li>○ Brewing classes</li> <li>○ Woodworking</li> <li>○ Small home repair</li> <li>○ Bike tours with a group</li> <li>○ Crafts</li> <li>○ Martial arts</li> <li>○ How-to outdoor classes (survive getting list, where to go, poisonous plants)</li> <li>○ Hike or path passport activity - exploring what Lacey has to offer</li> <li>○ Tree identification, master gardener seminars, walking programs/hiking</li> <li>○ Sport tournaments like sand volleyball, 3 on 3 basketball, softball</li> <li>○ Yoga rooms offering different kinds of yoga. Offering yoga 3 times a week Extending yoga to 1 hour. (In the past, it's only 30 minutes.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to engage Lacey's adult population to identify and promote viable, desired programming.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programs for seniors (37) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More senior programs: exercise and crafts midday classes (6)</li> <li>○ More activities for seniors such as walking groups/hikes</li> <li>○ Communal activities for seniors and mixed age groups</li> <li>○ Lot of senior communities in Lacey so "Adopt a grandparent" program between senior center/elementary schools?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with partners to offer and promote diverse activities and programs for senior populations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More baby / toddler programs (34) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Program space - no indoor space for classes unless through school district. The only place to have day-time toddler class is white house. Building is gross. (2)</li> <li>○ Parent/toddler classes and activities</li> <li>○ Parent program to foster community: mom/dad workout groups</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with partners to offer and promote diverse activities and programs for parents and toddlers.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More teen programs (33) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Teenager Club to hang out, play pool, basketball, table tennis... no cost! (4)</li> <li>○ More youth sports clubs. There aren't many sports for kids older than 12. What about teenagers?</li> <li>○ More track and field offerings</li> <li>○ Vocational/soft skill and life prep training programs (3)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with partners to offer and promote diverse activities and programs for teens.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family programs and activities (30) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opportunities for low income families to engage in sports and other activities.</li> <li>○ Varied fitness classes day and evening</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with partners to offer and promote diverse activities and programs for families.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct/Promote Wellness Initiatives (36) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community garden for better organic food choices (7)</li> <li>○ It would be nice to see spa/resort/hotel (5)</li> <li>○ Healthy eating campaigns or newsletters (2)</li> <li>○ Encourage wellness through free classes like Zumba, yoga, martial arts, etc. Even a program where 100 community members participate in a wellness event for 6 months: offer classes on healthy eating, meal prep, how to model positive eating habits and behaviors towards youth and within families; offer fitness classes and gym memberships with prizes for meeting goals/losing weight. (2)</li> <li>○ More workout events (5Ks, marathons, etc.) (4)</li> <li>○ Short seminars on living healthy; promoting activities in the parks (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Would love to see more nutrition courses, stress management, community group classes, etc. offered by people in the community</li> <li>▪ More outdoor workout classes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ More medical facilities to support the aging retirement community/population--expanding the current Hawks Prairie Providence area. (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Build assisted living facilities in Lacey (2)</li> <li>▪ Help with home maintenance, access to groceries, and socialization. These services are cheap compared to cost of residential care.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Wellness can be increased by having safe, clean, and open park areas. where kids can play and having a picnic is a real option. not necessarily another soccer field or ball field but just a safe open quiet area. (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There are not enough parks to support growth. Take lessons learned by COVID and develop outdoor spaces for families.</li> <li>▪ We have great outdoor spaces, but some are not as safe. The park behind Safeway at Carpenter road is sketchy.</li> <li>▪ Places where a family can picnic, relax, and unwind. Small children can play safely. Woodland Creek park approaches this but seems small on a busy day. A sense of getting away/feeling safe are important.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Support for the new Lacey Food Bank.</li> <li>○ More healthy food stores</li> <li>○ A healthy food festival/fair (3)</li> <li>○ No sales tax on gym memberships, health equipment</li> <li>○ An accessible free clinic with educational opportunities re health / wellness (2)</li> <li>○ Senior and children wellness clinics and checkup (2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with partners to promote wellness activities, education and options.</li> <li>• Promote the role parks facilities and recreational programming play in bolstering community and individual wellness.</li> <li>• Grow and promote community gardens citywide.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Program Ideas and Insights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Better website. Sign up for programs can be confusing and difficult. (7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Making location, hours, availability of all parks info easily accessible.</li> <li>▪ Parks booklet is best way to learn about classes! Don't know where to access Lacey news except utility insert. Technology not always reliable.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ More online options (3)</li> <li>○ Some programs fill up quickly, perhaps adding to the ones that are full (2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand parks website content and enhance functionality.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events and activities that bring people together (17)</li> <li>• More community events at parks (17) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outdoor concerts in the parks. (15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Summer concerts in the parks weekly. A must have! Army bands, local groups, and a couple of food trucks.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to host and evolve no and low-cost community events that bring people together.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More events at different parks to highlight the park as well as getting our residents to actually visit and use the parks on occasion. (2)</li> <li>● Just more. Day trips around western WA especially. (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ski bus to local mountains</li> </ul> </li> <li>● I would like to see more scavenger hunts, and other outdoor activities (5)</li> <li>● Winter activities: dance, etc. for young and old.</li> <li>● Larger organized activities similar to the Rampage at the RAC.</li> <li>● Loved the virtual celebration program; excellent way to get some of us shut in folks.</li> <li>● More 5Ks, a Lacey Half-Marathon, a Lacey Marathon, trail running event?</li> <li>● Maybe run an Electra-thon again.</li> </ul>	
<b>FACILITIES AND AMENITIES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Additional Parks (52) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fields and sport spaces (20) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ More turf complexes. We could fill fields every single weekend (6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It would be great to have some all-weather surfaces for athletics that are lighted (2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Expansion or duplication of the RAC (6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We need another complex like RAC. Maybe developing land across from RAC would allow for national tournaments. If we improve fields for softball, baseball and soccer, we could use for tournaments and bigger events.</li> <li>● Add football/soccer fields across from RAC with pedestrian bridge. Would be innovative for region. Nothing like it in PNW.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ I would like to see more Parks being built north of I-5 (2)</li> <li>○ More parks, especially near the Fred Meyer area.</li> <li>○ Continued development that can be used by community for outdoor activities.</li> <li>○ I would hope more parks will be built or a requirement of the builder. Not the small mini parks for the residence, but something for all to use.</li> <li>○ I would like vacant lot across from North Thurston Tennis turned into a park.</li> <li>○ I'd like to see park off Yelm by the strawberry fields completed.</li> <li>○ Additional pocket parks. This will be vital as our city grows.</li> <li>○ Continued maintenance of parks and development of the Carpenter Rd. NE site</li> <li>○ Maintain what we have and plan more in newer neighborhoods.</li> <li>○ RAC is a valuable asset. It could be expanded with covered picnic areas, neighborhood meeting place or "food court" possibilities.</li> <li>○ New parks with more woody feeling, like Wonderwood Park.</li> <li>○ More parks geared towards smaller children</li> <li>○ A field for model aircraft and drones to be able to fly safely.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evaluate the need for additional parks and sports fields citywide.</li> <li>● Evaluate opportunities for accessible pocket parks near all Lacey neighborhoods.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PUBLIC INDOOR SWIMMING POOL! (38) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aquatic center with playground (6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Indoor wave pool (3)</li> <li>▪ Shelton/Aberdeen both have YMCAs with pools, where's ours?! (2)</li> <li>▪ Join regional aquatic feasibility study. School pools freezing and don't offer amenities. High school pools for lap swimming - that is it. (2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Public outdoor pool (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An outdoor and indoor swim recreational area (2)</li> <li>▪ Indoor/outdoor would be nice. More hours to swim at school pools.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ More swimming lesson options (5)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Work with partners to explore options and expand access to indoor and outdoor swimming facilities.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor Recreation Center (34) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A center with recreation such as basketball, racquetball, etc.</li> <li>○ A multi-use, indoor facility in Hawks Prairie. The location is perfect. This would position Lacey as premier location for increasingly popular indoor track events.</li> <li>○ Develop community centers. Include gym, flex sports fields, workout area, space for recreation programs, including arts, dance, health and well-being.</li> <li>○ We need more year round activity areas/facilities (indoor/covered pickleball) for seniors to maintain their health and well-being during the cold and wet weather months in the NE Lacey area, e.g., Meridian Park or McAllister Park.</li> <li>○ We need an indoor sports arena with nice fan seating for large events like high school sports playoffs of volleyball, basketball, graduations, etc.</li> <li>○ With naming rights from a sponsor, it could pay for itself over time.</li> <li>○ A semi enclosed roller rink that could also be used for roller hockey</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to explore the feasibility of building and operating a permanent indoor recreation facility.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More dog parks (9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A new dog park for small dogs (3)</li> <li>○ Dog poop enforcement/dog poop stations (3)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand dog park facilities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered pickleball courts (9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pickleball courts, open air and covered</li> <li>○ Would be nice to have lights on the pickleball courts at Rainier Vista.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add and enhance pickleball facilities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Splash pad/water/spray park (11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spray parks - it is crazy a community with 50,000 people do not have one yet.</li> <li>○ The berry uses would be a wonderful spot for a water park</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add splash pads and spray parks as feasible.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disc Golf (5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A full size disc golf course. It gets folks outside. Tournaments draw from out of town. Large one from out of state that will need restaurants and hotels. (2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate options for installing one or more disc golf courses.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Amenities and Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tennis courts/bocce area (6)</li> <li>○ A new skatepark! (3)</li> <li>○ Shelters for picnics (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Replacement of the picnic tables at Homan Park.</li> <li>▪ The ability to rent gazebos at Wonderwood Park.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ More offerings for people with special needs. (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A playground for children with autism</li> <li>▪ A Lacey Recreation mobile that visits different parks</li> <li>▪ Activities for all wheelchairs users.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Climbing walls and toys (2)</li> <li>○ Basketball courts (2)</li> <li>○ Really consider developing a running area.</li> <li>○ Games like badminton, croquet, boules and huge on the ground chess board.</li> <li>○ Baby gym like Olympia (2)</li> <li>○ A workout park built with pull up bars, dip bars, and gymnastic rings. (2)</li> <li>○ A STEM playground with water play or pulley's, gears and levers</li> <li>○ Water/Beach/Lake Access (3)</li> <li>○ Bring the docs back at Long Lake (2)</li> <li>○ It isn't enough to have long lake park for 50,000 people on a hot day. Expand or add another swim beach. Not enough parking, needs better swim area.(2)</li> <li>○ More opportunities to kayak/paddle. More opportunities to swim at the lakes.</li> <li>○ Restock lakes with fish</li> <li>○ Free fishing classes for kids/teenagers.</li> <li>○ Community Center/Senior Center Enhancements (3)</li> <li>○ Senior facilities and programs are essential as that population will grow. The Virgil Clarkson Senior Center will need to expand to meet future needs.</li> <li>○ The huge senior population pays a lot of the city's taxes, we should be getting more year round amenities/facilities/activities for seniors to maintain a healthy active community and as a draw for additional retirement potentials</li> <li>○ Gardens/Orchards/Greenhouse (2)</li> <li>○ Native plants and trees. Posted explanations of plants, animals. Docents.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to add courts, picnic areas and other recreational amenities as feasible.</li> <li>• Expand outdoor swimming and fishing access areas.</li> <li>• Ensure the senior center adapts and grows to meet demand.</li> </ul>



- I'd love to see a community greenhouse built some day off in the future to teach people about horticulture and growing their own food.
- A community orchard/garden in the Greg Cuoio Park
- Some sort of garden with exotic landscape
- A park like the Japanese gardens downtown would be a great addition.
- School gardens. Nearby schools could have garden areas. Let kids opt in to growing things they can eat! Or to donate to food banks and homeless shelters.

**OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS**

- More/preservation of open space (56)
  - Keep the trees! (27)
  - I value living in an 'urban forest' / concerned about recent and rapid removal of trees. (12)
    - Keep open spaces and stop warehouses from expanding (7)
    - We need to limit building in sensitive areas. I have noticed a new trend where construction removes sensitive, long term wetland and forest areas for housing, and that leaves many species in danger. We need to decrease the number of apartment buildings, and we need to increase number of Farms available (7)
    - I value the ecological, historical and indigenous aspect. I like that Lacey understands the ecosystem and historical importance. It could do better. (4)
    - Live up to the 'urban forest' name (3)
      - The small "mall" areas (Fred Meyer, Value Village, Marshall's, are ugly. Considering Lacey is City of Trees, something could be done to make it more attractive.
  - That proposed development on Hicks Lake...YUCK. Perfect wildlife area.
  - More volunteer opportunities
  - Add bees
  - Wildlife veterinary rehab facility
  - Put a financial value on the forests we have and protect that value.
  - I live by the Chehalis trail and was disheartened to discover another housing development is going in, with no apparent buffer. This means trees will be removed. I wish the city (or county) could purchase a narrow corridor along the trail to preserve some trees to keep the trail beautiful and peaceful.
  - Unfortunately, new warehouses have necessitated the removal of trees. In addition, when we moved to Jubilee, we became aware Harbor Foods truck bays faced our development. This means we have a low hum 24hrs a day. Now the new Home Depot ALSO has truck bays that face our neighborhood. We were told they would only face south! When this warehouse goes fully online, what will the sound be then? The wildlife corridor/nature trail that parallels 41st is fragile and really not a healthy forest but it houses wildlife that wildlife is being boxed in. Can't the city of Lacey do better?
  - Maximize the re-development of areas such as the Sleater-Kinney (Sears/Dollar Store/Fred Meyer) rather than development of existing open spaces.

- Continue to protect and expand Lacey-managed open space and natural resources, including the urban tree canopy.
- Partner with other jurisdictions to ensure a well-connected and maintained trail system.
- Involve citizen volunteers in the preservation and maintenance of open space.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More trails (65) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More green parks with trails. (30) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keep Cuoio Park forested. Develop only for nature trails, picnicking, outdoor classroom and low-impact activities such as a zip line or climbing structure, a tenting event to watch meteorites, a 26 mile run through that area, kite flying... (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not let new park access the Hollywoods development. We do not want park access from Hollywoods. The entire neighborhood is concerned about this.</li> <li>• Cross country specific trail at Greg Cuoio Park (2)</li> <li>• Would like to see Cuoio park developed and a designated area for food trucks.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Clean/patrol trails more often, preserve safety (14) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clear bike trail debris, especially in fall and winter. More lighting on the trails, especially when it gets dark at 4pm</li> <li>▪ Allow small business to offer food next to trail heads.</li> <li>▪ More signage on biking trails (like Chehalis, where there's crossing with traffic, add cross walks or flags as people are ignored by cars).</li> <li>▪ I don't know if all walking paths are safe. I am single, senior female &amp; have not used Chehalis trail because of incidents that I've read about.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ More trails that connect (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ More connecting trails, especially to the Sound</li> <li>▪ Expand Yelm trail into Hawks Prairie</li> <li>▪ More connecting pathways to allow animal migration throughout city</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Trails around lakes (5)</li> <li>○ When build new housing, require access to walking areas and green spaces.</li> <li>○ Provide abundant parks and trails suited to community needs. I would support funding for this.</li> <li>○ Long term it would be nice to have some rest areas along the CW trail.</li> <li>○ Add links to trails and walkways for Lacey area which promotes health and welfare. Many don't know where they can go. Many are also finding a group to walk with to remain safe and build relationships. Many are new to the area.</li> <li>○ More Garbage can's available on walking paths (2)</li> <li>○ Parks to sit and enjoy nature. Guided nature, botanical, bird watching tours.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with partners to connect and promote trails and open space areas.</li> <li>• Work with partners to increase security along regional trails.</li> <li>• Prioritize passive recreation opportunities at the future Greg Cuoio Park.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More Parks Maintenance and Updates (20) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Keep parks clean/thanks for keeping the parks clean (16)</li> <li>○ More places for trash pick-up and recycling</li> <li>○ Preserve natural parks, preserve the park on 19th and Marvin</li> <li>○ We have many parks. But they are old, faded, and have subpar playgrounds.</li> <li>○ Parks like rainier vista and RAC are old. It would be cool to see updates to parks.</li> <li>○ We love the parks. Please maintain and update playground equipment.</li> <li>○ Restock lakes with fish more often and keeping parks clean</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintain/increase park safety (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Homeless-free parks (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No homeless permitted to sleep in or loiter in parks. I found two needles at a Hawks Prairie park playground.</li> <li>▪ We have great trails for walking and biking but many of them are being taken over by homeless which makes them unsafe and hence avoided.</li> <li>▪ We value parks and open spaces but want safer. The parks often are affected by homeless and drug users. This could be an area of great community of pride if city would enforce laws and allocate resources.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 100 percent smoke free with enforcement. (2)</li> <li>○ Vandalism a problem at parks, maybe curtailed w/ volunteers/ hidden cameras</li> <li>○ A full time police presence at skateboard areas.</li> <li>○ More secure parking at RAC - I know people who have had vehicles broken into.</li> <li>○ I would like use of synthetic chemicals and fertilizers to stop for the health and safety of kids and pets</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance and promote actions taken to maintain clean and safe parks.</li> <li>• Establish a parks and trails stewardship and ranger program.</li> </ul>

CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue/expand Farmers Market (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Build an indoor farmer's market....so it can be used all year round! (5)</li> <li>○ Farmers markets and flea markets on the weekends (5)</li> <li>○ Market for organic produce/local products - promote local and Farm to table (2)</li> <li>○ Something like Olympia Farmer's Market, which is permanent, has restrooms, outdoor-indoor, and operates year-round.</li> <li>○ Rezone space in front of St. Martins to create a hip, open air commercial space with local boutiques, restaurants, space for farmers market.</li> <li>○ MORE ACTIVITIES LIKE STREET FAIRS, WITH MUSIC, FOOD AND ACTIVITIES.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand local farmers market offerings and open hours.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue/expand Food Trucks (9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ I'm excited for food truck court. But would love to see a restaurant district! (3)</li> <li>○ The Depot District represents a grand opportunity for building local businesses with a focus on eateries and other small business offerings. (3)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue growing food truck and food court options.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More restaurants and an area specific to entertainment and dining (18) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MORE VENUES WITH MUSIC TO BE HEARD, OR ENTERTAINERS TO COME TO AND PERFORM [THERE IS NOTHING HERE -!!]</li> <li>○ More shops and cafes to sit outdoors</li> <li>○ A Small business night. Centralia does a "girls night out" gets donations from local businesses, hands out bags, it's a big tradition.</li> <li>○ Country dancing club (for young and older people!)</li> <li>○ Swing dancing and dinner- more places for active date nights</li> <li>○ I would love closer places to date husband again, worry less about babysitting.</li> <li>○ Another brewery/bottle-shop location (in midtown, maybe?)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore opportunities to expand dining and entertainment options.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A town center would be ideal (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A closed street type of place like pioneer square with a small farmers market. Not just Saturday and Sunday but all the time. maybe in the gateway area (2)</li> <li>○ I visit Coeur d'Alene and wish we could do better with our downtown and parks.</li> <li>○ Continued focus on the Depot District and the Innovation District.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Destination entertainment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A small performing arts venue would be nice (28) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Outdoor amphitheater (12)</li> <li>▪ Outside concerts with diverse music from different countries. (4)</li> <li>▪ Getting the museum complete (3)</li> <li>▪ Little Theater</li> <li>▪ Need large event center NOT attached to St. Martins.</li> <li>▪ A couple outdoor venues for performance! Parks are good, but more permanent structures, like Forest Theatre in Carmel, partner with local theatre companies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ A movie theater/drive in theater (9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Is movie theater permanently closed?</li> <li>▪ Movie theater with restaurant style service</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ A skating rink (5)</li> <li>○ Mini golf (4)</li> <li>○ Attract a minor league team to our area. This increases tourism and other financial benefits. It could also be a unifier for our community. (3)</li> <li>○ A newer bowling alley (2)</li> <li>○ Fun zone for adults and kids (2)</li> <li>○ Top Golf</li> <li>○ Dave and Busters</li> <li>○ An escape room or two!! (2)</li> <li>○ Indoor batting cages</li> <li>○ Go karts (2)</li> <li>○ Children's museum or indoor playground (2)</li> <li>○ Paintball arena (2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore options for creating or recruiting destination entertainment venues that draw visitors and spending.</li> <li>• (Performance space/grange hall)</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locations-specific entertainment/attraction requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More entertainment near Slater Kinney. It's a shame I have to drive to Marvin for all the "good" stuff.</li> <li>○ Would love to see a children's library at Campus Glen/Willamette. Currently, a gas station is planned, which is a shock that would even be permitted considering toxic fumes that may hurt developing brains. A library would encourage early childhood literacy and provide a platform for volunteers.</li> <li>○ Small replica train (electric) that people can ride up and down the Woodland trail during summer.</li> <li>○ More shopping and entertainment places in the Hawks Prairie area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue facilitating the creation of dining, entertainment and recreation opportunities throughout the city.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue/do more festivals and events (7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ International food festival/cultural festival (12)</li> <li>○ A pride celebration. (2)</li> <li>○ I would love events like around the world festivals or a hall with rotating info about different cultures and communities in Lacey/WA to help celebrate our differences and similarities (with direct assistance from the represented party)</li> <li>○ A Lacey Annual Warm Water Lakes Fishing Derby should be held. There are 2 local clubs and WDFW to assist. Also, an annual parade titled "Lacy In Lacey" could put us on the national map.</li> <li>○ Continue 3rd of July Fireworks</li> <li>○ Keep Lacey Spring fun fair, expand and include diversity.</li> <li>○ A children's culture festival like in Seattle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue and expand community and cultural events, fairs and celebrations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community building and inclusion activities (5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cultural center(s) (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lacey has a very diverse ethnic population. I would love to see an International District.</li> <li>▪ Having food trucks, markets, and celebrations of other cultures helps educate the community who would not see things like that usually. More advertisement from news outlets, more outdoor options to visit and educate about other ethnic foods and culture</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore and implement facilities or features that promote diverse cultures.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community DEI education and awareness promotion (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Create opportunities to share cultural history, e.g., native American day, Asian culture day, African American day, Muslim/Buddhist/Jewish celebrations, for the whole community; with goal of eliminating fear of the unknown and fostering intercultural relationships. (2)</li> <li>○ Speaking groups that are televised for the public on YouTube (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City could have focus groups, speakers on human interest subjects</li> <li>▪ St. Martins and SPSCC should take the lead on this (2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ This is number one. Events, publications, blogs, supportive spaces for persons of color. Providing safe spaces for POC to identify and discuss experiences, allowing other voices to come into the room, to offer education, awareness, and build a fostering community together. It's about engagement, communication, support. Utilizing Master of Counseling students from SMU may also be an opportunity for growth, healing, and communication.</li> <li>○ Education through art programs. It starts with the kids</li> <li>○ Work with military as they are bulk of DEI population and DEI aware</li> <li>○ Foreign language meet ups</li> <li>○ This subject will continuously need work and support. Funding cultural groups where BIPOC can gather together without white people occupying the same space. Requiring ALL work places trained by someone who identifies with this subject, so nobody who is white.</li> <li>○ I counsel seniors about housing and accessing business and have found discrimination by managers. Blacks know by the rudeness of the managers where they are not welcome. Another roof repairer did a sloppy job and refused to be accountable for the subsequent leaking roof, despite going through the necessary lines of trying to have it corrected.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host events and educational programming that increase cross-cultural and cross-generational awareness and engagement.</li> </ul>

- Multicultural community support

- More support for our Black and Asian community
- Grants for minorities to help them grow businesses in Lacey.
- More public recognition of BLM, our Indian community, Asian community, public visibility to the GOOD in our support of diversity, equity in our community.
- I appreciate the diversity in Lacey. As a member of LGBTIQQ community I feel welcome and supported overall living here. Again, it would be nice to see more pride flags during June. And it would be good to see more Safe Places identified in businesses around Lacey. (2)
- Partnerships with local groups to expand events like the Cultural Celebration and Polynesian Festival. Events that help showcase how diverse Lacey really is.
- Don't know how diverse city management is but hire to ensure diversity. (2)
- Translate website in multiple languages. Invite BIPOC to share their needs.
- Other diversity, equity and inclusion viewpoints
  - WA State is 70% plus white. Thurston 80%. We need to support DEI, but not push as we are not a diverse community. Why is that? We need to educate and make people aware and treat citizens equally but not be reactive unless understanding why we are not diverse.
  - Why do we have to use language that separates us by color. Art is a language used today to show awareness, but only inclusive to what is happening today politically and not to history. Every ethnic background has a good and bad legacy which today's generations inherited.

- Continue to take actions that show Lacey is a welcoming community.

## **Appendix C**

# **LACEY PARKS CULTURE AND RECREATION**

## **Lacey Cares Community Input Findings and Future Outreach Recommendations**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Over the past year, the City of Lacey has engaged the greater Lacey community in a discussion about the future and the way people would like to see their city look, feel and function. Through the Lacey Cares initiative and subsequent outreach, the City of Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Department has established a solid framework for future strategic planning. This document summarizes key findings related to community preferences and priorities and outlines next steps with respect to ensuring future initiatives are aligned with community expectations. The ultimate goal is to build a shared vision for the future of cultural and recreation assets and opportunities.

## II. KEY FINDINGS TO DATE

The following summarizes key takeaways from three proactive community outreach activities, including:

- Lacey Cares Open-Ended Survey (online; multi-topic including Parks, Culture and Recreation)
- Lacey Parks Outreach Team Intercept Interviews (online and in-person at multiple locations)
- Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Priorities Survey (online)

This document captures primary findings. However, additional insights may be gleaned from revisiting the summary reports produced for each of the efforts. Conclusions to date include:

### Top Conclusions

#### Survey participants are most supportive of an aquatic center or public pool

##### *Considerations:*

- Tumwater-Olympia regional aquatics center study indicates universal support
- **Popular across ALL socioeconomic profiles**
- People are not satisfied with limited swim lessons/access to NTPS pools
- Preference for indoor pool, or multiple pools with indoor anchor
- Respondents have not yet been asked to opine on financing mechanisms

#### Indoor recreation is a priority, but desired offerings vary

##### *Considerations:*

- An indoor swimming pool is the top priority by far, as a stand-alone or combined offering
- Playgrounds in general do not rank among highest priorities given outdoor prevalence throughout Lacey, but **INDOOR playgrounds** ARE a priority for parents looking for activities out of the rain
- Additional indoor priorities appear to include skating rink, teen center, senior center, basketball
- Worth noting: Basketball courts (highest supported activity after indoor/covered playgrounds) are easily adapted to accommodate other secondary priorities, including soccer, pickleball, volleyball and tennis important to smaller but passionate audiences.



## Open spaces, trails and preservation of natural areas are a top priority

### *Considerations:*

- Combination of inputs and interest, including: preservation of existing spaces; extension and connection of walking and bike trails; and increased **access to natural areas**
- Priority in neighborhoods surrounding Lacey Gateway area due to construction, trucks, tree removal
- Notably, over one-third of respondents selected cross-country trails as a priority (cross-country trails can also be used for walking, bird watching and other passive recreation purposes)

## Affordable, subsidized recreation opportunities remain a top priority

### *Considerations:*

- Approximately two-thirds of survey respondents selected this as a priority, and about 64% selected it with a first or second place vote (out of three votes)
- This may suggest that **people value access not just for themselves, but for others** as well
- There is broad support for additional programming for all ages, but especially teens and youth
- Half of survey respondents voted for more programming for youth and teens; a third supported more programming for seniors; and a quarter voted for more programming for adults
- There were a variety of suggestions, including parenting and cooking classes, but more concentrated work needs to be done regarding the specific TYPE of programming and level of affordability would be most appreciated/used

## There is high support for one or more spray parks and/or splash pads

### *Considerations:*

- There was some question as to how prevalent support was given that spray parks and splash pads first surfaced during intercept surveys over the summer; support was validated in the fall survey
- Splash pads received the second most votes for desired outdoor features, just behind walking trails
- They received the second most Top 3 priority votes, just behind swimming pool

## There is mild interest in acquiring additional parks, relative to other priorities

### *Considerations:*

- Community members appear to appreciate the options already available
- Preference to complete build out at existing parks
- New ballfields not rated as high as other priorities in general
- **BUT year-round, multi-purpose, turf fields ARE popular/desired**

## There is a clear preference for *events* over *classes* with respect to programming

### *Considerations:*

- **Concerts in the park** received the single largest vote, with nearly 50% of participants
- Other activities, including **movies in the park** and **fun runs**, were also rated high priority
- **Cooking, crafts and art** were the highest priority classes
- There is very little support for additional **virtual programming**

## Street fairs with food and entertainment top arts and culture priority

### *Considerations:*

- **Street fairs** are the highest rated priority in the survey (over half rated as priority)
- Expanded **farmer's market** isn't far behind
- **Cultural events and festivals** and **music performances** are also highly rated
- **Art displays and galleries** and **education/lecture series** scored relatively low

## Other Findings of Note

### Several options/potential features should be explored more thoroughly

#### *Considerations:*

- An indoor and/or covered **ice skating rink** rated just below playgrounds on the indoor priorities question, and above other items including basketball, batting cages, soccer and pickleball
- There was modest support for an expanded **senior center**, but additional engagement targeted to the senior community is warranted to determine actual interest among potential users
- Similarly, **pickleball** received middling support overall, but would appear to be a very high priority among an active subset of the population – additional research would be helpful

### The Lacey Museum, future Lacey Museum and Cultural Center, and Lacey Depot were not included in the online survey

#### *Considerations:*

- Both are already in operation and therefore were not included in the “what next” question set, and both are better assessed through community development focus area of Lacey Cares
- While neither emerged as a “write-in” priority through Lacey Cares or Parks Priorities survey, these facilities will be instrumental in hosting popular classes, cultural events, and music performances

### III. NEXT STEPS

This section summarizes context for next steps and outlines topic areas/audiences and approaches for additional public and targeted stakeholder engagement.

#### Context

In 2022, Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation (LPCR) is scheduled to commence an extensive assessment, analysis and public involvement process that will create the foundation for a Parks, Culture and Recreation Comprehensive Plan update due in 2023. The Lacey Cares engagement and recent Parks Priorities Survey undertaken during 2020-2021 have effectively accelerated that process. Rather than having to proceed with a ground-zero public participation process, the City can tailor the upcoming process to:

- Execute targeted engagement and education strategies
- Determine highest priorities among an already-narrowed, community-defined list of preferences
- Focus on implementation and funding solutions for major projects
- Engage private, public and nonprofit partners with shared interest in specific community goals

While the Lacey Cares and Parks Priorities Surveys provide a solid starting point for future planning, LPCR will also need to synchronize community goals with adopted standard of recreation service delivery and affordability targets. This includes an evaluation of who is participating in current programming, who is struggling to access programs and which programs, or spaces, are no longer viable or of interest.

Ultimately, analysis will also need to consider whether goals are achievable with current staffing and resource levels and, if not, how they will be funded or otherwise postponed until solutions emerge. The following section offers some approaches to help better-define shared goals and ensure Lacey is clearly communicating and moving in the direction that the majority of community members expect.

#### Engagement Gaps and Targets

##### **Conduct Proactive Outreach with Groups Underrepresented in Priorities Survey**

Additional direct engagement with targeted audiences will be beneficial to identifying and clarifying parks, culture and recreation needs. In particular, the City might consider working through community based organizations, the City's Commission on Equity, and other partners to conduct listening sessions or focus groups with demographic segments underrepresented in the Parks Priorities survey, including, but not limited to:

- BIPOC communities
- Senior communities (system users and non-users)
- Youth (under age 21) in general
- System users (sports teams, programs and classes, specific park user groups)
- Military families (particularly those who are new transfers)

## Confirm Public Priorities, Expectations and Support for Perceived Priorities

If the City concludes public funding is required to meet needs and expectations, it would be advisable to conduct a statistically-valid telephone or hybrid phone/online survey. This could be done as a stand-alone Parks, Culture and Recreation survey, or, as part of a larger Lacey Cares prioritization survey. In either scenario, the survey would provide a valuable supplement to the original Parks Priorities survey by providing a statistically reliable gauge of public support by age, income, race and ethnicity.

If conducted far enough in advance of an actual funding proposal, the survey could yield important insights as to information gaps and/or necessary course adjustments. The survey could, in addition to clarifying level of support for future investments, help to determine:

- Preferred funding mechanisms (public-private partnerships, sales tax, property tax, bonding, et al)
- Willingness of voters or homeowners to fund specific enhancements
- The threshold of that willingness in actual annual dollar amounts
- Voter interests and needs by geographic location, age cohort and other socioeconomic factors

The City will also need to increase awareness and build support for funding parks-related maintenance. Over the past several decades, Lacey has assembled one of the premier parks systems in Washington State. While less funding is required to purchase land, ongoing **parks build-out and maintenance** require continued investment. This topic should be included in future engagement and survey activities.

## Approaches

### Begin Exploring Potential Implementation Options and Partnerships

Recreational activities and services are offered by a plethora of public, private and nonprofit entities. Examples include sports leagues, private gym memberships, arts and culture classes, and specific destination recreation venues to name a few. As the City maps out the path forward, it may be beneficial to engage potential partners with overlapping interests. Specific Lacey offerings that might benefit from partnerships include, but are not limited to:

- Indoor recreation spaces in general
- Swimming pool or aquatics center
- Multi-purpose sports fields
- Ice skating rink
- Open space and trail access
- Arts and culture access and programming
- Spray pad/splash park locations

Potential partners could include, but are not limited to:

- The Nisqually Tribe
- North Thurston Public Schools
- YMCA, Boys and Girls Club and other social service clubs and organizations
- Private or nonprofit sports leagues
- Peer Cities and Thurston County
- Saint Martin's University

The goal is to proactively engage representatives of these entities to identify overlapping interests and potential partnership structures that can help advance priorities and maintain affordable access for all.

## Conduct Proactive Education

Parks are often cited by Lacey as being the #1 thing they value about living here – including the abundance and affordable access. However, not many think about the complexity and expense associated with creating and maintaining such a system. Building and maintaining support for Parks, Culture and Recreation advances is an ongoing, iterative process. The most acute challenge is reaching those who do not or perceive they do not benefit directly from investment in park offerings, or who simply do not know what's available. In the coming months, the City can expand community awareness and engagement through:

- Speaker's Bureau presentations (service organizations, senior living facilities, neighborhood associations, military spouse clubs, etc.)
- Newsletter updates (Did You Know features emphasizing parks, culture and recreation resources and features)
- Direct mailings, social media posts and earned media coverage that highlight various aspects of the parks, culture and recreation system – including current assets and future community-defined priorities

Communications should emphasize:

- Why Parks Matter: The value of parks and recreation access to personal AND community health (e.g., increased opportunities for youth, reduction in select crime rates and social spending, the benefits to active seniors, the benefits to working parents, et al)
- Increasing awareness about the range (and creating an easily-accessible inventory) of parks, culture and recreation assets and opportunities available to people of all backgrounds and interests
- The value to Lacey taxpayers relative to typical communities (e.g., park space per capita, cost per capita to access quality recreational programming, economic impact and return on investment derived from parks and recreation offerings, etc.)
- The value of protecting cities from environmental impact (stormwater management, flood mitigation, increased sustainability, etc.)
- Tools for cities to achieve equity goals
- How Parks, Culture and Recreation is an excellent steward of public resources and focused on implementing community-defined priorities

These core messages can be supplemented as appropriate to reflect other topics of interest gleaned from future community engagement.

