

# Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners Superintendent's Report

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AP Diaz, Superintendent  
March 14, 2024



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# Department Update

- Japanese Garden Opens
- Mayor's State of City Address
- Labor Agreement Reached
- Cal Anderson Park Update
- City Council Presentation
- Toro Award to Rainier Community Garden



Seattle Japanese Garden



# Parks & Recreational Services: Parks and Environment

- Park Rangers Hiring
- Continuing Education for Crews
- Spring Prep



Resource Management School



Montlake Playfield



Soundview Playfield infield



David Rogers Park



# Parks & Recreational Services: Parks and Environment



Lakeridge Park



Large limb failure near the Burke-Gilman Trail



Celebrating Lunar New Year at Conservatory



# Parks & Recreational Services: Recreation

- Spring Program Registration
- Swim Seattle
- Seattle Mentors Update
- Dance Team!



Washington Middle School  
Community Learning Center Dance Team!

# Planning & Capital Development

- **Done!** Dearborn Park Play Area
- **Almost done:** Green Lake Small Craft Center
- **Construction Underway:**
  - South Park Plaza
  - N Rainier Landbank Site
  - Little Saigon
  - Bitter Lake Play Area
  - Urban Triangle Park Play Area
- **Just started** construction: Hiawatha CC and Bradner Gardens Restroom



Dearborn Play Area Ribbon Cutting



Green Lake Small Craft Center



# Policy & Finance

- Golden Gardens Concession
- Scholarship applications now online
- 2024 Fees and Charges
- Day Camp Use of Parks



Kite Café owners Tony Meyer and Matt Kelly

# Upcoming Events

- March 30: Spring Egg Hunts at community centers
- Bike Maintenance at City Hall Park on April 2 and 16
- Mark your calendar: Summer Camp Registration Opens April 16



**BIKE  
MAINTENANCE AT  
CITY HALL PARK**

📍 400 3RD AVE, SEATTLE WA | HOURS 1:00-4:00PM

LOW/NO COST BICYCLE REPAIR AND  
BICYCLES PROVIDED BY BIKE WORKS!

<u>FIRST TUESDAYS</u>	<u>THIRD TUESDAYS</u>
MARCH - DECEMBER	APRIL - OCT
• MARCH 5*	• AUGUST 6
• APRIL 2	• AUGUST 20
• APRIL 16	• SEPTEMBER 3
• MAY 7	• SEPTEMBER 17
• MAY 21	• OCTOBER 1
• JUNE 4	• OCTOBER 15
• JUNE 18	• NOVEMBER 5*
• JULY 2	• DECEMBER 3*
• JULY 16	

\*1:00-3:00pm dates

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# Thank you!



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# 2024 Parks and Open Space Plan

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Kevin Bergsrud, Senior Park Planner | March 14, 2024



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# Purpose of Briefing

- **Today:**
  - Hear Board Comments on the Draft 2024 Parks and Open Space Plan (POSP)
  - Update on Public Comments
  - Board Recommendation
  - Transmit Final Plan to City Council, March 22nd



# 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



# 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
- More than 110 comments submitted via e-mail, more than 100 concerned about golf courses, others walkability, increasing tree canopy, Kubota Garden, Longfellow Creek





# 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)



# Proposed Approach

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
















# 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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# 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

