

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

CHAPTER 10



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INTRODUCTION

This Element addresses the present and future park, recreation, and open space needs of those living and working in SeaTac. It is closely coordinated with the Land Use, Housing and Human Services, Transportation, Capital Facilities, and Environment Elements.

Relationship to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan

The 2008 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan) is the primary guiding document for this Element. The PROS Plan consists of:

- An overview of the City's population and its characteristics;
- Information about the PROS Planning process, including survey results on park demands and needs;
- Major issues, goals, and policies;
- A 10-year repair and replacement plan;
- An inventory of the City's parks;
- Information about the Department's programs; and
- Recommendations for implementation.

MAJOR CONDITIONS



Major parks, recreation, and open space issues or conditions include:

- The City has limited capital funds with which to continue improving its parks.
- The City contains unique natural features such as the Tub Lake wetlands, Bow Lake, Angle Lake, and two major creek corridors (Des Moines Creek and Miller Creek). Expanding the use of these features is of interest to the City.
- SeaTac does not have an adequate pedestrian/bicycle system to connect commercial areas, residential areas, and parks and public facilities.
- Completion of the Lakes to Sound Trail is currently envisioned to be constructed with the SR 509 Extension.
- The City holds two large, partially undeveloped regional parks, North SeaTac Park and Des Moines Creek Park.
- The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, located within the City boundaries, is a major owner of undeveloped land.
- The City would like to expand cultural services with little or no cost to the general fund.

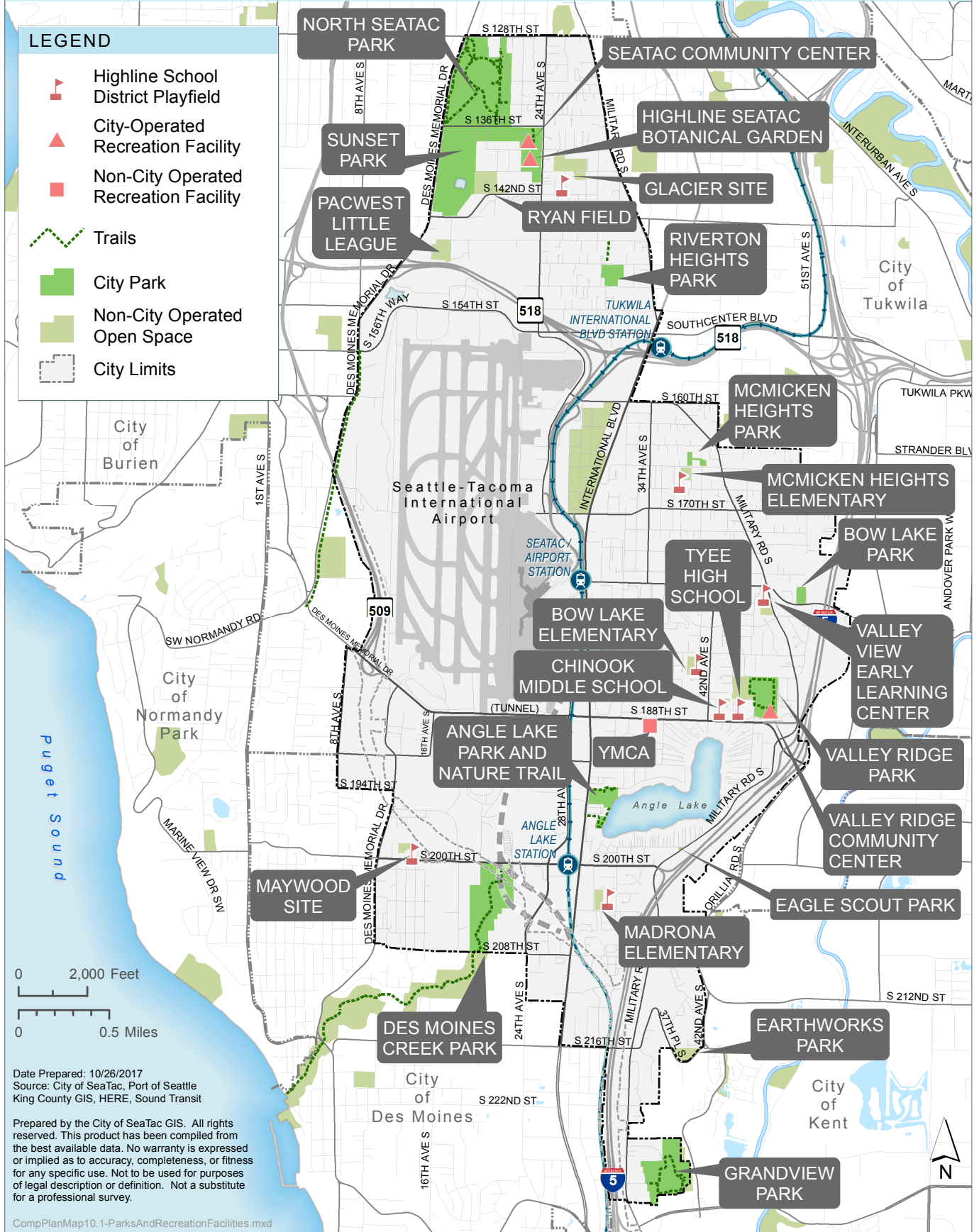
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

City of SeaTac



LEGEND

- Highline School District Playfield
- City-Operated Recreation Facility
- Non-City Operated Recreation Facility
- Trails
- City Park
- Non-City Operated Open Space
- City Limits



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Map 10.1. Parks and Recreational Facilities

GOALS AND POLICIES



This section contains SeaTac’s parks, recreation, and open space goals and policies. Goals represent the City’s general objectives, while policies provide more detail about the steps needed to achieve each goal’s intent.