## **Appendix D**

# Outdoor Programs

34 individuals commented	Community Event-Activity	Info-Education	Rec Event-Activity	Programming General	Fine As Is-Good Job	Safety	Farmers' Market-Food Truck	Acutally Indoor Programming	Actually Facility	Other
	events not mid-week	better advertising - only heard about this from school she is low income and want free things to occupy bored kids in summer. (location someplace between lilly rd and	cross country ski	disappointed that all the camps were full	happy with current facilities, use a lot of parks that are available. Happy with what there is	water safety classes	farmers market	rock painting classes	sensory walk in park program (painted on trail)	excited about Movie at the Marina
	Events, Festivals	map of walking trails	flag football	a strong youth program. Right sized and diverse to get people away from electronics.	already do a really good job	better security (purse was stolen at RV Park)	farmer's market (miss the one at Hun tamer park) perhaps one that could be expanded with food trucks and art vendors, events with field games, treat and trunk event	Conversation Spanish classes for beginners	happy with train park added	Olympia symphony music in the park trail programs (Olympia parks QR code), Tai Chi
	family friendly festivals (Location: Nisqually area/hawks prairie)	volunteer program	karate	Family with special needs daughter: concerned about TC Parks programs and the lack of advocacy for their programs and population. Pre-covid everything was great however now they need to re-start. His daughter had a really full life prior to covid.	feel like we have it fairly well covered	park cameras	farmers market type events	science stuff	Help HOAs with park maintenance	The only thing I want is a grocery store
	activities for families	Help people get out more, learn what there is to do	fly fishing	has a son with autism and his age /skill doesn't fit with our programs - check out what TC inclusion is doing for kids with special needs (non-profit).	loves our clean bathrooms at the parks and shade	safer trails, Chehalis-western and homelessness. Not safe for a woman hiking solo.	Farmers market, more events like Hun tamer movies & santa		homeless out of parks	
	Battle of the bands for teens	Help people get out more, learn what there is to do	walk skip jump	swim lessons are too loud and busy	really like concerts and children's art series		food trucks			
	Adult music after work times, the noon concerts are difficult to attend for working people.	Wants website for youth sports program to be more user friendly and updated more frequently	Having to sign up for a YMCA membership to swim is expensive, especially for disabled population	more traveling events to different parks	Has awesome programs		Food truck days			
	BBQ in park	Stem fair	Would like a drop-in style pick-up game of various sports at local parks where parent could meet other families. Just an introduction to the sport (maybe one or two days to get a group going)...it could be in an open field	programs to get folks outside, we need to maintain green spaces, NE Lacey needs more than warehouses	I have no need for the city to keep me entertained		music or farmers markets			
	car show	preschool age programs	more adult classes: floral arranging, ceramics classes, volleyball		I rarely think about public parks. We need them and I support them		Outdoor flea market (Location: close to SMU)			
	nature walk program	we need more printed communications, programs for people in the middle without kids	more adult sprot, unique adult sports like hamster ball		Lacey does very well					
	movie night at the museum		outdoor fishing event 2x year	NE lacey is underserved area	Lacey is the best City in TC (location: north)					
	community outreach programs with festivals and music		speed boat event for kids (saw group at long's pond and kids thought it was so cool)	Park play day with activities - field day type event for kids and families	Impressed with what you have (not from Lacey) and visits Lacey Parks regularly.					
	clean-up		Open swim at high school pools - midweek 2-4pm	parks are great, parking is an issue at some events. Can lacey afford more? Where is the SS	like the boat racing at long's pond					
	extend concerts to early june-aug or sept.		Playground activities		likes the trails, enjoys what we have now					
	food events		Pick up pickleball games		love concerts, RAC					
	Free activities in the summer(location: hawks prairie, bus line)		Pickleball has taken over there are not enough courts. Tennis is losing in popularity. Just returned from Bend, OR which has several large parks with pickleball both inside and outside. Parents can play while kids are on the playground equipment.		love our events					
	kid days		tours		Great camp at rainer vista.					
	music				Live in colonial estates so they have their own recreation and pool.					
	treasure hunts				like the events					
	goose chase app				Loves the parks in lacey					
	Halloween event (Location: pacific and college/more centralized)				Loves lacey parks - takes gymnastics, tball, swimming, always checks us first, the RAC is amazingly well-kept and loves the walking trails for dad who is a vet with PTSD (open and safe)					
	would love more festivals				love the roving concerts at various parks and love the library program at wonder wood park					
	more music in the parks (beyond Aug. 6)				have done programs like tball- love it					
	added activities and for kids and families				Parks are magnificent					
	Just more activities				moved here from Issaquah: we are doing great					
	Just more activities				Not enough knowledge of parks					
	They like the concerts so maybe more of those.				not apparent what the needs are					
	more music in the parks				parks and trails are good					
	More movies in the park				parks are great					
	movies				Parks and rec can serve almost everyone. Without parks we are just a city.					
	more concerts (both in days of the week and extended later in summer)				really enjoy the music					
	More concerts with more Rock and Roll music - would be willing to pay for more.				really great already kids are in art and tennis					
	more family events				we do a great job- raved about our parks					
	more festivals/events				overall really happy and want us to keep it up!					

more music festivals with local bands and shows
more events like the bug chef like events with animals
more outdoor entertainment, clean, safe and well-kept
more outdoor visual programs for special needs
Movies and games
music events
outdoor events
Outdoor films, kids shows
Spooky in the park Halloween event
maybe more concerts (for adults only/older folks)



# Outdoor Facilities

#3 Individuals commented	Pool	Splash Pad/Spray Park	Other Water	Sport Fields	Pickleball	Parks	Dog park	Garden-Pollinator	Skate Park	Disc Golf	Playgrounds	Trails	Bike Trails	Safety	Destination	Amenities	Fine Arts	Other
	Pool or splash pad	Spray park	Acquire desirable large acreage lots within Lacey Boundary, to include waterfront development.	a sports park with ball parks	pickleball courts	Development of the Carpenter Road park to include BBQ and picnic tables along with benches scattered about and along the walking trails. )	dog park area (location: NE Lacey)	A pollinator garden with a pond or stream	skate park	Disc golf	a nature playground with logs and boulders for climbing	A running area or courses, cross country, distance obstacle courses at a new park	biking	Safe clean restrooms	Another performance stage (RAC undeveloped property)	Add grass at Depot station (to sit on during concerts)	nothing really, we have a lot already	camping
	pool	Pool or splash pad	Water access	Adult Soccer fields	pickleball	park where you create things (building park?)	dog park (location: SW area)	community garden	skate park (location public transportation access)	disc golf	playgrounds	hiking	Bike Park at Couou		Ice skating rink	Space for large groups of yoga groups. (Location: in the North East section of Lacey.	wouldn't change anything	It would be great if Lacey had a park district like Ruston Way in Tacoma (Business district among park) or similar to the Bellingham boardwalk. Loves train depot area
	pool	water slides	Fishing facility	Baseball, softball	From a pickleball player: pickleball stadium, adequate courts and seating (location: on firm ground)	neighborhood parks	Dog park areas	more native trees	skate park that is fully fenced (location: RAC)	More trails, frisbee golf (location: throughout the city)	Covered outdoor playground	An exercise trail. Various stations for specific work out routines and stretches.	bike trails, help with urban community. Street bike lanes are hazardous, designated paths to shopping, food and local businesses(location North of I-5)		Indoor or outdoor performing arts theater	bathrooms in all the parks		
	Pool (location: not sure but walkable or on bus line)	splash park	Kayaking classes or other classes on the water	turf soccer fields	Pickleball	More options for disabled children and adults	Dog park		skate park		children's parks with playground	hiking, trails	Biking trail expansion (location: central lacey where everyone could get to it)		More event centers	zip lines	outdoor training (camping, fire-building)	
	aquatic center/pool	splash park	water access and fishing areas	tennis courts	more pickleball courts	more neighborhood parks (close to homes), safer	dog parks with more trees		skate park		better playgrounds: swings	expand trails	More bike paths to pierce county		Music venues	outdoor exercise equipment		some rec: sports but some competition too. Youth instruction (free) would be ideal.
	swimming	spray park	more fishing / water access	more areas for sand volleyball	more pickleball courts	some community sponsored recreation and entertainment facilities (location: expand existing park)	dog parks with shade		skateboard and/or BMX		Covered playground for winter	expand woodland trail beyond WCCP	bike paths		Family outing events.	covered outdoor structure like a big shelter, amphitheater.		
	Kids community pool (location: hawks prairie, bus line)	waterpark with slides that go in circles	more water activities/access. Boat/kayak rentals	More soccer fields	Pickleball	picnic areas (location: Campus neighborhood)	More dog parks		Skate Park (Location: in many locations)		update playground equipment	good parking and multiple opportunities such as jogging, walking, etc.	Mountain bike trails and more restrooms along trails		Outdoor event center.	more picnic tables at parks		
	outdoor pool	spray park	tire swings	more sport fields (soccer, softball) difficult to schedule prior to high school.	pickleball courts	different types of parks like zip lines, tire swings, Tumwater historical park	dog park (the one at the waste site has no shade and is muddy in the winter use Stellacoom as an example)				From 13 yo: taller monkey bars b/c he can't use them anymore	Longer trails	Mountain bike trails		Outside stage with good sounds system, parking, playground outside	ropes course		
	more swimming pools	splashpad (Hawks prairie)	Outdoor water access	more sport fields	pickleball courts	Place for large events that provide activities like lifesize chess or other outdoor games (location: within the neighborhoods)	off-leash dog park				trees to climb or a playground that mimics it	More nature trails	bike trail		Venue for events	ball bin where kids can just use loaner toys		
	outdoor pool	splash park (location: mid lacey willing to drive, not hawks prairie, east city?)	boat launch (Location: Hawks prairie needs more)	basketball court	Pickleball		off-leash dog park				better playgrounds	more trails				more outdoor showers access (location: on bus routes)		
	outdoor pool	outdoor waterpark, splashpad. From midwest and shocked we don't have anything	beach access	soccer fields	pickleball		dog park				Kids play equipment at Lake Loss Park	more trails, better map of trails (I emailed her our new one).				Mini golf		
	outdoor pool	spray park	Water access	basketball	pickleball		off leash dog park				More playgrounds	More trails, restrooms, etc.				bumper boats		
	outdoor pool	Worries about all the families who live in apartments - where do they go for splash fun?	marine life education class (partner with misqually wildlife refuge)	multi purpose stadium for baseball and soccer.	pickleball (location: underserved areas)						More playground equipment with slides and swings (location: off walking trails)	Nature trails				Inside games		
	Outdoor pool (location: south lacey)	splash park	More water activities	Covered Ice Skating in winter converted to basketball in the summer with area for food trucks.	pickleball						playgrounds	clean woodland trail to Olympia				go karts		
	outdoor pool	splashpads		soccer, basketball	Reservable pickleball courts-popular with all ages (Non-pickleball player) (Location: NE Lacey has little but does have lot of families, do a demographic study)						more monkey bars, rings and slides					More for seniors or those who will be seniors in the next decade. (location: Hawks prairie, the mushroom farm, expanding the RAC)		
	Outdoor Pool	splash park		Soccer, BB fields	Becca courts, pickleball courts						Newer playtoys (playground environment)	Open space and trails. Keep the trees!				more covered areas (location: in the middle somewhere)		
	outdoor pool	splashpad		sport (youth)							Play equipment at Lake Loss.	walking, running				More covered areas or trees		
	outdoor pool (location: Hawks prairie)	splash park (location: south lacey)		sports field							Playground equipment (Location anywhere with parking)	More walking trails				more park shelters		
	Pool	splash pad		turf fields							Playground	open spaces				Parkine		
	Pool	Splash pad		Volleyball nets							Playground	outdoor nature trails				Outdoor exercise playground equipment		
	pool	Splash pad		More soccerfields							Playgrounds	public track (running), more trails				Outdoor playground for adults and kids that is exercise themed with stations this would be ideal for families who can't afford a gym membership.		
	pool	Splash pad (location: Hawks prairie)		More soccerfields (location: neighborhood parks)							slides	open areas				More parks with shade		
	pool	splash park		More ballfields (location: in easier to access areas for families)							Shady play areas especially for young	trails				Concerned about the open gates at the depot playground, kids can escape and run into busy street		
	Pool and	splash pad for kids									clean climbing toys for younger kids					picnic area, covered or shaded		
	Pool swim lessons fill up too fast	Splash pad (Location: Yelm Hwy)									better and larger playgrounds with trampoline (in ground)					Place to play street hockey		

pool	Splash pads	art in park (that is also usable as play equipment)	picnic tables
outdoor pool	Splash park	more covered play area - sun or rain protected	Rock climbing wall
Pool	Splash park (location: NE Lacey)	Covered playground (from sun and rain)	Restrooms in parks
pool	Splash park (with a river-type like at CHOM in Olympia)	updating mulch under play equipment	Pump track
pool	Splash park	would like a toddler swing similar to the one at Percival park in Olympia where moms and toddlers swing	ropes, adventure course (Location: Near woodland creek park)
outdoor pool	splash parks - water feature	would like to see more fenced areas	shaded areas near playgrounds at all the parks now you either have to sit in the sun or shade but far away from kids on playground
indoor/outdoor pool	splashpad	so there is an option when it is nice outside	more playgrounds
pool	splashpad (location: meridian park)	playgrounds (location: playgrounds in small communities)	Skating rink accessible for seniors, easy parking
swimming	splashpad		covered area
Swimming year-round with sliding roof (location: A supply of land w/a/ two-story parking structure)	splashpad		climbing amenities at parks
Water park	splashpad		an education program and/or center about local fauna / flora, depot needs grass
waterpark	Spray pads		rock wall
	Spray pads		water fountains and bottle filling stations
	spray park		Community board in parks for non-verbal kids "AAC"
	Spray park		picnic area
	Spray park		City of Edmonds is including six pentaque courts. Year-round availability is good. (location: close to 151)
	Spray park		Zip line and high-ropes course for self-esteem and confidence kids and adults (location: RAC area for indoor facility not too far out of Lacey and access by bus)
	Spray park (location: Rainier Vista)		zipline at parks
	Spray park (currently drive to Tacoma)		
	Spray park (location: in accessible location, like on the bus route, but still room for parking)		
	Spray park (near or at Meridian Park)		
	Spray park (near or at Meridian Park)		
	non-park		
	water parks		
	Water splash area		
	Outdoor water park or large water fountain to play in (location: around Hun tamer park or central		
	Water access, family access for little kids, spray parks with water slides (Location: on bus lines, Yelm Hwy, Shopko Center)		
	water activities (Location: Pacific and college/more centralized)		
	Water activities, splash pad, lazy river, fountain like downtown Olympia		
	water feature (Location: Huntamer)		
	Water features, outdoor water res facility		
	Splash area (Location: near SMI)		
	fountain (splashpark)		
	splash pad, lazy river (location: south lacey)		
	splash pad (location: hawk's Prairie)		

# Indoor Programs

40 individuals commented	Sports	Classes	Events-Activities	After-School	Other Notable
	Basketball	adult/senior activities low/no cost	better updates and family related events	excellent after school activities esp. for low to moderate income families (Location: multiple sites for all income levels)	The school district needs to be made accessible to the community. The fees charged to have a custodian onsite makes it unusable and having the facilities sit unused is a waste of a valuable community resource. - from chamber president
	basketball	Dance, Tai Chi	indoor activities	Youth Activites	classes to help people with homelessness, parenting and classes for the youth
	volleyball, basketball	classes with more flexible hours for working adults	various activities	Classes for our youth, like cooking, building, gardening, life skills (location: within the neighborhoods)	
	more open swim options - daytime and mid-week	Dancing, social interactions for all ages	indoor Halloween trick or treat event	classes for kids (location: in easier to access areas for families)	
	more youth sports programs	Kids education, music, low cost options,	indoor movie nights (RAC Land)		
	pickleball for seniors	family dance classes - parent and children together	Kid-friendly, affordable, special needs days, tumbling, basketball		
	swim lessons	family and children's activities, cooking classes (Location: NE Lacey has little but does have lot of families, do a demographic study)	more events like summer concerts throughout the year.		
	swimming lessons (location: Rainier Vista)	more fun indoor programs	outdoor movies (they didn't know about Friday flicks however they don't have kids so our current line up wouldn't appeal to them)		
	pool (specifically take over or provide assistance with tanglewilde pool which has struggled in operations)	Water color / art classes			
		Indoor wine tasting, cooking classes			

# Indoor Facilities

195 individuals commented	Pool-Aquatics	Pickleball-Tennis-Raquet	Rec/Community Center-Facility	Playground-Kid Center	Senior-Specific	Ice Rink	Roller Skate	Mini Golf	Climbing Wall	Sports	Entertainment Venue	Other
	aquatic center/pool	pickleball	big indoor facility	An indoor children's museum similar to JBLM, or some type of indoor playplace b/c with 4 kids it's really expensive to go to a private place	Expanded senior center with activity area, hobby, paint/crafts	Ice rink	Rollerskating (fix up skateland)	mini golf	climbing wall	basketball court, soccer/football field	hands on learning center for kids	covered picnic areas with grills and electricity for church and business (location: off walking trails)
	hot tub, sauna, steam room (Location: Near woodland creek park)	pickleball	big indoor lacey facility	Playground, retractable roof (?), community space (location: hawks prairie, bus line)	expand senior center	ice rink, roller rink	roller skate rink	mini gol	climbing wall	basketball courts, baseball (basically anywhere a ball can be thrown or kicked)	nighttime music/a music venue	more covered picnic areas and electrical hookups (location anywhere with parking)
	pool	pickleball (north lacey)	can't think of anything but we need something indoor	play center age-specific multipurpose		Ice Skating rink	indoor roller skating	indoor putt putt	climbing wall	basketball courts	Has small kids: video games, bouncy house, story time	Utilize more school facilities (from a former teacher)
	aquatic center	pickleball	open gym teen and youth room (like boys and girls club) (location: hawks prairie)	play areas for kids, tots gym		ice skating rink	Indoor skate park	miniature golf	climbing wall for little kids and adults	Basketball, exercise equipment, classes	indoor concerts throughout the year - so a facility for events	Zip line (location: NE Lacey)
	pools that are free	pickleball	indoor rec center	indoor playground like charlie safari		ice skating, roller skating	skate park	Putt putt golf, so important due to the weather always bad here (location: RAC area for indoor facility not too far out of Lacey and across highway)	Climbing wall supervised and for all ages (Location: Huntamer)	Basketball, volleyball	Indoor concerts, live plays for fall / winter	
	a pool with a sliding roof.	Pickleball	arcade, indoor sports area, ping pong	Indoor playground		Ice/roller rink	Skating (ice or regular) (Location: In accessible location, like on the bus route, but still room for parking)	putt putt	climbing wall, activities room	basketball	Indoor event space	
	Aquatic center or anything family oriented (location: Yelm hwy)	pickleball (location: meridian park has room for 6- light covered courts)	a community center with table games and just open use.	indoor playground		Indoor Hockey	Rollerskating		climbing wall	batting cages, soccer fields (Location public transportation access)	indoor event space	
	Aquatic center or anything family oriented (location: Yelm hwy)	indoor pickleball	A gym, game rooms, classes without duplicating. Coordinate with O.T.L. (location: A supply of land w/a/ two-story parking structure)	Indoor playground		ice skate rink			climbing wall	covered basketball	Indoor or outdoor performing arts theater. Pump track	
	An indoor pool with senior hours.	Indoor pickleball	An indoor lengthy walking track. (In the North East section of Lacey.)	indoor playground		ice rink (cool to have the oly one year-round).			Climbing walls	basketball, volleyball, gymnastics	Indoor stage with sound system and parking	
	Indoor swimming park with slides (Location: Nisqually area/hawks prairie)	Indoor pickleball	Anything to give all ages things to do in the winter/rain (location: Hawks prairie, the mushroom farm, expanding the RAC)	Indoor playground		Partnership with Oly, Lacey, Tumwater for rollerskate or ice skate rink			climbing walls	Ping pong tables	Kids place to play like the hands on museum (location: parking and public transportation)	
	pool (location: expand existing parks)	Indoor tennis, pickleball	Covered event center and vendors	indoor playground for kids to get the wiggles out in the winter. ymca isn't conveniently located and is expensive.		ice rink for hockey. Kracken will draw membership to programs summer or year-round (location: mid lacey willing to drive, not hawks prairie, east oly?)			climbing wall	badminton	Large indoor event space	
	swimming	indoor tennis/pickleball	Community center with gym - it would need to be really big to meet the needs of the many groups but focus on teens, camps. What about the flooring building. Similar to the boom-shaka (before it was boomshaka it was a sports multiuse facility)	Indoor playground					rock climbing - community center that has many activities like this.	indoor basketball	meeting rooms (wants firms scouts to rent them) (Location: Yelm hwy area)	
	Indoor aquatic center	Indoor tennis courts, indoor kid zones with toys to play on	daycare and after school activities, senior citizen activities, swimming	indoor play structure					rock wall	Indoor basketball and skate park	Meeting rooms 50+ capacity	
	indoor aquatics like the KROC center	tennis (location: underserved areas)	Family oriented facility with childcare (Location: central lacey where everyone could get to it)	from 12 y.o.- something indoor that a 12 y.o can do. Just games to play					climbing wall	Indoor lighted track.	Multipurpose rooms	
	indoor pool	3-wall racquetball courts	games and activities solo and for families (location someplace between lily rd and carpenter rd)	indoor parks					climbing wall	indoor soccer fields	Multipurpose rooms	
	indoor pool (waterpark)	tennis court	gym w/o huge membership, covered play area and open sports	Outdoor nature play area i.e.: logs as playground vs plastic playground equipment and learning through nature. Like metro parks Tacoma (location: not sure but walkable or on bus line)					climbing wall	Multi-use volleyball, basketball, badminton, space serving youth thru senior.	classrooms and rental space	

indoor pool	tennis courts	indoor rec center that isn't as expensive as ymca or valley athletic club. Military family that previously came from community that had a salvation army run community center that was really affordable.	a place for parents to have support groups with kids activities	climbing wall	need a better indoor facility for volleyball. They pay \$2 in oly but \$6 in Lacey at Komachin, she understands it's due to the facility costs and custodial fees we pay. Wants to know what happened with the indoor feasibility study...we should build our own facility because with school facility we only have weekend and evening use.	indoor activity rooms
indoor pool	more pickleball courts indoor and outdoor	just a place for teens to hang out and play games: billiards (pool), table games,	playground	wall climbing	Ping Pong tournaments, use empty buildings /warehouses converted to indoor facility? All ages and tournament (location:	Family fun center (location: Hawks prairie)
indoor pool	pickleball	Large indoor sports center (similar to enow closed tumwater tennis club by tumwater airport), community center with indoor games	younger kid toys as well big kids - adults (location: west south county)	Rock climbing wall	battin cages, indoor field house	
pool	Pickleball courts	more indoor facilities, courses		rock wall	classes for indoor soccer or indoor basketball	
indoor pool like the one on 72nd in Tacoma	pickleball	not enough facilities			batting cages (Location: close to SMU)	
indoor/outdoor pool so there is an option when it is nice outside	tennis courts	not enough facilities, a main recreation building			Courts (Location: Tanglewilde)	
Pool	tennis	community center			soccer, activity rooms	
Pool	pickleball	Community center because Boys and girls club is overcrowded			soccer, dodgeball, multi-use (volleyball) with mixed open area option	
pool	tennis	Fitness, basketball, multipurpose walking-area			multi use courts, area for small groups	
pool	Utilize Salish middle school for pickleball in the fall and winter.	indoor activities			gymnastic area, little guys and older	
pool	Tennis	Maybe safe space where youth could get help w/ relationship buidling, mentorship. Parenting events for parents			volleyball, family rec	
pool	pickleball,	indoor activities for groups (location: throughout the city)			volleyball, badminton, pickleball, billiards	
pool		indoor rec center			Volleyball courts	
pool, water sports (location: NE Lacey)		indoor rec center			Volleyball, tennis - combined (location: in the middle somewhere)	
Pool/water park		indoor rec center			basketball, and every other sport that isn't fancy or super expensive	
Pool/water park		indoor rec center			volleyball, basketball, (Location: NE Lacey has little but does have lot of families, do a demographic study)	
Pools		community center with track and exercise options			Volleyball courts	
more pools		we need more indoor but not sure what			Trampolines, soccer, basketball	
more swimming pool for open swim		Slides, arcade, air hockey			Volleyball (grass and sand), tennis, basketball full court. Note: they didn't know that we did have volleyball at RV and Long Lake Park. Pool, Rec Center that is YMCA-type without a big fee and has open	

Large pool and "senior time" (location North of I-5)	Teen center or something for people under 21 years old to do.	trampolines, indoor play places / playgrounds, although they are gross kids love ball pits. Check out Blippi on YouTube.
olympic size swimming pool (location: on firm ground)	indoor walk/run track (Location: Hawks prairie needs more)	Volleyball, soccer, badminton, basketball
aquatic center with open swim, water parks, splash pad ((Location: pacific and college/more centralized)	Childcare, food area, community area, ping pong (location: close to I-5)	workout equipment (Location: Hawks prairie)
pool (from Hoquiam and frequently used the local ymca pool) but the local ymca is expensive and want a recreation-type pool	Affordable fitness center comparable to the YMCA	
pool	Something indoor for the poor weather but not sure what (RAC land)	
pool with floaties (location: Rainier Vista)		
pool with slides		
Pool, splash pool, hot tub		
Pool		
pool		
swimming pools		
pool		
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pool		
Pool		
pool		
Pool		
pool		
swimming pool		
Swimming pool with slides, toys and floats		
swimming pool		
swimming pool		
swimming pool		
Ymca style pool		
YMCA-style		
swimming pool		
swimming		
pool		
indoor swimming pool (location: add more pickleball to rainier vista)		

## **Appendix E**

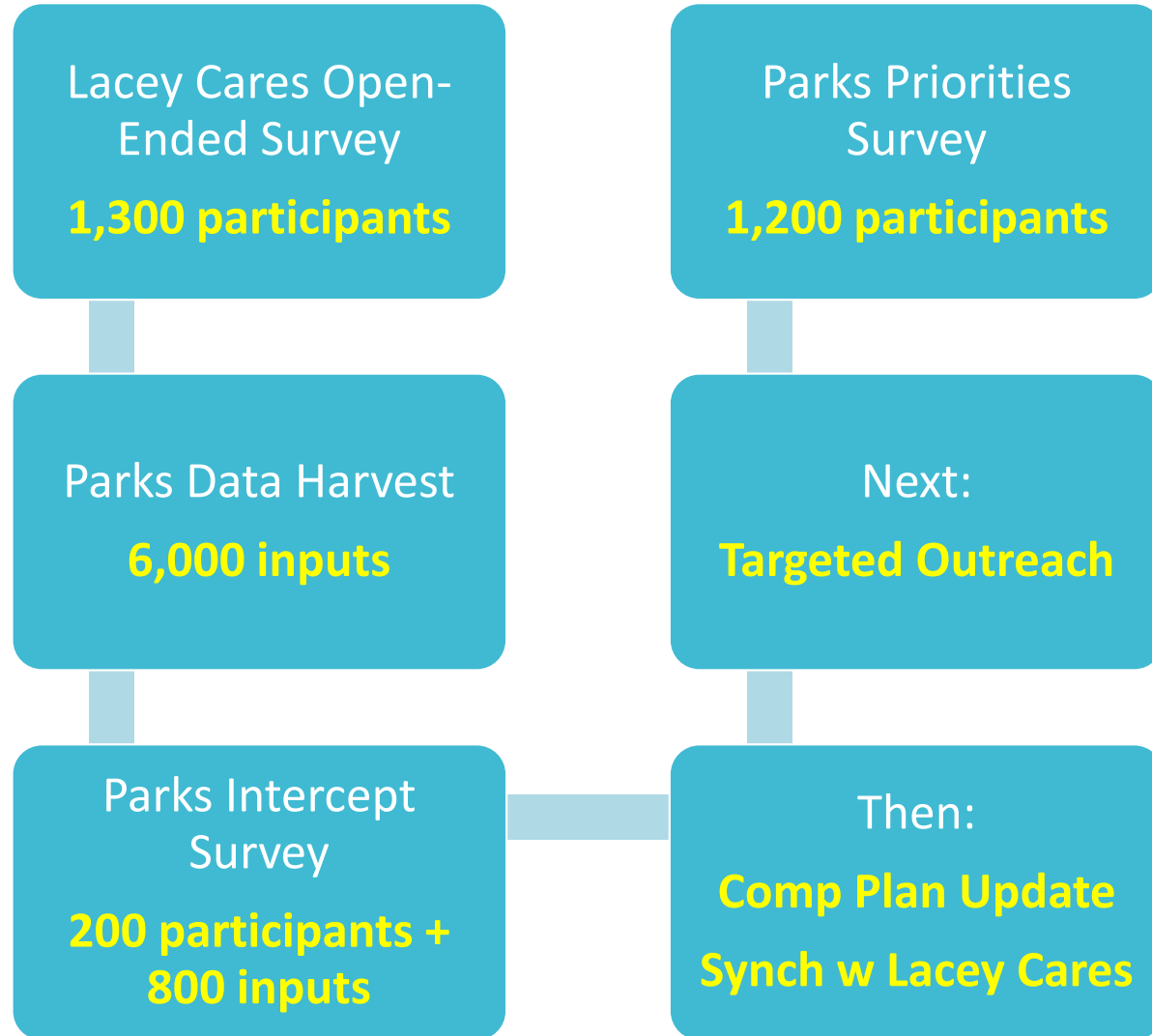
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City Council Briefing

November 18, 2021



# Background + Process



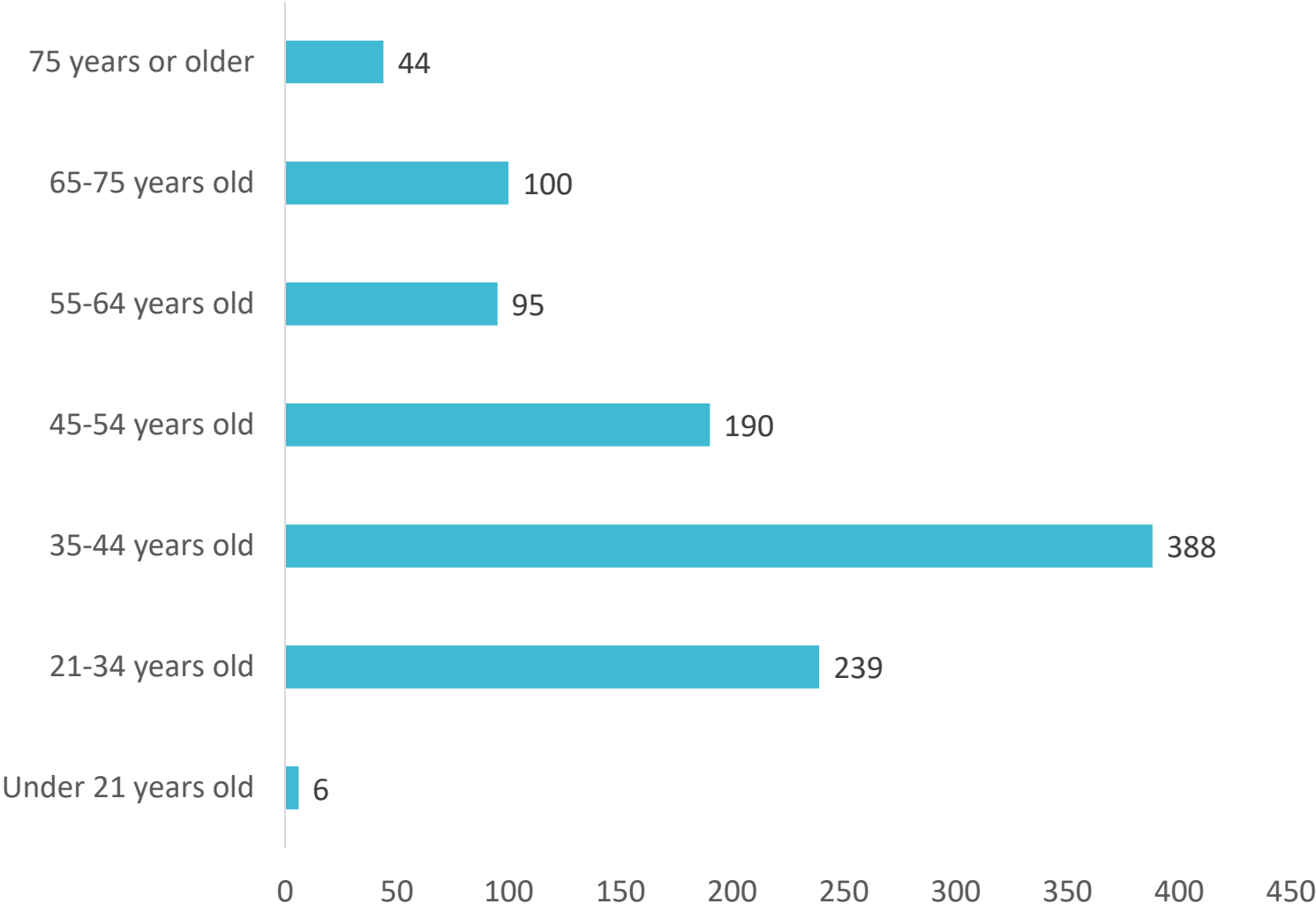
# Priorities Survey Promotion

- Signs at multiple parks
- City website and Facebook page
- Parks, Culture and Recreation regular and special digital newsletter to 5,000 people
- Shared on 4 local mom Facebook groups
- Senior Services digital TV in lobby
- Lacey library social media
- Shared by other partners
- PARC foundation social media
- Lacey Police Facebook (14,000)
- NTPS Facebook page
- Lacey Veteran Services Hub Facebook
- Direct email with survey link to:
  - Fun Fair committee
  - All event vendors and sponsors
  - Business contacts
  - Community Outreach team
  - Lacey South Sound Chamber
  - Lacey Homeowners Associations
  - City employees, council, park board



