



**An Assessment of Gaps  
in Seattle's Open Space Network:**

**The 2006 Gap Report Update**

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## INTRODUCTION

### **BACKGROUND**

The original 2001 Open Space Gap Report made use of Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping technology as a means of illustrating the open space goals in the City's *Comprehensive Plan* and *Seattle's Parks and Recreation Plan 2000*, thus helping to indicate where future open space investments should be made. Thanks to Seattle voters, the 2000 Pro Parks Levy has allowed the City to acquire and develop significant new park lands. The following report update uses GIS maps, demographic data and other information to track Pro Parks levy-funded and other acquisitions and identifies remaining gaps in Seattle's open space network.

### **REPORT OBJECTIVES**

The two main goals of this update to the *2001 Open Space Gap Report* are to highlight the progress made in filling gaps in Seattle's open space network since 2001, and to better understand which areas of the city still do not meet Usable Open Space goals. Additionally, because of the availability of demographic information from the 2000 Census and other sources, this 2006 report update will provide more information on the City's population-based open space goals than was possible in the 2001 report.

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## **REVIEW OF OPEN SPACE DEFINITIONS,** **GOALS AND CRITERIA**

Before analyzing open space deficiencies, it is important to understand the City's open space definitions, goals and criteria.

### **OPEN SPACE DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions are taken from *Seattle's Parks and Recreation Plan 2000* and the City of Seattle's 2005 *Comprehensive Plan* update.

#### **Breathing Room Open Space**

*Definition:* Combined acreage of all dedicated open spaces (parks, greenspaces, trails, and boulevards,) but not including tidelands and shorelands (submerged park lands.)

*Offsets:* School grounds, green streets, boulevard, trail, etc.

#### **Usable Open Space**

*Definition:* Relatively level and open, easily accessible, primarily green open space available for drop-in use (can be part of larger citywide park space). Urban Village Open Space can be considered a type of Usable Open Space, and is defined in the City's Comprehensive Plan as "Publicly owned or dedicated open space that is easily accessible and intended to serve the immediate urban village. This encompasses various types of open space for passive enjoyment as well as activity and includes green areas and hard-surfaced urban plazas, street parks, and pocket parks. Dedicated open spaces should be at least 10,000 square feet in size."

*Offsets:* School grounds, recreation facilities, green streets, boulevards and trails.

#### **Greenspaces (Greenbelts and Natural Areas)**

*Definition:* Areas designated for preservation because of their natural or ecological qualities and their potential to contribute to an interconnected open space system.

*Desirable:* Preserve such areas where they meet the designation criteria established in the Greenspaces Policies. Greenspaces are counted as breathing room, but such areas should be preserved regardless of relationship to distribution guidelines and existing amounts of open space.

#### **Offsets**

Seattle's Parks and Recreation Plan 2000 refers to offsets such as school grounds, recreation facilities, green streets, boulevards and trails in conjunction with the definitions of Breathing Room and Usable Open Space. Offsets, in this context, are meant as open spaces that may not be owned by Seattle Parks and Recreation that are still used or experienced similarly to City operated parks and greenspaces. While offsets are not considered as Breathing Room or Usable Open Space, they can provide open space for passive or active recreation or enjoyment and sometimes fill gaps in Breathing Room and Usable Open Space for residents who use the playground at their local school, stroll along a tree-lined boulevard or exercise indoors at a community center.

**OPEN SPACE GOALS AND CRITERIA**

Excerpted below are open space goals and criteria from the City of Seattle’s *Comprehensive Plan*, last updated in 2005, and *Seattle’s Parks and Recreation Plan 2000*.

**City Open Space Goals** (*Seattle Comprehensive Plan and Seattle’s Parks & Recreation Plan 2000*)

	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>AREA</b>
<b>BREATHING ROOM OPEN SPACE</b>	<i>Desirable:</i> 1 acre per 100 residents <i>Acceptable:</i> 1/3 acre per 100 residents	City-wide
<b>USABLE OPEN SPACE</b>	1/4 to 1/2 acre within 1/4 to 1/2 mile of every resident	Areas outside Urban Villages

**Usable Open Space in Primarily Single Family Residential Areas**  
(*Seattle’s Parks & Recreation Plan 2000*)

<b>SINGLE FAMILY USABLE OPEN SPACE</b>	<i>Desirable:</i> 1/2 acre of Usable Open Space within 1/2 mile of Seattle households in primarily single-family areas. <i>Acceptable:</i> 1/2 acre within 1 mile of community approved offset to lack of Usable Open Space.
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## Urban Village Open Space Goals

*(Seattle Comprehensive Plan, updated 2005)*

	<b>URBAN CENTER VILLAGES</b>	<b>HUB URBAN VILLAGES</b>	<b>RESIDENTIAL URBAN VILLAGES</b>
<b>URBAN VILLAGE OPEN SPACE POPULATION BASED GOALS</b>	One acre of Village Open Space per 1,000 households and one acre of Village Open Space per 10,000 jobs in each urban center or in the four contiguous urban centers that comprise the center city, considered as a whole.	One acre of Village Open Space per 1,000 households.	Same as for Hub Urban Villages.
<b>URBAN VILLAGE OPEN SPACE DISTRIBUTION GOALS</b>	All locations in the village within approximately 1/8 mile of Village Open Space.	Same as for Urban Center Villages.	For moderate and high density areas: All locations within 1/8 mile of Village Open Space that is between 1/4- and 1-acre in size, or within 1/4 mile of Village Open Space that is greater than 1 acre. For low density areas: All locations within 1/4 mile of any qualifying Village Open Space.
<b>QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR URBAN VILLAGE OPEN SPACE</b>	Dedicated open spaces of at least 10,000 square feet in size, publicly accessible, and usable for recreation and social activities.	Same as for Urban Center Villages.	Same as for Urban Center and Hub Villages.
<b>VILLAGE COMMONS</b>	At least one usable open space of at least one acre in size where the existing and target households total 2,500 or more.	At least one usable open space of at least one acre in size.	At least one usable open space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is ten households per gross acre or more.

# **GAPS IN SEATTLE'S OPEN SPACE NETWORK**

The intent of this assessment is to measure how the City's goals for Breathing Room and Usable Open Space are or are not being met. In order to accomplish this task, a series of maps and tables were developed which highlight open space and demographic data. This section provides background on the data used to create the various maps and tables and describes how to use this information to better understand where the City's Breathing Room and Usable Open Space goals are being met and unmet.

## **POPULATION DATA**

While the *2001 Open Space Gap Report* used population data from the 1990 Census and population estimates developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) for 1999, this report uses data derived from the 2000 Census along with more recent figures released by the City.

## **BREATHING ROOM OPEN SPACE**

Unlike the City's urban village specific population-based open space goals, Breathing Room Open Space considers the total amount of open space available for all residents. The Seattle Comprehensive Plan sets the goal for Breathing Room Open Space at one acre per one hundred residents. *Seattle's Parks and Recreation Plan 2000* further defines acceptable and desirable levels of Breathing Room Open Space, with the acceptable level considered to be one-third acre per 100 residents, and the desirable level set at the *Comprehensive Plan's* goal of one acre per one hundred residents.

While the original *Open Space Gap Report* created a map using census tracts to analyze Breathing Room Open Space in different neighborhoods, this report considers Breathing Room Open Space at the citywide level. The reason for this is that the census tract analysis at the neighborhood level often did not accurately reflect the relationship between people living within a certain tract and their proximity to open space. However, this report does look at demographic and open space data in detail to examine Urban Village population-based open space goals.

## **What was Counted as Breathing Room Open Space**

Breathing Room Open Space includes all types of open space including parks, natural areas and golf courses. In calculating the amount of Breathing Room Open Space, the following parks and other open spaces were counted.

- All Seattle Parks and Recreation owned open space including parks, golf courses, green belts, natural areas and conservation easements.
- Non-City owned dedicated open space, including open space owned by:
  - Army Corps of Engineers (Ballard Locks, Montlake Cut).
  - Port of Seattle (Elliott Bay Park adjacent to Myrtle Edwards, public access at Terminals 5, 103 and 107, including Kellogg Island on the Duwamish).

- King County (Ruby Chow Park adjacent to Boeing Field).
- Open space portions of Seattle Center were also counted and categorized as “non-City open space”.
- Publicly accessible open space properties including those that are currently undergoing park development such as the Olympic Sculpture Park.

**What was Not Counted as Breathing Room Open Space**

Open Space properties not counted as Breathing Room Open Space are listed below.

- Parks Department properties without open space amenities including community centers and pools without open space, e.g. the Ballard Pool and Parks Department administrative and maintenance facilities.
- Seattle School District, the University of Washington and Washington State community college open spaces were not counted. It should be noted, however, that the Parks Department has a joint-use agreement with the School District that allows for public use of school playgrounds and playfields during non-school hours. State owned university and college property is also open to the public.
- Shoreline street-ends, some of which are open for public access, were not counted.

**ASSESSMENT OF BREATHING ROOM OPEN SPACE GOALS**

The Breathing Room Open Space goals as set by the *Comprehensive Plan* and *Seattle Parks and Recreation Plan 2000* are as follows:

**Breathing Room Open Space Goals**

	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Area</b>
<b><i>BREATHING ROOM OPEN SPACE</i></b>	<i>Desirable: 1 acre per 100 residents Acceptable: 1/3 acre per 100 residents</i>	City-wide

The table below shows that the City’s 6,100 acres of park land, including Usable Open Space and natural areas, meet both the acceptable and desirable goals for Breathing Room Open Space citywide.

**Breathing Room Open Space Goals and Figures**

<b><i>Seattle 2004 Population Estimate (City of Seattle)</i></b>	<b><i>Desirable Acreage = 1 acre/100 residents</i></b>	<b><i>Existing Total Acres Park Land (includes Usable Open Space and natural areas)</i></b>	<b><i>Result</i></b>
572,600	5,726 acres desirable	6,100 acres available	Goal Met
	<b><i>Acceptable Acreage = 1/3 acre/100 residents</i></b>		
572,600	1,735 acres acceptable	6,100 acres available	Goal Met

## **USABLE OPEN SPACE**

Usable Open Space can be summarized as dedicated open space that is relatively level, green, open and easily accessible. According to the City's *Comprehensive Plan*, the minimum size of Usable Open Space ranges from 10,000 square feet for Urban Village Open Space to one-half of an acre in single family areas. The *Comprehensive Plan* also sets forth goals for the geographic distribution of Usable Open Space and for the provision of Usable Open Space based on the number of households and jobs in urban villages. (These Village Open Space population-based goals are for urban villages only.)

While the *2001 Gap Report* focused on gaps in the distribution of Usable Open Space across the city, this *2006 Gap Report Update* also includes an evaluation of Usable Open Space based on the *Comprehensive Plan's* open space goals related to households and jobs in various urban villages.

The following discussion describes the maps and tables used in the assessment of both the distribution-based and population-based Usable Open Space goals. The maps and tables can be found at the end of this report in Appendices A and B.

### **Distribution-Based Open Space Goals: Understanding the Maps**

This report includes updated versions of the seven original Usable Open Space maps which identify all parks that can be considered as Usable Open Space, including those parks purchased and developed or under development since 2001. In these maps, parks that meet the criteria for Usable Open Space are surrounded by buffers that are equivalent to the distances proscribed within the City's different Usable Open Space goals. Areas not covered by these buffers are outside of the service area of that particular type of Usable Open Space.

Three additional maps are provided as companions to the tables in Appendix B. These include a map that shows new parks and projects that have added open space since 2001, and two other maps that present current and future residential densities in urban villages.

### ***What was Counted as Usable Open Space in the Maps***

The following list describes the types of parks that were counted as Usable Open Space in this analysis.

- Parks in single family areas outside of urban village boundaries that are 1/2 acre or more that meet Usable Open Space criteria.
- Parks in urban villages that are 10,000 square feet or more that meet Village Open Space criteria.
- Parks that meet Usable Open Space criteria and are publicly owned and open to the public within the same hours offered by sites owned and managed by Seattle Parks including facilities owned by the Port of Seattle, the Army Corps of Engineers, King County and others.
- Boulevards with park amenities, specifically portions of Lake Washington Boulevard and Magnolia Boulevard.
- Newly acquired Parks Department and non-City park sites that are funded for or under development including the Olympic Sculpture Park.