GOAL 10.1

Provide diverse active and passive recreational opportunities through a parks, open spaces, interlinking trails, and community centers system.

Policy 10.1A

Continue the City’s existing process to evaluate recreational needs through a variety of methods including input from community members; incorporate findings into the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element and PROS Plan.

Developing an efficient, quality park and recreation system and program requires sound planning. Planning requires continual public participation to assure that the community’s desires are identified and addressed. Advisory committees are an effective means to include public participation.

Policy 10.1B

Use the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan’s Capital Improvement Program as the primary source for identifying park projects.

The PROS Plan’s Facilities Equipment Repair and Replacement section includes a detailed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) covering a 10-year period. The PROS Plan’s CIP serves as an aid in obtaining outside funding for park projects.

Policy 10.1C

Pursue a variety of funding and assistance mechanisms for park acquisition and development, including public funding, outside funding, shared use of transportation rights-of-way, and dedications from large residential and commercial developments.

City and non-City funds and creative sharing agreements are available for developing parks and recreation opportunities. Non-City sources include funding and services that are offered through County, State, and national agencies; volunteer donations; and development and other negotiated agreements. These sources can be used to increase park capital improvement funding.

Policy 10.1D

Develop and expand community-oriented enrichment programs that are responsive to expressed demands and promote community support.

Quality, accessible, affordable recreational programming is important, particularly for the growing population of senior citizens and youth. Programming has the potential to foster community identity and support. Access to all programs and an adequate range of activities that appeal to different segments of the community is a paramount consideration.

Policy 10.1E

Expand existing Community Center facilities or add new facilities as community needs increase.

The SeaTac Community Center was expanded to provide additional Senior Center facilities in 2005. The City also added 1,000+ square feet to Valley Ridge Community Center in 2015.

Policy 10.1F

Involve private businesses, service organizations, and neighborhood groups in planning and developing recreational opportunities for neighborhoods and the community.

The City should encourage private businesses, service organizations, and the general public to participate in the park and recreation process. Many community service groups are interested in doing projects which benefit local residents. The City can promote private involvement by identifying needs and providing support.

GOAL 10.2

Preserve and acquire land for a comprehensive system of parks, open spaces, and trails that responds to the recreational, environmental, and aesthetic needs and desires of park users.

Policy 10.2A

Identify lands appropriate for park and open space purposes including:

1. Natural areas and features with outstanding scenic or recreational value;
2. Lands that may provide public access to creeks and lakes;
3. Lands that visually or physically connect natural areas or provide important linkages for recreation, plant communities, and wildlife habitat;
4. Lands valuable for active and passive recreation, such as athletic fields, trails, fishing, swimming, or picnic activities on a regional or community-sized scale;



See the Land Use Element Goal 2.6 on preserving open space through a Park land use designation.

5. Lands that provide an appropriate setting and location for community center facilities or park land, if the needs evaluation reflects a deficiency; and
6. Park land that enhances the surrounding land uses.

Land acquisition requires considerable forethought since land is expensive and commits the City to maintenance responsibilities. Benefits of park and open space acquisition include establishing greenbelts, reserving wildlife habitat, protecting natural features, connecting people to open space, and providing access to water, unique recreational opportunities, and social gathering places.

While parks and open space have benefits, impacts on surrounding land uses should be considered when evaluating alternative sites. Impacts may include traffic, noise, and lighting. The evaluation should consider how the park will relate to the surrounding neighborhood and other adjacent land uses.

Policy 10.2B

Preserve and/or acquire parcels identified for parks, open spaces, and trails.


A variety of methods are available for preserving and acquiring parcels identified as valuable for parks, open spaces, and trails. Regulations may require new developments to dedicate park land or contribute monetarily to the park system in proportion to their impacts. The City may encourage developments to share in creating parks or open space through incentives (e.g., development bonuses). With a strong citywide vision, businesses may contribute voluntarily to gain recognition and amenities that attract residents, employees, and shoppers.

Private or public land ownership can preserve parks and open space. A private residential development may benefit from preserving a sensitive area as open space accessible to residents of their development, and a business development may benefit from creating a plaza accessible to the general public. Easements – public use of land for a certain purpose – can be useful in creating an interlinking system of trails when the land cannot be purchased. The City should be open to using all possible implementation opportunities available for the preservation of significant park and open space land.