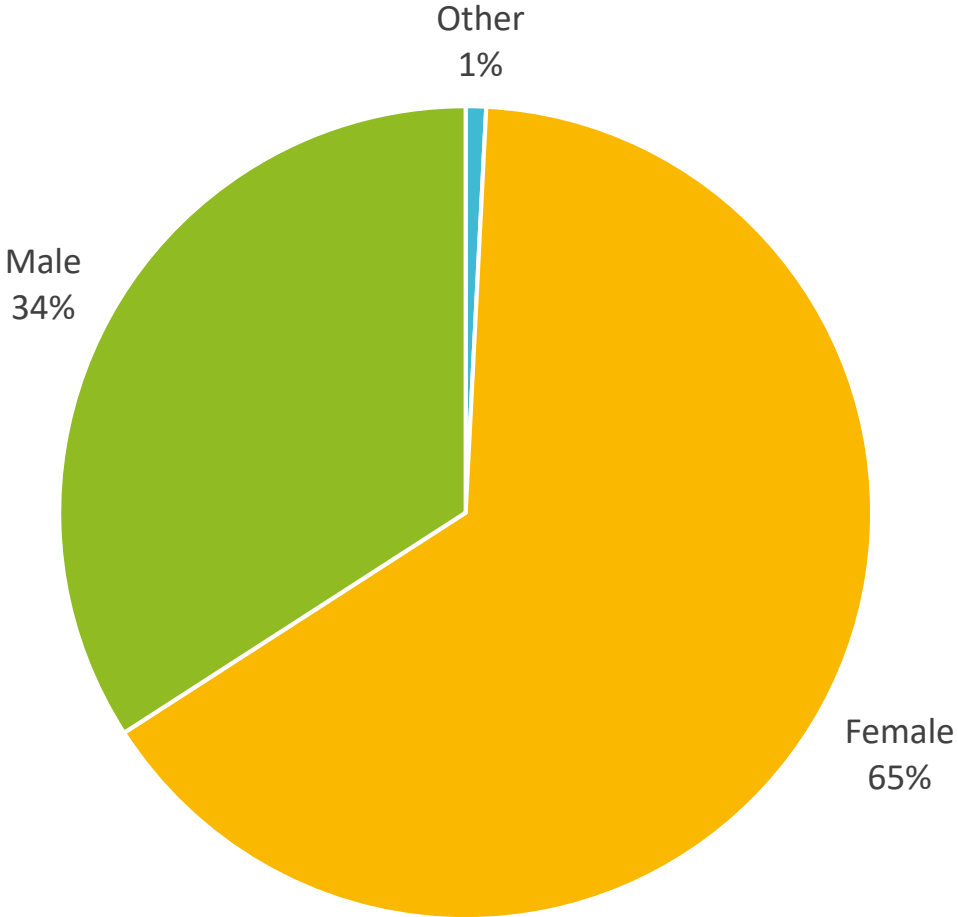
# Respondent Demographics

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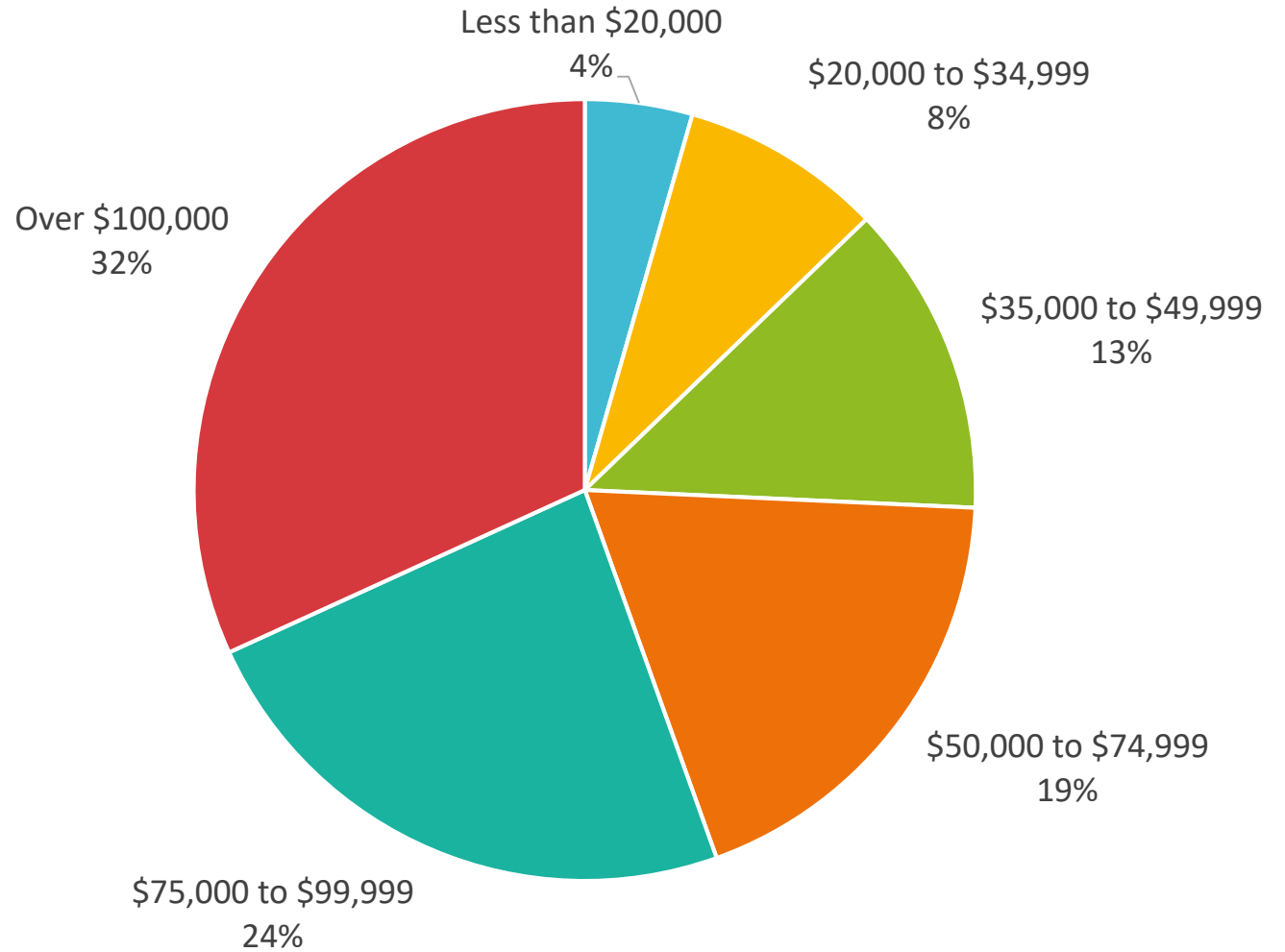
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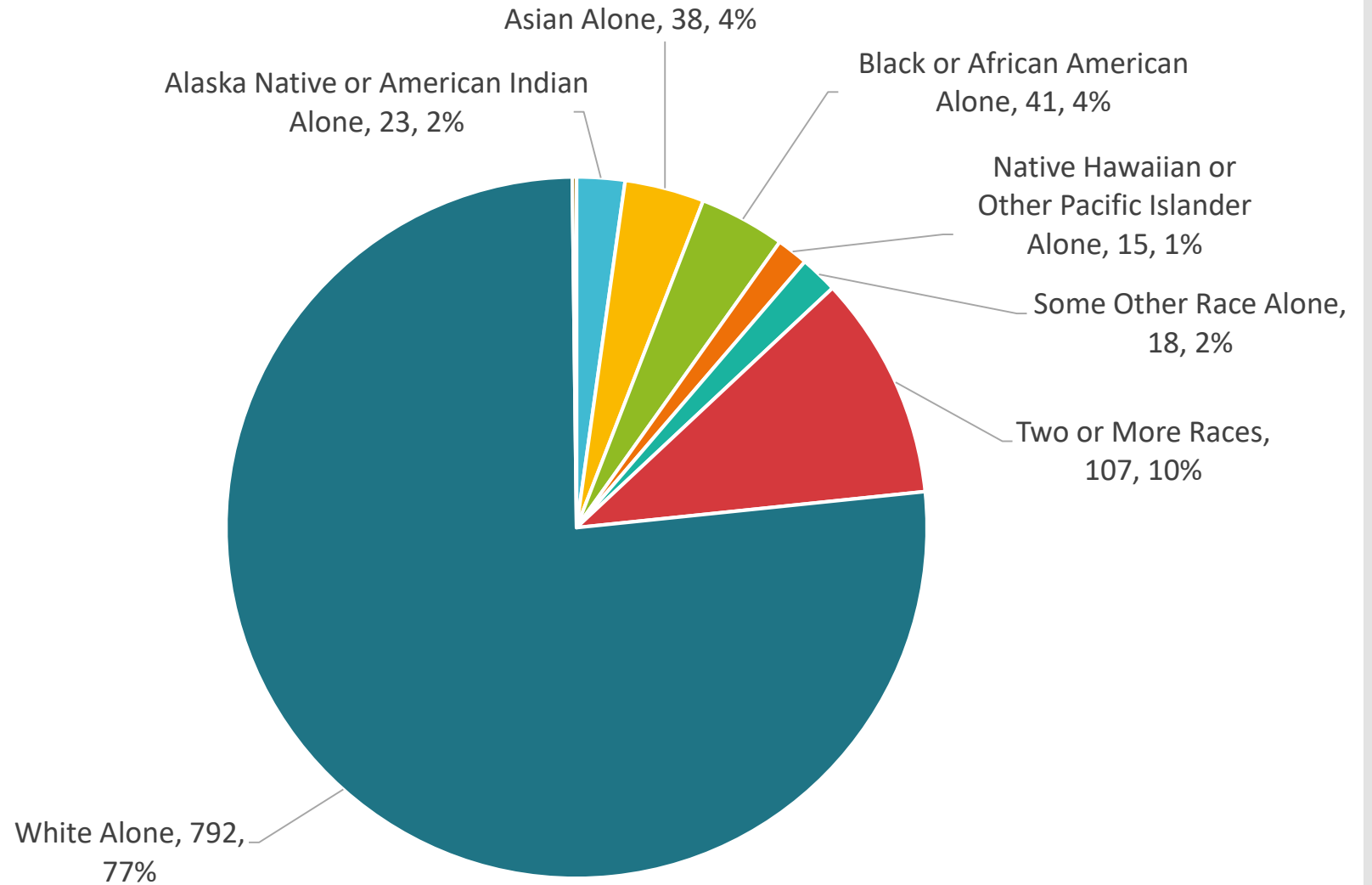
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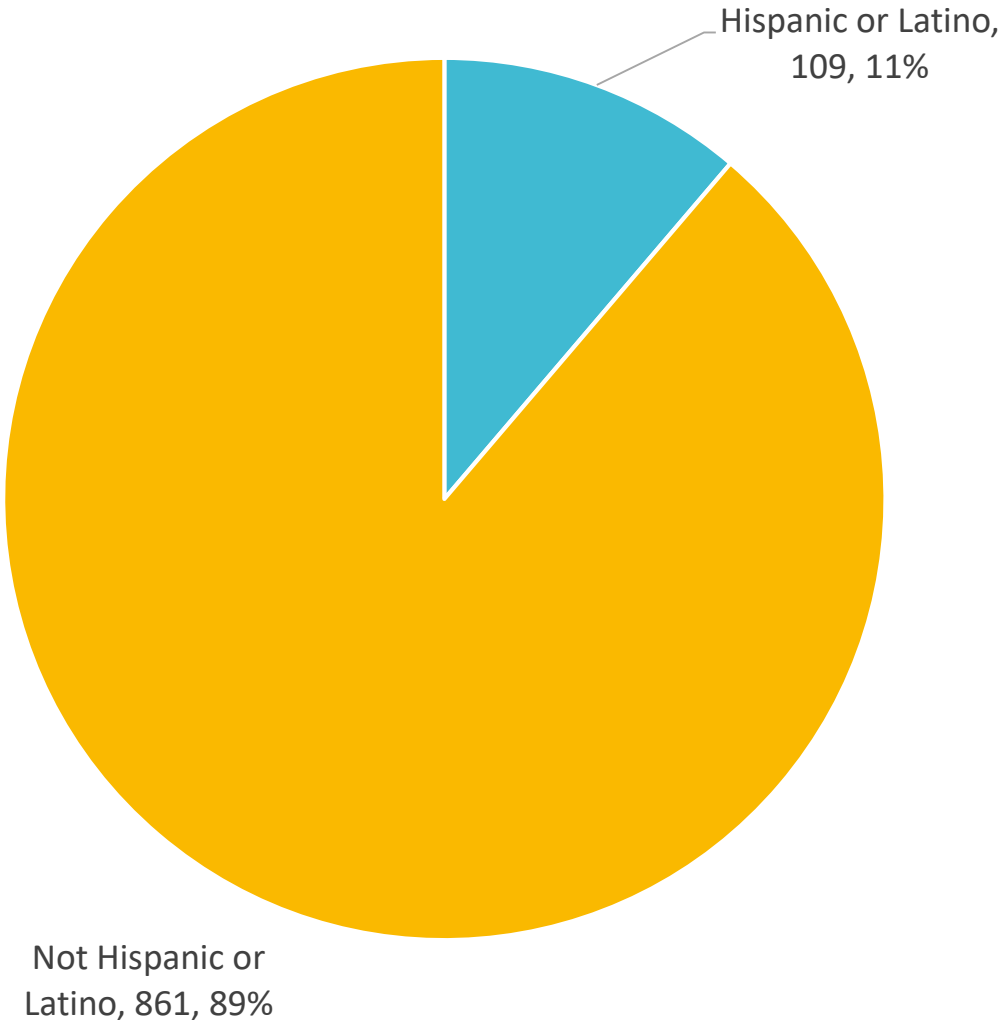
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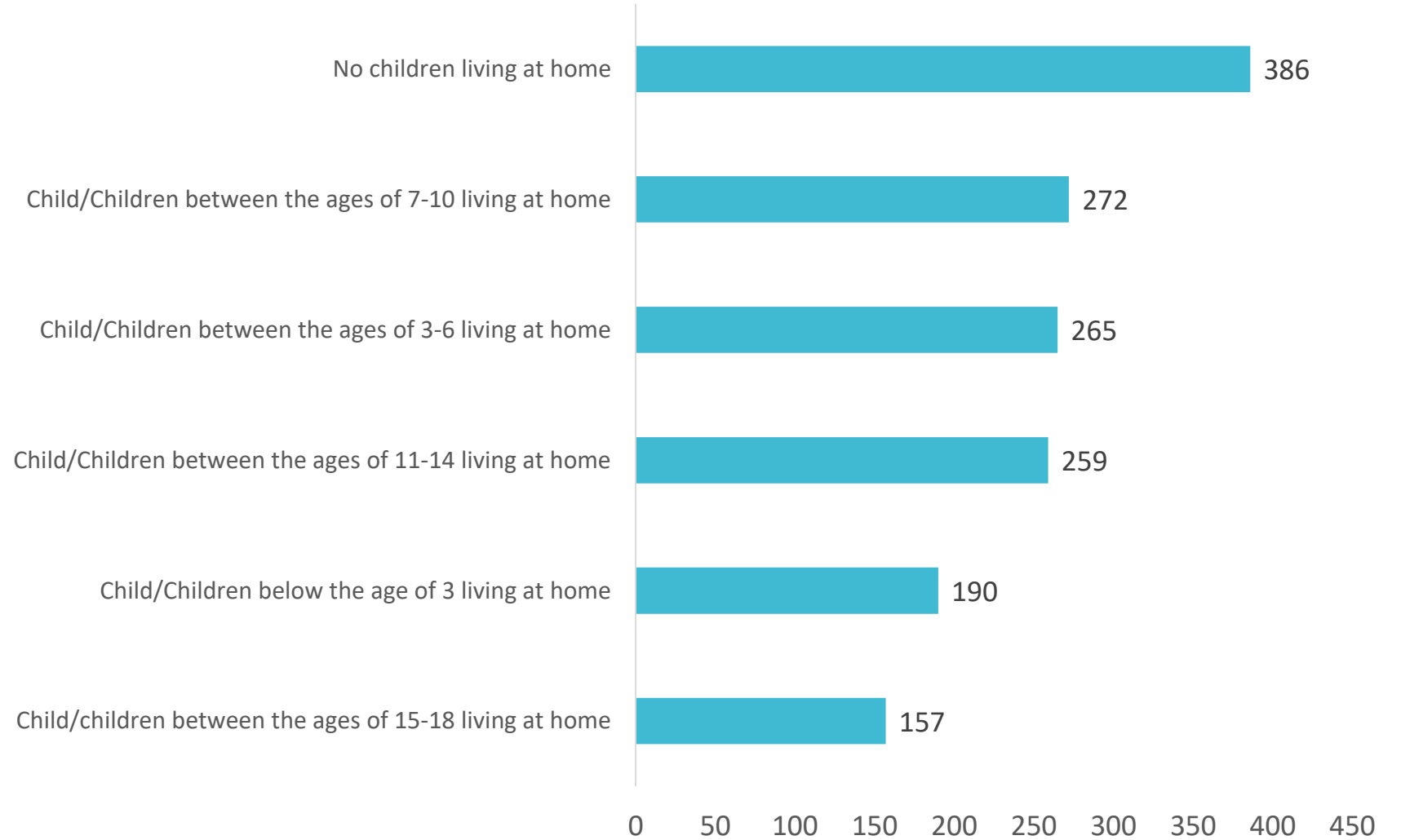
# Respondent Demographics

## ETHNICITY



# Respondent Demographics

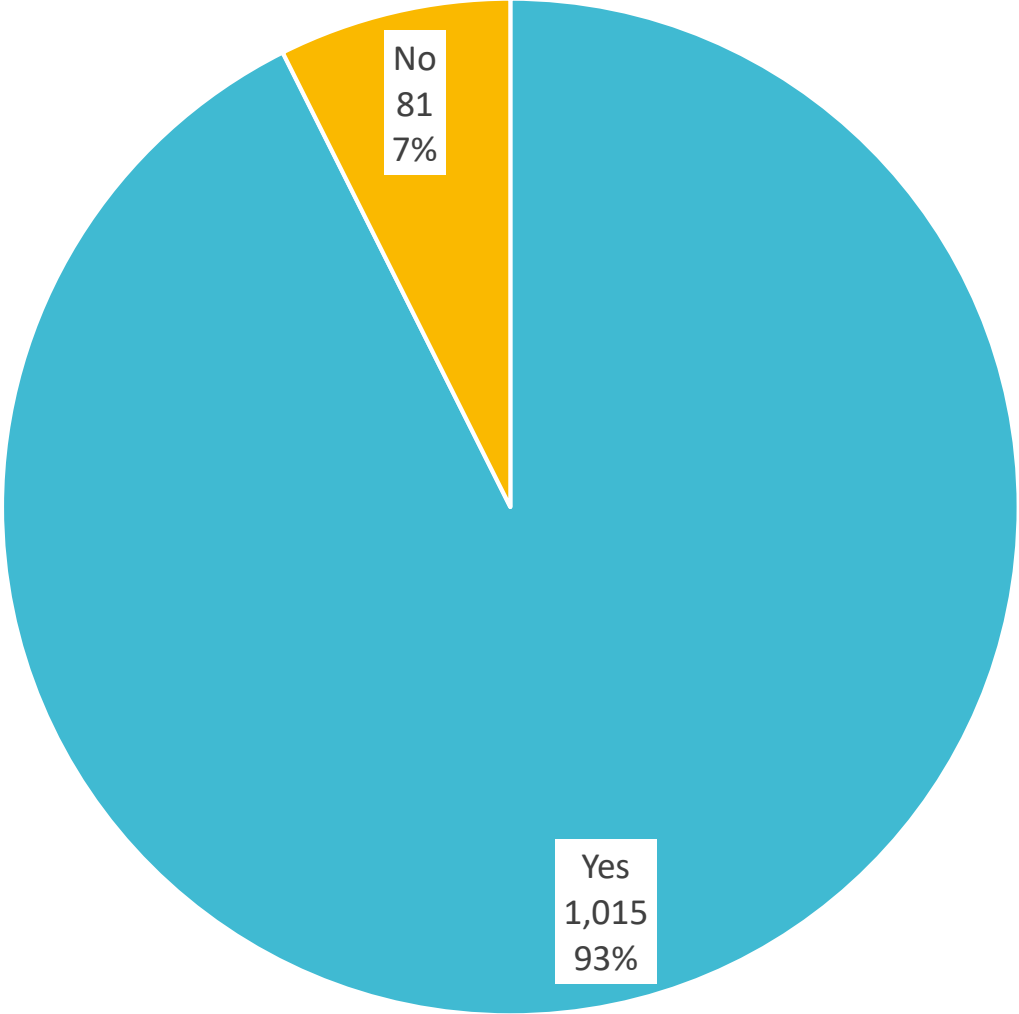
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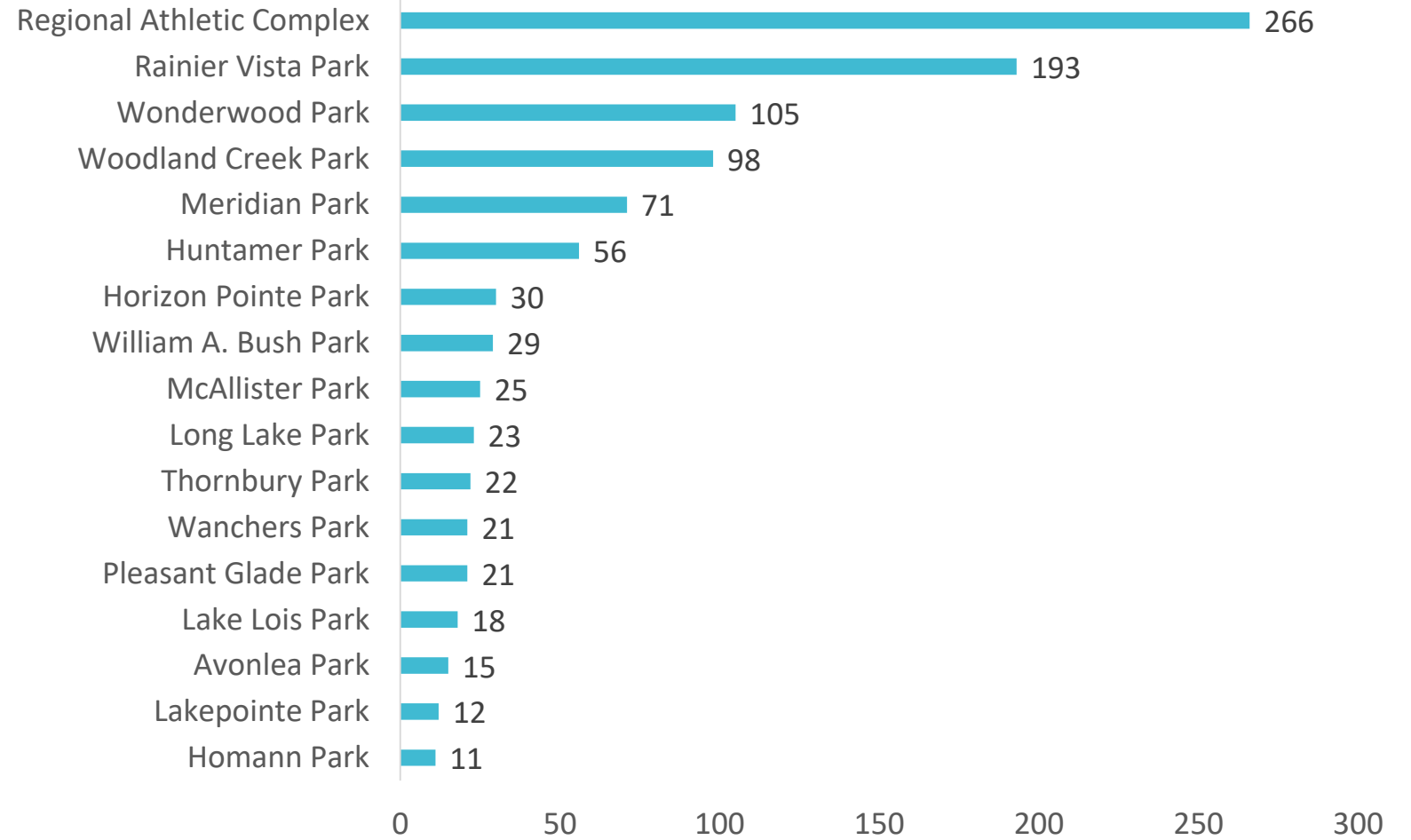
# Respondent Demographics

