

Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners Superintendent's Report

AP Diaz, Superintendent | January 25, 2024



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Department Update

- Happy New Year!
- City Council changes
- Range of Park Rangers expands
- BLM Garden removal
- Tribal Summit
- Denny Award winners



Tribal Summit



Denny Award winner Antje Mueller
with staff from Camp Long

Parks and Recreational Services (PRS)

- Polar Bear Plunge brrrrrrings new year!
- Swim Seattle update
- Get Moving & Recreation for All
- Rainbow recreation programs
- Winter athletics in full swing

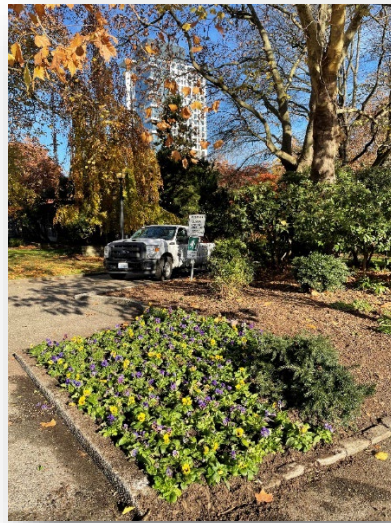


Matthews Beach Park





Seacrest Park



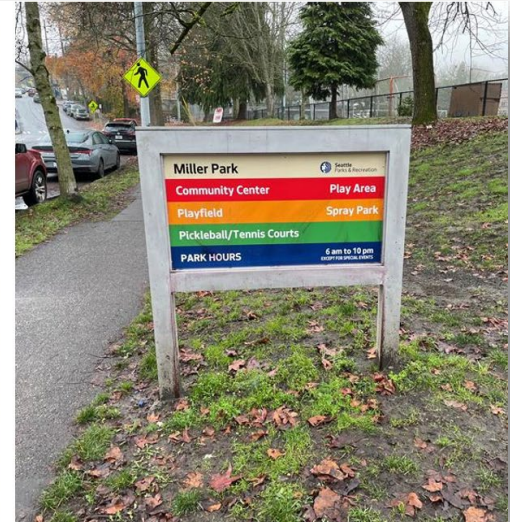
Annual flowers at Denny Park, Tilikum Place



Hazardous material dumped in the lake at Magnuson Park



Spreading mulch at Lakewood Marina



Miller Park

Planning & Capital Development

- Recent Bid Openings:
 - South Park CC & Playfield
 - Bradner Gardens
 - Hiawatha Community Center
- 1125 Harvard public meeting on Jan. 17
- Little Saigon under construction
- SPR/SDOT I-90 Trail and Judkins Station
- Year-end data



Part of public art piece at Little Saigon Park



I-90 Trail staircase

Policy & Finance

- Event scheduling brochure, process
- Athletic scheduling improvements
- New lottery system for day camps
- Automated picnic application process
- Seasonal concessions RFP close Feb. 6

MT BAKER ROWING AND SAILING CENTER



Description Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center is located in Stan Sayres Park, the site of Seattle's famous hydroplane races. This beautiful upper-floor room with two decks offers sweeping views of Lake Washington and the Cascade mountains. Filled with light and finished with natural wood, the room creates a warm setting for special events. There are stairs and elevator access to this space.

Address 3800 Lake Washington Blvd S, Seattle, WA 98118

Capacity Table Seating—90, Standing—120

Fees

\$230/hr.	Fri-Sun 3hr. minimum
\$150/hr.	Mon-Thu or Fri-Sun before 2 PM 3hr. minimum
\$34/hr.	Per staff fee + one additional hour; staff fees vary according to event type and hours
\$30.25	Non-refundable booking fee
\$130	Maintenance fee
\$75	Alcohol fee (if applicable)
\$250-\$500	Refundable damage deposit

Equipment 8 rectangular tables, 12 round tables, and 100 chairs

Available Hours 6:00 AM to 12:30 AM

Tours Tuesdays 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Thursdays 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Saturdays 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
(drop-in, no appointment needed)



Small Meeting Room \$42.25/hr. (Seats 20 people)



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Upcoming Events

- Pancake Breakfasts:
 - Feb. 11 @ Bitter Lake CC
 - March 3 at Loyal Heights CC
- Open Mic Poetry Night: Feb. 2 and March 1 at Miller CC
- Swim Seattle Open Swim – free family swim at Rainier Beach Pool
- Spring Egg Hunts: end of March



Thank you!



