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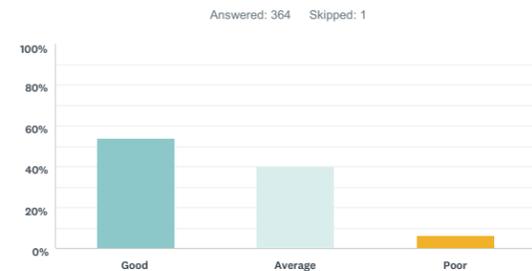
Appendix B: Park Facilities Matrix

			Acres	Playground	Shelter/Gazebo	Tables/Benches	Drinking Fountain	Trails/Pathways	Restroom	Softball Fields	Soccer/Football	Basketball	Tennis	Water Access	Boat Ramp	Parking Spaces	Special Features/Notes	
REGIONAL PARKS																		
1	Pendergast Regional Park	1199 Union Ave.	50.29	•	•	•	•	•	•	☼	☼	•				479	Dog Park, Indoor Soccer Center	
			Total Acres															
COMMUNITY PARKS																		
2	Evergreen Rotary Park	1500 Park Ave.	10.31	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	75	Farmer's Market (Thurs. 4-7 pm May-Oct)	
3	Lions Park	251 Lebo Blvd.	17.04	•	•	•	•	•	•	☼		•	☼	•	•	185	1,900 linear ft. of shoreline, .7 mi. loop path	
4	N.A.D. Park	6002 Kitsap Way	50.87	•	•	•	•	•	•			•				5	Disc Golf Course	
			Total Acres															
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS																		
5	Blueberry Park	737 Sylvan Way	6.90	•	•	•	•	•	•							12	Community P-patch & Demonstration Gardens	
6	East Park	Schley & Homer Jones	3.39	•	•	•	•	•	•							66	Skatepark, Aquatic Center, Ice Arena, YMCA	
7	Forest Ridge Park	3100 1st St & Carol Arends Pkwy	21.01	•	•	•	•	•	•				•			8	Approx. 0.25 mi. rustic forested trail	
8	Haddon Park	15th & Lafayette Ave.	3.09	•	•	•	•	•	•			•				7	0.25 mi. walking track	
9	Kitsap Lake Park	1978 Price Rd.	2.00	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	43		
10	Kiwanis Park	1701 5th St.	3.58	•	•	•	•	•	•		•					-	0.5 mi. paved trail; Embankment slide	
11	Manette Park	1136 Nipsic Ave.	1.70	•	•	•	•	•	•	☼	•	•				35	Adjacent to Bremerton Senior Center	
12	Matan Park	2220 Anderson St.	0.37	•	•	•	•	•	•							-		
13	Warren Ave. Playfield	1017 Warren Ave.	1.89	•	•	•	•	•	•	☼	☼	•				35	Youth-only fields	
			Total Acres															
POCKET PARKS																		
14	9th St. Mini Park	9th & Shore Dr.	0.10			•								•		-		
15	Arvon Park	1512 Arvon St.	0.24	•	•	•										3		
16	Bachmann Park	206 Shore Dr.	0.15		•	•								•		6	Over water viewing shelter	
17	Bataan Park	1827 Sylvan Way	0.83		•	•										10		
18	Lent Landing Park	425 Lebo Blvd.	1.18		•	•								•		11	Wooden gazebo	
19	Lillian A. & James Walker Park	2310 19th Street	0.74		•	•	•							•		0	Stormwater LID Demonstration Site	
20	Lower Roto Vista Park	N. end of Elizabeth St.	0.74		•	•								•		-	Stairs required to access park	
21	Pat Carey Vista	Tracyton Beach Rd.	0.21		•	•								•		12	Viewpoint	
22	Sheridan Park	629 Lebo Blvd	0.78	•	•	•										-	Across street from Community Center	
23	Smith Nature Play Park	1198 Elizabeth Ave.	1.14	•	•	•						•				7	Certified Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom	
			Total Acres															
PLAZAS																		
24	1st Street Plaza	102 Pacific Ave.	0.06			•										-	Outdoor seating area	
25	Harborside Fountain Park	251 1st St.	2.21			•	•	•								-	Naval History Museum, Fountains	
26	Kitsap Conference Center	Washington Ave. (1st to 2nd)	1.37			•										-	Fountains	
27	Louis Mentor Boardwalk	2nd & Washington Ave.	0.72			•	•	•						•		-	Access to USS Turner Joy Museum	
28	Memorial Plaza	Pacific Ave. (1st to Burwell)	1.10			•										-	Fountains, Sculptures, Historical Signage	
29	Whitely Domstad	1101 Wheaton Way	0.23			•										-	Viewpoint overlooking water towards downtown	
			Total Acres															
NATURAL AREAS																		
30	Madrona Trails	Wheaton Way & Ash St.	15.39					•								45	660 linear feet of trails adjacent to East Park	
31	Kitsap Lake Park (Wetlands)	1978 Price Rd.	40.00													-	Freshwater lake shoreline	
32	N.A.D. Marine Park	End of Shorewood Dr.	27.50			•		•						•		4	1,600 linear ft. of shoreline	
33	Stephenson Canyon	2800 Birch St.	28.49					•								8	1.5 mi. of forested trail	
			Total Acres															
			Total Parks/Plaza Acreage															
GREENWAYS																		
34	Clare Ave. Cutoff	NE end of Warren Ave. bridge	0.29															Landscaped and irrigated right-of-way property
35	Bremerton Gateway	S. Charleston Blvd. to WA-304	8.00															Linear greenspace at Bremerton's southern limits
36	Hal's Corner	Warren Ave. and Sheridan Rd.	0.25															Right-of-way in honor of Hal Fischler, founding father of the Navy League of Bremerton
37	Upper Roto Vista	SE end of Warren Ave. bridge	0.97															Formerly the Warren Ave. Bridge toll area
			Total Greenways Acreage															
SPECIAL USE FACILITIES																		
38	Bremerton Senior Center	1136 Nipsic Ave.	0.84															Meeting/activity rooms, kitchen, restrooms; Adjacent to Manette Playfield
39	Gold Mountain Golf Complex	7263 W. Belfair Way	360.00															Two 18-hole golf courses, clubhouse
40	Ivy Green Cemetery	1401 Naval Ave.	14.90															Cemetery (public & military)
41	Jarstad Park	Old Belfair Hwy.	3.50															Limited park hours. Operated by City Water Utility. Future trailhead.
42	Sheridan Community Rec. Ctr	680 Lebo Blvd	3.71															Gym, meeting/activity rooms, kitchen, restrooms
			Total Special Facilities Acreage															

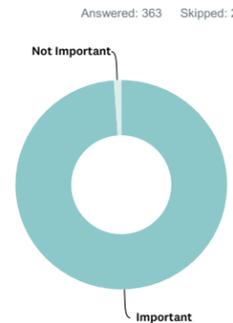
Appendix C: Community Feedback - Survey Responses

Bremerton Parks, Recreation & Open Space Survey

Q1 How would you rate the overall quality of life in Bremerton?



Q2 How important do you think Bremerton's Parks and Recreation system is to the quality of life in Bremerton?



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Q3 What are the main reasons you or your family visit Bremerton Parks and Recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Enjoyment of outdoors/relaxation	84.38% 308
Free/no cost	68.49% 250
Waterfront access	61.10% 223
Fitness/running/walking	60.00% 219
Hiking/forested areas	53.70% 196
Playgrounds/kids	53.42% 195
Socializing/friends & family/picnics	50.96% 186
Close by	46.85% 171
Dog walking/off-leash area	38.36% 140
Sports/athletics	24.11% 88
Classes/programs	8.49% 31
Other (please specify)	6.58% 24
Total Respondents:	365

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Disc golf	3/15/2019 12:50 AM
2	Discgolf	3/12/2019 8:37 PM
3	Disc golf	3/12/2019 3:22 PM
4	Bremerton has some great Disc Golf courses	3/12/2019 12:20 PM
5	Disc Golf	3/11/2019 6:50 PM
6	disc golf	3/11/2019 6:12 PM
7	Disc Golf Courses.	3/11/2019 6:05 PM
8	Disc golf	3/11/2019 5:31 PM
9	Disc golf	3/11/2019 5:30 PM
10	Getting back to nature	3/11/2019 11:16 AM
11	Snoochin doochies	3/11/2019 7:54 PM
12	the accessible playground at evergreen park	2/28/2019 8:01 PM
13	Farmers market	2/28/2019 7:46 PM
14	Convenient locations.	1/25/2019 5:44 PM
15	We don't because of the transients and drug users.	1/19/2019 8:34 PM
16	Photography	1/19/2019 2:35 PM

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17	What a relief	1/19/2019 1:25 PM
18	Garden plot access	1/19/2019 12:07 PM
19	The natural beauty we love. Forests, open water, wetlands, ridgetops.	1/18/2019 8:15 PM
20	Farmers Market	1/18/2019 6:20 PM
21	Community events like music in Manette, Movies in the park and the farmers market	1/18/2019 4:44 PM
22	boat launches	1/18/2019 4:04 PM
23	events / farmer's market	1/18/2019 2:31 PM
24	Birding	1/18/2019 1:58 PM

Q4 What, if anything, would make you visit more often? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 363 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More/better walking/running/hiking trails	42.70%	155
External factors (better weather, more free time, etc.)	36.36%	132
Reduction in homelessness	34.99%	127
More parks	29.48%	107
Cleaner/better maintenance	27.00%	98
More activities/programs/events/classes	26.45%	96
I already visit often	24.79%	90
More dog parks	24.52%	89
Improved safety	23.42%	85
Other (please specify)	20.66%	75
More/better parking	17.36%	63
Leash law enforcement	17.08%	62
Proximity/easier access	13.77%	50
More/better sports fields/courts	11.57%	42
Total Respondents: 363		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Safer (read shorter) toys for the 2-4 age group	4/4/2019 12:13 AM
2	climbing gym	3/27/2019 8:52 PM
3	Rock climbing gym	3/27/2019 7:21 PM
4	Climbing gym :-)	3/27/2019 5:34 PM
5	Climbing gym	3/21/2019 10:53 PM
6	More shade/shade trees. Agility course for dogs small and large.	3/21/2019 8:41 AM
7	Would live to see body weight equipment at parks.	3/18/2019 3:15 PM

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8	Climbing gym	3/18/2019 12:50 PM
9	Less homeless please Bremerton is bad nad park	3/12/2019 8:37 PM
10	More disc golf courses	3/12/2019 12:20 PM
11	More disc golf courses/current course maintenance	3/11/2019 6:50 PM
12	Additional Disc Golf Courses	3/11/2019 6:05 PM
13	Disc golf courses	3/11/2019 5:31 PM
14	More disc golf courses	3/11/2019 5:30 PM
15	Open restrooms to use year round	3/11/2019 11:16 AM
16	Reduction in "my" homelessness	3/7/2019 4:51 PM
17	A place to go potty. I hate getting stuck with no place to go!	3/5/2019 2:59 PM
18	Bike racks for ease of locking up bicycle	3/4/2019 11:06 AM
19	small parks in residential areas are needed. The Summit Ave area has zero functional open space within a 3/4 mile.	3/4/2019 9:03 AM
20	Upgrade to Pendergast playground	3/2/2019 9:14 AM
21	Splash pads and more quality playgrounds	3/2/2019 12:30 AM
22	Disk golf baskets and designated snoochin areas	3/1/2019 7:54 PM
23	Bathrooms unlocked more often/consistently.	3/1/2019 7:44 PM
24	open shelters/roofs with protection from sun/rain	3/1/2019 6:17 PM
25	Cleaner bathrooms	2/28/2019 9:04 PM
26	Would like more adult classes in evening saturdays - photography, art projects ...	2/28/2019 8:02 PM
27	Covered children play area. You know, since it rains a lot.	2/28/2019 7:12 PM
28	Swimming at YMCA terrible 1 a quarter pass never have gotten it since arrangement was made. Took away pool for people who don't have y membership. Would like adult climb play along with child, like climbing walls, backboard for single player to practice racket sports. Get closer to neighborhoods with classes for women arthritis care.	2/28/2019 6:19 PM
29	Silverdale dog park improvements, esp in larger area where it is so muddy. No reason why there can't be ground cover or at least better than the mainly just dirt area. Perhaps you can co-ordinate with Kitsap Conservation District to improve the ground there and preserve the watershed at the same time.	2/22/2019 7:42 PM
30	Use of specific hours to provide off-leash time, i.e., before 9am and after 6pm	2/16/2019 6:03 AM
31	More areas focused for smaller children. Toddlers	2/13/2019 3:13 PM
32	Include table tennis court/ping-pong just like the ones in Seattle westlake center park also include tables and chairs and giant chess set	2/6/2019 3:08 PM
33	more stuff for children families	2/5/2019 4:23 PM
34	Mountain biking	2/5/2019 2:33 PM
35	unlocked rest rooms at Lions Field; although reducing homelessness should be a goal for the entire community, we should make sure these individuals have equal access during normal parks operating hours.	2/5/2019 12:18 PM
36	Keep the GEESE OUT!!! & Their droppings!!!!	2/3/2019 5:32 PM
37	We would visit parks more if there was a splash park.	2/2/2019 7:32 AM
38	Night time Events and Night/Evening Rentals of Park Spaces	1/30/2019 8:39 PM
39	More and better access to safe bicycle/roller blade paths/trails	1/29/2019 8:46 PM
40	More parks that can be easily and safely accessed via foot or bike, and are child-friendly	1/28/2019 10:06 AM
41	More waterfront parks: creating a linear park from downtown Bremerton that connects to Evergreen Park for walking, running, & biking.	1/25/2019 5:44 PM

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42	Pickleball courts	1/24/2019 7:54 PM
43	Bremerton needs a water spray park	1/22/2019 11:00 PM
44	Lighting during dark	1/22/2019 1:08 PM
45	Bathrooms at Manette Close too early.	1/22/2019 12:00 PM
46	MORE TREES!!! Parks need shade! near play equipment. it is often too hot to visit in the summer when very few of our parks offer any shade near play equipment	1/22/2019 9:59 AM
47	better playground - specifically Warren Ave Playfield which is near my house, but doesn't really have a playground.	1/21/2019 6:26 AM
48	More lighting! Specifically in Evergreen Park	1/20/2019 11:57 AM
49	Playground for younger kids at Lions Park	1/20/2019 8:02 AM
50	Better playground equipment - please fix up Castle Park!!	1/19/2019 11:53 PM
51	Prosecute property and drug crimes in the City of Bremerton like you care. The criminals know the consequences are minimal and will only happen if the cops actually show up in a timely manner and investigate.	1/19/2019 8:34 PM
52	More waterfront access and larger parks!	1/19/2019 7:10 PM
53	Increased police patrols and enforcement of leash laws, littering, public drunkenness, etc.	1/19/2019 6:46 PM
54	We have had to leave parks due to homeless adults (under the influence, acting weird, not being appropriate with children around, etc). It puts me in a bad position when I'm trying to keep my children safe and they are asking questions that can be overheard while I just want to get them in the car. If I'm without my husband I feel very unsafe with two young children.	1/19/2019 2:49 PM
55	The main problem I have with the parks is the amount of day drinkers, drug users and homeless people that use them. Some parks I completely avoid (E. 9th St. Mini Park, Forest Ridge, Stephenson Canyon, and Whitey Domstad Park). Most people at these parks are parked there doing illegal things or living there. The chronic lawbreakers need to know that parks (especially ones with playgrounds) are not places they can hang out.	1/19/2019 1:42 PM
56	Splash park	1/19/2019 1:39 PM
57	More playgrounds that aren't boring. They are making them "safer" but at the cost of abundant toys to play on.	1/19/2019 1:20 PM
58	having a water park like at Wright Park in Tacoma. Let's add this at Evergreen Park!	1/19/2019 9:12 AM
59	More unique experiences or Interactions with nature	1/19/2019 9:10 AM
60	Please enforce the leash law! I've had an older dog jumped on by an off leash dog — mine was leashed, but it ruined our walk & Tasha got hurt. I would go to the parks everyday with my dog if the leash laws were enforced.	1/18/2019 11:41 PM
61	Imaginative spaces safe for all kids	1/18/2019 9:14 PM
62	keeping the restrooms free of transients doing drugs behind locked doors for hours	1/18/2019 8:45 PM
63	More trees. More forests, more thickets, more natural connections between ecosystems, e.g., forest/shore.	1/18/2019 8:15 PM
64	better shelter from sun and rain	1/18/2019 6:09 PM
65	Play areas for toddlers	1/18/2019 5:52 PM
66	Access to lime bicycle or scooter system	1/18/2019 5:51 PM
67	Easier bike access, more bike parking, more safe sidewalks (our closest park doesn't even have a sidewalk to get there)	1/18/2019 5:41 PM
68	REASONABLE fees for use of Glenn Jarstad pool!!	1/18/2019 5:09 PM
69	plenty of garbage recepticals and dog poop pick up encouragement	1/18/2019 4:04 PM
70	Wheelchair swing	1/18/2019 3:57 PM
71	Green fields that aren't muddy all year round (Evergreen and Lions)	1/18/2019 3:28 PM
72	Repaired boat launch and dock at Lion's Field	1/18/2019 2:38 PM

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73	Splash parks!	1/18/2019 2:26 PM
74	Would love a better play structure at Blueberry park, something smaller kids could enjoy also. Similar to Evergreen but of course on a smaller scale.	1/18/2019 2:22 PM
75	The Manette Park should have a loop that goes all the way around the field and up above to a person can walk a continuous loop.	1/18/2019 1:46 PM

Q5 For each of the following types of parks and recreation facilities, please indicate how often you or your family visit that type of park or facility.

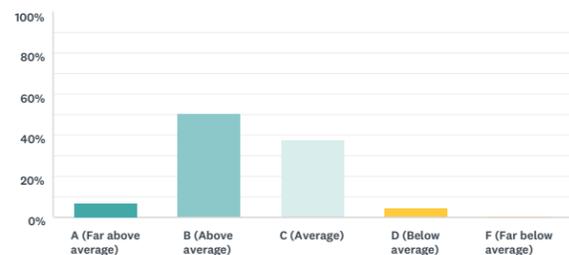
Answered: 365 Skipped: 0

	0-2 TIMES/YEAR	2-10 TIMES/YEAR	10+ TIMES/YEAR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Small neighborhood or community parks (ex. Blueberry Park, Evergreen Rotary Park)	11.11% 40	29.44% 106	59.44% 214	360	2.48
Natural areas/green spaces (ex. Stephenson Canyon)	44.09% 153	38.33% 133	17.58% 61	347	1.73
Walking paths/trails (ex. Walking path at Lions Park)	18.72% 67	39.11% 140	42.18% 151	358	2.23
Picnic areas or shelters	43.53% 148	46.18% 157	10.29% 35	340	1.67
Children's playgrounds	40.00% 136	17.65% 60	42.35% 144	340	2.02
Athletic fields	61.96% 202	21.17% 69	16.87% 55	326	1.55
Off-leash dog areas (ex. Pendergast Dog Park)	70.03% 236	17.51% 59	12.46% 42	337	1.42
Downtown Plazas, Fountains, Boardwalk	13.45% 48	45.66% 163	40.90% 146	357	2.27
Outdoor sports/tennis courts	74.47% 248	14.41% 48	11.11% 37	333	1.37
Recreation and activity programs for kids	63.88% 214	24.18% 81	11.94% 40	335	1.48
Recreation and activity programs for adults	70.45% 236	21.79% 73	7.76% 26	335	1.37
Recreation and activity programs for seniors	90.99% 303	6.31% 21	2.70% 9	333	1.12
Bremerton Senior Center	92.17% 306	6.02% 20	1.81% 6	332	1.10
Sheridan Park Community Center	85.89% 286	12.01% 40	2.10% 7	333	1.16
Gold Mountain Golf Course	91.16% 299	6.71% 22	2.13% 7	328	1.11

Q6 How would you grade the Bremerton Parks and Recreation system overall?

Answered: 363 Skipped: 2

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A (Far above average)	6.89%	25
B (Above average)	50.41%	183
C (Average)	37.47%	136
D (Below average)	4.68%	17
F (Far below average)	0.55%	2
TOTAL		363

Q7 What are the main reasons for the grade you gave for Bremerton's Parks and Recreation system overall? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 361 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Enjoy the parks/parks are good	65.10%	235
Good location/close proximity/accessible	49.86%	180
Parks are well-maintained/clean	49.58%	179
Good system overall	34.35%	124
There are a lot of parks/facilities	32.69%	118
Parks feel safe	26.32%	95
More parks needed	24.93%	90
Need more facilities for dogs	22.99%	83
Bathrooms need attention	22.44%	81
Safety concerns	21.05%	76
More park renovations needed	18.56%	67
Not enough variety of programs/activities	14.40%	52
Dog policies not enforced	13.57%	49

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F (Far below average)	1.66%	6
TOTAL		362

Q9 What are the main reasons for the grade you gave for the safety of Bremerton Parks and Recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 360 Skipped: 5

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Depends on the park/some feel safe and some do not	55.83%	201
I feel safe	41.39%	149
Illegal activities (discarded needles, tagging/graffiti, alcohol, etc.)	35.56%	128
Parks are clean/well-maintained	35.28%	127
Open line of sight	33.06%	119
Cleanliness/maintenance issues (litter, bathrooms)	23.06%	83
Absence of police/park staff	19.72%	71
Encampments	19.17%	69
Dogs off leash	16.39%	59
Other people (intimidating/aggressive)	15.56%	56
Other (please specify)	6.11%	22
I don't feel safe	4.72%	17
Total Respondents: 360		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Licked or damaged bathrooms	3/11/2019 11:16 AM
2	A few of the more remote areas can seem sketchy, if you're a lone female.	3/6/2019 7:46 PM
3	Not enough lights at night	3/3/2019 12:59 AM
4	Have seen discarded needles and broken beer bottles at kids parks but it's rare and to the edges of the green space around the parks	3/2/2019 9:14 AM
5	Bremerton is safe	3/1/2019 6:17 PM
6	Always with someone, buddy system.	2/28/2019 7:30 PM
7	I feel safe mostly at Lions Park due to the open line of sight. The only area I might avoid is at the east end by the baseball field which is ... less open to visual observation.	2/21/2019 6:52 AM
8	Don't like to helicopter parent need line of sight so children are safe and can play independantly but I can watch for trouble just in case.	2/5/2019 4:23 PM
9	I do not like the lack of sight lines at the submarine park.	2/2/2019 7:32 AM
10	There seem to be dogs off-leash because there isn't an alternative to Pendergast downtown or in E. Brem.	1/27/2019 9:39 PM
11	Overall parks feel safe w/ a strong community/neighborhood vibe.	1/25/2019 5:44 PM
12	RotaVista Park is a known dry area	1/20/2019 11:57 AM
13	Burns	1/19/2019 8:34 PM

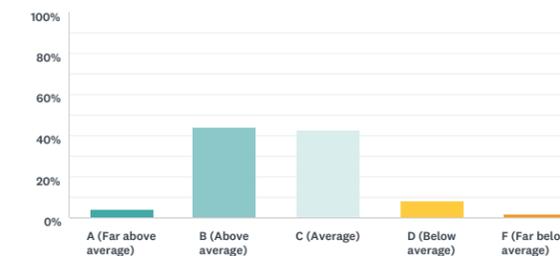
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26	Evergreen Park needs way more activities and events - yoga, drum circles, boating/kayak/canoe/paddleboard rentals and classes from the public dock, a softball field and laugues in the summer, weekend movies in the park with non-profit snack vendors. We could do city holiday events such as horse drawn carriage rides and carolers at Christmas time, egg hunt for Easter, seasonal carnivals and fairs	1/19/2019 2:48 PM
27	Poor drainage on sidewalks from rain	1/19/2019 1:48 PM
28	Our community building on Lebo is really old.	1/19/2019 1:37 PM
29	"Parks are good" is a truism. Parks are few and far between and mostly geared toward athletic fields and playgrounds that already exist at local schools. Open school playgrounds and give the parks to walkers and dreamers, under large trees, where you can see the Olympics white with snow in rare clear January days.	1/18/2019 8:15 PM
30	Senior Center -- not open enough hours	1/18/2019 7:17 PM
31	Lack of trash cans. Better marketing for programs and activities.	1/18/2019 5:51 PM
32	Sidewalls, bike access	1/18/2019 5:41 PM
33	Exhorbitant fees to use city pool.	1/18/2019 5:09 PM
34	need for people to pick up dog poop	1/18/2019 4:04 PM
35	Disabled swings	1/18/2019 3:57 PM
36	Need small parks in residential areas I have to drive as there are no parks near South Summit Ave	1/18/2019 3:44 PM
37	Bathrooms are not open during daylight hours. (close too early in the day, or not open at all)	1/18/2019 2:26 PM
38	Vegetation often looks overgrown and unmaintained, in particular Fountain Park, which should be a showcase for Bremerton as it may be the only park people/visitors see.	1/18/2019 2:16 PM
39	Do the bathrooms need to close so early?	1/18/2019 1:46 PM

Q8 How would you grade the safety of Bremerton Parks and Recreation facilities?