## PARKS USER?



# Respondent Demographics

## MOST VISITED PARK



# Respondent Demographics

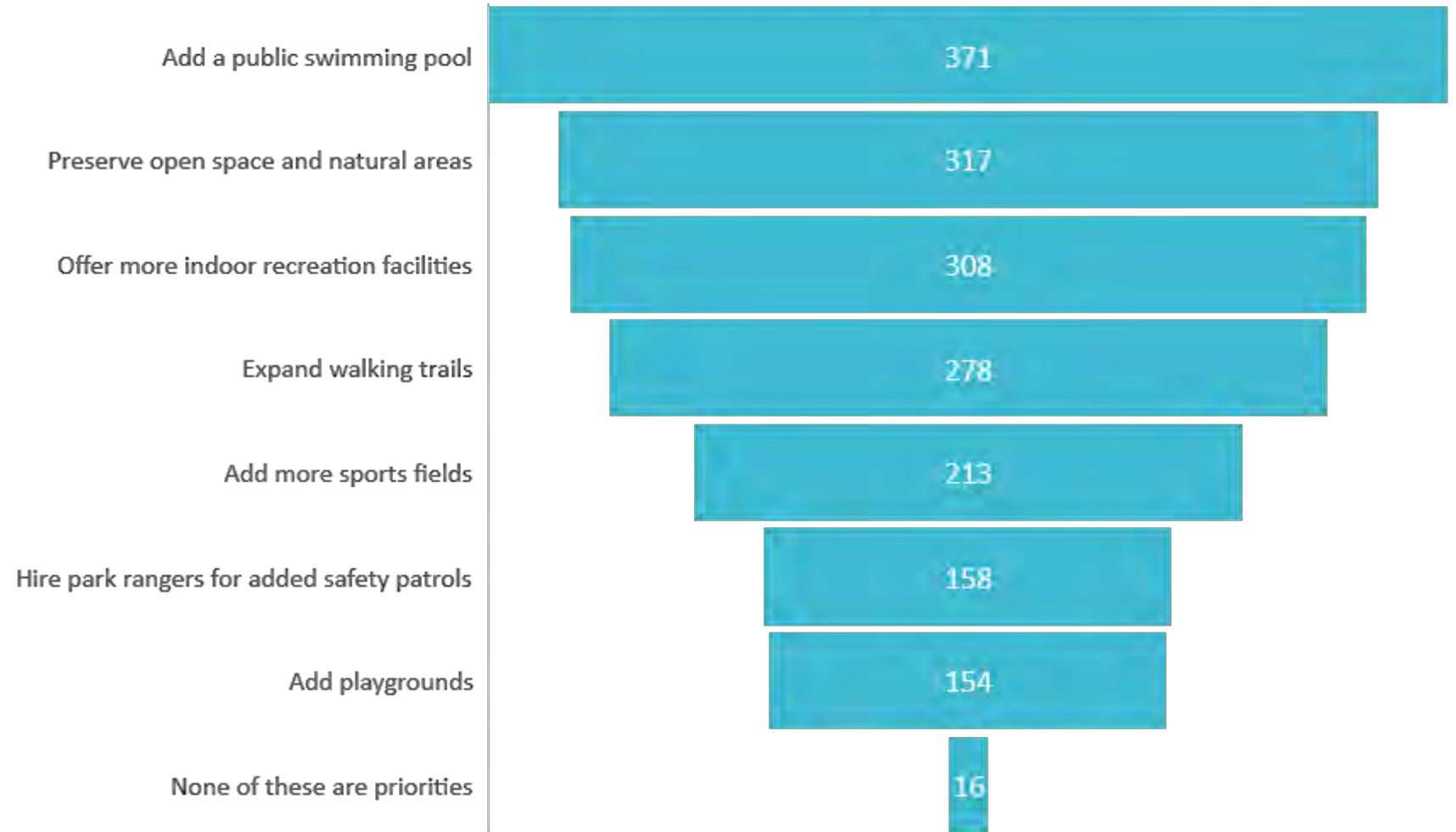
## STREETS

- 750 of 1,200 (62.5%) shared exact or nearest Lacey/Lacey UGA residence

# General Priorities

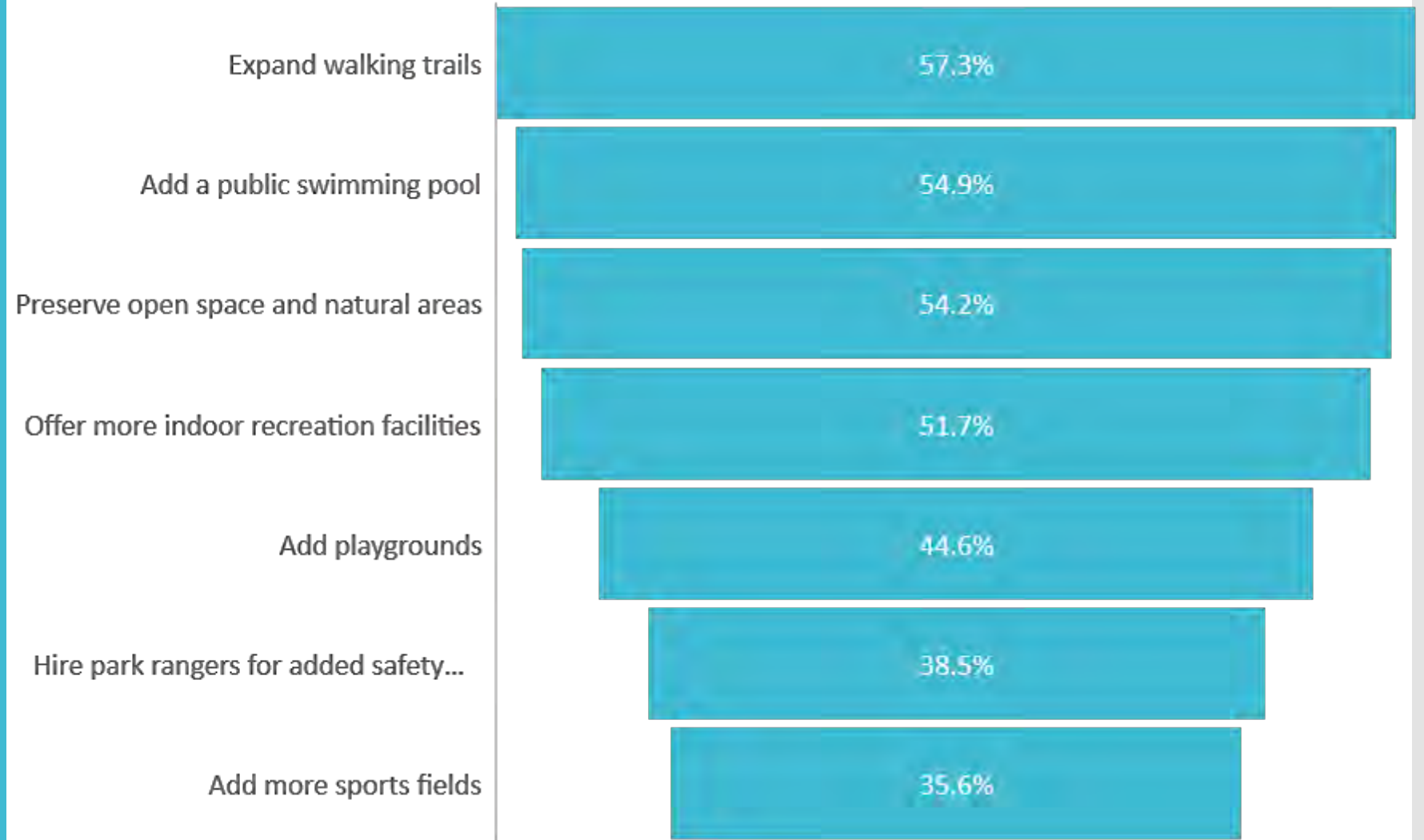
## Total #1 Votes

Broad Priorities - total #1 priority votes out of 1,222 total responses



# General Priorities

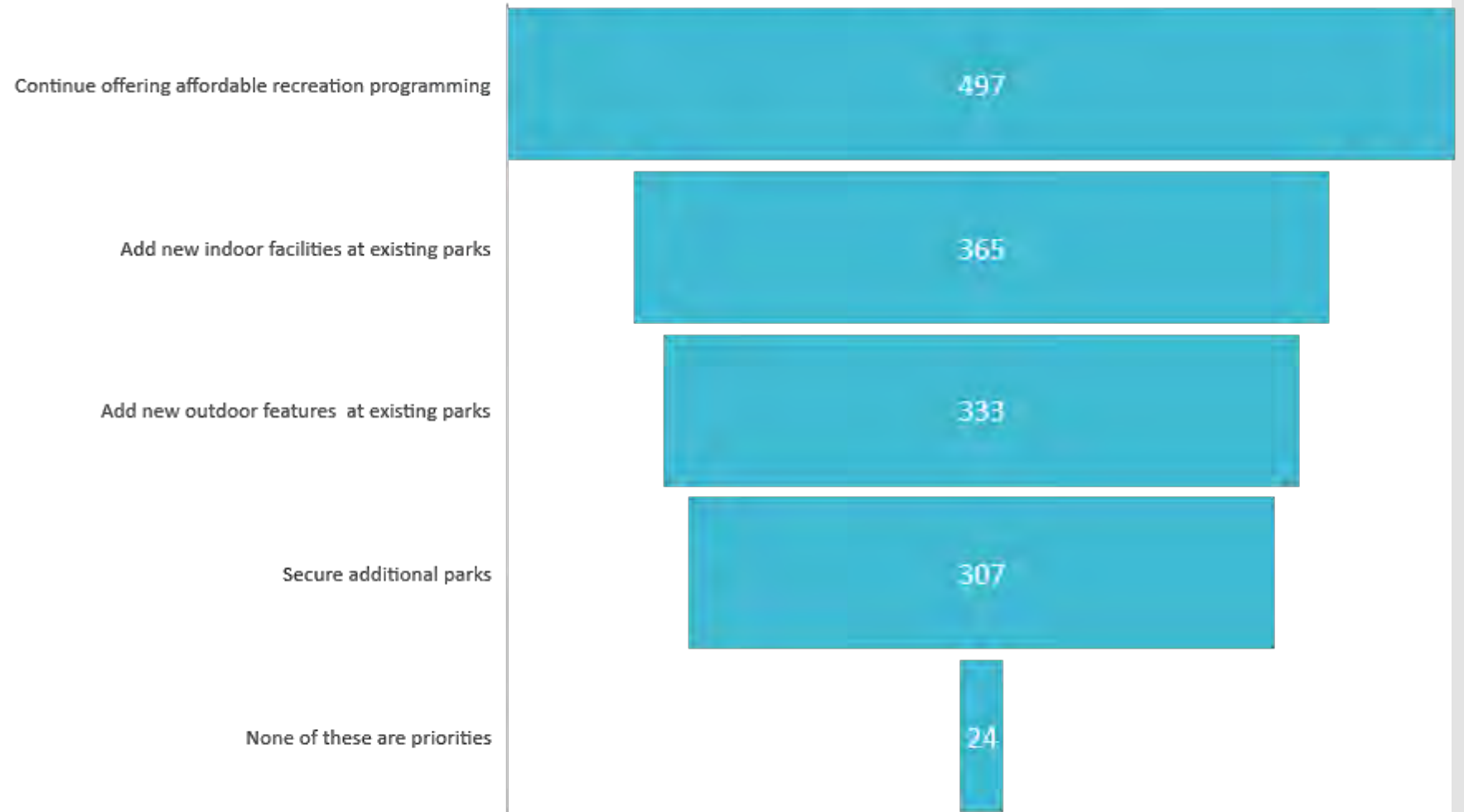
## Top 3 Vote Only



# Investment Targets

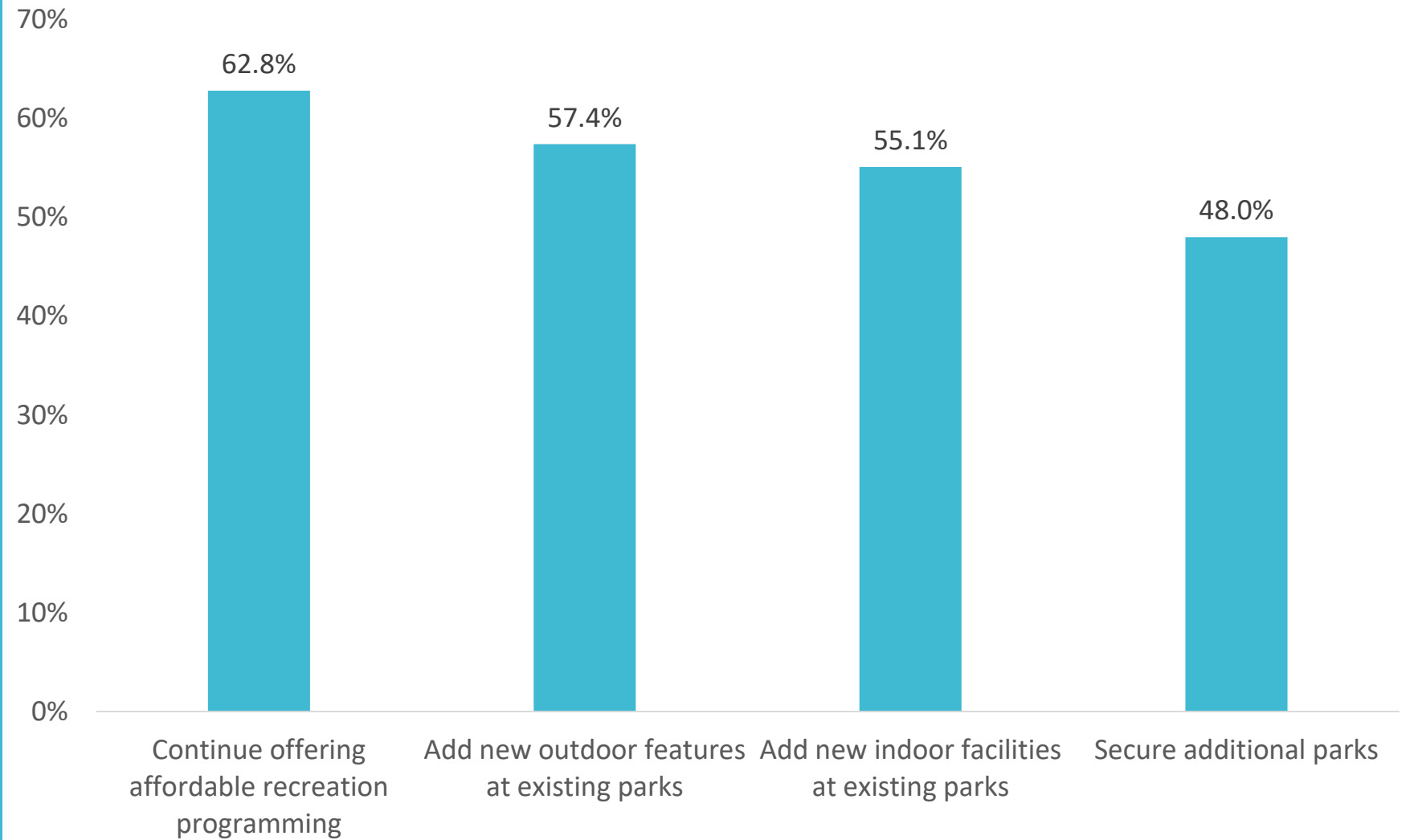
TOTAL #1 VOTES

Investment Targets - total #1 priority votes out of 1,197 responses



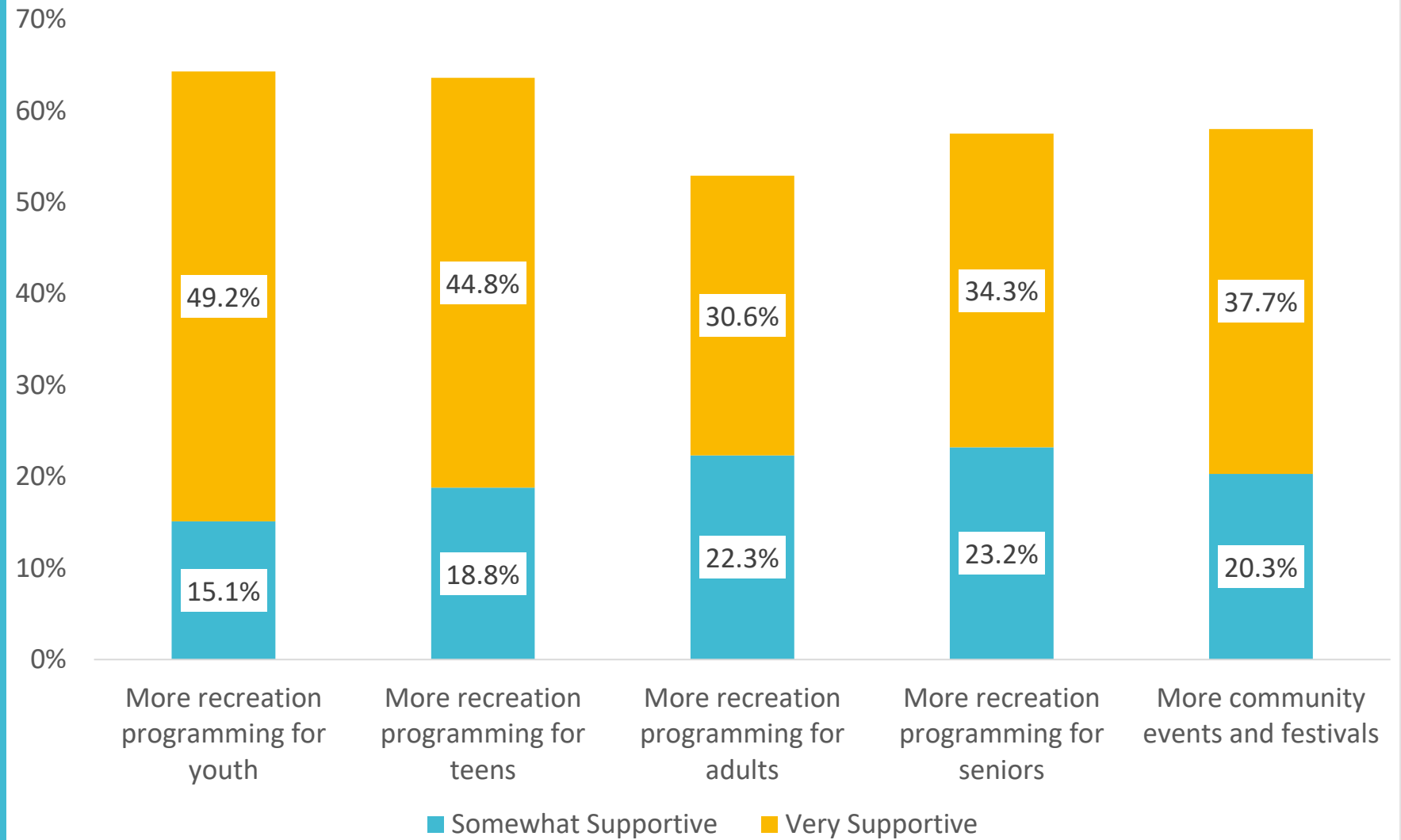
# Investment Targets

TOP 2 VOTES ONLY



# Programming Priorities

Very + Somewhat Supportive

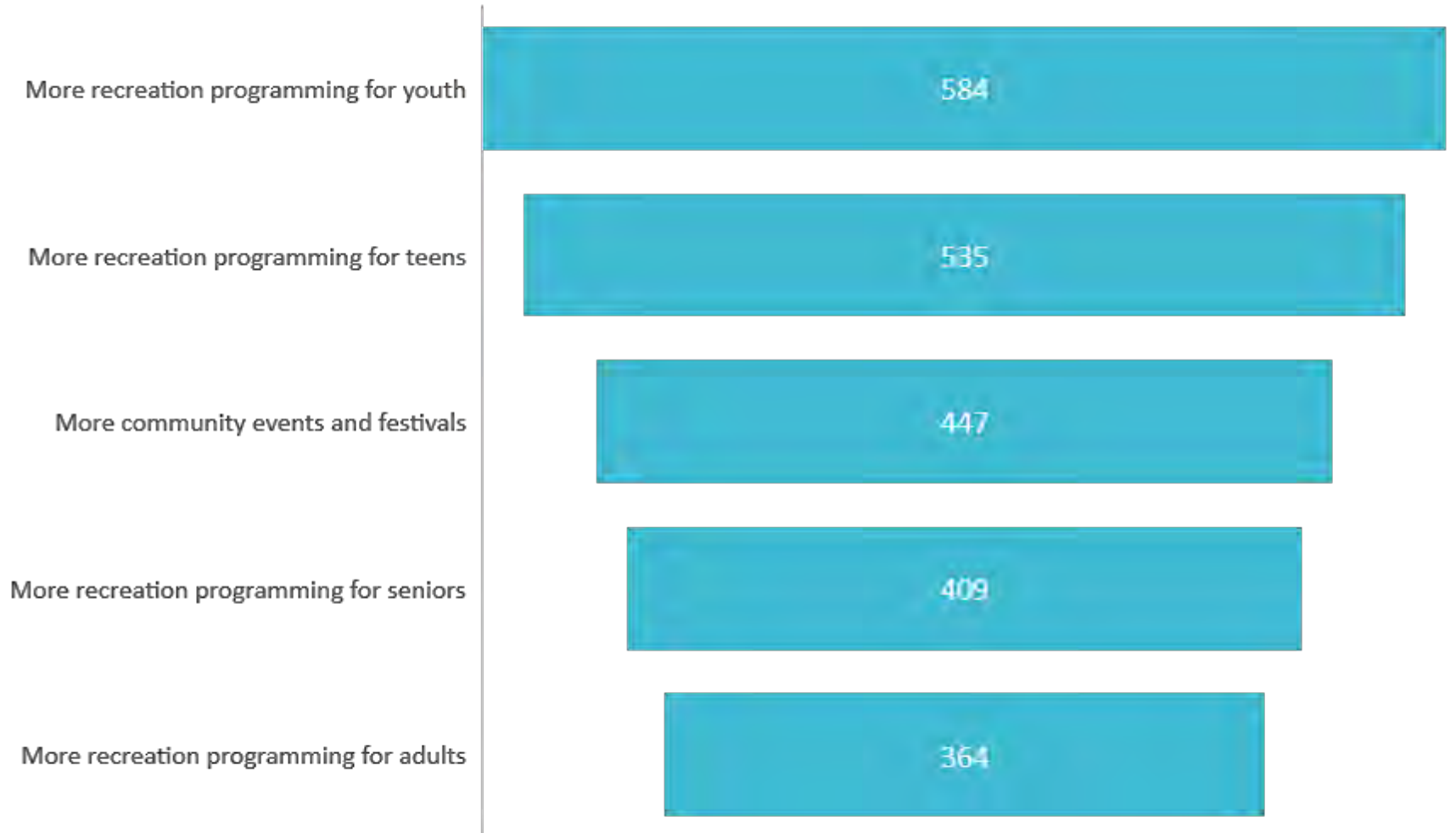




# Programming Priorities

Very Supportive

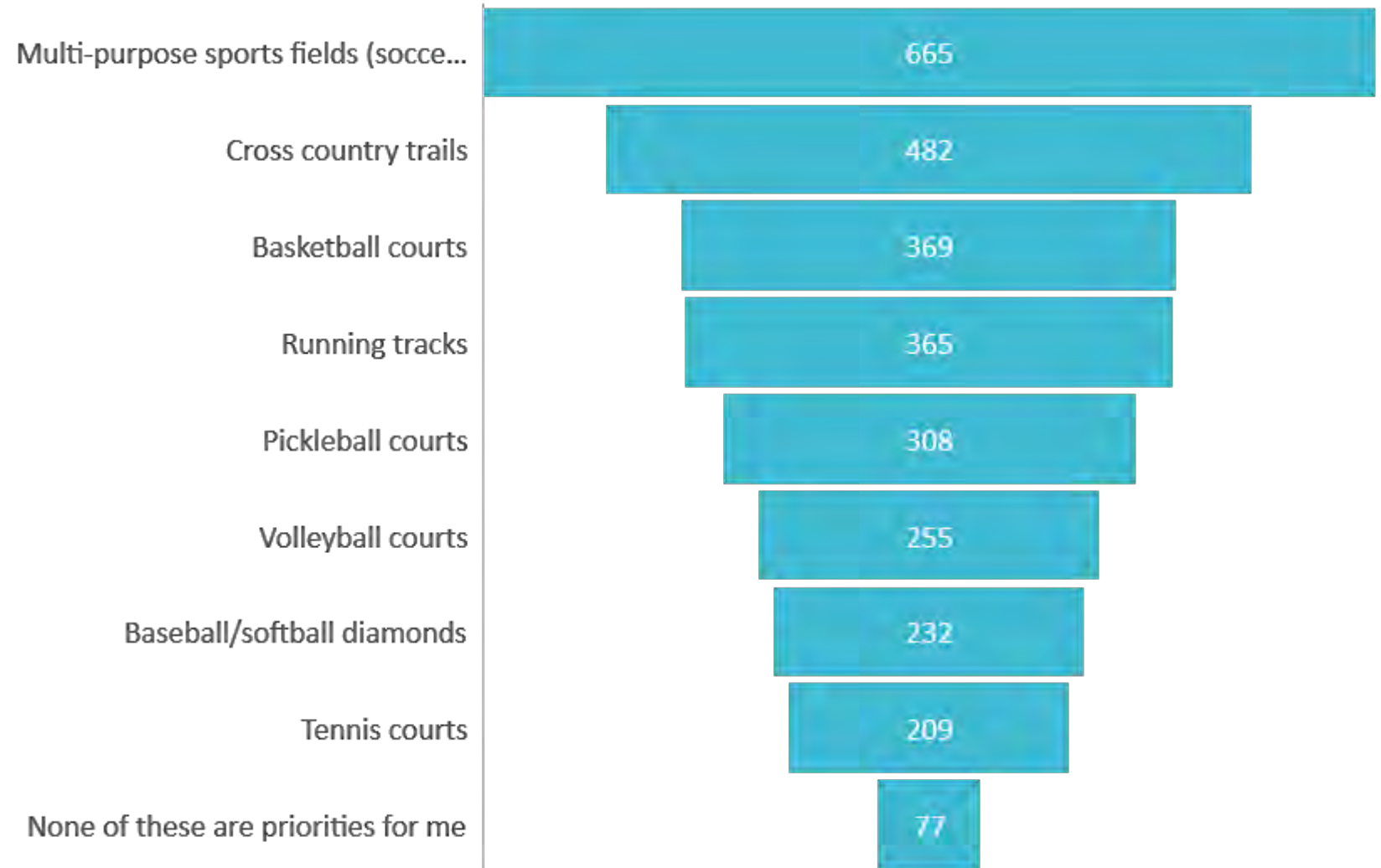
Programming Priorities - # of completely supportive votes out of 1,187 responses



# Sports Fields and Facilities Priorities

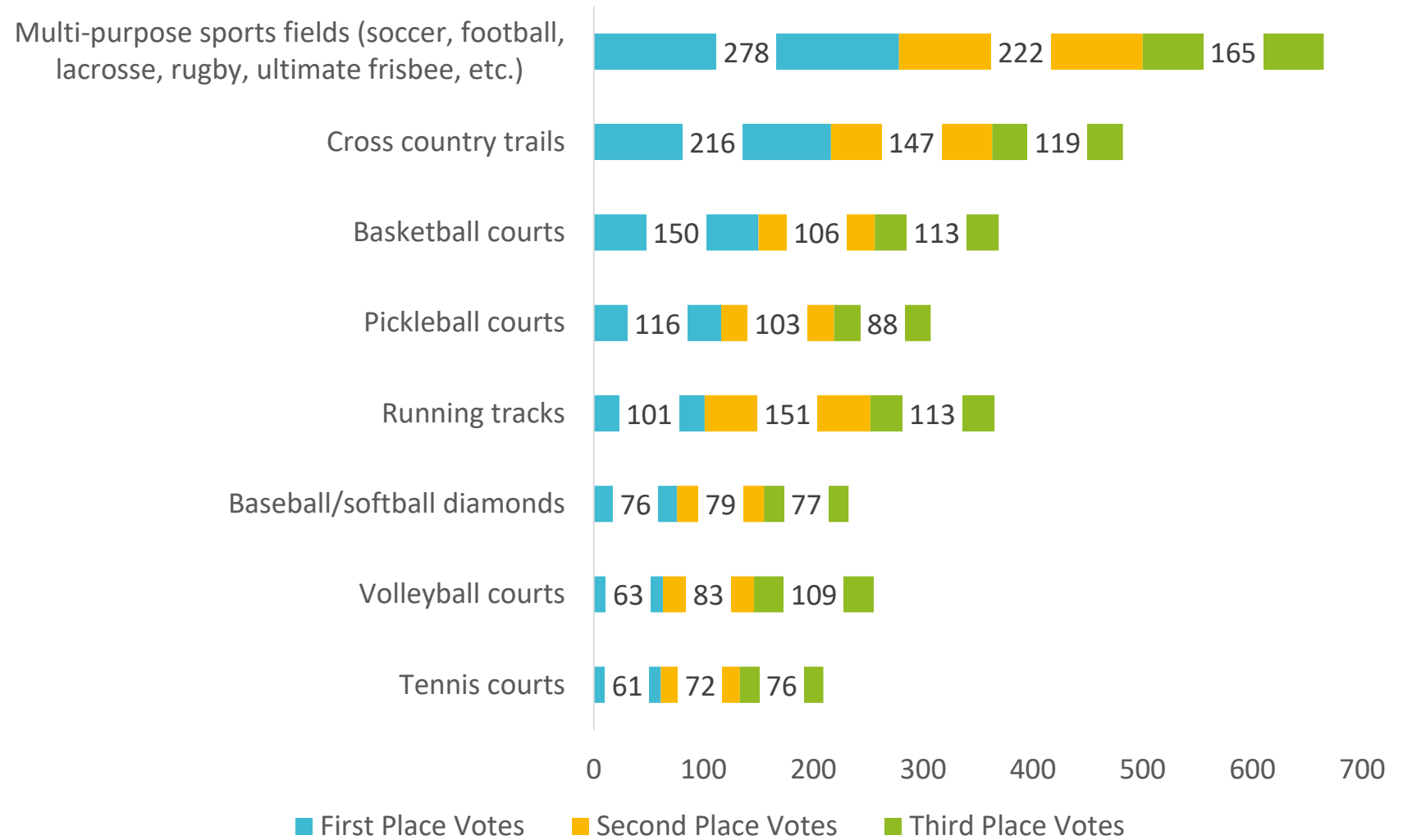
Total Votes  
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Votes = 1,200



# Sports Fields and Facilities Priorities

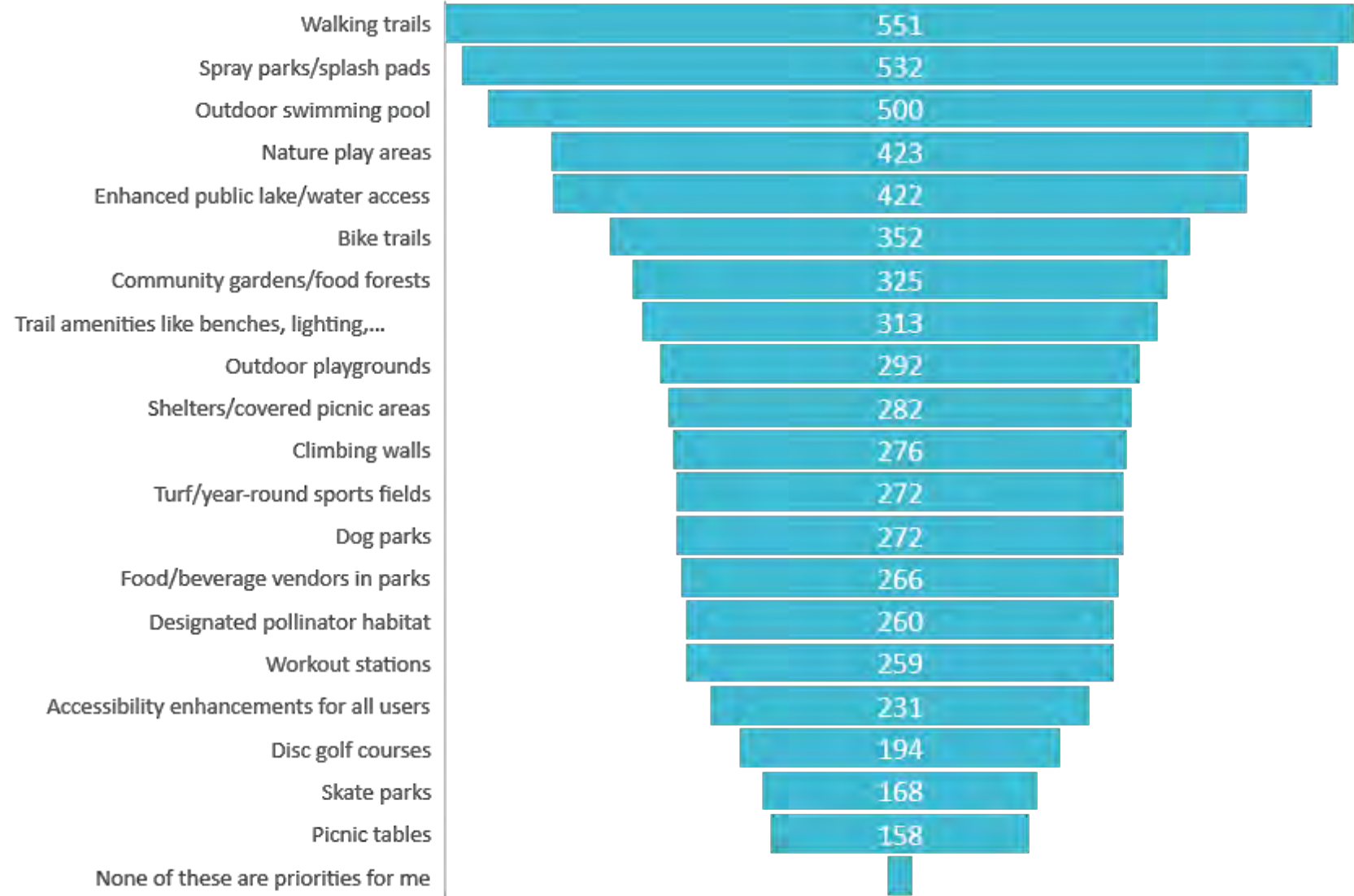
## # of Top 3 Votes



# Outdoor Features

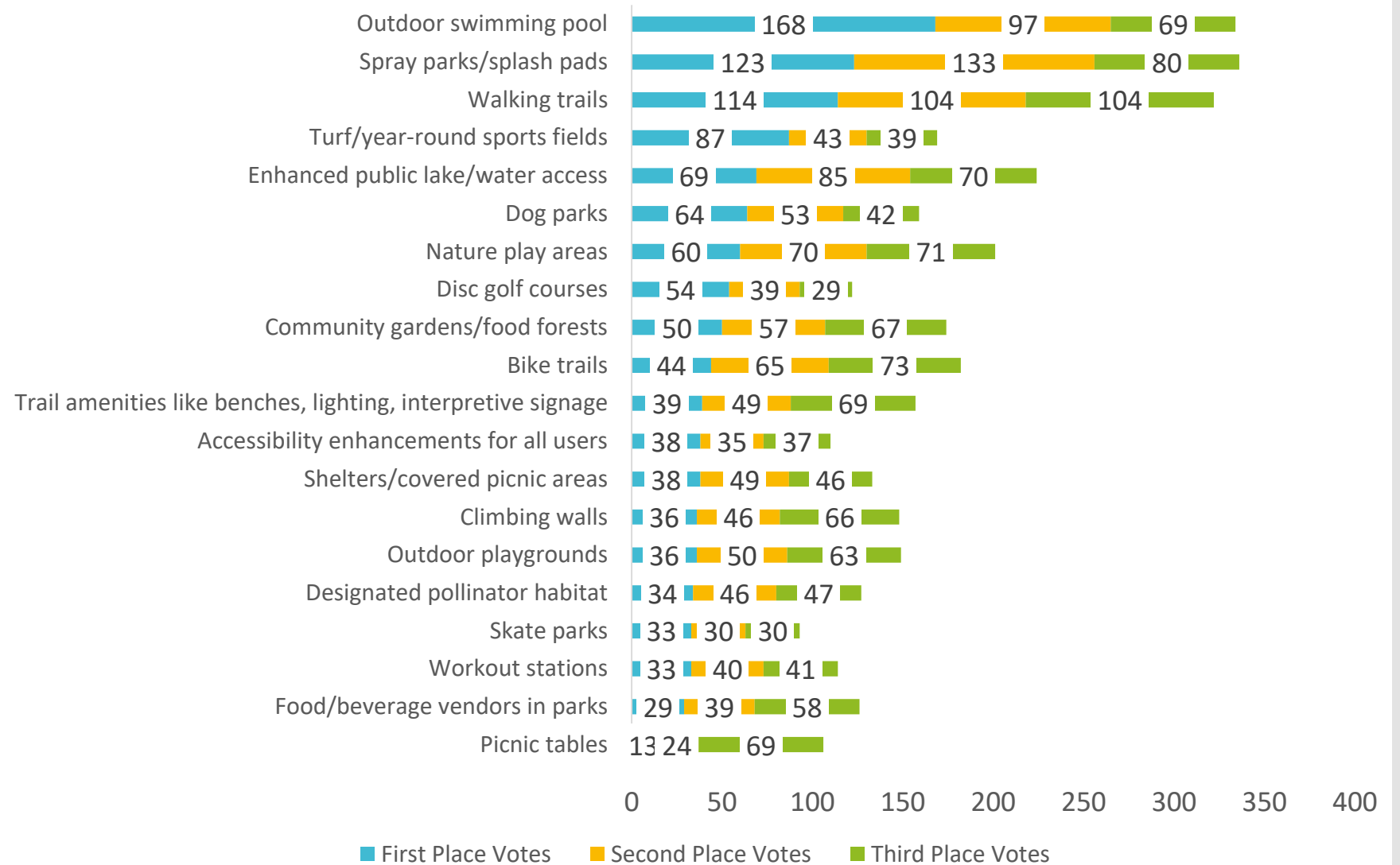
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Votes = 1,200



# Outdoor Features

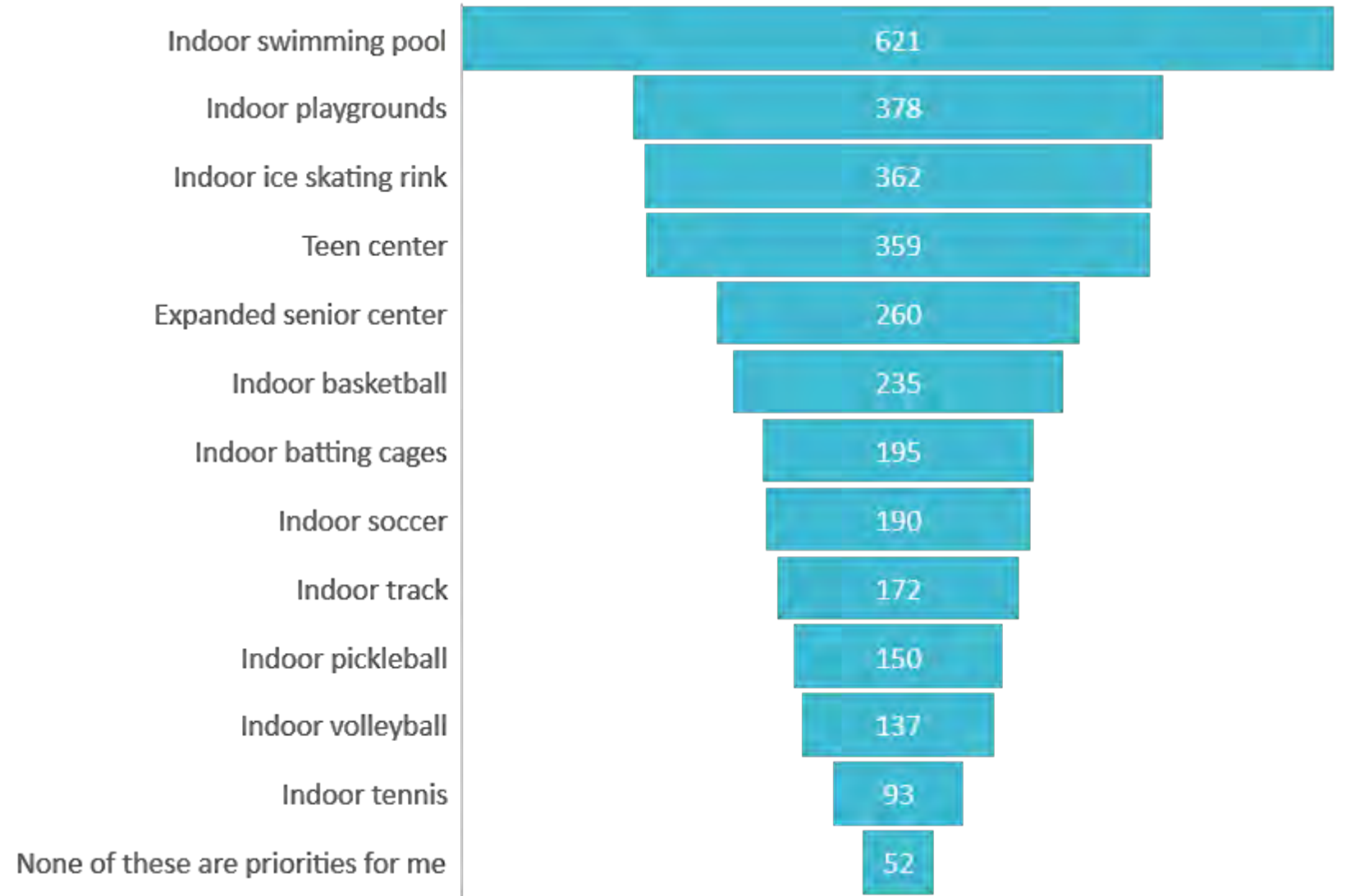
## # of Top 3 Votes



# Indoor Features

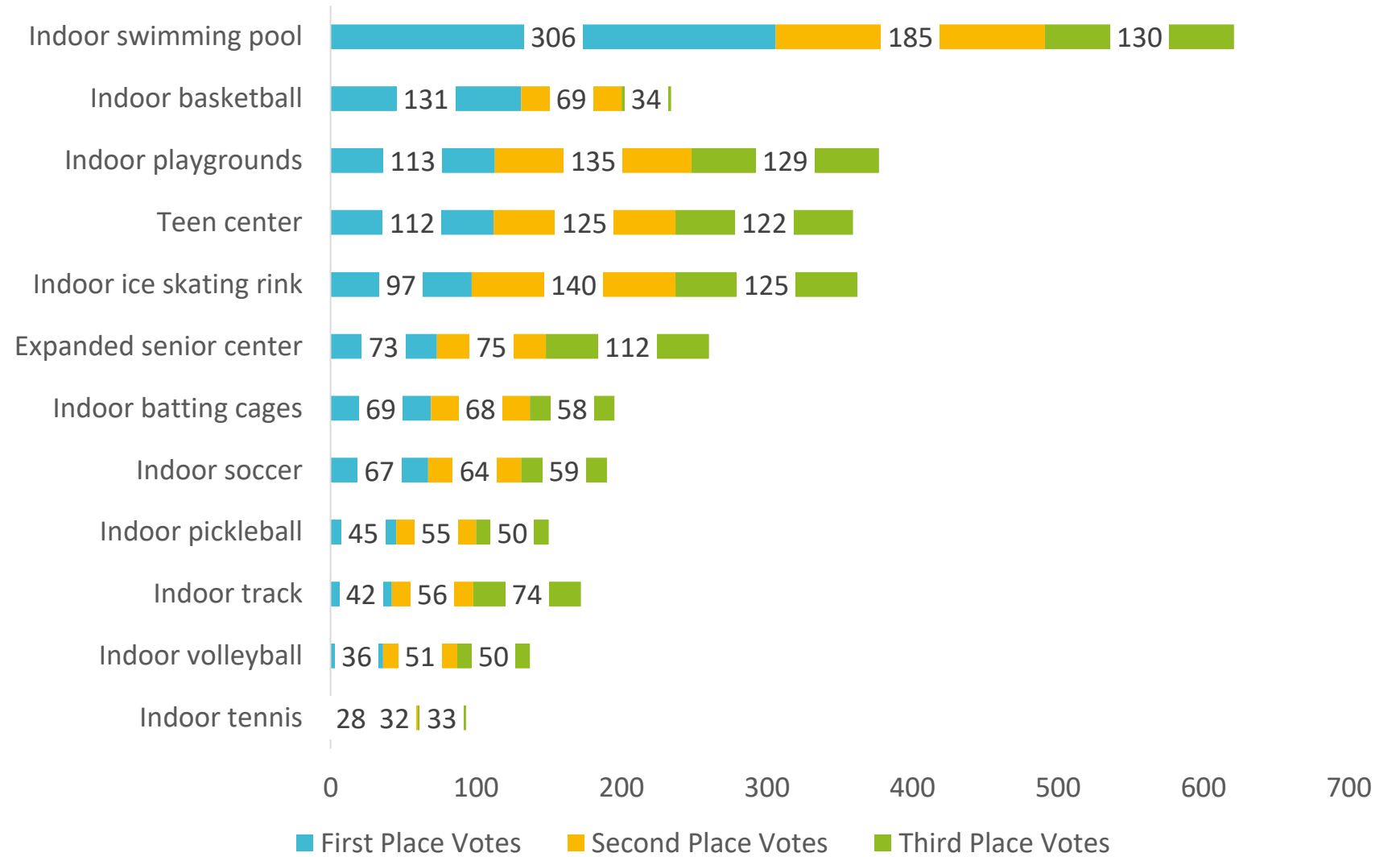
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Votes = 1,200



# Indoor Features

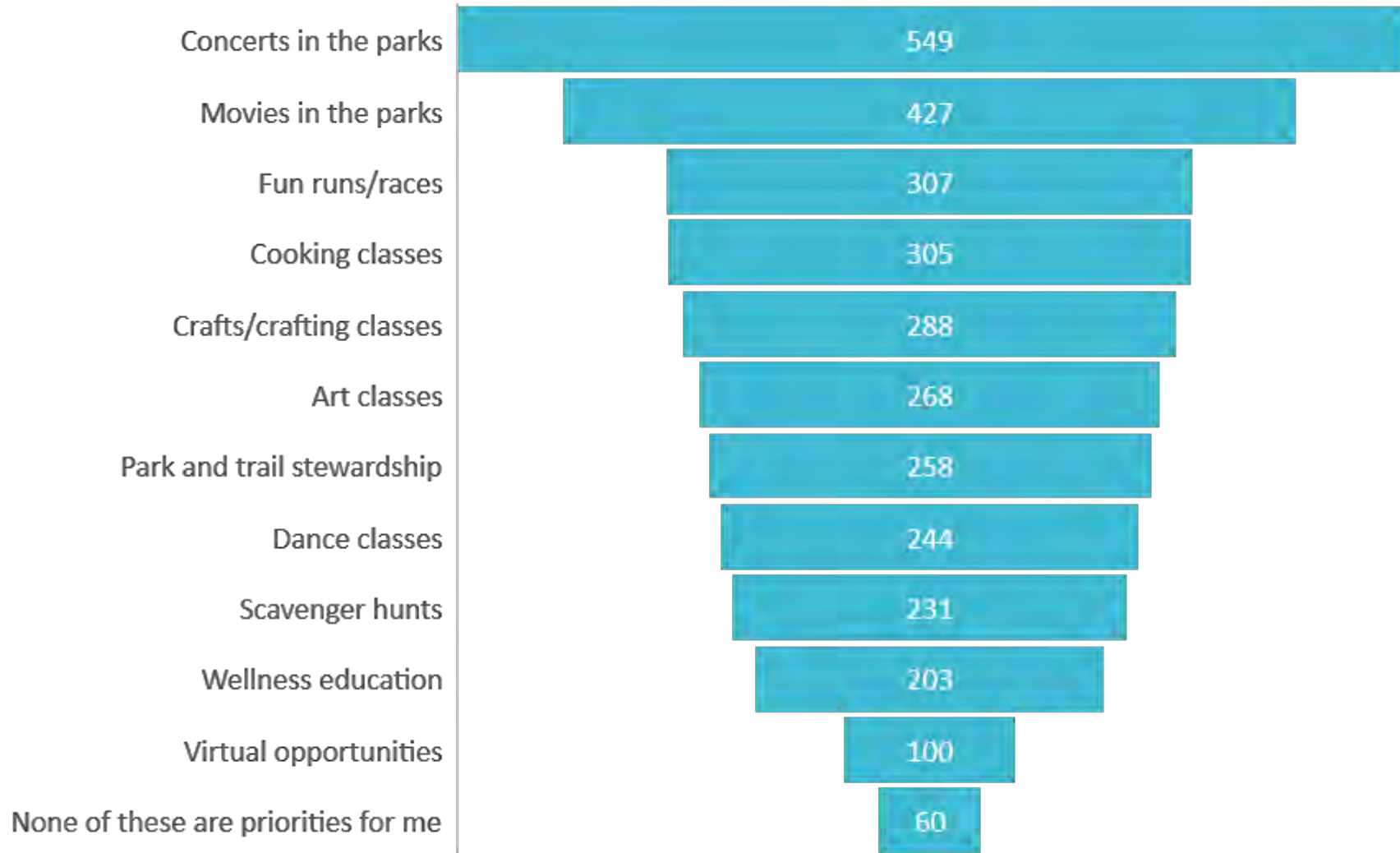
## # of Top 3 Votes



# Programs/Classes

Total Votes  
(Choose up to 3)

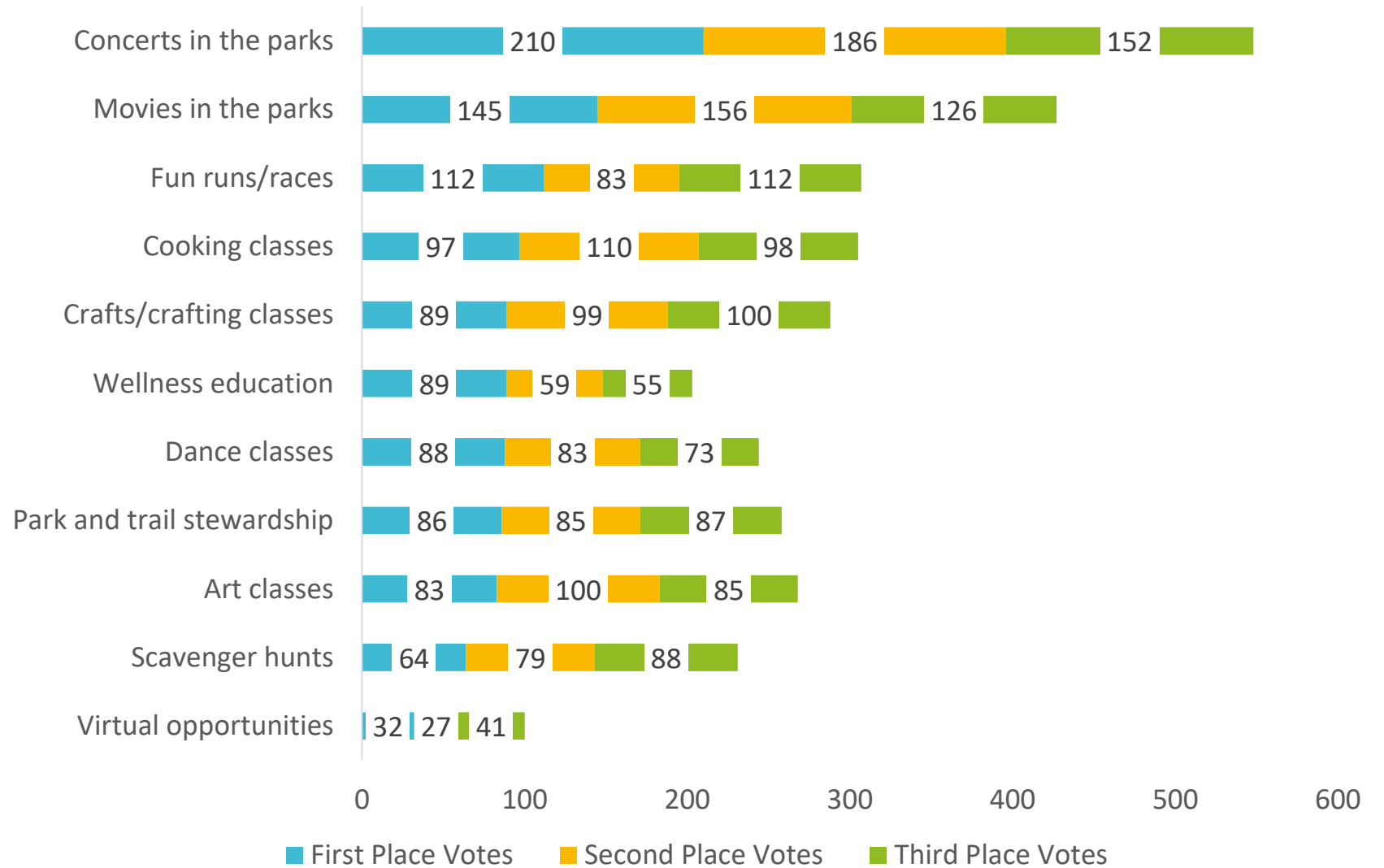
Votes = 1,200





# Programs/Classes

## # of Top 3 Votes



# Arts + Culture

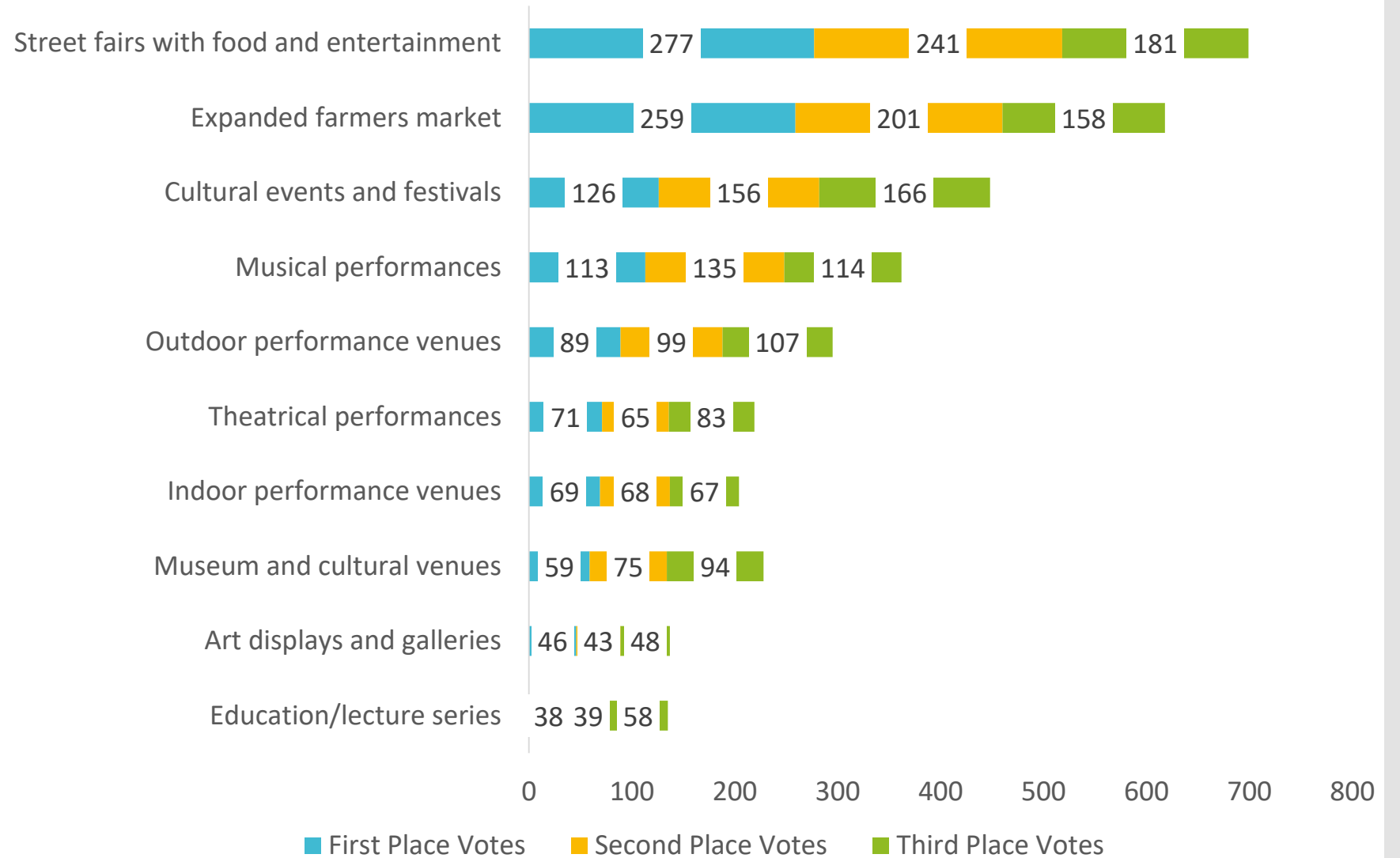
Total Votes  
(Choose up to 3)

Votes = 1,200



# Arts + Culture

## # of Top 3 Votes



# Next Steps

## MEMO COMING

- Incorporate learnings into Parks, Culture and Recreation Comprehensive Plan update
- Infill engagement and outreach gaps
- Synch-up with Lacey Cares process and priorities
- Convert Outreach Team to extended focus group for ongoing input
- Confirm community priorities through statistically-valid survey
  - Add indoor ice rink and disc golf to options based on write-ins
  - Identify WHAT programs are most in need of subsidy
- Engage partners to leverage investment and achieve goals
- Proactively address:
  - City approach to aquatic/swim center resolution
  - Actions to address homelessness impacts and safety in parks
  - Actions to preserve and build access points to natural areas
  - Actions to ensure subsidized recreation for all income levels



Questions / Discussion

## **Appendix F**



# LACEY PARKS

## CULTURE & RECREATION

PUT US ON YOUR **PLAYLIST!**

# Comprehensive Plan Update

Public Involvement Plan (PIP) | **April 6, 2022**

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## Purpose and Background

The Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation (LPCR) Comprehensive Plan (Plan) gets updated every six years. It is part of the City of Lacey Comprehensive Plan and the guiding document for the LPCR Department and Board of Park Commissioners. Updating the Plan provides an opportunity to evaluate Lacey's park system, recreation facilities and services, assess demands and needs, set goals and policies, and most importantly, provide for public input to address needs.

