Siting & Maintaining Parks

PSRC TOOLBOX Peer Networking
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Park Benefits

Source: The Land Trust Alliance

How you benefit from nature:

- Health
- Sustainable Fisheries
- Clean Water
- Storm Protection
- Local Economies
Traditional Level of Service

- National Benchmark
  10 acres/1,000 residents

- Gap Analysis

- Lacked sensitivity to:
  - Development Uses
  - Access
  - Park Quality
Park Quality

What draws people to a park?

- **Programming**: Each additional supervised activity increased park use by 48% and physical activity by 37%. Programming can help attract more seniors and teen girls—both underrepresented in parks.
- **Walking Loops**: Walking loops increase park use by 80%, including twice as many seniors, and 90% higher levels of moderate-to-vigorous exercise.
- **Play Areas**: The most common reason for going to a park is “bringing children.” Play areas account for 25% of children’s park use. Every play element added to a playground increases its use by 50%.
- **Marketing**: On-site banners, posters and signs brought a 62% increase in users and a 63% increase in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity.

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https://www.cityparksalliance.org/activeparks
Park Quality

- Deferred Maintenance
- Playground Replacements
- ADA Improvements
- Adaptive Uses
- Renovation
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Park Equity & Access

Legend
- City Limits
- MUMC (County)
- Communities of Color
  - Less than 15% Communities of Color
  - 15% - 30% Communities of Color
  - 30% - 45% Communities of Color
  - More than 45% Communities of Color
- Median Income
  - 50% or More Below Median Income
  - 10% - 50% Below Median Income
  - Plus or Minus 10% of Median Income
  - 10% - 36% Above Median Income
  - 30% or More Above Median Income
- Household Language
  - 12.8% or Less Speak English Less than Well
  - 12.8% - 26% Speak English Less than Well
  - 25% or More Speak English Less than Well
- Poverty
  - Areas Above Poverty Threshold
  - Areas Up to 200% of Poverty Threshold
- Gini Index
  - 0.219 - 0.290
  - 0.291 - 0.360
  - 0.361 - 0.470
  - 0.471 - 0.690
  - 0.691 - 0.805
- Major Trail
- Parklands
  - Existing Park
  - Future Park
  - Open Space
  - County Park
- School Properties
  - Public School Property
  - College Property
  - Private School Property

Map 7: Equity Map - Composite Heat Map

Data Sources:
- Household Language: 2018 ACS 5Y estimates the percent of population who speak English less than "Well" to Census Block Group.
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- Poverty: 2018 ACS 5Y estimates Poverty Status to Census Block Group.
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The Gini Index is a statistical measure of income inequality ranging from 0 to 1. A Gini index of 0 reflects perfect equality, i.e., an equal distribution of income among all income recipients. A Gini index of 1 indicates perfect inequality, i.e., an unequal distribution of income. Data compiled by @Census.gov.com.
Priority Renovation
South Lynnwood Park Revival
Gap Analysis vs. Walkshed Analysis
Siting Future Parks
Park Access Planning

EVERYONE DESERVES A PARK WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK OF HOME.

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Sub Area Planning
Development Site Plans

SHORELINE PLACE SITE PLAN

Our plan, phased over a decade, responds to community feedback and fulfills the standards defined in the city’s Community Renewal Area Plan.
III. PUBLIC BENEFITS

PUBLIC BENEFITS

1. Significant street and right of way improvements consisting of new both north-south and east-west road connections through the site, bike paths, urban pathways, etc.

2. New parks and open space of more than two acres.

3. Total right of way and park dedication of 50% of the land area for public uses.

4. New infrastructure including sewer, water, storm drainage systems that serve the project and the public.

5. Public parking: dedication of 40% of the parking spaces within the project as public access and open to the public at all times.

6. Affordable housing

7. Electric car chargers

Development Site Plans

Everett Riverfront Redevelopment

PUBLIC AMENITIES MASTER PLAN
Planning Future Trails
Thank You!

PROUD OF OUR CITY FOR ENSURING EVERYONE HAS A GREAT PARK WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK OF HOME!

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