Urban Villages



SPR Park Boundaries



2023 SPR Gap Analysis

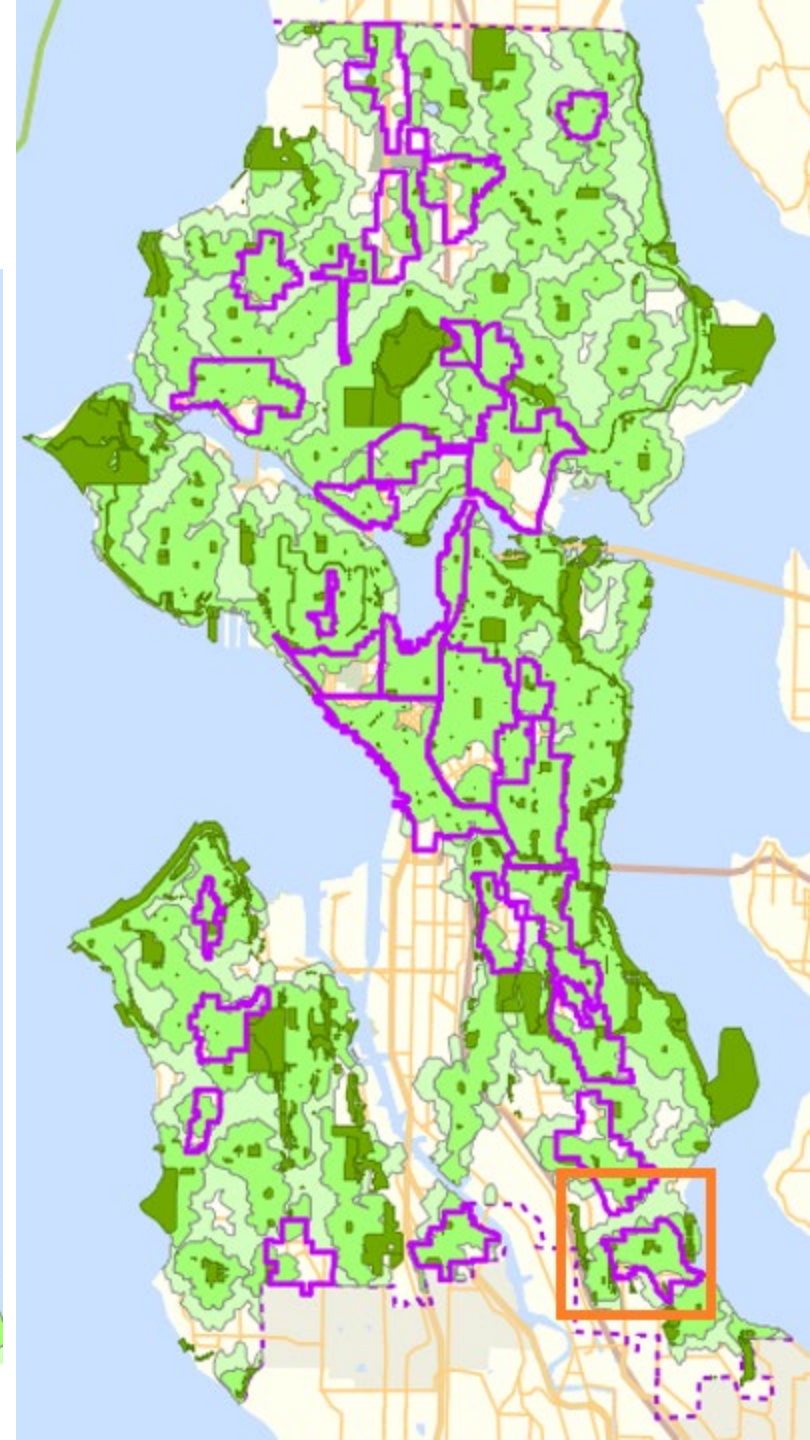