### ***What was Not Counted as Usable Open Space in the Maps***

The following list describes the types of parks that were not counted as Usable Open Space.

- Parks in single family areas outside of urban village service areas under 1/2 acre.
- Parks serving urban villages under 10,000 square feet.
- Greenbelts and natural areas.
- The Burke-Gilman Trail and other trails.
- Boulevards without park amenities e.g. Queen Anne and Montlake boulevards.
- Seattle Public School grounds.
- Open space at the University of Washington, State community colleges and private schools.

### ***How to Use the Maps***

The following section provides information describing how to read the maps included in this report in order to better understand gaps in Usable Open Space in Seattle's neighborhoods.

#### ***Usable Open Space Maps***

As seen in the review of the City's open space goals, there are multiple criteria for Usable Open Space. Although there are different gauges for Usable Open Space, ranging from the single family goal of providing 1/2 acre of Usable Open Space 1/2 mile from single family residents, to the urban center village goal of 10,000 square feet of Village Open Space within 1/8 mile of all urban village locations, a single map that shows gaps in Usable Open Space was developed that combines all of the criteria. Variations of this map are included in this report in order to highlight gaps at the citywide level and at the sectorwide level. The citywide map projection is useful when comparing the extent of gaps in Usable Open Space in different areas of the city. The sector maps provide more information than the citywide maps, such as arterials, zoning and the names of parks, in order to convey a clearer picture of gaps in Usable Open Space within particular neighborhoods.

- **Single Family Usable Open Space Buffer:** Because most residents in single family areas have at least some open space available to them within their own yards, the Usable Open Space goal for these neighborhoods is for the provision of fairly large park spaces of 1/2 acre or more to be within 1/2 mile of residents. To represent this open space goal graphically, a 1/2 mile buffer was created around parks of 1/2 acre or more to show Single Family Usable Open Space. This 1/2 mile buffer was clipped so that it does not include single family areas within urban villages, which have a separate set of open space criteria.
- **Village Open Space Buffers:** The Village Open Space goal for urban center and hub urban villages specifies that all locations in the village should be within approximately 1/8 mile of a village open space of 10,000 square feet or more. For residential urban villages the goal differs for higher and lower density areas. As stated in the Comprehensive Plan, "For moderate and high density areas: All locations within 1/8 mile of a Village Open Space that is between 1/4- and 1-acre in size, or within 1/4 mile of a Village Open Space that is greater than 1 acre. For low density areas: All locations within 1/4 mile of any qualifying Village Open Space."

Because of these varying Village Open Space goals, the boundaries of urban center and hub urban villages are a different color than those of residential urban villages. Additionally, in order to present these multiple Village Open Space goals on the maps, both 1/8 mile and 1/4 mile buffers were created around parks of 10,000 square feet or more. In urban center and hub urban villages, the parks' buffers were clipped so that only the 1/8 mile buffer is shown within their boundaries. In residential urban villages,

as described above, Village Open Space can be within 1/8 to 1/4 mile depending on whether residents live in higher or lower density areas. To show gaps in Village Open Space within residential urban villages, both the 1/8 and 1/4 mile buffers are drawn within village boundaries, and zoning information is included on the base map as a means of providing some guidance as to where higher and lower densities may exist and where the different buffers might be used.

### **Urban Village Population-based Open Space Goals: Understanding the Tables**

Five tables are included within this report that present data on new and existing Usable Open Space that serve urban villages and other urban village-related information. The tables are as follows:

- Table 1: 2001-2005 New Open Space Acreage by Sector
- Table 2: Urban Village Usable Open Space
- Table 3: Village Open Space and Household Goals for All Urban Villages
- Table 4: Village Open Space, Households and Jobs Goals for Urban Centers
- Table 5: Urban Village Residential Density Rankings

The data on urban village land areas, households, jobs and residential density within the tables are from *Seattle's Comprehensive Plan's* Urban Village Appendix A. The contents of all of the tables are more fully explained in the following discussion.

#### ***What was Counted as Village Open Space in the Tables***

It is interesting to note that many urban village boundaries were drawn so that boundary lines either abut or intersect Village Open Space. (Of the 38 urban villages, 19 village boundaries were drawn immediately adjacent to one or more parks.) Therefore, instead of just counting parks within urban village boundaries, to more fully understand the relationship of urban village residents and nearby parks, Tables 2, 3 and 4 include four columns of data concerning Village Open Space acreage including Village Open Space "...within urban village boundaries", "...within and abutting urban village boundaries", "...within and outside boundaries by 1/8 mile" and "...within and outside boundaries by 1/4 mile". The 1/8 and 1/4 mile service areas correspond to the Village Open Space criteria for the different types of urban villages and can be used to help analyze the *Comprehensive Plan's* various Village Open Space population and distribution-based goals.

#### ***The Whole Park is Counted***

For the purposes of this report, it was assumed that an entire park space, whether intersecting or abutting an urban village boundary or open space service area provides Village Open Space to urban village residents. Therefore, in the columns titled "Total Village Open Space", the acreage listed includes the total acreage of a park. For example, Freeway Park is only partially within the boundary of the Commercial Core Urban Center Village, but the entire 5.18 acres is counted in the column "Total Village Open Space within Urban Village Boundaries".

#### ***Village Open Space Within and Abutting Urban Villages Counted***

It is also important to note that in evaluating whether open space goals for urban village households and jobs are met, the Village Open Space counted toward meeting these goals is from parks that are both within the urban village and those that are immediately adjacent, or abutting, the urban village boundary. The reason for this is that parks that abut urban village boundaries provide Village Open Space to some urban village residents in the same way that parks within urban village boundaries provide Village

Open Space to some urban village residents. While the *Comprehensive Plan* also allows for parks within 1/8 to 1/4 mile from urban villages to be considered as Village Open Space, this report only counts Village Open Space that can be immediately accessed by residents and workers within urban villages toward meeting open space households and jobs goals.

### ***What was Counted as a Village Commons***

For the first time, the Gap Report also considers which urban villages meet the City's goals for parks that can be considered as Village Commons. The *Comprehensive Plan* provides the following criteria for Village Commons:

- Urban Center Villages: One Usable Open Space of at least one acre where existing and target households total 2,500 or more
- Hub Urban Villages: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size
- Residential Urban Villages: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is ten households per gross acre or more

Parks that meet the criteria for a Village Commons are identified in Table 3 for each urban village. Sites were included as long as a portion of the park was either within the urban village's boundaries or immediately coterminous with the village boundary.

### ***What was Not Counted as Urban Village Open Space in the Tables***

Usable Open Space outside of an urban village's proscribed 1/8 or 1/4 mile service area were not counted in the totals for Village Open Space. Additionally, in a few cases, Village Open Space acreage may not have been counted because it is separated by difficult terrain or a major arterial from an urban village.

### ***How to Use the Tables***

#### ***Table 1: 2001-2005 New Open Space Acreage by Sector***

Table 1 includes new open space that was purchased or developed between 2001 (the year the original *Open Space Gap Report* was produced) and 2005. It lists Usable Open Space, greenbelts and natural areas acquired in each sector of the city. Table 1 also provides information on planned and funded projects that will increase open space though they may not be completed at the current time.

#### ***Table 2: Urban Village Usable Open Space***

Table 2 can be used to ascertain which parks are counted as Village Open Space for each urban village in Tables 3 and 4, and includes the names and square footage of each park. Parks that have been purchased but not yet developed as Village Open Space are also listed.

#### ***Table 3: Village Open Space and Household Goals for All Urban Villages***

The purpose of Table 3 is to show the amount of Village Open Space needed to meet the City's goals and targets for Village Open Space and urban village households (1 acre per 1,000 households), and to determine whether each urban village is meeting these open space per households goals. Table 3 also provides information on the parks in each urban

village that meet Village Commons goals and those urban villages where the criteria for Village Commons parks do not apply. Household density information is provided in Table 3 to help determine which Residential Urban Villages meet Village Common goals and as a means of shedding light on the relative need for Village Open Space in the different urban villages.

As noted previously, the Village Open Space acreage that is counted toward meeting urban village open space goals for households is that within the column called “**\*Total Village Open Space - Within and Abutting Urban Village Boundary**”. Acreage data in this column is asterisked and highlighted in bold.

*Table 4: Village Open Space, Households and Jobs Goals for Urban Centers*

The *Comprehensive Plan*'s goal for urban centers specifies that one acre of Village Open Space be available per 1,000 households and that one acre of Village Open Space be available per 10,000 jobs. In other words, Village Open Space for urban centers are determined by adding the open space and households goal with the open space and jobs goals for each urban center. The *Comprehensive Plan* also indicates that this combined open space per households and jobs goal should be applied to “the four contiguous urban centers that comprise the center city, considered as a whole”. For example, in 2004, when there were 22,500 households in the First Hill/Capitol Hill Urban Center, the Village Open Space and households goal was for 22.5 acres of Village Open Space in the urban center. The open space goal based on the 37,940 jobs in the urban center in 2002, was 3.79 acres. By adding the 22.5 acres for households to the 3.79 acres for jobs, the total Village Open Space goal for the First Hill/Capitol Hill Urban Center is 26.29 acres. The First Hill/Capitol Hill Urban Center currently has a total of 15.42 acres of Village Open Space within and abutting its boundary, and thus does not meet the combined 2004 households and 2002 jobs Village Open Space goal.

*Table 5: Urban Village Residential Density Rankings*

Table 5 contains two lists that present the residential densities (households divided by total urban village land area) of each urban village in 2004, and their estimated densities in 2024. Each list ranks the urban villages in descending order with “1” being the urban village with the highest density.

## **ASSESSMENT OF USABLE OPEN SPACE GOALS**

The following assessment addresses the City’s open space investments since 2001, and highlights the remaining gaps in Usable Open Space in urban villages and single family areas in each sector of the city. These sector summaries consider both the *Comprehensive Plan*’s population and distribution-based open space goals for each urban village and provide sector level assessments of open space gaps in single family areas. The maps and tables that contribute to this assessment are listed below and can be found in Appendices A and B.

### **Appendix A: Usable Open Space Maps**

- Map 1: Gaps in Usable Open Space Citywide*
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## **Usable Open Space Sector Summaries**

### **Northwest Sector Open Space Summary**

#### ***Existing Open Space Amenities***

Carkeek Park, Golden Gardens, the Ballard Locks, Green Lake, Woodland Park, Gas Works Park and the Woodland Park Zoo are major open space and recreation sites in Northwest Seattle. Smaller parks, ballfields and the Pro Parks funded extension of the Burke Gilman Trail are additional open space amenities.

#### ***New Usable Open Space since 2001***

Since 2001, the Northwest Sector has gained five new parks including the Bitter Lake Reservoir open space development, Greenwood Park, Ballard Commons Park, Linden Orchard Park and Fremont Peak Park which altogether add eight acres of Usable Open Space to the Northwest Sector. Five additional park acquisitions have been made in the Northwest Sector that do not meet Usable Open Space criteria including A.B. Ernst Park in Fremont, the Wallingford Steps in Wallingford and Thyme Patch Park, the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW Pocket Park and a property at NW 63<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> NW in the greater Ballard area.

#### ***Gaps in Single Family Usable Open Space***

*1/2 acre within 1/2 mile of households in single family areas*

Large lot single family areas in the northwest corner of the sector south of the Highlands near the Llandover Woods Natural area and in Broadview southwest of the Bitter Lake Urban Village remain beyond 1/2 mile of in Usable Open Space. (It should be noted that the Evergreen-Washelli cemetery operates in a large area to the south of the Bitter Lake Urban Village partially within this gap.) Denser single family residential areas in northeast Ballard are also still in a gap area. While not counted as Usable Open Space, which the *Comprehensive Plan* indicates should be .5 acres, the new .21 acre 6th Avenue Pocket Park does provide a new park amenity to single family and other residents within the open space gap in northeast Ballard.