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#SeattleShines Moment: Community Center Operating Hours

Line of Business: Recreation Facility Operations

Detailed Line of Business: Community Centers



2023 Adopted Budget: \$17,165,000



Performance Target:
60,000 annual operating hours



Check out a [short video](#)!

Seattle Park District Cycle 2 Investment: Expands public access to SPR's community centers system by 8% and realigns public operating hours to increase evening and weekend access in response to stated community preference. This investment increases facility availability for free drop-in activities, childcare programs, recreation programming, community events, and building rentals.

2024 Parks and Open Space Plan

Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Kevin Bergsrud, Senior Park Planner | January 25, 2024



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Purpose of Briefing

- **Today:**
 - No action from the Board
 - Introduce Board to the Parks and Open Space Plan (POSP)
 - Review minor update of the *2017 POSP* to stay in compliance with state regulations
 - High-level walkthrough of plan contents
- Board recommendation March 14th following February 22nd public hearing



Purpose of the POSP

- Park departments must develop and submit POSPs to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to maintain eligibility for state grants and funding programs
- Previous POSP adopted in 2017
- Objectives:
 - Document and describe SPR parks, open spaces and facilities
 - Review changes in city demographics, recreation participation
 - Define near-term spending priorities



Purpose of the POSP

Parks & Open Space Plan (POSP) guides:

- Long-term Planning
- Capital Development
- Asset Management
- Acquisition
- Prioritization of all the Above



Proposed Approach

- Reduce duplicative, time-intensive processes to a single more comprehensive process
- **Late 2025:**
 - Kickoff major revision of POSP
 - Adopt POSP



Public Engagement












- 5 OPCD *One Seattle* Comprehensive Plan meetings
- Virtual public meeting on May 18, 2023
- POSP-specific online engagement hub
- 6 in-person public meetings summer 2023
- 60+ themes recorded in more than a dozen categories



2024 POSP Changes

- Updated POSP utilizing public engagement & data analysis
- New Level of Service (LOS) Standard
- Sets up 2025 POSP update

What should Seattle Parks and Recreation do?
PLEASE PLACE A DOT WITH EACH TOPIC AREA TO INDICATE ITS IMPORTANCE TO YOU.

Provide activities that promote physical and mental wellness for all	Communicate on the best ways for you to get active in all parks and facilities	Provide public space and/or recreation programs within a half mile for all	Enhance food security and urban food systems	Transform to a carbon-neutral park and recreation system	Provide youth enrichment programming	Enhance economic opportunities for youth and front-line communities through job training	Increase safety, access and comfortability in parks and facilities	Connect open spaces and parks to each other and build trails within parks	Prioritize access to open space and recreation to reduce health disparities	Other Categories
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Public Engagement

Targeted outreach to identify and uplift voice of marginalized communities, including:

- Compensation for 5 community-based organizations outreach support
- Flyers and press releases translated into 7 languages (Amharic, Chinese, Korean, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese)
- Advertising in the Northwest Asian Weekly and South Seattle Emerald
- Interpreters at meetings for areas of the city with higher language diversity (Delridge, Yesler and Van Asselt CCs)

