

Olmsted Park Study Improvement Prioritization

Seattle's Olmsted Parks and Boulevards began as a dream the City of Seattle had in the late 1800's for a beautiful system of landscapes among urban growth. This vision was implemented in the form of parks throughout the city designed by the Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm. The basis of design for these parks was to allow access to attractive open spaces to provide peace and respite for people from all walks of life.

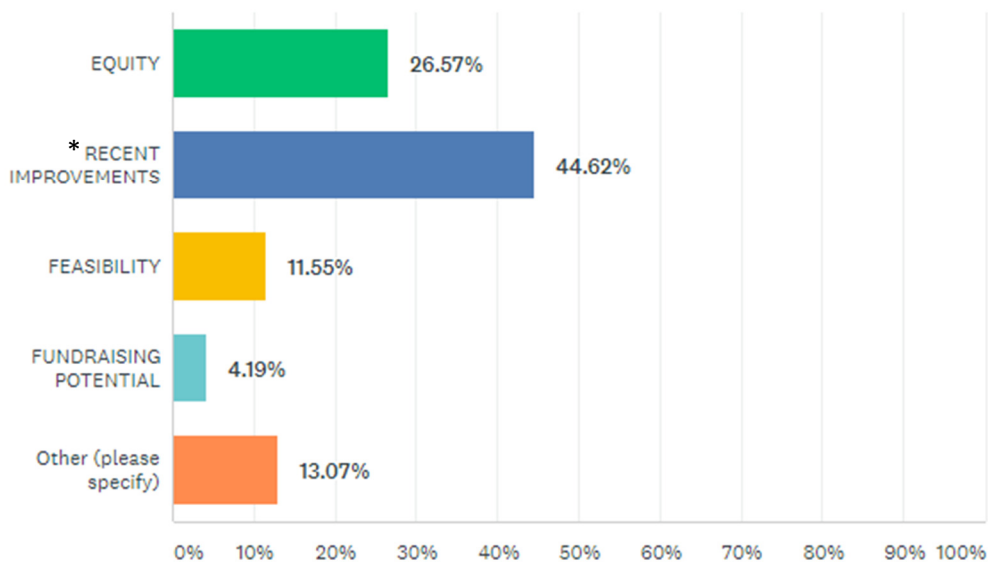
In 2018, Seattle Parks and Recreation initiated a study of 10 of the Olmsted Parks and Boulevards. The study assessed the condition of these park sites, restoration feasibility and cost estimates for these potential projects. Following the study, an online survey was conducted. The purpose of the survey was to obtain community input on how to prioritize restoration of these historically significant assets based upon the following criteria:

- Feasibility
- Equity
- Recent Improvements
- Fundraising Potential

The survey results and the criteria are shown in the tables below.

The Olmsted study proposes renovations to 10 different sites based on multiple criteria. Which of the criteria listed below do you feel is most important?

Answered: 1,385 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Improvements should be equally distributed throughout the city if possible. (EQUITY)	26.57% 368
Improvements should be made in parks that have not recently had any improvements. (RECENT IMPROVEMENTS)	44.62% 618
Improvements should be made in parks where there is enough funding to complete all of the proposed improvements. (FEASIBILITY)	11.55% 160
Improvements should be made in parks where there are opportunities for community fundraising. (FUNDRAISING POTENTIAL)	4.19% 58
Other (please specify)	Responses 13.07% 181
TOTAL	1,385

* site has NOT had capital projects funded during the last Seattle Parks District funding cycle

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SurveyMonkey Results Criteria Ranking

SITE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	RECENT IMPROVEMENTS (LACK of IMPROVEMENTS) *	EQUITY	FEASIBILITY	FUNDRAISING POTENTIAL	SCORE
		44.62% (does the site lack recent or identified funding resources?)	26.57% (does site have high Equity Score?)	11.55% (does current funding allow completion of all the proposed improvements?)	4.19%	
		YES = 1 (x3) ** NO = 0	YES = 1 NO = 0	YES = 1 NO = 0	YES = 1 NO = 0	
Lower Woodland Park – Trails 98103	\$1,246,436	0	NO / 0	0 Not currently feasible due to cost	0	0
Lower Woodland Park – Parking Lot Area M 98103	\$2,180,007	0	NO / 0	0 Not currently feasible due to cost	0	0
Volunteer Park 98112	\$1,241,205	0	NO / 0	0 Not currently feasible due to cost	1	1
Arboretum – Woodland Meadow 98112	\$2,460,724	0	NO / 0	0 Not currently feasible due to cost	1	1
Lakeview Park 98112	\$1,566,804	3	NO / 0	0 Not currently feasible due to cost	0	3
Lake Washington Boulevard – Colman Park 98144	\$306,413	0	YES / 1	1	1	3
Lake Washington Boulevard – Mt. Baker Slopes	\$1,101,005	0	YES / 1	0 Not currently feasible due to cost	1	2
Hiawatha Playfield 98116	\$2,156,772	3	NO / 0	0 Not currently feasible due to cost	0	3
Hiawatha Playfield – North Parking 98116	\$47,003	3	NO / 0	1	0	4
Schmitz Boulevard 98116	\$31,637	3	NO / 0	1	0	4
Magnolia Boulevard 98199	\$151,838	0	NO / 0	1	1	2
Queen Anne Boulevard 98119	\$546,508	0	NO / 0	1	0	1

* site has NOT had capital projects funded during the 2015-2020 Seattle Parks District funding cycle

** this criterion has been weighted heavier (x3) in response to the surveymonkey results ranking it as the highest priority

Priority Projects for Current Seattle Park District Funding Cycle

- Hiawatha Playfield – North Parking
- Schmitz Boulevard
- Lake Washington Boulevard – Colman Park
- Magnolia Boulevard
- Queen Anne Boulevard

Feasibility for funding the remaining sites will be assessed in the 2021 Seattle Park District Funding Cycle