#### ***Gaps in Urban Village Usable Open Space***

*\*Note: While Village Open Space that meets the City's distribution-based goals follow the Comprehensive Plan's proscribed 1/8 and 1/4 mile open space service area criteria, for the purposes of this report, Village Open Space that meets population-based goals is counted more selectively. Parks that are counted toward meeting the City's population-based Village Open Space goals for households, jobs and Village Commons are those which are located within or abutting urban village boundaries.*

#### **Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

Bitter Lake Playfield and the new open space at the Bitter Lake Reservoir provide significant Village Open Space for the Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village, specifically at the north end of the village and in areas west of Aurora Avenue North. However, no Village Open Space is accessible to village locations east of Aurora, leaving an open space gap in

over half of the hub urban village. It should be noted that most of the southwest portion of the urban village west of Aurora between N 125<sup>th</sup> and N 115<sup>th</sup> is fully utilized by the existing Evergreen-Washelli cemetery property.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	2.01 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.81 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	10.36 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	10.36 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

With 10.36 acres of park space existing within and abutting the urban village’s boundary at Bitter Lake Playfield and the new Bitter Lake Reservoir open space development, the Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village meets both the 2004 and 2024 goals for 2.01 and 2.81 acres respectively of Usable Open Space.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size*

Both the Bitter Lake Playfield and Bitter Lake Reservoir Open Space Development meet the *Comprehensive Plan’s* Village Commons criteria for the Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village.

**Aurora-Licton Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

Mineral Springs Park, Licton Springs Park and the new Greenwood Park provide significant Village Open Space within 1/4 mile of well over half of the Aurora Licton Residential Urban Village. When considering Village Open Space within 1/8 mile of urban village locations, gaps appear most noticeably in areas west of Aurora Avenue North.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	2.74 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	3.34 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	7.55 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	7.55 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

With the Mineral Springs and Licton Springs parks providing 7.55 acres of Village Open Space available within and immediately adjacent to the urban village’s boundary, the Aurora-Licton Residential Urban Village meets both the 2004 and 2024 goals for 2.74 and 3.34 acres respectively of Village Open Space.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*  
 Licton Springs Park meets the Village Commons criteria for the Aurora Licton Residential Urban Village, which had a residential density of 8 households per acre in 2004 and a target residential density of 10 in 2024.

**Greenwood/Phinney Ridge Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*  
 Sandel Playground and the new Greenwood Park provide Village Open Space within 1/4 mile to around half of the Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village. The locations served by these open spaces are concentrated north of NW 85<sup>th</sup> Street. Though not counted as Village Open Space for the Greenwood-Phinney urban village, the new Linden Orchard Park is just over 1/4 mile from residents living at the south end of the village. When considering parks that are 1/8 mile from village locations, open space gaps appear in most of the urban village, especially for residents living on either side of Greenwood Avenue North between Northwest 65<sup>th</sup> and Northwest 85<sup>th</sup> streets.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.5 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.9 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	0 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	0 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals not met

Because there are no parks within or coterminous to the Greenwood/Phinney Ridge village boundary, the City’s 2004 and 2024 goals for Usable Open Space per household are not met. While both the Sandel and Greenwood parks are within the residential urban village’s quarter mile open space service area, for the purposes of this report, only parks within and immediately adjacent to urban village boundaries are considered as meeting Village Open Space acreage per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

With a 2004 residential density of 16 households per acre, the Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village is eligible for a Village Commons site. Because no park of one acre in size or more is within or immediately adjacent to the urban village’s boundary, the City’s Village Commons goal is not met.

**Crown Hill Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*  
 When considering Village Open Space within 1/4 mile, the Crown Hill Residential Urban Village is fully served by the Usable Open Space provided by Soundview Playfield, Baker Park and Loyal Heights Playfield. At the 1/8 mile level, gaps in open space appear in around half of the urban village and are concentrated in the northeast and southwest sections of the village.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.11 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.36 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	.41 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	10.9 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

While Baker Park provides only .41 acres of Usable Open Space within the Crown Hill Residential Urban Village, the immediately adjacent Soundview Playfield brings the total to 10.9 acres, which exceeds the City’s goals for 2004 and 2024.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

With residential densities under 10 in both 2004 and 2024, the Crown Hill Residential Urban Village does not meet the criteria for a Village Commons.

**Ballard Hub Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

The Ballard Playground, the new Ballard Commons Park, Gilman Playground and the open space at the Hiram Chittendon Locks provide Village Open Space within 1/8 mile to around a third of the Ballard Hub Urban Village. The areas facing the greatest open space gaps are located in the eastern portions of the urban village. Seattle Parks has acquired a 5,000 square foot lot in east Ballard (NW 63<sup>rd</sup> and 73<sup>rd</sup> NW) and has additional funding that is targeted at helping to increase the size of this lot to 10,000 square feet. Parks is also working with Ballard neighbors to help develop these lots into Usable Open Space.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	5.01 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	6.01 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	4.81 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	15.72 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

While Ballard Playground and the new Ballard Commons Park provide 4.81 acres of Village Open Space within the Ballard Hub Urban Village, the immediately adjacent park space in the Ballard Locks and Gilman Playfield bring the total to 15.72 acres, which exceeds the City’s goals for 2004 and 2024.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size*

Both the new Ballard Commons Park and the Ballard Playground meet the Comprehensive Plan’s criteria for a Village Commons park.

**Green Lake Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

Almost the entire Green Lake urban village is within 1/4 mile of Green Lake Park. The exception is a small section of the southeast corner of the village adjacent to I-5. At the 1/8 mile level, open space gaps appear in the eastern and southern portions of the village, which are primarily zoned multi-family.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.52 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.77 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	67.7 acres*
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	67.7 acres*
Population-based goal result	Goals met

Green Lake Park provides 67.7 acres of Village Open Space to Green Lake urban village residents thus exceeding the 2004 and 2024 population-based Village Open Space goal.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

In 2004, the Green Lake Residential Urban Village had a density of 16 households per acre. Green Lake Park meets the Village Commons criteria for the urban village.

**Fremont Hub Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

While B.F. Day Playground and the Fremont Canal Park provide some Village Open Space to the Fremont Hub Urban Village, most of the urban village is outside the 1/8 mile range of Usable Open Space. While Seattle Parks did recently purchase and develop the A.B. Ernst Park in the east section of the village, this park is around 7,000 square feet and therefore does not meet Village Open Space criteria.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	2.17 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.67 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	.69 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	3.05 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

While the Fremont Canal provides some Usable Open Space, the acreage from B.F. Day Playground, which abuts the Fremont urban village’s boundary, brings the total to 3.05 acres of Usable Open Space, which exceeds the Comprehensive Plan’s 2004 and 2024 goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size*  
 B.F. Day Playground meets the Village Commons criteria for the Fremont Hub Urban Village.

**Wallingford Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*  
 Because of the Village Open Space at Wallingford Playfield, B.F. Day Playground, Woodland Park and Meridian Playground, most of the Wallingford Residential Urban Village is within 1/4 mile of Usable Open Space. When looking at the 1/8 mile level, gaps in open space appear in the western and northwestern portions of the urban village.

*Population-based Goal: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	2.52 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024Open Space Household Goal	2.92 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	4.49 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	11.23 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

The Usable Open Space at Wallingford Playfield and Meridian Playground, the parks within and abutting the Wallingford Residential Urban Village, amount to 11.23 acres which exceeds the City’s goals for the Wallingford urban village in 2004 and 2024.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*  
 Wallingford Playfield meets Village Commons criteria for the Wallingford Residential Urban Village, which had a residential density of 10 households per acre in 2004.

***Summary of Open Space Gaps in Northwest Sector Urban Villages***

***Gaps in the Distribution of Usable Open Space:***

The Northwest Sector’s largest open space gaps exist in the Fremont, Ballard and Bitter Lake hub urban villages where a majority of each of these urban villages are not served by Usable Open Space. The Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village, which currently has the seventh highest residential density of all the City’s urban villages, also has notable gaps in Village Open Space when considered at the 1/8 mile level, though at the 1/4 mile level over half of the village is served. Around half of the Aurora-Licton Residential Urban Village is within 1/4 mile of Village Open Space, although access to open space decreases at the 1/8 mile range. The Wallingford Residential Urban Village is almost completely served by Usable Open Space at the 1/4 mile level, while gaps appear in around half of the village when looking at Village Open Space within 1/8 mile of all village locations. Lastly, the Crown Hill Residential Urban Village is fully served by Usable Open Space at the 1/4 mile level, though gaps do appear in around half of the urban village when considering Usable Open Space at the 1/8 mile level.

While the Fremont, Bitter Lake and Ballard hub urban villages all currently have significant open space gaps, it should be noted that Seattle Parks is currently planning to

purchase a site at 17<sup>th</sup> NW and NW 73<sup>rd</sup> in east Ballard. This purchase is meant to double the size of the adjacent site owned by Seattle Parks, which is then intended to be developed into Usable Open Space. Once this park development is completed, more than half of the Ballard Hub Urban Village will be served by Usable Open Space. This leaves the Fremont and Bitter Lake hub urban villages, and the Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village (if considered at the 1/8 mile level) with the greatest open space gaps in the Northwest Sector.

*Urban Villages which Do Not Meet Village Open Space Population-Based Goal for Households:*

Of the Northwest Sector's eight urban villages, only the Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village does not meet the City's Village Open Space and households goals.

*Urban Villages which Do Not Meet the Village Commons Goal:*

The Greenwood-Phinney Residential Village does not meet the Comprehensive Plan's Village Commons goal. The seven remaining urban villages in the Northwest Sector do have parks that meet Village Commons goals, even though the goal is not applicable to the Crown Hill Residential Urban Village because it lacks sufficient residential density.

*Urban Villages which Do Not Meet the City's Village Open Space per Households Goals or the Village Open Space Distribution-based Goals:*

While the new Greenwood Park is within 1/8 mile of the Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village, when counting only Village Open Space within or immediately adjacent to the urban village, Greenwood-Phinney does not meet either the City's Village Open Space per household or distribution-based goals.

***Planned and Funded Usable Open Space Projects in the Northwest Sector***

Seattle Parks has funding for an acquisition in the open space gap area in the eastern portion of the Ballard Hub Urban Village that is targeted at increasing the size of the park space that has already been purchased at 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northwest and Northwest 63<sup>rd</sup> Street.

## **Northeast Sector Open Space Summary**

### ***Existing Open Space Amenities***

Northeast Seattle is home to large park and recreation sites such as Magnuson Park, the Jackson Park Golf Course, Ravenna Park, multiple neighborhood parks and ballfields and significant portions of the Burke-Gilman Trail.

### ***New Usable Open Space since 2001***

Since 2001, Seattle Parks has acquired sites for two new Usable Open Spaces in the Northeast Sector totaling 4.07 acres, specifically Northgate Park and the Maple Leaf Community Garden. Other park development in the Northeast Sector includes a small pocket park in Pinehurst and the development of Northlake Park at the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street End near the University urban village. However, both of these park developments are under the City's 10,000 square foot Usable Open Space criteria. An addition was also made to Lake City's recently redeveloped Albert Davis Park. These park developments and various natural area site acquisitions also contribute to increased open space and recreation opportunities for the Northeast Sector. The City has also recently proposed to purchase King County's North Park and Ride lot with the aim of creating a large neighborhood park for the Northgate Urban Center.

### ***Gaps in Single Family Usable Open Space***

*1/2 acre within 1/2 mile of households in single family areas*

While most of the Northeast Sector's single family areas are served by Usable Open Space, there are gaps east of the Jackson Park Golf Course, north of Matthew's Beach parallel to the Burke Gilman Trail and Lake Washington, in Wedgwood northeast of Dahl Playfield and adjacent to Lake Washington in the Windermere neighborhood. It should be noted that essentially all of these are large lot single family zoned residential areas.

### ***Gaps in Urban Village Usable Open Space***

*\*Note: While Village Open Space that meets the City's distribution-based goals follow the Comprehensive Plan's proscribed 1/8 and 1/4 mile open space service area criteria, for the purposes of this report, Village Open Space that meets population-based goals is counted more selectively. Parks that are counted toward meeting the City's population-based Village Open Space goals for households, jobs and Village Commons are those which are located within or abutting urban village boundaries.*

### **Northgate Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

Despite the park acreage provided by Mineral Springs Park, Victory Springs Park and the new Northgate Park and Maple Leaf Community Garden, more than half of the Northgate Urban Center Village is farther than 1/8 from Village Open Space. To help alleviate this gap, the City has recently announced that it will purchase the King County Park and Ride lot adjacent to the Northgate North retail development just north of Northgate Way and west of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast which would add significant Village Open Space acreage to the urban center.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	3.49 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	5.99 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	4.87 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	8.85 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

Victory Creek Park, the newly renovated Mineral Springs Park, and the new Northgate Park and Maple Leaf Community Garden will provide the Northgate Urban Center Village with Village Open Space that meets the City’s open space per households goals for 2004 and 2024.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

The new Northgate Park will meet the City criteria for a Village Commons for the Northgate Urban Center Village which, in 2004, had a household population of 3,490.