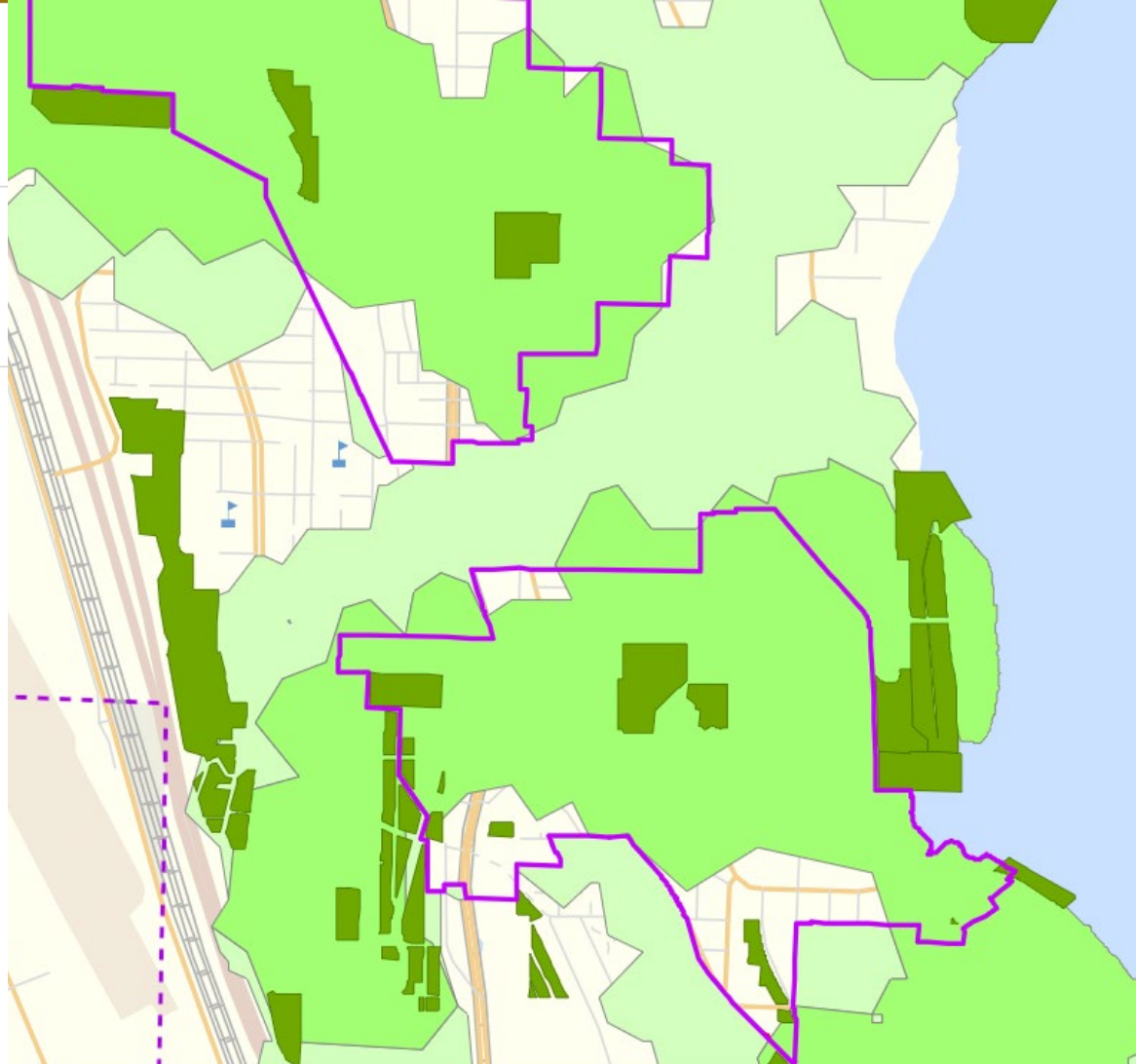
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5-minute walk outside Urban Village (1/4 mile)