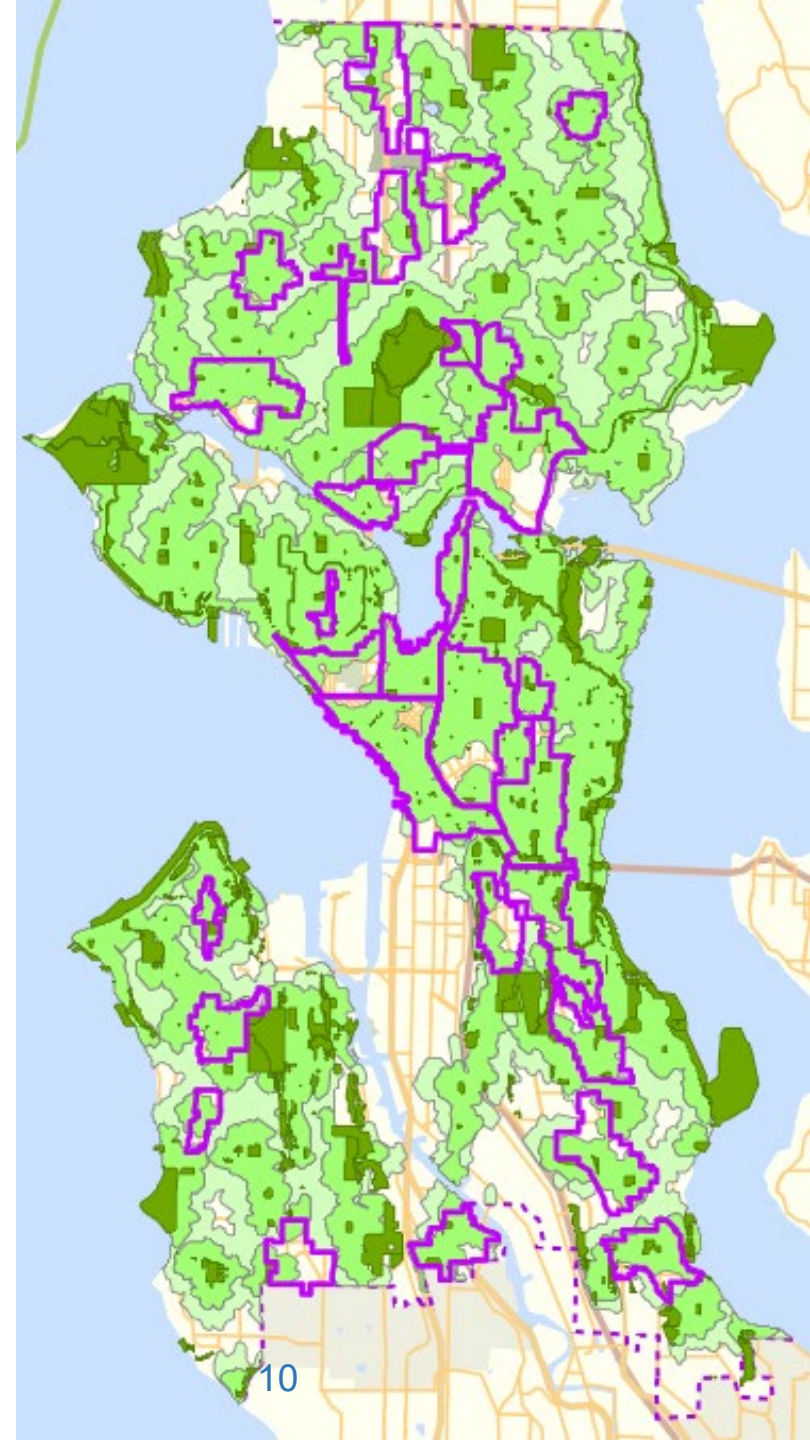