The LPCR Vision is: The City of Lacey is a community that provides its residents and visitors with convenient access to a wide range of public leisure services and facilities at a reasonable cost. Those services include cultural arts, individual and team sports, aquatics, educational and fitness programs, and special events. The community's well-maintained facilities include neighborhood parks within walking distance of all persons, community parks distributed across the service area, open spaces that support wildlife habitat, and indoor facilities to support recreational programs and provide public meeting space. These facilities are linked by linear pathways for walking and bicycling. Our community protects and enhances our many historic, cultural, and environmental resources.

During 2021, the City engaged the greater Lacey community in a discussion about the future and the way people would like to see their city look, feel, and function. Through the Lacey Cares initiative and subsequent outreach, the LPCR Department has Lacey Cares Community Input Findings and Future Outreach Recommendations (Recommendations). This document summarizes key findings related to community preferences and priorities, and outlines next steps with respect to ensuring future initiatives are aligned with community expectations. The ultimate goal is to build a shared vision for the future of cultural and recreation assets and opportunities.

The Lacey Cares community-engagement initiative and recent Parks Priorities survey that took place in 2020-2021 have effectively accelerated the public-outreach process for the Plan update. Rather than proceeding with a ground-zero, public-participation process, the City can tailor the upcoming process to:

- Execute targeted engagement and education strategies.

- Determine the highest priorities from a community-defined list of preferences that has already been narrowed down.
- Focus on implementation and funding solutions for major projects.
- Engage private, public, and non-profit partners with shared interest in specific community goals.

While the Lacey Cares and Parks Priorities surveys provide a solid starting point for future planning, LPCR will also need to synchronize community goals with adopted standard of recreation service delivery and affordability targets. This includes an evaluation of who is participating in current programming, who is struggling to access programs, and which programs, or spaces, are no longer viable or of interest.

Ultimately, analysis will also need to consider whether goals are achievable with current staffing and resource levels and, if not, how they will be funded or otherwise postponed until solutions emerge. The Recommendations offer some approaches to help better define shared goals and ensure Lacey is clearly communicating and moving in the direction most community members expect.

The Public Involvement Plan (PIP) describes the goals and objectives, principles, strategies, and activities for engagement. The PIP includes an outline of each proposed outreach event, desired outcomes, tools used, materials needed, anticipated participants, and summary methods. It is a living document and will be updated throughout the process to include any adaptive strategies needed, based on feedback or results of early engagement activities.

The outreach process needs to be creative, flexible, and inclusive to all. It must adhere to the latest safety and health parameters as outlined by the City in response to the current COVID pandemic, including some virtual opportunities but primarily focused on in-person engagement. The process needs to represent and reflect the diverse communities, neighborhoods, stakeholders, and visitors being served.

## PIP Goals and Strategies

Effective community engagement takes careful planning. It must acknowledge that each population provides a unique opportunity to broaden the understanding of what makes a community.

- **Build on Relationships with Target Populations**
  - Continue to maintain and build relationships with the public, key stakeholders, community leaders, non-profit groups, and organizations relevant to parks, recreation, and culture.
- **Identify Engagement Gaps**
  - Work with community-based organizations, Lacey’s Commission on Equity, and other partners to conduct listening sessions or focus groups with demographic segments that were underrepresented in the Parks Priorities survey, including, but not limited to:
    - BIPOC communities
    - Review census information to confirm we are reaching out to the right demographics
    - Senior communities (LPCR system users and non-users)
    - Youth (under age 21) in general
    - LPCR system users (sports teams, programs and classes, specific park user groups)
    - Military families (particularly those who are new transfers)
    - Low-income communities
- **Create a Welcoming Atmosphere**
  - Make participation easy and convenient.



- Schedule events to ensure participation from a variety of populations (day, evening, weekends, etc.).
- Invite members of the target populations to participate.
- Make outreach enjoyable.
- Reflect comments received back to the community.
- **Increase Accessibility**
  - Translate materials into multiple languages.
  - Provide opportunities across a broad variety of platforms – digital and analog, verbal, graphic, and written.
  - Consider potential barriers to participation and address those barriers to the maximum extent feasible.
  - Provide sufficient notification prior to outreach events to raise awareness. Provide the information in as many and varied ways as possible to reach the broadest audience.
- **Develop Alternative Methods for Engagement**
  - Provide a variety of resources and materials to appeal to all people.
  - Reach out to target populations where they already are using platforms they currently use; not always requiring that population to come to you.
  - Offer multiple ways for participants to provide feedback.
- **Conduct Proactive Education**

Parks are often cited by community members as being the #1 reason they value living in Lacey – including the affordable access to and large number of parks available. However, not many think about the complexity and expense associated with creating and maintaining such a system. Building and maintaining support for Parks, Culture and Recreation enhancements is an ongoing process. The biggest challenge is reaching those who do not or perceive they do not benefit directly from investment in park offerings, or who simply do not know what’s available. In the coming months, the City can expand community awareness and engagement through:

- Speaker’s Bureau presentations (service organizations, senior living facilities, neighborhood associations, military spouse clubs, etc.).
- Newsletter updates (Did You Know articles emphasizing parks, culture, and recreation resources and features).
- Direct mailings, social media posts, and earned media coverage that highlight various aspects of the parks, culture, and recreation system – including current assets and future community-defined priorities.

**Communications should emphasize:**

- Why Parks Matter: The value of parks and recreation access to personal AND community health (e.g., increased opportunities for youth, reduction in select crime rates and social spending, benefits to active seniors, benefits to working parents, et al).
- Increasing awareness about the range (and creating an easily accessible inventory) of parks, culture, and recreation assets and opportunities available to people of all backgrounds and interests.

- The value to Lacey taxpayers relative to typical communities (e.g., park space per capita, cost per capita to access quality recreational programming, economic impact and return on investment derived from parks and recreation offerings, etc.).
- The value of protecting cities from environmental impact (stormwater management, flood mitigation, increased sustainability, etc.)
- A means for cities to achieve equity goals
- How Parks, Culture and Recreation is an excellent steward of public resources, focused on implementing community-defined priorities.

These core messages can be included as appropriate to reflect other topics of interest gleaned from future community engagement. (I'm not totally sure what this means?)

## PIP Stakeholders & Audiences

The public-involvement process has many stakeholders, including user groups, organizations, individuals, and communities. The City will work to inform and engage each of these stakeholders in the Plan-update process. The stakeholders and audiences that may be affected by, or interested in, this process are organized by category below, along with the specific outreach method proposed for each category. The list of stakeholders is expected to change over the course of the project and will be updated, as needed.

Category	Outreach Method
<b>UNDER-REPRESENTED POPULATIONS:</b> (includes formal and informal community groups, ethnicities, or other population types)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public meetings and surveys</li> <li>• Emails, notices, and project information distribution</li> <li>• Potential one-on-one outreach or focus groups</li> </ul>
<b>LPRC STAKEHOLDERS:</b> (includes citywide parks, culture and recreation user groups, non-profit groups and organizations that either use the facilities or partner to provide programs, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public meetings and surveys</li> <li>• Emails, notices, and project information distribution</li> <li>• Presentations to select groups, boards, and commissions</li> <li>• LPRC Outreach Task Force</li> </ul>
<b>CITY DEPARTMENTS / PROGRAMS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emails, notices, and project information distribution</li> <li>• Topic-specific discussions or meetings, as needed</li> <li>• Responses to questions and comments, as needed</li> </ul>

## PIP Strategies & Activities

The following table lists the strategies and activities to continually build awareness about the Plan update with the community, and build their interest and capacity to become further involved. It also addressed the methods and tools used to promote outreach events. The goal of these strategies is to make it easy and convenient for people to get the information they need to learn about the project, participate in the outreach activities, and see how their input influences the project outcomes.

Tool	Description
<b>City Website</b>	Keep updated, highlight outreach events and dates, project info, etc.
<b>Community Newsletters</b>	Promote upcoming outreach events and provide follow-up information in all relevant City-related newsletter(s) (LaceyLife, Parks monthly digital newsletter, PLAYbook, utility bill inserts, etc)
<b>Public Notices / Flyers</b>	Post public notices and flyers at park kiosks, businesses, organizations, and other places in the community to promote outreach events. Utilize our community partners and their methods, as well.
<b>Email</b>	Send notices to email contact lists. Send emails to stakeholders and organizations to encourage them to help spread the word and redistribute notices to their members/contacts.
<b>Social Media</b>	Post information and updates on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, etc.
<b>Media Outlets</b>	<p>Provide public notices and flyers to media outlets (community specific and citywide)</p> <p>Engage media representatives in a conversation (interviews, project highlights, etc.) about the project. Thurston Talk, the Olympian, JOLT, etc.</p> <p>Post on social media sites for project updates, notices of upcoming meetings and links to on-line surveys; include photos, videos, testimonials, etc. where possible is this supposed to be under Social Media or are you referring to asking the media outlets to post on their Social Media accounts?</p>

## PIP Schedule of Outreach and Involvement Activities

A number of outreach and engagement activities will be scheduled from May to October, 2022. The outreach

activities will include methods and tools to convey information to the general public, ways for the public to provide comments on ideas presented, and opportunities for an open dialog, giving participants a platform for their voice to be heard.

Surveys will be distributed via information that includes QR code at in-person events

At each of the events or stakeholder meetings, information received from the public during the 2021 Parks Outreach will be shared with community members helping prioritize and create partnerships for paths forward.

The schedule will be updated after getting input from LCPR staff, Public Affairs staff, Park Board, and Commission on Equity.

<b>May</b>	<b>May 21-22 - Lacey Spring Fun Fair</b>
	<b>Cal Ripken tourney @ RAC</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>June 1 – Park Board Meeting</b> <b>June 18 – Juneteenth Celebration @ RAC</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Lacey In Tune concerts @ Huntamer</b> <b>July 3 –Fireworks Spectacular @ RVCP</b> <b>Love Local Market @ Huntamer</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Play in the Park Family Fun Series</b> <b>Love Local Market @ Huntamer</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>September 7 – Park Board Meeting</b> <b>RAC weekday evening</b>

## Public Meetings (hybrid)

**Audience:** Open to the general public. Promoted to community members, visitors, and stakeholder groups / organizations. Tailored to traditionally marginalized or underserved populations.

## Surveys, if needed (hybrid)

**Audience:** Same as above

## Stakeholder Meetings (hybrid)

**Stakeholder Organizations.** Community groups, agencies, and organizations that are affected by, or interested in, LPCR. Direct outreach to traditionally marginalized or underserved populations. Focused discussions with underserved populations will take place to share ideas. The City will provide translation services to participants, as needed, if notified in advance.

In addition to organized outreach events, the City will explore other methods to continue the conversations with stakeholders throughout, and potentially beyond, this project.

### Exploring Potential Implementation Options and Partnerships

Recreational activities and services are offered by numerous public, private, and non-profit entities, including sports leagues, private gyms, arts and culture classes, specific destination recreation venues, etc. As the City maps out the path forward, it may be beneficial to work on a specific project with potential partners that have similar interests. Specific Lacey projects that might benefit from partnerships include, but are not limited to:

- Indoor recreation spaces, in general
- Swimming pool or aquatics center
- Multi-purpose sports fields
- Ice skating rink
- Open space and trail access
- Arts and culture access and programming
- Spray pad/splash park locations

Potential partners could include, but are not limited to:

- The Nisqually Tribe
- North Thurston Public Schools
- YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, and other social service clubs and organizations
- Private or non-profit sports leagues
- Peer Cities and Thurston County
- Saint Martin's University
- Senior Services for South Sound

The goal is to proactively engage representatives of these entities to identify overlapping interests and potential partnerships that can help advance priorities and maintain affordable access for all.

**Boards and Commissions.** Present results of the public-engagement activities at City Boards and Commission meetings to solicit further input and recommendations for the next phase of the planning process.

## **Appendix G**



# LACEY PARKS

CULTURE & RECREATION

## Energize Lacey! Community Outreach Survey

In 2021, Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation engaged the Lacey community in a discussion about how they would like their City to look, feel, and function in the future. Based on the input received, Lacey Parks established a solid framework for future strategic planning. **Now, Lacey Parks needs your help establishing priorities.** The ultimate goal is to build a shared vision for the future of Parks, Culture, and Recreation’s assets and opportunities.

1. What indoor recreation opportunities are important to you? (circle all that apply)



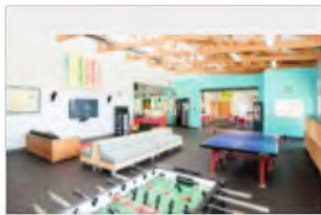
Recreational Pool



Ice Rink



Senior Center



Teen Center



Indoor Playground



Indoor Sport Court

None of the above

2. If you could only select one, which would it be? (Circle one)

Recreational Pool

Indoor Playground

Senior Center

Ice Rink

Teen Center

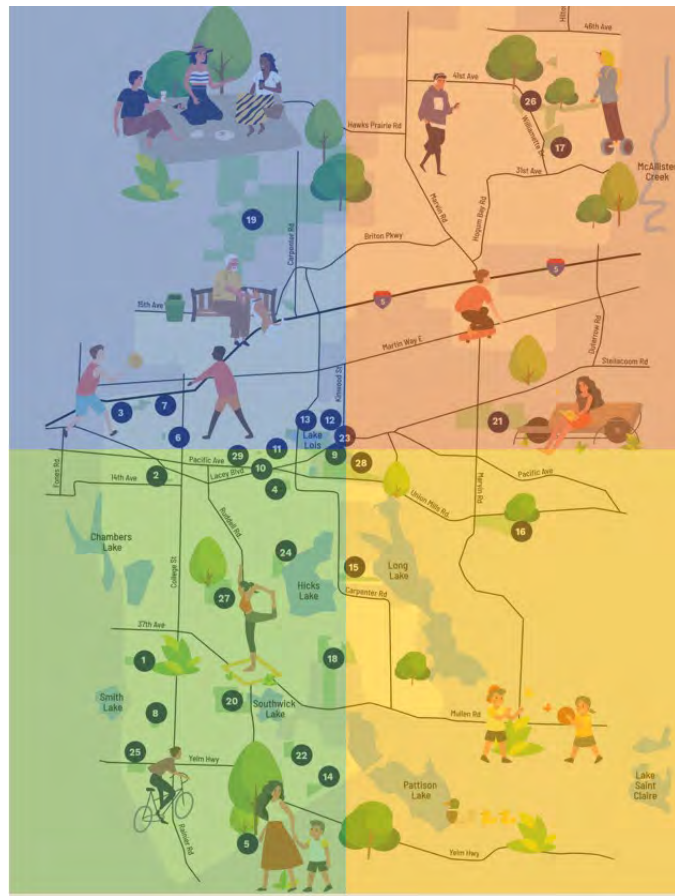
Indoor Sport Court

None of the Above

**We heard you! Lacey needs a spray park/splash pad.**



3. Below is a map of Lacey separated into quadrants. Circle the quadrant (blue, green, yellow, or red) on the map where you MOST want to see a spray park.



Greg Cuoio Park is a new 400-acre park in northwest Lacey which was planned by the community in 2021. Phase 1A is currently in development and will include park entry, parking, Phase 1 to an all access playground, a large picnic shelter, 100 acres of trails, and an 18-hole disc golf course.

4. What future components of Greg Cuoio Park are you the most excited about? (circle all that apply)



Cross Country Course



Fitness Loop



Adventure Track



Community Garden



Off Leash Dog Area



Larger Playground



More Trails



Preservation of Outdoor Spaces

None of the above



5. If you could only select one, which one would it be?

Cross Country Course

Fitness Loop

Adventure Track

Community Garden

Off-Leash Dog Park

Larger Playground

More Trails

Preservation of Outdoor Spaces

None of the Above

6. Lacey Parks offers approximately 1,100 subsidized recreation programs per year from aquatics, sports and fitness, to various camps and trips, to music, dance and museum activities.

Some new ideas we heard from the community are art, cooking, and crafting classes. Which of these ideas do you like? (circle all that apply)



Crafting Classes



Cooking Classes



Art Classes

None of the above

7. If you could only select one, which one would it be?

Crafting Classes

Cooking Classes

Art Classes

None

8. What additional new program ideas do you have?

9. Lacey Parks covers direct program costs by charging recreation fees, and offers an annual scholarship program for those with financial need.

Have Lacey recreation fees ever been a barrier to you/your family's participation in a program?

Yes  No  None of the Above

10. If so, which program?

11. Would you like to be added to our monthly digital newsletter?

Yes  No  None of the Above

12. Would you like to be entered to win prizes for participating?

Yes  No  None of the Above

13. If Yes, please write down your email.

IF YOU ARE A SPORTS FIELD USER, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 15 THROUGH 18.

14. If access to sports fields was increased (grass conversion to turf, or additional fields installed), where would you be the most likely to book?

- Regional Athletic Complex
- Rainier Vista Park
- Meridian Park in NE Lacey
- All of the Above
- None of the Above

15. For what use/s would you book the fields?

- Soccer
- Football
- Rugby
- Lacrosse
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Softball (fastpitch or slowpitch)
- Baseball
- All of the Above
- None of the Above
- Other (please specify)

16. Have you ever been turned away for field use due to the fields already being full?

- Yes
- No

17. If yes, for what purpose and during what time of year?

## Demographic Information (Optional)

18. Age

- 18-24    25-34    35-44    45-54    55-64    65-74    75+

19. Gender

- Female    Male    Other

20. Race

- Another race    Two or more races    Black or African American  
 American Indian or Alaska Native    Asian or Asian American  
 Hispanic or Latino    Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 White or Caucasian

21. Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino  
 Not Hispanic or Latino  
 Other

22. Where do you live? Write down your zip code or N/A:

# LACEY PARKS WANTS YOUR INPUT!

## BACKGROUND

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**Now, we need your help establishing priorities**

for the 6-year Parks

Comprehensive Plan update.

**The goal is to build a shared vision for the future of Lacey's park and recreation assets and opportunities.**

**TAKE OUR PARKS & REC SURVEY!**



**¡Toma nuestra encuesta de parques y recreación!**



**공원 및 레크리에이션 설문조사에 참여하세요**



**参加我们的公园和娱乐调查**



**Tham gia cuộc khảo sát về công viên và giải trí của chúng tôi**



## LEARN MORE

To find out more about the project, visit: [LaceyParks.org/About/Park-Planning-Projects/Energize-Lacey](https://LaceyParks.org/About/Park-Planning-Projects/Energize-Lacey) or scan:



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**We look forward to connecting with you to learn why you believe parks, culture, and recreation are important to our community!**

## **Appendix H**



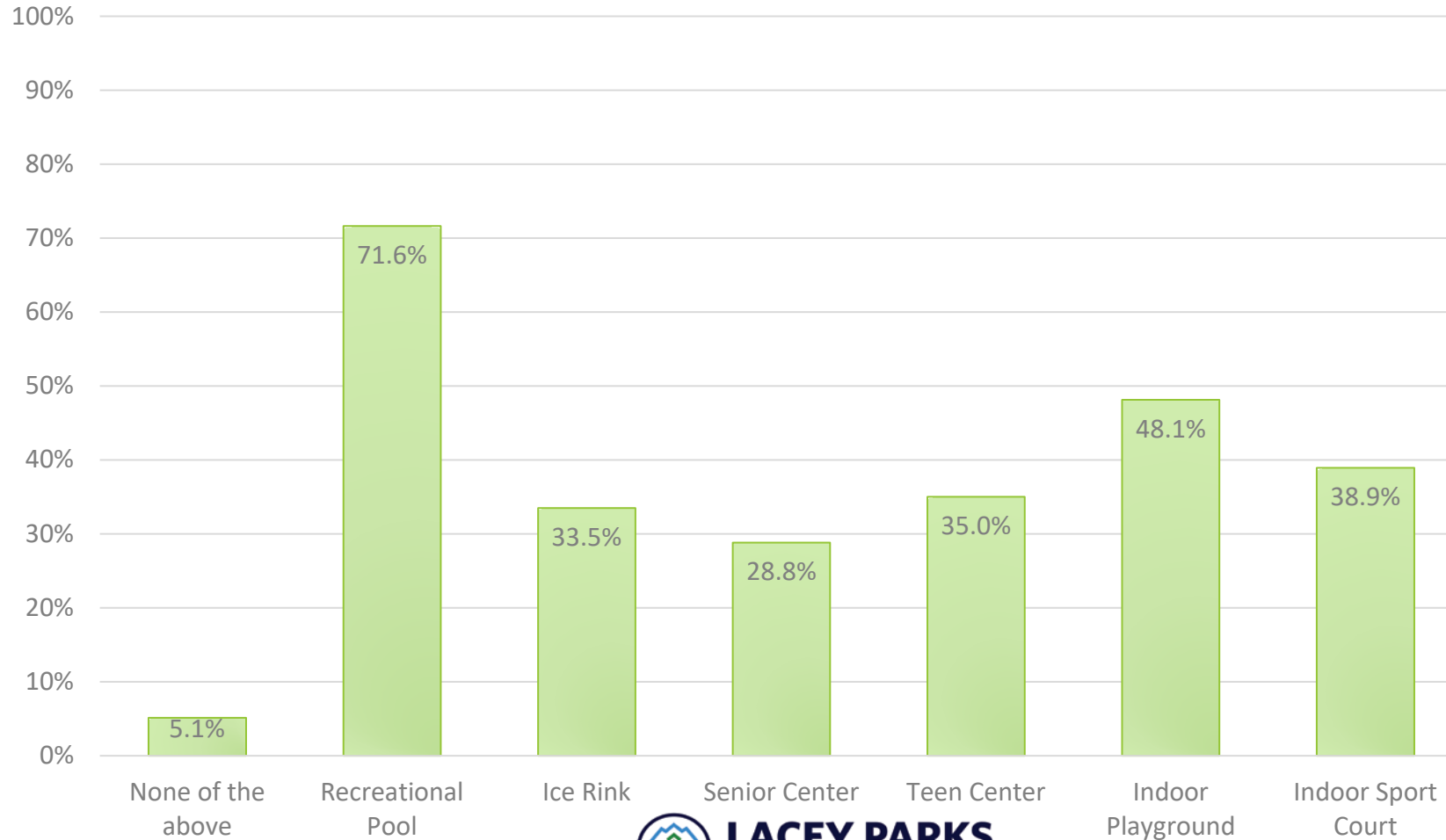
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# Survey Results

TOTAL RESPONSES: 710

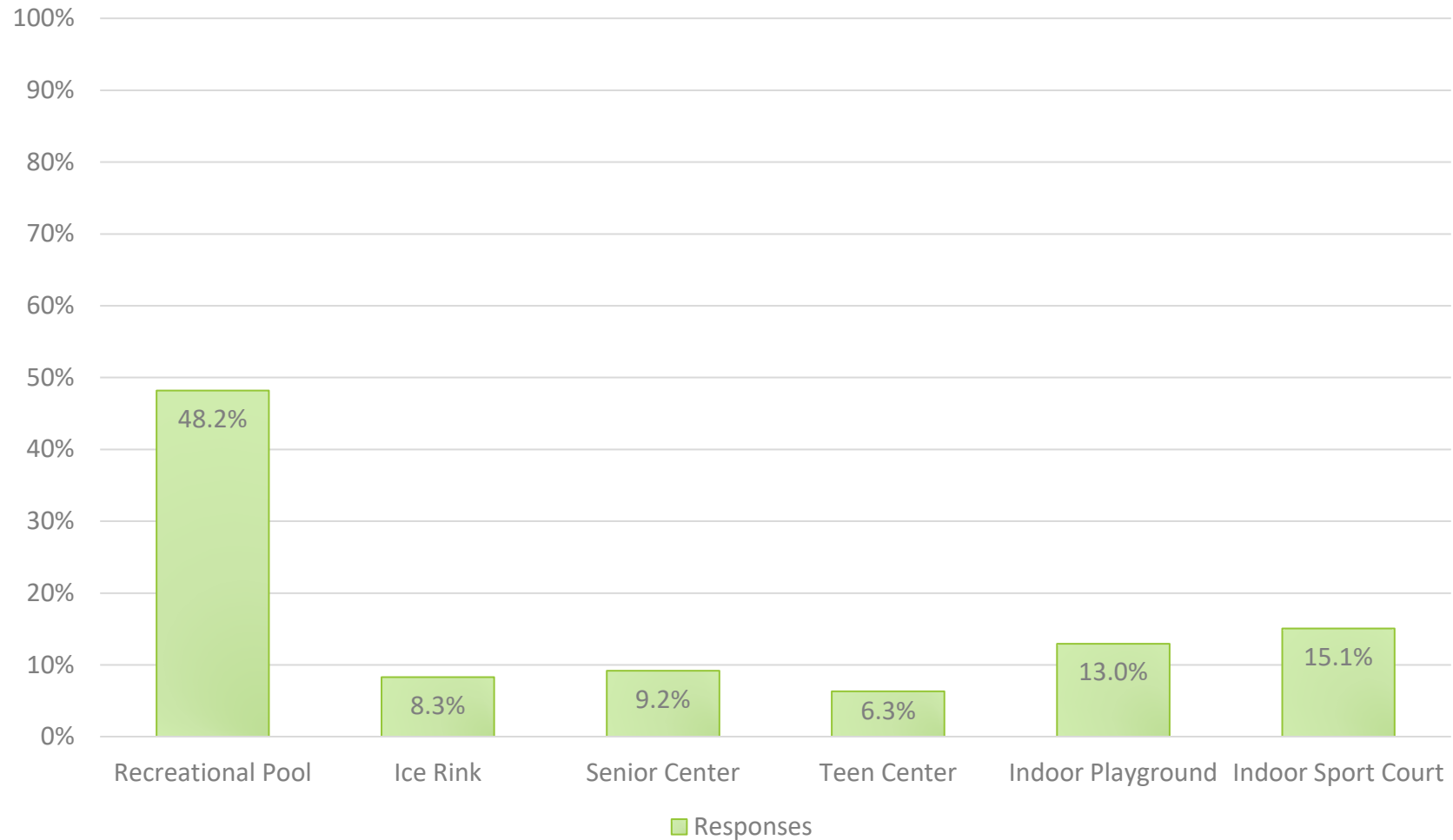
# Question 1

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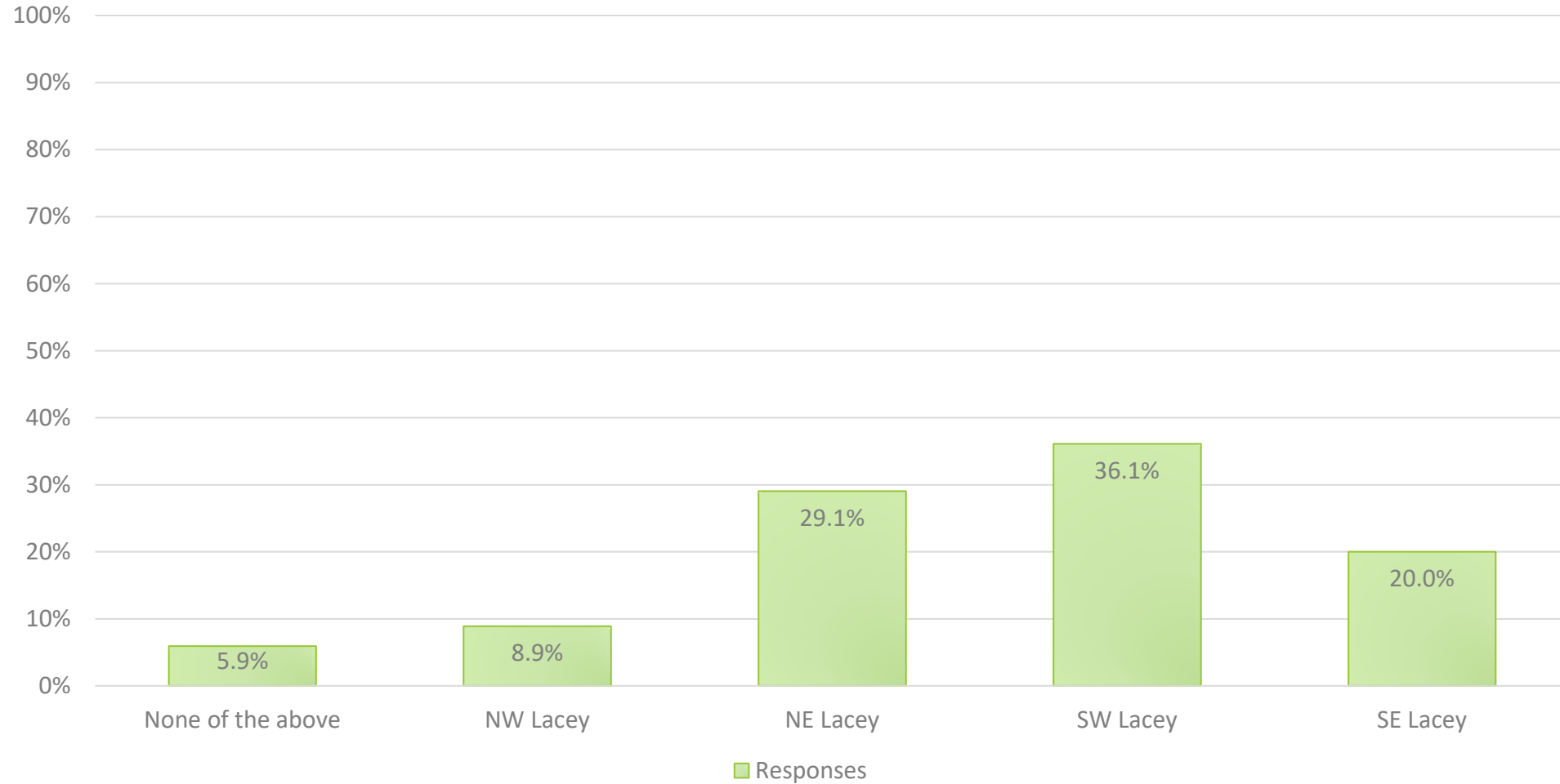
If you could only select one, which would it be?





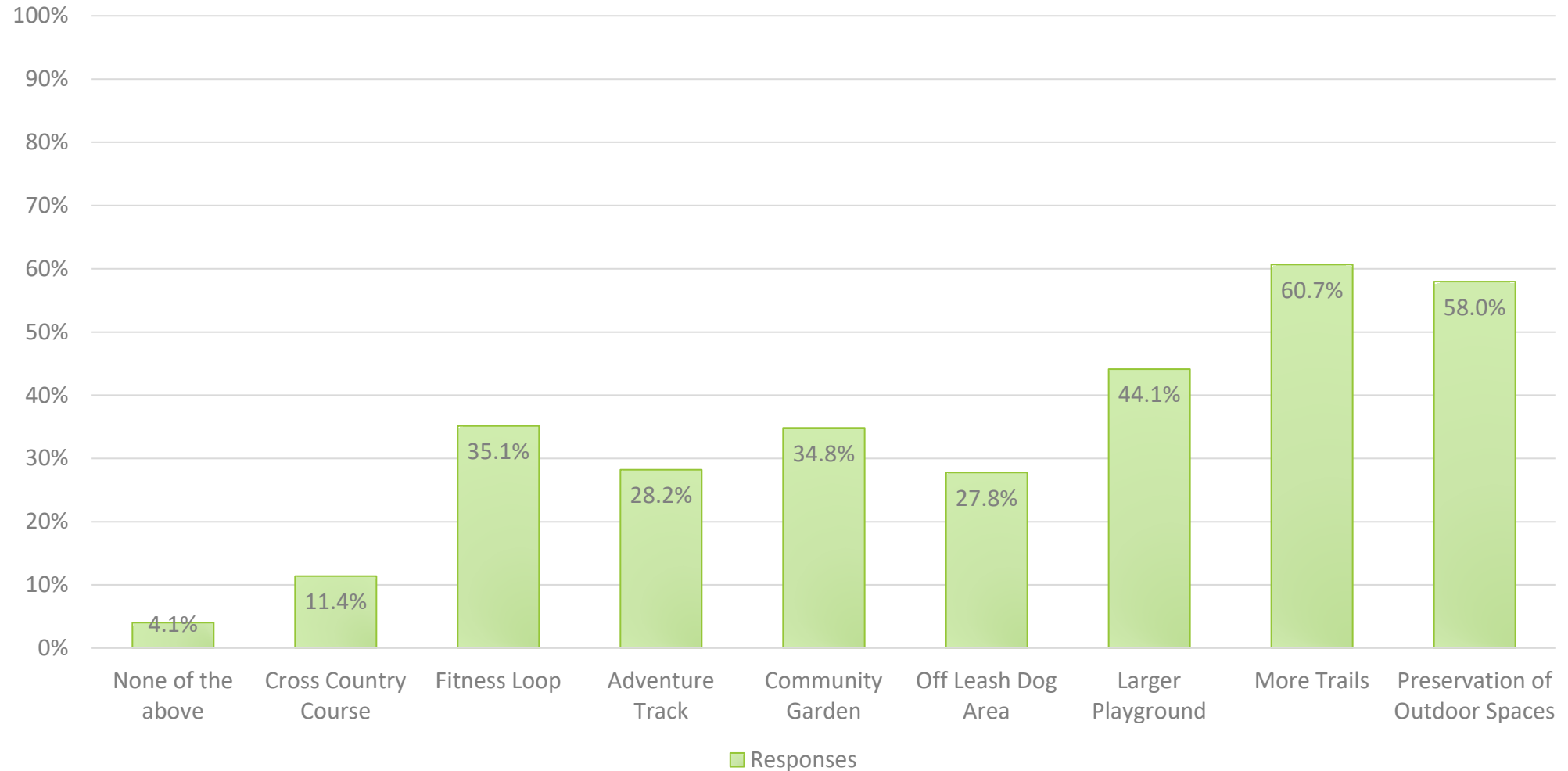
# Question 3

If Lacey could get a spray park, where would you like to see it located?