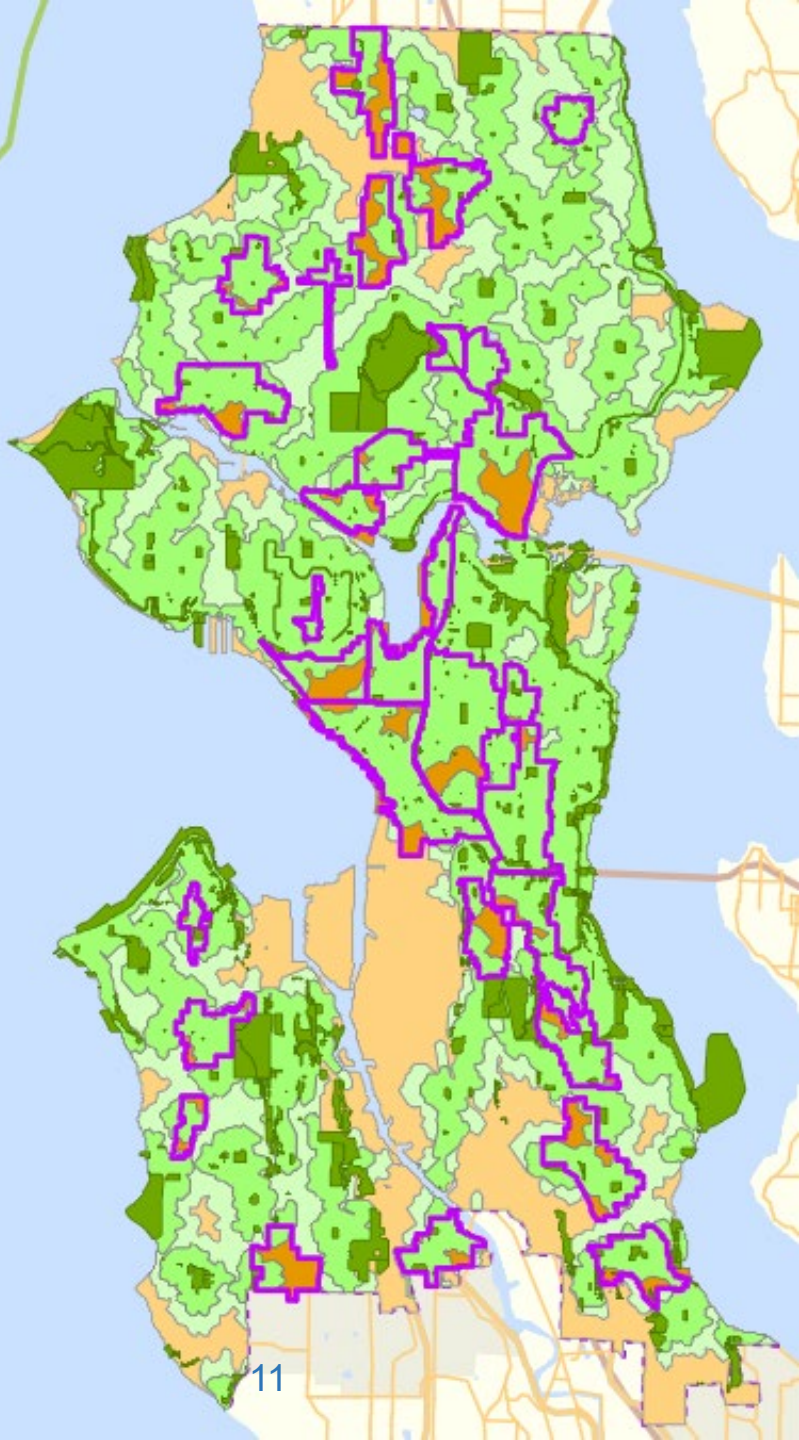