Answered: 362 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A (Far above average)	3.87%	14
B (Above average)	43.92%	159
C (Average)	42.54%	154
D (Below average)	8.01%	29

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14	Other people under the influence and acting erratically or weird.	1/19/2019 2:49 PM
15	Most parks are poorly lit at night	1/19/2019 2:00 AM
16	Even the homeless people of Bremerton are pleasant, obliging, chatty. I've almost never met someone scary and I was a temporary Parks laborer last summer.	1/18/2019 8:15 PM
17	Sidewalks, bike access	1/18/2019 5:41 PM
18	We have a neighborhood watch and take responsibility for our own safety.	1/18/2019 4:44 PM
19	dog poop all over the place	1/18/2019 4:04 PM
20	not enough lights at dusk	1/18/2019 2:40 PM
21	Very good idea to put lighting in park shelter at Kiwanis! Thank you! On the other hand, I don't feel safe in Stephenson Canyon because someone was attacked there.	1/18/2019 2:16 PM
22	I mainly use the Manette park and it has always felt safe, even before the renovations. I'm not sure about other parks.	1/18/2019 1:46 PM

Q10 What are specific places where you think safety is an issue? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 343 Skipped: 22

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Restrooms	40.52% 139
Walking Paths/Trails	38.48% 132
I don't feel safety is an issue	25.07% 86
Parking Lots	24.20% 83
Other or Specific Park (please specify)	19.83% 68
Picnic Shelters	16.33% 56
Total Respondents: 343	

#	OTHER OR SPECIFIC PARK (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Off leash dogs are all over the place	4/8/2019 9:25 AM
2	Blueberry park has a lot of bushes lying about that unsavoury people can lurk in... (a sex offender once told me the ways a child can be abducted there and I will never NEVER go back there)	4/4/2019 12:13 AM
3	After hours activities	3/20/2019 10:55 AM
4	Had quite the interaction with mysterious man in Stephenson Canyon	3/17/2019 6:43 PM
5	Playgrounds often have discarded needles, drug paraphernalia, and used contraception. Sometimes there is also fecal matter in the spaces where children play. Waterfront parks are also littered with animal feces, especially in the summer.	3/17/2019 1:58 PM
6	Encampments in the forested park areas	3/11/2019 11:16 AM
7	Night time lighting and encampments	3/10/2019 10:09 AM
8	Occasionally at the Illahee Reserve.	3/6/2019 7:46 PM
9	NAD park. Drug use, homeless use of area, illegal activity	3/5/2019 9:20 AM
10	Forest Park, Stephenson Canyon, walking trails	3/4/2019 7:09 PM
11	Evergreen, Lions	3/4/2019 11:31 AM
12	I have had a couple of issues with impaired people at Evergreen Park	3/4/2019 10:30 AM

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13	The wooded parks feel unsafe due to homelessness.	3/4/2019 10:20 AM
14	I have PTSD so my opinion does not matter	3/4/2019 9:03 AM
15	Kiwanis Park - needs more lights	3/3/2019 12:59 AM
16	Lulu Haddon Park sometimes has needles	3/2/2019 12:45 AM
17	Our friend had her car window broken and her purse stolen at Lion's park; we always encounter homeless people at Kiwanis park (not a big deal, but some behave like they're on something)	2/28/2019 8:01 PM
18	I go to parks that are well utilized, and I have never felt unsafe	2/28/2019 7:46 PM
19	Only go to Lions w/buddy	2/28/2019 7:30 PM
20	Shelters that are far away from activity have more questionable issues.	2/28/2019 6:19 PM
21	Evergreen's an issue again with the homeless which is why I've changed to Lion's park.	2/21/2019 6:52 AM
22	I don't worry about safety as I walk with two big dogs...	2/16/2019 6:03 AM
23	pendergast dog park	2/12/2019 4:05 PM
24	Evergreen is a good open park playground ..if the playground equipment blocks my view (Lions Park) I don't feel my kids are safe there	2/5/2019 4:23 PM
25	Forest Ridge Park, Stepenson Canyon	2/5/2019 12:18 PM
26	Heavy shrubbery	2/5/2019 11:40 AM
27	Some parks feel less safe than others. Time of day is also a factor. Evergreen Park and Lion's Park both come to mind as not feeling safe at certain times for a variety of reasons.	2/5/2019 9:19 AM
28	Evergreen	1/31/2019 11:31 AM
29	Illahaee Preserve	1/29/2019 9:31 AM
30	Stephenson Canyon	1/27/2019 6:46 PM
31	Evergreen has had to many homeless men hanging around for me to want to take my kids down there.	1/24/2019 11:59 AM
32	Evergreen park	1/21/2019 11:55 AM
33	Evergreen - Homeless	1/20/2019 8:05 PM
34	Forest Ridge	1/20/2019 3:26 PM
35	Roto Vista	1/20/2019 12:15 PM
36	Could be any of the following at different times.	1/20/2019 12:06 PM
37	RotaVista Park	1/20/2019 11:57 AM
38	Castle Park needs a real bathroom and better maintenance of the playground equipment	1/19/2019 11:53 PM
39	Playgrounds	1/19/2019 10:24 PM
40	Play areas	1/19/2019 8:45 PM
41	Forest Ridge Park has often had drug users on the trails.	1/19/2019 8:23 PM
42	Depends on the park	1/19/2019 8:04 PM
43	The only bathrooms I won't let my son visit alone are at evergreen when it's busy as there is often a mixed crowd	1/19/2019 7:49 PM
44	Lulu Haddon park; illegal activities and off-leash dogs	1/19/2019 6:46 PM
45	Evergreen	1/19/2019 5:33 PM
46	Open walking paths like at Lion's feels safe, paths surrounded by trees do not.	1/19/2019 4:30 PM
47	Warren Avenue playfield (Crown Hill Elementary baseball field, encampment in the woods by field last spring, haven't checked if still there), Kiwanis park (occasional vagrants but open line of site is nice and have never been bothered), Lulu D Haddon Park (vagrants or others under the influence)	1/19/2019 2:49 PM
48	Hidden Areas	1/19/2019 1:37 PM

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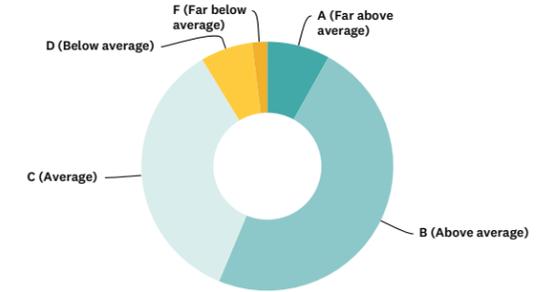
49	Drug usage at forest ridge park	1/19/2019 1:33 PM
50	I don't like that the path to the hill slide at Kiwanis (my neighborhood park) is open to the sidewalk and it is out of my line of sight when I am waiting at the bottom of the slide. Scares me. It would also be nice to have shade for the slides since they get so hot in summer. Those are what my young children enjoy the most.	1/19/2019 1:09 PM
51	Green spaces (needles)	1/19/2019 1:06 AM
52	Unleashed dogs —	1/18/2019 11:41 PM
53	Kiwana's Park. homeless sleeping in the bushes	1/18/2019 8:45 PM
54	Stephenson Canyon is kind of scary for an older woman alone	1/18/2019 7:17 PM
55	Haddon - Drug sales and use	1/18/2019 6:06 PM
56	Beach park at end of Naval has no sidewalk to get there. And most parks have no bike trails or bike lanes to get there	1/18/2019 5:41 PM
57	Evergreen/Rotary park and 9/11 Memorial has encampments/people needing health and housing resources.	1/18/2019 5:05 PM
58	I won't walk alone in Illahee Preserve	1/18/2019 5:02 PM
59	Illahaee Preserve	1/18/2019 4:35 PM
60	dogs off leash in open spaces and on trails. i like dogs, own one, but can't take it out much because it can be problematic to have other dogs off leash and not well behaved.	1/18/2019 4:04 PM
61	not enough street lights around kiwanis park, mail is stolen in area and discarded in park	1/18/2019 2:40 PM
62	Lighting	1/18/2019 2:26 PM
63	stephenson trails	1/18/2019 2:24 PM
64	Some parks I don't trust leaving my car parked. Lions and the castle playground to be specific.	1/18/2019 2:22 PM
65	Near shrubbery and trees. People sleeping on benches.	1/18/2019 2:21 PM
66	Stephenson Canyon (and Illahee, though I know it's a State Park.)	1/18/2019 2:16 PM
67	Dogs off-leash	1/18/2019 2:03 PM
68	Discarded needles in the tree areas	1/18/2019 1:56 PM

Q11 How well do local Bremerton Parks and Recreation facilities meet the needs of your neighborhood?

Answered: 359 Skipped: 6

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Q12 What are the main reasons for the grade you gave for meeting the needs of your neighborhood? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 349 Skipped: 16

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Parks are near me/easy to access	66.76% 233
Parks get good use/are popular	52.44% 183
Quality playgrounds	39.54% 138
Ample open green space	38.11% 133
Well-maintained	35.53% 124
Enjoy the diversity of options	28.94% 101
Need more parks or facilities	20.92% 73
Vagrant issues	18.62% 65
Drug use/paraphernalia	17.19% 60
Quality sports courts/fields	16.05% 56
Safety issues	13.18% 46
Other (please specify)	12.32% 43

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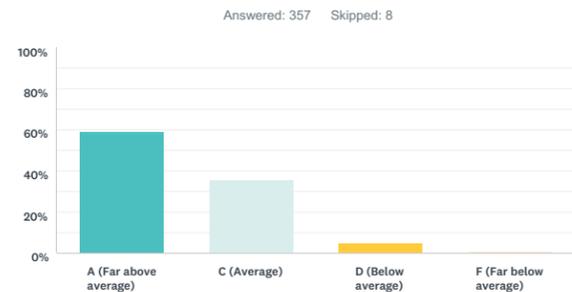
Not clean/maintained	9.46%	33
Parks are not near me/difficult to access	6.59%	23
Parks are crowded/noisy	4.87%	17
Recreational programming	4.58%	16
Total Respondents: 349		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I don't know that it is specifically a P and R issue but the homeless population, adicits, "crack houses" or sketchy parts of town make it more difficult to enjoy what we have.	3/27/2019 7:21 PM
2	No	3/21/2019 6:56 PM
3	After hours activities and drug deals in park	3/20/2019 10:55 AM
4	Would love a climbing gym - indoor and/or outdoor	3/18/2019 12:50 PM
5	I would like to see more places to lock bikes up - in view	3/17/2019 7:04 PM
6	Homeless	3/12/2019 8:37 PM
7	Locked and/or damaged bathrooms. Parks still used in winter!	3/11/2019 11:16 AM
8	The park near OHS needs some playground parts to be fixed	3/7/2019 12:48 PM
9	NO bathroom. What do I do when my little granddaughter needs to go potty? Go behind a building? Get a ticket for going in public?	3/5/2019 2:59 PM
10	West Bremerton needs more parks	3/4/2019 7:09 PM
11	our parks are dark (parkwood east)	3/4/2019 5:28 PM
12	Beautiful views from Kiwanis Park (park nearest me)	3/4/2019 11:06 AM
13	there are no parks in the South Summit and Preble area	3/4/2019 9:03 AM
14	My neighborhood park is Pendergast and it's playgrounds is in need of updating- at the very least swings being added	3/2/2019 9:14 AM
15	Need better play equipment	2/28/2019 8:02 PM
16	When we lived in Manette, the Manette playfield was AMAZING; now that we're in Illahee, but not near the park, there are no neighborhood parks	2/28/2019 8:01 PM
17	Very small playground for kids near me and no engaging toys or enough to do for the kids. Also Uncovered, so rarely use them in this state. Add a cover top to the kids areas.	2/28/2019 7:12 PM
18	You need to add table tennis court in addition to basketball court and tennis court at the Lions field park.	2/6/2019 3:08 PM
19	overall its a good job but needs more TLC	2/5/2019 4:23 PM
20	Manette	1/29/2019 9:31 AM
21	Not enough off leash dog parks for amount of dogs	1/29/2019 9:28 AM
22	Need parks that are easier to access via bike or foot	1/28/2019 10:06 AM
23	A spray park would be a great asset to neighbourhood on West Bremerton such as in soon to be vacant lot kitty corner to Lulu Haddon. There are fantastic spray parks in Victoria, BC. One huge and one very small but amazing.	1/22/2019 8:58 PM
24	Forest Park and NAD parks don't feel safe for a single woman	1/22/2019 1:08 PM
25	the good parks are crowded at the playground, sitting areas, but if some of the other parks had better playground, sitting area, paths they would be used more and take some of the burden.	1/21/2019 6:26 AM
26	hours- not being able to walk dogs for large amount of time in winter due to being dark by 4pm.	1/20/2019 12:06 PM
27	Lulu Hadon Park needs updated playground	1/19/2019 8:23 PM
28	Off-leash dogs everywhere--not all are well behaved	1/19/2019 6:46 PM

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29	I travel to other parts of town to use parks.	1/19/2019 4:30 PM
30	Leash laws unenforced.	1/18/2019 11:41 PM
31	Would love to see more parks and play options	1/18/2019 9:56 PM
32	It's Lulu D Haddon Park. It's an oval paved trail flanked by dogshit. Might as well make this place off-leash, for one can't walk in the center without picking up feces on one's shoes.	1/18/2019 8:15 PM
33	Community "participation" events. Kids. Seniors. Military. Etc.	1/18/2019 7:58 PM
34	Not enough trash cans. Cleaner bathrooms with hygiene and locking stall doors.	1/18/2019 5:51 PM
35	Sidewalks, bike access	1/18/2019 5:41 PM
36	Would give better grade if pool were more accessible to more citizens.	1/18/2019 5:09 PM
37	We must always strive to preserve our parks and do our bests to add more.	1/18/2019 4:44 PM
38	Kiwanis park is close by but often feel like it is not an option for daytime/weekday use because the school nearby uses it for recess. I (and others I've spoken to) are extremely uncomfortable using the space during that time. There is also no notice that this is the case. I found out when they crowded the park and my daughter was knocked down and hurt by a student rushing onto the play area before I had a chance to gather her to leave. We have not gone back to the park on a weekday since. No school staff acknowledged what happened.	1/18/2019 4:14 PM
39	lulu haddon has a lot of drug and trash and garbage strewn about	1/18/2019 4:04 PM
40	I use the paved trail at Lion's field to exercise. I can walk and my kids can walk or bike	1/18/2019 3:21 PM
41	Accessible playgrounds should be the standard for all the playgrounds. Kiwanis needs an update!	1/18/2019 2:16 PM
42	Dogs off-leash are a concern for parents of small children	1/18/2019 2:03 PM
43	I don't like how there is less basketball court vs tennis option at Manette. Can't do both at the same time.	1/18/2019 1:46 PM

Q13 How would you grade the maintenance and cleanliness of Bremerton Parks and Recreation facilities?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
A (Far above average)	58.82% 210
C (Average)	35.57% 127
D (Below average)	5.04% 18
F (Far below average)	0.56% 2

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10	Would suggest use of portable toilets in the wintertime to prevent vandalism	2/16/2019 6:03 AM
11	Weeding and smarter plantings for NW	2/6/2019 9:24 PM
12	Bad smells from vagrants	2/6/2019 5:17 AM
13	While litter is an issue to some degree in all parks; it is exceptionally less so than other cities.	2/6/2019 12:31 AM
14	Over watering the grass!!!	2/3/2019 5:32 PM
15	Trash	1/30/2019 8:39 PM
16	Toilets are all metal and I do all I can NOT to use the restrooms	1/21/2019 9:41 AM
17	Do find restrooms near 9/11 memorial remain locked during the day.	1/20/2019 12:06 PM
18	It isn't the park department's fault that some dog owners are irresponsible. Appreciate availability of doggie bags	1/19/2019 6:46 PM
19	More on site staff	1/19/2019 4:09 PM
20	Some parks are well maintained and some are not, some have new or well maintained equipment and some do not. It's hot and miss.	1/19/2019 2:49 PM
21	Trails are not well maintained	1/19/2019 1:20 PM
22	Landscaping looks unkempt at majority of parks. They need weeding etc	1/19/2019 7:55 AM
23	Would love to see staff and updated bathrooms with working facilities (soap, hand dryers, female product disposal bins)	1/18/2019 9:56 PM
24	Never see staff interact with visitors. Might be nice in summer to have booth or stand?	1/18/2019 7:58 PM
25	It's maddening to see bags available for free and yet some people do not clean up after their dogs. It is a human issue not a dog issue	1/18/2019 6:36 PM
26	Seems like the staff works great but there are too many people littering for the staff to keep up	1/18/2019 2:40 PM
27	There needs to be composting piles or specified area to drop weeds if residents are civic-minded enough to stop and pick some. As it is, if you pile them up next to the garbage can (seems reasonable), staff just leaves it there to decompose. (It shouldn't be going in garbage cans!) There would be more community involvement if people could just do some weeding and have a designated spot to deposit them. We should not be involving plastic bags in this.	1/18/2019 2:16 PM
28	Trails do not feel safe.	1/18/2019 1:47 PM

Q15 Where are some places/instances where you think maintenance and cleanliness is an issue? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 333 Skipped: 32

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Restrooms	41.14% 137
Garbage/litter/trash/broken glass	32.73% 109
I don't feel that maintenance/cleanliness is an issue	29.43% 98
During peak-use/summer season	26.73% 89
Trails	17.42% 58
Other or Specific Park (please specify)	10.51% 35
All parks/all over	8.11% 27
Playfields/ball fields	5.41% 18
Total Respondents: 333	

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TOTAL	357
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Q14 What are the main reasons for the grade you gave for the maintenance and cleanliness of parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 345 Skipped: 20

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
The parks are clean	52.17% 180
The parks are well maintained	51.01% 176
Garbage is regularly collected/picked up	46.09% 159
Good, hard-working staff	39.42% 136
Trails are well maintained	26.67% 92
Restroom Issues (ex. Outdated or not clean)	23.77% 82
Bathrooms are clean	22.61% 78
Dog waste	20.87% 72
Drug paraphernalia	19.13% 66
Worn down facilities/need to be updated	17.39% 60
Garbage cans full/not enough	17.39% 60
Encampments	14.20% 49
Tagging/graffiti	12.46% 43
Other (please specify)	8.12% 28
General cleanliness is poor	6.96% 24
Total Respondents: 345	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Restroom issues consist of those metal toilets are REALLY cold my potty trained 4 y/o father's pee his pants then put his body near one.	4/4/2019 12:13 AM
2	Homeless always drinking and drug activity	3/21/2019 6:56 PM
3	Homeless sleeping in car is ok except for the garbage they leave behind. It is usually only 1 or 2 and they leave after sleeping the night which is ok.	3/20/2019 10:55 AM
4	Homeless	3/12/2019 8:37 PM
5	Doggie waste bags always empty, damaged restrooms, locked restrooms, not enough garbage cans or overfilled garbage cans, no recycling, dirty bathrooms, outdated facilities	3/11/2019 11:16 AM
6	No garbage cans.	3/5/2019 2:59 PM
7	Not enough staff to keep restrooms clean. ND TRAILS, ETC.	3/4/2019 11:31 AM
8	Would like to see more public resources dedicated to parks so that the onus is not on private community members to clean and weed parks.	3/4/2019 11:06 AM
9	Sometimes garbage overflows or rude people don't use garbage cans and leave garbage in and near bathrooms, outside of them, may be a homeless issue.	2/28/2019 6:19 PM

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#	OTHER OR SPECIFIC PARK (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Kitsap Lake itself needs extremely high maintenance due to the use the park brings. Not all is the fault of park but certainly adds to lake pollution.	3/20/2019 10:55 AM
2	Not enough trash cans on walking trails	3/16/2019 10:04 AM
3	Several parks throughout have poorly maintained restrooms that are outdated or damaged, most are locked for winter	3/11/2019 11:16 AM
4	parking lots	3/4/2019 5:28 PM
5	I think it is difficult for staff to keep up with misuse of parks facilities.	3/4/2019 10:30 AM
6	Very rarely I see drug paraphernalia burn when I do its on trails and paths towards the perimeter of the parks	3/2/2019 9:14 AM
7	Over taken by weeds	3/1/2019 10:40 PM
8	Need more parking at some spots	3/1/2019 6:39 PM
9	Lions and Blueberry Park meadows can be dog poop minefields.	2/28/2019 11:12 PM
10	Near likely homeless population.	2/28/2019 6:19 PM
11	No "fault," but the western parking lot has a tendency to get trashy - broken glass, etc. Also, as a dog owner, I'm there about picking up dog waste which some owners are not. I realize this is an unfortunate issue and the responsibility of the owners. grrrrrrrrrrrrrr	2/21/2019 6:52 AM
12	General refuse is able to be found in almost every park- pushed to the edges; under bushes, off the edge of trails ect. Small litter such as wrappers,bags, bottles ect	2/6/2019 12:31 AM
13	Over watering of the sprinklers	2/3/2019 5:32 PM
14	Stephenson Canyon	1/27/2019 6:46 PM
15	Needles are a problem in some downtown parks. I work in a preschool and have to check for needles constantly.	1/22/2019 8:58 PM
16	Park on Wheaton way across from community center	1/22/2019 1:16 PM
17	Some park lawns are too wet and muddy, especially near the beach, even in dry weather.	1/21/2019 12:51 AM
18	Parking	1/20/2019 10:16 AM
19	Clear creek has a lot of trash and homeless people moving in. Don't feel safe anymore. Same with illihee preserve. What a shame.	1/19/2019 8:11 PM
20	Evergreen bathrooms low quality	1/19/2019 5:33 PM
21	Everything else is hit and miss, some ares are worse than others.	1/19/2019 2:49 PM
22	It's very important the playgrounds are clean	1/19/2019 1:37 PM
23	Forest ridge	1/19/2019 1:33 PM
24	NAD is terrible, little park by the bridge has a lot of litter. We need more cleaning parties.	1/19/2019 9:10 AM
25	Parks and Rec keeps things clean by keeping the parks like parking lots with planted areas between the rows of parking stalls. That's not what I'm looking for in a park. I want beauty, serenity, nature, and frequent places to sit down and look at nature.	1/18/2019 8:15 PM
26	Park staff does a great job...	1/18/2019 4:44 PM
27	Illiahee Preserve	1/18/2019 4:35 PM
28	dog poop pick up and garbage, trash, drug paraphernalia, beer cans	1/18/2019 4:04 PM
29	The trash is picked up regularly, but people litter from their cars in the parking lot	1/18/2019 3:23 PM
30	The soccer teams that use the Manette park leave quite a mess afterwards. There isn't a trash can near where they actually play. I usually walk over there once a day or so and pick up water bottles or snack wrappers once spring starts. There really just needs to be 1 trash can down below and I think it would be a lot better.	1/18/2019 3:23 PM
31	Rotary	1/18/2019 2:24 PM

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32	Fountain Park should be a showplace. Kiwanis Park has bulb outs that look like they are part of the park but don't seem to be weeded/maintained; same for most of the 4th St side along the street.	1/18/2019 2:16 PM
33	Dog poop is a regular problem in grassy areas	1/18/2019 2:03 PM
34	Lions Park plantings need more attention.	1/18/2019 1:58 PM
35	Shelters are sometimes left dirty by users and not cleaned between rentals.	1/15/2019 1:20 PM

Q16 Bremerton Parks and Recreation must prioritize limited funding to address system needs over the next 6 to 10 years. For each of the following, please indicate how important you feel it is to fund that project or issue.

Answered: 360 Skipped: 5

	VERY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Improving existing parks and recreation facilities	95.79% 341	4.21% 15	356	1.08
Improving maintenance and cleanliness	88.86% 311	11.14% 39	350	1.22
Improving safety	87.83% 303	12.17% 42	345	1.24
Acquiring new park land and open space	68.56% 242	31.44% 111	353	1.63
Building new parks and recreation facilities	70.03% 243	29.97% 104	347	1.60
Improving recreation programs	70.57% 247	29.43% 103	350	1.59

Q17 For each of the following types of parks and recreation facilities/programs, please indicate whether you think Bremerton Parks and Recreation should spend more, spend the same, or spend less on that type of park facility/program.

Answered: 359 Skipped: 6

	SPEND MORE	SPEND THE SAME	SPEND LESS	TOTAL
Children's playgrounds	47.26% 164	46.69% 162	6.05% 21	347
Small neighborhood or community parks (ex. Blueberry Park, Evergreen Rotary Park)	43.75% 154	52.84% 186	3.41% 12	352
Programs for kids	42.98% 147	51.17% 175	5.85% 20	342
Waterfront access	40.75% 141	56.65% 196	2.60% 9	346
City Beautification (i.e. Flower Program, Holiday Lighting, Public Art)	35.69% 126	49.29% 174	15.01% 53	353

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Natural areas/green spaces (ex. Stephenson Canyon)	35.24% 123	57.59% 201	7.16% 25	349
Walking paths/trails (ex. Walking path at Lions Park)	34.47% 121	61.25% 215	4.27% 15	351
Off-leash dog areas	26.98% 92	44.87% 153	28.15% 96	341
Programs for adults	23.84% 82	61.63% 212	14.53% 50	344
Downtown plazas/Fountains	23.14% 81	67.71% 237	9.14% 32	350
Bremerton Senior Center	22.87% 78	66.57% 227	10.56% 36	341
Sheridan Park Community Center	21.62% 72	67.87% 226	10.51% 35	333
Picnic areas or shelters	19.65% 67	70.09% 239	10.26% 35	341
Other	40.29% 56	47.48% 66	12.23% 17	139
Athletic fields	13.81% 46	66.67% 222	19.52% 65	333
Outdoor tennis/sports courts	9.14% 31	61.95% 210	28.91% 98	339

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Parks for smaller toddlers, or better advertising for where they are.	4/4/2019 12:13 AM
2	climbing wall	3/27/2019 8:52 PM
3	Open an indoor rock climbing gym, similarly to Seattle Bolder Project	3/27/2019 8:27 PM
4	More diversity of activities and better advertising for what is available. And a climbing gym/wall!	3/27/2019 7:21 PM
5	Climbing gym	3/27/2019 5:34 PM
6	It would be sweet if there were options for either outdoor or indoor rock climbing closer in the area!	3/24/2019 2:18 PM
7	Folks are driving at least 45-50 minutes- well out of the city/county to access indoor climbing facilities	3/21/2019 10:53 PM
8	Policing the areas we have already, homeless are always drinking and there is drug activity in every park and parking area in town	3/21/2019 6:56 PM
9	Parks and park programs are food for kids and the community at large.	3/21/2019 8:41 AM
10	Put money into improving Kitsap Lake water quality. No one wants to picnic beside a cesspool and that is what Kitsap Lake is becoming. Also put money into testing trout coming out of Kitsap Laje.	3/20/2019 10:55 AM
11	None	3/18/2019 7:19 PM
12	Body weight machines and fitness parks for adults.	3/18/2019 3:15 PM
13	Climbing gym!	3/17/2019 9:40 PM
14	Climbing park/climbing facilities	3/17/2019 6:58 PM
15	Indoor or covered outdoor recreation/fitness facilities for adults and children	3/17/2019 1:58 PM
16	Climbing facility	3/17/2019 1:39 PM
17	Climbing facilities would be great	3/17/2019 12:58 PM
18	Rock Climbing Facility	3/14/2019 11:20 AM

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19	Allocate funds/ seek grant funding for a community climbing GYM. There is a major interest in this type of recreation facility in Kitsap county. Email Allison Molnar at allisonm48@gmail.com	3/12/2019 1:33 PM
20	More space for disc golf	3/12/2019 12:20 PM
21	Disc Golf	3/12/2019 9:26 AM
22	Improve disc golf access	3/11/2019 6:50 PM
23	Disc Golf Courses.	3/11/2019 6:05 PM
24	Disc golf is family friendly fun for all!	3/11/2019 5:31 PM
25	Disc golf courses	3/11/2019 5:30 PM
26	Maintenance needs improvement for all parks	3/11/2019 11:16 AM
27	I would love to see something usable and enjoyable in inclement weather.	3/10/2019 10:09 AM
28	Activities	3/7/2019 4:51 PM
29	I'd love to see effort go into adding plants and flower beds in the larger parks, and some unused space downtown go to pea-patches.	3/6/2019 7:46 PM
30	Put bathrooms in all of the parks, even if you have to use portapotties.	3/5/2019 2:59 PM
31	trail around Dyes Inlet. yeah, it would be expensive...	3/1/2019 6:17 PM
32	Spend less on community art, keep the holiday lights. Really those things on Pacific Ave are hideous (fisherman fish/metallic boob lady--sell that on ebay and get some more twinkle lights).	2/28/2019 9:04 PM
33	Volunteer programs	2/28/2019 7:30 PM
34	Add covered tops to the play areas for children so we can take them while it's raining.	2/28/2019 7:12 PM
35	Lions Park Playground	2/12/2019 11:40 PM
36	Plantings and weeding maintenance	2/6/2019 9:24 PM
37	Bike trails	2/6/2019 9:59 AM
38	Open the dock adjacent to Lions	1/26/2019 3:18 PM
39	Aquiring more land for local hike paths (i.e. Illahee Preserve).	1/25/2019 5:44 PM
40	I'd like classes for adults	1/22/2019 1:08 PM
41	Skate parks and play fountains	1/20/2019 10:16 AM
42	Removing bums/addicts	1/19/2019 8:34 PM
43	Enforcement of off-leash dogs, littering, etc.	1/19/2019 6:46 PM
44	Turf Pendergast	1/19/2019 3:32 PM
45	Improving safety. It doesn't matter how nice the parks are if they are being abused by homeless or anyone else for that matter.	1/19/2019 2:49 PM
46	Splash park	1/19/2019 1:39 PM
47	More water access	1/19/2019 7:55 AM
48	Plant trees! Combat global warming and take heed of the many studies which indicate that even in tough Chicago projects, quality of life is improved by trees.	1/18/2019 8:15 PM
49	Exercise stations for adults, pull ups, stretch bars, sit ups etc.	1/18/2019 7:58 PM
50	Sheridan Park Community Center has a lot of potential for classes and activities. I recall there used to be a lot more going on.	1/18/2019 7:17 PM
51	Sidewalks, bike access, bike parking	1/18/2019 5:41 PM
52	Programs that build connections and support our most vulnerable citizens	1/18/2019 5:34 PM
53	Citizen access to city's Glenn Jarstad pool.	1/18/2019 5:09 PM
54	I would love some long paced bike paths and more off leash dog parks.	1/18/2019 5:02 PM
55	Spalsh parks	1/18/2019 2:26 PM

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56	THe City spend too much on abstract art!	1/18/2019 2:26 PM
57	Better play equipment at Blueberry park, wider (younger) age ranges. Similar to Evergreens equipment	1/18/2019 2:22 PM
58	What frustrating survey question! Where is the "Don't know" option? I have never been to some of these places. And if Evergreen is a "small or community" park, what are our "big or non-community" parks?	1/18/2019 2:16 PM
59	more sand for volleyball court	1/18/2019 2:11 PM
60	I wish that the city would spend more to establish safe street crossings near parks. Lights, marked crossings, signage, crosswalk marks on the street, etc.	1/18/2019 2:03 PM
61	Maintain & improve what we have before adding new	1/18/2019 1:53 PM

Q18 Is there any type of park or recreational facility you would like to see more of in Bremerton? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 352 Skipped: 13