Policy 10.2C

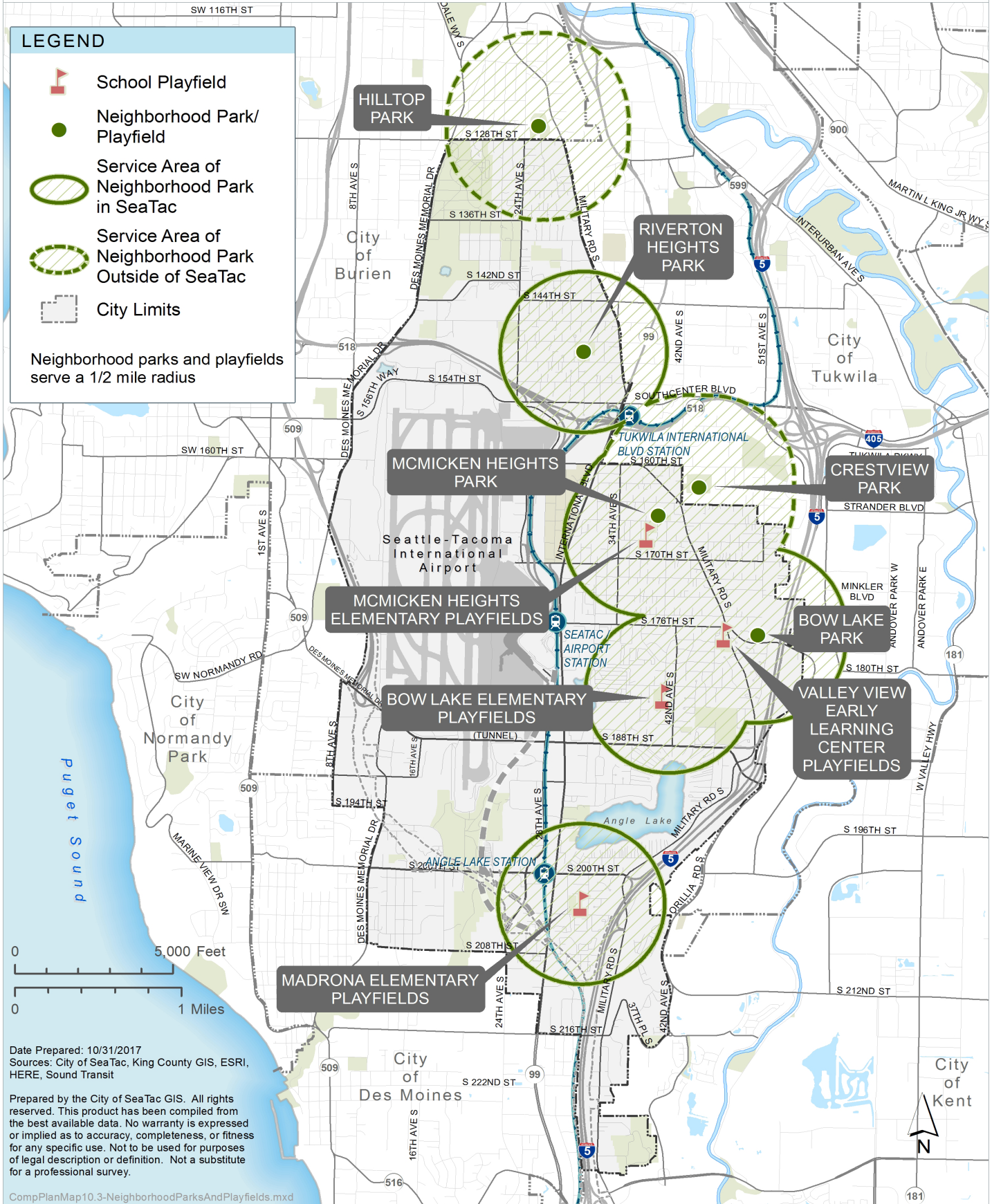
Achieve at least one City park facility within one-half mile of each resident and consider geographic equity and accessibility when acquiring park land or establishing parks to ensure a fair distribution of parks, playgrounds, and related recreation opportunities.

Evaluate existing and proposed park and open space facility locations and types to ensure equitable distribution and address identified needs.



See the Land Use Element's Healthy, Equitable, and Connected Communities Goal 2.2.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS & PLAYFIELDS



Map 10.3. Neighborhood Parks and Playfields

GOAL 10.3

Provide a balanced, quality park and recreational system and offer a wide range of park and recreational facilities to community members and visitors of various ages and physical capabilities, cultural backgrounds, abilities, incomes, and participation levels.

When developing the park and recreation system, making a range of activities and functions available is critical for serving the wide diversity of interests. Consideration also needs to be given to development and the type of activities appropriate for the community. As much as is practical, all ages, ethnic backgrounds, income levels, physical capabilities, and participation levels should be accommodated through the park and recreation system. To accomplish this goal, park development should incorporate both active and passive recreational opportunities.

Policy 10.3A

Encourage park and open space development, expansion, and/or redevelopment of vacant or underutilized park, school, and other publicly-owned sites.

Several parks within the City, such as North SeaTac Park, can accommodate additional development. Such development should be encouraged to address the recreational needs of the community. All existing parks, publicly owned land, and vacant school sites should be considered for park development opportunities.

Policy 10.3B

Develop recreation facilities that accommodate a range of ages and activities.

As community demographics change, the City should provide adequate facilities for community members of a range of ages. Facilities targeted to specific age groups include jungle gyms, swings, or slides for young children; basketball courts, baseball fields, or skate parks for teens; trails or wildlife viewing areas for adults; and community gardens for all ages. Community centers should offer programs and activities oriented toward children, teens, adults, and senior citizens.

Policy 10.3C

Develop active recreation opportunities as a top priority.

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan identifies a deficiency of active recreation opportunities, including bicycle and jogging trails and playgrounds. The City should prioritize funding projects that address these deficiencies.



See multimodal transportation goals in the Transportation Element.



See Land Use Element's Citywide Land Uses section and map for land use designations information.



Also see multifamily and commercial design guidance in the Community Design Element.



See multimodal transportation goals in the Transportation Element.



See related implementation strategies for Policy 10.2A.

Policy 10.3D

Establish and require recreation and open space in new commercial and residential development, especially in new multifamily development.

The City should require on-site recreational opportunities (e.g., shared open space, pocket parks, plazas, decks, balconies, and small yards) in townhouse, residential medium high and high density, and residential high mixed use land use designations, especially in areas identified as deficient in neighborhood parks. In addition, commercial and mixed-use developments should be required to provide publicly accessible open space, seating, gathering areas, and/or other recreational opportunities.

Policy 10.3E

Develop a system of distinctively designed recreational trails (pedestrian/jogging/bicycle/horse) throughout SeaTac that can connect to regional trail systems.