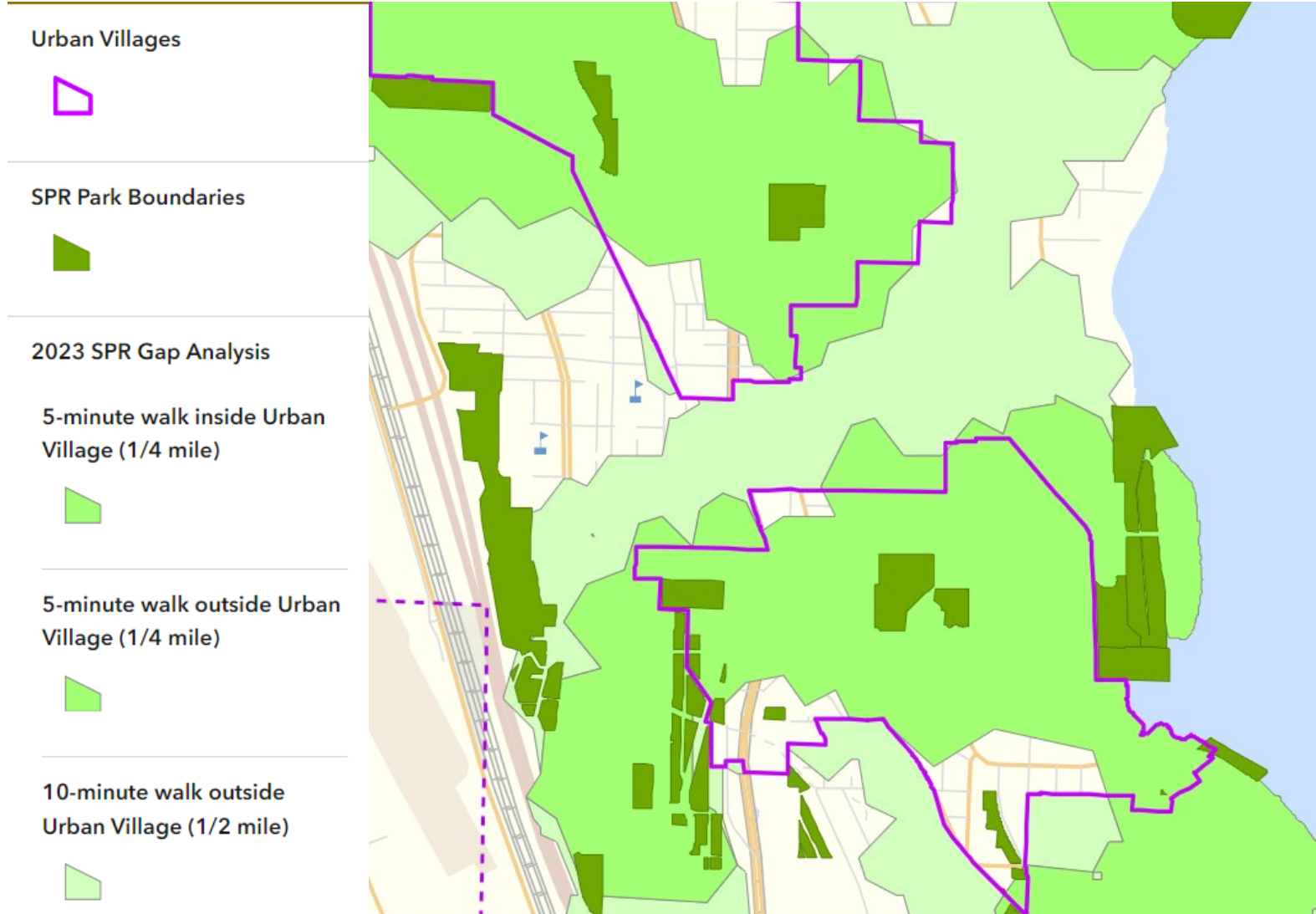