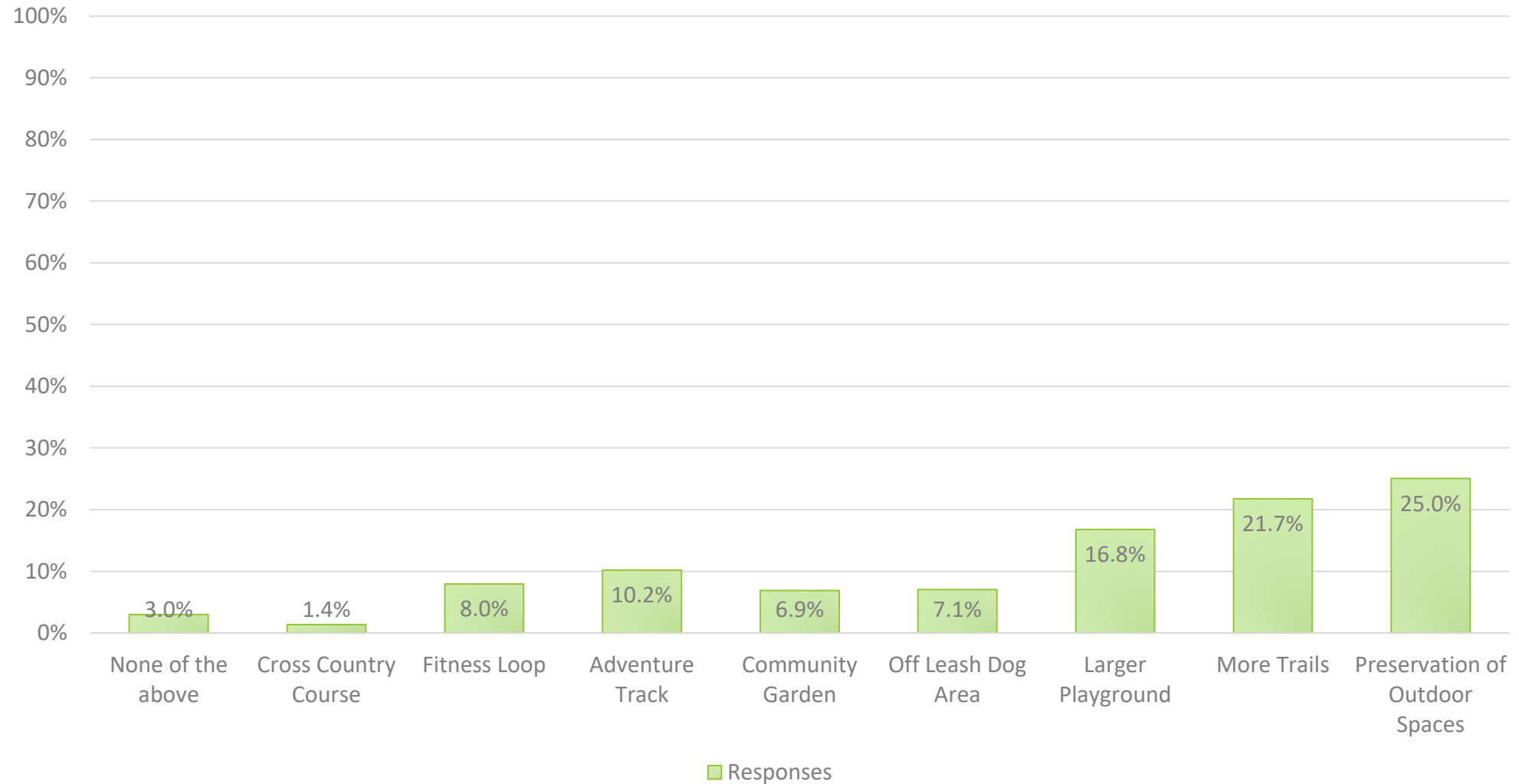
# Question 4

What future components of Greg Cuoio Park are you the most excited about? (click all that apply)



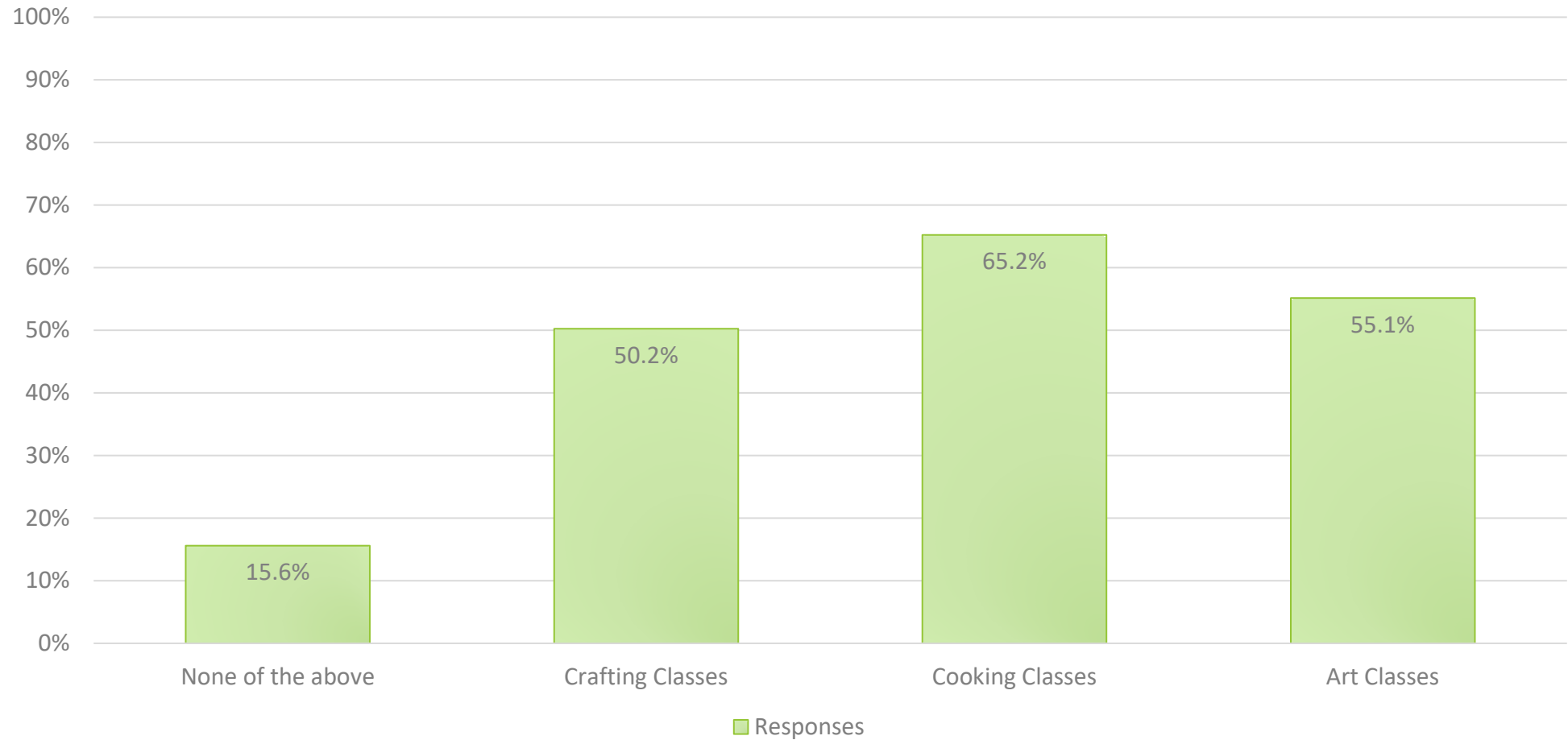
# Question 5

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## Question 6

Some new ideas we heard from the community are art, cooking, and crafting classes. Which of these ideas do you like? (click all that apply)



# Question 7

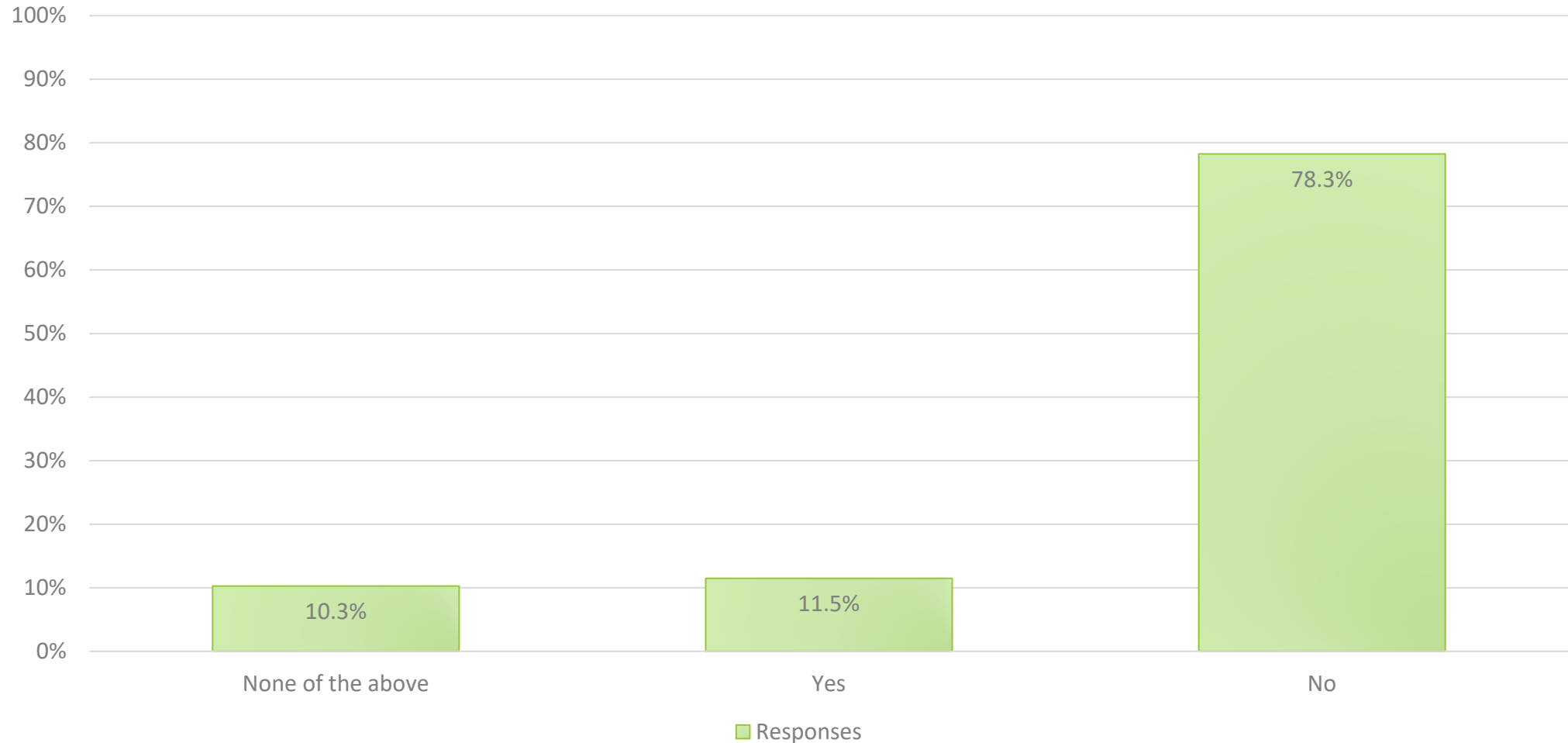
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# Question 9

Have Lacey recreation fees ever been a barrier to you/your family's participation in a program?

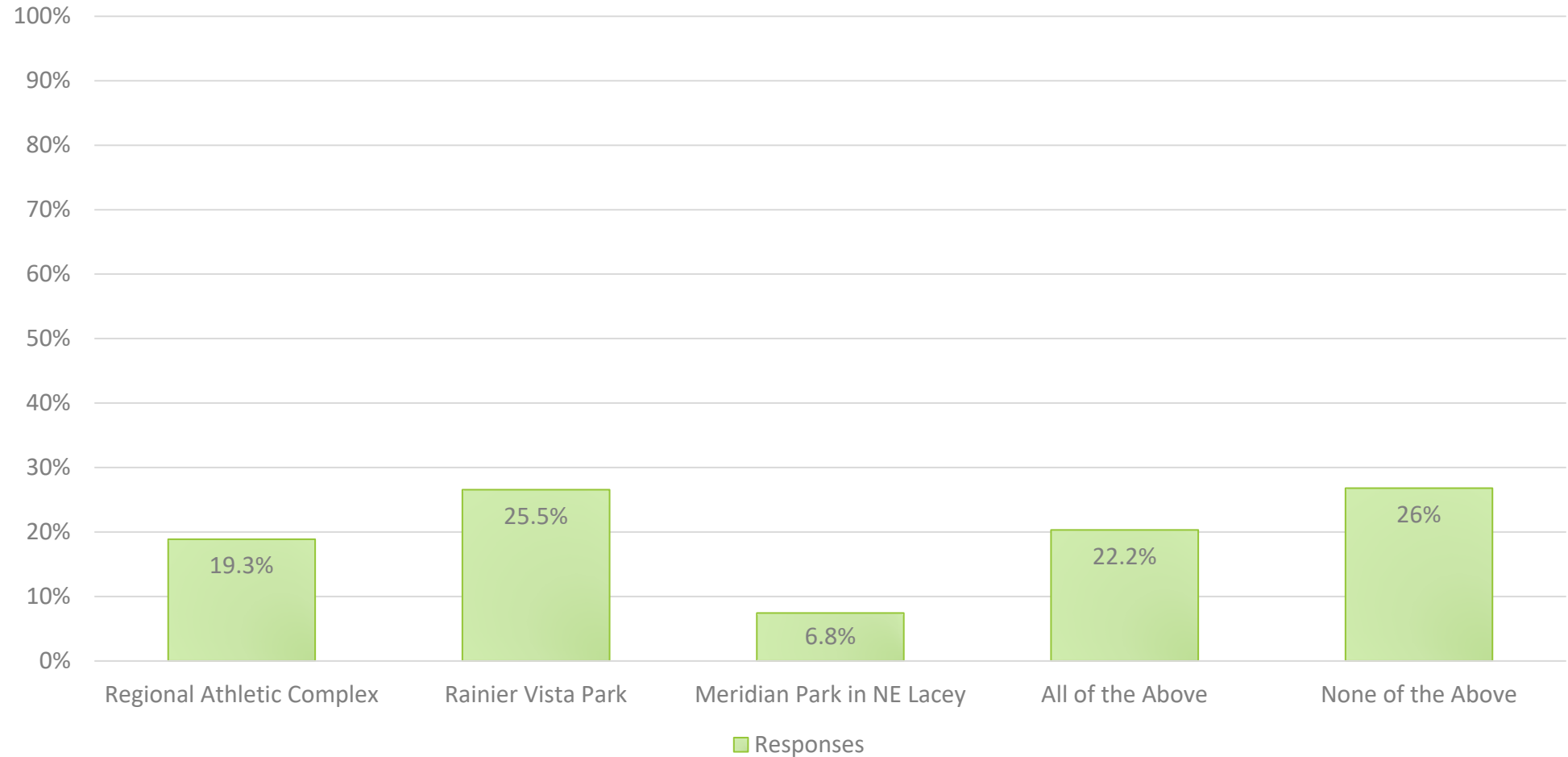






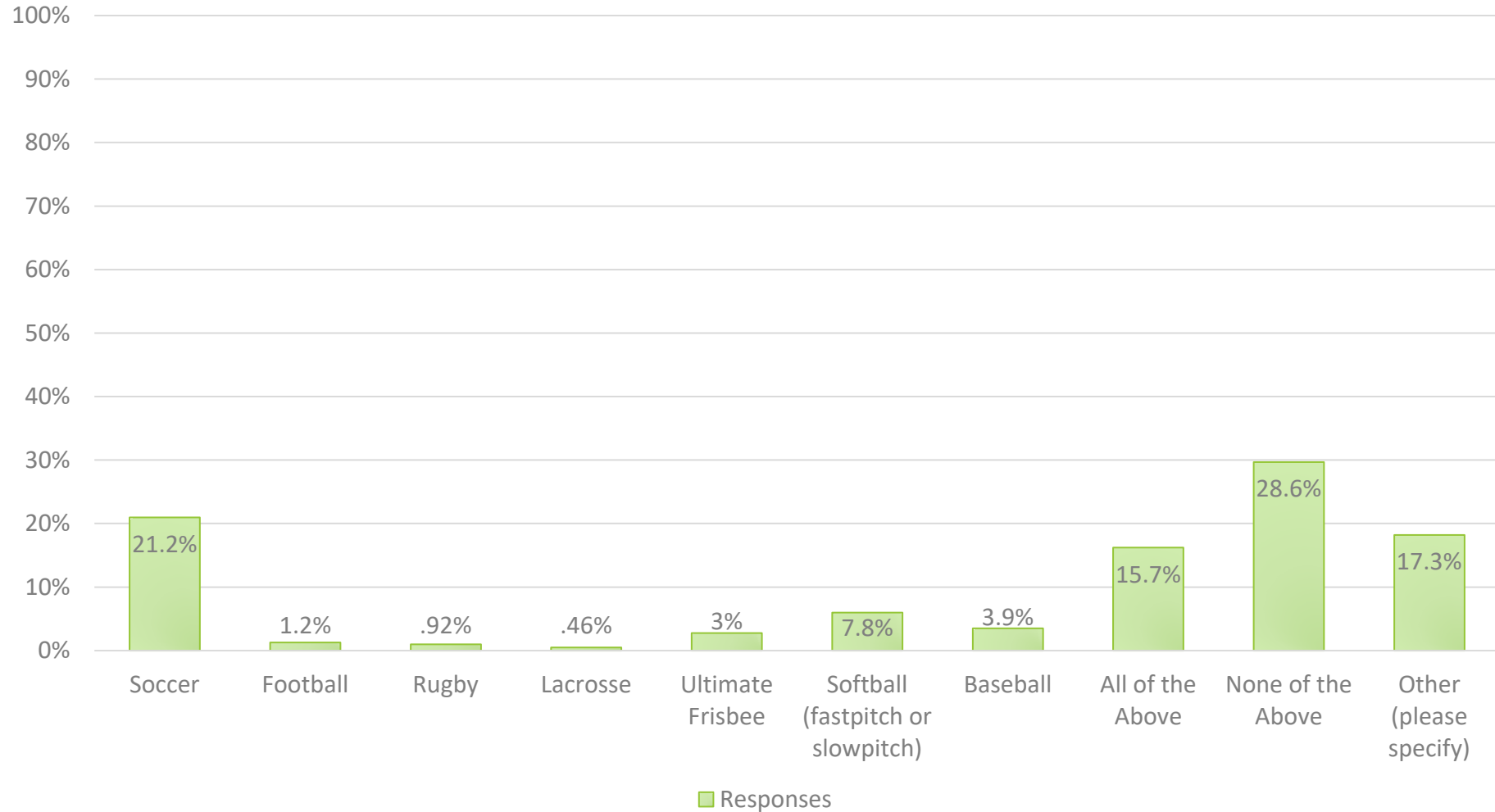
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If access to sports fields was increased (grass conversion to turf, or additional fields installed), where would you be the most likely to book?



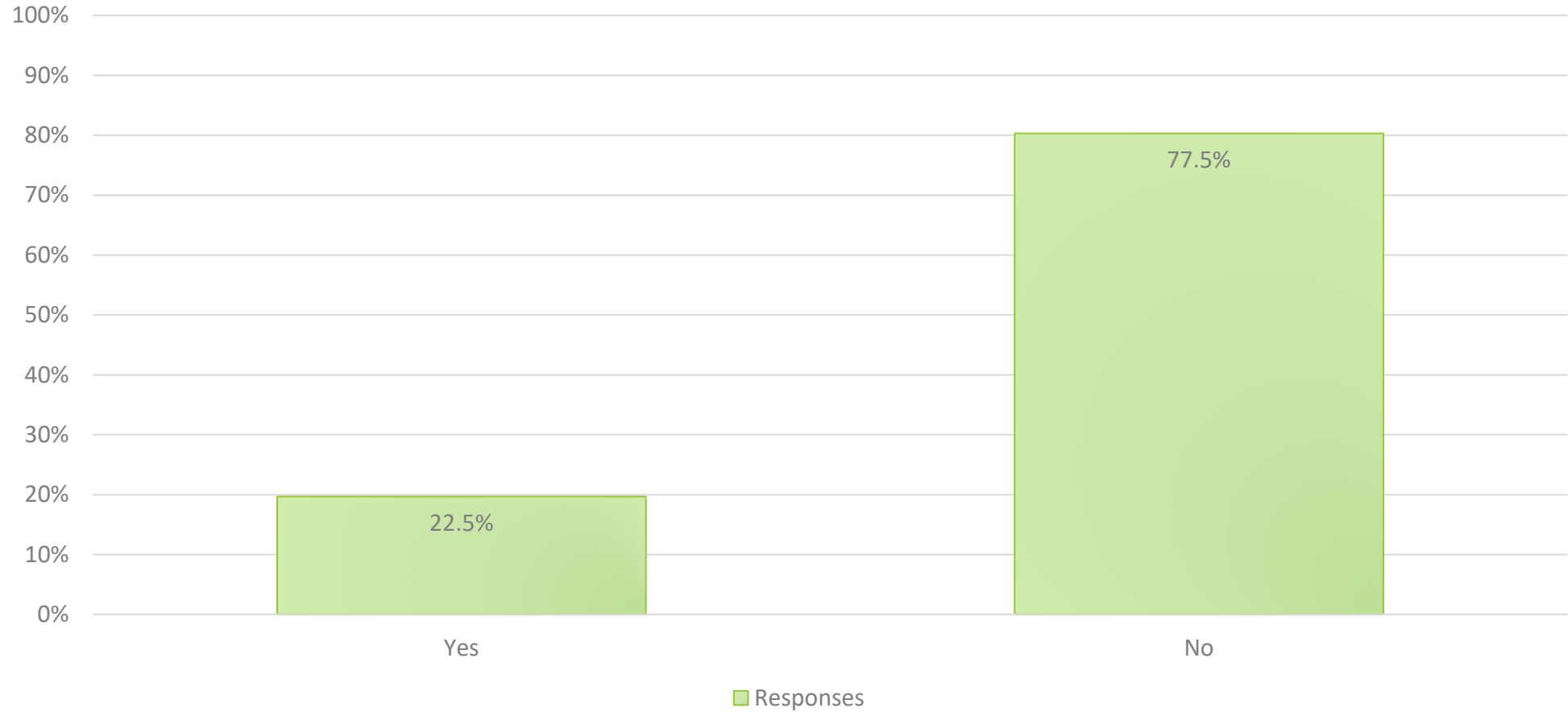
# Question 12

For what use/s would you book the fields?



# Question 13

Have you ever been turned away for field use due to the fields already being full?



# Question 14 If yes, for what purpose and during what time of year?



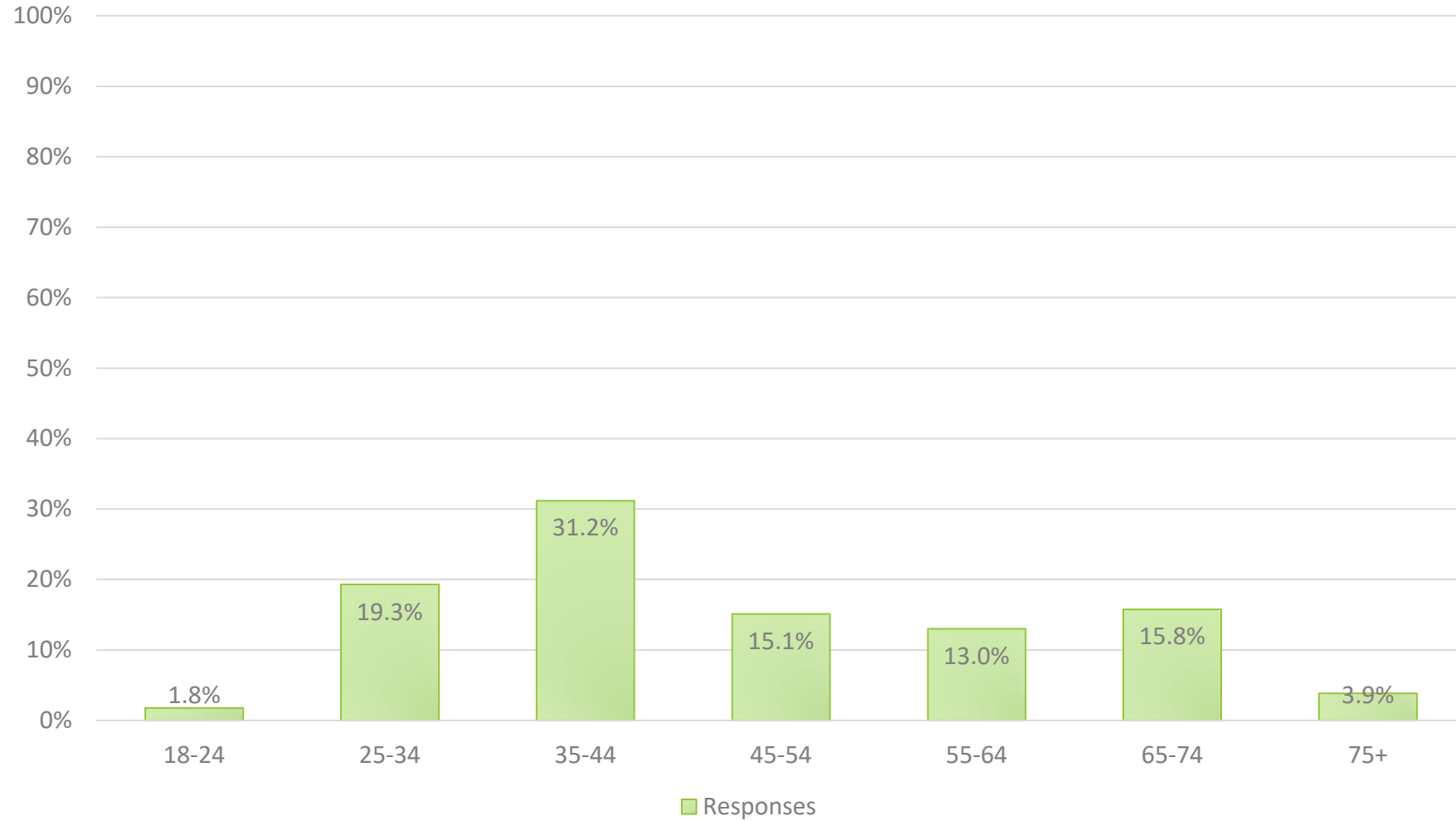
# Survey Demographic Information

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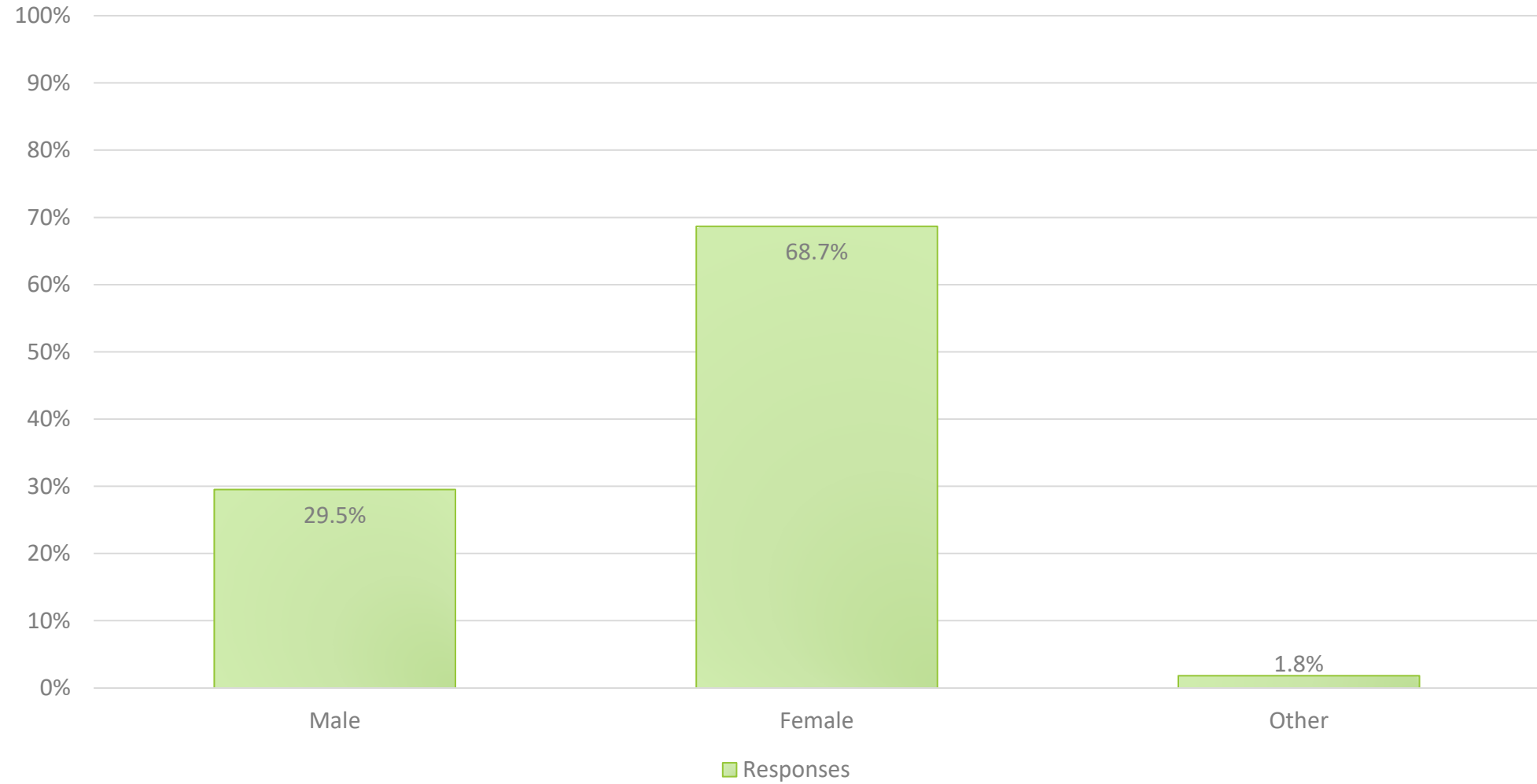
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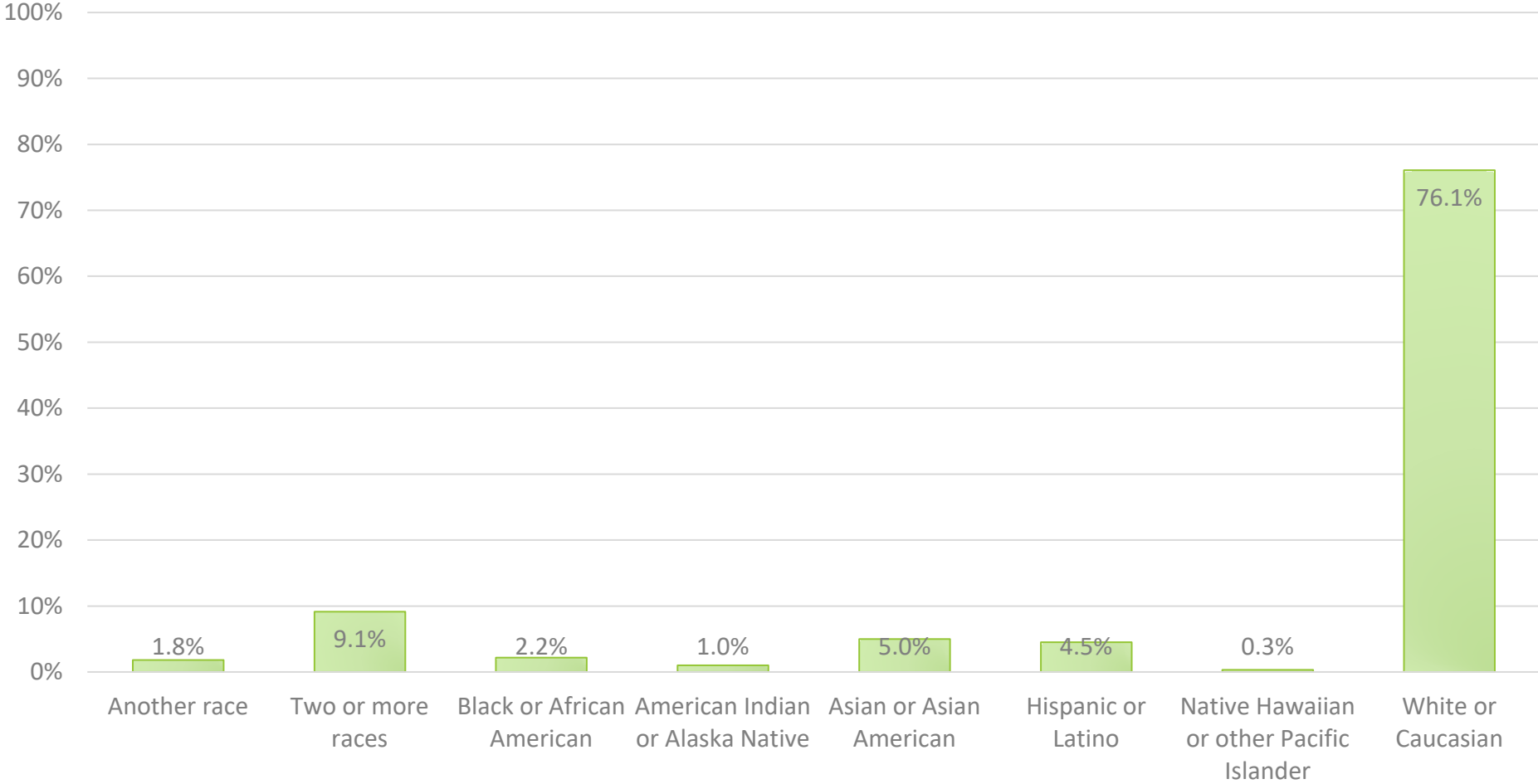
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# Gender



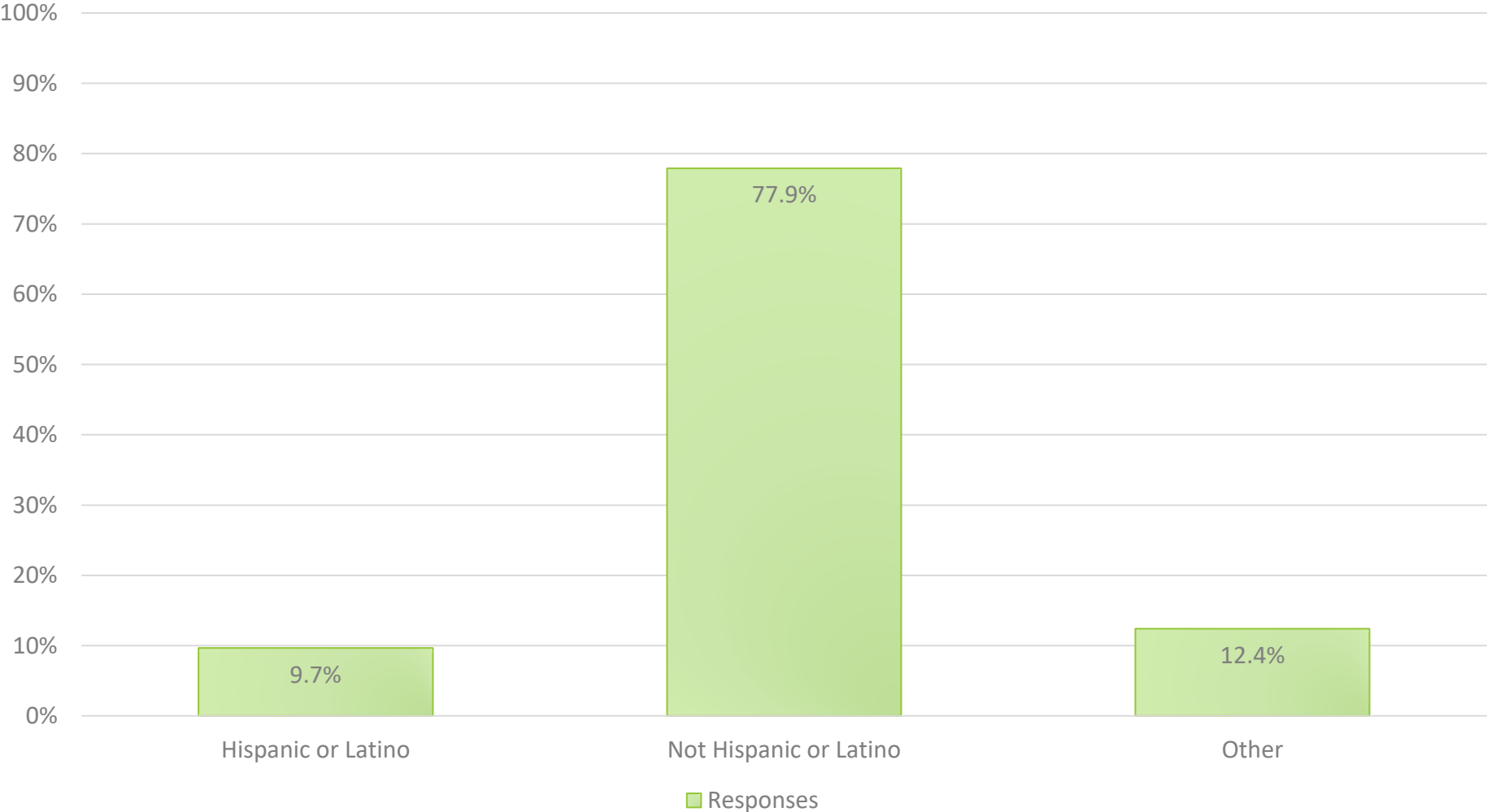
# Race



■ Responses



# Ethnicity



## **Appendix I**

## 2023-2032 Lacey Museum Strategic Plan

The Historical Commission reviews and updates the strategic plan at regular intervals. This plan was approved by the Historical Commission on January 19, 2022. For the purposes of this plan, near-term means 1-3 years, mid-term means 3-5 years, and long-term means 5-10 years.

### **Goal #1: Plan and build the new Lacey Museum & Cultural Center.**

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#### Near-Term Objectives:

- Develop an operations and interpretive plan for the new facility that includes a sustainable funding plan.\*

#### Mid-Term Objectives:

- Secure funding for Phase 4 of building construction.
- Construct the new building.\*

#### Long-Term Objectives:

- Provide equipment and supplies for all museum functions.
- Open the new museum to the public.

### **Goal #2:**

### **Create and deliver high-quality experiences at the Lacey Museum & Cultural Center.**

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#### Near-Term Objectives:

- Continue to provide mission-driven programs, outreach and events.
- Develop a two-year exhibit schedule for the current museum.
- Provide new or upgraded exhibits in the current museum facility 1-2 times/year.

Mid-Term Objectives:

- Develop an interpretive plan for the core exhibit in the new museum facility.\*
- Construct the core exhibit at the new museum facility.
- Develop a five-year programming and exhibit schedule for the new facility.\*
- Develop policies for community exhibits, events and facility rentals.
- Develop education, visitor services, and exhibits staffing needs as identified in the operations and interpretive plans.
- Develop a field-trip program for North Thurston Public Schools.
- Develop an education trunk program for teachers.

Long-Term Objectives:

- Develop and implement an annual free community event.
- Revisit education and exhibits staffing needs as identified in the operations and interpretive plans.
- Create a quiet research room with public access to frequently used materials.
- Develop a history festival event targeted to reach all fourth grade students.
- Begin planning for the museum's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2030-31.

**Goal #3: Preserve, care for and manage collections professionally.**

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Near-Term Objectives:

- Continue to process and catalogue new acquisitions as well as the backlog.
- Continue to make the collections accessible through the online portal.
- Review and update museum policy manual.\*

- Develop and implement procedures for collections stewardship based on the policies adopted in 2018.
- Continue to retain professionally-trained collections preservation staff and provide them with ongoing professional development.
- Move collections stored at the Bowker Street storage unit to the new unit at Rainier View.

Mid-Term Objectives:

- Complete the comprehensive collections inventory.
- Prepare the collections to move to the new facility.
- Develop collections staffing needs as identified in the operations plan.
- Develop a plan for collections preservation including a prioritized needs list.\*
- Update the disaster recovery plan.

Long-Term Objectives:

- Move the collections to the new facility.
- Revisit collections staffing needs as identified in the operations plan.
- Develop a collecting plan.
- Secure funding to rehouse collections to meet a professional standard of care.

**Goal #4:**

**Identify and secure stable, long-term funding and revenue sources for the museum.**

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Near-Term Objectives:

- Continue to request funds for priority projects through grant programs as they are identified.
- Partner with the Lacey Community Foundation to secure, manage and invest privately-raised funds for the museum capital campaign.