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Multi-use Trails (walking, hiking, running, biking, etc.)	51.14% 180
Splash/water play areas	44.89% 158
Waterfront access	39.77% 140
Green space/natural areas	36.93% 130
Neighborhood parks	35.23% 124
Dog parks/off-leash areas	27.84% 98
Playground areas	26.70% 94
Community activities/programs/events/classes	21.31% 75
Other (please specify)	19.32% 68
Picnic areas/tables	16.76% 59
Bigger parks	14.77% 52
Skate parks	13.64% 48
Sports fields (softball, soccer, etc.)	8.52% 30
Sports courts (basketball, tennis, pickleball, etc.)	8.24% 29
Total Respondents: 352	

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1	Climbing	4/9/2019 8:23 PM
2	Toddler parks.	4/4/2019 12:13 AM
3	climbing gym	3/27/2019 11:14 PM
4	Indoor climbing gym, like Seattle boulder project	3/27/2019 8:27 PM
5	Bouldering/climbing area	3/27/2019 6:50 PM
6	Climbing gym	3/27/2019 5:34 PM
7	Either space where there are natural (outdoor) or artificial (indoor/outdoor) rock climbing walls	3/24/2019 2:18 PM

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8	Climbing gym	3/21/2019 10:53 PM
9	Climbing gym	3/20/2019 8:33 PM
10	Organizing litter pick up by local community	3/20/2019 10:55 AM
11	Climbing gym	3/18/2019 3:15 PM
12	Climbing gym	3/18/2019 12:50 PM
13	Outdoor bouldering wall or climbing gym!	3/17/2019 9:40 PM
14	Climbing wall	3/17/2019 9:02 PM
15	Indoor rock climbing	3/17/2019 8:15 PM
16	I would love a good bike trail not narrow bike lanes -	3/17/2019 7:04 PM
17	Climbing park	3/17/2019 6:58 PM
18	A rock gym would be great for the rainy winters.	3/17/2019 6:43 PM
19	Climbing Gym!	3/17/2019 1:58 PM
20	Climbing facility	3/17/2019 1:39 PM
21	Climbing	3/17/2019 12:58 PM
22	Disc golf courses	3/15/2019 12:50 AM
23	Rock Climbing	3/14/2019 11:20 AM
24	More disc golf courses	3/12/2019 8:37 PM
25	Disc golf	3/12/2019 3:22 PM
26	An indoor full climbing gym....PLEASE!!! there is a lot of interest in this community	3/12/2019 1:33 PM
27	Disc golf courses	3/12/2019 12:20 PM
28	Disc golf course in East Bremerton on Warren Ave.	3/11/2019 6:50 PM
29	Disc Golf	3/11/2019 6:15 PM
30	Disc golf	3/11/2019 6:12 PM
31	Disc Golf Courses.	3/11/2019 6:05 PM
32	I would like to see another disc golf course.	3/11/2019 5:57 PM
33	New disc golf courses	3/11/2019 5:31 PM
34	Disc golf course expansion!	3/11/2019 5:30 PM
35	Disc golf courses	3/11/2019 5:06 PM
36	I would love to see something usable and enjoyable in inclement weather.	3/10/2019 10:09 AM
37	bathrooms, garbage cans, and water should be available at all locations.	3/5/2019 2:59 PM
38	I love Stephenson Canyon, but I am too scared to go there. Illahee is becoming the same way.	2/28/2019 9:04 PM
39	Walking biking trail from Evergreen to downtown.	2/28/2019 8:02 PM
40	indoor playground (ahoy kitsap is too expensive)	2/28/2019 8:01 PM
41	Swim pool with wave pool not ymca	2/28/2019 6:19 PM
42	Replace old senior center with a new senior-community center at Warren Avenue and Sheridan, in conjunction with school district. Take advantage of facilities there.	2/16/2019 6:03 AM
43	Toddler playgrounds	2/13/2019 3:13 PM
44	Table tennis on every park possible.	2/6/2019 3:08 PM
45	Exercise equipment	2/5/2019 8:07 PM
46	Fix both dock at Lions field. This is ridiculous how long this has been sitting like this.	2/3/2019 5:32 PM
47	Another Disc golf course, or expansion of the course at NAD. Possibly at lower NAD.	1/24/2019 7:54 PM

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48	Definitely need more dog parks, I either have to go so Silverdale, P.O. or the other side of town.	1/21/2019 9:41 AM
49	Pools	1/20/2019 12:15 PM
50	designated outdoor food court/food truck lot	1/20/2019 8:57 AM
51	Kayak and motorized boat storage near waterfront.	1/19/2019 8:23 PM
52	Off the leash dog beach	1/19/2019 7:01 PM
53	More equipment for the you get kids. Most parks have equipment meant for 5 or older kids...then the younger kids cant play because it's of a safety concern.	1/19/2019 2:50 PM
54	I would like to see more paved trails for biking, skating walking similar to clear creek trail or cushman trail to explore to community.	1/19/2019 1:52 PM
55	Bbq, fire pits, horseshoes, open air park like pioneer square	1/19/2019 9:10 AM
56	Wild areas that close dusk to dawn.	1/18/2019 8:15 PM
57	Rock Climbing walls	1/18/2019 7:58 PM
58	Happy with what we have,but an abundance of human waste indicates a problem.	1/18/2019 7:16 PM
59	Outdoor soccer fields. Volleyball courts sand or turf. Gardens. Small coffee shop. Board walk.	1/18/2019 5:51 PM
60	Swimming	1/18/2019 5:09 PM
61	Make use of city owned street ends on waterfront	1/18/2019 4:44 PM
62	boat launches on Oyster and Ostrich Bays for kayaking	1/18/2019 4:35 PM
63	anything that promotes the greening, or the saving of green space for people to be outside	1/18/2019 4:04 PM
64	movies/concerts at parks	1/18/2019 2:40 PM
65	Have Bremerton work with KRCC to develop regional trail system for "wheels and heels"	1/18/2019 2:16 PM
66	I wish Bremerton had a natural playground and a sprayground!!	1/18/2019 2:03 PM
67	More walking trails. Complete bridge-to-bridge walk	1/18/2019 1:53 PM
68	na	1/18/2019 1:52 PM

Q19 Do you participate in (or are interested in participating in) the following Parks and Recreation programs? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 329 Skipped: 36

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None/Don't Know	41.95% 138
Indoor Playground	27.05% 89
Art Classes	24.92% 82
Summer Playground Program	24.01% 79
Youth Classes	15.81% 52
Daddy Daughter Dance	13.37% 44
Playgrounds on Ice	12.16% 40
Adult Softball League	9.73% 32
Bremerton Senior Center Programs	8.21% 27
Gold Mountain Golf Course	7.29% 24

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Indoor Pickleball	6.99%	23
Outdoor Pickleball	6.99%	23
Indoor Volleyball	6.38%	21
Outdoor Volleyball	6.08%	20
Adult Basketball League	4.86%	16
Senior Badminton	3.04%	10
Poggie Club Classes	2.74%	9
Boys Basketball League	2.43%	8
Basketball Open Gym	2.43%	8
Senior Slow Pitch Softball	2.13%	7
Senior Ice Skating	1.52%	5
Total Respondents: 329		

Q20 If offered, which of these recreational programs would you or your family be interested in participating in? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 348 Skipped: 17

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Exercise/yoga classes	47.99% 167
Art programs/classes	44.54% 155
Guided tours/walks	35.34% 123
Preschool program/classes	22.13% 77
None/Don't Know	21.84% 76
Other (please specify)	12.36% 43
Total Respondents: 348	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Climbing gym	3/27/2019 11:14 PM
2	Climbing wall!	3/27/2019 7:21 PM
3	Climbing gym	3/27/2019 5:34 PM
4	Climbing gym	3/17/2019 9:40 PM
5	Climbing, backpacking, outdoor survival/mountaineering, CPR/First Aid for infants and adults	3/17/2019 1:58 PM
6	Climbing	3/17/2019 12:58 PM
7	Instructional and certification courses and programs at an indoor climbing gym brought to Kitsap county	3/12/2019 1:33 PM
8	Disc golf	3/12/2019 9:26 AM
9	Disc golf events and/or tournaments	3/11/2019 6:50 PM
10	disc golf clinics	3/11/2019 6:12 PM

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11	Disc golf events	3/11/2019 5:31 PM
12	Disc golf tournaments	3/11/2019 5:30 PM
13	Table Tennis	3/7/2019 4:51 PM
14	low/no-cost athletic programs	3/5/2019 7:07 PM
15	Something as robust as the Poulsbo Parks and Rec programming.	3/5/2019 9:15 AM
16	Classes on photography ballroom dance	2/28/2019 8:02 PM
17	sensory friendly or full access recreational activities (like those put on by Kitsap Accessible Family Events). Children with disabilities rarely get to participate in community park events, so we just don't go. It stinks.	2/28/2019 8:01 PM
18	Pre senior but disabled. Nothing seems to be available to me. I visited Coronado island and looked at their parks and rec programs and wished ours offered same for people like me.	2/28/2019 6:19 PM
19	Adult socialization events, meet your neighbors gatherings	2/5/2019 8:07 PM
20	I believe adding any of the above-listed activities would duplicate current existing programs available to community members. We should not be expecting our Parks Dept. to be our sole sources of activity/entertainment. Just keep doing what you are doing. If an opportunity arises that does not currently exist, bring a committee of citizens together to discuss the new opportunity and do a cost/benefit analysis.	2/5/2019 12:18 PM
21	Love Joe Seals gardening classes in Poulsbo Rec. Bring him here!	2/5/2019 10:52 AM
22	A garden club could help utilize volunteers to help maintain existing parks and fund raise for park maintenance costs. The infrastructure and volunteer pool already exist at Blueberry Park.	1/27/2019 9:39 PM
23	I think public parks and playgrounds are more important than recreational programming like youth sports that are trending down in participation nationwide.	1/22/2019 12:00 PM
24	Tai Chi	1/21/2019 9:55 PM
25	Pools/swimming	1/20/2019 12:15 PM
26	Sports	1/20/2019 10:31 AM
27	Learn to skateboard	1/20/2019 10:16 AM
28	Rowing	1/19/2019 8:23 PM
29	It's more the hours things are offered than the choices.	1/19/2019 2:49 PM
30	Evergreen Park has so much potential and can do so much more!! Children and adult boating lessons, movie in the park program, holiday events, drum and meditation groups, learn to paint at the park classes, seasonal fairs, vintage car shows	1/19/2019 2:48 PM
31	Nature walk and talks, nature education related programs	1/19/2019 9:10 AM
32	I	1/19/2019 7:11 AM
33	Adult Dance classes	1/19/2019 12:09 AM
34	Training for locals on how to advocate for, acquire, and maintain a neighborhood park.	1/18/2019 8:15 PM
35	Recreational public track meter. Recreational public "feild days". Recreational public interactive speakers, festivals, or shows	1/18/2019 5:51 PM
36	Affordable Aquatics program	1/18/2019 5:09 PM
37	Pet activities	1/18/2019 4:44 PM
38	ADA-accessible activities (even R1 at senior center require a 20-minute mile pace)	1/18/2019 4:35 PM
39	tai chi	1/18/2019 4:04 PM
40	a program for disabled veterans	1/18/2019 3:44 PM
41	If my children were still small, I would make different choices.	1/18/2019 2:26 PM
42	Educational Nature Center, Organized educational program facilities.	1/18/2019 2:21 PM
43	Adult enrichment programs. "How to" classes	1/15/2019 1:20 PM

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Q21 What is your primary source of information about Bremerton Parks and Recreation programs, activities and facilities?

Answered: 354 Skipped: 11

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Visit/use parks	41.53%	147
Internet/Facebook/Social Media in general	24.58%	87
Word of mouth (Friends/family/co-workers)	11.58%	41
City of Bremerton Website	7.63%	27
Bremerton Parks and Recreation Quarterly Activity Guide	5.37%	19
Bremerton Parks and Recreation Facebook Page	3.39%	12
Newspaper/other printed media	2.54%	9
Other (please specify)	2.54%	9
BKAT (Bremerton Kitsap Access Television)	0.85%	3
TOTAL		354

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Basically none, I don't know where to find the information and the website can be difficult to navigate	3/27/2019 7:21 PM
2	West Sound Disc Golf Association	3/11/2019 6:50 PM
3	Work for the City	3/4/2019 10:30 AM
4	Facebook groups	2/28/2019 7:30 PM
5	don't receive any information	1/19/2019 8:01 PM
6	The quarterly activity guide is hard to find. I wish you had an email list	1/19/2019 1:37 PM
7	AllTrails, then Facebook recommendations, then Josh Farley	1/19/2019 9:10 AM
8	Al of the above	1/18/2019 4:44 PM
9	City of Bremerton email list. Not sure why it wasn't listed.	1/18/2019 2:16 PM

Q22 What more can you tell us that will help us create a Parks & Recreation system that best satisfies the needs of our population?

Answered: 132 Skipped: 233

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	more funding, more staff, more programs :)	4/5/2019 3:06 PM
2	Spray parks!	3/31/2019 9:13 PM
3	Too many pooping dogs at parks and no one cleans up after them. They should be banned.	3/27/2019 8:27 PM

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4	It would be nice to have more options for active recreational opportunities for young adults, especially during the winter months in the Bremerton area. Specifically, if there were a rock climbing gym in the area, or available lighted fields in the evenings, I know that there is a section of the population here that would appreciate and make use of those being available.	3/24/2019 2:18 PM
5	Police the parks and wooded areas more for our safety	3/21/2019 6:56 PM
6	Programs for kids and teenagers are very important.	3/21/2019 8:41 AM
7	The dog park next to indoor soccer was not kept up as well as I expected.	3/20/2019 10:55 AM
8	I think the kids parks are well maintained and have equipment for a wide range of ages. I think fitness parks would be a great benefit due to the low income area. Free usage of this equipment would be wonderful, especially to the seniors in the area.	3/18/2019 3:15 PM
9	BI had a family scavenger hunt for Easter that was so much fun. Would love to see something like that as an activity.	3/17/2019 9:02 PM
10	I really would like to see a better bike path around town	3/17/2019 7:04 PM
11	I've just moved here and so still getting to know it. I lived on Bainbridge and they spent too much money on acquisitions	3/16/2019 10:04 AM
12	its a good system	3/13/2019 6:24 PM
13	Better/more parking at NAD park, its popularity creates crowding & unsafe exposure to pedestrians while cars transit park at excessive speeds...the "speed bump" doesn't help.	3/12/2019 3:22 PM
14	Continue to create programs and find/build facilities that will support the positive quality of life for member in this community. Now is the time to bring a climbing gym back to the community of Kitsap county and it's visitors. Please consider this opportunity. I know other climbing and recreation entities would be very interested in partnering.	3/12/2019 1:33 PM
15	Disc golf is growing fast, kitsap is a destination for it. A great sport for all ages.	3/12/2019 9:26 AM
16	Work with the West Sound Disc Golf Association to help maintain the current disc golf courses and add more to this amazing community.	3/11/2019 6:50 PM
17	The sport of disc golf is exploding in western Washington and the more courses we have that are maintained well will bring in more tourist dollars, i.e. hotels,food,gas. The county already has a local club that already does the lions share of maintaining disc golf properties already in place.	3/11/2019 5:30 PM
18	Update bathroom facilities, hire qualified responsible maintenance staff for year round, realize parks are used year round, increase dog parks and maintain them.	3/11/2019 11:16 AM
19	I have two young children ages 8 and 6. They love playing at Evergreen when the weather is good. This is a great park for them, as my oldest has disabilities related to mobility. They would love to be able to play more here even when it is raining, but there is no protection from the rain. There is not even a place to warm up in during the rain so that it would be usable then.	3/10/2019 10:09 AM
20	Need more Recreation in Parks & Recreation.	3/7/2019 4:51 PM
21	With all the participants that are involved. I believe that the Athletic fields and bathrooms mainly Pendegast, need to be upgraded. Nothing of any significant other than a little drainage has been done to the fields since they have been built. If you "improve them they will come." Other fields in the Western Washington area that have turf on their fields have teams that come from all over the area for tournament play all year long. With that, the local economy will be improved due to the influx of people and teams.	3/7/2019 3:13 PM
22	Need more Recreation in "Parks & Recreation"	3/7/2019 12:56 PM
23	I think the spaces have greatly improved in the last 10 years! It'd be great to have more murals on buildings downtown, and more extensive horticulture in the bigger parks like Evergreen. I'd also love to see more historic preservation; preserving older public buildings w/ the parks instead of replacing them. They're part of the history of the city. Thank you!	3/6/2019 7:46 PM
24	Make every effort to remove barriers for access for all demographics of the population. Promote tolerance and diversity with signage. At single use sport courts like Manette, a courtesy/etiquette sign indicating how long someone is allowed to play while others wait. Basketball and tennis can't happen simultaneously on one court.	3/5/2019 7:07 PM

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25	The Manette playground's improvements are great! However, why did you combine the tennis courts with the basketball court? Whenever we go there to play tennis there are kids using the space to ride bikes or play basketball and we never feel right asking them for a turn at the tennis courts. Tennis and basketball should be separate. We live around the corner from the Manette playground but to play tennis we still need to go to Lion's Park. More off leash dog areas would also be great!	3/5/2019 9:15 AM
26	no overnight parking	3/4/2019 5:28 PM
27	continue the work as you are doing	3/4/2019 2:45 PM
28	In addition to your voluntary smoking ban and no alcohol policy in city parks, how about a ban on illegal drug use that produces dirty needles?	3/4/2019 12:15 PM
29	Would like to see LESS emphasis on competitive sports; more emphasis on community building, cooperative activities such as art, yoga, etc. More bicycle racks. More in-the-center-of-town off-leash dog parks. LOVE the forested wilderness areas, such as Stephenson Canyon (needs better trail maintenance for more usability and more safety) and Forest Ridge Park, as well as the waterfront parks such as Evergreen Park, Harborside Fountain Park, and the Bremerton Boardwalk.	3/4/2019 11:06 AM
30	There has been an emphasis on building new facilities without increasing funding for operations and maintenance. Parks should be better funded so that services can be improved.	3/4/2019 10:30 AM
31	A kids splash pad would be a wonderful addition to the parks system.	3/4/2019 9:43 AM
32	community parks are so important for bringing neighbors together. when neighbors are brought together, the community is safer and happier. BUT...WE NEED SIDEWALKS to get there safely	3/3/2019 9:55 AM
33	Would love to see more parks downtown	3/3/2019 12:59 AM
34	So many kids are at Pendegast to watch adults play softball or when their family brings their dog to the dog park and the playground desperately needs to be upgraded or at least more added to it	3/2/2019 9:14 AM
35	Need more parks like Evergreen with a Splash pad! The fountain parks need a rest and are heavily used as they're the only local place to go during the sunset	3/2/2019 12:30 AM
36	More water front access	3/1/2019 10:40 PM
37	Parking and access to the sites I feel is directly proportional to the amount of use. Easy or lots of parking & access = more use	3/1/2019 6:39 PM
38	Throughout Bremerton, the homeless issue is keeping good families in their homes. Kids don't feel safe walking to schools, the days of kids biking and playing outside are gone. I do not enjoy walking in Bremerton. Strangers are walking through our neighborhoods, cutting through our yards, garbage is all over the streets, in bushes and on sidewalks. Bremerton is not a comfortable place to live. Trashed yards and unkept homes are everywhere. We are losing our sense of community because it is not comfortable to be out and about. And the Quincy Park will not help with what we live with next to our homes. Please put a focus in cleaning up houses, houses with blue tarps are not OK. Houses with trash around and are in disrepair are not OK. Drug houses are not OK.	2/28/2019 8:02 PM
39	Please know that your parks are already lovely. My only request is that when planning activities you consider making them inclusive or having something separate and awesome for kids with disabilities (physical or psych).	2/28/2019 8:01 PM
40	Though we live in Kingstwon we visit friends and family in Bremerton often and also as members of the VFW make use of parks etc in bremerston	2/28/2019 7:52 PM
41	I really love our parks. I've raised my kids here. My husband and children have used the programs many times. However, it has not been good or suited to meeting my needs.	2/28/2019 6:19 PM
42	I enjoy Lions Park nearly every day. It has a regular clientele of walkers and dog walkers and seems to be in use constantly. Most of the staff (hi, Juanita) is friendly.	2/21/2019 6:52 AM
43	I think the city has done a good job updating a lot of the parks facilities and especially the playgrounds they should continue this trend. I personally would like to see the lion's field boat launch upgraded with a floating dock.	2/20/2019 12:16 PM
44	I think the city has done a good job updating a lot of the parks facilities and especially the playgrounds they should continue this trend. I personally would like to see the lion's field boat launch upgraded with a floating dock.	2/20/2019 12:15 PM

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45	Dog parks are not just putting fences up; veterinarians are not fans of existing dog parks. Create walking opportunities for dog owners interacting with their animals and not other humans. Use of time as a means to control the interaction between off-leash people and others would be a great pilot project in a designated area (Pendergast comes to mind).	2/16/2019 6:03 AM
46	Have more of a presence at the parks and ENFORCE the rules. Install gates at Lions Park parking lots to be closed at night. Lots of illegal activity happening late at night in parking lots, also very noisy and disrespectful to neighbors. Enforce NO FIREWORKS at Lions Park - it's already a rule but the city does nothing about it in July - very unacceptable. Improve the playground at Lions Park - it's a large park and great asset but no playground for small children.	2/12/2019 11:40 PM
47	Really need to keep trash cleaned up, needles picked up. Less private running of the parks (Union Hill park reservations have to go thru Star of The Sea, WHY????? Public park, yes I understand they did supply some funds for the fix however they use it 5 days a week for the children to play on and run around in.	2/12/2019 4:05 PM
48	Follow the Seattle parks and recreation system, it's the best in the state and perhaps one of the best in the country!	2/6/2019 3:08 PM
49	Communicating the activities & locations we have available to the community; I've been a lifelong resident and have issues locating all of our parks- let alone finding information about recreational activities.	2/6/2019 12:31 AM
50	I think Bremerton has a good start with their parks, but I would love to see more updated playgrounds and parking lots at the smaller parks (for instance, Lulu Haddon Park). It seems a lot of the smaller parks get forgotten about while larger parks (such as Evergreen) are always being thought about. (I was born and raised right across the street from a Evergreen, it will always be my favorite park but it's not the "only" park in town that people enjoy)	2/5/2019 2:19 PM
51	I think the Parks & Rec. system should, as a system, identify the community outcomes you wish to achieve. Then do an intensive evaluation of users of each park location over a period spanning several months to establish a baseline of how residents are benefitting from the parks system. Using data and anecdotal information, you can determine what needs to be done to make system improvements. An online survey such as this one does not necessarily reach all the people whose opinions also matter.	2/5/2019 12:18 PM
52	Just need more areas of parkland.	2/5/2019 11:40 AM
53	I'm just concerned that the opening into Manette Playfield is so wide that goofballs looking for a joy ride could drive right in and do some damage to the new sod by doing donuts with their cars.	2/5/2019 11:14 AM
54	The new park area in Port Orchard that has "obstacles" for kids to explore is a cool idea and would probably do well in Bremerton. It could also be combined with a walking loop/trail for multi-use space, if the property was able to accommodate it. I know our family and several friends would benefit from something like that in our community.	2/5/2019 9:19 AM
55	I love the parks!	2/4/2019 8:10 AM
56	N/a	2/2/2019 7:32 AM
57	More community outreach and engagement! Articles, radio interviews, etc.	1/30/2019 8:39 PM
58	I'd love Illahee Preserve or Stephenson Canyon to have some space fenced off for an off leash dog park. I feel that this would make the space feel more safe as it would be well used. Also I love the idea of beautifying the downtown Bremerton area, including more waterfront acces.	1/29/2019 9:31 AM
59	There needs to be an off leash dog park in East Bremerton. Pendergast Bark Park is a mud pit in the winter and Fall. The only other options for those of us with dogs is to spend gas money to head to Silverdale or Port Orchard. Bremerton can do better for its dog owners.	1/29/2019 9:28 AM
60	Keep it clean and help provide alternatives for homeless housing.	1/28/2019 3:38 PM
61	Wilco sign: No commercial sign should be allowed if not accompanied with an explanation that they donated something in return for being allowed to post the sign.	1/26/2019 3:18 PM
62	In my opinion Bremerton meets average expectations for city parks. I am partial to trail running/hiking and would utilize more of those style parks (i.e. Hilltop Ridge Park but LARGER).	1/25/2019 5:44 PM
63	Cater more to families with kids to help get people out of the house during poor weather like covered play areas	1/22/2019 11:00 PM

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64	I believe that neighborhood and regional parks should be the priority of the Parks and Rec Department. Organized sports and recreation activities are trending downward in our country. Parks bring people together in the community.	1/22/2019 12:00 PM
65	more trees, more access to outdoors	1/22/2019 9:59 AM
66	I would like to see more events at city parks to bring more awareness to the parks. Larger Farmers Market. More walking trails throughout parks.	1/22/2019 8:04 AM
67	Good job!	1/21/2019 2:49 PM
68	Marijuana use in the parks is irritating and hard to escape. Some of the more wooded parks feel unsafe due to seclusion and suspicious activity.	1/21/2019 1:45 PM
69	Jut more dog parks. I do Doggie Daycare and socializing the dogs is high on my priority list.	1/21/2019 9:41 AM
70	I'm really happy with the parks. I would like to see homeless encampments cleaned up and more lighting around existing parks	1/20/2019 8:05 PM
71	I believe our parks crews are doing good work. Things are tough all over with problems that the parks are not equipped to deal with. Homeless, drug use etc. In the years I've lived here I've seen the parks going uphill and believe it's important to keep the momentum	1/20/2019 12:06 PM
72	Safe parks=more lighting, a dark Park is not a safer park	1/20/2019 11:57 AM
73	We mostly use Evergreen Park where there is a stellar playground for kids as well as great walking paths and waterfront access. Our biggest problems are safety, though, as there are a lot of drug users and homeless people who hang out in the picnic shelters and harass park goers. There doesn't ever seem to be security.	1/20/2019 10:31 AM
74	Would like more parks with farmers markets and need more swings	1/20/2019 10:16 AM
75	I think you all are doing a fantastic job overall; my kids and I especially love the Master Gardener programs at Blueberry park!	1/19/2019 11:53 PM
76	Better enforcement of leash laws. Art classes.	1/19/2019 10:33 PM
77	I honestly think you're doing a great job.	1/19/2019 10:24 PM
78	Prioritize removing bums/drug addicts from public spaces.	1/19/2019 8:34 PM
79	Keep the homeless out. That keeps out the scary people, trash, needles, encampments ect.	1/19/2019 8:11 PM
80	Maintain and protect places like the Illahee Preserve. Its such a gorgeous forest, but is way to spooky to walk in without a group due to the encampments etc.	1/19/2019 8:04 PM
81	There is so much beautiful waterfront in Bremerton and so little public access to it. I feel that somewhere like NAD Marine park could really benefit from getting rid of the road and opening up the waterfront!	1/19/2019 7:10 PM
82	Too many homeless making it unsafe with the trash left behind and drugs	1/19/2019 7:04 PM
83	I have had to call the police twice this winter after finding large stashes of ruined, stolen mail in Lulu Haddon park. Maybe putting lights up on the playground area there would discourage criminals from using this area as a shelter / hang-out?	1/19/2019 6:46 PM
84	Please upgrade the bathroom at Evergreen. Love fountain parks. Swimming pool splash parks are an interest of our family.	1/19/2019 5:33 PM
85	I would really love more recreation activities for adults, specifically art, learning, and fitness classes.	1/19/2019 4:41 PM
86	I really do feel safe and enjoy both the Evergreen Park and Lyons Park. I would love to see more dog parks for small and big dogs, with each having their own play area.	1/19/2019 3:38 PM
87	More equipment for the you get kids...my kids cant play on a lot of the equipment because it's not safe, and big kids run around pushing the younger kids so they can play. One reason I stopped going to parks. I have a 7, 4,3 and 5 month old.	1/19/2019 2:50 PM