Citywide Level of Service (LOS) Standard

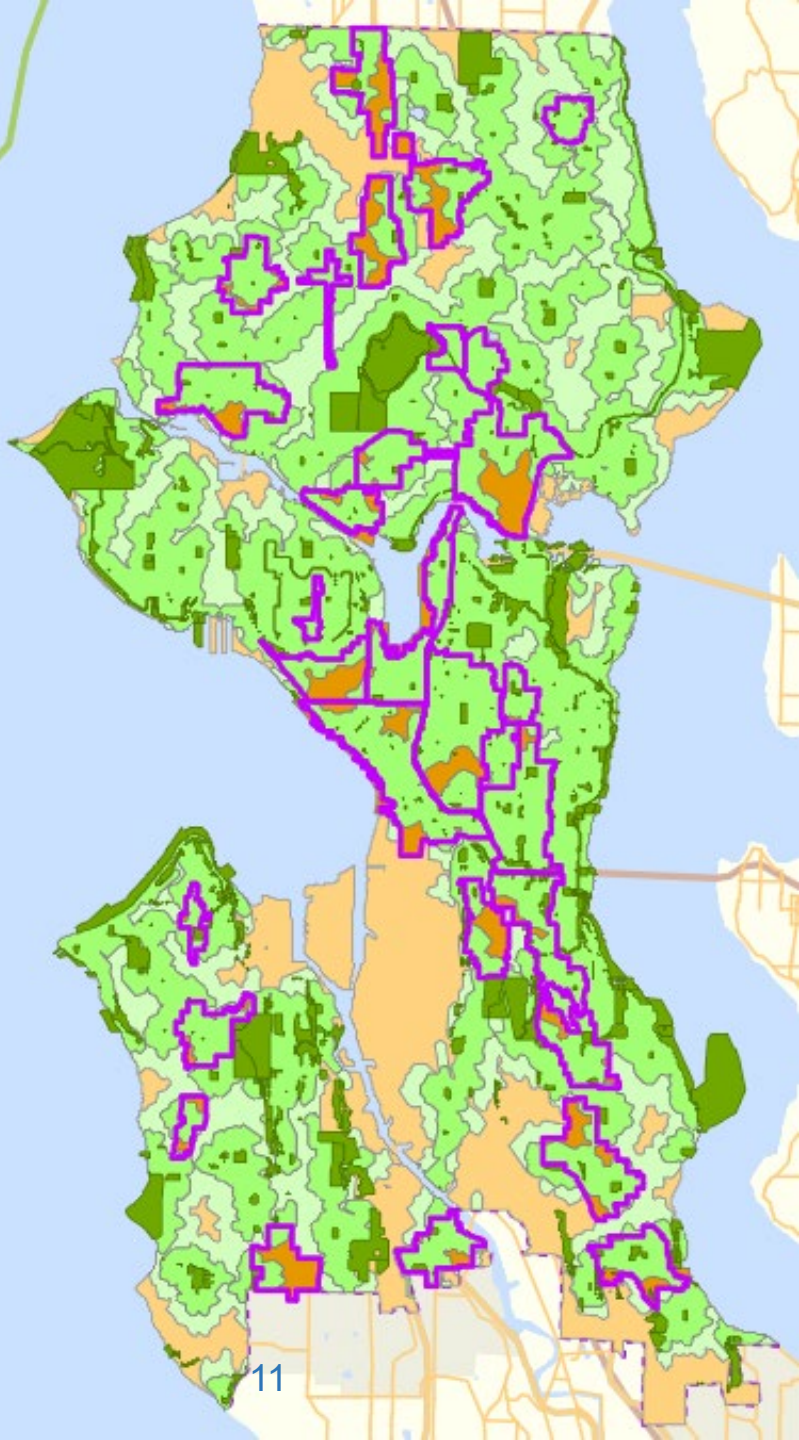
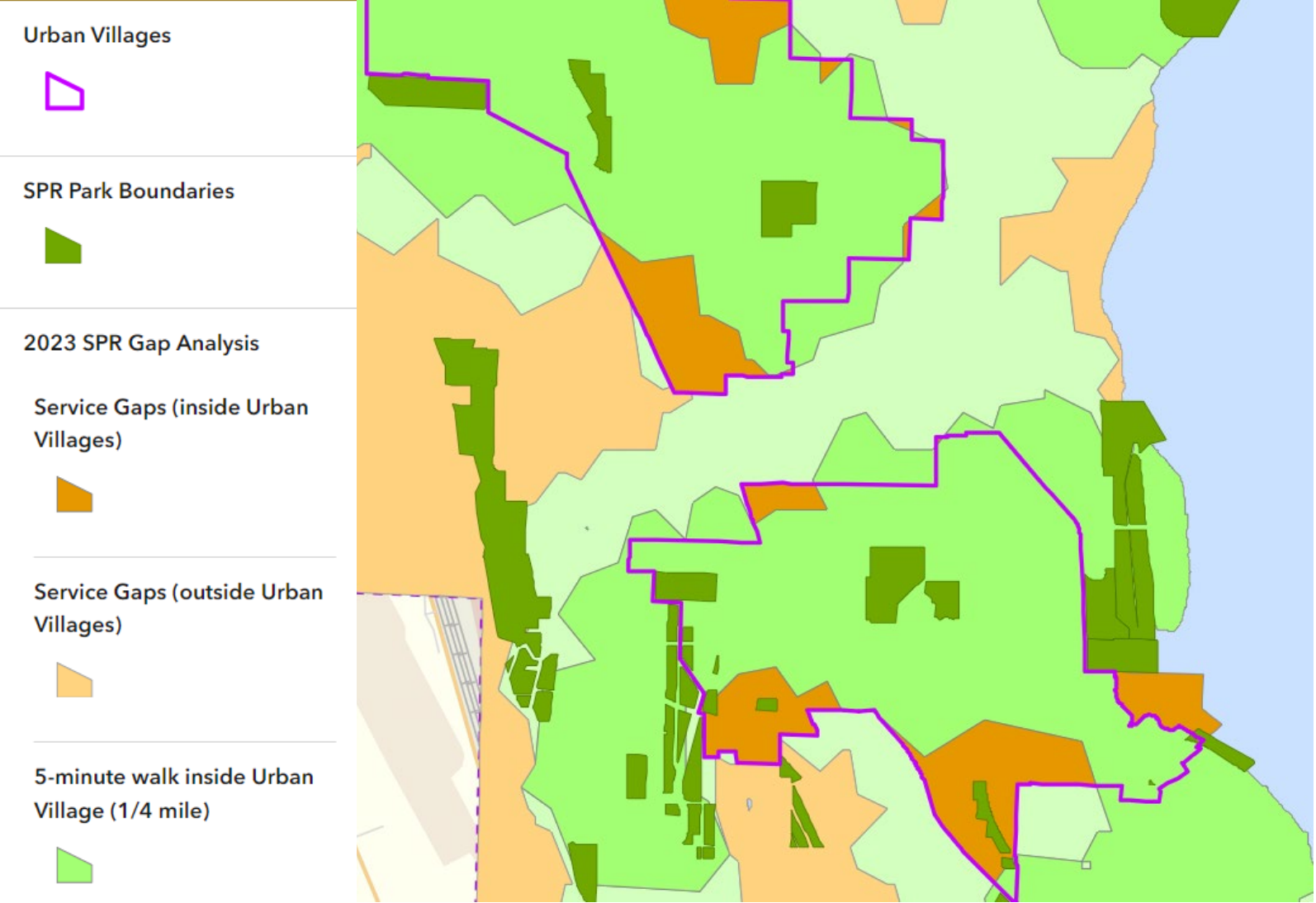
- 2017: acres per 1,000 people
- 2024: distance people need to walk to a park or open space – walkshed (a.k.a. walkability)
 - More meaningful measure based on user experience rather than proximity to an SPR site or facility
 - Aligns with approaches of other city departments (OPCD, SDOT, etc.)
 - 5-minute walkability guideline to be applied within the Urban Center boundaries; and
 - 10-minute walkability guideline to be applied outside of the Urban Center boundaries