**Lake City Hub Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

The newly expanded and renovated Albert Davis Park and Lake City Playground, which has also been recently improved, provide sufficient open space to areas west of Lake City Way. However, about half of the Lake City Hub Urban Village, specifically locations east of Lake City Way are farther than 1/8 mile from Village Open Space.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.92 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.82 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	3.97 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	3.97 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

The Lake City Playground and recently redeveloped Albert Davis Park are within the Lake City Hub Urban Village boundary and provide a total of 3.97 acres of park land which exceeds the City’s 2004 and 2024 goals for Usable Open Space. There are no parks immediately adjacent to the Lake City Hub Urban Village boundary.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size*

Both the Lake City Playground and Albert Davis Park meet the Village Commons criteria.

**Ravenna Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*  
While Ravenna Park provides a significant park amenity within an eighth of a mile of locations at the north end of the Ravenna Urban Center Village, most of the rest of the village is not served by Village Open Space. While the University of Washington Campus is not counted as Usable Open Space, the campus is adjacent to the Ravenna urban village and is accessible to the public.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.4 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.85 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	0 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space adjacent to Urban Village Boundary	49.93 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

Although there is no park land within the Ravenna Urban Center Village, Ravenna Park abuts the Ravenna urban village boundary and provides Usable Open Space to the nearby residents. The park’s 49.93 acres exceeds the City’s 2004 and 2024 Usable Open Space goals for the urban center village allowing the urban center village to meet the Village Open Space per households goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

While Ravenna Park could be considered a Village Commons, the Ravenna Urban Center Village’s 2004 and 2024 estimated household populations of 1,400 and 1,850 respectively, do not require that the Village Commons criteria be met.

**University Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*  
Although the University Playground, Cowen Park and North Passage Point Park provide Village Open Space to University Urban Center Village residents, most locations in the northern, eastern and southern parts of the urban village are farther than 1/8 mile from Usable Open Space. Seattle Parks has some funding for an acquisition that is intended to help alleviate these open space gaps in the University urban village. Parks also has funding to help develop open space on a portion of the old University Heights School, though the project site may not meet the 10,000 square foot threshold for Usable Open Space. As with the Ravenna Urban Center Village it should be noted that, while not counted as Usable Open Space, the University of Washington campus is accessible to the public and immediately adjacent to the University Urban Center Village.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	5.23 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	7.23 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	2.75 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	2.75 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals not met

The University Playground is the only park that meets Village Open Space criteria within and immediately adjacent to the University Urban Center Village. The University Playground’s 2.75 acres do not meet the City’s 2004 or 2024 goals for open space acreage per households within this densely populated village.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

The University Playground meets Village Commons criteria for the University Urban Center Village which had 5,230 households in 2004.

**Roosevelt Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

Most locations within the Roosevelt Residential Urban Village are within 1/4 mile of Village Open Space including park space at Rainbow Point, the recently renovated Froula Playground or Cowen Park. However, around half of the village is outside the 1/8 mile range from Usable Open Space, specifically the areas in the central part of the village on either side of NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Village Open Space and Household Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.26 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.51 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	8.44 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	11.09 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

Cowen Park, which is within the Roosevelt urban village’s boundary, and the immediately adjacent Froula Playground, provide 11.09 acres of Usable Open Space. This acreage exceeds the City’s 2004 and 2024 Usable Open Space goals for the residential urban village.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

While the Roosevelt urban village does not currently meet the City’s 10 households per acre Village Commons criteria, it is estimated that residential densities will increase to 10 households per acre in 2024. Cowen Park meets the City’s Village Commons criteria and can serve as a Village Commons site for Roosevelt neighbors.

*Urban Center Village Open Space, Households (HH) + Jobs Goals*

**Northgate Urban Center**

*1 Acre Village Open Space per 1,000 Households + 1 Acre Village Open Space per 10,000 Jobs*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Households + 2002 Open Space per Job Goal	4.59 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space per Households + Jobs Goal	7.52 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	4.87 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	8.85 acres
Village Open Space, Households and Jobs Goal	HH + Jobs Goals Met

The Northgate Urban Center has a total of 8.85 acres of Village Open Space within and immediately adjacent to its village boundaries thus exceeding the combined 2004 households and 2002 jobs goal of 4.59 acres and the 2024 target of 7.52 acres of Village Open space.

**University Community Urban Center Village**

*1 Acre Village Open Space per 1,000 Households + 1 Acre Village Open Space per 10,000 Jobs*

Usable Open Space needed to meet Open Space per 2004 Households + 2002 Jobs Goal	10.09 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space per Households + Jobs Goal	13.15 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	2.75 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	52.67 acres
Village Open Space, Households and Jobs Goal	HH + Jobs Goals Met

With 52.67 acres of Village Open Space within and adjacent to the University Community Urban Center (includes the entire acreage of Ravenna Park), the University urban center meets both the 2002/2004 jobs and households goal of 10.09 acres and the 2024 goal of 13.15 acres of Village Open Space.

***Summary of Open Space Gaps in Northeast Sector Urban Villages***

*Gaps in the Distribution of Usable Open Space:*

Because most of the land area of the Northgate, University District and Ravenna urban center villages are not served by open space, these urban villages have the most significant gaps in Usable Open Space in the Northeast Sector. While half of the Lake City Hub Urban Village is within 1/8 mile of Village Open Space, village locations east of Lake City Way have no Usable Open Space. Lastly, while the Roosevelt Residential Urban Village is almost fully provided with Village Open Space at the 1/4 mile level, open space gaps appear in around half of the urban village when considering open space within 1/8 mile of all village locations.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet Village Open Space and Households Goals (1 Acre Village Open Space per 1,000 Households):*

Of the Northeast Sector's five urban villages, only the University Urban Center Village does not have sufficient Village Open Space acreage to meet the City's open space per household goals.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the Comprehensive Plan's Village Commons Goal:*

All of the Northeast Sector's urban villages have park sites that meet Village Commons goals. Even though Cowen Park meets the Village Commons criteria, the Village Commons goal is not applicable to the Roosevelt urban village because its 2004 and 2024 target residential densities are under 10 households per acre.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the City's Village Open Space per Households Goals or the Village Open Space Distribution-based Goals:*

The University Urban Center Village does not meet either the Comprehensive Plan's Village Open Space per household goals or the distribution-based goals.

*Urban Centers that Do Not Meet Village Open Space, Households + Jobs Goals:*

Both the University Community and Northgate urban centers meet the households + jobs goals for urban center Village Open Space.

***Planned and Funded Usable Open Space Projects in the Northeast Sector***

Seattle Parks has funding for the acquisition and development of Usable Open Space in the University Urban Center Village, the only urban village in the Northeast Sector that does not meet the City's Village Open Space households and distribution-based goals. Funding is also available to develop open space at the old University Heights School in the University urban village. Additionally, the Mayor's Office recently proposed that the City purchase the King County North Park and Ride lot north of Northgate Way in the Northgate Urban Center, which would help to fill that urban village's significant gap in open space.

## **West Sector Open Space Summary**

### ***Existing Open Space Amenities***

Discovery Park, the Seattle Center, Myrtle Edwards Park, Waterfront Park, Occidental Square and the Seattle Aquarium are major open space and recreation attractions in Seattle's West Sector. While ballfields primarily serve those outside of the downtown urban center villages, there are neighborhood and pocket parks throughout the West Sector.

### ***New Usable Open Space since 2001***

Since 2001, Seattle Parks and other public entities have acquired 28.73 acres of Usable Open Space in the West Sector, 8.47 acres of which add significant new outdoor recreation space to the Eastlake Residential Urban Village. New open space acquisitions include Smith Cove Park and the Ursula Judkins Viewpoint in Magnolia, Trolley Hill Park, MacLean Park, Ward Springs Park and Counterbalance Park in Queen Anne, the I-5 Colonnade open space development in Eastlake and the Olympic Sculpture Park and the Alaskan Way Boulevard parcel, which will help connect the new sculpture park to Myrtle Edwards Park, in the Belltown area. Development underway at South Lake Union Park will also contribute to new park experiences in the West Sector.

### ***Gaps in Single Family Usable Open Space***

*1/2 acre within 1/2 mile of households in single family areas*

All of the single family areas in the West Sector, which are concentrated in Magnolia and Queen Anne, are within 1/2 mile of Usable Open Space.

### ***Gaps in Urban Village Usable Open Space***

*\*Note: While Village Open Space that meets the City's distribution-based goals follow the Comprehensive Plan's proscribed 1/8 and 1/4 mile open space service area criteria, for the purposes of this report, Village Open Space that meets population-based goals is counted more selectively. Parks that are counted toward meeting the City's population-based Village Open Space goals for households, jobs and Village Commons are those which are located within or abutting urban village boundaries.*

### **Upper Queen Anne Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

Almost all locations within the Upper Queen Anne Residential Urban Village are within one eighth of a mile of Village Open Space.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.45 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.65 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	0 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	8.57 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

Although there are no parks within the Upper Queen Anne urban village, three parks abut the urban village boundary including West Queen Anne Playfield, Observatory Courts and Kerry Park. The 8.57 acres of Usable Open Space provided by these parks exceeds the City’s 2004 and 2024 goals for the neighborhood.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*  
 West Queen Anne Playfield and Kerry Park meet the City’s Village Commons criteria for the residential urban village which had a 2004 density of 27 households per acre and 31 households per acre estimated for 2024.

**Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*  
 Seattle Center, the new Counterbalance Park, Ward Springs Park, Kinnear Park, Bhy Kracke Park, Elliott Bay Park, Myrtle Edwards Park and the the newly acquired Alaskan Way Boulevard property (located adjacent to Myrtle Edwards Park) will provide Village Open Space within 1/8 mile of most of the Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center Village. While Counterbalance Park will provide new Usable Open Space to the northwest portion of the village, an open space gap still exists in this area.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	4.58 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	5.58 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	20.28 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	34.73 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

Seattle Center, Kinnear Park and the new Ward Springs and Counterbalance parks, all of which are within or abut the Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center Village, will provide almost 35 acres of Usable Open Space to the urban village. This surpasses both the *Comprehensive Plan’s* 2004 and 2024 acreage per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

The 20 acres of Usable Open Space at Seattle Center meet Village Commons criteria for the Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center Village which had 4,580 households in 2004 and an estimated 5,580 projected for 2024.

**Eastlake Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*  
 South Passage Point Park, Fairview Park, Roger’s Playfield, Terry Pettus Park and the new I-5 Colonnade open space provide Village Open Space within 1/4 mile of all Eastlake urban village locations. An open space gap appears when considering village locations within 1/8 mile of park space in the area between Rogers Playfield and Terry Pettus Park.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	2.76 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	3.01 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	4.7 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	13.17 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

Fairview Park, Rogers Playground, Terry Pettus Park and the new I-5 Colonnade open space provide 13.17 acres of park land within and immediately adjacent to the Eastlake urban village boundary thus exceeding the City’s 2004 and 2024 goals for Usable Open Space acreage per household.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

Both Fairview Park and Rogers Playground meet Village Commons criteria for the Eastlake Residential Urban Village where residential density was 14 households per acre in 2004.

**South Lake Union Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

Over half of the South Lake Union urban village appears to be within 1/8 mile from the Village Open Space provided by South Lake Union Park, Cascade Playground and Denny Park.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.21 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	9.21 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	15.7 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	15.7 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

South Lake Union Park, Cascade Playground and Denny Park provide 15.7 acres of park land to the South Lake Union Urban Center Village thus exceeding the City’s 2004 and 2024 acre per household goals for Usable Open Space.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

Although the South Lake Union urban village had a total of 1,210 households in 2004, the 2024 target household population is 9,210, well over the 2,500 household criteria for a Village Commons. South Lake Union Park, Cascade Playground and Denny Park all fulfill the City’s Village Commons goal for the South Lake Union Urban Center Village.