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88	Please take more interest in Evergreen Park. More beautiful plantings at the entrances, way more activities, classes, programs, and seasonal/holiday events for adults and children. More frequent garbage pick-up. Use that public dock for boat and canoe rentals, sailing classes. Make it a little safer since vagrants tend to wander over from the downtown shelter system and they smoke and leave garbage. There is so much green space that could be used for sports leagues (soccer, softball, even a croquet tournament!) I really feel strongly that Evergreen Park has SO much potential for the city since it is close to downtown and the ferry, connects to boaters from the dock, and serves more than just its closest neighborhood. With some creativity and outreach it could really be something fantastic.	1/19/2019 2:48 PM
89	Focus on preserving natural habitats and protecting native species	1/19/2019 2:35 PM
90	Certain paved sidewalks get very muddy after it rains.	1/19/2019 1:48 PM
91	I just like the gradual improvements that have happened at each park. Manette looks great, as do the recent remodeling projects at the local parks. Just keep up with that plan of gradual improvements. Put a new playground at Forest Ridge. Hire someone to write grants specifically for the park system. There is a lot of money out there to make the parks even better. Go ahead with the plan to build a 4th field at Pendergast and turfing at least one outdoor soccer field. Increase police presence at parks. Make sure there is always enough \$ in reserve to fix the waterfront fountains if they break again. You can't have the crown jewel of your city out of service for an entire year.	1/19/2019 1:42 PM
92	I would really love to see a splash park in an area other than downtown where the parking is lacking.	1/19/2019 1:39 PM
93	General upkeep of all parks. A park that is lit up at night until a certain time because it gets dark here early.	1/19/2019 1:20 PM
94	Not enough to do in summer when the equipment is too hot to the touch for kids to play on. We use the parks less in summer. If there were more activities to do we would go more in summer (I have young children 4-6 years old). And...not have all the activities at the same time as the free lunches.	1/19/2019 1:09 PM
95	We tend to drive to Tacoma with our children in order to enjoy the water parks at Wright Park as well as in Point Ruston. Adding something like this at Evergreen Park would be a huge boon for our community, as well as compel young families to move to Bremerton.	1/19/2019 9:12 AM
96	Create more volunteer opportunities to get involved, we need more educational programs - like Josh Farley's Bridging Bremerton. Also involve the arts commission.	1/19/2019 9:10 AM
97	We are surrounded by water but have little access to it. I've been impressed by all the splash parks in Tacoma. We have none that I'm aware of.	1/19/2019 7:55 AM
98	I'm a little more concerned about the amount of transients seeming to make more of a presence at parks during afternoons or evening times.	1/19/2019 2:07 AM
99	Keep maintaining the trails. Doing a good job so far.	1/19/2019 2:00 AM
100	It's a hard job. I don't envy you.	1/19/2019 1:06 AM
101	Natural areas and green spaces are not well maintained. They look abandoned.	1/19/2019 12:45 AM
102	Advertise more. I live in Manette and find so many senior who do not know about the Center.	1/18/2019 10:27 PM
103	Bremerton is a lovely place. You wouldn't know it from the vantage of most of its parks. Let's not be falsely modest, but admit our good luck.	1/18/2019 8:15 PM
104	Spread the information more.	1/18/2019 8:05 PM
105	You're doing a great job!	1/18/2019 7:55 PM
106	Obviously, you have a lot of varied people with varied interests to address. But it seems to me that we need more people visiting the parks. I was in Lions Park a couple of years ago on July 4 and there was nobody there (two raindrops). Publicity?	1/18/2019 7:17 PM
107	The parks are supported by taxpayers.Homeless people should be living in areas that are not supported by taxpayers or they should be cleaning up their own messes and disposing the garbage in receptacles that they lease.	1/18/2019 7:16 PM
108	More playground equipment for children.	1/18/2019 6:36 PM

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109	Some existing parks lack shelter and shade where people gather to supervise kids. Fountain park has almost no shade or shelter from rain, Kiwanis Park has shelter far from where kids play - adults supervising are in full sun/rain and there aren't many places to sit between the two playgrounds (for supervising older and younger kids at the same time).	1/18/2019 6:09 PM
110	The Bremerton parks department does a great job! My main concern is that people in all neighborhoods have walking-distance access to a park that is big enough to run around, and that the parks are safe.	1/18/2019 6:06 PM
111	Like to keep add more green space less urban sprawl use existing developed land	1/18/2019 5:52 PM
112	In person public surveys capturing volunteer feedback from each age bracket. Get in touch with Josh farley who can reach out to hundreds of people in the community	1/18/2019 5:51 PM
113	You shouldn't need a car to get there. Driving should be discouraged, parking should be minimized, transit access should be guaranteed	1/18/2019 5:41 PM
114	Please stop treating the homeless as a park nuisance. They have nowhere else to go.	1/18/2019 5:34 PM
115	Provide more opportunities for swimming and aquatics.	1/18/2019 5:09 PM
116	My kids are fourth generation Bremertonians. I participated in summer youth activities with parks as did my kids. I feel that this is the most important thing we do as a city.	1/18/2019 4:44 PM
117	Enforcement of existing litter,drinking,and leash laws	1/18/2019 4:38 PM
118	In my opinion a lot of money was spent on Evergreen Park playground but I do not feel safe there due to multiple instances with intoxicated people, public urination, vagrants, etc.	1/18/2019 4:36 PM
119	more native trees and shrubs, plants, to shade from scorching sun and provide more wildlife habits to watch	1/18/2019 4:04 PM
120	More Police presence. Last time I was at evergreen one of our parties cars was broken into within a few minutes of our arrival (Thieves were casing the parking lot).	1/18/2019 3:41 PM
121	Better policing the people who litter from their cars. Additionally I live near NAD Marine Park on Shorewood Drive and its cery common for people to drive there and then use drugs. If I didn't walk with my large dogs I'd be very nervous and not go.	1/18/2019 3:23 PM
122	Additional parking at Lions and Evergreen Park and fix the boat launch and dock at Lions.	1/18/2019 2:38 PM
123	Upgrade boardwalk with shelter to make is usable on hot sunny days and rainy days. Basically, it is H2H (hostile 2 human). Whitey Domstad park has the same issue.	1/18/2019 2:31 PM
124	Using a park without a bathroom available is not fun!	1/18/2019 2:26 PM
125	Perception of safety is critical. Standard of all parks should be to have accessible playgrounds like Evergreen. Fountain Park is a showpiece for us and should have a better degree of maintenance. Often has overflowing trash cans, messy stuff on sidewalks, vegetation not well-maintained, etc. (Can't we get a some Big Belly trash cans?)	1/18/2019 2:16 PM
126	Even though we have parks that are more visible to the public, ALL park should receive the same amount of attention & maintenance. Encourage neighbors of parks to become stewards of their local park.	1/18/2019 2:07 PM
127	As more people move to Bremerton we need more playgrounds for families and a safe downtown.	1/18/2019 2:03 PM
128	Splash park!!	1/18/2019 1:56 PM
129	Ask people at the park in person.	1/18/2019 1:52 PM
130	keep up the good work	1/18/2019 1:52 PM
131	More senior activity and trails that are safe.	1/18/2019 1:47 PM
132	Provide additional resources for community events and programs. Kids need things to do when not in school.	1/15/2019 1:20 PM

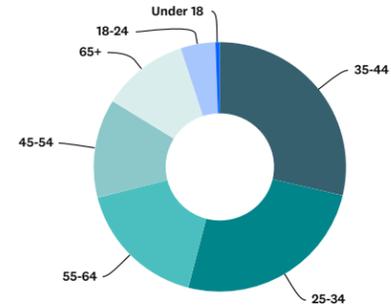
Q23 Age?

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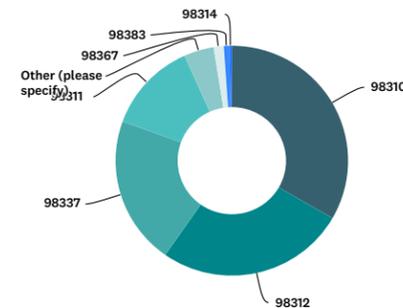
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
35-44	28.69%	103
25-34	25.35%	91
55-64	16.99%	61
45-54	12.81%	46
65+	11.14%	40
18-24	4.46%	16
Under 18	0.56%	2
TOTAL		359

Q24 Zipcode?

Answered: 360 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
98310	33.33%	120
98312	26.39%	95
98337	20.83%	75
98311	12.78%	46
Other (please specify)	4.17%	15
98367	1.39%	5
98383	0.83%	3
98314	0.28%	1
TOTAL		360

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Less than 1 year	6.20%	22
TOTAL		355

Q27 How many children under age 18 currently live in your household?

Answered: 358 Skipped: 7



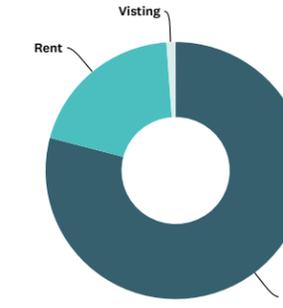
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	53.63%	192
1	18.99%	68
2+	27.37%	98
TOTAL		358

Q28 Dog in household?

Answered: 357 Skipped: 8

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	79.11%	284
Rent	19.78%	71
Visting	1.11%	4
TOTAL		359

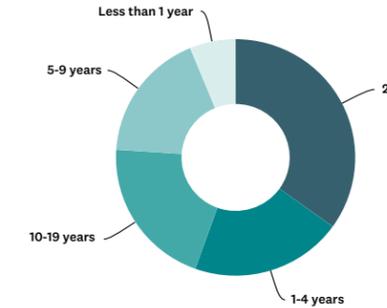
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Rent	19.78%	71
Visting	1.11%	4
TOTAL		359

Q26 Years lived in Bremerton?

Answered: 355 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
20+	34.93%	124
1-4 years	20.56%	73
10-19 years	20.56%	73
5-9 years	17.75%	63
TOTAL		37 / 40

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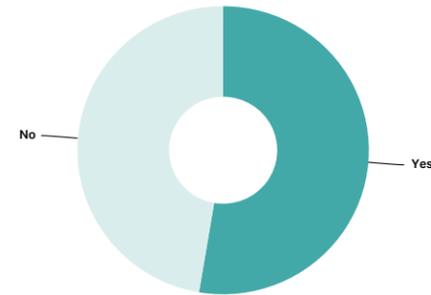
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	98366	3/21/2019 6:56 PM
2	All park workers I have encountered have been extremely pleasant, cooperative and hard working.	3/20/2019 10:55 AM
3	98370	3/18/2019 12:50 PM
4	98370	3/15/2019 12:50 AM
5	98370	3/12/2019 12:20 PM
6	98110, I visit Bremerton parks almost every week from Bainbridge Island	3/12/2019 9:26 AM
7	98346	3/11/2019 6:50 PM
8	98392	3/11/2019 6:05 PM
9	98380	3/4/2019 10:30 AM
10	98346	2/28/2019 7:52 PM
11	98366	2/6/2019 5:17 AM
12	98528	1/31/2019 5:18 PM
13	Have lived in Bremerton. Recently moved to Port Orchard.	1/18/2019 2:21 PM
14	98315	1/18/2019 1:56 PM
15	98370	1/17/2019 2:51 PM

Q25 Residence?

Answered: 359 Skipped: 6

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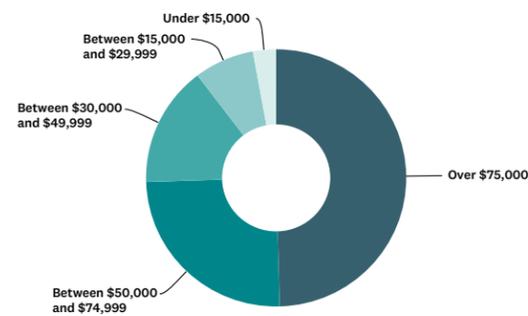
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	52.66% (188)
No	47.34% (169)
TOTAL	357

Q29 Household Income?

Answered: 349 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Over \$75,000	49.57% (173)
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	24.93% (87)
Between \$30,000 and \$49,999	15.19% (53)
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	7.45% (26)
Under \$15,000	2.87% (10)

Appendix C: Community Feedback - Comments on PROS Plan Drafts

Public Notices

Posted on: October 16, 2019

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Bremerton Parks and Recreation staff in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Commission have been working over the past 11 months to update the city's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan, which provides a road map to develop a quality system of parks, open spaces, trails and recreation facilities.

The 2020-2025 PROS Plan will be used to guide the development and operation of the city's park and recreation system and is required to be updated every six years to maintain eligibility for state and federal grants.

Public input collected since January is incorporated in the draft PROS Plan including citizen input received in a survey that was widely advertised over a 3-month period through the city's website, email "blasts", social media and laminated flyers posted at parks. Members of the public along with the 365 survey respondents were invited to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on May 28th.

A complete copy of the draft PROS Plan, including maps and survey responses, is available for review until November 12th along with an [online comment form](#). *If you wish to provide a comment in person, the Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss the draft PROS plan at their regular business meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd which begins at 5:30 p.m. at Sheridan Park Community Center located at 680 Lebo Blvd.

Download Chapters

- o [Chapter 1: Introduction](#)
- o [Chapter 2: Inventory](#)
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- o [Chapter 6: Appendices](#)

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- o By email to parks@ci.bremerton.wa.us
- o [Online comment form](#)
- o In person by attending the October 22nd public meeting*

Please submit your comments by **November 12th, 2019**.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Comment Form

Comments
Lions Park—1) Please consider restoring the pier so it can be used in conjunction with the board launch and for community fishing. It was a popular fishing pier in the 1970s. 2) Pagoda near the boat launch needs restoring. This would be a nice Eagle Scout project.

First Name [REDACTED]
 Last Name [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED]
 City Bremerton
 State WA
 Zip 98310
 Email Address [REDACTED]
 Other Contact Information *Field not completed.*

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Comment Form

Comments
Can we please have a dog park in downtown Bremerton? Evergreen park has space for a modest size dog park on the north or south side. With more apartments and condos being built, this is a must!

First Name [REDACTED]
 Last Name [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED]
 City Bremerton
 State Wa
 Zip 98337
 Email Address [REDACTED]
 Other Contact Information *Field not completed.*

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of October 23rd, 2018**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Pat Watson, David Hedger and Maggie Williams

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Parks Operation Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 25th, 2018 meeting. Hedger/Williams (M/S/U)

III. Business Items:
1) Pendergast Regional Park Master Plan Review

Director Elevado provided a draft proposal to convert Pendergast Regional Park's soccer fields from "all-weather" dirt fields to artificial turf. The existing "all-weather" dirt fields were popular to install in the mid 90's but have been found not to work in our climate and are very abrasive for players. Artificial turf is the best option because you can play on them year-round. The fields also need accessible pathways and a new restroom but there is already field lighting and concrete curbing around the fields in place. There have been several attempts over the years by various youth/select soccer groups to fundraise to make these improvements but the capital needed, approximately \$2.5-\$3 million dollars, has hindered progress. Recent legislation passed extended funding for the Kitsap Public Facilities District, which receives a rebate of the state sales tax to fund local projects. The board is now accepting new proposals but the projects must have an overall cost of more than \$10M and require at least one-third match. Needed Pendergast Park improvements equaling \$10M include: converting the soccer fields to artificial turf, adding a new restroom, installing accessible pathways, sealcoating the parking lot, installing a picnic shelter, updating the children's playground, potentially installing artificial turf on the softball fields, repairing the existing concession/restroom building, adding a 4th lit adult-sized softball field, and relocating the city's only off-leash dog park (needed to install the 4th field). The City is proposing that the existing facility and infrastructure in place be counted as a portion of the \$3M match/buy-in. The City will be presenting a proposal to the Kitsap Public Facilities District Board in December and the Mayor is funding an economic impact analysis to study the economic benefit to the region.

2) Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update

Ms. Berna provided an overview of the PROS Plan update schedule which needs to be revised as a draft for public comment by October 2019. An online survey (with print copies available at City offices) is scheduled to launch at the beginning of next year to get community input in advance of the first public meeting to be held in the spring. A draft of the survey has been sent to Commissioner's for their review and comment. A compilation of these edits will be reviewed and discussed at the next P&R Commissioner meeting.

3) Department Budget Update

Director Elevado shared the proposed city budget which was submitted by the Mayor to the City Council. The City Council will conduct two budget workshops to review and edit before voting to approve at a third budget workshop. The Parks and Recreation overall total budget is \$3M which includes all personnel and goods and services. The overall total expenditure (inclusive of capital projects) for the City is \$163M. There were no new items added to the Parks and Recreation budget; the increases were due mainly to cost of living and intergovernmental services (e.g., I.T., Equipment Reserve Fund). Reorganization allowed for two new part-time maintenance positions to help close parks at night and support special events. A summary of the 2018 accomplishments included over 400 picnic shelter rentals, numerous facility rentals, athletic field rentals, special events, successful flower basket program, free summer playground program, recreation leagues for softball and basketball, and maintenance of over 300 acres of parkland. The 2019 goals include continuing to track costs, upgrading registration software, and utilizing GIS for playground inspections, park amenities, and cemetery gravesites. The Parks Construction budget currently only includes the \$39,500 Community Development Block Grant for Evergreen Rotary Park, though we scored extremely high for the Warren Ave. Playfield and Kitsap Lake Park state grants that will be awarded in the summer of 2019. The Parks Construction budget also includes maintenance and support of community art funded through the "1% for the Arts Program" and oversight of capital improvements for Gold Mountain Golf Course.

V. Staff Reports:

1) Manette Park Improvement Project Update
Director Elevado shared that the Parks Crew have been helping significantly with the project including installing about 1,200 square feet of sod in the upper portion of park and overseeing the playground safety surfacing installation which is almost complete, allowing a "soft opening" of the upper park to occur soon. The shelter will be installed this winter and the grass in the lower field will continue to grow in. Staff has created brick flyers for the additional donor bricks to be engraved on site.

2) Kitsap Lake Update
Director Elevado shared status of Kitsap Lake's declining water quality which has had multiple e-coli and toxic algae bloom closures this summer. The algae blooms are due to increased nutrients (mainly phosphorus) from waterfowl, fertilizers, leaky septic systems, street runoff, etc. Most solutions require long-term treatment which is costly. The City's Public Works Water Resources Division is currently working on a grant to treat stormwater runoff at ten outfalls before entering the lake. Two additional Department of Ecology grant opportunities include a \$50k Freshwater Algae Program Grant and \$30k Aquatic Weeds Management Fund Grant which are due in November and are being pursued by City Water Resources Staff. **Ms. Berna** also noted the Recreation & Conservation Office's Boating Facility Program grant that is being pursued to replace the boat launch and dock at the park.

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Hedger noted that Manette Park is coming along great and appreciates good work. **Commissioner Watson** asked about the remaining fence posts and substandard railing at the old bus stop. Staff confirmed this is on their radar to improve this area as well.

VII. Adjournment: **Chair Baker** adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of December 18, 2018**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, David Hedger, Elizabeth Wrenn and Maggie Williams

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Parks Operation Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 23rd, 2018 meeting. Hedger/Williams (M/S/3 yes, 2 abstain-Burnette & Wrenn, 1 absent-Watson)

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:
1) Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update – Draft Survey Review

Ms. Berna led discussion on review of revised survey which was entered into Survey Monkey after Commissioners comments had been incorporated. Commissioners discussed their experience filling out practice survey in Survey Monkey which overall was positive. The survey will be launched in January and the method of advertisement was discussed including social media, City's website, and laminated flyers posted at parks and YMCA.

The proposed public meeting date (announced in the survey) of May 21st was reviewed and agreed upon. This meeting will take the place of the May 28th Commissioner Meeting date (which is the day after Memorial Day).

2) Pendergast Regional Park - Kitsap Public Facilities District (KPF) Update

Director Elevado shared updated slides presented to the KPF board on December 3rd. Other projects vying for funding include Circuit of the Northwest Race Track, North Kitsap Conference Center, Central Kitsap Sports Complex, and Port Orchard Community Center. The KPF is focused on funding new projects that have a scope equivalent to a minimum of \$10 million and is anticipating between \$20-30 million available, dependent on the Legislature. **Director Elevado** reviewed proposed scope of Phase 2 (turf soccer fields with fencing and drainage, install restroom, overlay parking lot, improve concession building) & Phase 3 (addition of one ball field, relocation of dog park, turf 4 ball fields). He also shared discussion with the Kitsap Mountaineers who would like to build (and privately fund) a climbing wall using a portion of the hillside behind the concession building. The official application is due before the end of the year and then the KPF will evaluate the proposals and determine which projects they want to see move forward for a final presentation.

3) 2018 Year in Review/2019 Goals

Director Elevado thanked Commissioners for their support and time commitment over the year which is well-respected within the Administration and City Council, who regularly asks if items brought to Council were reviewed by the P&R Commission first.

He highlighted successes from 2018 which included: departmental re-organization, new laborers hired, Manette Park renovations, telecommunication lease approved, high grant rankings for Warren Ave. Playfield and Kitsap Lake Park, Summer Playground program, Senior Trip program, Athletic programs including a new volleyball league, Senior Craft Fair, Arts Commission, Downtown Fountain operation, Special Events, Holiday Lighting, accurate tracking of maintenance costs, and elevating Parks Maintenance wages to the same as Streets Maintenance wages.

Challenges include lack of resources, particularly for facilities. The City has a Public Facilities division which takes care of City-owned buildings including City Hall (1st, 5th, 6th floors), Public Works building, Fire Stations, Downtown Public Library, and Wastewater Treatment plants. Parks & Recreation is the only Department that doesn't have help with their buildings (including the Senior Center) and the 1940's Sheridan Park Community Center is substandard (e.g. poor HVAC system, no hot water in restrooms, leaky roofs, etc.). The goal in 2019 is to put more emphasis on needed facility upgrades which are long overdue.

V. Staff Reports:

1) Manette Park Improvement Project Update
Director Elevado shared that the grand opening will be held in the Spring. **Commissioner Hedger** suggested event could coincide with Easter Egg Hunt.

2) Kitsap Lake Update
Ms. Berna shared scope and timeline of RCO Boating Facility grant along with letter of support for Commissioners to sign. Final presentation will be in February. **Director Elevado** shared progress of Mayor's initiative to improve the water quality of the lake by working with the Water Resources Department to address the weed and algae problem and treat stormwater runoff before entering the lake at the outfalls.

VI. Commissioner's Comments:
Commissioner Burnette asked how the new play equipment is working at Lions Park and how basketball has been this winter. **Director Elevado** responded that the net climber and track ride are holding up well and that adult basketball turn-out has increased while the boys league stayed about the same. Also, the gym's wood floor is currently being stripped and refinished. The status of the Warren Ave. Playfield grants was also discussed, which based on high grant rankings is expected to be awarded \$850k in June. **Director Elevado** shared that he's hopeful balance from Manette Park project can be used to get started on A/E for Warren Ave. Playfield early in order to be ready to go out to bid by the end of 2019.

Commissioner Hedger asked about timing of Manette Park shelter which is waiting on electricians to install lighting and will be worked on again after the holidays.

Chair Baker shared that in his work he's seeing a lot of Bremerton housing getting rehabilitated and that it's nice to see the city improving. Discussion continued around different changes happening throughout the city including the hospital moving, which **Director Elevado** noted could become high-density housing.

VII. Adjournment: **Chair Baker** adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of January 22, 2019**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, David Hedger, Maggie Williams and Pat Watson

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Parks Operation Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting.
Hedger/Burnette (M/S/U)

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:
1) Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Berna began discussion on review of revised inventory chapter which has been updated over the last several months by city staff. Commissioners were given a hardcopy to review and asked to provide comments/questions through email and/or at February meeting. **Director Elevado** shared that survey was advertised through email blasts, Facebook page, city's website, and laminated flyers in parks.

2) Pendergast Regional Park - Kitsap Public Facilities District (KPFDD) Update

Director Elevado shared status of the KPFDD grant which involved a presentation and submitting a paper application last month. The application proposes applying the initial park development (Phase 1) towards the scope to reach the 10 million dollar threshold needed to apply. Phase 1 development equates to about \$5 million today and Phase 2 is approximately \$5-6 million. Phase 2 elements include turfing the soccer fields with new fencing and drainage, installing a new restroom near the soccer fields, overlaying the 470-stall parking lot, renovating the concession/restroom building, and installing new play equipment. There is also the potential for a climbing wall on the hillside behind the concession building which would be funded by the Kitsap Mountaineers. The long-range plan identifies a 3rd Phase which includes an addition of one ball field, relocation of the dog park, and turfing all four ball fields.

An economic impact analysis is currently being developed by Berk Consulting (funded by Mayor's budget) to determine the economic benefit of a high-quality, year-round sports complex in Bremerton. Berk's early analysis indicates that the City would generate enough revenue (through rental fees) to pay for the operation and maintenance of the facility and pay back the 1 million dollar debt service. In addition it's estimated that upwards of 4 million dollars of revenue would be brought into the community. A full report will be completed prior to the second KPFDD presentation scheduled in March.

3) 2018 Year in Review/2019 Goals

Director Elevado invited Commissioners to share priorities and goals for 2019. Proposed bike corridors/trail connections were discussed including Navy Yard City View Point (County) Park, East High School Campus to Sylvan Way Library, Sinclair Inlet Trail, and NAD Marine to Jackson Park. **Director Elevado** shared recent meeting with residents that live near city property on Olympus Drive that would like it to be a park which is being looked at as a possibility.

V. Staff Reports:

1) Daddy Daughter Dance is on February 2nd at the Elks Club. This is a great event (approx. 400 people) and this year there is also a dinner option.

2) Manette Park Improvement Project Update – The picnic shelter was just completed. Remaining items include installing picnic tables, planting trees and shrubs, installing interpretive sign, and engraving the remaining bricks. The grand opening will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 10 am to coincide with the Easter Egg Hunt.

3) Warren Avenue Playfield – Awaiting \$850k in state grants to be approved by Legislature. Preliminary design is underway so that when grants get approved we can hit the ground running and be ready to go out to bid at the end of the year. Coordinating with Public Works to install sidewalk and curb ramps at 9th/Broadway. **Director Elevado** added that the city's lobbyist offered to put in a legislative ask to help with the project. Requests were also submitted for Pendergast Park and a study for the Olympus Drive/Maintenance building.

4) Kitsap Lake Update
Director Elevado shared that results for the water quality grant applications (applied for by the Water Resources Department) should be announced in late February. The Parks & Recreation Department applied for an RCO Aquatic Land Enhancement Account grant to improve the park and replace the fishing dock and ranked 2nd in the state. The presentation for the RCO Boating Facility Program grant to replace the boat launch is scheduled in February. Both grants total \$994,400.

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Hedger mentioned that the Kitsap Community Foundation (KCF) has an additional \$1,400 for Manette Park and asked if the P&R Department should set up a pass-through account with KCF for the upcoming capital projects that need donations. **Director Elevado** said he would look into this option.

Commissioner Watson noted there was a lot of new information in the PROS Inventory chapter.

Vice Chair Burnette inquired about the status of the cell phone tower at Forest Ridge Park. **Director Elevado** said they are waiting for the final design to be approved.

VII. Adjournment: **Chair Baker** adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of February 26, 2019**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, Maggie Williams and Pat Watson

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Parks Operation Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting.
Watson/Burnette (M/S/U)

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:
1) Integrated Program Management Discussion

Mr. Mutek provided overview of current Integrated Program (formally "Pest") Management (IPM) practices including training, control methods (e.g., chemical/preventative/cultural/biological/mechanical), equipment and safety. Most parks maintenance employees have had training in chemical application and four employees are currently licensed by Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) which requires passing an exam and continuing education. Licensed staff also participate in a 12-hour annual training to keep up-to-date with industry standards. Parks maintenance staff typically apply herbicides (i.e. Roundup) to kill weeds in planting beds, along fence lines, cracks in hardscapes, etc. and very rarely use pesticides (has only been used a couple times to kill crane fly larva in lawn). He also discussed IPM's preventative weed control methods including maintaining good soil fertility and making sure turf equipment is clean to avoid transporting fungus (e.g., Red thread, Snow mold) from one stand of grass to another. Fungicides were used in the past but are not used anymore. Each time an area is sprayed with herbicide it needs to be posted with a 3x5 notification card with a number to call if the public has questions.

Mr. Mutek explained that the approach moving forward is to use less chemicals and achieve an acceptable level of control (which requires more tolerance of weeds in the landscape) rather than total eradication. The City of Seattle is restricting use of glyphosate (so it's only being used in limited areas) and they are changing the design of their parks to include less planting areas and more lawn where possible. **Ms. Berna** shared that recent Bremerton park renovations have taken a similar approach to limit planting to small areas and/or steep slopes that can't be mowed (with the exception of wetlands and shorelines which need to be planted). **Director Elevado** added that not only are chemicals expensive but that we have a greater responsibility to the environment to not use as much. **Mr. Mutek** said we also rely on volunteer groups such as the Washington Youth Academy, Kiwanis Club, etc. to help with mechanical control/weeding.

2) Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Berna thanked Commissioners for providing comments on the Inventory chapter of the PROS Plan and asked if there were any more questions. **Commissioner Watson** asked about the proposed Quincy Square on 4th Street which **Director Elevado** discussed. The PROS survey has received 242 responses to date and another advertisement will go out to invite/remind people to take the survey.

V. Staff Reports:

1) Storm Damage - Director Elevado shared that heavy wet snow caused significant tree damage at various park sites which required a lot of clean up. At Pendergast Regional Park the netting at the softball fields was damaged by snow and the soccer fields and lawn between them was torn up by a vandal driving on it which will cost between \$3-4k in materials and staff time to repair.

2) Kitsap Lake Boat Launch - Ms. Berna shared that the grant presentation in Olympia was postponed due to the snow storm.

3) Manette Park - Ms. Berna shared that the slopes will be planted next week followed by the bark being blown in. **Director Elevado** said that the park is getting a ton of use and that the City Council recently took their new group photo there. **Vice Chair Burnette** noted that he visited the park after a heavy rain the previous night and that the tennis court was playable. **Commissioner Watson** asked about the pickleball nets and **Director Elevado** said he is working on figuring out a system so nets can be checked out on the weekend.

4) Misc. Summer Programs – Director Elevado shared that the Bremerton Garden Club donated \$3k for soil and will be helping to plant the flower baskets soon. The new water truck is currently being built. Softball planning meetings are being held. Picnic shelter rentals are coming in along with special event applications including a larger Bridge Blast event. P-patch gardens registration is coming along with just 5-8 spots left (out of 65).

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

Vice Chair Burnette reported Daddy Daughter Dance was a great event, is looking forward to softball season, and has been spending a lot of time at Manette Park and Lions Park. He asked if Manette Park will be used as a Summer Playground Program site. **Director Elevado** responded yes and he expects it to be very popular.

Commissioner Watson reiterated that Manette Park is looking great.

Chair Baker noted that he and his grandkid recently visited a bunch of city parks, prompted by his grandkid seeing photos in PROS Plan.

VII. Adjournment: **Chair Baker** adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of March 26, 2019**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, David Hedger, Pat Watson, Maggie Williams, and Elizabeth Wrenn

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting. Williams/Burnette (M/S/5 Approve, 1 Abstain-Wrenn)

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:

1) Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update

a. Chapter 4: Needs Analysis Review

Director Elevado presented the draft of Chapter 4 Needs Analysis for review and discussion. Discussion followed relative to how Level of Service is now being measured for Parks and Recreation Systems across the country. The NRPA's 10-Minute Walk Campaign was discussed. Director Elevado reviewed the ParkServe 2018 information contained in the draft which illustrates areas of park need in Bremerton. A brief discussion followed relative to the NRPA's Park Metrics Comparisons and how Bremerton Parks & Recreation compares to both jurisdiction in the US and those in Washington and Oregon respectively.

b. Survey Update

Director Elevado share that we have received good response with well over 300 completed surveys. He extended thanks to the Commissioners for their help in making the survey user-friendly and praise staff for their efforts in developing and marketing the survey.

2) 2020 Budget Schedule

Director Elevado share that the City will be making adjustments to the budget schedule in an effort to get the process started early for 2020. He added that preliminary budget documents will be distributed earlier than previous years which will allow increased involvement with the Commission and provide added time for input.

V. Staff Reports:

Department Updates

1) Forest Ridge Telecommunication Tower

The main tower has been erected. The department has received the first lease payment and has established a fund that future payments will go into that is accessible to the department for park related improvements.

2) Kitsap Lake Park – RCO Boating Facilities Program Grant Application

Director Elevado reported that he presented the Kitsap Lake Park project in Olympia and will be notified of the ranking in April. This project includes upgrades to the boat launch and dock, accessibility improvements to restrooms, pathways and parking lot.

3) Pendergast Regional Park – KPFD Presentation

Director Elevado accompanied by Mayor Greg Wheeler presented the Pendergast Regional Park Improvement Project to the Kitsap Public Facilities District for funding. This project scope is to complete the original master plan including installation of artificial turf on the outdoor soccer fields, turfing ball fields, adding one new ball field, restroom, parking lot improvements and upgrades to existing concession/restroom building.

Discussion followed related to the recently completed economic impact analysis report and how these improvements will impact the area economically.

4) Manette Park Grand Re-Opening

Saturday, April 20th at 10:00AM followed by the Manette Neighborhood Coalition Easter Egg Hunt. Update provided on final finishing touches underway by parks crew. Remaining brick engravings have been scheduled.

5) Programs & Events

Director Elevado reported that several programs are ramping up this time of year. Softball and P-Patch Garden registrations are underway and park and shelter reservation applications have increased significantly. He also reported the department has been meeting with several special event organizers on upcoming events, including additional elements of the Bremerton Bridge Blast.

Discussion followed relative to the planters on the Boardwalk and the recent exercise to remove several and providing additional vendor space. The planter will no longer be moved for each event as in the past.

Commissioner's Comments:

Vice Chair Burnette introduced his son Evan who was in attendance. Evan share his favorite park was Lions and that he liked the Zip Krooz. Commission Burnette also announce the upcoming Andy Pendergast Tournament.

Commissioner Watson inquired about softball players who wish to join a team. Discussion followed regarding the procedure and form for players looking for a team.

Adjournment: Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of April 23, 2019**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, David Hedger, Pat Watson and Elizabeth Wrenn

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Park Operations Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting. Burnette/Wrenn (M/S/U)

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:

1) Evergreen Rotary Park Project

Director Elevado provided an overview of accessibility upgrades funded by the Community Development Block Grant which will include: new paving in parking lot drop-off area which is currently uplifted by tree roots from diseased tree; renovated tops and seats on aging, warped picnic tables; installing a catch basin to divert runoff from pathways; and upgrades to non-accessible restroom fixtures and replacement of corroded water line. Replacement of the picnic tables tops/seats and installation of new water line is expected to start in May.

2) Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Berna presented draft slides illustrating key findings from survey results generated from 365 responses. Commissioners discussed survey results and provided comments on slides. A revised PowerPoint will be presented at the May 21st public meeting. It was noted that disc golf players and climbing wall advocates were well represented in the survey while Senior Center users and basketball/softball players were not. The survey results, along with the Inventory chapter which identifies management issues and improvement recommendations for each park/facility, will be available for the community to review online prior to the May 21st public meeting. The purpose of the public meeting is to share the survey results, review the Inventory chapter, and explain why we update our PROS plan to stay eligible for grants and provide a roadmap for the next 6 years. The May 21st public meeting will take the place of the regularly scheduled P&R Commission meeting.

V. Staff Reports:

1) **Kitsap Lake Park Project - Director Elevado** shared that the Boating Facilities Program grant application ranked 7th in the state and is expected to be fully funded. Both grants combined total more than \$994k and will fund a new boat launch, fishing dock, ADA upgrades to restroom, modular wetland, pathways, and picnic shelter.

2) **Special Events - Director Elevado** shared that there are about a dozen special events scheduled this year which require additional resources including staff time from multiple departments including parks, police, fire, and community development. The Bridge Blast

event will be held on June 29th this year (Saturday before 4th of July) and will be expanded to include a concert at Evergreen Rotary Park, a carnival on Pacific Ave., and a longer air show with more planes. The vendors will be parked at Evergreen Rotary Park and public parking for the event will be held off-site at Olympic College. Other popular special events include the Brew Fest scheduled on a Friday and Saturday in July, the Kitsap Harbor Festival at the Boardwalk, Kitsap Wine Festival at Harborside Fountain Park, Kitsap Pacific Islander Festival at Pendergast Regional Park, Bremerton Blackberry Festival and Wayzgoose Arts Festival held at the Boardwalk and downtown, Manette Fest, and a new food truck bridge-to-bridge fun run starting/ending at Evergreen Rotary Park. **Mr. Mutek** noted that access to the Boardwalk is going to be a challenge this year due to Marina Square construction and **Commissioner Watson** asked if Quincy Square is going to start before Marina Square is finished. After the meeting it was confirmed that if Quincy Square secures construction funds this fall it is expected to begin construction Summer 2020 and Marina Square is expected to be under construction until 2021.

3) **Kiwanis Park Arbor/Earth Day Celebration – Director Elevado** shared that a tree planting will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 10 am with help from the Kiwanis Club and Union Hill neighborhood. Bremerton is celebrating its 23rd year as a Tree City USA member.

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Hedger thanked all the Commissioners for attending the Manette Park dedication and noted how much the park is being used and how the demographics of that neighborhood is changing with more young families.

VII. Adjournment: Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of May 21, 2019
SPECIAL DATE**

Commissioner’s Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, David Hedger, Pat Watson, Maggie Williams and Elizabeth Wrenn

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Park Operations Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting.
Hedger/Watson (M/S/U)

III. Public Comment: Kyle Rife, a Bremerton resident since 1988, took the PROS survey and came to the meeting to express a desire for more pickleball courts. A group of pickleball players have been regularly playing at the newly renovated Manette Park sports court and the sport is rapidly growing across all age groups. The tennis courts at Lions Park are marked with pickleball lines but can only really accommodate 2 pickleball courts though Mr. Rife felt they could be painted to accommodate 6 pickleball courts on 2 tennis courts using the tennis net. Director Elevado asked Mr. Rife to email him the proposed layout to review.

Richard Nerf, Bremerton resident and former Parks and Recreation Commissioner, said he and his wife are looking to downsize and one of the issues of moving into a condo is that there isn’t a place to store their kayaks where they can launch from the beach. Mr. Nerf noticed one of the comments in the PROS survey suggested kayak/boat storage and wondered if this existed. Director Elevado said there are companies that supply kayak lockers and this is being considered at our waterfront parks.

IV. Business Items:
1) Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Comprehensive Plan
Director Elevado provided an overview of the PROS Plan which is required to be updated every 6 years to maintain grant eligibility and sets a roadmap for prioritizing capital projects based on community need and input. Ms. Berna presented the PROS plan timeline which included updating the park system inventory (which began last fall) and soliciting public feedback in the form of a survey which generated 365 responses from January-March. The key findings from the survey results were presented and discussed.

In the open-ended comment section of the survey the issue of homelessness and encampments came up frequently. Mayor Wheeler commented that the City is working with the prosecuting attorney to move folks along who are camping in parks, hopefully towards housing. Right now there is a 9th District Ruling that says you can’t prevent someone from camping in a public space if they don’t have a home. However, if the City offers the program to get them into housing and the person squatting in the park doesn’t take advantage of it then they can be moved along. The City is currently working on implementing this policy with police training. Another request that

came up frequently in the public survey was the desire for splash parks to cool off during the summer and Mayor Wheeler asked that this be considered.

Staff were pleased with the number of responses to the public survey (365) though Commissioners and Staff discussed ways to get more people to attend public meetings. The survey results, along with the Inventory chapter (which identifies management issues and improvement recommendations for each park/facility), are available for the community to review online. After the meeting a comment form was added to the website and advertised through email blasts and social media. A 2nd public open house will be held in the fall after the first draft of the PROS Plan is completed.

V. Staff Reports:

1) Director Elevado shared that 210 flower baskets just went out and we just got our new water truck in but are working on resolving some issues with the water pressure so it can be efficient during this dry spring/summer season.

2) Special Events - Parks Crew cleaned up Pacific Ave. and downtown in preparation for Armed Forces Day Parade. Harbor Festival on the boardwalk is this weekend and is expected to bring in 2,500-3,000 people. Juneteenth is next month. This year’s Bridge Blast will be expanded with a carnival, concert and improved airshow, and there is a new food truck Bridge-to-Bridge fun run, all at Evergreen Rotary Park. Just about every weekend until Labor Day there are events happening in city parks. Almost all of the 8 part-time seasonal staff have been hired for Parks Maintenance and playground seasonal staff are being hired to support the Summer Playground Program, which will include the newly renovated Manette Park.

VI. Commissioner’s Comments:

None.

VII. Adjournment: Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of June 25, 2019**

Commissioner’s Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, Pat Watson, Maggie Williams and Elizabeth Wrenn

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Park Operations Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting.
Burnette/Williams (M/S/U)

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:
1) Forestry Management Plan Review & Discussion
Director Elevado shared the Urban Forest Management Plans (UFMP) that were recently completed by Sound Urban Forestry for six city parks (Forest Ridge, Stephenson, Madrona Trails, NAD, NAD Marine, and portion of Evergreen Rotary) which was funded by a 15k Dept. of Natural Resources grant. The reports for each park identified hazard trees that have a target (near a home, well-used trail, etc.) that need to be pruned or removed. Mr. Mutek shared potential tree removal costs (over 4k for one tree) and challenges associated with access based on past experience at Stephenson Canyon. Director Elevado shared that the hazard trees are being prioritized based on highest liability and cost estimates for pruning/removal are being sought so that adequate funding can be budgeted to mitigate these risks. The UFMP’s will be shared with the City’s Tree Committee at their upcoming quarterly meeting.

2) PROS Plan – Review of Updated Plan Goals & Objectives
Ms. Berna shared a working draft of Chapter 3 (Goals and Objectives) and invited Commissioner’s feedback. Commissioner Watson provided comments and noted that several of the bullet points could be listed under more than one main goal. Director Elevado shared that while one of the goals is to provide recreation opportunities for low-income families and seniors, adult recreation programs need to pay for themselves. The topic of “senior discount” was discussed and whether recreation programs should instead be priced on a sliding scale based on income/need.

The issue of connectivity between parks (which was a high priority in the community survey) was discussed and maps of sidewalks and bike lanes from the City’s Non-Motorized Transportation Plan will be included in the appendix of the PROS Plan. Director Elevado shared that recently a Leadership Kitsap group produced a brochure with a map of the Bridge-to-Bridge trail and that the Lions Club offered to fund signage to highlight the twelve features (identified on Leadership Kitsap brochure) along this route. Commissioner Wrenn inquired if the Parks and Recreation Department has ever had a marketing position (response was no) and Director Elevado answered her question that an individual would not need to be a city resident in order to volunteer to assist with this effort. Chair Baker inquired about the status of the Warren Ave. Bridge re-design to

make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians. The need for wayfinding signage throughout the city to help people find parks and other public amenities was discussed.

V. Staff Reports:

1) Mr. Mutek shared that maintenance staff are extremely busy so when they are short staffed (due to vacation, unscheduled injury, etc.) it makes it even more difficult to get everything done. Completing weekday maintenance at all park facilities is challenging and weekends have been very hectic with special events, tournaments and the park shelters have been booked solid. Director Elevado shared that when comparing the number of our maintenance staff and park facilities we maintain with other jurisdictions our size we are understaffed by about half.

2) Special Events – Director Elevado provided latest update on upcoming Bridge Blast event which will include carnival rides on the lawn at Evergreen Rotary Park. The event organizer is required to provide insurance and sign a performance contract so that any damage incurred to the park (lawn, irrigation, sidewalk, etc.) will need to be repaired in short order by them. The irrigation has been shut off since last week to help dry out the grass.

3) Ms. Berna shared that the four RCO state grant contracts (two for Warren Ave. Playfield and two for Kitsap Lake Park) are moving forward and are expected to be ready to take to City Council in July. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised for engineering services for Warren Ave. Playfield and received no responses. Parametrix, who developed the construction documents for Manette Park which has similar elements (playfield lighting, restroom, retaining walls, shelter, playground), was contacted and a contract negotiated to perform the work for 75k which will be approved by City Council on July 3rd. The goal is to complete Warren Ave. Playfield bid documents by the end of the year and start construction early next year. Construction documents for Kitsap Lake Park will begin next year with construction occurring in 2021. Commissioner Burnette asked how much money is needed from the community to match the grants and staff responded that a donor brick program will be launched with the goal to raise 25k from the community.

4) Director Elevado shared that he went to a meeting called by property owners along Kitsap Lake and was attended by the Mayor, Public Works Director, and Water Resources staff. Residents that attended the meeting are interested in forming a Lake Management Taxing District to fund treatment to address the algae and e-coli problems which has caused closures 30-40% of the time. The city has secured grants to fund a Kitsap Lake Management Treatment Plan and filter the stormwater outfalls to help with this effort.

Budget time is coming up and we will be sharing more information at upcoming meetings. It will include a proposal to increase part-time seasonal staff from 17 weeks to 22-24 weeks

VI. Commissioner’s Comments:

Commissioner Wrenn shared that she is moving outside the city limits so unfortunately will no longer be able to serve on the Commission. Director Elevado thanked her for her time on the Commission.

She asked how NAD Park is funded by the Soroptimist and staff recalled they were a partner group similar to the Lions Club for Lions Park to help fund some of the initial development of the

park. She was curious if the Soroptimist were still involved and if so, whether the park name could be changed to Soroptimist Park to avoid the slang associated with NAD Park.

Commissioner Watson asked if the summer playground (free lunch) program has started. Director Elevado shared it will start after the 4th of July and Cynthia Engelgau is the point-of-contact.

VII. Adjournment: Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of July 23, 2019**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Maggie Williams, Pat Watson and David Hedger

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Park Operations Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting.
Williams/Watson (M/S/U)

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:
1) PROS Plan – Review of Chapters 3 & 4 and 6-Year Capital Facilities Plan Draft
Ms. Berna shared revisions to Chapter 3 (Goals & Objectives) based on Commissioner's comments from the June 25th meeting. Chapter 4 (Needs Analysis) was reviewed by Commissioners in March and has been updated to include two potential future parks on city-owned land in East Bremerton which will be discussed in the next business item. Staff shared a draft of the 6-Year Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) which is an ambitious list of projects to be pursued over the next 6 years, with the top projects (Warren Ave. Playfield, Implementation of Urban Forest Management Plan, Kitsap Lake Park, Pendergast Park, Haddon Park, etc.) being the highest priority and either already funded or most likely to be completed first. Commissioners were invited to review the draft CFP and provide feedback at the next meeting.

2) Discussion of Potential Park Development on City Property
Director Elevado shared that the Mayor and Public Works were recently approached by a group of residents who would like to develop the wooded area of the Olympus property into a formalized park. The property is owned by the city's Public Works Department and contains multiple city facilities including Fire Station 2, the former Public Works water facility (currently used by Parks Maintenance), reservoirs and a large parking lot. A topographic survey was developed to determine the grades in the open space area (excluding city facilities) which is approximately 4.5 acres. This neighborhood is currently not served by a neighborhood park and this site has great potential to include a park shelter, restroom, and playground to satisfy this need.

Director Elevado shared that several years ago the Tracyton reservoir and surrounding forested area was annexed into the city and that Public Works assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the reservoir. A developer recently proposed purchasing the property and constructing a dense residential development on the forested land surrounding the reservoir but was constrained by the topography. Several additional design challenges (poor access, drainage concerns, etc.) led to discussions between city staff and the Mayor proposing it could be a park. The site is 41 acres and located west of Pine Road and south of Riddell Road in a residential area that is currently not served by a neighborhood park. The site has the potential to be developed similar to Forest Ridge Park with park amenities (e.g. restroom, shelter, playground) condensed at the entry and the remaining area preserved as urban forest with trails. **Commissioner Hedger**

recommended that a resident living near these potential parks be sought to fill a vacancy on the Commission to help disseminate information and expand representation.

V. Staff Reports:

- 1) Warren Avenue Playfield Renovation Project Update:** The topographic survey was completed and a kick-off meeting with Parametrix was held last week. City staff are working with individual manufacturers to specify the playfield lighting, shelter, and restroom and playground equipment companies have been invited to provide design options to choose from. Once the 30% drawings are completed in August a cultural resource survey will be initiated; a state requirement through the Dept. of Archeology and Historic Preservation. The \$850k RCO grant agreement is going to Council for approval in early August. An additional \$200k state appropriation will be provided by the Dept. of Commerce, led by Representative Caldier.
- 2) Kitsap Lake Update:** The Kitsap County Health Department is regularly testing the lake's water quality at the swimming beach at the park (which is infested with weeds) and closing the lake due to e-coli. Parks staff are receiving bids for mechanical harvesting of the weeds to help circulate the water in this area and Public Works staff are continuing to work on designing treatment systems for the stormwater outfalls. Lake residents are forming a Lake Management District to help educate residents and fund ongoing treatment of the lake to control the algae bloom long-term.
- 3) Summer Playground Program Update:** The free lunch summer playground program is being held at Blueberry, Kiwanis and the newly renovated Manette Park which is breaking attendance records this year.
- 4) Special Events Update:** The Bridge Blast drew close to 3,000 people to Evergreen Rotary Park which included a concert and a carnival on the grass that caused some rutting but overall the lawn held up better than expected and the organizer did a good job cleaning up. Last weekend the Summer Brewfest was held at the Boardwalk on Friday and Saturday which had a large turnout. Also Saturday was the Kitsap Pride Festival at Evergreen Rotary which had roughly 2,500 people and only 3 porta-potties. City staff are updating Special Event permits to designate a required number of portable bathrooms appropriate for the number of people expected for future events.
- 5) Community Development Block Grant:** Public Works is applying for a grant for sidewalks and curb ramps in the downtown target area and will be including the Park Dr. sidewalk (north end of Evergreen Rotary Park) in their scope. If funded, this will complete the park's missing trail link, creating a continuous perimeter walking path almost 1 mile long.

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Hedger shared he has been playing pickleball at Manette Park and noticed a crack in the sports court.

Commissioner Watson shared it was difficult installing the pickleball net in the right spot and asked if a center tick mark could be added to the Manette sports court. He also noted that at Blueberry Park the drinking fountain pressure is very low and at Lions Park there is a cone and hand written sign warning of a hornet's nest as well as markings on the pathway near the zipline.

VII. Adjournment: Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of August 27, 2019
SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION
Olympus Building, 3027 Olympus Dr., Bremerton, WA**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Pat Watson, David Hedger and Ben Burnette
Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Park Operations Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:52 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting.
Hedger/Watson (M/S/3 Approve, 1 Abstain-Burnette)

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:
1) Olympus Property
Prior to sitting down for the meeting the group toured the city property to discuss potential use as a neighborhood park and walked through the first level of the Public Works building to discuss Parks Maintenance use/needs and potential renovations.

2) Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan
Ms. Berna shared draft of Chapter 5 which includes the 6 and 20-yr Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) and potential funding sources available to implement the CFP's. **Commissioner Watson** provided comments which led to discussions on implementation of Urban Forestry Management Plan and competition within the city for REET dollars to fund capital improvements. **Commissioner Hedger** suggested adding the Suquamish Tribe/Port Madison Enterprise, Cheney Foundation, and Kitsap Community Foundation to the Capital Project Funding section under "Donations from Parks Support Groups and Community Non-Profits."

V. Staff Reports:
1) Warren Avenue Playfield Renovation Project Update: **Ms. Berna** shared that staff are currently reviewing the 30% drawings and cost estimate developed by Parametrix and starting coordination with PSE to remove the utility pole located at the entry to the park. Staff are also working to combine the two parcels (gravel parking lot and playfield) into one parcel via a "Declaration of Aggregation" filed with the county which will allow the city to improve the parking lot within a residential area as part of the neighborhood park. The Warren Ave. Pee Wees are being kept informed of the project schedule so that they can make arrangements to use another site while the park is under construction.
2) Parks Maintenance: **Mr. Mutek** shared that the crew is worn out from the busy summer. **Commissioner Hedger** noted that Manette Park has never been used as much and still looked as good. **Director Elevado** added that the crew is dedicated and that he will share this positive feedback with them.

3) Special Events: **Director Elevado** shared that Blackberry Festival is coming up and is expecting a big turnout, and that shelter rentals for birthday parties, weddings, celebration of life events, etc. are still going strong and will set a record. **Chair Baker** asked how much revenue shelter rentals bring in. **Director Elevado** thought it was between \$60k-\$70k per year which includes facility rentals (e.g., softball fields, meeting rooms, gym). **Vice Chair Burnette** asked how the fountains are holding up and **Director Elevado** shared that the new filtration/control/chemical feed system is working great though some metal work is needed on the copper. **Mr. Mutek** is working with a local sheet metal company to wrap the sections that cracked and have sharp edges.

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Hedger reiterated that all the feedback he's received so far on Manette Park has been positive.

VII. Adjournment: **Chair Baker** adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of September 24, 2019**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, David Hedger, Maggie Williams and Pat Watson
Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Department of Parks & Recreation Director
Steve Mutek, Park Operations Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes: The August 27th, 2019 meeting minutes were not available and approval was tabled until the October 22, 2019 meeting.

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:
1) Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan
Commissioners were asked to provide any additional comments on Chapter 1 of the draft plan. Commissioner Williams offered to provide a final grammatical and consistency review of the draft PROS plan.

2) Encampment in Parks & Public Spaces Discussion
Director Elevado provided an overview of recent issues relative to encampments in parks and how they are impacting department resources. Staff reported that several larger encampments have been addressed at Stephenson Canyon and Forest Ridge Park in the last couple of weeks. Discussion followed regarding acceptable behaviors in parks and public spaces and how these behaviors are addressed. The department is developing additional tools to address encampments and associated behaviors in parks and to account for the added staff time and funding needed. Discussion continued on park lighting and other measures the City has taken to improve the safety of parks, streets and sidewalks.

V. Staff Reports:
1) Bremerton Senior Center Update
Director Elevado relayed that Senior Center Director Holly Peterson lost her battle with cancer on September 4th. She was responsible for continued success and development of programs at the Senior Center. She will be missed by staff and by her senior family. Currently, our Community Recreation Program Coordinator, Cynthia Engelgau, is providing support at the Senior Center along with some temporary part time support. The Recreation Program Coordinator III position has been posted and applications will be accepted until it closes on October 8th, 2019.
2) Upcoming Events: **Director Elevado** shared information on the upcoming Kitsap Area Veteran's Assoc. (KAVA) Fall Stand Down event to be held on Saturday, September 28th from 8AM-5PM at the Sheridan Park Community Center. This is the organizations second event of the year at which services and resources are provided to area veterans.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of October 22, 2019**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, David Hedger, Pat Watson and Maggie Williams

Staff Present: Colette Berna, Park Preservation and Development Manager
Steve Mutek, Park Operations Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 27th and September 24th, 2019 meetings. Hedger/Burnette (M/S/U)

III. Public Comment: N/A

IV. Business Items:

1) Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Ms. Berna shared that the PROS Plan draft has been posted on the website along with a comment form welcoming public comment until November 12th and an invite to this meeting to share comments in person. The request for public feedback was also advertised on Facebook. **Commissioner Williams** offered to do copy editing and staff were advised that photos of minors with recognizable faces (that have not given permission) will need to be replaced.

To date, staff received one on-line comment form requesting an off-leash dog area at Evergreen Rotary Park. While staff recognize that a centralized dog park is needed, they feel that premier waterfront park property is not the best location. Commissioners were asked for their feedback and agreed. **Chair Baker** asked if Upper Roto Vista Park could be a dog park. Commissioners discussed that while this park is not very big, has limited parking and would have to be fenced, it has potential as a small off-leash area used for residents that currently walk their dogs at Evergreen Rotary Park. **Ms. Berna** also mentioned that the Olympus Property could have potential for an off-leash area in East Bremerton. **Commissioner Hedger** asked if anyone knew the plans for the school district property in front of the newly renovated East High gym.

Regarding Evergreen Rotary Park: **Ms. Berna** shared that, in collaboration with Public Works, 2020 CDBG funding will go towards completing the sidewalk along Park Place at the north end of the park which will provide a continuous walkway at the park's perimeter. **Mr. Mutek** shared an update to renovations funded by 2019 CDBG grant monies which to date has included installing catch basins to divert rain water off pathways and installing accessible restroom fixtures (e.g., flushometers, grab rails) and accessible picnic tables. Later this week a diseased cottonwood tree (with roots that have uplifted paving in the accessible drop-off area) will be removed. The water line serving the main restroom (near the playground) will also be replaced soon. Repaving the parking lot area that has been damaged by tree roots will occur in the spring.

