



# **Healthy Environment Action Agenda**

The Healthy Environment Action Agenda exemplifies
Seattle Parks and Recreation's commitment to
reducing our impact on the environment, eliminating
disparities in underserved communities by focusing
on environmental justice, and creating sustainable
public spaces that are welcoming and accessible to all.

In partnership with the community, our employees build on decades of responsible stewardship by integrating an environmental ethic into our everyday activities and placing equity at the center of our decisions. By using meaningful metrics and transparent documentation, we will hold ourselves accountable to the community as we work to increase environmental equity throughout Seattle.

## **Seattle Parks & Recreation**

Seattle Parks and Recreation provides welcoming and safe opportunities to play, learn, contemplate and build community, and promotes responsible stewardship of the land. We promote healthy people, a healthy environment, and strong communities.

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) manages a 6,414-acre park system of over 485 parks and extensive natural areas – about 12% of the city's land. SPR provides athletic fields, tennis courts, play areas, specialty gardens, and more than 25 miles of boulevards and 120 miles of trails. SPR also manages many facilities, including 27 community centers, eight indoor swimming pools, two outdoor swimming pools, four environmental education centers, two small craft centers, four golf courses, an outdoor stadium, and much more.

#### **Expand Equity**

We work with communities of color, immigrants, refugees, low-income residents, and people with limited-English speaking skills to ensure that the people most affected by environmental injustices have a strong voice in defining the solutions, and benefiting from them.

#### **Increase Engagement**

We provide opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to learn about, interact with, and be mindful of the connection between human built spaces and the natural world. These experiences will inspire individuals to support a healthy environment through their own actions and become today's conservation

leaders.

### **Reduce Energy Use**

We persistently work toward netzero building operations to align with the City's goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050 by reducing energy consumption, phasing out fossil fuels, and investing in sustainable technologies. Eduity & Environment Agency

Community Partners

Other City
Departments

Healthy
Environment
Action Team

#### **Conserve Water**

We treat water like the precious resource that it is by finding creative ways to manage consumption while ensuring excellent care of our parks and facilities, and preventing storm water pollution in support of native aquatic plants and wildlife.

SPR Employees

## **Improve Air Quality**

We ensure cleaner air through our projects, programs, and policies by reducing emissions, sequestering carbon, and investing in green technologies that create a healthy environment where people, wildlife, and plants can thrive.

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## **Increase Biodiversity**

We prioritize landscape design, development, management, and maintenance practices that support plant and animal biodiversity resulting in resilient urban ecosystems that can successfully endure human-caused and naturally occurring disruptions.

#### **Reduce Solid Waste**

We prioritize projects, programs, policies, and procurement that result in reducing consumption, reusing materials, recycling, and composting to lessen human impact on the environment.

Learn more at:
Seattle.gov/parks/environment