- Develop a charter membership and community partner giving program.
- Request additional operating funds through the lodging tax process.
- Continue to develop museum store revenue opportunities.
- Complete the Heritage Capital Grant for the 2021-2023 biennium.
- Implement applicable recommendations from the sponsorship insights plan.
- Develop an annual giving campaign.

Mid-Term Objectives:

- Develop a facility rental plan.
- Develop an annual fundraising event.
- Plan and implement a small gift shop space for the new museum.

Long-Term Objectives:

- Partner with the Lacey Community Foundation to develop an endowment fund.

**Goal #5: Increase museum awareness, visibility and value throughout the city and region.**

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Near-Term Objectives:

- Continue to use Constant Contact or similar email service for sharing museum news.
- Continue to maintain the museum website with regular monitoring and updates.
- Develop the Virtually Lacey website with monthly additions.
- Develop the historic register and inventory properties map for the website.
- Contribute to city media and publications with heritage stories and images.
- Continue to regionally promote museum programs and events.

- Develop a museum communication plan in partnership with the Public Affairs Department and Lacey Community Foundation.
- Pursue and implement museum standalone social media accounts.

Mid-Term Objectives:

- Develop a marketing strategy for the new museum.
- Develop wayfinding signage for the museum site.

Long-Term Objectives:

- Develop a system of program, facility and exhibit evaluation.

**Goal #6: Build and foster community partnerships to increase capacity and sustainability.**

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Near-Term Objectives:

- Continue to develop and strengthen community partnerships.
- Develop an internship and/or work study program with Saint Martin's University, Evergreen State College, South Puget Sound Community College or other appropriate traditional or online educational institutions.

Mid-Term Objectives:

- Create an educators committee to assist in developing the interpretive plan.
- Develop a History Day partnership with North Thurston Public Schools.

Long-Term Objectives:

- Evaluate community partnership opportunities and challenges.

\*Items required by the 2019-21 Heritage Capital Grant contract.

## **Appendix J**





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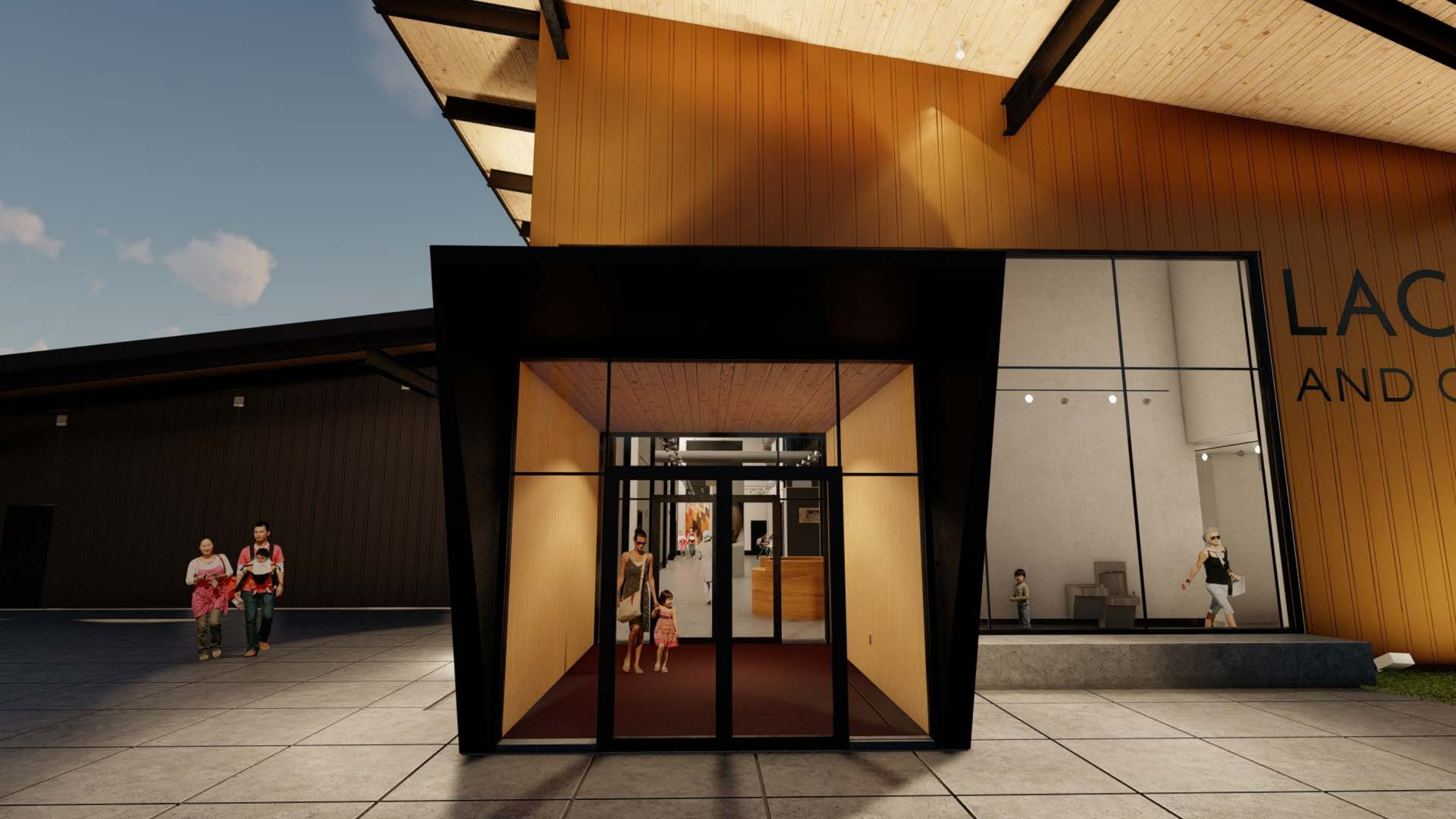


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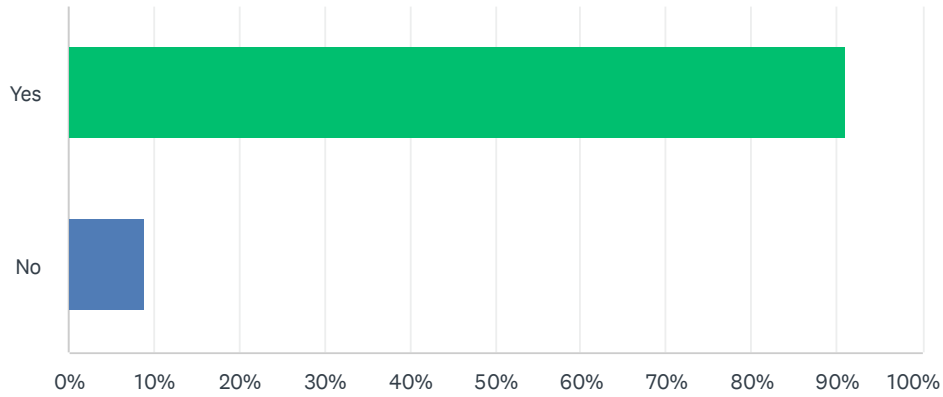




## **Appendix K**

Q1 A food forest is an area with an assortment of edible plants that are grown in a way that mimics a natural ecosystem. This would be a public area that community members could visit for recreation or for gathering fruits and vegetables for consumption. Do you feel the Lacey area would benefit from this?

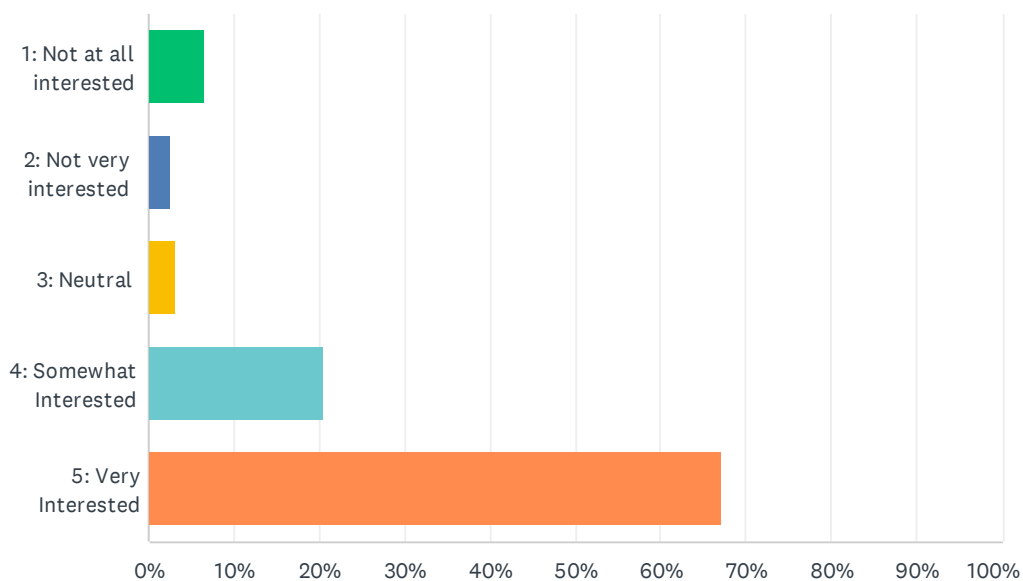
Answered: 122 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.98%	111
No	9.02%	11
TOTAL		122

## Q2 What is your interest level surrounding the idea of a Food Forest?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1: Not at all interested	6.56%	8
2: Not very interested	2.46%	3
3: Neutral	3.28%	4
4: Somewhat Interested	20.49%	25
5: Very Interested	67.21%	82
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>122</b>

Q3 Do you have any previous experience with gardening or farming? If so what is your experience?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 16

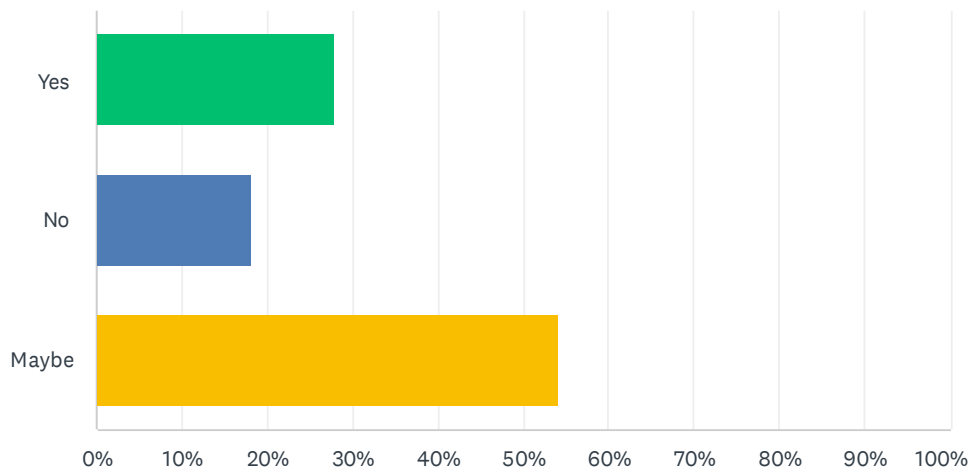
**Q4 Please explain potential benefits from both a personal and professional perspective.**

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## Q5 Would you be interested in volunteering time to help with the development of a community food forest?

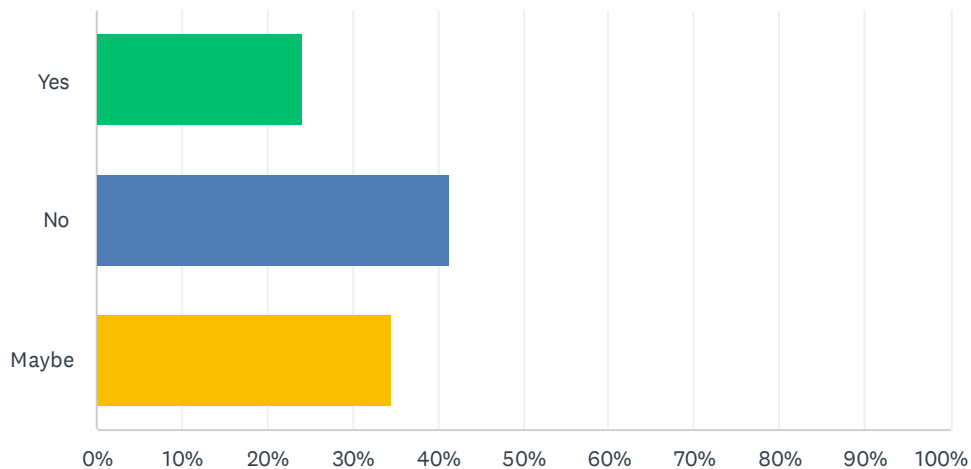
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27.87%	34
No	18.03%	22
Maybe	54.10%	66
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>122</b>

### Q6 If you were interested in volunteering, would raised garden plots be necessary/beneficial for your participation?

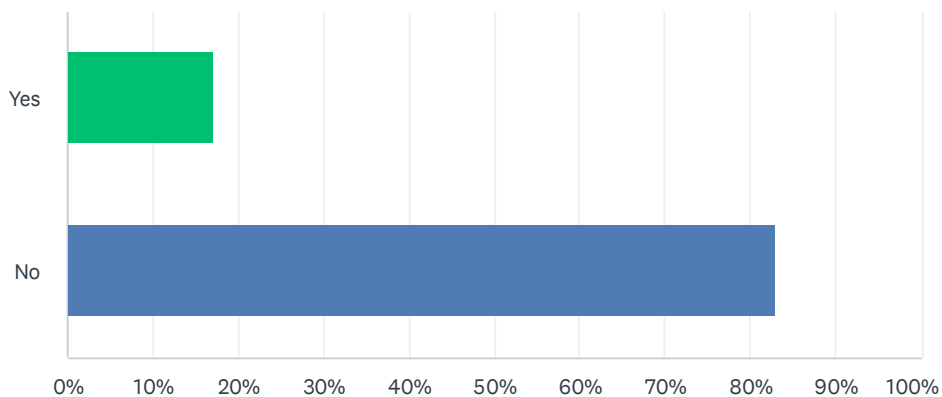
Answered: 116 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.14%	28
No	41.38%	48
Maybe	34.48%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>116</b>

### Q7 If yes, do you have other accommodation needs?

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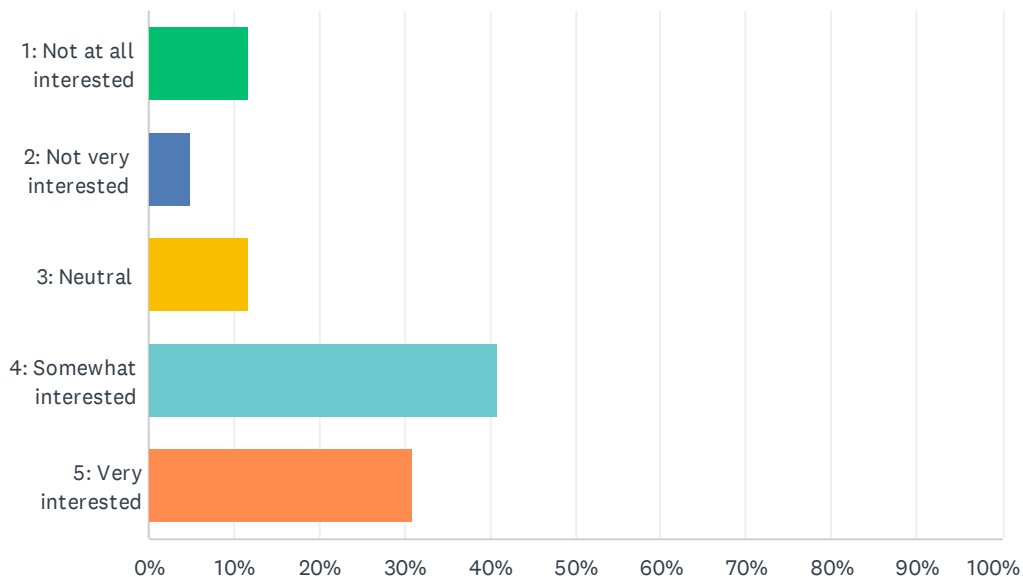
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	17.12%	19
No	82.88%	92
TOTAL		111

## Q8 What are they?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 93

## Q9 Rate your interest in taking classes teaching techniques for gardening or farming

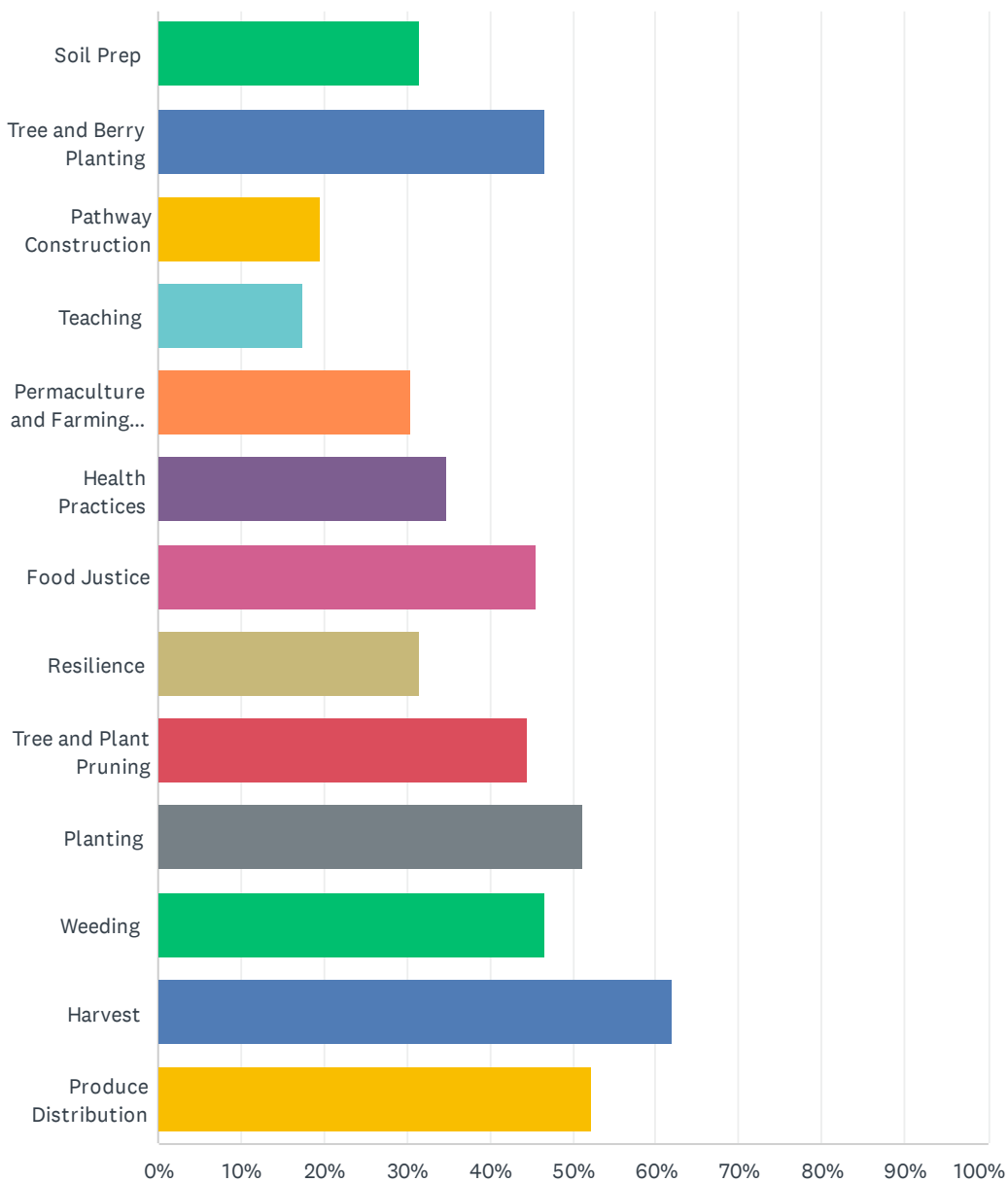
Answered: 120 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1: Not at all interested	11.67%	14
2: Not very interested	5.00%	6
3: Neutral	11.67%	14
4: Somewhat interested	40.83%	49
5: Very interested	30.83%	37
TOTAL		120

Q10 If you would like to participate in the Food Forest in other ways, what other activities would you be interested in participating in? (fill in the blank or select all that apply)

Answered: 92 Skipped: 30

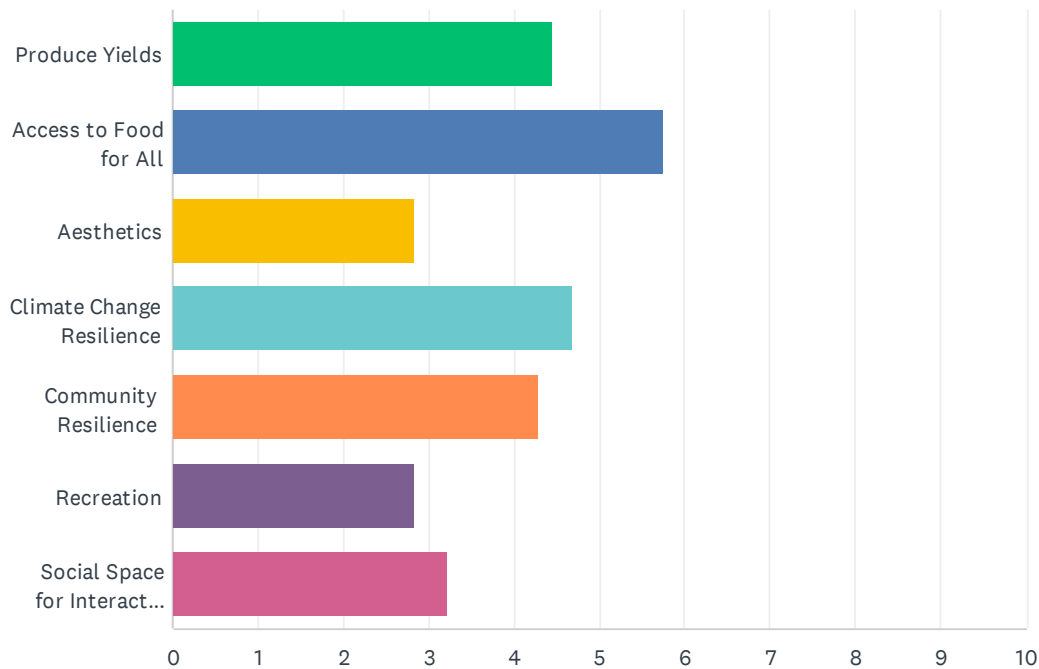


## Woodland Creek Food Forest Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Soil Prep	31.52%	29
Tree and Berry Planting	46.74%	43
Pathway Construction	19.57%	18
Teaching	17.39%	16
Permaculture and Farming Methods	30.43%	28
Health Practices	34.78%	32
Food Justice	45.65%	42
Resilience	31.52%	29
Tree and Plant Pruning	44.57%	41
Planting	51.09%	47
Weeding	46.74%	43
Harvest	61.96%	57
Produce Distribution	52.17%	48
Total Respondents: 92		

## Q11 Which do you think is more important in designing a Food Forest? Please rank the following with 1 being most important and 7 being least important

Answered: 111 Skipped: 11

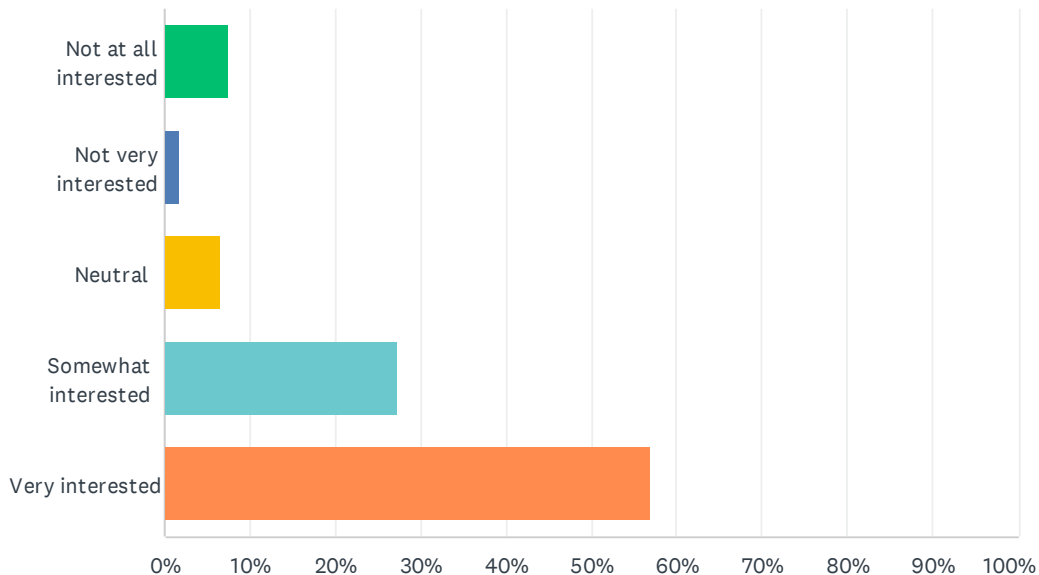


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Produce Yields	12.15% 13	25.23% 27	14.02% 15	17.76% 19	13.08% 14	10.28% 11	7.48% 8	107	4.45
Access to Food for All	45.87% 50	22.94% 25	10.09% 11	11.93% 13	1.83% 2	6.42% 7	0.92% 1	109	5.76
Aesthetics	4.63% 5	3.70% 4	12.96% 14	12.04% 13	15.74% 17	18.52% 20	32.41% 35	108	2.84
Climate Change Resilience	22.02% 24	15.60% 17	22.02% 24	14.68% 16	11.01% 12	5.50% 6	9.17% 10	109	4.70
Community Resilience	7.48% 8	20.56% 22	22.43% 24	14.95% 16	18.69% 20	8.41% 9	7.48% 8	107	4.28
Recreation	1.83% 2	6.42% 7	8.26% 9	10.09% 11	22.02% 24	32.11% 35	19.27% 21	109	2.83
Social Space for Interaction with Others	6.42% 7	6.42% 7	11.01% 12	17.43% 19	17.43% 19	19.27% 21	22.02% 24	109	3.21



## Q12 What is your interest level for the idea of having a community food forest in your neighborhood?

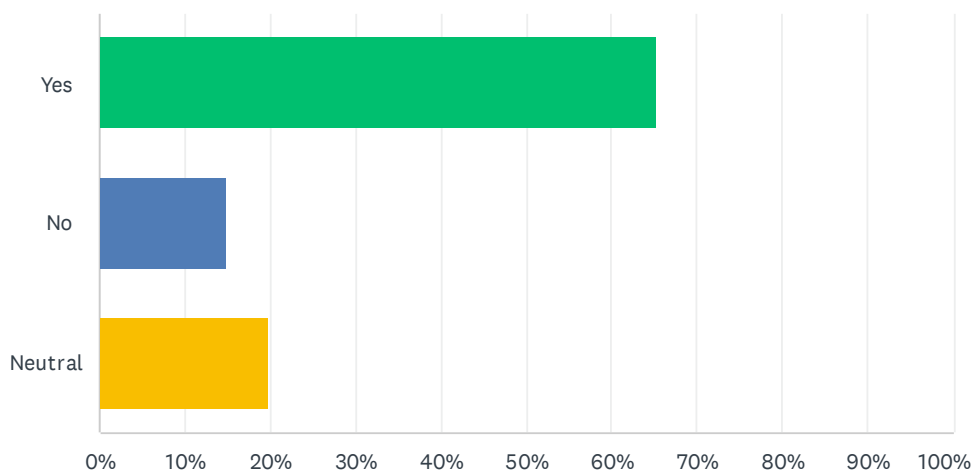
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all interested	7.44%	9
Not very interested	1.65%	2
Neutral	6.61%	8
Somewhat interested	27.27%	33
Very interested	57.02%	69
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>121</b>

### Q13 Is food justice or access a big concern for you?

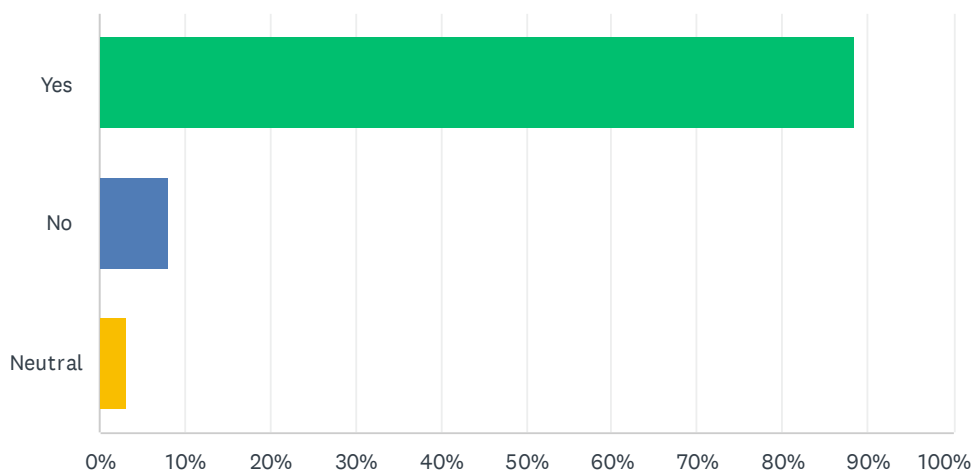
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	65.29%	79
No	14.88%	18
Neutral	19.83%	24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>121</b>

## Q14 Would you be open to visiting the Woodland Creek Food Forest?

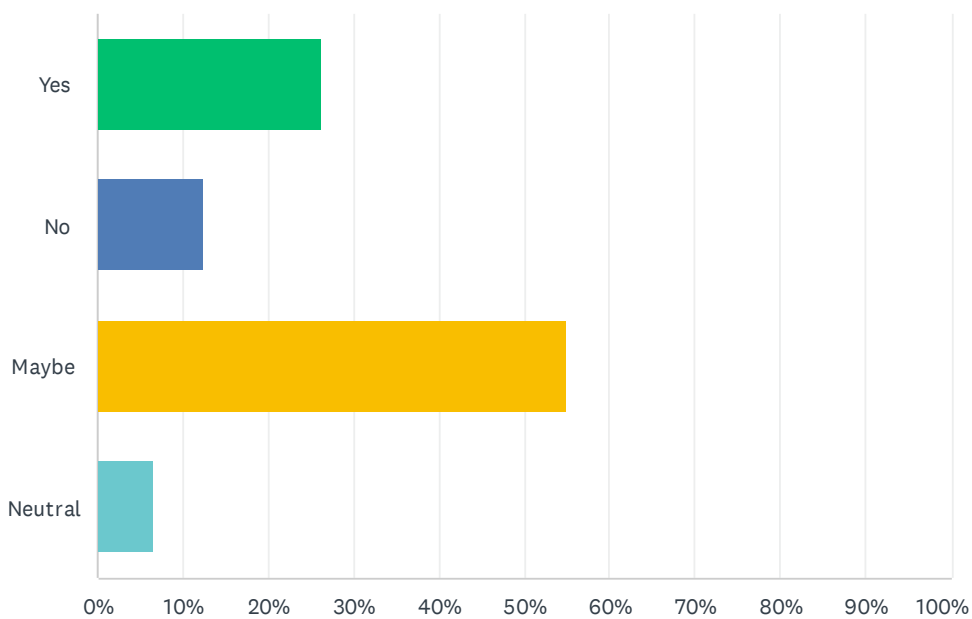
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.52%	108
No	8.20%	10
Neutral	3.28%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>122</b>

## Q15 Would you like to become involved in the community food forest?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 0



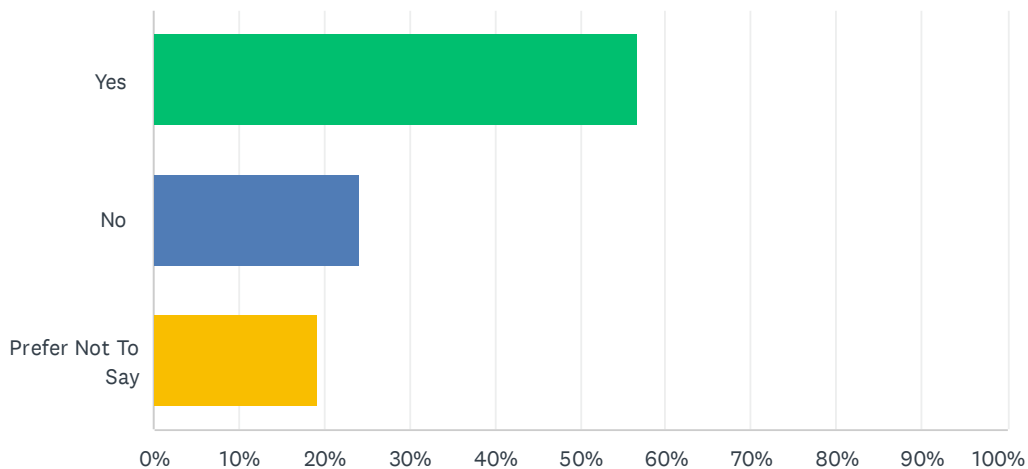
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.23%	32
No	12.30%	15
Maybe	54.92%	67
Neutral	6.56%	8
TOTAL		122

## Q16 Please list skills you could contribute:

Answered: 62 Skipped: 60

### Q17 Are you or others around you affected by diabetes, obesity or any other health issues? (Y/N)

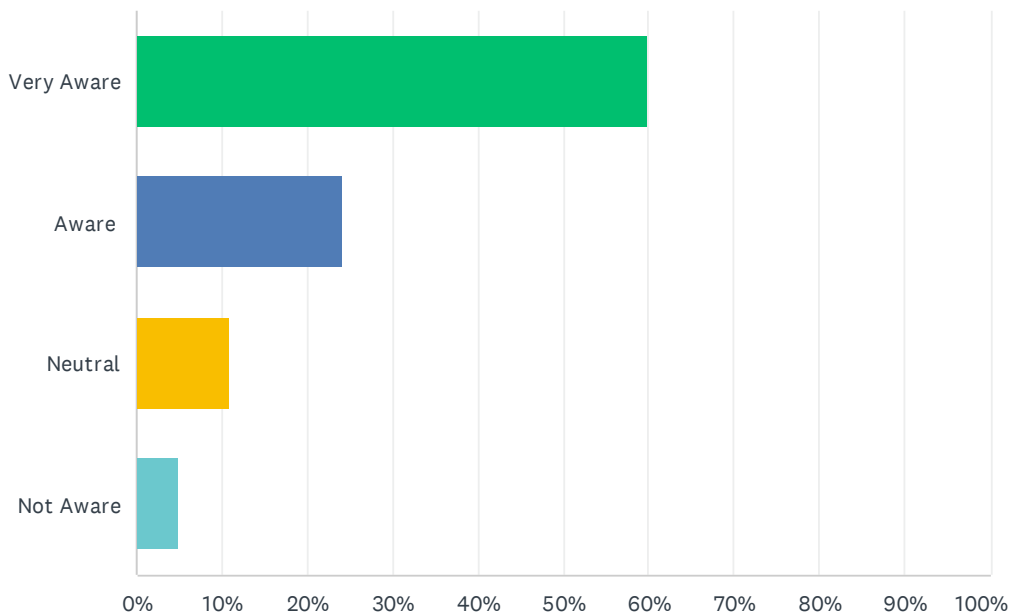
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.67%	68
No	24.17%	29
Prefer Not To Say	19.17%	23
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>120</b>

## Q18 How aware are you that produce and garden exercise can help with those conditions?

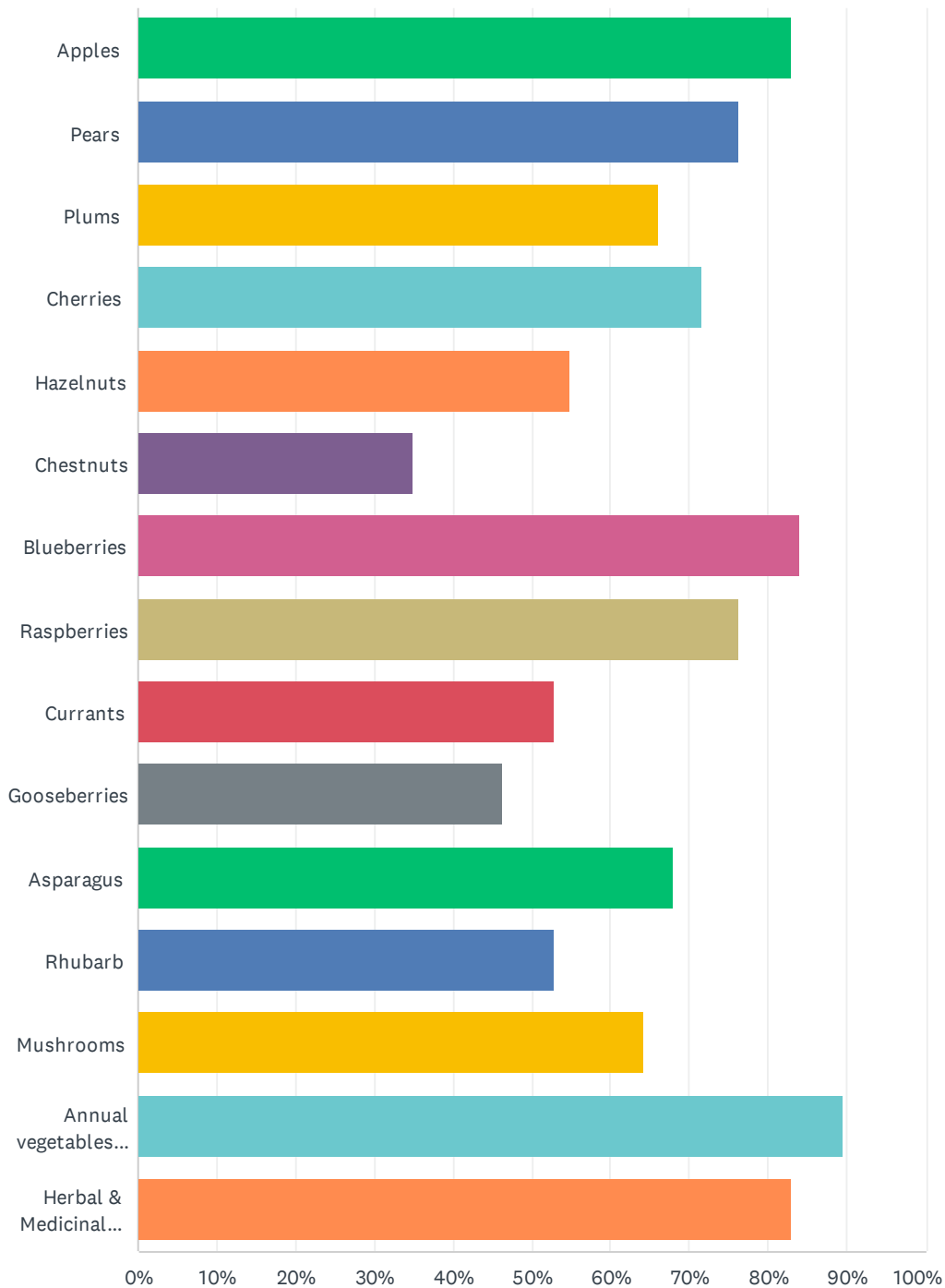
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Aware	60.00%	72
Aware	24.17%	29
Neutral	10.83%	13
Not Aware	5.00%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>120</b>