2) Historic Cemetery Preservation Grant for Ivy Green Cemetery

Ms. Berna provided information regarding the \$50k cemetery improvement grant opportunity offered through Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. The eligible grant categories and corresponding proposed scope elements include: 1.) **Protection & Security:** Proposed enhanced entrance with a metal gate, concrete pillars and archway; 2.) **Restoration and Preservation:** Proposed restoring (grinding/repaving) existing roadway and upgrading former caretaker's residence (currently used for storage) with new roof and painted exterior; and 3.) **Interpretive Signage:** Proposed developing/installing wayfinding signage to direct visitors to historical markers and a central map at entry with QR code to access online database to help visitors find gravesites. **Mr. Mutek** shared some of the historic gravesites at the cemetery.

V. Staff Reports:

1) Warren Avenue Playfield Renovation Project Update

Ms. Berna shared the project's status which is currently at 60% construction drawings and working towards bid documents ready to advertise at beginning of the year. Staff are currently developing a marketing brochure and banners for brick fundraising campaign which needs to raise at least \$25k in private donations. **Commissioners Watson and Hedger** suggested looking at the facebook/website page that was created for Manette Park and was very effective.

2) Manette Park Update

Ms. Berna shared that the end of the one-year warranty (December 7th) is approaching and that Staff are conducting a walk-through with the contractor this week to discuss items that need to be addressed including a small crack in the sports court and multiple handrail issues. **Chair Baker** asked if vandalism has been a problem and **Mr. Mutek** responded that overall it has been good and that Manette Park is one of the few parks where vandalism has not been an issue.

3) Congratulations and thanks to Commissioners Hedger, Watson and Williams for their re-appointment and willingness to continue serving on the Bremerton Parks & Recreation Commission. **Chair Baker** asked about the status of the two vacancies.

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Williams followed up on the earlier dog park discussion with the suggestion of possibly running the dog parks like a program and moving the location in order to limit overuse of a park and monitoring the area to make sure dog waste gets picked up. Ideas included designating a smaller area for small dogs, and vice versa, and a possible sign-up so that that not everyone goes at the same time. **Ms. Berna** asked if moveable dog parks has worked in other cities and noted that the required fencing is typically a more permanent investment. **Commissioner Hedger** commented that the County dog park at Howe Farm has an open field area and forested section with trails which gives a lot of variety for dogs and owners to recreate.

Vice Chair Burnette inquired about the Veteran's (Assoc. Fall Stand Down) event.

VII. Adjournment: **Chair Baker** adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm.

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of December 10, 2019**

Commissioner's Present: Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, David Hedger, Pat Watson and Maggie Williams

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Director of Parks and Recreation
Colette Berna, Park Preservation and Development Manager

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Baker

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 22nd, 2019 meetings. Hedger/Williams (M/S/U)

III. Public Comment:

Director Elevado introduced new Senior Center Coordinator Lisa Garland. Ms. Garland started working for the P&R Dept. over 10 years ago which included working at the pool and Senior Center. Due to budget cuts she moved from P&R to other city departments (Fire and Human Resources) and we are happy to have her back.

A group of Girl Scouts introduced themselves and Troop Leader Jo said they were attending the meeting to learn about the community. The group explained that for their robotics team project they are interested in making improvements to Sheridan Park and have some ideas they look forward to sharing with staff.

IV. Business Items:

1. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update Recommendation

Ms. Berna provided a brief overview of the PROS public comment period and the latest edits to the 2nd draft of the plan. Chair Baker and Vice Chair Burnette noted it was a very thorough and complete document. Commissioner Watson asked about the photos and Director Elevado confirmed that any recognizable photos of minors (that did not have parental permission) were either removed or pixelated so as not to be recognizable. Director Elevado thanked Commissioners for their help on the document.

A motion was made to recommend that City Council approve the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan as presented. Hedger/Watson (M/S/U)

2. 2020 Parks & Recreation Department Budget Review

Director Elevado confirmed that the 2020 budget was approved and includes the following requests: retain additional part-time seasonal staff; extend part-time staff at Senior Center; increase building janitorial hours to help cover both Sheridan Park Community Center and Senior Center; and extend 2 full-time seasonal staff from 17-weeks to 22-weeks. A stormwater billing increase, which affects all utility rate payers, hit the Dept. hard (8% increase on \$120,000 water bill).

V. Staff Reports:

1) Warren Avenue Playfield Renovation Project Update

Ms. Berna shared that the 60% document review with Engineering led to the City's Stormwater Coordinator offering to fund the city's first stormwater biopod to be installed at the southeast corner of the parking lot to treat runoff before entering the city's stormwater system. 100% construction documents to be completed next week with the goal to advertise for bid early next year and some of the demolition (e.g. tree and restroom removal) occurring before. The brick fundraising website has launched and the Warren Ave. Pee Wees are administering the funds raised for personalized bricks with the goal to raise \$36,000. The costs are \$150 for a 4x8 brick, \$300 for a 8x8 brick, and \$500 for a 8x8 brick with business logo. Director Elevado shared the news of the recent passing of Betty Carpenter and that the project will include an interpretive sign illustrating the history of the site and her and her husbands' tireless support of the Warren Ave. Pee Wees.

2) Kitsap Lake Park Work Party

Director Elevado shared that a group of property owners along Kitsap Lake contacted the city with an interest to help remove the weeds at the south end of the lake. This discussion led to a work party held on Saturday, November 23rd which included 7 volunteers (including Director Elevado and Stormwater Coordinator Chance Berthiaume) and resulted in harvesting about 6-8 cubic yards of aquatic weeds from the lake at the park's edge. This sweat equity by the homeowners showed their commitment towards improving the lake's water quality and the work needed to continue to address the many problems at the lake (e.g. weeds, algae, geese, e-coli). Mr. Berthiaume is currently working on a grant to treat the 10-12 stormwater outfalls that feed into the lake and "Don't Feed the Geese" signs have been installed. Geese leave 2-3 lbs of feces a day which is contributing to the lake's e-coli closures. Parks is working with the City's Street Sweeper to regularly clean the parking lot (which is littered with geese feces) to prevent it from washing into the lake after a rainfall. There were several lake closures this year resulting from e-coli and toxic algae blooms. The City is currently looking at potential harvesting and chemical treatment programs to lock the phosphate up to prevent algae blooms which could cost 20-25k/year and would need to be ongoing to be effective.

VI. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Watson asked if everyone was okay from the Warren Ave. bridge car accident that involved a Parks Maintenance truck. Director Elevado shared that no one was hurt (and it's still under investigation) but essentially the Parks Maintenance worker had stopped for traffic and was rear-ended which pushed the city truck into the car in front. Commissioner Watson asked about the review process for street trees planned for Perry and 11th. Staff shared the City's Tree Committee role and coordination with Public Works to address long-term maintenance.

Vice Chair Burnette asked when basketball is starting up, where the championship will be held, and if the Harborside holiday lights are on. Director Elevado shared Boys League started last Saturday, the championship will be held at Sheridan, and that the ceremonial tree lightings occurred last weekend at Manette and downtown (in front of Navy Museum) and Parks Staff also installed holiday lighting at Harborside Park and the Kitsap Conference Center Plaza.

VII. Adjournment: **Chair Baker** adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Appendix D: Relevant Comprehensive Land Use Plan Goals

Element 2
Land Use
Designation: Equivalence Table

Open Space

This Comprehensive Plan adopts by reference the "Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan" as adopted and amended by City Council. These goals and Policies help to establish a system of open space in Bremerton. That open space system will consist of parks, school yards, and natural spaces. In addition, the cited goal and its policies call for linking these spaces with a system of trails and pedestrian pathways. The Open Space Map depicts the open space system on the following page of this element.

Many of the lands and corridors appearing on the Open Space Map are not independent land use designations. Instead, they indicate desired locations for open spaces. "Open Space" as a listed "permitted use" in all zoning designations will support the creation of this desired open space system. Public acquisition of open space, including acquisition and development of open space as part of City utility or street projects for example, will also assist in the creation of trails, parks, or other open spaces.

Policies

LU1: Plan for Growth

LU1-OP(A): Implement the development standards outlined in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. Consider using permeable surfacing in open space areas where feasible.

LU3: Natural Environment

LU3-OP(A): Integrate an open space system into the land use pattern that increases the amount of open space, protects Bremerton's natural resources, allows for stormwater management including LID BMPs in open spaces, and provides a source of beauty and enjoyment for all residents.

LU3-OP(B): Encourage open space along water ways to ensure public access both visually and physically.

LU3-OP(C): Promote open vistas and green spaces (greenbelts) in the City.

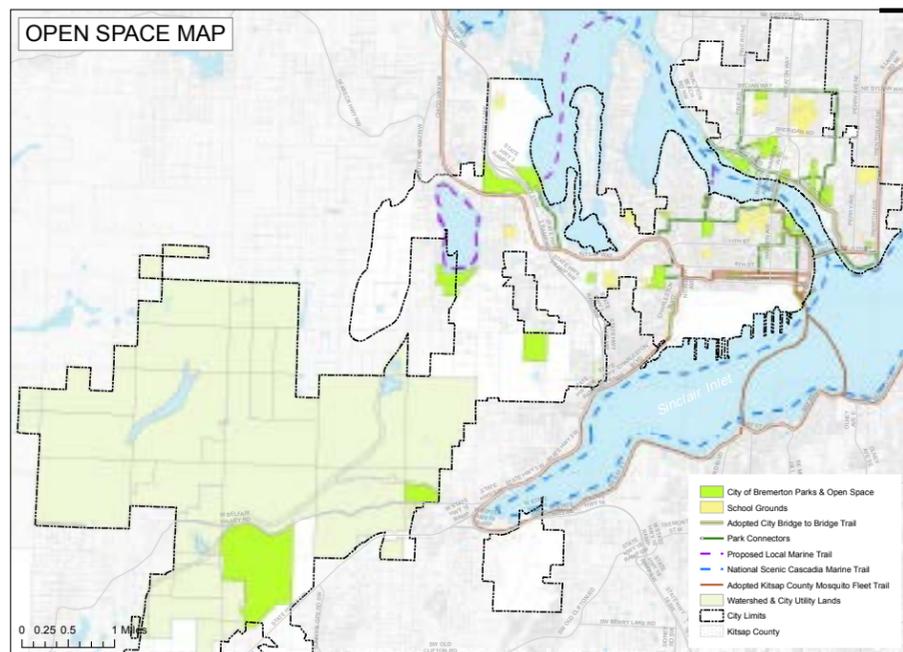
LU4: Community Health

LU4-OP(A): Include pedestrian, bicycle, and passive recreation opportunities into open spaces.



City of Bremerton Comprehensive Plan
Land Use Element

LU-46



Source: 2016 Comprehensive Plan

Appendix E: Supplemental Trail Maps

Adopted County/City Trails

- Kitsap County Mosquito Fleet Trail
- Kitsap Peninsula Water Trails Map
- Jarstad Park to Chico Creek

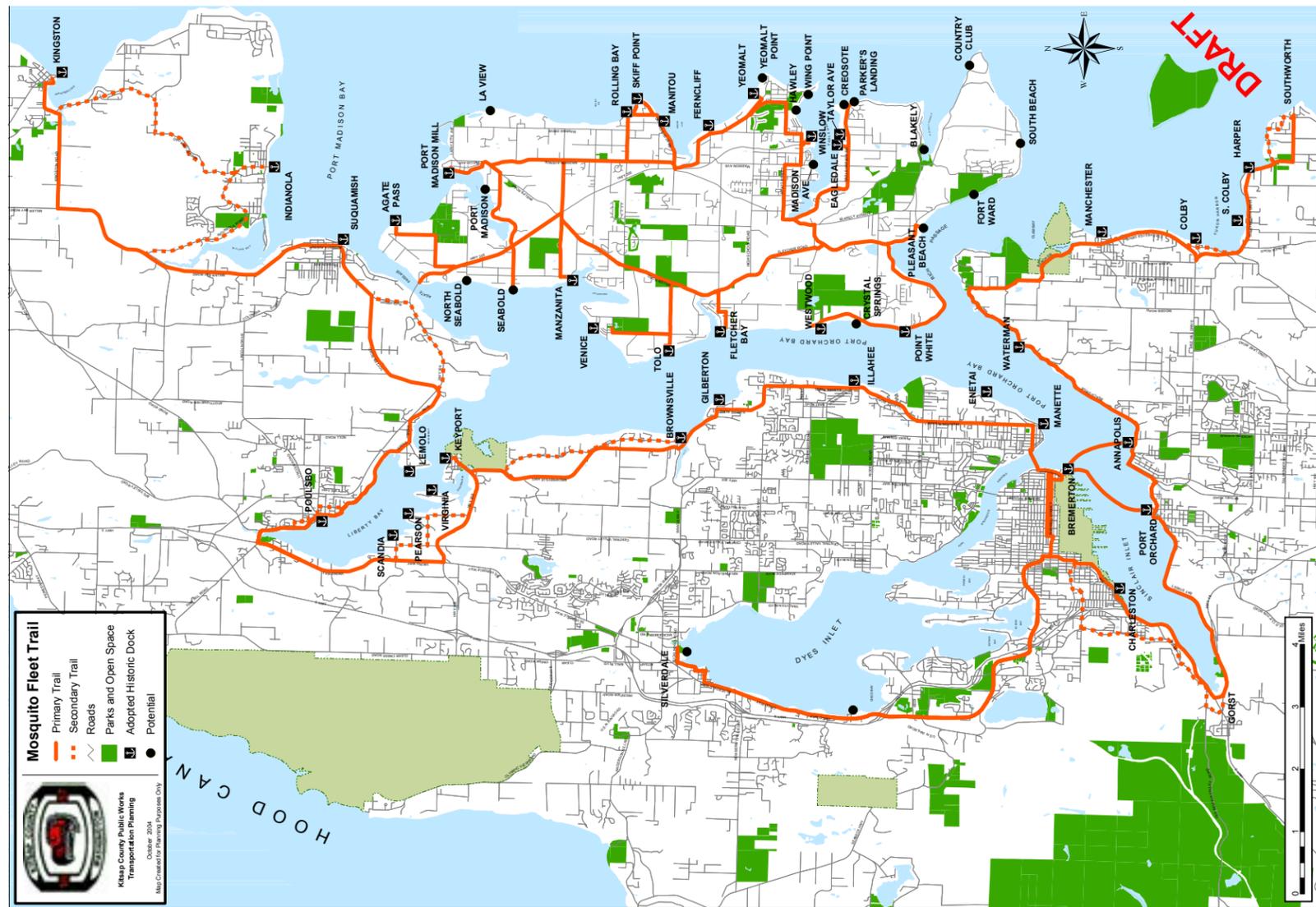
Adopted Urban Trails

- Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Maps (Pedestrian and Bicycle Inventory, Issues, Opportunities and Proposed Improvements)
- Port Washington Bridge-to-Bridge Trail
- Open Space Map: Shaping Bremerton (2010 Comprehensive Plan)

Existing Trail Maps for Forested Parks

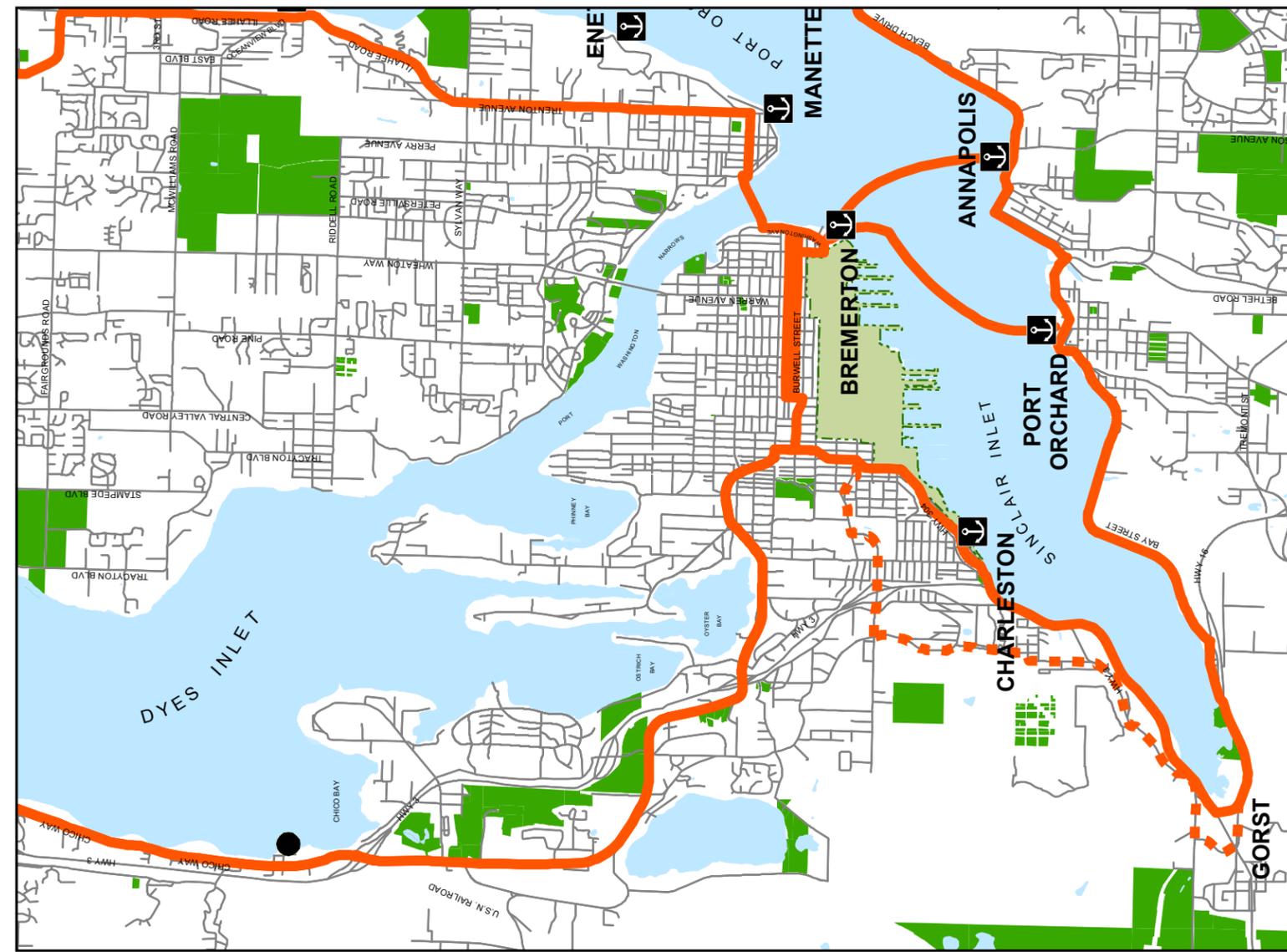
- Madrona Trails
- Forest Ridge Park
- Stephenson Canyon Nature Area
 - N.A.D. Park
 - N.A.D. Marine Park





Source: Kitsap County Mosquito Fleet Trail Plan. Prepared by MacLeod Reckord

Appendix E: Supplemental Trail Maps: Kitsap County - Mosquito Fleet Trail



Source: Kitsap County Mosquito Fleet Trail Plan. Prepared by MacLeod Reckord

Appendix E: Supplemental Trail Maps - Mosquito Fleet Trail Enlargement



Kitsap Peninsula Launches & Amenities	
A0	Salisbury Point County Park Boat Launch, Parking, Restrm
A1	Port Gamble Mill Site Kayak Launch, Rentals, Parking, Town, Store
A3	Hood Canal Dr Shore Access
A4	Hood Canal Place Rd End Shore Access
A7	Twin Spits Rd End Kayak Launch, Parking
C3	Norwegian Point Park Kayak Launch, Parking, Store
C3-b	Point No Point Park Kayak Launch, Parking, RR
C4	Point No Point Lighthouse Kayak Launch, Parking, RR
C7	Pilot Point Kayak Launch, Parking
C8	Port of Egdon* (no link) Kayak Launch, Parking, RR
C10	Ludlow Dr Rd End Shore Access
C13	North Beach Kayak Launch, Parking
C14	Port of Kingston* Marina Launch, Parking, Kayak Racks, Overnight Moorage/Services, Store
C14-a	Arness Park
D2	South Villa Dr Shore Access
D6	Port of Indianola* Boat Launch, Parking, Store
D7	Indianola Waterfront Preserve Shore Access
D8	Suquamish Tribal Dock Boat Launch, Parking, Town
D9	Old Man House Park Kayak Launch, Parking, RR
E1-a	Skookum Rd End Shore Access
E1-b	Ona Rd End Shore Access
E1-c	Port of Keyport* Marina Boat Launch, Parking, Town Overnight Moorage/Services
E3-a	Oyster Plant Park Kayak Launch, Parking
E3-b	Poulsbo Lions Park Shore Access
E4-a	Olympic Outdoor Center Dock Kayak Launch, Rentals
E4-b	Port of Poulsbo* Marina Boat Launch, Parking, Town Overnight Moorage/Services
E4-c	American Legion Park Kayak Launch, Parking
E4-d	Liberty Rd End Kayak Launch, Parking
E8	Keyport Saltwater Park Kayak Launch, Parking
F1	Port of Brownsville* Marina Launch, Parking, Store, Camping Overnight Moorage/Services
F3	Illahee State Park Kayak Launch, Parking, Camping
F3-a	Port of Illahee Boat Launch, Parking, Store
G1	Evergreen Park Boat Launch, Parking
G2	Lions Park Kayak Launch, Parking
G4	Port of Tracyton* Launch, Parking, RR, Store
G6	J.A. & Anna Smith Park Shore Access Only
G7	Port of Silverdale* Docks Boat Launch, Parking, Town Overnight Moorage/Services
G10	Chico Boat Launch Boat Launch, Parking
H0	Port of Bremerton* Marina Boat Launch, Parking, Town Overnight Moorage/Services
H7-a	Port Orchard Marina Dock, Parking, Town Overnight Moorage/Services
H7-b	Water Street Boat Launch Boat Launch, Parking, Town
H8	Retail Boat Launch Boat Launch, Parking
I1	Manchester State Park Kayak Launch, Parking, Camping
I2	Port of Manchester* Parking
I2-a	Pomeroy Park Kayak Launch, Parking
I3	Yukon Harbor Harper Boat Kayak Launch, Parking
I4	Blake Island State Park Camping
J0	Belfair State Park Boat Launch, Pkg, Store, Camp
J0-a	Port of Allyn* Dock Boat Launch, Parking, Store Overnight Moorage
J6	Twanoh State Park Boat Launch, Pkg, Store, Camp
J11	Tahuya Boat Launch, Parking
J11-a	Union Boat Ramp Boat Launch, Parking
J11-b	Alderbrook Resort Boat Launch, Parking, Resort
J11-c	Hood Canal Adventures Kayak Launch, Parking, Rentals
J15	Menards Landing Boat Launch, Parking
J20	Dewatto Kayak Launch, Parking
K19	Misery Point Boat Launch Boat Launch, Parking
L0	Seabeck Marina Boat Launch, Parking, Store
L16	Kitsap Memorial Park Parking, Restroom, Camping

Paddle Bainbridge Island Launches	
B0	Agate Pass Bridge East Side Kayak Launch, Parking
B1	Sanwick Street Rd End Kayak Launch, Parking
B2	North Street Rd End Shore Access
B3	West Pt Madison Nature Preserve Kayak Launch, Parking
B4-c	Hidden Cove Park Parking, Restrooms
B4-d	T'chookwop Park Shore Access
B4-e	NE Lafayette Ave Rd End Kayak Launch, Parking
B5	Fay Bainbridge Park Parking, Restrms, Showers, Camping
B9	Manitou Park Blvd Kayak Launch, Parking
B10	Yaquina Place Rd End Kayak Launch, Parking
B12-b	Hawley Cove Park Shore Access
B12-c	Waterfront Park Parking, Restrooms, Dock, Town, Lodging
B12-d	Strawberry Park Kayak Launch, Parking
B12-e	Japanese Memorial Park Parking, Restroom
B12-f	Pritchard Park Parking, Restroom
B15	Rockaway Beach Park Kayak Launch, Parking
B16	Blakely Harbor Park Kayak Launch, Parking, RR
B20-a	Fort Ward Park Shore Access
B20	Fort Ward Park Parking, RR, Launch, Camping
B21-b	Wharf Street Rd End Kayak Launch, Parking
B23	Schell Chelb Estuary Shore Access
B25	Point White Dock Kayak Launch, Parking, RR
B26	Westwood Rd End Shore Access
B27	Gazzam Lake Park Shore Access
B28	Fletcher Landing Shore Access
B29	Battle Point Shore Access
B30	Fairy Dell Park Shore Access
B31	Dock Street Rd End Kayak Launch, Parking
B33	Hidden Cove Rd End Kayak Launch, Parking
B34	Seabold Rd End Parking