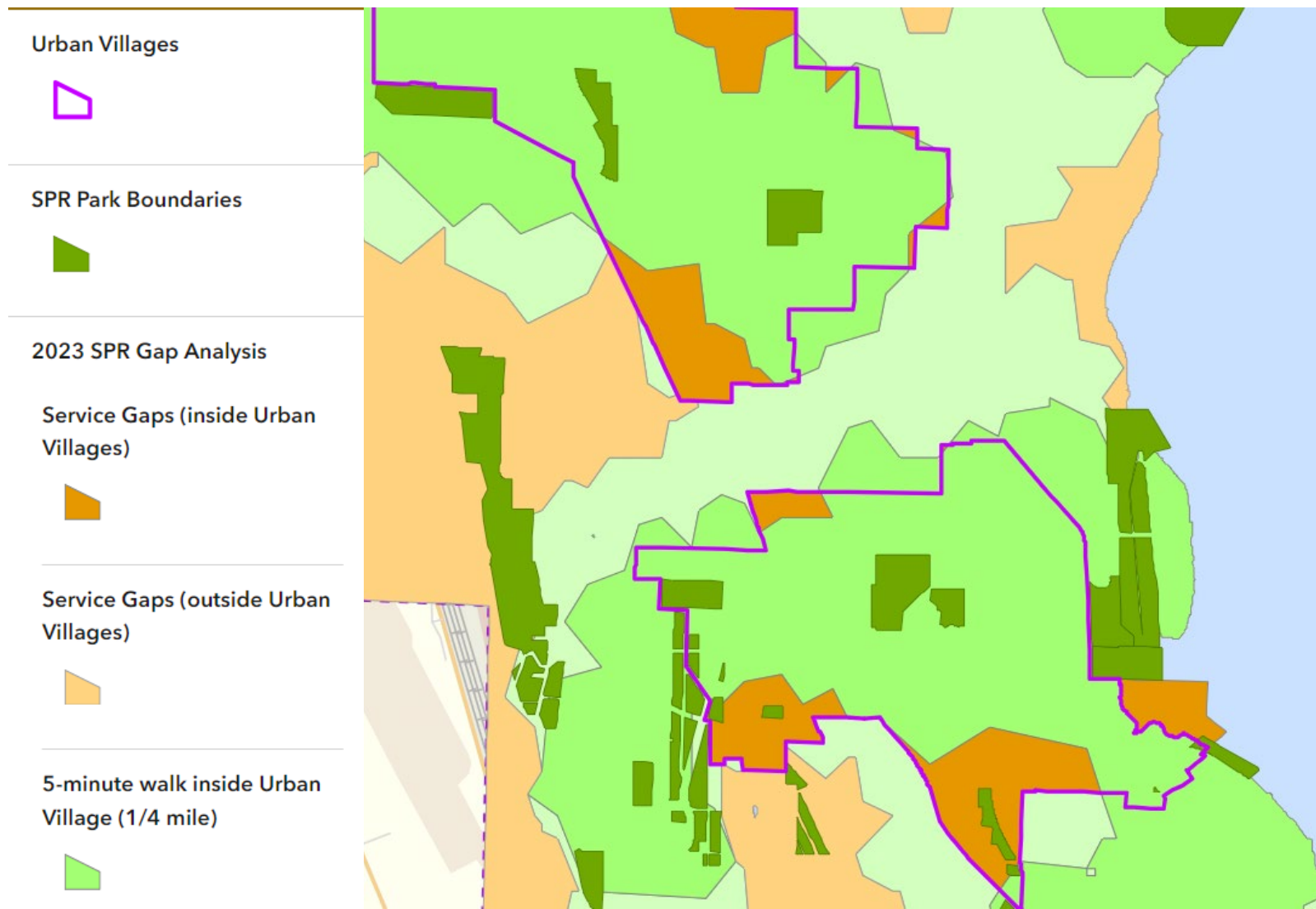