Recreational trails and pedestrian linkages between existing parks enhance public enjoyment of natural features within the City and benefit transportation mobility and circulation. Examples of these types of recreational pedestrian facilities include the proposed trail system along Des Moines Creek and a potential walkway around a portion of Bow Lake.

Policy 10.3F

Provide multiple open space benefits simultaneously on lands preserved for public parks or open space whenever possible. Multiple benefits include, but are not limited to, publicly accessible active or passive recreation opportunities; scenic vistas; fish or wildlife habitat; and natural surface water drainage systems, including wetlands.

To maximize use of the park system, a layering of multiple open space benefits and uses should be encouraged.

Policy 10.3G

Minimize parks and recreational facilities' impacts (e.g., noise, security, lighting, and traffic) on adjacent neighborhoods.

City review of new development should minimize or eliminate parks impacts upon adjacent uses.

Policy 10.3H

Coordinate parks, open space, pedestrian walkways, bike paths, and urban trail system development with the area's unique open space settings including wetlands, creeks, greenbelts, and other environmentally sensitive or historic sites.

Public and private development of pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian trails should be integrated with natural and historic features.

GOAL 10.4

Maintain, remodel, and upgrade park and recreational facilities to respond to changing uses and attain and preserve operational efficiency.

Policy 10.4A

Periodically review buildings and other park improvements to determine if the public's needs are being met and make changes as necessary to meet those needs efficiently.

Park staffing, programming, and operations should be reviewed periodically in relationship to safety, efficiency, desired level of service, and community input. Park surveys should be distributed to document changes in public sentiment and general public need.

Policy 10.4B

Design, maintain, and modify parks and recreational facilities in a manner that ensures the public's safety and accessibility, allows year round use, and results in low public maintenance costs when possible.

As needs change and existing facilities age, redevelopment of existing facilities may occur. Redevelopment should meet changing needs and promote safety and accessibility. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that all parks are reasonably accessible to all community members. The City should evaluate parks and develop a renovation plan to address accessibility and safety issues. Additionally, the City should monitor and evaluate low public maintenance techniques wherever applicable.

Policy 10.4C

Provide clean, safe, and attractive parks for public use through a maintenance program commensurate with the intensity of use and character of the park and facilities.

The City should consider all acquisition and development projects in the context of future maintenance responsibilities. Well maintained parks encourage use and promote community pride.

Policy 10.4D

Encourage volunteer and civic groups to take part in appropriate periodic maintenance and improvement of park facilities.

To offset some maintenance costs and promote community identity and involvement, civic and community-based organizations should be encouraged to participate in maintenance activities.

GOAL 10.5

Ensure safe and convenient access to recreational lands, facilities, and programs.



Also see Transportation Element strategies.

Policy 10.5A

Locate major recreational facilities that generate large amounts of traffic (e.g., ballfields) on sites with public transit and direct arterial street access.

Park and recreation facilities should be physically and socially accessible. To be physically accessible, heavily-trafficked parks should be located along major transportation routes at public transit stops.

Policy 10.5B

Provide safe motor vehicle and bicycle parking at parks and recreational facilities.

Parks should have adequate, safe parking facilities to encourage park use.

Policy 10.5C

Provide recreational opportunities that do not discriminate against any participant, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or special need, and eliminate barriers to special populations, such as elderly, physically challenged, and economically disadvantaged people.

To be socially accessible, park and recreational facilities should be available to all segments of the population, regardless of social status or other considerations. Park programming should be geared to a wide range of age groups and interests. In addition, City parks and recreation should not discriminate based on the race, creed, sex or other special needs of the participants.



See related Policy 10.3B.

GOAL 10.6

Cooperate with governmental agencies, special districts, nonprofit organizations, and private businesses in providing publicly accessible open space, park facilities, and recreation services.

Policy 10.6A

Collaborate with agencies, special districts, and other Cities to develop and utilize the community's recreational capabilities.

Intergovernmental coordination is important to extend the reach of recreational facilities across boundaries and increase potential funding sources. SeaTac's partners include the Port of Seattle, adjacent Cities, King County, the Highline School District, and multiple utility districts. The Port of Seattle has, through its noise acquisition program, acquired large areas of property within the City of SeaTac that could be used for community trails and open space. In addition, shared use of transportation rights-of-way can provide trail and open space linkages, such as the SR 509 extension or the 28th/24th arterial corridors.



See the Transportation Element for right-of-way plans.

Policy 10.6B

Work with local school districts to maximize the use of school facilities as activity and recreation centers for all ages.

Locating youth programs at the school facilities provides easy access to this sometimes difficult to reach user group. Youth facilities and programs have been identified by the public as important elements in the City recreation programming and facility development.

Policy 10.6C

Encourage cooperative planning and use of recreational facilities with private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other groups in the City.

The City has active volunteer groups, private community clubs, and businesses that operate facilities and recreation programs. Cooperating with these groups extends opportunities for local residents and employees, reduces duplication, increases the success of grant applications, and provides funding and staffing in addition to City sources.

GOAL 10.7

Develop community-wide recreational resources which respond to and are consistent with unique site characteristics and community desires.

North SeaTac Park

Policy 10.7A

Develop North SeaTac Park in accordance with the North SeaTac Park Master Plan and Airport land use and safety guidelines.

North SeaTac Park, which is still partially undeveloped, is a community-wide resource with great potential for addressing park and recreational needs. The North SeaTac Park Master Plan details proposed development for the North SeaTac Park. As a park just north of the Airport's runways, the Master Plan takes into account Airport land use and safety guidelines.

Policy 10.7B

Preserve the area surrounding Tub Lake as a natural wetland and increase opportunities for public enjoyment of the area.