Appendix E: Supplemental Trail Maps: Kitsap County - Water Trails Map

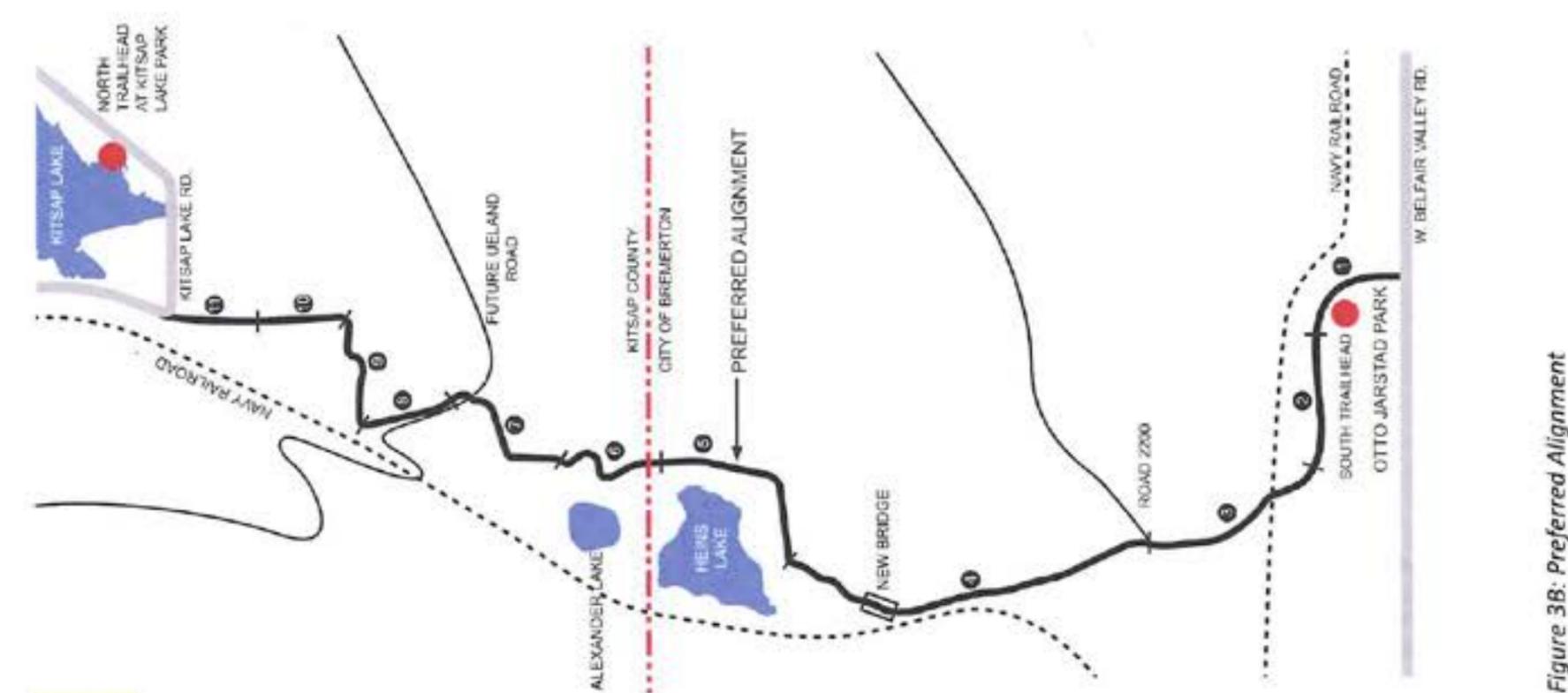
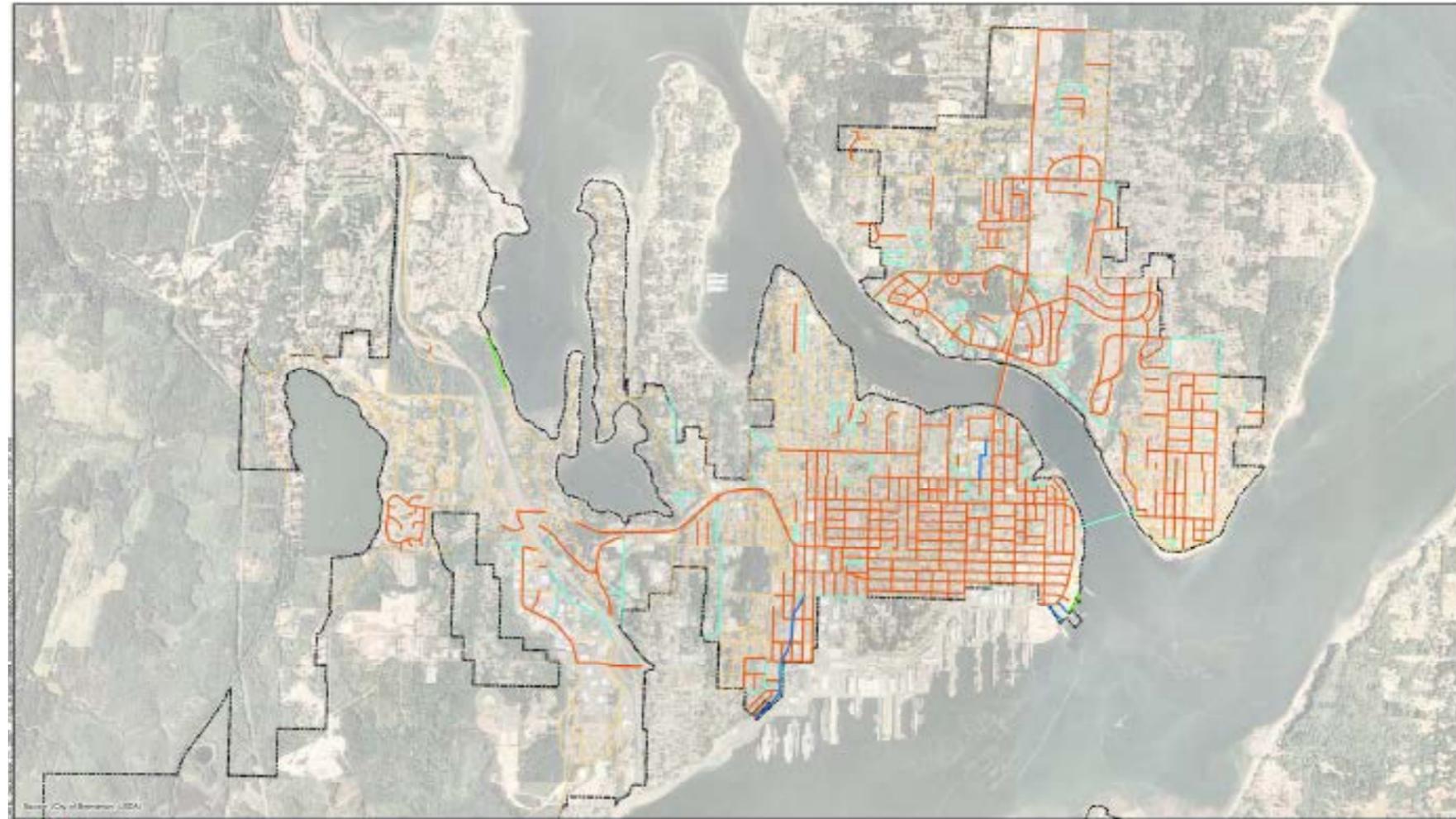


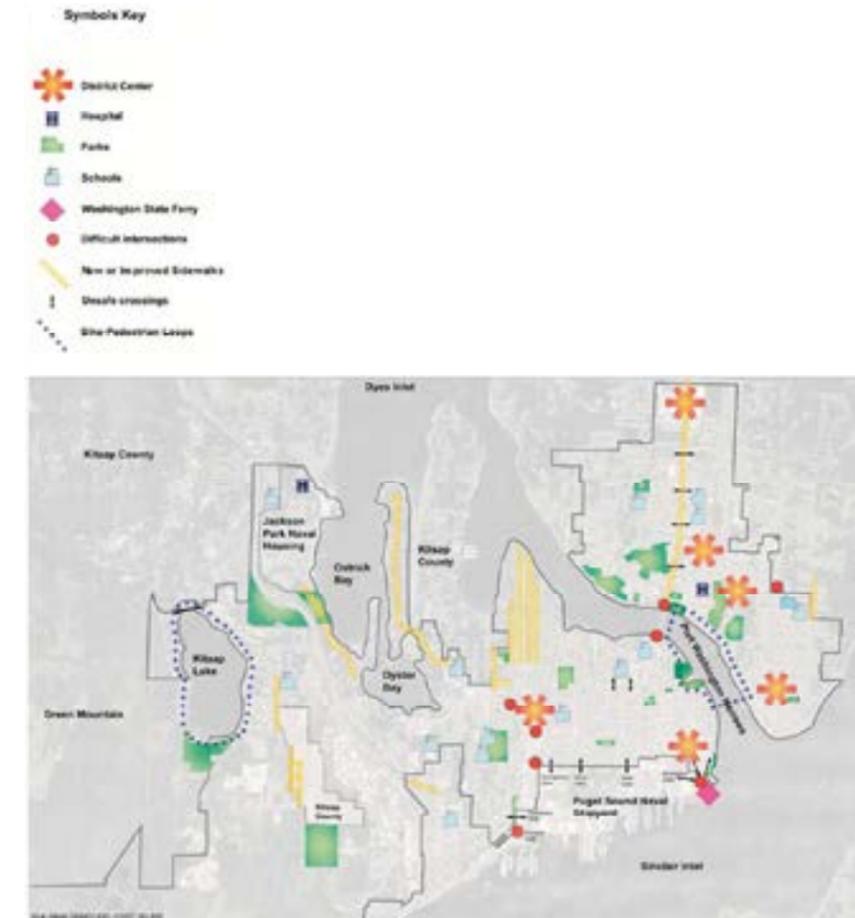
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Source: West Belfair to Kitsap Lake Trail Feasibility Study, June 2018

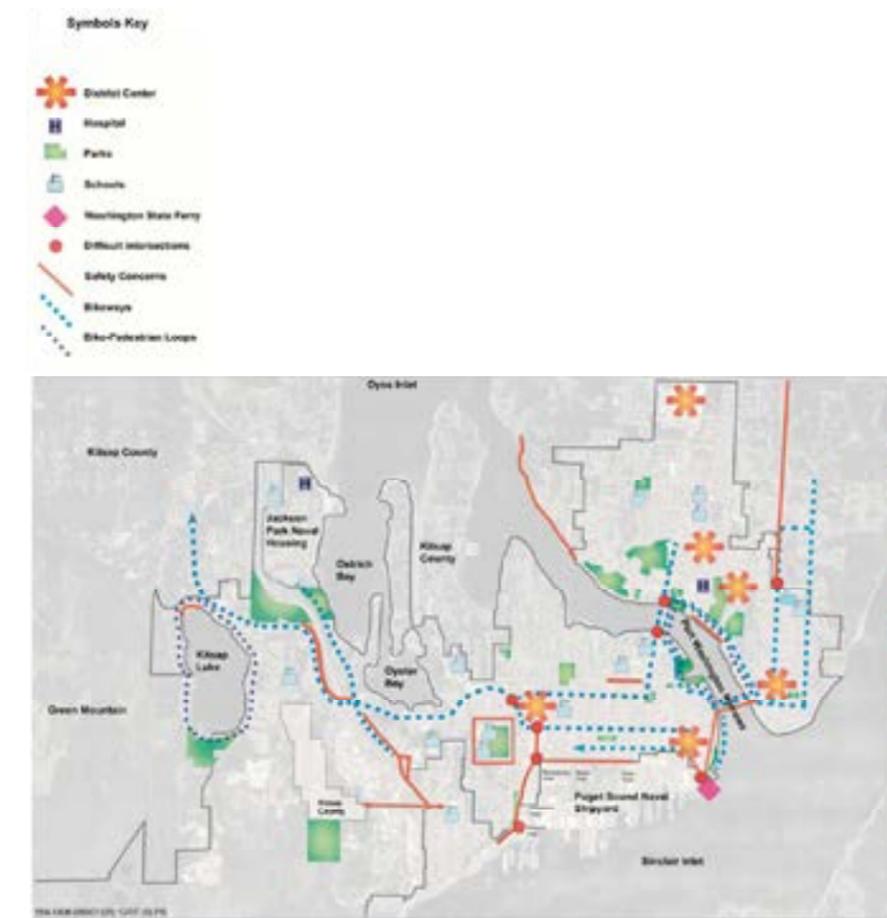
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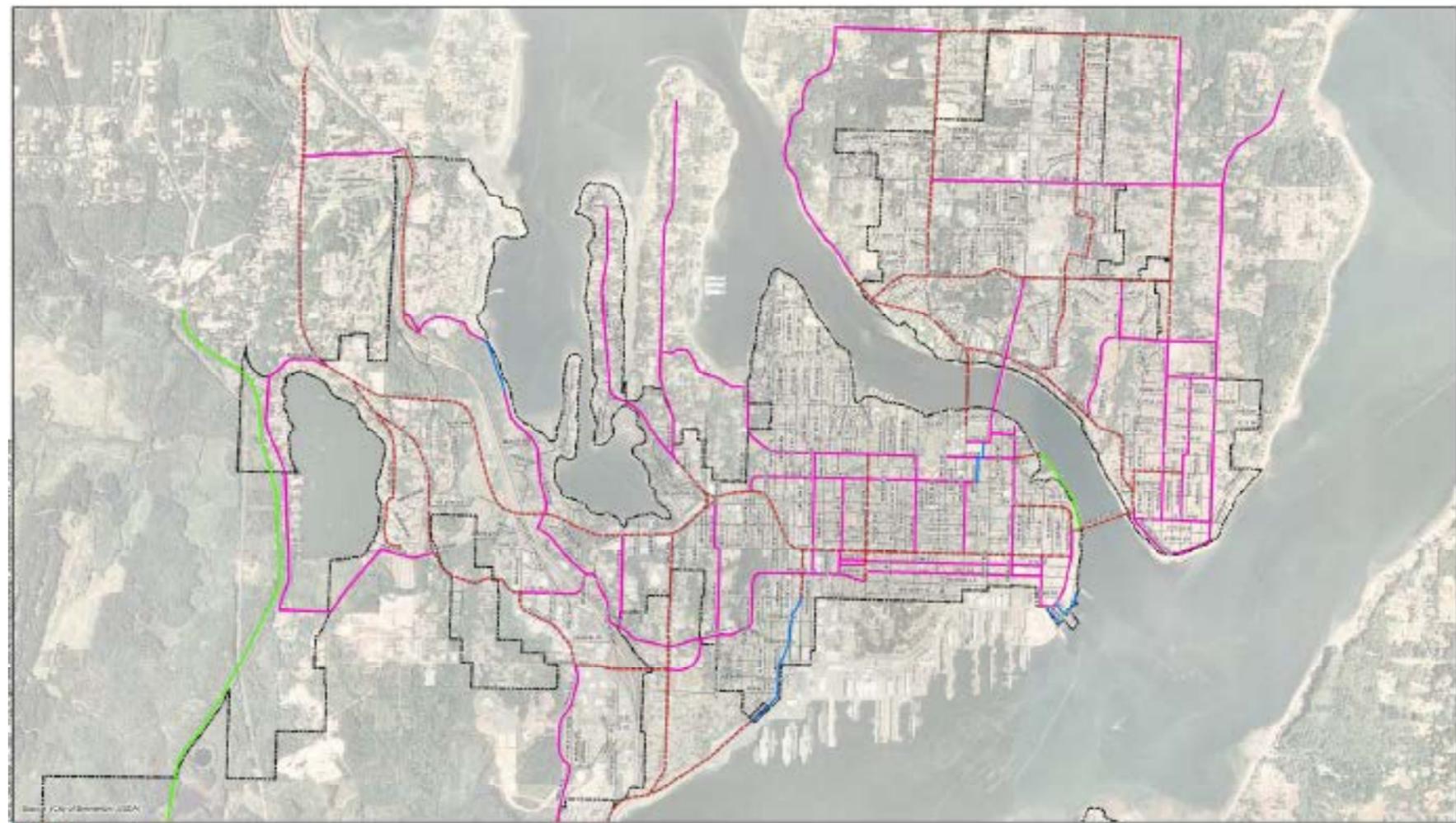
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Existing Sidewalk and Bicycle Lanes Inventory



Map 2
Pedestrian Issues and Opportunities Diagram



Map 3
Bicycle Issues and Opportunities Diagram



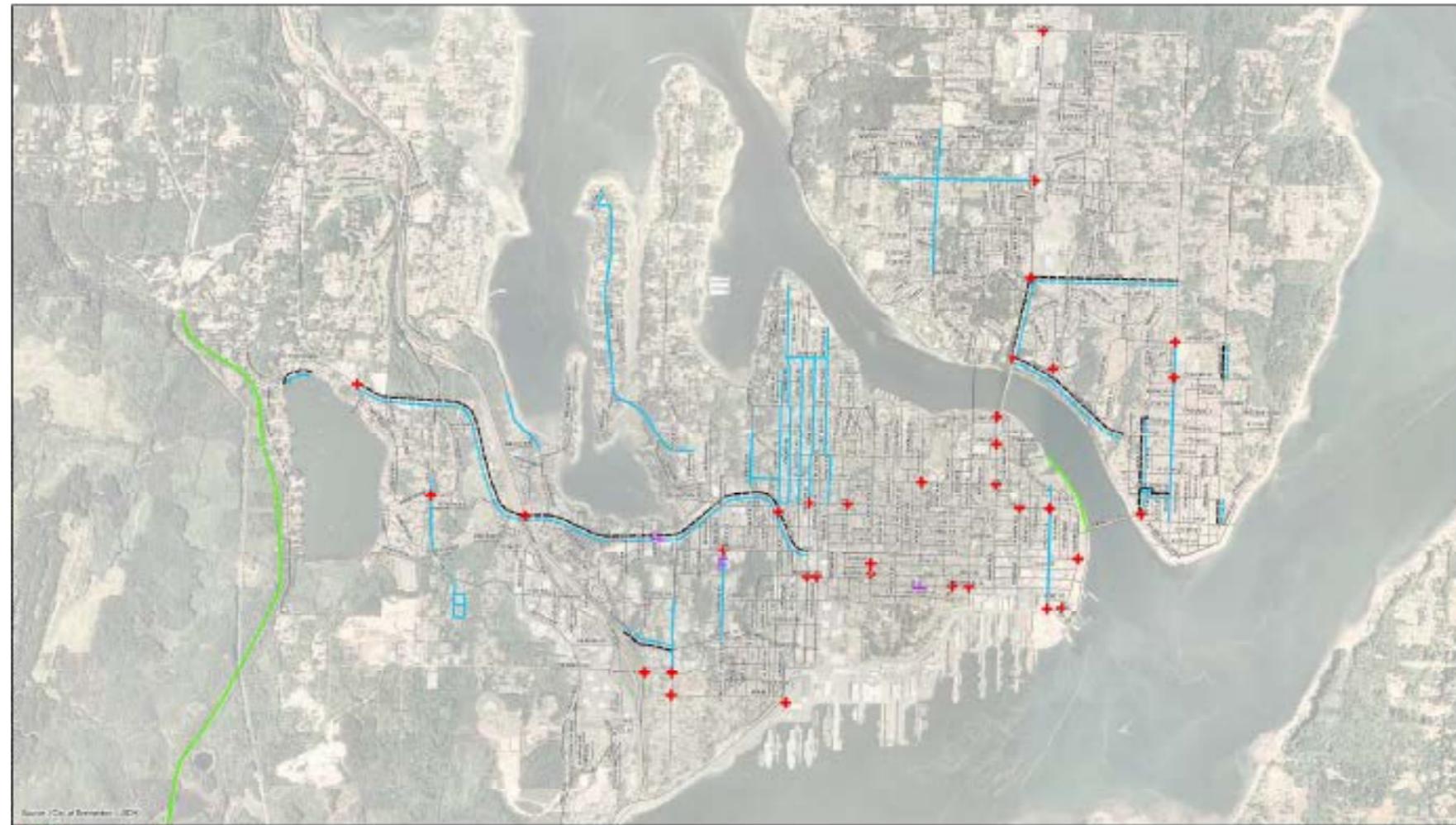
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Bremerton Non-Motorized Transportation Plan
Proposed Bicycle Facility Network

Legend

- Street
- Existing Bicycle Lane
- Proposed Bicycle Lane or Shoulder
- Proposed Bicycle Route or Shoulder
- Proposed Off-Street Trail
- City of Bremerton

Scale: 0 to 2,500 Feet

Appendix E: Supplemental Trail Maps - Non-Motorized Transportation Plan: Proposed Bicycle Facility Network



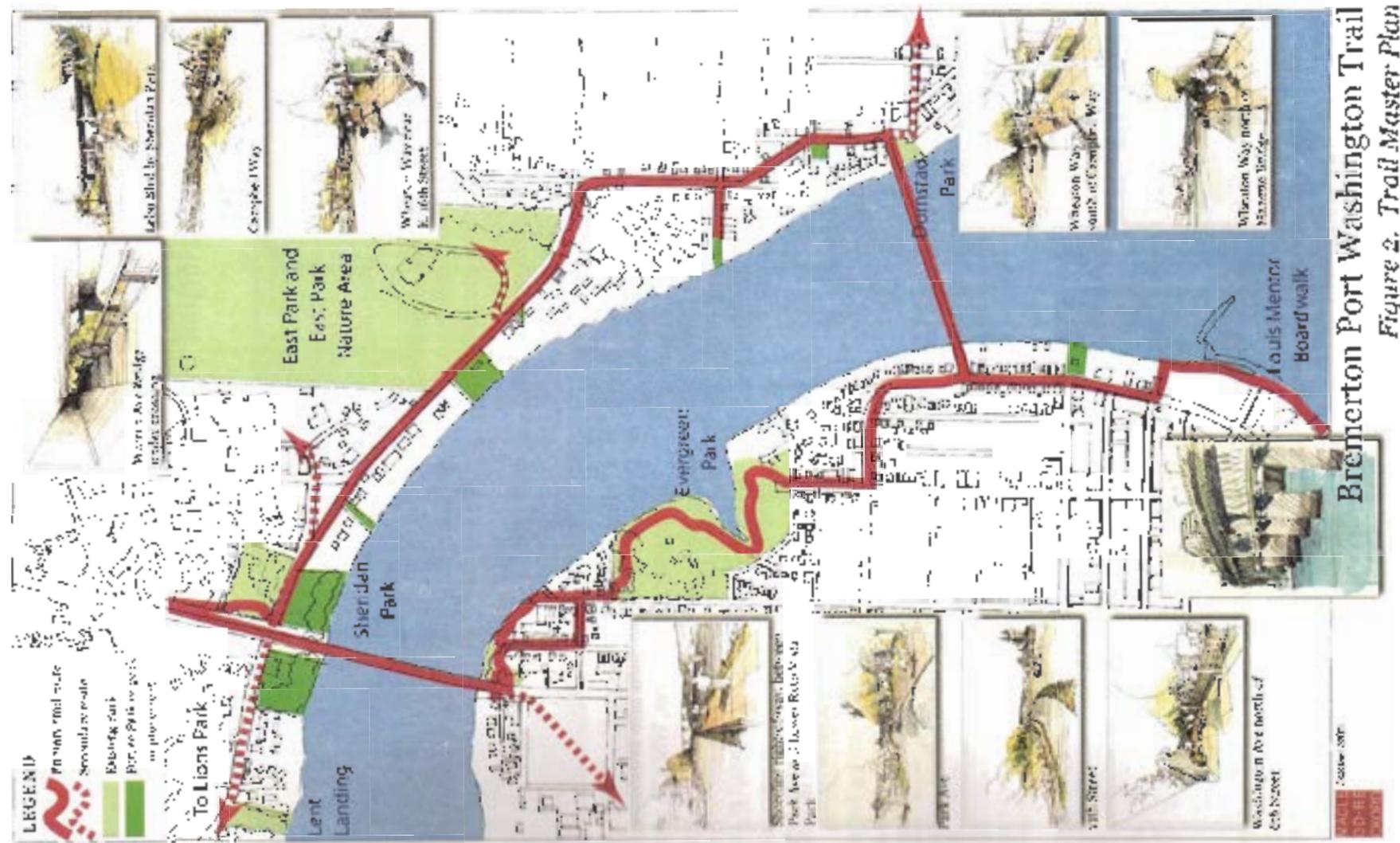
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Proposed Pedestrian Network Improvements

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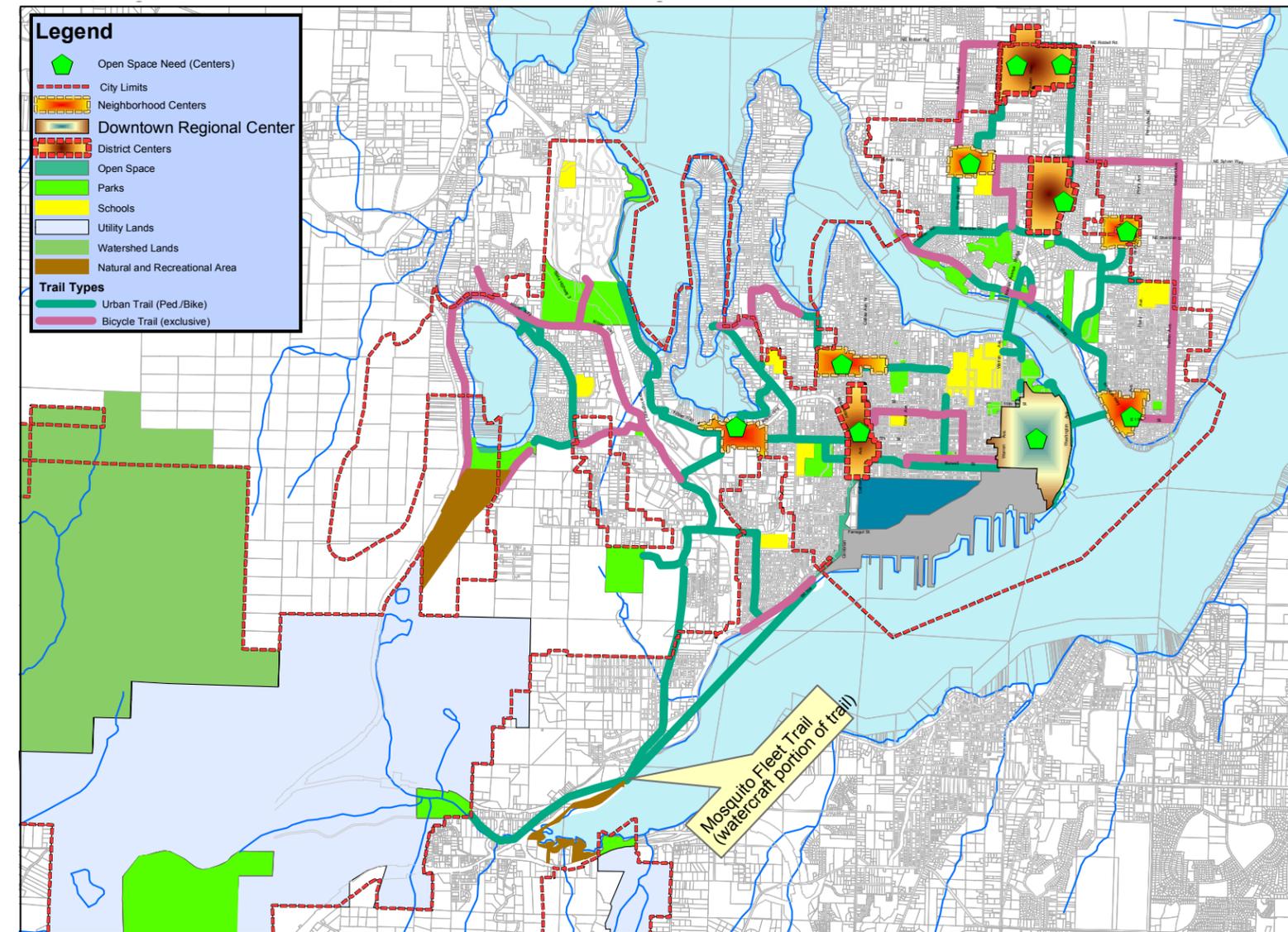
- Mid-Block Crossing
- Difficult Intersection
- Proposed Off-Street Trail
- Street
- Pedestrian Improvements
- Sidewalk Improvements

Scale: 0 to 2,500 Feet

Appendix E: Supplemental Trail Maps - Non-Motorized Transportation Plan: Proposed Pedestrian Improvements



Source: Trail Master Plan: Bremerton Port Washington Trail. Prepared by MacLeod Reckord



Source: City of Bremerton Comprehensive Plan



MADRONA TRAILS

Wheaton Way & Ash St.
15 acres
0.67 mi. of rustic trail

Experience a series of climbs and descents through a unique madrona forest. This iconic tree is our only native broad-leaf evergreen tree and is renown for it's exfoliating red bark. Unfortunately, due to environmental factors and development this tree is in decline throughout the region, making preservation of this forested park even more critical.

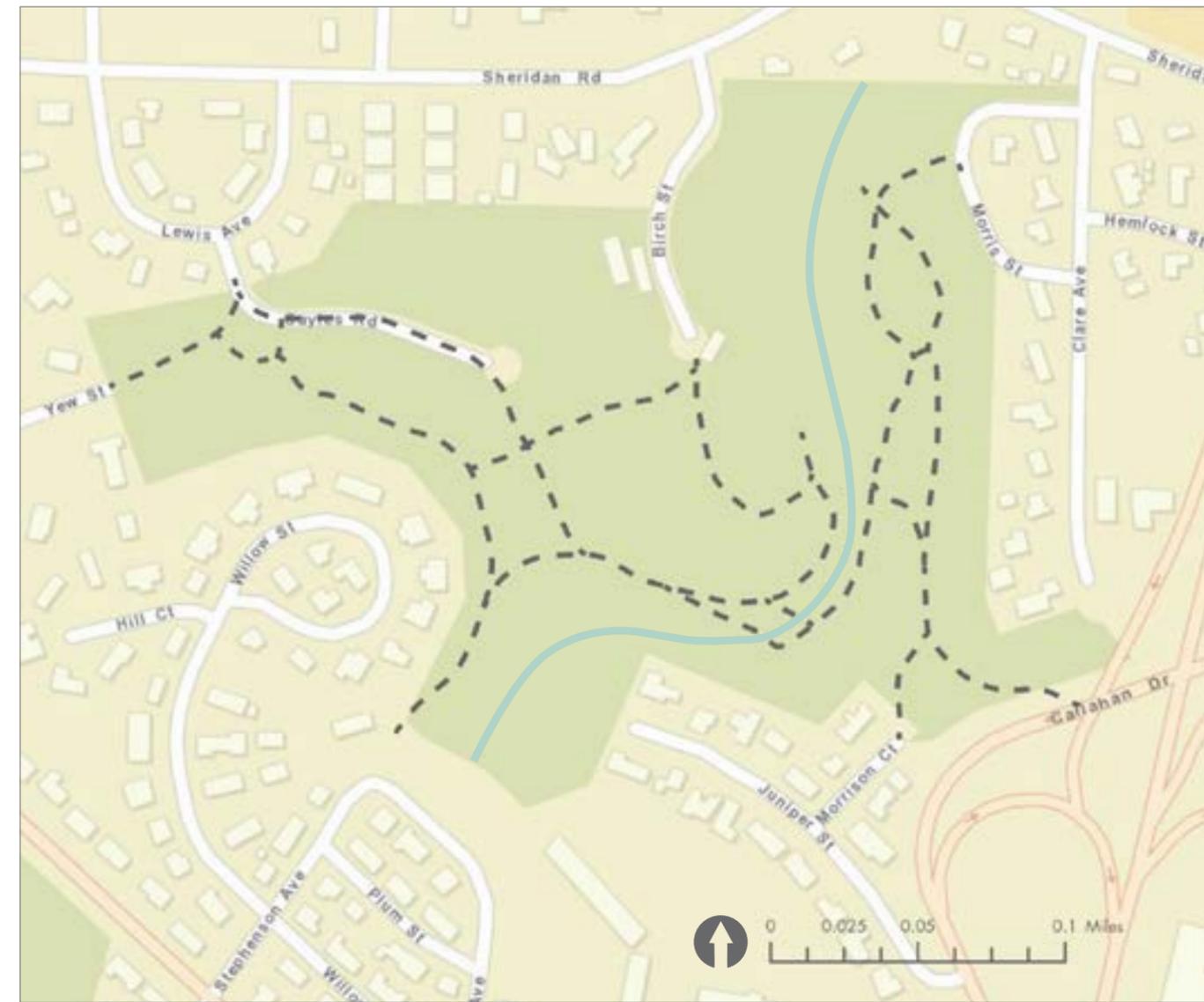
Access the south trailhead from Lower Wheaton Way, the west trailhead parking lot off Hickory St. or the east trailhead on Nathan Adrian Dr. across from the YMCA and city's skate park.