**Denny Triangle Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

Most of the Denny Triangle urban village is not served by Usable Open Space. While Denny Park abuts the Denny Triangle urban village boundary and Plymouth Pillars Park is very close to the village’s east boundary, these parks provide Usable Open Space to only those in the very northwest and southeast portions of the village. Because of this open space gap, Seattle Parks has some funding targeted toward the addition of new open space for the Denny Triangle Urban Center Village.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.29 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	4.29 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	0 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	4.63 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals met

Although there is no Usable Open Space within the Denny Triangle Urban Center Village boundary, Denny Park abuts the village and is counted as Usable Open Space serving the village. Denny Park’s 4.63 acres of park space allows the urban center village to meet both the City’s 2004 and 2024 acre per household of Village Open Space goal.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

While Denny Triangle had only 1,290 households in 2004, the 2024 household target is 4,290, thus meeting Village Commons criteria. Denny Park, at 4.63 acres, meets the Village Commons goal for the Denny Triangle Urban Center Village.

**Belltown Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

Regrade Park (currently an offleash dog park), Myrtle Edwards Park, the Belltown P-Patch and Cottage Park sites, Seattle Center, Victor Steinbrueck Park and Denny Park provide more than half of the Belltown Urban Center Village with Village Open Space. It should be noted that the new Belltown Cottage Park includes a small open space area along with three small cottages. The Cottage Park is immediately adjacent to the Belltown P-Patch and together they are counted as Usable Open Space because they amount to over 14,000 square feet of park space.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	8.64 acres/ 1,000 HH
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	13.34 acres/ 1,000 HH
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	7.64 acres/ 1,000 HH
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	7.64 acres/ 1,000 HH
Population-based goal result	Goals not met

Although parks within and immediately adjacent to the Belltown Urban Center Village, including Myrtle Edwards Park, the Belltown P-Patch and Cottage Park and Regrade Park, provide some Usable Open Space to Belltown residents, because of the dense residential population of the village, neither the City’s 2004 nor 2024 Village Open Space acre per household goals are met.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

Myrtle Edwards Park meets the Village Commons criteria for the Belltown Urban Center Village which in 2004 had 8,640 households.

**Commercial Core Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations* Freeway Park, Steinbrueck Park, Piers 62 and 63, Waterfront Park and City Hall Park provide Village Open Space to approximately a third of the Commercial Core Urban Center Village. The central portion of the village, which includes some of the most highly developed land in downtown Seattle, is farther than 1/8 mile from Usable Open Space.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	3.07 acres/ 1,000 HH
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	3.37 acres/ 1,000 HH
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	11.91 acres/ 1,000 HH
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	12.86 acres/ 1,000 HH
Population-based goal result	Goals met

Freeway Park, Steinbrueck Park, Piers 62 and 63, Waterfront Park and City Hall Park provide 12.86 acres of Village Open Space to the Commercial Core Urban Center Village, thus exceeding the Comprehensive Plan’s 2004 and 2024 open space per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

Freeway Park, Piers 62 and 63 and Waterfront Park all meet Village Commons criteria.

**Pioneer Square Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations* Under half of the Pioneer Square Urban Center Village is within 1/8 mile of the Village Open Space provided by Pioneer Square Park, Occidental Square and City Hall Park. Most of the southern portion of the village is not served by Usable Open Space. This area is zoned Manufacturing/Industrial.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	.79 acres/ 1,000 HH
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.79 acres/ 1,000 HH
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	1.87 acres/ 1,000 HH
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	1.87 acres/ 1,000 HH
Population-based goal result	Goals met

Pioneer Square, City Hall Park and Occidental Square provide 1.87 acres of Village Open Space to the Pioneer Square Urban Center Village, thus meeting the City’s 2004 and 2024 open space per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

Because Pioneer Square’s 2004 and 2024 household numbers are less than the 2,500 households Village Commons criteria (790 households in 2004, 1,790 households targeted for 2024), the Village Commons goal is not applicable to the Pioneer Square Urban Center Village.

**Chinatown/International District Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

Kobe Terrace, Hing Hay Park, International Children’s Park, Dr. Jose Rizal Park and the grounds at the new Yesler Community Center provide Usable Open Space within 1/8 mile of more than half of the Chinatown/International District Village. Additionally, Seattle Parks has acquisition funding that is intended to provide new Village Open Space for the Chinatown/International District Urban Center Village.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.91 acres/ 1,000 HH
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.91 acres/ 1,000 HH
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	1.57 acres/ 1,000 HH
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	1.57 acres/ 1,000 HH
Population-based goal result	Goals not met

Kobe Terrace, Hing Hay Park and the International Children’s Park provide 1.57 acres of Village Open Space within and abutting the Chinatown/International District Urban Center Village boundary. Therefore, the Chinatown/International District urban village does not have sufficient Village Open Space acreage to meet the Comprehensive Plan’s 2004 or 2024 open space per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

Kobe Terrace Park meets Village Commons criteria for the Chinatown/International District Urban Center Village which in 2004 had a household population of 1,910.

*Urban Center Village Open Space, Households + Jobs Goals:*

**Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center:**

*1 Acre Village Open Space per 1,000 Households + 1 Acre Village Open Space per 10,000 Jobs*

Usable Open Space needed to meet Open Space per 2004 Households & 2002 Jobs Goal	9.14 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space per Households + Jobs Goal	7.25 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	20.28 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	54.28 acres
Village Open Space, Households and Jobs Goal	HH + Jobs Goals Met

The Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center Village has 20.28 acres of Village Open Space within its boundaries. This number exceeds the goal for open space per jobs and households according to the 2002 and 2004 data, which was 9.14 acres, as well as the 2024 target of 7.25 acres of Village Open Space.

**South Lake Union Urban Center:**

*1 Acre Village Open Space per 1,000 Households + 1 Acre Village Open Space per 10,000 Jobs*

Usable Open Space needed to meet Open Space per 2004 Households & 2002 Jobs Goal	3.18 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space per Households + Jobs Goal	12.78 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	15.7 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	15.7 acres
Village Open Space, Households and Jobs Goal	HH + Jobs Goals Met

Because of the 15.7 acres of Village Open Space within the South Lake Union Urban Center’s boundary, the urban center meets the City’s goal for 3.18 acres of Village Open Space per jobs and households according to the 2002 and 2004 data. The 2024 target goal of 12.78 acres of Village Open Space is also met.

**Downtown Urban Center (Denny Triangle, Belltown, Commercial Core, Pioneer Square, Chinatown-International District urban center villages):**

*1 Acre Village Open Space per 1,000 Households + 1 Acre Village Open Space per 10,000 Jobs*

Usable Open Space needed to meet Open Space per 2004 Households & 2002 Jobs Goal	31.4 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space per Households + Jobs Goal	44.3 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	23 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	27.63 acres
Village Open Space, Households and Jobs Goal	HH + Jobs Goals Not Met

With 27.63 acres of Village Open Space within and abutting the Downtown Urban Center’s urban center village boundaries, the Downtown Urban Center does not meet either the Comprehensive Plan’s Village Open Space per households and jobs goals of 31.4 acres for the present or the 2024 target of 44.3 acres of Village Open Space.

**Four Contiguous Center City Urban Centers as a Whole (Downtown, Uptown, First Hill/Capitol Hill, South Lake Union Urban Centers):**

*1 Acre Village Open Space per 1,000 Households + 1 Acre Village Open Space per 10,000 Jobs*

Usable Open Space needed to meet Open Space per 2004 Households & 2002 Jobs Goal	67.01 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space per Households + Jobs Goal	94.58 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	69.91 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	84.36 acres
Village Open Space, Households and Jobs Goal	2004/2002 HH + Jobs Goal Met 2024 HH + Jobs Goal Not Met

With a total of 69.91 acres of Village Open Space contained within their boundaries, the four contiguous center city urban center’s urban center villages exceed the City’s Village Open Space per the 2004 households and 2002 jobs goal of 67.01 acres of Village Open Space. However, the center city urban center villages do not meet the 2024 households and jobs open space target of 94.58 acres of Village Open Space.

## **Summary of Open Space Gaps in West Sector Urban Villages**

### *Gaps in the Distribution of Usable Open Space:*

The biggest gaps in the distribution of Village Open Space in the West Sector are found in the Denny Triangle and Commercial Core urban center villages, where well over half of urban village locations are beyond 1/8 mile from public park amenities.

Approximately half of the Pioneer Square and Chinatown-International District urban center villages also appear to be lacking in Usable Open Space. It should be noted, however, that most of the underserved area of Pioneer Square is zoned Manufacturing/Industrial. Additionally, Seattle Parks currently has funding that is intended to help alleviate the open space gaps in Denny Triangle and the Chinatown-International District Urban Center Village.

When considering the Belltown Urban Center Village by the Comprehensive Plan's open space distribution criteria, it now appears that over half of the urban village is within 1/8 mile of Village Open Space. This is mainly because of the acquisition and development of the Belltown Cottage Park which, when combined with the immediately adjacent Belltown P-Patch, is over 10,000 square feet. Because Belltown, which has the highest current and estimated residential density of all the urban villages, does not meet the Village Open Space per households goals, it is clear that the amount of park acreage in the urban village is not sufficient to attain the Comprehensive Plan's proscribed open space service levels.

In terms of the remaining four of the West Sector's nine urban villages, specifically the Upper Queen Anne, South Lake Union, Uptown Queen Anne and Eastlake urban villages, because of existing park land and recent Pro Parks acquisition projects, these urban villages are almost completely served by Usable Open Space. The South Lake Union urban village does, however, have one notable gap area to the north of Cascade Playground.

### *Urban Villages that Do Not Meet Village Open Space and Households Goals:*

Of the eight Urban Center Villages within the densely populated West Sector, only the Belltown and Chinatown-International District Urban Center Villages do not meet the City's Village Open Space per household goal. (Belltown is the most densely populated urban village in the city.)

### *Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the Comprehensive Plan's Village Commons Goal*

Except for the Pioneer Square Urban Center Village, where the Village Commons criteria is not applicable, parks that meet the Village Commons criteria are available to all other West Sector urban villages.

### *Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the City's Village Open Space per Households Goals or the Village Open Space Distribution-based Goals:*

The Belltown Urban Center Village does not meet either the Comprehensive Plan's Village Open Space acreage per household or distribution-based goals. (The distribution

goal calls for all urban village locations to be within 1/8 mile of Village Open Space. There are gaps in northern and southern portions of the Belltown urban village.)

*Urban Centers that Do Not Meet Village Open Space, Households + Jobs Goals:*

The Downtown Urban Center does not meet the *Comprehensive Plan's* goals for Village Open Space for households plus jobs. Additionally, the four contiguous center city urban centers as a whole, which includes the Downtown, Uptown Queen Anne, South Lake Union and First Hill/Capitol Hill urban centers, meet the households plus jobs goals for 2002/2004 but do not meet the 2024 target goal.

***Planned and Funded Usable Open Space Projects in the West Sector***

Seattle Parks has funding for acquisitions that are targeted for open space gap areas in the Denny Triangle and Chinatown-International District Urban Villages. Parks also has funding to develop the Dexter Pit property at the base of Queen Anne Hill adjacent to Dexter Avenue.

## **East Sector Open Space Summary**

### ***Existing Open Space Amenities***

Significant open space and recreation sites in the East Sector include the Washington Park Arboretum, Volunteer Park, the new Cal Anderson Park and those parks adjacent to Lake Washington and Lake Washington Boulevard. Playfields and neighborhood and mini-parks are also located within various East Sector communities.

### ***New Usable Open Space since 2001***

Since 2001, Seattle Parks has developed 4.78 acres of park land in the East Sector, including Usable Open Space within the new Homer Harris, Horiuchi and Cal Anderson parks.

### ***Gaps in Single Family Usable Open Space***

*1/2 acre within 1/2 mile of households in single family areas*

Unlike most of the city's sectors, only about half of the East Sector is zoned single family. All of these single family areas are within 1/4 mile of parks with Usable Open Space.