10-minute Walkshed



Gaps in Walkability



Goals & Policies (same as 2017 POSP)

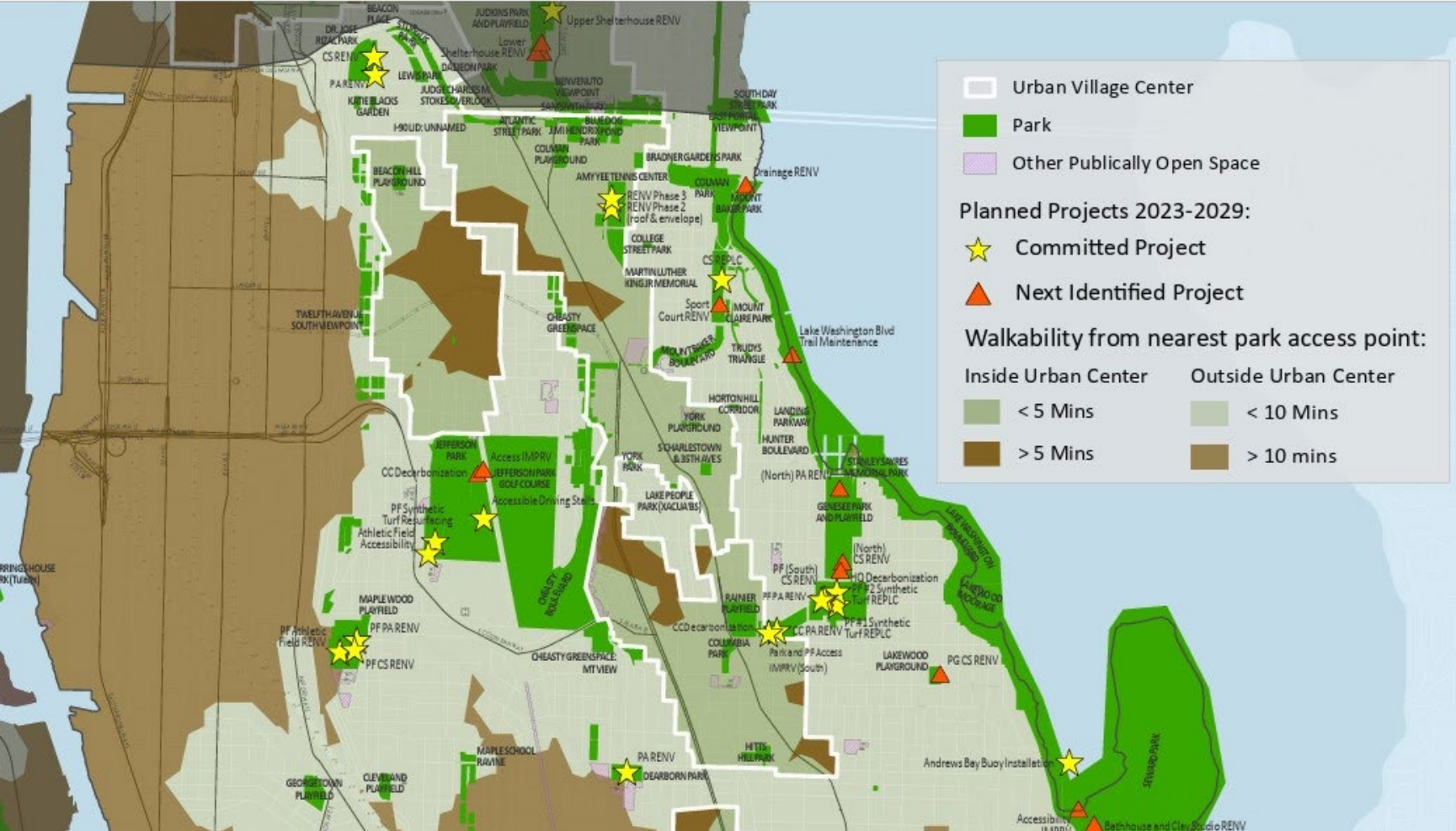
- Provide a variety of outdoor and indoor spaces throughout the city for all people to play, learn, contemplate, and build community
- Continue to provide opportunities for all people across Seattle to participate in a variety of recreational activities
- Manage the City's park and recreation facilities to provide safe and welcoming places
- Plan and maintain Seattle's parks and facilities to attract additional park users and visitors
- Engage with community members to design and development parks and facilities that are based on the specific needs and cultures of the communities that the park is intended to serve



