

Outline-Regional Open Space Conservation Plan

Executive Summary

Chapter 1 A Regional Open Space Plan

Why is open space preservation a priority for the central Puget Sound region? How does the coordinated regional approach in this plan advance that goal?

- 1.1 Open space and the Puget Sound region
- 1.2 Open space planning in peer regions
- 1.3 A Knitting Together of Plans
- 1.4 The value of open space
- 1.5 The regional open space network 1.0
- 1.6 How to use this plan

Chapter 2 The Regional Open Space Network

Where are the region's open spaces and what types of land are regionally important?

- 2.1 Regional open space network
 - 2.1.1 Natural lands
 - 2.1.2 Farmland
 - 2.1.3 Working forests
 - 2.1.4 Aquatic systems
 - 2.1.5 Regional trails
 - 2.1.6 Urban open space
- 2.3 Regional open space by watershed

Chapter 3 Protected Open Space

What open spaces are already protected and how?

- 3.1 How is open space protected and preserved?
 - 3.1.1 Protection through policies and regulatory mechanisms
 - 3.1.2 Protection through fee ownership or conservation easement
 - 3.1.3 Preservation through incentive programs and stewardship programs
- 3.2 Protected open space in the region

Chapter 4 Open Space Not Protected

What open spaces are not protected?

- 4.1 Open space in the region not protected
- 4.2 Barriers to protection

- 4.3 Threats to open space
 - 4.3.1 Loss of land to development
 - 4.3.2 Economic viability
 - 4.3.3 Climate change

Chapter 5 Access to Open Space

Who has access to the region's open spaces? What gaps exist in providing access to all the region's residents?

- 5.1 Measuring access to urban open space
- 5.2 Identifying urban open space access gap areas
- 5.3 Access to wild open space

Chapter 6 Conservation Action Plan

What key strategies are needed to accelerate open space conservation for the benefit of all the region's residents?

- 6.1 Key strategies
 - 6.1.1 Weave open space conservation into all levels of planning
 - 6.1.2 Manage growth to reduce development pressure on the regional open space network
 - 6.1.3 Permanently protect remaining key habitat areas
 - 6.1.4 Keep working lands working
 - 6.1.5 Enhance stewardship on privately owned lands
 - 6.1.6 Restore habitat in high value areas
 - 6.1.7 Coordinate planning among and within resource agencies and jurisdictions
 - 6.1.8 Increase connections between people and open space, with equitable access for all groups
 - 6.1.9 Build multi-benefit green infrastructure
- 6.2 Conservation opportunities
- 6.3 Costs and benefits of protection

Chapter 7 Next Steps

What are next steps to implement this plan?

- 7.1 Engage regional partners
- 7.2 Enhance and share key conservation tools
- 7.3 Incorporate the regional open space conservation plan into VISION 2050
- 7.4 Track performance
- 7.5 Update the plan

Appendix: Open Space Conservation Toolbox