### ***Gaps in Urban Village Usable Open Space***

*\*Note: While Village Open Space that meets the City's distribution-based goals follow the Comprehensive Plan's proscribed 1/8 and 1/4 mile open space service area criteria, for the purposes of this report, Village Open Space that meets population-based goals is counted more selectively. Parks that are counted toward meeting the City's population-based Village Open Space goals for households, jobs and Village Commons are those which are located within or abutting urban village boundaries.*

### **Capitol Hill Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*  
Tashkent Park, Cal Anderson Park and Pendleton Miller Playfield are within 1/8 mile of approximately a third of the urban village. Though not counted as Usable Open Space for the Capitol Hill village, Volunteer Park is also just over 1/8 from residents in the northeast corner of the urban village. Seattle Parks has funding to purchase two acquisitions that are intended to provide open space to the gap areas on the eastern and western sides of Broadway.

### ***Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households***

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	12.25 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	13.25 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	7.85 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	7.85 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals not met

Despite the addition of four acres of Village Open Space at the new Cal Anderson Park, and the existing open space at Tashkent Park, which are both within the Capitol Hill Urban Center Village’s boundary, the Capitol Hill urban village does not meet the City’s open space per household goals for 2004 or 2024.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

Cal Anderson Park meets the Village Commons criteria for the Capitol Hill Urban Center Village which in 2004 had a household population of 12,250.

**Pike/Pine Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

Because of the Village Open Space provided by Cal Anderson Park and Plymouth Pillars Park, over half of the Pike/Pine Urban Center Village appears to be within 1/8 mile of Village Open Space. Freeway Park also provides Usable Open Space to residents in the southwest section of the village.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	2.8 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	3.4 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	8.06 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	8.06 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

Cal Anderson Park and Plymouth Pillars Park provide 8.06 acres of Village Open Space to the Pike/Pine Urban Center Village thus meeting the 2004 and 2024 Usable Open Space per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

Cal Anderson Park meets the Village Commons criteria for the Pike/Pine Urban Center Village which in 2004 had a household population of 2,800.

**First Hill Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

While Freeway Park, the new Horiuchi Park and the grounds of the new Yesler Community Center provide some Village Open Space, most locations within the First Hill Urban Center Village are beyond 1/8 mile from Usable Open Space. (King County’s Harborview Park, which used to offer open space to First Hill residents, is now unavailable because of the Harborview Hospital expansion.)

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	6.02 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	7.22 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	6.60 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and adjacent to Urban Village Boundary	6.89 acres
Population-based goal result	2004 Goal Met 2024 Goal Not Met

Freeway Park, the new Horiuchi Park and the grounds of the new Yesler Community Center provide 6.89 acres of Village Open Space within and abutting the First Hill Urban Center Village. With this open space acreage, the First Hill urban village meets the City’s open space per household goal for 2004. Because of First Hill’s relatively high household population, however, the 2024 households target is not met.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

Freeway Park meets the Village Commons criteria for the First Hill Urban Center Village which in 2004 had a household population of 6,020.

**12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

While the Spring Street Mini-Park and new Horiuchi Park provide some Village Open Space, most locations within the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Village are farther than 1/8 mile from publicly owned Usable Open Space. It should be noted that the privately operated Seattle University occupies much of the north end of the village and does have some open space, though green space and access is limited. (None of the Seattle University campus is counted as Village Open Space.) Seattle Parks has funding for an acquisition that is intended to provide additional Usable Open Space to the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue urban village.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.45 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.15 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	.29 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	.29 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals not met

While the new Horiuchi Park provides .29 acres of Village Open Space to the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Village (the Spring Street Mini-Park is not within or abutting the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue urban village), this amount does not meet either the 2004 or 2024 Usable Open Space acreage per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where existing and target households total 2,500 or more*

Because neither the urban village’s 1,450 existing households in 2004 nor the 2,150 target households for 2024 meet the Comprehensive Plan’s 2,500 households cut-off, the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Village does not meet the criteria for the Village Commons goal.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue S @ S Jackson – Union Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

Because of Garfield Playfield and the Pratt, Lavizzo and Judkins parks, almost all of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Jackson-Union residential urban village is within 1/4 mile of Usable Open Space. At the 1/8 mile level, however, areas in the north, southwest and east parts of the village are not served.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	3.73 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	4.38 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	28.63 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	33.48 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

Garfield Playfield, Pratt Park, Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park, Powell Barnett Park, Flo Ware Park and Judkins Park and Playfield provide 33.48 acres of Village Open Space to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave @ S Jackson-Union Residential Urban Village, thus meeting the City’s open space per household goals for 2004 and 2024.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

With residential densities at 7 households per acre in 2004, and estimated at 9 households per acre in 2024, the village does not meet the Comprehensive Plan’s Village Commons criteria.

**Madison-Miller Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

Except for the southwest corner of the village, Pendleton Miller Playfield, Prentis Frazier Park, the new Homer Harris Park and Plum Tree Park provide Village Open Space within 1/4 mile of most village locations. At the 1/8 mile level, the gap in open space at the southwest end of the village increases.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.93 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.43 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	7.56 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	8.06 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

Pendleton Miller Playfield and the new Homer Harris Park are within or abutting the Madison-Miller urban village. As such, they provide 8.06 acres of Village Open Space to Madison Miller residents, thus meeting the City’s 2004 and 2024 open space acreage per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

Pendleton Miller Playfield meets Village Commons criteria for the Madison-Miller Residential Urban Village, which had a residential density of 13 households per acre in 2004.

*Urban Center Village Open Space, Households (HH) + Jobs Goals:*

**First Hill/Capitol Hill Urban Center (Capitol Hill, Pike/Pine, First Hill and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Villages)**

*1 Acre Village Open Space per 1,000 Households + 1 Acre Village Open Space per 10,000 Jobs*

Usable Open Space needed to meet Open Space per 2004 Households & 2002 Jobs Goal	26.29 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space per Households + Jobs Goal	30.25 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	13.99 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	13.99 acres
Village Open Space, Households and Jobs Goal	HH + Jobs Goals Not Met

With 13.99 acres of Village Open Space existing within and abutting the boundaries of the First Hill/Capitol Hill urban center villages, the urban center does not meet either the Village Open Space per 2004 households and 2002 jobs goals for 26.29 acres of Village Open Space, or the 2024 target goal of 30.25 acres.

***Summary of Open Space Gaps in East Sector Urban Villages***

*Gaps in the Distribution of Usable Open Space:*

Of the six urban villages within the East Sector, the Capitol Hill, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and First Hill urban center villages have the most significant gaps in open space with the Pike/Pine village also experiencing fairly large gaps. While the creation of the new Horiuchi Park provides new Village Open Space to residents near the southern boundary of the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Village, another acquisition is planned to help close the significant open space gaps that currently exist in that urban village. Seattle Parks also has funding to pursue open space for the First Hill Urban Center Village, which recently lost King County’s Harborview Park to development. The Capitol Hill and Pike/Pine urban center villages have benefited greatly from the development of Cal Anderson Park, and for Pike/Pine residents, the redevelopment of Plymouth Pillars Park. Because well over half of the densely populated Capitol Hill urban village is outside of the 1/8 mile open space service range, Seattle Parks has funding for two more acquisitions within the Capitol Hill Urban Center Village which should help close open space gaps in there.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet Village Open Space and Households Goals:*

Of the six urban villages in the East Sector, the Capitol Hill, Pike/Pine and First Hill urban center villages rank within the top five of the most densely populated urban villages in the city. It is not surprising then, that two of these areas, specifically, the Capitol Hill and First Hill urban center villages, do not meet the City's Village Open Space per household goals. The 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Village also does not meet the open space per households goal. The Pike/Pine, Madison-Miller and 23<sup>rd</sup> & Union-Jackson villages do meet either the 2002 or the 2024 population-based goals.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the Village Commons Goal:*

The Capitol Hill, Pike/Pine, First Hill and Madison-Miller urban villages all have Village Commons parks that meet City criteria. The 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> & Union-Jackson urban villages do not meet the Comprehensive plan's population and residential density criteria, so the Village Commons goal is not applicable to those urban villages.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the City's Village Open Space per Households Goals or the Village Open Space Distribution-based Goals:*

The Capitol Hill, First Hill and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Villages do not meet either the Comprehensive Plan's population or distribution-based Village Open Space goals.

*Urban Centers that Do Not Meet Village Open Space, Households + Jobs Goals*

The First Hill/Capitol Hill Urban Center does not meet the City's Village Open Space goals for 2004 households and 2002 jobs or for the 2024 households and jobs target for Village Open Space.

***Planned and Funded Usable Open Space Projects in the East Sector***

Planned and funded projects that will increase open space in the East Sector include acquisitions east and west of Broadway in Capitol Hill and acquisitions targeted for the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and First Hill urban center villages.

## **Southwest Sector Open Space Summary**

### ***Existing Open Space Amenities***

Alki Beach Park, Camp Long, the West Seattle Stadium and Golf Course, Westcrest Park and Lincoln Park provide significant open space and recreation to the Southwest Sector. Ballfields and smaller neighborhood parks are located throughout the area.

### ***New Usable Open Space since 2001***

Since 2001, Seattle Parks has made purchases that will add 1.5 acres of Usable Open Space to Southwest including Oxbow Park, Dakota Place Park, Nantes Park and the soon to be developed park site west of the West Seattle Junction at 48<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and SW Alaska St. Seattle Parks has also acquired twenty acres of natural area and greenspace in West Seattle and provided funding to improve the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail.

### ***Gaps in Single Family Usable Open Space***

*1/2 acre within 1/2 mile of households in single family areas*

Except for a significant gap in Usable Open Space for the large lot single family area in the southwest corner of the sector, most West Seattle single family neighborhoods are within a half a mile of Usable Open Space.

### ***Gaps in Urban Village Usable Open Space***

*\*Note: While Village Open Space that meets the City's distribution-based goals follow the Comprehensive Plan's proscribed 1/8 and 1/4 mile open space service area criteria, for the purposes of this report, Village Open Space that meets population-based goals is counted more selectively. Parks that are counted toward meeting the City's population-based Village Open Space goals for households, jobs and Village Commons are those which are located within or abutting urban village boundaries.*

### **Admiral Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*  
Hiawatha Playfield is within 1/4 mile of most locations within the Admiral Residential Urban Village. Gaps in the provision of park space appear in the single family zoned areas at the far north and south ends of the village when considering locations 1/8 mile from Hiawatha, leaving approximately half of the village underserved by Village Open Space.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1 acre
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.2 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	12.08 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	12.08 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

Hiawatha Playfield provides 12.08 acres of Usable Open Space to the Admiral Residential Urban Village which exceeds the City’s 2004 and 2024 open space per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

Hiawatha Playfield meets Village Open Space criteria for the Admiral Residential Urban Village, which had an overall residential density of 10 households per acre in 2004.

**West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile*

Usable Open Space for the West Seattle Junction urban village is provided in part by the open space at the West Seattle stadium and Camp Long. (The West Seattle Golf Course is not counted or measured as Usable Open Space for the Junction village and Camp Long is outside the 1/8 mile service area.) The new Dakota Place Park and open space to be developed at 48<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and SW Alaska St. west of the urban village will also provide Usable Open Space within 1/8 mile of some residents. Despite these existing and new Village Open Spaces, however, most of the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village is farther than 1/8 mile from Usable Open Space.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	2.28 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.98 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	0 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	12.39 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

The West Seattle Stadium and the open space under development at Dakota Place Park will provide 12.39 acres of Village Open Space to the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village. These are the only two open spaces within and abutting the West Seattle Junction urban village and their combined acreage exceeds the City’s 2004 and 2024 open space per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size*

The West Seattle Stadium meets the Comprehensive Plan’s criteria and goals for a Village Commons. However, recreational opportunities are limited at the stadium because of its specialized nature.

**Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

Although Lowman Beach Park is within 1/8 mile of the village and Fairmount Playground and Solstice Park are within a quarter of a 1/4 mile of areas at the north and south ends of the village, most of the Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village is outside of these open space service areas. On the positive side, Seattle Parks currently has funding for an acquisition that is specifically targeted to bring more Usable Open

Space to the Morgan Junction village. Additionally, Seattle Parks has funding to develop park space on top of the Myrtle Reservoir, which will add significant Usable Open Space to an area within approximately 1/4 mile of the Morgan Junction urban village.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.09 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.29 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	0 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	0 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals not met

The Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village currently has no Village Open Space within or immediately adjacent to its boundary and thus does not meet the City’s goals for Village Open Space acreage per households.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

While the Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village meets the *Comprehensive Plan’s* residential density criteria for a Village Commons (the Morgan Junction urban village had 10 households per acre in 2004, and 11 households per acre are targeted for 2024), the City’s goal for a Village Commons is currently not met.