Park Facility Inventory

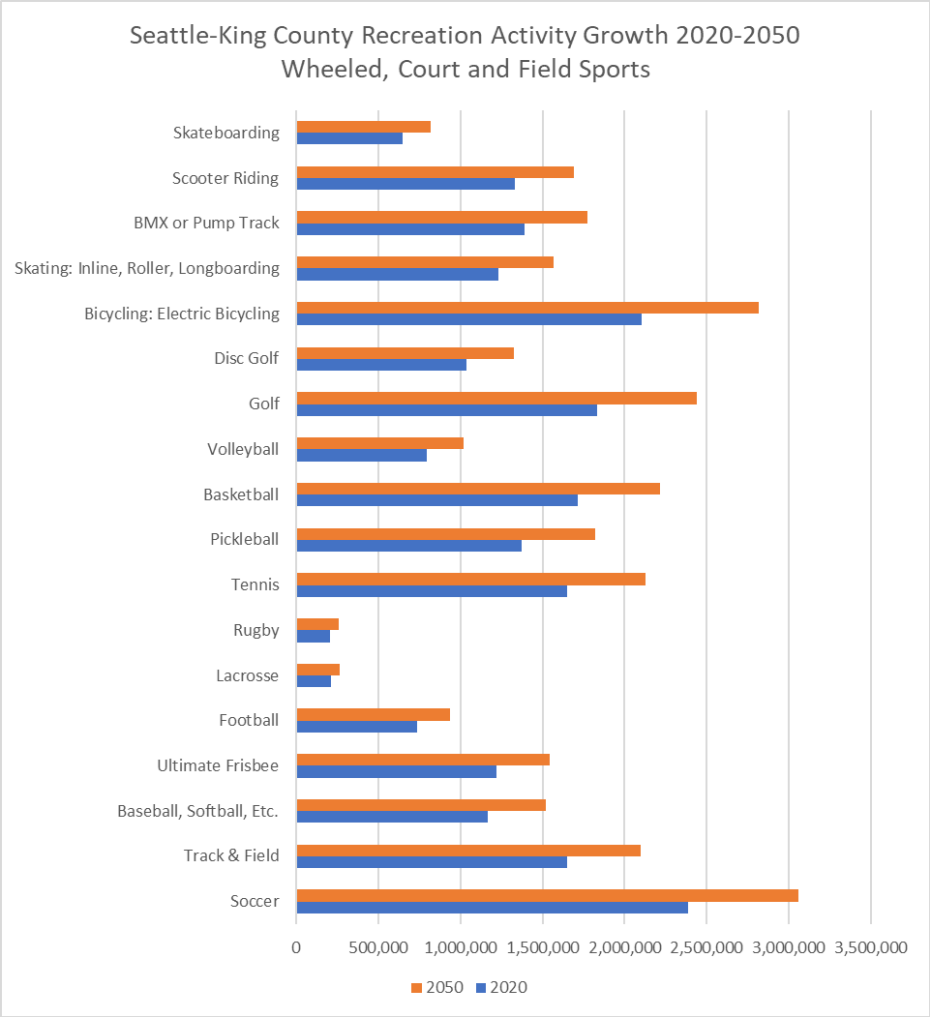
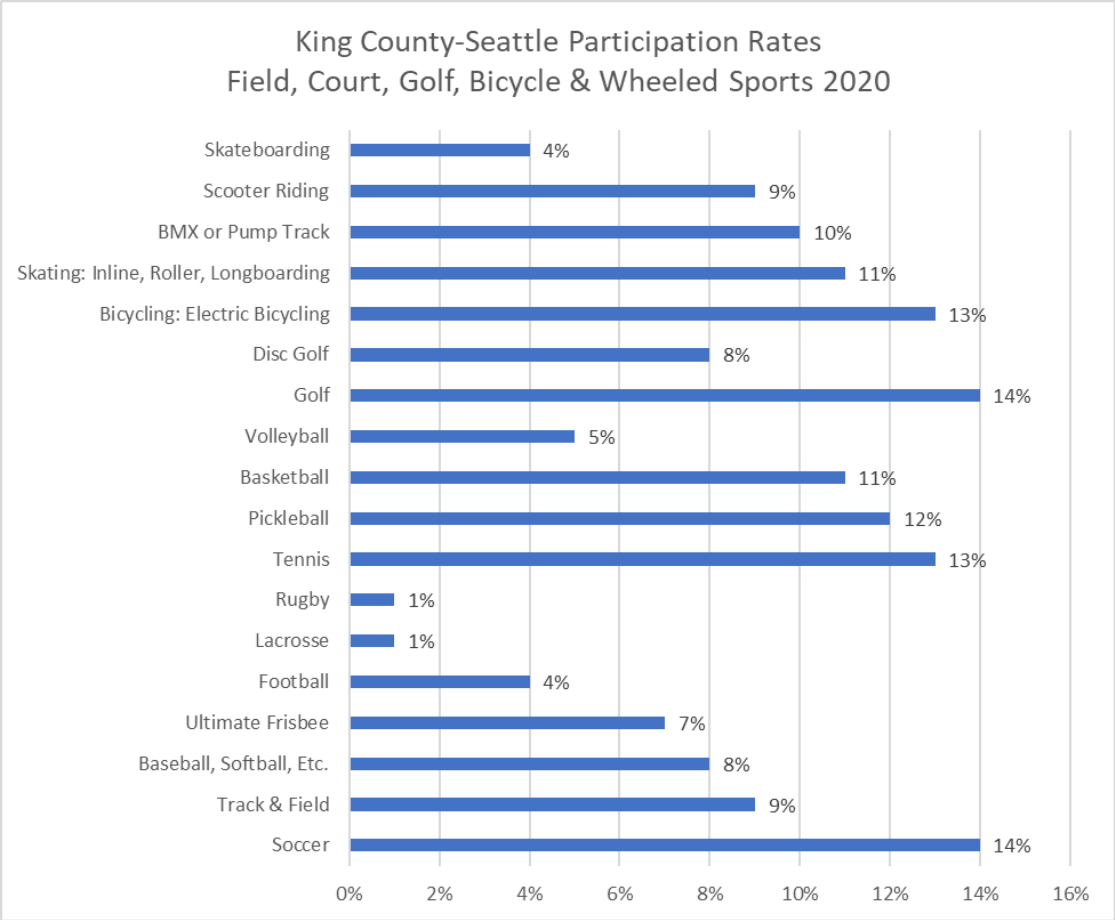


Parks and Open Space Plan 2024 Walkability Analysis and CIP Projects - SE Workshop



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Recreation Trends & Needs Analysis



Schedule & Next Steps

January 25	Brief Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners (BPRC)
February 9	Public release of Draft Plan (public comment period begins)
February 16	State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist posted
February 22	BPRC public hearing
March 9	Public comment period closes for Draft Plan
March 14	BPRC discussion and recommendations
March 22	Transmit legislation to City Council pending Superintendent approval
May	Submit to RCO pending Council approval



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