Tub Lake is a natural peat bog existing since prehistoric times and a valuable resource for natural aquifer recharge. It has opportunities for interpretive interaction, passive use boardwalks, and wildlife viewing. As such, it should be preserved and protected.

Policy 10.7C

Develop environmentally sensitive public trails connecting the Lakes to Sound Trail to SeaTac Community Center and natural features such as Tub Lake and adjacent wetlands.



See the Transportation Element's Pedestrian Facilities map.

The Lakes to Sound Trail, especially the section along Des Moines Memorial Drive, offers opportunities to connect with natural features, such as Tub Lake and adjacent wetlands. With improved access, these resources can be both recreational and educational. Environmentally sensitive trails could include foot, bike, and/or equestrian trails as appropriate.

Des Moines Creek

Policy 10.7D

Preserve the Des Moines Creek area and extend the Des Moines Creek Trail north to Miller Creek and North SeaTac Park with connections to the Lakes to Sound Trail.

The community continues to express support for preservation and passive use of Des Moines Creek. The Des Moines Creek Park property is characterized by a wooded ravine with a creek, which begins at S. 200th Street in SeaTac and continues south to Puget Sound in the City of Des Moines. The Pedestrian Facilities map (see Transportation Element) identifies a trail extension continuing northward along the SR-509 right-of-way. In addition to its recreational value, Des Moines Creek's importance as a fish and wildlife habitat area will be enhanced by this policy.

Policy 10.7E

Work with the Port of Seattle to dedicate portions of Port-acquired land south of S. 200th Street as open space for the enjoyment of local residents and prohibit vehicular traffic from these open space areas.

The natural character of the ravine provides a type of open space which is not found in other areas of the City. The corridor also accommodates a rich array of wildlife and wildflowers, as well as access to a water environment within the City. Retaining these features is important to the quality of this park experience.

Bow Lake

Policy 10.7F

Seek public access to waterfront area(s) of Bow Lake.

Bow Lake is located within a highly urbanized area, surrounded by private commercial development and parking. With acquisition or negotiation of public access and new development to attract activity, Bow Lake could provide a recreational resource in this area.

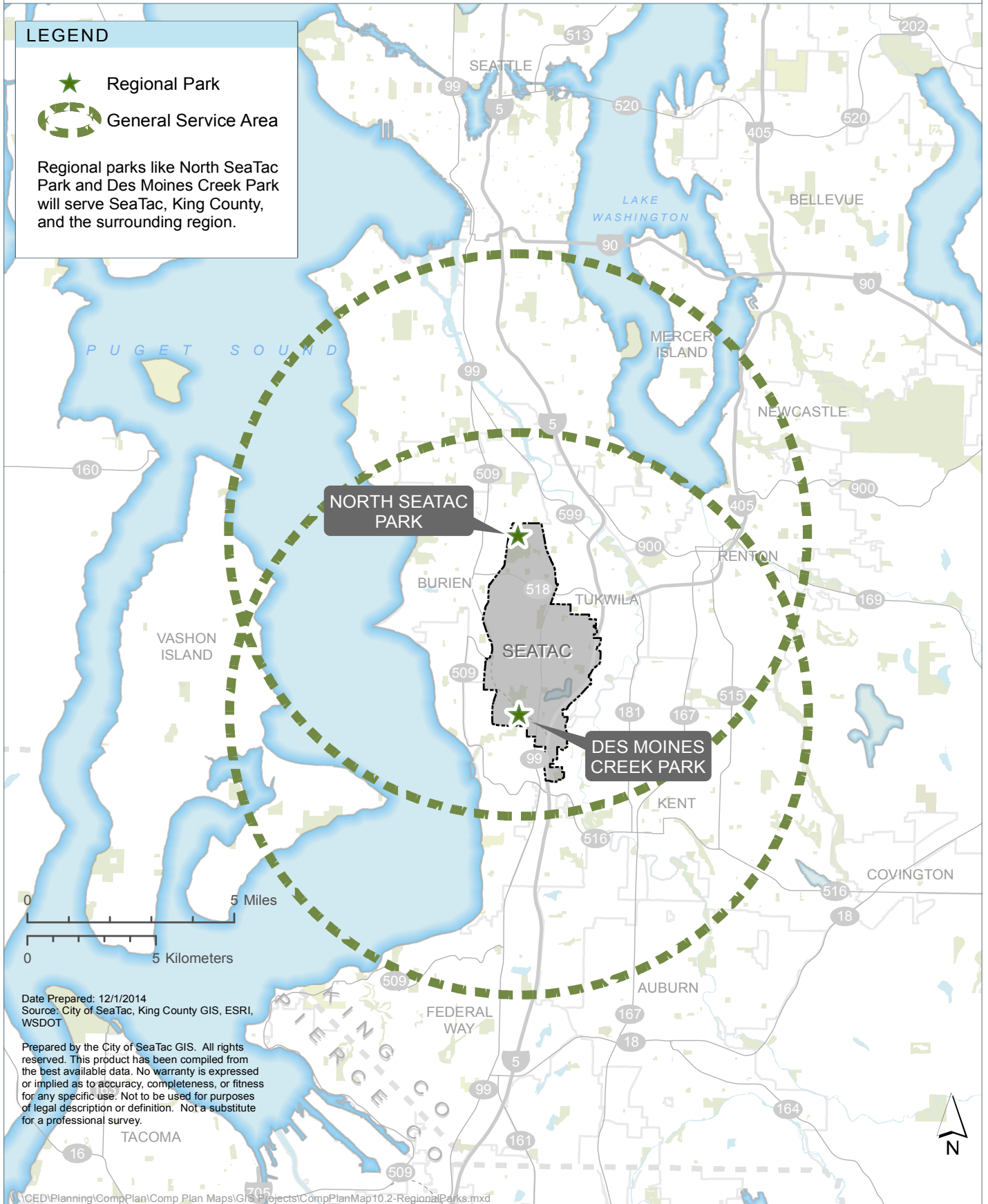
REGIONAL PARKS



LEGEND

- Regional Park
- General Service Area

Regional parks like North SeaTac Park and Des Moines Creek Park will serve SeaTac, King County, and the surrounding region.