# Q19 What would you like to see grown in the community food forest? (Select All That Apply)

Answered: 106 Skipped: 16



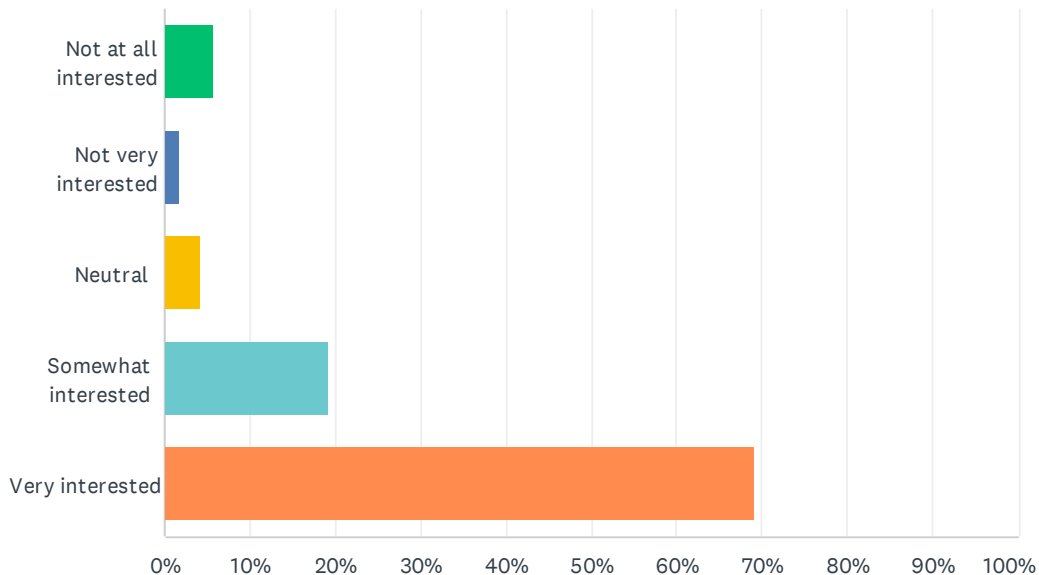


## Woodland Creek Food Forest Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Apples	83.02%	88
Pears	76.42%	81
Plums	66.04%	70
Cherries	71.70%	76
Hazelnuts	54.72%	58
Chestnuts	34.91%	37
Blueberries	83.96%	89
Raspberries	76.42%	81
Currants	52.83%	56
Gooseberries	46.23%	49
Asparagus	67.92%	72
Rhubarb	52.83%	56
Mushrooms	64.15%	68
Annual vegetables (Leafy greens, tomatoes, etc.)	89.62%	95
Herbal & Medicinal plants	83.02%	88
Total Respondents: 106		

## Q20 Rate your interest in seeing a program for children to learn about gardening and permaculture on-site.

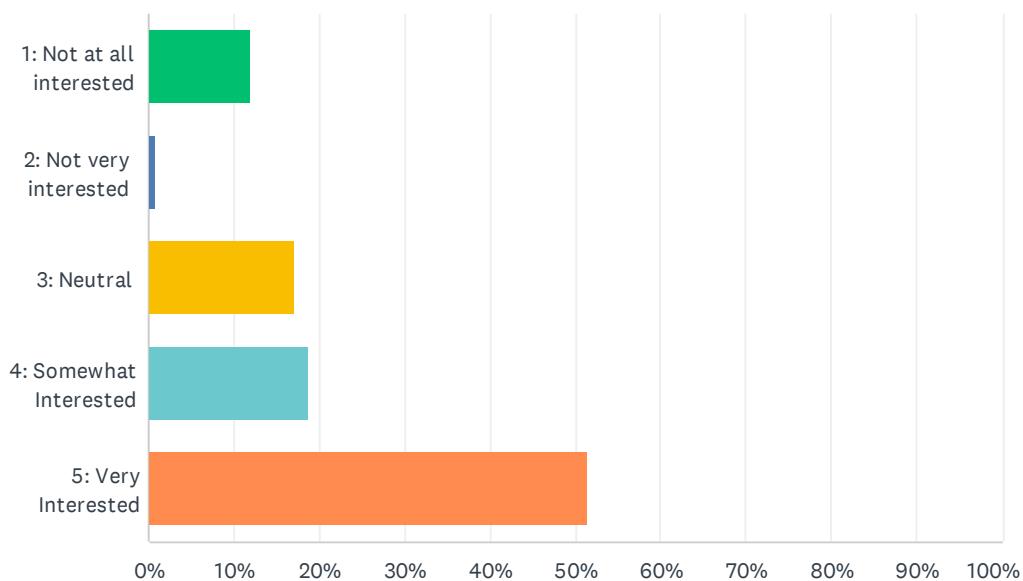
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all interested	5.83%	7
Not very interested	1.67%	2
Neutral	4.17%	5
Somewhat interested	19.17%	23
Very interested	69.17%	83
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>120</b>

## Q21 Rate your interest in bringing students to the Food Forest.

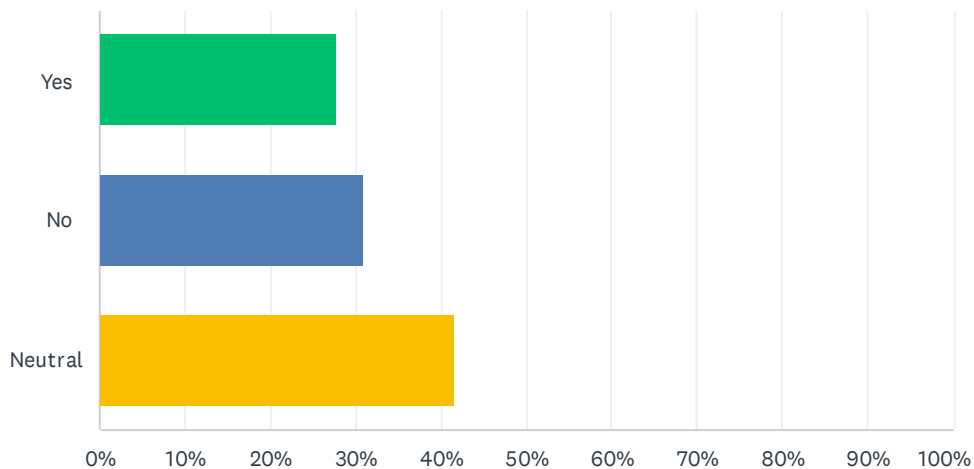
Answered: 117 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1: Not at all interested	11.97%	14
2: Not very interested	0.85%	1
3: Neutral	17.09%	20
4: Somewhat Interested	18.80%	22
5: Very Interested	51.28%	60
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>117</b>

## Q22 If you answered “Very Interested” to the above question, would you want to volunteer as a mentor/leader?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 28



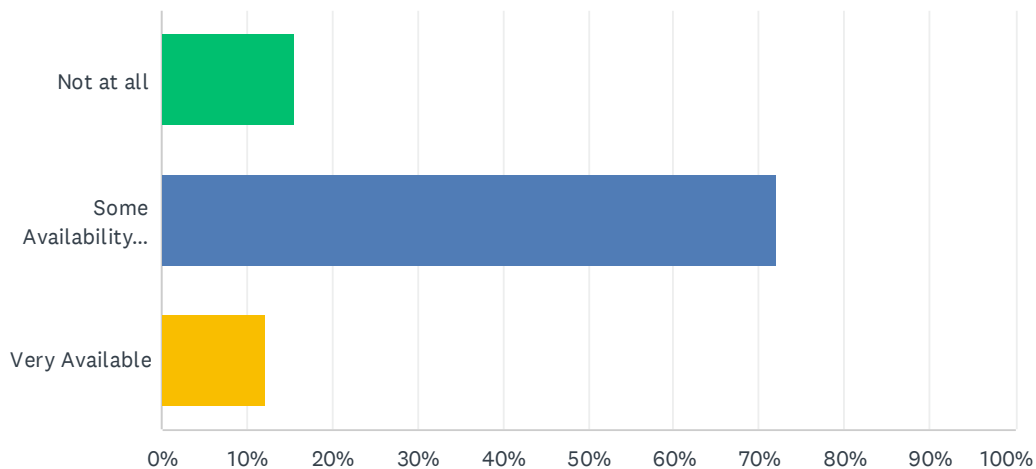
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27.66%	26
No	30.85%	29
Neutral	41.49%	39
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>94</b>

**Q23 What skills can you bring to such a position? Examples like teaching, course design, children supervision, etc.**

Answered: 47 Skipped: 75

## Q24 How accessible do you feel fruits and vegetables are in the Lacey and Olympia area for those who are economically distressed?

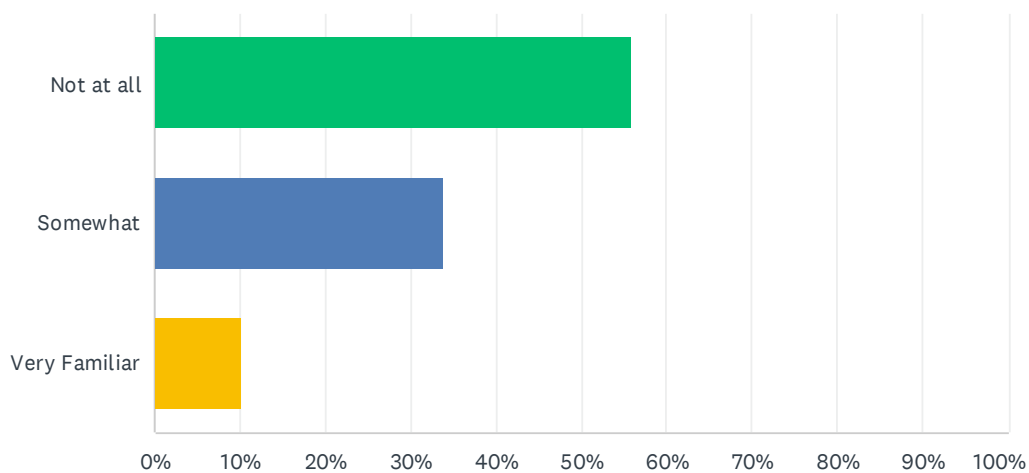
Answered: 115 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all	15.65%	18
Some Availability	72.17%	83
Very Available	12.17%	14
TOTAL		115

## Q25 How familiar are you with Therapeutic Horticulture?

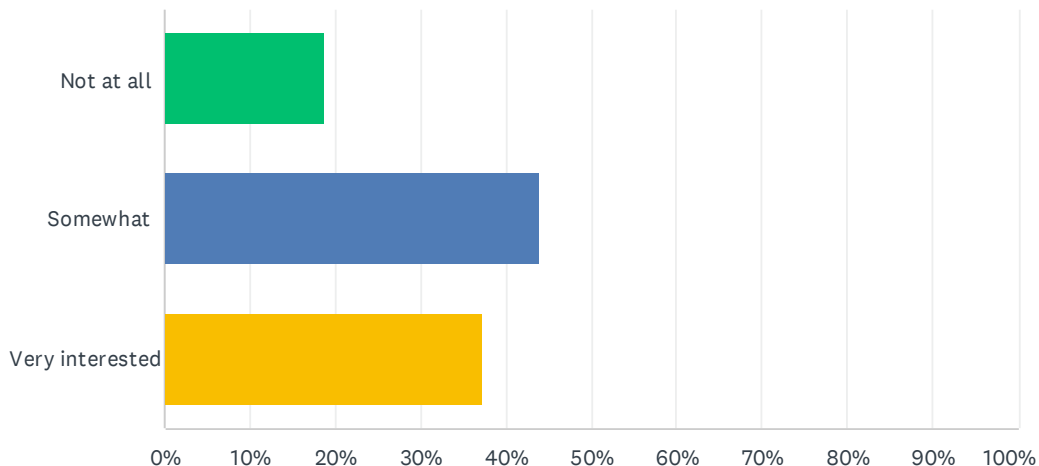
Answered: 118 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Not at all	55.93% 66
Somewhat	33.90% 40
Very Familiar	10.17% 12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118</b>

Q26 Research has shown that Therapeutic Horticulture can improve patient outcomes for a wide variety of illnesses. How interested would you be in learning more about potential benefits for your patients?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all	18.69%	20
Somewhat	43.93%	47
Very interested	37.38%	40
TOTAL		107



Q27 Would you be interested in referring patients for horticultural therapy?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 75

## **Appendix L**

## McAllister Community Park



Sixty-three acres of endangered prairie grasses with Camas Lilies, wetlands that adjoin the “Little McAllister Creek,” numerous *endangered* Garry White Oaks, and a small stand of Quaking Aspen.

1. Opening: pps. 2-3. Comprehensive Budget and Master Plan.  
Proposal: pps. 4-13. The City of Lacey Parks Department is considering modifications to the comprehensive plan. We propose the following modifications:
2. Who are McAllister Citizens for Preserving our Natural Heritage (MCPNH)?
3. History of McAllister family and the area around the park
4. Future of the park lands
5. Preservation and enhancement of park
6. Lacey Parks Comprehensive Plan
7. How we can help
8. Signing member of MCPNH
9. Supporting documents

Attention to Lacey Board of Park Commissioners:

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Carrianna Plascencia, Youth Representative

CC: Jennifer Burbidge, Lacey Parks and Recreation Director



## 1) Opening;

We hope The City of Lacey would adhere to its long standing and current 2019 Comprehensive Plan and Budget by leaving this park as it is, so nearby communities can continue to care for and enjoy it. This requires nothing from the City of Lacey nor Thurston County: no additional costs, no additional sheriff patrols, no gopher study, no environmental impact study, no parking lot, and no hassle.

- a. Comprehensive Plan: The City of Lacey has an ongoing comprehensive plan that includes McAllister Park.

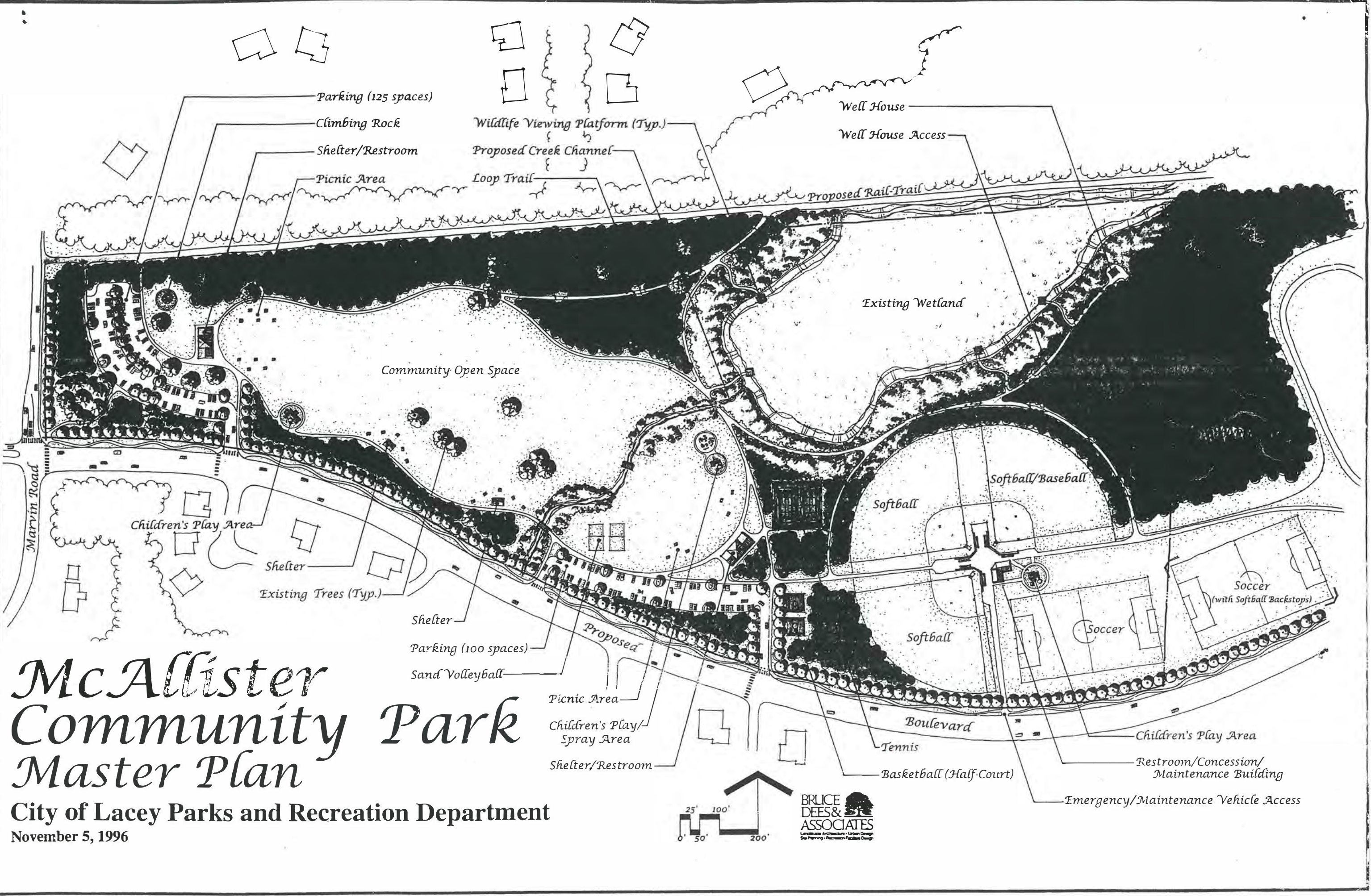
Plans and budgets are the lifeblood of any business, city or organization. Oftentimes when we deviate from those well thought out plans there are ripple effects unknown to us at the time. If the City of Lacey decides to depart from the long-standing comprehensive plan at McAllister Park, those of us who live around the park should be afforded a special hearing on the matter, so that we as a community can vet all the potential ripple effects.

- b. McAllister Park Master Plan: November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1996, Bruce Dees & Associates presented the design for “McAllister Community Park Master Park Plan”. That design has been widely disseminated for 23 years and relied upon by citizens around the park wanting to fully display what the future holds. We residents have all accepted what is present now, a natural prairie chalk full of oak trees, wet lands and prairie grasses teeming with wildlife.

- i. A blueprint design (attached) exists for the future McAllister Community Park. This plan has been shared by real-estate agents with prospective buyers around the park for a great many years. Todd & Jessica first viewed the master park plan in 2007 when they bought a lot on Piperhill. This design, first presented in November of '96 has been relied on for consideration of future home values. **Any deviation from this plan should fully include local residents' participation and input.**

Thank you for your careful consideration, we as a small group of McAllister residents support the recent HOA's letter to city officials as well as the park board.

*R. Todd Rose / Jessica Barrett / Lori Richardson / Robert Gann / Marianne & Strong Paulson / Valerie Dohoda.*



**McAllister  
Community Park  
Master Plan**  
 City of Lacey Parks and Recreation Department  
 November 5, 1996

**BRUCE  
DEES &  
ASSOCIATES**  
 Landscape Architecture - Urban Design  
 Site Planning - Recreation Facilities Design



**1) Citizen proposal if changes are made to the Comprehensive/ Master Plan.**

Lacey Parks Department is now considering deviations to the Master Plan for McAllister Community Park. We wish to present **this “Proposal”** laid out in the pages that follow.

**Our Group, McAllister Citizens for Preserving our Natural Heritage (MCPNH)**, formally proposes the name, McAllister Community Park, be changed to reflect the true nature of the park and the community at large.

We propose the 63-acre park be renamed: “McAllister Heritage Park”

- a. McAllister Community Park. (McAllister Heritage Park)
  - i. McAllister Park is named for **one of the founding settlers** of the Lacey area in the mid 1840’s. (1) (2) (3)
  - ii. When the **McAllister** family arrived in the area, they found wooded lands, prairie grasses, creeks and wetlands teeming with wildlife. The area in and around the park was shared with Native Americans and settlers alike. (4)
  - iii. McAllister Community Park, in its current state, reflects the conditions that existed 170-years ago when the *McAllister* family settled here at the invitation of the Nisqually Tribe. (5) (1)
- b. We propose the park remain in its current, natural state so all can enjoy and learn.
  - i. McAllister Community Park in its natural state requires minimal maintenance; therefore, it would not impact the Lacey Parks budget for the near future. (6)
  - ii. With very little cash investment, the park can be a crown jewel of Lacey Heritage. Imagine school children in outdoor classes studying plants and wildlife in the park, scouting or environmental conservancy groups caring for the Garry oaks, or even planting more natural prairie grasses and Camas plants. (7)

- iii. If the park is left in its natural state, there would be no need for irrigation systems, public restrooms, or frequent mowing associated with developed parks. (6) (7)

## 2) Who are McAllister Citizens for Preserving our Natural Heritage (MCPNH)?

**The MCPNH is a rapidly growing group of 175 local residents** who live in the community and enjoy the park in its current state. Some have used the park for a short time, while others have enjoyed the natural setting for decades. All have worked, lived, played, and raised families in and around Lacey. Throughout the last several years, the MCPNH, along with the surrounding communities as a whole, have spent tens of millions of dollars in property and sales taxes in the Lacey area at large. As citizens, we have supported growth and expansion in the area to include The Village at Union Mills, Freestone and Oak Tree Preserve (now Ovation). In fact, with the development of Ovation, MCPNH was adamant that some of the Garry White Oak and prairie be set aside for future generations. Our voice was heard then. We hope the same now.

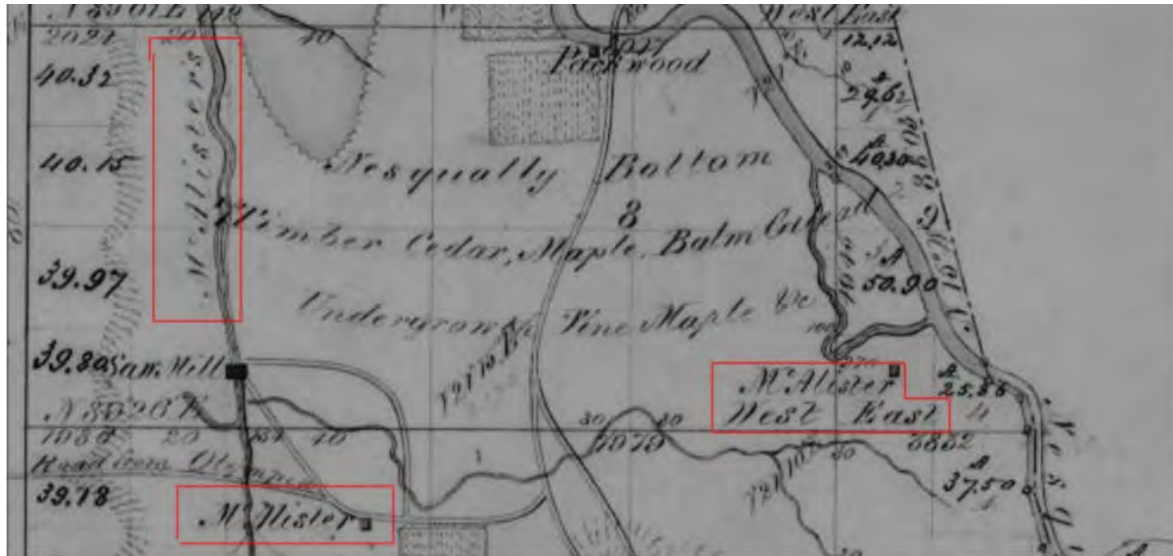
## 3) History of the McAllister Family and the Area Around the Named Park (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

Over 175 years ago, the Nisqually Valley offered good land, a fact that was not lost on the wave of immigrants from the American south. Early pioneers discovered the Valley by exploration, or as would be the case of *the James McAllister family*, at the invitation of local Indians. As Olympia and Steilacoom began to develop, travelers became well acquainted with the Nisqually Valley and the river, which they had to cross by canoe or ferry. Some stayed and, in just a few years, the Valley became all but filled by a patchwork of American claims. A Nisqually Valley “neighborhood” developed, bolstered by common problems, shared labor and, eventually, intermarriage.

- a. Among the first Americans to arrive in the Valley were Kentuckian James McAllister (or McAlister, as evidenced by his signed Donation Land Claim Application), his wife and five children. This famous group of pioneers was on the trail from Missouri for eleven months before arriving at the Columbia River, where they spent the winter of 1844-45.

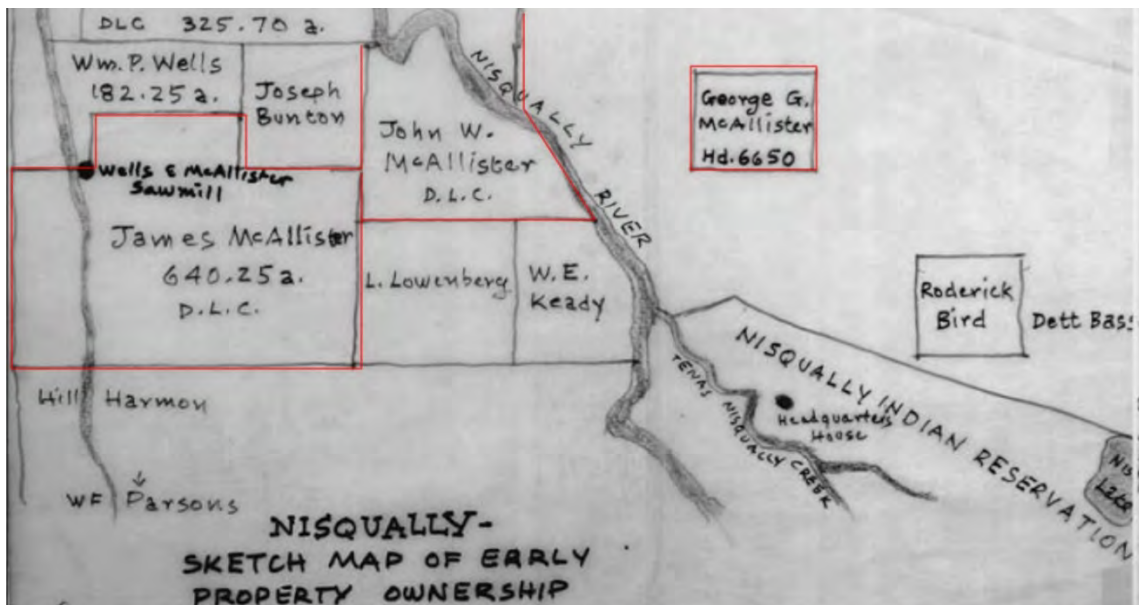
*Forced north by the racial policies established by the provisional legislature for the territory south of the Columbia River (though of mixed race, a close friend of McAllister's, George Bush was considered “African American”), the group, including the McAllisters and Bushes left Fort Vancouver for Puget Sound in the fall of 1845. After fifteen days of bushwhacking between Cowlitz Landing and the southern end of Puget Sound, the families arrived at the falls of the Deschutes River, where it empties into Budd Inlet. Some, including the Bush family, settled there, ultimately establishing New Market, which would become the city of Tumwater. The rest, including the McAllisters, settled on an open prairie a few miles away.*

Circa 1850's map of area around McAllister park to Nisqually. Lower left is McAllister family 640-acre homestead.



This detail from an 1853 map, drawn for the Surveyor General's Office of the time, shows Shaser's and Packwood's claims in the center. The blank area on the right was claimed by the HBC's Puget Sound Agricultural Company. Image courtesy of U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office: Willamette Meridian, Cadastral Survey, Township 18 N, Range 1 E, 1853.

Circa 1880's map of area around McAllister park to Nisqually.



Hand-drawn map showing Nisqually Valley property ownership as it existed circa 1880. Map by Delbert McBride. Image courtesy of Albert McBride.



## 4) Future of the Park Lands

There is a master development plan circa 1996 for this park. This master plan displays softball fields, soccer fields, basketball and tennis courts. (8) What is easy to overlook in the “master plan” is the wholesale *elimination of the endangered Garry White Oaks*. One would also imagine that the design would include “irrigated green grasses” replacing the prairie grass and camas that grow wild now.

- a) Our group encourages the Parks Department to look at the city, county and state *conservation commitments and plans for natural preservation of prairie grasses, Garry White Oaks, spotted frogs and Mazama Pocket Gophers*. The State of Washington, Thurston County, Puget Sound and the City of Lacey have held dear these types of rare public lands and **encourage conservation over development every time**. This is one of those times. In fact, this is easily a case study of, “What CAN We Do vs. What Should We Do”! (10) (11) (12) (13) (14)
- b) For years Lacey Parks has displaced off-leash dog walkers from one location to another. McAllister Heritage Park can be the final destination for *off-leash dog walkers and nature lovers alike*. (15) (16) (17) (18)
- c) The mostly open terrain includes patches of endangered Garry oaks, wetlands, Camas, prairie grasses, fir, alder, cedar and Quaking aspens. All provide a unique opportunity for enjoying nature right here in a rapidly growing suburban area.

## 5) Preservation and Enhancement of Park

McAllister Park is the perfect fit for a designation of a Natural Urban Nature Reserve. The approximately 60-acre parcel is undeveloped and teeming with wildlife in a precious natural setting. As a park, it is zoned for both passive and active recreation. The park is currently used by walkers, joggers, bike riders, drone users, dog walkers, nature lovers and even people practicing parasailing.

- a. Preservation. The Park Board, through its own study, will learn that McAllister Park in its current state would require no additional expenditures. (19)
- b. Enhancement. If allowed to do so by the Parks Department, **MCPNH** would take the lead in finding non-profit groups to support the rejuvenation of the natural prairie grasses, Camas plants, wetlands, and Garry White Oaks. **To start with we recommend:**
  - 1. Schools throughout the district area.
  - 2. Black Hills Audubon society.
  - 3. Nisqually Native American Tribe.
  - 4. Boy & Girl Scout Troops around Thurston County.
  - 5. South Puget Sound Prairies, a local non-profit.
  - 6. University of Washington or other State Colleges.
  - 7. MCPNH. (We’re already managing certain areas).

## 6) Lacey Parks Comprehensive Plan

The City of Lacey 2017 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan: According to the Comprehensive Plan, the Parks Department is moving into “Development Stage” of current park properties. There is no money allocated for McAllister Park until after 2026. In fact, most if not all current funding is dedicated to properties inside the city limits.

We believe McAllister is mislabeled as a “community park”. McAllister Park better fits the definition of “Conservancy Sites” or “Open Space” as described below. (19)

- a. Due to the heritage surrounding the James McAllister family and his relationship to the Bush family of New Market, chainsaws and bulldozers should never be leveled against this natural wildlife habitat just to turn it into a “community” or “neighborhood” park when so many other sites are available to the City of Lacey. (19)
- b. McAllister lacks parking and funding for dramatic changes to establish it as a community park. (19)
- c. Currently, Lacey has 39 parks and facilities. Many are ripe for development into community and neighborhood parks. McAllister is not one the parks scheduled for funding, nor is it a part of the short-term development plan. If our plan to have McAllister recognized as a unique “OPEN SPACE or CONSERVANCY PARK” is accepted, future funding can be directed elsewhere. (19)
- d. Lacey Parks synopsis describes *Open Spaces and Conservancy Sites*:
  - i. Conservancy sites are special management areas with rare, irreplaceable, natural, or cultural features. Conservancy Sites are created to preserve, protect, and enhance appreciation of significant or sensitive environmental and cultural features. McAllister Park checks all of these boxes. (19)
  - ii. Open Spaces: Common features of open areas are natural vegetation or landscaping and steep topography. The open spaces may provide wildlife habitats and are variable in size. Common features include wetlands, wildlife habitat, and historical sites and structures. Suitable sites show a presence of significant and sensitive features. They may be commonly called natural areas, refuges, or habitat reserves. Again, McAllister Park checks most of these boxes. (19)

## 7) How We Can Help

Our group will help develop a “Habitat Conservation Plan” (HCP) using the Thurston County guidelines:

- a. Getting people to agree and work together.
- b. Identifying key people and species.
- c. Labor to keep park clean.
- d. Help remove invasive species, like Scotch-Broom.
- e. Establish & reestablish native plants.
- f. Provide, or help provide outreach materials.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our proposal. We hope it's clear to you, based on the number of emails and the attendance at the Park Commission meetings, that this park means a lot to its surrounding residents.

We love this park. It gives us peace, quiet, beauty, respite, and provides a place for camaraderie. It is the "clubhouse" for our five neighborhoods. This park needs for us to protect it and this is the first step in that direction.

Sincerely,

*The McAllister Citizens for Preserving our Natural Heritage*

Supporters of Citizens for Preserving our Natural Heritage (MCPNH)

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5	Andras T	On Line Petition
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60	Gene Dobry	McAllister resident
61	Gerry Barclay	Lacey resident and Professor of Botany, Highline College
62	Gisela G	On Line Petition
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69	Jackie mills	Lacey Resident
70	Jackie Stevens	
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180	Valerie Dohoda	McAllister resident
181	Victor Reed	McAllsiter Resident
182	Wayne Peterson	Union Mills Resident
183	Wendy Todd	Lacey Resident
184	William Treinen	McAllister resident



# Supporting documents:

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## **Appendix M**

# APPENDIX M

# City of Lacey Park Amenities

LOCATIONS	AMENITIES																											
	Picnic Tables	Picnic Shelters	Rental Picnic Shelters	Free Standing Grills	Toddler Play Equipment	Children's Play Equipment	Swings	Baseball/Softball Equipment	Baseball/Softball Fields	Tennis Court	Open Play Area	Soccer/Football/Rugby Fields	Sand Volleyball Court	Restrooms	Portable Toilet	Parking Lot	Skatepark	Trail - Paved	Trail - Natural Surface	Access to Nearby Trail	Natural Habitat	Open Space	Access to Nearby Park	Swimming/Water Access	Fishing	Outdoor Performances/Special Events	Public Art/Monument	
Arbors Park	x			x	x	x				x																		
Avonlea Park	x	x		x	x	x		x		x										x		x						
Brooks Park	x									x						x					x							
Civic Plaza																x				x							x	
Depot Park	x	x	x			x							x	x														
Homann Park	x			x	x	x	x	x		x				x	x		x		x		x							
Horizon Pointe Park		x			x			x		x	x				x						x							
Interstate 5 (I-5) Park	x															x		x		x								
Lake Lois Park and Habitat Preserve	x			x												x			x		x				x			
Lakepointe Park	x				x			x	x	x	x					x					x							
Long Lake Park	x			x								x			x				x		x			x		x		
Meridian Neighborhood Park	x	x		x	x	x		x						x		x				x		x						
Pleasant Glade	x																					x						
Rainier Vista Community Park	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x			x					x		
Regional Athletic Complex (RAC)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x		x			x		x					x		
Thomas W. Huntamer Park	x				x					x					x												x	
Thornbury Park	x	x		x	x	x				x						x												
Wanschers Community Park	x			x							x					x					x				x	x		
William A Bush Park	x	x		x	x	x				x						x				x		x						
Wonderwood Park	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x				x				x	x		x						
Woodland Creek Community Park	x	x		x	x	x				x					x				x	x	x					x	x	
Karen Fraser Woodland Trail																			x									
I-5 Trail	x															x												
William Ives Trail																				x								
Mullen Road Habitat Reserve																					x							
South Lake Trail																												

## **Appendix N**

City Facility	Address	Shelters	Restrooms	Playgrounds	Soccer	Mod Soccer	Softball	Baseball	Tennis	Volleyball	Pickleball	Basketball
Arbors Park	3898-3820 Arbor Dr SE.			1								
Avonlea Park	4101 Ingelside Dr.	1		2		1*						1
Brooks Park	1313 College St.					1*						
Bush (William A) Park	4400 Chardonnay Dr.	1		2		2*						
Depot Park	5555 Pacivic Ave Se.	1	1	1								
Homann Park	1301 Carpenter Rd.		4	1		1						1
Horizon Pointe Park	5700 Balustrade Blvd.	1		1	1	1						
Lakepointe Park	6400 Compton Blvd.			1	1	1*	1				1	1
Long Lake Park	2790 Carpenter Rd.		4							2		
Meridian Park	8855 Campus Glen Dr.	1	4	3								1
Rainier Vista Park	5474 45th Ave.	2	8	1	3		2	1	4	3	4	2
Regional Athletic Complex	8345 Steilacoom Rd.	4	32	3	6		4	1				3
Thornbury Park	5500 Thornbury Dr.	1		2		2*						
Wonderwood Park	5304 32nd Ave.	2	12	3		1*		2	4		2	2