FOREST RIDGE PARK TRAILS

3100 1st St. and Carol Arends Pkwy, 21 acres, 0.72 mi. of rustic trail

The park's cabin was the Charleston community center when it was it's own city up until 1927. A group of dedicated volunteers called the *Forest Ridge Stewardship Group* meet at the park every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9 am to maintain the park and remove invasive plants. Come join them for their next workparty!

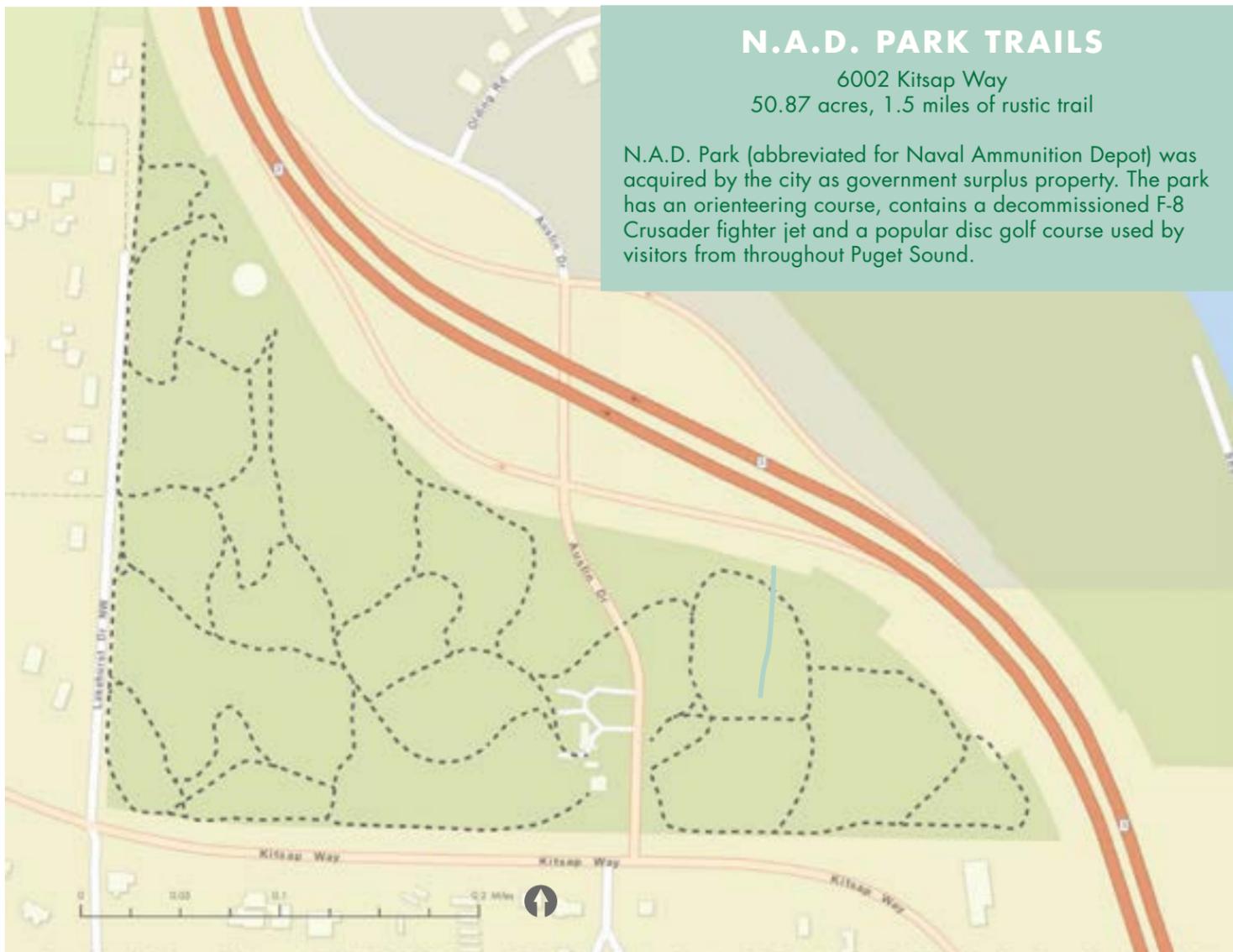


STEPHENSON CANYON TRAILS

2800 Birch St. 28.5 acres,
0.63 mi. of rustic trail

Bremerton's hidden gem! Enjoy hiking down the canyon and along the creek and up to a waterfall overlook. Be aware of a few steep sections of trail and stream crossing.

Remnants of the Sheridan Park homes built in 1942 by the Bremerton Housing Authority can be seen from the parking lot trailhead. The forested canyon was saved from development due to it's steep terrain.



Appendix F: Financing Options

Federal and State Funding and Conservation Programs

Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Programs, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

www.rco.wa.gov

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

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)

This program, managed through the RCO,

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

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)

The RCO is a state office that allocates funds to local and state agencies for the acquisition and development of wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation properties. Funding sources managed by the RCO include the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. The WWRP is divided into Habitat Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Accounts; these are further divided into several project categories. Cities, counties, and other local sponsors may apply for funding in urban wildlife habitat, local parks, trails, and water access categories. Certain state agencies may also apply for funding in natural areas, critical habitat, and

state parks categories. Funds for local agencies are awarded on a matching basis. Grant applications are evaluated once each year. However, in 1999, the RCO limited project review in odd-numbered years to local park acquisition. The State Legislature must authorize funding for the WWRP project lists.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

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

National Recreational Trails Program

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

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

Other RCO Grant Programs

- **Boating Facilities Program (BFP):** The BFP was created in 1965 by a voter-approved initiative. The program provides grants to acquire, develop, and renovate boating facilities, including launching ramps, guest moorage, and support facilities on both freshwater and saltwater. Local and tribal government grant recipients must provide at least 25% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. The program is funded from a portion of the motor vehicle gasoline tax paid by boaters and not refunded as allowed by law.
- **Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program:** The BIG program funds guest boating facilities for recreational boats 26 feet and larger. Grant recipients must provide at least 25% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. This program is funded from a portion of the federal Aquatic Resources Trust Fund as administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants, National Park Service

The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) program was established in November 1978 to provide matching grants and technical assistance to economically distressed urban communities for rehabilitation of critically needed recreation facilities. Only cities and urban counties meeting established criteria are eligible for assistance. Three grant categories are available: rehabilitation (30% local match requirement), innovation (30% local match requirement), and planning (50% local match requirement). This grant program has been unfunded by Congress since 2002.

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), Natural Resources Conservation

Service (NRCS)

www.nrcs.usda.gov/PROGRAMS/wrp/
The WRP provides landowners the opportunity to preserve, enhance, and restore wetlands and associated uplands. The program is voluntary and provides three enrollment options: permanent easements, 30-year easements, and 10-year restoration cost-share agreements. In all cases, landowners retain the underlying ownership in the property and management responsibility. Land uses may be allowed that are compatible with the program goal of protecting and restoring the wetlands and associated uplands. The NRCS manages the program and may provide technical assistance.

Trust Lands Transfer Program, Washington State Department of Natural Resources

www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/amp/transactions/tlt.html

This program provides a mechanism to protect DNR-managed properties with significant natural, park, or recreational attributes while infusing money into the public school construction fund. The program has been in effect since 1989. The program identifies "common school trust lands" with significant park, recreation, and natural features, which are difficult to manage as income-producing

properties for trust beneficiaries and transfers them to more appropriate ownership. The Legislature appropriates funds to “buy out” these properties from the School Trust Program. Revenues equal to the timber value on subject properties are placed in the Common School Construction Account, while the timber is not harvested. The Legislature also provides for the replacement of the land by appropriating the land value of the property to purchase other real property having better income potential for trust beneficiaries. The properties to be preserved may be transferred to local or state agencies. The selection process involves a detailed evaluation system. Key features include: (1) properties must have a high timber value to land value ratio; (2) properties must be of statewide significance for park, recreation, or natural area uses; and (3) the properties must have significant difficulties (e.g., sensitive wildlife habitat) in managing the property for income to trust beneficiaries.

Jobs for the Environment (JFE), Washington State Department of Natural Resources

The JFE program was created by the state Legislature in 1993. The program promotes the long-term, stable employment of dislocated natural resource workers in the performance of watershed restoration activities. The program provides minimum funding commitments for

salaries and benefits for displaced workers, and funding is also available for training. Since its inception, the program has completed many in-stream, riparian, and upland restoration projects. Entities eligible to apply for funding include state and local governments, tribes, and nonprofit organizations. Funding proposals will focus on limiting factors and recovery strategies within all or a portion of a Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA). Specific projects will then be identified, prepared, and approved for implementation over the life of the grant agreement.

Forest Legacy Program, Washington State Department of Natural Resources U.S. Forest Service

www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/amp/forest_legacy/intro.html

This program provides funds to acquire permanent conservation easements on private forestlands that are at risk of being converted to non-forest uses such as residential or commercial development. Congress established the program in 1990, and DNR is the lead state agency for the program in Washington State. The program is intended to preserve “working forests,” where forestlands are managed for the production of forest products and where

traditional forest uses are encouraged. These uses will include both commodity production and non-commodity values such as healthy riparian areas, important scenic, aesthetic, cultural, fish, wildlife and recreation resources, and other ecological values.

WA. State Ecosystems Conservation Program (WSECP), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

This WSECP was established in 1990 and is divided into federal- and state-managed components. The federal program focuses funds on projects that help restore habitat for threatened, endangered and sensitive species and, secondarily, for species of concern. In addition, the program attempts to concentrate funds within a limited number of watersheds to maximize program benefits. The program provides funds to cooperating agencies or organizations. These grants, in turn, can be distributed among project sites. The program requires a 50% cost-share from cooperating agencies, and individual landowners at project sites must enter into maintenance/management agreements that have a 10-year minimum duration.

Community Development Block Grants, U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development

These funds are intended to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons.

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

<http://www.kitsapregionalcouncil.org>

Federal transportation funding for trail projects is available from the Surface Transportation Program (STP) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), which provides increased spending “flexibility” to state and local governments to meet each state’s transportation needs. STP funding is available for eligible projects in the following categories: regional competition, statewide competition, transportation enhancements and safety. The purpose of the Enhancements program is to address non-traditional transportation investments such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, scenic and historic highway programs and rehabilitation/operation of historic transportation facilities. The Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council serves as the countywide board in the allocation of some federal transportation grant funds to projects within Kitsap County, through the Puget Sound Regional Council. The source of funds for TEA-

21 is the Highway Trust Fund, whose major source of income is the federal motor fuel taxes of 18.4 cents per gallon of gasoline. TEA-21 was recently reauthorized for a 5-year period

from 2005 to 2009.

Local Funding Options

Councilmanic Bonds

Councilmanic bonds may be sold by cities without public vote. The bonds, both principal and interest, are retired with payments from existing city revenue or new general tax revenue, such as additional sales tax or real estate excise tax. The state legislature has set a maximum debt limit for councilmanic bonds of one and one-half percent of the value of taxable property in the city.

Revenue Bonds

Revenue bonds are sold with the intent of paying principal and interest from revenue generated by the improvement, such as fees and charges. For example, revenue bonds might be sold to fund a public water system that will generate revenue through utility charges to customers. Other funds may be dedicated to assist with repayment; however, it is desirable to have the improvements generate adequate revenue to pay all bond costs. Limits on the use and amount of revenue bonds are generally market-driven through investor faith in the adequacy of the revenue stream to support bond payments.

Excess Levy

Washington law allows cities and counties, along with other specified junior taxing districts, to levy property taxes in excess of limitations imposed by statute when authorized by the voters. Levy approval requires 60 percent majority vote at a general or special election. Excess levies by school districts are the most common use of this authority.

General Obligation Bonds

For the purposes of funding capital projects, such as land acquisitions or facility construction, cities and counties have the authority to borrow money by selling bonds. Voter-approved general obligation bonds may be sold only after receiving a 60 percent majority vote at a general or special election. If approved, an excess property tax is levied each year for the life of the bond to pay both principal and interest. Bremerton has a maximum debt limits for voter-approved bonds of two and one-half percent of the value of taxable property in the city. The city has an additional two and one-half percent for municipal water, sewer and lighting facilities, and an additional two and one-half percent for acquisition and development of open space and park facilities.

Impact Fees

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

Impact fees are charges placed on new development as a condition of development approval to help pay for various public facilities the need for which is directly created by that new growth and development. Counties, cities, and towns may impose impact fees on residential and commercial “development activity” to help pay for certain public facility improvements, including parks, open space and recreation facilities.

Sales Tax

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

Washington law authorizes the governing bodies of cities and counties to impose sales and use taxes at a rate set by the statute to help “carry out essential county and municipal purposes.” The authority is divided into two parts.

Cities may impose by resolution or ordinance a sales and use tax at a rate of five-tenths of one percent on any “taxable event” within their jurisdictions. Cities may also impose an additional sales tax at a rate “up to” five-tenths

of one percent on any taxable event within the city or county. In this case, the statute provides an electoral process for repealing the tax or altering the rate.

Real Estate Excise Tax

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

Washington law authorizes the governing bodies of counties and cities to impose excise taxes on the sale of real property within limits set by the statute. The authority of cities and counties may be divided into three parts relevant to park systems.

A city or county may impose a real estate excise tax on the sale of all real property in the city or unincorporated parts of the county, respectively, at a rate not to exceed 1/4 of 1% of the selling price to fund “local capital improvements,” including parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, water systems, bridges, sewers, etc. Also, the funds must be used “primarily for financing capital projects specified in a capital facilities plan element of a comprehensive plan . . .”

A city or county may impose a real estate excise tax on the sale of all real property in the city or unincorporated parts of the county, respectively, at a rate not to exceed 1/2 of 1%,

in lieu of a five-tenths of one percent sales tax option authorized under state law. These funds are not restricted to capital projects. The statute provides for a repeal mechanism.

A city or county – in counties that are required to prepare comprehensive plans under the new Growth Management Act – is authorized to impose an additional real estate excise tax on all real property sales in the city or unincorporated parts of the county, respectively, at a rate not to exceed 1/4 of 1%. These funds must be used “solely for financing capital projects specified in a capital facilities plan element of a comprehensive plan.”

Real Estate Excise Tax - Local Conservation Areas, Kitsap County

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=82.46.070>

Boards of County Commissioners may impose – with majority voter approval – an excise tax on each sale of real property in the county at a rate not to exceed 1% of the selling price for the purpose of acquiring and maintaining conservation areas. The authorizing legislation defines conservation areas as “land and water that has environmental, agricultural, aesthetic, cultural, scientific, historic, scenic, or low-intensity recreational value for existing

and future generations...” These areas include “open spaces, wetlands, marshes, aquifer recharge areas, shoreline areas, natural areas, and other lands and waters that are important to preserve flora and fauna.”

Regular Property Tax - Lid Lift

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

Cities are authorized to impose ad valorem taxes upon real and personal property. A city’s maximum levy rate for general purposes is \$3.375 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Limitations on annual increases in tax collections, coupled with changes in property value, causes levy rates to rise or fall; however, in no case may they rise above statutory limits. Once the rate is established each year, it may not be raised without the approval of a majority of the voters. Receiving voter approval is known as a lid lift. A lid lift may be permanent, or may be for a specific purpose and time period. Other limits on taxing authority remain in effect, such as the aggregate levy rate limits of \$5.90 per \$1,000 of assessed value and 1% of true and fair market value.

Conservation Futures, Kitsap County

Incentive Measures

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

The Conservation Futures levy is provided for in Chapter 84.34 of the Revised Code of Washington. In 1992, Kitsap County authorized the use of the Conservation Futures levy at a rate of \$0.0625 per \$1,000 assessed value for the purpose of acquiring interest in open space, farm, and timber lands. Conservation Futures funds are limited to acquisition purposes only. In recent years, Kitsap County has bonded against this funding source to finance current projects.

Street Fund Use to assist with Streetscape Maintenance Costs

The city's street fund is used to pay for the maintenance of street surfaces, sidewalks, snow and ice removal, traffic control devices and maintenance of traffic signals. Care of street side vegetation is an eligible use of street fund revenues.

The street fund derives its revenue from fuel taxes, parking taxes, the general fund and contracts with other agencies for signal maintenance. The Street fund is currently under pressure to overlay older streets and repair accumulated potholes. There does not appear to be excess revenue to fund vegetation maintenance as of 2014.

Current Use Taxation

Kitsap County's current use taxation program (KCC 4.136) applies to lands in both incorporated and unincorporated areas and provides tax reductions to land holders in return for maintaining their land in an undeveloped condition. Lands approved for this reduction must be so designated by an approved comprehensive plan map and processed under the comprehensive open space map and policies plan. The program derives its authority in the 1970 Washington Open Space Taxation Act (RCW 84.34), which establishes procedures for tax deferments for agricultural, timber, and open space lands. Owners of such lands may apply to be taxed according to current use, rather than true market value. When the property is removed from the program, the tax savings realized by the land owners for a period dating back up to seven years, plus interest, are collected. Tax savings dating back further than seven years may not be collected. If the removal of classification or change of use occurs in less than ten years or if the owner fails to provide two years advance notification of withdrawal, an additional 20% penalty is imposed.

Density Bonuses

Density bonuses are a planning tool used

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

Transfer of Development Rights

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

Regulatory Measures

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

Other Methods & Funding Sources

Metropolitan Park District

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

Metropolitan park districts may be formed for the purposes of management, control, improvement, maintenance and acquisition of parks, parkways and boulevards. In addition to acquiring and managing their own lands, metropolitan districts may accept and manage park and recreation lands and equipment turned over by any city within the district or by the county. Formation of a metropolitan park district may be initiated in cities of five thousand population or more by city council ordinance, or by petition, and requires voter approval (50% + 1) for creation.

Land Trusts

Land trusts are private non-profit organizations that acquire and protect special open spaces and are traditionally not associated with any government agency. Land trusts serving the region include the Great Peninsula Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land (TPL).

Fundraising

Fundraising projects are used to support special projects and programs. Recycling drives, golf tournaments and candy sales are three examples of successful fund raising efforts.

Private Grants, Donations & Gifts

Many trusts and private foundations provide funding for park, recreation and open space projects. Grants from these sources are typically allocated through a competitive application process, and vary dramatically in size based on the financial resources and funding criteria of the organization. Philanthropic giving is another source of project funding. Efforts in this area may involve cash gifts and include donations through other mechanisms such as wills or insurance policies. Community fundraising efforts can also support park, recreation or open space facilities and projects.

Business Sponsorships/Donations

Business sponsorships for youth, teen, adult and senior programs may be available throughout the year. In-kind contributions are often received, including food, door prizes and computer equipment.

Interagency Agreements

State law provides for interagency cooperative efforts between units of government. Joint acquisition, development and use of park, recreation and open space facilities have been successfully used within the city of Bremerton between Parks, Public Works and Economic Development.

Public/Private Utility Corridors

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

Appendix G: Additional Policy Considerations

Bremerton Park and Open Space Divestiture: Clarifying Considerations

Bremerton’s Parks Protection Ordinance (BMC 13.12), adopted in 1989 and most recently amended in 1996, provides a high degree of protection for park and recreation sites from future sale or divestiture. The ordinance requires the unanimous vote of the full City Council membership to sell or significantly change the use of listed park sites. While the ordinance relies on input from the Parks Board, no clear decision-making criteria had been established to evaluate a property’s contribution to the overall park system or how proceeds from a sale would be used. The following is a list of potential considerations that may be useful during discussions of any future parkland divestiture or transfer request.

NOTE: The following items shall not be considered a modification or adjustment to the adopted city ordinance. In the event the City determines a benefit in codifying these, or related criteria, into city code, subsequent review and approval by City Council will be required.

Functional Considerations

- Use - How does the property fit within the overall park system? Does or can the

property serve recreational uses? If the current use of the site is not valued, do other recreational uses or opportunities exist for the site?

- Operations - Is the property severely under-sized for its classification and use AND is there no opportunity for future expansion into adjacent lands? Is it inaccessible for the general public and/or are there safety and security risks that can not be mitigated or corrected?
- Relevance - Does the site or its amenities duplicate services offered by a similar site within close proximity? Are other or significantly better properties available as a replacement to the site in question?

Financial Considerations

- Price - Will the sale or transfer result in at least fair market value for the site?
- Proceeds - Will the funds finance a replacement property of similar recreational use? Will the proceeds be used to improve the overall park system?
- Equity - Can the proceeds from the disposal of the site be used to obtain service equity in an area of Bremerton that is lacking in parks and/or recreation facilities and does not meet the service standards established in the Park Plan? Can the proceeds from divestiture make a significant contribution

toward filling a service need if they are banked and the funds augmented by a grant or other appropriation obtained at a later date?

Philosophical Considerations

- Value - What is the perceived public value of the site? How unique is the site to the park system? Can “like recreational value” or an equivalent usefulness be replaced within reasonable proximity?
- Intent of original seller - Does a reversionary clause exist on the deed? If so, how will a future sale or transfer be perceived by the public or future potential grantors?

Additional Information

- Parkland acquisitions financed through grants generally include a deed restriction as required by the granting agency. These restrictions often require at least equal fair market value at the time of change of use and the replacement of “like value” for any future sale or transfer of the property and may require the refund of the grant amount awarded.
- The Recreation and Conservation Office’s “Funded Projects Manual” (#7) details conversion requirements for their grant programs. (http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/Manuals&Forms/Manual_7.pdf)

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Appendix H: Public Outreach Exhibits

Public Survey invite
(Also distributed through email blast and Facebook/Twitter feed)



We Want to Hear from You! Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan Survey

The City of Bremerton is in the process of updating it's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan. This plan is used to guide the development and operation of the City's Parks and Recreation System. Your input is a crucial component of the plan.

Please follow the link below and take a few minutes to complete our online survey. Let us know what services and facilities you use and your level of satisfaction. Your answers will help guide ongoing and future decisions regarding the management, maintenance, improvements and future investments in Bremerton parks, open space, recreation facilities, trails, programs and events. Thank you!

Follow this link to complete the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BremertonPROS>

For more information contact Bremerton Parks and Recreation at (360) 473-5305 or email us at parks@ci.bremerton.wa.us



Invite to 5/21 Meeting
(Also distributed through email blast and Facebook/Twitter feed)

PUBLIC MEETING BREMERTON PARKS AND RECREATION

The City of Bremerton's Parks and Recreation Commission and department staff will hold a public meeting to kick off the update of the 6-year **Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan**.

when:
**May 21st
Tuesday
5:30 PM**

Results from the recent survey will be shared and discussed as well as the first draft of the inventory of the city's park system which includes management issues and improvement recommendations. Both documents are also available to review & comment online at: www.BremertonWA.gov/PROS.

where:
**680 Lebo Blvd.
Sheridan Park
Community
Center Lounge**

This meeting will be held in the Sheridan Park Community Center lounge. The public is encouraged to attend and invited to comment.

For additional information please call (360) 473-5305.



Public Notice for 5/21 Meeting



May 3, 2019

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Jeff Elevado
Director, Bremerton Parks & Recreation
(360) 473-5428
Jeff.Elevado@ci.bremerton.wa.us

IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Do not use after 5/21/2019

**SUBJECT:
BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING AND SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bremerton Parks & Recreation Commission will be held on:

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST, 2019

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update will be discussed. The public is encouraged to attend and provide input. Results from the recent survey and the portions of the draft plan will be discussed. Both documents are also available to review at www.BremertonWA.gov/PROS

The meeting will be held at the Sheridan Park Community Center located at 680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton and start at 5:30 PM.

For additional information please contact the Bremerton Parks & Recreation Department at (360) 473-5305.

Website Notice Requesting Public Comment on PROS Draft 1 & Invite to 10/16 Meeting
(Also distributed through email blast and Facebook/Twitter feed)

Public Notices
Posted on: October 16, 2019
Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan
Bremerton Parks and Recreation staff in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Commission have been working over the past 11 months to update the city's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan, which provides a road map to develop a quality system of parks, open spaces, trails and recreation facilities.
The 2020-2025 PROS Plan will be used to guide the development and operation of the city's park and recreation system and is required to be updated every six years to maintain eligibility for state and federal grants.
Public input collected since January is incorporated in the draft PROS Plan including citizen input received in a survey that was widely advertised over a 3-month period through the city's website, email "blasts", social media and laminated flyers posted at parks. Members of the public along with the 365 survey respondents were invited to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on May 28th.
A complete copy of the draft PROS Plan, including maps and survey responses, is available for review until November 12th along with an [online comment form](#). If you wish to provide a comment in person, the Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss the draft PROS plan at their regular business meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd which begins at 5:30 p.m. at Sheridan Park Community Center located at 680 Lebo Blvd.
Download Chapters
o [Chapter 1: Introduction](#)
o [Chapter 2: Inventory](#)
o [Chapter 3: Goals & Objectives](#)
o [Chapter 4: Needs Analysis](#)
o [Chapter 5: Action Plan](#)
o [Chapter 6: Appendices](#)
Comments may be submitted in the following ways:
o By email to parks@ci.bremerton.wa.us
o [Online comment form](#)
o In person by attending the October 22nd public meeting*
Please submit your comments by **November 12th, 2019**.

Acknowledgement Letter from Dept. of Commerce for 60-day review



11/06/2019

Ms. Colette Berna
Parks Planner
City of Bremerton
345 6th Street Suite 100
Bremerton, WA 98337

Sent Via Electronic Mail

Re: City of Bremerton--2019-S-876--60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendment

Dear Ms. Berna:

Thank you for sending the Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce) the 60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendment as required under RCW 36.70A.106. We received your submittal with the following description.

Proposed Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan update subject to adoption is an amendment to the City's overall Comprehensive Plan.

We received your submittal on 11/06/2019 and processed it with the Submittal ID 2019-S-876. Please keep this letter as documentation that you have met this procedural requirement. Your 60-day notice period ends on 01/05/2020.

We have forwarded a copy of this notice to other state agencies for comment.

Please remember to submit the final adopted amendment to Commerce within ten days of adoption.

If you have any questions, please contact Growth Management Services at reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov, or call Gary Idleburg, (360) 725-3045.

Sincerely,

Review Team
Growth Management Services

SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance

City of Bremerton
Department of Community Development
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

PROPOSAL	Proposed Update to the City of Bremerton Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan
FILE NUMBER	2019-08-001-001-001
LOCATION	680 Lebo Blvd, Bremerton
PROJECT	City of Bremerton Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update
Lead Agency	City of Bremerton Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

The Department of Community Development has reviewed the information provided and has determined that the proposed project is not a significant project under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The project is not a major project as defined in RCW 43.21C.030. The project is not a major project as defined in RCW 43.21C.030. The project is not a major project as defined in RCW 43.21C.030.

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/06/2019
DATE OF PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE: 01/05/2020

Andrew L. Spence, Director
Department of Community Development
City of Bremerton
1011 Plum Street, Suite 100
Bremerton, WA 98337

Sharon Ruffen, Planner
345 6th Street, Suite 100
Bremerton, WA 98337

Project Lead: [Project Lead](#)

NOTE: This determination is based on the information provided and does not constitute a guarantee of the project's compliance with SEPA requirements.

Appendix I: Adopting Ordinance

Placeholder

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