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Map 10.4. Regional Parks

Historical and Archaeological Resources

Policy 10.7G

Retain significant historical and archaeological resources.

Historical and archaeological resources contribute to community character and maintain ties to the past.

RECOMMENDED IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES



This section identifies the specific steps, or **implementation strategies**, that achieve this element's policies. It also identifies the group(s) with **primary responsibility** for carrying out each strategy and the expected **time frame** within which the strategy should be addressed. Policy summaries are included in the table for reference.

Not all policies require an implementation strategy. In those cases those policies are not reflected in the tables that follow.

As the Primary Responsibility column indicates, many of the implementation strategies will be initially undertaken by a specified board or commission. In most cases, the City Council will analyze the specific board/commission recommendation and make the final decision about how to proceed.

The time frame categories are defined as follows:

- Short-Term one to five years
- Medium-Term six to 10 years
- Long-Term 11 to 20 years
- Ongoing the strategy will be implemented on a continual basis

The time frames are target dates set regularly when the City Council adopts amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

The list of proposed implementation strategies is a minimum set of action steps and is not intended to limit the City from undertaking other strategies not included in this list.

PROPOSED POLICIES	IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY	TIME FRAME
10.1 PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES			
10.1A Evaluate parks and recreation needs.	Revise the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan every 10 years.	Staff	Ongoing
	Continue to incorporate parks, recreation, and open space-related questions into the recurring citywide resident survey.	Staff	Ongoing
	Meaningfully engage community members (e.g., conduct public meetings) for major park renovation projects.	Staff	Ongoing
10.1B Use the PROS Plan’s Capital Improvement Program to identify potential park projects.	Update the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for parks and recreation facilities on a biennial basis to reflect current needs and community interests.	Staff, City Council	Ongoing
	Include the Parks CIP in the City’s capital facility planning and budget process.	City Council	Ongoing
10.1C Pursue a variety of funding and assistance mechanisms.	Apply for grants.	Staff	Ongoing
	Coordinate with transportation entities to encourage multiple uses of public rights-of-way.	Staff	Ongoing
	Maintain grant and volunteer records of prior investment and potential funding sources to aid the City budgeting process.	Staff	Short-Term
	Encourage volunteer programs and events.	Staff	Ongoing
	Prioritize grant applications to sources that require minimal local matching funds or maximize value while meeting the local identified need.	Staff	Ongoing

PROPOSED POLICIES	IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY	TIME FRAME
	Review and consider increasing public open space incentives and/or requirements for urban development.	Planning Commission, City Council	Short-Term
	See 10.2B for implementation strategies related to private development contributions.		
10.1D Develop community-oriented enrichment programs that respond to needs.	Continue to revise recreation programs to reflect the community's comments and changing demographics.	Staff	Ongoing
	Partner with Highline schools to expand recreation opportunities for youth.	Staff	Ongoing
	Continue to offer low cost community-wide events such as dances and carnivals.	Staff, City Council	Ongoing
	Continue working with community groups to develop and improve citywide special events such as parades, festivals, holiday banners, juried art exhibits, and festive displays.	City Council, Staff	Ongoing
10.1E Expand existing or increase number of facilities if community center needs increase.	Expand the SeaTac Community Center when needed.	Staff, City Council	Medium-Term
	Expand the Valley Ridge Community Center when needed.	Staff	Short-Term
	Coordinate use of the YMCA facility.	Staff, City Council	Ongoing

PROPOSED POLICIES	IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY	TIME FRAME
<p>10.1F Involve private businesses, service organizations, and neighborhood groups.</p>	Identify opportunities for contributions by contacting potential donors and discussing specific needs and services.	Staff, City Council	Short-Term
	Work with the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Angle Lake Shore Club, and other organizations on the International Festival and the July 4th celebration.	Staff	Ongoing
	Work with the YMCA to offer joint recreation opportunities for SeaTac residents.	Staff	Ongoing
10.2 PRESERVE AND ACQUIRE RECREATIONAL LAND			
<p>10.2A Identify appropriate land for park and open space preservation and acquisition.</p>	Develop a long-range plan that identifies desirable areas for future park and trail location.	Staff, Planning Commission, City Council	Short-Term
	Identify important urban open spaces in conjunction with new transportation development.	Planning Commission, City Council, Staff	Ongoing
	Discuss noise remedy land with the Port of Seattle regarding its appropriateness for use as parks or trails.	Staff	Ongoing

PROPOSED POLICIES	IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY	TIME FRAME
<p>10.2B Preserve and/or acquire parcels identified as appropriate for parks and open space.</p>	<p>Update development regulations and review/ approval processes to include mitigation options such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land dedication • Monetary contribution • On-site facilities development • Contract to construct needed facilities in an existing park • Any combination of the above 	<p>Staff, Planning Commission, City Council</p>	<p>Short-Term</p>
	<p>Negotiate land dedication, acquisition, or shared use of the desirable park and trail locations in 10.2A's long-range plan during development review/approval processes.</p>	<p>Planning Commission, City Council</p>	<p>Short-Term</p>
	<p>In conjunction with the Safe and Complete Streets Plan (see the Transportation Element), acquire or seek dedication of open spaces that have bicycle/ pedestrian connections to businesses, neighborhoods, and new developments.</p>	<p>Staff</p>	<p>Short-Term</p>
	<p>Implement the Safe and Complete Streets' shared use trails plans. (Also see Transportation Strategies)</p>	<p>Staff</p>	<p>Short-Term</p>
	<p>Prioritize acquiring and developing the proposed Lakes to Sound Trail.</p>	<p>Staff, City Council</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>Protect sensitive areas and classify as open space, where appropriate, including heavily forested scenic areas.</p>	<p>Staff, City Council</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>See "Section 10.7 – Community-Wide Resources" for specific implementation strategies related to Tub Lake, Bow Lake, and Miller Creek Corridor preservation.</p>		
	<p>Review and consider increasing incentives for public open space dedication in SeaTac's Urban Center.</p>	<p>Planning Commission, City Council</p>	<p>Short-Term</p>

