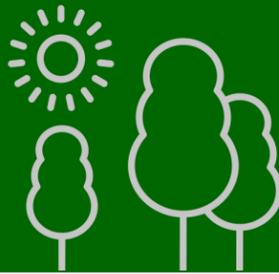




**Seattle
Parks & Recreation**

Creating a **Healthy Environment** for All



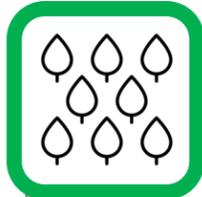
2018 IN REVIEW

Seattle Parks and Recreation works every day to create a healthy environment for all our residents and visitors. From how we manage green spaces to how we work to connect people to the nature around them, we strive to bring the benefits of our parks to the public. We also reduce our impact through energy and water conservation an investment in ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Read on!



**94% of households
live within a 10-minute walk to a park**

77% households in urban villages live within a 5-minute walk to a park



**170,697 native plants
planted via the Green Seattle Partnership**

and 3,946 trees maintained by Parks staff



107.1 new acres of forest in restoration

with the help of 76,920 hours from forest steward volunteers



**46,000+ people connected to nature
through environmental education programs**



3,334 feet of trails restored

and 195 trail projects completed in our green spaces



**24,943 volunteers in our parks
contributed to a healthy environment**

providing 92,381 hours of service



**Maintained 610 irrigated acres
with 38% less water than estimated**

and 76% of irrigation managed by smart controllers



**Energy reduced 58%
in 24 utility conservation projects**

and 2,221 efficient LEDs installed systemwide



**10 electric vehicles added to fleet
using 100% carbon-neutral electricity**



**Three new parks dedicated
and 14 new parks in development**

Including 6 in planning, 6 in design, and 2 in construction



Cities Connecting Children to Nature

Seattle is joining 17 other cities to increase equitable access to nature as part of the Cities Connecting Children to Nature Initiative of the National League of Cities and the Children & Nature Network. Seattle Parks & Recreation is the lead agency for this collaborative effort in Seattle, which began in 2018.



Battery-Powered Leaf Blowers

In 2018, Seattle Parks & Recreation piloted battery-powered blowers for parks maintenance as part of our efforts to reduce carbon emissions in our operations. The pilot will assess the feasibility of this new technology and inform our practices in 2019 and beyond.



Climate Resiliency Mapping

Seattle Parks and Recreation stewards many parks that will be impacted by rising sea levels and other issues due to climate change. In 2018 we mapped these future scenarios, including landslide dangers, as the first step in a climate resiliency plan.



Sustainable Golf Courses

SPR began the process to sustainably certify one of our four golf courses in partnership with Audubon International in 2018. The process included planting a pollinator garden, improving irrigation systems, and developing a plan to finalize certification in 2019.



Learn more at www.seattle.gov/parks/environment
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