**Westwood-Highland Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

About a third of the Westwood-Highland Village is within 1/4 mile of the newly renovated Roxhill Park. Because this is the only park that provides Usable Open Space to the village, only around a quarter of the village is within 1/8 mile of Village Open Space.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	2.02 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.42 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	0 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	13.4 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

Roxhill Park provides 13.4 acres of Village Open Space to residents of the Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village, thus exceeding the City’s 2004 and 2024 open space per household goals.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*  
 With a 2004 residential density of 7 households per acre and a 2024 target residential density of 9 households per acre, the Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village does not meet the criteria for a Village Commons park.

**South Park Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*  
 Because of the Duwamish Waterway Park, South Park Playground and South Park (Marra) Farm, almost all of the South Park village is within one 1/4 mile of Usable Open Space. The exception is the area adjacent to the village’s western boundary. Around half of the urban village is farther than 1/8 mile from these locations.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.03 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.28 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	14.23 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	14.23 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

South Park Playground and South Park (Marra) Farm, which are within the South Park Residential Urban Village’s boundary, provide 14.23 acres of Village Open Space to residents of the South Park urban village. Therefore, the South Park urban village exceeds the City’s 2004 and 2024 acreage per household goals for Village Open Space.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*  
 With a 2004 residential density of 4 households per acre and a 2024 target residential density of 5 households per acre, the South Park Residential Urban Village does not meet the criteria for a Village Commons park.

***Summary of Open Space Gaps in Southwest Sector Urban Villages***

***Gaps in the Distribution of Village Open Space:***

In terms of gaps in the distribution of Village Open Space in the Southwest Sector, almost all of the Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village and most of the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village lack sufficient open space. While the development of Dakota Place Park, and to a lesser extent the 48<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and SW Alaska St. and Junction Plaza sites, will provide some Usable Open Space to the western neighborhoods of the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village, residents within the interior portions of the village are still more than 1/8 mile from Usable Open Space. Additionally, under half of the Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village is served by Usable Open Space. In terms of Southwest Sector urban villages with the greatest amount of park space, almost all of the Admiral and South Park residential urban villages are within Usable Open Space service areas.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet Village Open Space and Household Goals:*

Out of the Southwest Sector's five urban villages, the Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village is the only one that does not meet the City's 2004 and 2024 Village Open Space per household goal. In fact, currently there is no Usable Open Space within or abutting the Morgan Junction urban village.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the Village Commons Goal:*

While the Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village meets the Village Commons criteria, there are no parks within or immediately adjacent to the Morgan Junction urban village, so the City's Village Commons goal for the Morgan urban village is not met. The West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village and Admiral Residential Urban Village meet the Village Commons criteria and goals. The Westwood-Highland Park and South Park residential urban villages, however, do not meet the City's Village Commons residential density criteria, and thus the Village Commons goal is not applicable to these urban villages.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the City's Village Open Space per Households Goals or the Village Open Space Distribution-based Goals:*

The Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village does not meet the Comprehensive Plan's population or distribution-based Village Open Space goals.

***Planned and Funded Usable Open Space Projects in the Southwest Sector***

Seattle Parks has funding to help fill the large gap in Usable Open Space in the Morgan Junction Residential Village.

## **Southeast Sector Open Space Summary**

### ***Existing Open Space Amenities***

Jefferson Park and the Jefferson Park Golf Course, Genesee Park, Seward Park and Kubota Gardens provide considerable open space and recreation amenities to the Southeast Sector. There are also smaller scale neighborhood parks and playfields throughout the area.

### ***New Open Space since 2001***

With Pro Parks and private funding, three parks including, Hitt’s Hill Park, York Park and Lake People’s Park, have been developed since 2001, which provide 3.94 acres of new Usable Open Space to the sector. The new Mount Baker Ridge Viewpoint will contribute another .11 of park space to the area and, significantly, new development at Jefferson Park will add an estimated 22 acres of park space to the Southeast Sector. Additionally, there are several new trail developments within the sector including the path at Cheasty Boulevard, the Mapes Creek Walkway in Rainier Beach and the 3.6 mile Chief Sealth Trail, which will connect Beacon Hill to the Rainier Valley.

### ***Gaps in Single Family Usable Open Space***

*1/2 acre within 1/2 mile of households in single family areas*

Except for the neighborhoods in the southwest portion of the sector around Beacon Avenue South, single family areas in Southeast are served by Usable Open Space.

### ***Gaps in Urban Village Usable Open Space***

*\*Note: While Village Open Space that meets the City’s distribution-based goals follow the Comprehensive Plan’s proscribed 1/8 and 1/4 mile open space service area criteria, for the purposes of this report, Village Open Space that meets population-based goals is counted more selectively. Parks that are counted toward meeting the City’s population-based Village Open Space goals for households, jobs and Village Commons are those which are located within or abutting urban village boundaries.*

### **North Beacon Hill Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

While much of the North Beacon urban village is located within 1/4 mile of Village Open Space, including Beacon Hill Playground, the Twelfth Avenue South Viewpoint, Katie Black’s Garden and Dr. Jose Rizal Park, approximately half of the village is farther than 1/8 mile from Usable Open Space. Though 22 acres of new park space will be added to Jefferson Park, the park is just over 1/4 mile from the village’s southern border.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.17 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.66 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	2.96 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	4.02 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

Beacon Hill Playground and the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Viewpoint, which make up all of the Village Open Space within and abutting the North Beacon Hill Residential Urban Village, provide 4.02 acres of Usable Open Space. This exceeds the City’s 2004 and 2024 open space goals for the North Beacon urban village.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

Beacon Hill Playground meets the Village Commons criteria for the North Beacon Hill Residential Urban Village, which had a residential density of 9 households per acre in 2004, and a target of 13 households per acre in 2024.

**North Rainier Hub Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 mile of all village locations*

While multiple parks provide significant acreage of Usable Open Space to the North Rainier Hub Urban Village, including the newly developed York and Lake People’s parks, more than half of the urban village appears to be farther than 1/8 mile from Village Open Space. Though 22 acres of new park space will be developed on the lid of the reservoir at Jefferson Park, residents of the North Rainier Hub Urban Village will be over 1/2 mile from this large new park space, which is farther than the Comprehensive Plan’s 1/8 mile Village Open Space service area for hub urban villages.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.59 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.49 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	31.03 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	31.29 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

Atlantic Street Park, Sam Smith Park, Colman Playground, Bradner Gardens Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park, and the new York Park provide 31.29 acres of Village Open Space to the North Rainier Hub Urban Village, thus exceeding the City’s 2004 and 2024 open space per household goals for the village.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size*

Colman Playground, Bradner Gardens Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park all meet Village Commons criteria.

**Columbia City Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

Rainier Playfield, Columbia Park, the new Hitt’s Hill Park, Genesee Playfield and Brighton Playfield are located within 1/4 mile of most Columbia City urban village locations in the south and east portions of the village. Gaps in open space gap exist in around a third of the urban village, specifically to the northwest on either side of Martin Luther King Way, at the 1/4 mile range. These gaps in open space increase to include

just under half of the urban village when considering parks within 1/8 mile of all village locations.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.75 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.55 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	15.24 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	15.24 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

Rainier Playfield, Columbia Park and the new Hitt’s Hill Park, all within the Columbia City Residential Urban Village’s boundary, provide 15.24 acres of Village Open Space. The total acreage of these parks meets the City’s 2004 and 2024 goals for open space per household for the Columbia City urban village.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

Because of Columbia City’s 2004 residential density of 6 and the 2024 target of 8 households per acre, the City’s criteria for a Village Commons does not apply to the Columbia City Residential Urban Village.

**MLK@Holly Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*

Almost all of the MLK@Holly urban village is within 1/4 mile of the Village Open Space provided by John C. Little Sr. Park (formerly the 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Park), Brighton Playfield, Van Asselt Playground and Othello Playground. When considering village locations within 1/8 mile from Usable Open Space, gaps appear east of Martin Luther King Way, including those near the village’s northern boundary north of South Graham Street, to the north of Van Asselt Playground and south of South Othello Street.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	2.08 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	2.67 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	5.76 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	34.65 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

John C. Little Sr. Park, Brighton Playfield, Van Asselt Playground and Othello Playground provide 34.65 acres of Village Open Space to the MLK@Holly Residential Urban Village, thus exceeding the City’s open space per household goals for the MLK@Holly urban village.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

Because the MLK@Holly urban village’s residential density in 2004 was 6 and target density is 7 households per acre for 2024, The City’s criteria for a Village Commons does not apply to the MLK@Holly Residential Urban Village.

**Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village:**

*Distribution-based Goal: 10,000 square feet within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of all village locations*  
 Except for the area south of Rainier Beach Playfield, most of the Rainier Beach urban village is within 1/4 mile of the Village Open Space provided by Rainier Beach Playfield, Pritchard Island Beach Park and Kubota Gardens. Gaps in open space occur when considering village locations within 1/8 mile of open space, leaving just under half of the urban village underserved by Village Open Space.

*Population-based Goals: 1 acre Village Open Space per 1,000 households (HH)*

Usable Open Space needed to meet 2004 Open Space Household Goal	1.37 acres
Usable Open Space needed to meet 2024 Open Space Household Goal	1.97 acres
Existing Usable Open Space within Urban Village Boundary	9.47 acres
*Existing Usable Open Space within and abutting Urban Village Boundary	22.88 acres
Population-based goal result	Goals Met

Rainier Beach Playfield and Pritchard Island Beach Park, the Village Open Space within and abutting the Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village, provide 22.88 acres of Usable Open Space to the Rainier Beach urban village. This exceeds the City’s 2004 and 2024 open space per household goals for the urban village.

*Village Commons Goal: At least one Usable Open Space of at least one acre in size where overall residential density is 10 households per gross acre or more*

Because the Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village had a residential density of 5 in 2004 and a target of 8 in 2024, the City’s criteria for a Village commons does not apply to the Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village.

***Summary of Open Space Gaps in Southeast Sector Urban Villages***

*Gaps in the Distribution of Village Open Space:*

Of the Southeast Sector’s five urban villages, the North Rainier Hub Urban Village has the largest gaps in Usable Open Space with over half of the urban village located farther than 1/8 mile from park sites. While less than half of the Columbia City is served by Village Open Space at the 1/8 mile range, this open space gap decreases to around a third of the Columbia City Residential Urban Village is at the 1/4 mile level. While most of the North Beacon Hill, MLK@Holly and Rainier Beach residential urban villages are within 1/4 mile of Village Open Space, some gaps appear when considering parks within 1/8 mile of locations within those urban villages.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the Village Open Space and Households Goals:*  
All five of the Southeast Sector's urban villages meet the Comprehensive Plan's Village Open Space acreage per household goals for 2004 and 2024.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the Village Commons Goal:*  
While the North Beacon and North Rainier Urban Villages all contain parks that meet Village Commons criteria and goals, the goal is not applicable in the Columbia City, MLK@Holly and Rainier Beach urban villages where residential densities are fairly low.

*Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the City's Village Open Space per Households Goals or the Village Open Space Distribution-based Goals:*  
While open space gaps of different levels exist within the Southeast Sector's urban villages, it is the only sector in the city in which all of the urban villages have sufficient Usable Open Space to meet the City's population-based open space goals.

***Planned and Funded Usable Open Space Projects in the Southeast Sector***

The Jefferson Park reservoir lidding project will add 22 acres of Usable Open Space within 1/2 mile of the North Beacon Hill, North Rainier and Columbia City urban villages. Since Village Open Space is within 1/8 to 1/4 mile of urban villages, however, this new amenity is not counted as new Village Open Space for any of these villages. The Rainier Beach Plaza is also a planned and funded park amenity that will be built in conjunction with the School District within the Rainier Beach urban village, though the space will probably be under 10,000 square feet, and therefore is not counted as Village Open Space.

## **SUMMARY OF USABLE OPEN SPACE CITYWIDE**

The following discussion provides an overview of acquisition and development projects that have filled gaps in Usable Open Space since 2001, and reviews the gaps identified in the sector by sector open space summaries.

### **PROGRESS IN FILLING GAPS IN USABLE OPEN SPACE SINCE 2001**

Since 2001, the Pro Parks Levy and other funding has been used for acquisition and development projects to fill Usable Open Space gaps in 18 of the city's 38 urban villages. The chart below highlights the projects that have helped to fill open space gaps. Projects that are planned and funded but not yet completed are included.