10-minute walk outside Urban Village (1/2 mile)





# Gaps in Walkability



# Goals & Policies (same as 2017 POSP)

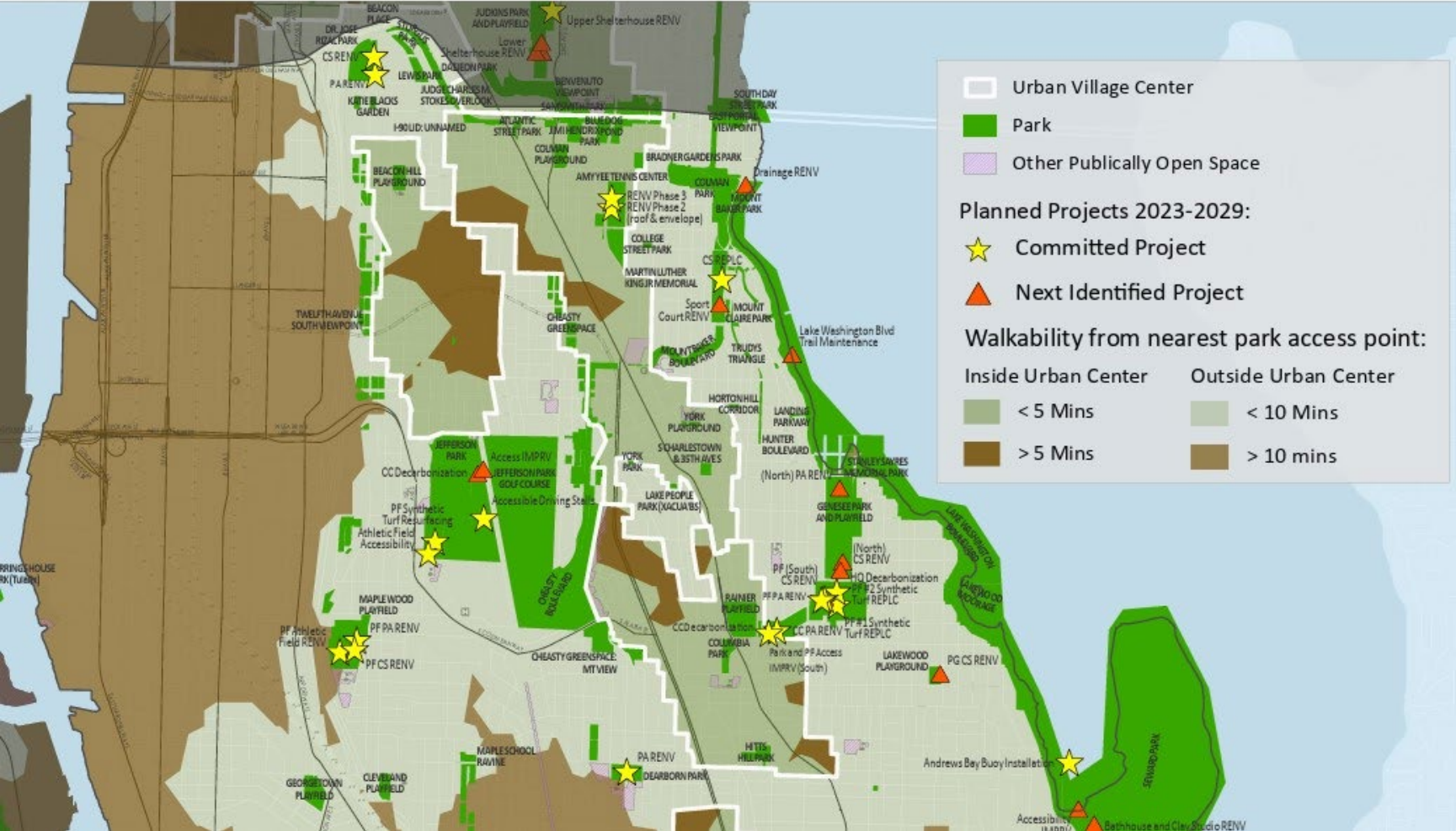
- Provide a variety of outdoor and indoor spaces throughout the city for all people to play, learn, contemplate, and build community
- Continue to provide opportunities for all people across Seattle to participate in a variety of recreational activities
- Manage the City's park and recreation facilities 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