PROPOSED POLICIES	IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY	TIME FRAME
<p>10.2C Achieve geographic equity by providing a park facility within one half mile of each resident.</p>	<p>Achieve geographic distribution by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping deficiencies in achieving the goal of a park facility within one-half mile of every resident. • Incorporating this information into the annual level of service analysis/report and making it available to the Planning Commission and City Council. 	Staff	Short-Term
10.3 DEVELOP PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES			
<p>10.3A Develop or redevelop school sites, parks, or other publicly owned sites.</p>	<p>Improve neglected facilities, and make them safe for public use; for example, “level ballfields.”</p>	City Council	Ongoing
	<p>Master plan future parks to accommodate appropriate potential usage and provide an equitable geographic distribution of recreational opportunities.</p>	Staff	Ongoing
	<p>Consider selling Bow Lake Park to fund acquisition of other more usable land or park improvements.</p>	Staff, City Council	Short-Term
<p>10.3B Develop age-appropriate facilities.</p>	<p>Inventory existing facilities and major user groups and identify deficiencies.</p>	Staff	Short-Term
	<p>Engage community organizations and school groups to help identify recreational demands and community needs.</p>	Staff, City Council	Ongoing
	<p>Continue to pursue partnerships that expand recreational opportunities through increased funding or shared facilities or programs (e.g., Highline School District).</p>	Staff, City Council	Ongoing

PROPOSED POLICIES	IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY	TIME FRAME
10.3C Develop active recreation opportunities.	Continue to supply and increase the number of active recreation programs.	Staff	Ongoing
	Complete the fourth field at Valley Ridge Park.	Staff	Short-Term
10.3D Require open space in new development.	Review and revise, as necessary, development regulations requiring open space or recreation space for new development as part of the required periodic Comprehensive Plan review and update.	Planning Commission, City Council	Ongoing
10.3E Develop a recreational trails system.	Enable incentives to encourage major new developments greater than a certain size to incorporate an open space/pedestrian pathway element into their site plan based on the pedestrian facilities plan (see Transportation Element). It should be designed to link together existing or future open space/pedestrian paths from adjacent properties to the greatest extent possible (for example, a boardwalk along a portion of Bow Lake), or provide "in lieu of" fees.	Planning Commission, City Council	Short-Term
	Identify internal and external funding sources for open space/pedestrian pathways when appropriate and possible.	Staff, City Council	Ongoing
	Coordinate with adjacent cities and other relevant agencies to develop or expand connections to designated regional open space/pedestrian trails.	Staff, City Council	Ongoing

PROPOSED POLICIES	IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY	TIME FRAME
10.3F Layer multiple functions on public open space.	Develop the trail corridor around Tub Lake in North SeaTac Park, which will provide natural open space, wildlife habitat, and recreation/ transportation linkages.	Staff	Short-Term
	Seek public access to Bow Lake for multiple uses.	Staff, City Council	Long-Term
	Complete a Master Plan for large open spaces in North SeaTac and Des Moines Creek Parks.	Staff, City Council	Short-Term
10.3G Minimize impacts to adjacent neighborhoods.	Close parks at a reasonable hour to discourage misuse and excessive evening noise.	City Council	Ongoing
10.3H Coordinate park development with unique local natural and historic features.	Overlay the long-range park plan, including trails, with a map showing the area's unique features such as wetlands, creeks, and other environmentally sensitive or historic sites. Evaluate access to these resources, and document for future park plan revisions.	Staff	Short-Term
	Work with WSDOT regarding use of the SR 509 right-of-way for the Lakes to Sound Trail.	Staff	Ongoing
10.4 REDEVELOP AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES			
10.4A Review facilities periodically and make changes in response to public needs and efficiency.	Conduct a facility review at least once a year with park maintenance, programming, and planning personnel; document findings for project planning purposes.	Staff	Ongoing
	Utilize the Repair and Replacement Fund to maintain parks and facilities.	Staff	Ongoing

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10.4B Design, maintain and modify parks to enhance safety, accessibility and versatility, and lower maintenance costs.	Conduct periodic meetings to coordinate and exchange information with various City departments and personnel (planning, programming, and maintenance).	Staff	Ongoing
	Follow established safety standards when designing new children’s play areas in local parks.	Staff	Ongoing
	Evaluate low maintenance techniques and use where appropriate.	Staff	Ongoing
	Review past safety records of parks prior to new development or renovation planning.	Staff	Ongoing
	Pursue smoking ban in all City parks	Staff City Council	Short-Term
10.4C Maintain parks commensurate with intensity of use and character of park.	Develop and publish a maintenance plan that prevents degradation of park facilities while allowing for normal usage.	Staff	Short-Term
	Continue to use the Repair and Replacement Fund to keep parks and facilities in top condition.	Staff	Ongoing
10.4D Encourage volunteer participation in maintenance and improvement projects.	Staff periodic volunteer work days.	Staff	Ongoing
	Develop an Adopt-A-Park program.	Staff, City Council	Short-Term
	Continue to work with groups (e.g., Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden and BMX groups) to maintain their areas.	Staff	Ongoing
10.5 ENSURE SAFE AND CONVENIENT ACCESS			
10.5A Locate traffic-generating facilities on sites with direct access.	Coordinate the location of planned facilities with bicycle and pedestrian routes, transit stops, and vehicle access.	City Council	Ongoing