#### **Village Open Space Gaps Filled Since 2001**

<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>URBAN VILLAGE</b>	<b>NEW USABLE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS/DEVELOPMENTS</b>
<b>Northwest</b>	Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village	Bitter Lake Open Space
	Aurora-Licton Residential Urban Village	Greenwood Park
	Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village	Greenwood Park
	Ballard Hub Urban Village	Ballard Commons Park, new acquisition at 17 <sup>th</sup> NW & NW 63 <sup>rd</sup> and pending acquisition at 17 <sup>th</sup> NW & NW 62nd
	Northeast Ballard Single Family Area	*6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Pocket Park (*Does not meet Seattle Parks & Recreation Plan criteria for Single Family Usable Open Space)
<b>Northeast</b>	Northgate Urban Center	Northgate Park, Maple Leaf Community Garden, proposed acquisition of King County North Park & Ride Lot
	University Urban Center Village	Funded acquisition project
<b>West</b>	Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center Village	Ward Springs Park, Counterbalance Park
	Belltown Urban Center Village	Belltown Cottage Park, Alaskan Way Blvd, Sculpture Garden
	Denny Triangle Urban Center Village	Funded acquisition project
	Chinatown-International District Urban Center Village	Funded acquisition project
<b>East</b>	Capitol Hill Urban Center Village	Two funded acquisition projects
	First Hill Urban Center Village	Horiuchi Park, funded acquisition project
	12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Village	Funded acquisition project
<b>Southwest</b>	West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village	Dakota Place Park
	Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village	Funded acquisition project
<b>Southeast</b>	North Rainier Hub Urban Village	York Park, Lake People's Park
	Columbia City Residential Urban Village	Hitt's Hill Park

**REMAINING GAPS IN URBAN VILLAGE USABLE OPEN SPACE CITYWIDE**

While there are gaps in the distribution of Usable Open Space in all 38 of Seattle’s urban villages, the following chart lists the 16 urban villages that currently have open space gaps in over half of their total land area.

Funded and proposed acquisitions that are not yet completed are noted in the last column of the chart. If these acquisitions meet the Comprehensive Plan’s 10,000 square foot criteria for Village Open Space, some of the urban villages listed below may no longer have open space deficiencies in over half of their total land area. More specifically, if the acquisition in Ballard on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and NW 62<sup>nd</sup> and the proposed acquisition of the King County North Park and Ride in Northgate go forward, a majority of the Ballard and Northgate urban villages will be served by Village Open Space.

**Urban Villages with Open Space Gaps in Over Half their Total Land Area**

<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>URBAN VILLAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED AND PENDING PARK ACQUISITIONS THAT COULD DECREASE OPEN SPACE GAPS</b>
<b>Northwest</b>	Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village	
	Ballard Hub Urban Village	Acquisition funding available to purchase lot next to park site recently purchased at 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave NW and NW 63 <sup>rd</sup> St - this would allow park site to expand to 10,000 square feet, which meets City’s Village Open Space goal
	Fremont Hub Urban Village	
	Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village	
<b>Northeast</b>	Northgate Urban Center Village	If King County North Park and Ride purchased for new park, this could fill large open space gap
	University Urban Center Village	While funding available for new park, acquisition may not meet 10,000 square foot Village Open Space goal
	Ravenna Urban Center Village	
<b>West</b>	Denny Triangle Urban Center Village	While funding available for new park, acquisition may not meet 10,000 square foot Village Open Space goal
	Commercial Core Urban Center Village	
<b>East</b>	Capitol Hill Urban Center Village	While funding available for two new parks, acquisitions may not meet 10,000 square foot Village Open Space goal
	First Hill Urban Center Village	While funding available for new park, acquisition may not meet 10,000 square foot Village Open Space goal
	12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Village	While funding available for new park, acquisition may not meet 10,000 square foot Village Open Space goal
<b>Southwest</b>	West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village	
	Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village	While funding available for new park, acquisition may not meet 10,000 square foot Village Open Space goal
	Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village	
<b>Southeast</b>	North Rainier Hub Urban Village	

### **Urban Villages that Do Not Meet Village Open Space and Households Goals**

Eight of the city's 38 urban villages do not meet the City's 2004 and/or 2024 goals for acreage of Village Open Space per households. These urban villages include the *Belltown Urban Center Village*, which was the City's most densely populated urban village in 2004, and is anticipated to be the most densely populated urban village in 2024, the *Chinatown-International District Urban Center Village*, the *Capitol Hill Urban Center Village*, the *First Hill Urban Center Village*, the *12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Village*, the *University District Urban Center Village*, the *Greenwood/Phinney Residential Urban Village* and the *Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village*.

### **Urban Villages that Do Not Meet the Village Commons Goal**

The *Greenwood-Phinney* and *Morgan Junction* residential urban villages each have more than ten households per gross acre. This means that the Comprehensive Plan's goal for providing Village Commons parks of at least one acre to residential urban villages which have ten households per gross acre or more applies to these residential urban villages. However, neither the Greenwood-Phinney nor the Morgan Junction residential urban villages have a park of at least one acre within or abutting their boundaries. (As previously stated, this study only counts Village Open Space within or abutting urban village boundaries toward meeting the City's Village Commons goals.) It should be noted, however, that Sandel Playground and the new Greenwood Park, both more than one acre in size, are within 1/8 mile of the northern portions of the Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village. The Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village also has Village Open Space of one acre or more available within 1/4 mile of residents in the far northeastern and southwestern parts of the urban village at Fairmount Playground, Lowman Beach Park and the newly developed Solstice Park.

### **Urban Centers that Do Not Meet Village Open Space, Households and Jobs Goals**

The *Downtown* and *First Hill/Capitol Hill* urban centers do not meet the Comprehensive Plan's goals for Village Open Space per households and jobs currently or in 2024. The *four contiguous center city urban centers as a whole*, which include Downtown, First Hill/Capitol Hill, Uptown Queen Anne and South Lake Union, meet the combined 2002 jobs plus 2004 households goal for open space but do not meet the 2024 target. The Uptown Queen Anne, South Lake Union, University and Northgate urban centers meet both the current and 2024 target goals for Village Open Space for households and jobs.

## **REMAINING GAPS IN SINGLE FAMILY USABLE OPEN SPACE CITYWIDE**

Most of the single family areas in the city are served by Usable Open Space. Exceptions to this in the north end include the large lot neighborhoods in the *northwest corner of the city*, the area *south of the Bitter Lake Urban Village*, most of which is utilized by the Evergreen-Washelli cemetery and in the Whittier neighborhood in *northeast Ballard*. There are also gaps in the larger lot sections of *Jackson Park* and in the *Wedgwood* neighborhood around Decatur Elementary School. While not counted as Usable Open Space, the grounds of Decatur Elementary are quite large and include ball fields that are extensively scheduled for non-school uses. The last notable gap in single family open space in the city's north end exists adjacent to Lake Washington north of Mathews Beach. Gaps in Usable Open Space in single family neighborhoods in the south end of the city include areas of *Beach Drive* adjacent to Puget Sound to the west of the Morgan Junction urban village and in large lot areas at the very *southwest and southeast portions of the city*. Single family neighborhoods in the East and West Sectors are currently fully served by Usable Open Space.

## **SIGNIFICANT REMAINING GAPS IN USABLE OPEN SPACE**

### **SIGNIFICANT OPEN SPACE GAPS IN URBAN VILLAGES**

From the citywide open space gap summary above, it appears that 18 of the 38 urban villages do not meet one or more Village Open Space goals and may also face considerable shortages in the distribution of open space. To further understand which of these 18 urban villages face the most significant open space gaps, the following chart lists these urban villages, the open space goals that are not met within each urban village and their 2004 and 2024 estimated residential densities.

#### **Urban Villages that Do Not Meet Village Open Space Goals**

<b>Urban Village</b>	<b>Does Not Meet Household (HH) Goals</b>	<b>Does Not Meet Village Commons Goal</b>	<b>Open Space Gap in Over Half of Urban Village</b>	<b>2004 Residential Density (HH/Acre)</b>	<b>2024 Estimated Residential Density (HH/Acre)</b>
Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village			X	6	8
Greenwood-Phinney Residential Urban Village	X	X	X	16	25
*Ballard Hub Urban Village			X	12	14
Fremont Hub Urban Village			X	10	12
*Northgate Urban Center Village			X	8	15
University Urban Center Village	X		X	18	25
Ravenna Urban Center Village			X	11	15
Denny Triangle Urban Center Village			X	9	30
Belltown Urban Center Village	X			39	61
Commercial Core Urban Center Village			X	11	13
Chinatown-International District Urban Center Village	X			11	17
Capitol Hill Urban Center Village	X		X	31	33
First Hill Urban Center Village	X		X	26	32
12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Center Village	X		X	9	13
Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village	X	X	X	10	11
West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village			X	10	13
Westwood-Highland Residential Urban Village			X	7	9
North Rainier Hub Urban Village			X	4	5

\*While the Ballard and Northgate urban villages are listed within this chart, if the acquisition in Ballard on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and NW 62<sup>nd</sup> and the proposed acquisition of the King County North Park and Ride in Northgate go forward, a majority of the Ballard and Northgate urban villages will be served by Village Open Space.

### **Urban Villages with the Most Significant Gaps in Usable Open Space**

While all of the open space gaps recorded in this report are noteworthy, it is useful to identify where future investments in open space may benefit the largest number of people. Therefore, for the purposes of this report, *the urban villages which are considered to have the most significant gaps in open space are those which:*

- Do not meet one or more of the Comprehensive Plan’s Village Open Space goals.
- Have high residential densities currently or as anticipated in the near future.

While large gaps in Village Open Space exist in the hub and residential urban villages listed above, *another issue to consider in determining which urban villages have the most significant gaps in open space is:*

- Additional demand for open space amenities faced by urban centers with higher workforce populations.

The fact that the Downtown and First Hill/Capitol Hill urban centers do not meet Village Open Space goals for households plus jobs, therefore, can be seen as adding another dimension to the open space deficiencies experienced within the Downtown and First Hill/Capitol Hill urban center villages.

When taking into account these factors, the urban villages facing the greatest open space gaps appear to be urban center villages with the highest existing and estimated residential densities that have the largest gaps in the distribution of Village Open Space. The urban villages that fit this description include the *Denny Triangle*, *First Hill* and *12<sup>th</sup> Avenue* urban center villages and the *University* urban center village. While more than half of the *Belltown* Urban Center Village is now served by Village Open Space, according to the Comprehensive Plan’s criteria, Belltown’s high residential density, which is expected to increase from 39 households per acre in 2004, to 61 households per acre in 2024 – the highest in the city now and in the future - is reason to include it as one of the urban villages with the most significant open space deficiencies.

### **SIGNIFICANT OPEN SPACE GAPS IN SINGLE FAMILY AREAS**

When looking at the most significant gaps in single family open space, the areas that appear to have the greatest open space deficiencies are located in the higher density, smaller lot neighborhoods. These areas include the Whittier neighborhood in *northeast Ballard* around the new 6th Avenue Pocket Park (which is not considered Single Family Usable Open Space), a section of the Northeast Sector’s Wedgwood neighborhood to the *northeast of Dahl Playfield* and in the *Beach Drive area* northwest of the Morgan Junction Residential Urban Village in West Seattle.

## **HOW THE CITY IS RESPONDING TO GAPS IN SEATTLE'S OPEN SPACE NETWORK**

Because of the Pro Parks Levy and other funding sources, over eighty acres of new open space has been added to Seattle's open space network, helping to fill many of the gaps identified in the 2001 Open Space Gap Report. While 18 urban villages still face fairly significant gaps in Usable Open Space, currently planned and funded acquisition projects could help to decrease these deficiencies. In consideration of the remaining open space gaps in urban villages and single family areas, Seattle Parks will continue to work with City, County and other partners in the future to increase park lands in neighborhoods that lack Usable Open Space. Additionally, Seattle Parks will soon be replacing the Seattle Parks and Recreation Plan 2000 with a new strategic plan. The preparation of this plan will include further examination of demographic characteristics of urban villages and single family areas while working with local communities to better understand the open space needs of Seattle's neighborhoods.