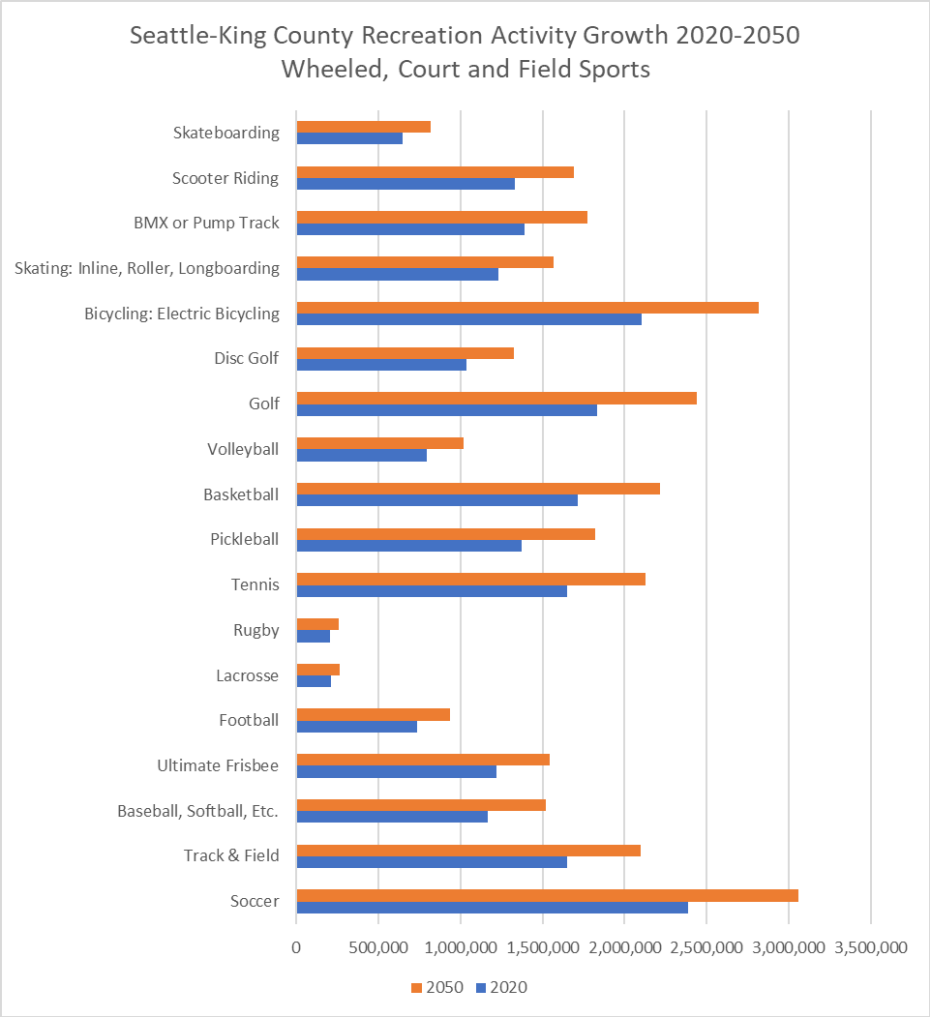
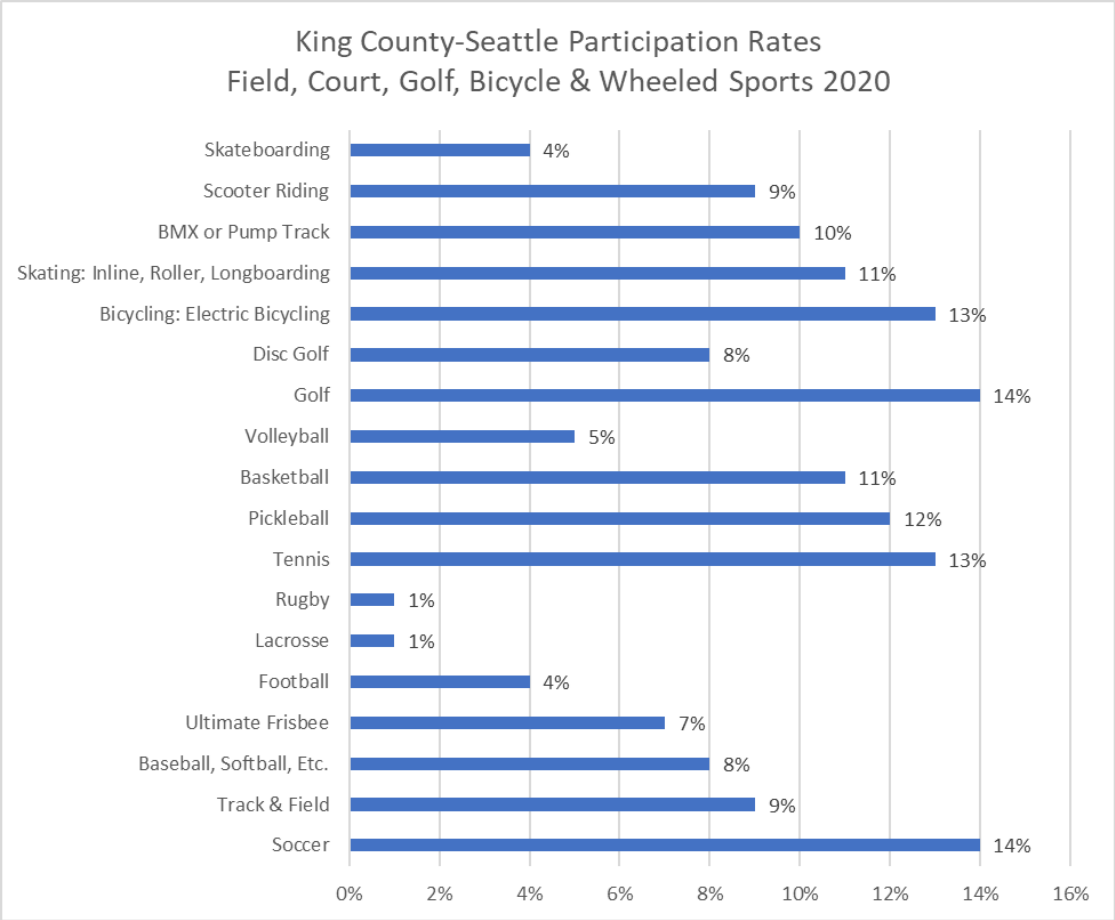
## Parks and Open Space Plan 2024 Walkability Analysis and CIP Projects - SE Workshop



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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



# Thank you!

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