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10.5B Provide safe parking at parks and recreational facilities.	Construct bicycle parking areas at Community Centers and other parks.	City Council	Ongoing
10.5C Provide nondiscriminatory recreational opportunities and eliminate barriers to special populations.	Improve access to all local parks per Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.	City Council	Ongoing
	Design all new parks to barrier-free standards.	Staff	Ongoing
	Supply transportation to senior citizen activities whenever possible.	City Council	Ongoing
	Provide free or low cost programs; make programs requiring fees accessible to low income people through scholarships.	Staff	Ongoing
	Continue to request funding for human services needs through the Human Services Advisory Committee.	Staff	Ongoing
10.6 PROMOTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION			
10.6A Promote collaboration with agencies, organizations, and businesses in recreational and cultural development.	Seek private and public sponsorship for special parks, recreation, and cultural programs.	Staff	Short-Term
	Participate in regional planning efforts that might affect local residents, even if projects are outside the City.	Staff, City Council	Ongoing
	Seek partnerships with community groups for tree planting programs and other park and open space improvements.	Staff	Ongoing
	Encourage easements on public or private lands for recreation.	Staff, City Council	Ongoing
	Purchase programs annually from the YMCA.	Staff, City Council	Ongoing

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<p>10.6B Work with the school district to provide recreational opportunities.</p>	Continue to use school sites for recreation and after-school programs.	Staff	Ongoing
	Develop an interlocal agreement that allows the City to use school facilities at no cost in exchange for school use of City facilities at no cost.	City Council, Staff	Short-Term
	Encourage the school district to improve and maintain athletic fields for Little League and other uses.	City Council	Ongoing
<p>10.6C Encourage cooperative planning and use of recreational facilities with private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other groups in the City.</p>	Build relationships with partner organizations and explore possibilities for shared recreational facilities. Where possible, provide joint spaces and/or programs.	Staff	Ongoing
<p>10.7 DEVELOP COMMUNITY-WIDE RESOURCES</p>			
<p>10.7A Develop North SeaTac Park in accordance with North SeaTac Park Master Plan and Airport safety regulations.</p>	Prohibit facilities in North SeaTac Park that attract large numbers of people.	City Council	Ongoing
	Confine active recreational facilities, specifically new athletic fields, to the area north of South 136th Street.	City Council	Ongoing
<p>10.7B Preserve Tub Lake as a natural wetland; increase opportunities for public enjoyment of the area.</p>	Seek funding to implement the North SeaTac Park Master Plan.	Staff, City Council	Short-Term
	Implement the North SeaTac Park Master Plan by installing boardwalks and interpretive information at Tub Lake.	City Council	Short-Term

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<p>10.7C Develop trails connecting Lakes to Sound Trail, North SeaTac Park Community Center, and natural features.</p>	<p>Work with the Port of Seattle to establish an access plan to connect the Lakes to Sound Trail to the SeaTac Community Center with access through the Tub Lake natural area.</p>	<p>Staff</p>	<p>Short-Term</p>
<p>10.7D Preserve the Des Moines Creek area for open space and recreation.</p>	<p>Complete a Master Plan for Des Moines Creek Park. The Master Plan should, at a minimum, address preserving the character and wildlife habitat, and allow for interpretive opportunities and linkage to regional trails.</p>	<p>Staff, City Council</p>	<p>Short-Term</p>
	<p>Coordinate with SR 509 and 24th/28th Avenue transportation planning to integrate parks needs.</p>	<p>Staff</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>10.7E Work with the Port to provide open space.</p>	<p>Discuss opportunities with the Port to provide open space.</p>	<p>City Council</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>Work with the Port to dedicate Port-owned land for open space and recreational uses, including trails identified on the Pedestrian Facilities map.</p>	<p>City Council</p>	<p>Medium-Term</p>
	<p>Negotiate an agreement with the Port for shared parking serving recreational and Port needs.</p>	<p>City Council</p>	<p>Medium-Term</p>
	<p>Work with the Port to prohibit vehicular traffic in the open space areas.</p>	<p>City Council, Port</p>	<p>Medium-Term</p>

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<p>10.7F Seek public access to waterfront area(s) of Bow Lake.</p>	<p>Initiate discussions with private property owners about the purchase of adjacent lands and negotiate conservation easements as possible.</p>	<p>Staff, City Council</p>	<p>Long-Term</p>
	<p>Update development regulations to enable incentives to provide public access with Urban Center redevelopment.</p>	<p>Planning Commission, Staff, City Council</p>	<p>Long-Term</p>
	<p>Revisit and update the June 2000 Bow Lake Joint Use Facilities Study before proceeding with implementation of a boardwalk, viewing areas or pedestrian trails. Prioritize development of publicly owned properties.</p>	<p>Planning Commission, Staff, City Council</p>	<p>Medium-Term</p>
<p>10.7G Encourage retention of significant historical and archaeological resources.</p>	<p>Inventory historical and archaeological structures and sites.</p>	<p>Staff</p>	<p>Short-Term</p>
	<p>Revise the Zoning Code to include standards for the retention of historical and archaeological resources identified by the City's inventory cited above.</p>	<p>Planning Commission, Staff, City Council</p>	<p>Short-Term</p>

