

PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE



Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element Goals & Policies

INTRODUCTION

This Element describes the vision, goals, and policies that create a framework for future decisions for parks, recreation, and cultural services in Shoreline.

More specific guidance is provided in the current version of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan. The PROS Plan is the framework for strategic planning for the Parks Board and the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department. In addition to the goals and policies included here, the PROS Plan also delineates implementation strategies to establish a method for achieving the long-term vision for the City's parks, recreation, cultural service facilities and programs.

The Vision Statement from the PROS Plan is to “Provide quality parks, recreation, and cultural services to promote public health and safety; protect the natural environment; and enhance quality of life of the community”.

Goals and Policies (updated by Ordinance 802, Adopted by Council on November 14, 2017.)

Goal PRI:

Preserve, enhance, maintain, and acquire built and natural facilities to ensure quality opportunities exist.

Policies

Policy 1.1: Preserve, protect and enhance natural, cultural and historical resources, and encourage restoration, education and stewardship.

Policy 1.2: Provide a variety of indoor and outdoor gathering places for recreational and cultural activities.

Policy 1.3: Plan for, acquire and develop land for new facilities to meet

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Sign at Twin Ponds

Based on previous direction from City Council to “Implement an Urban Forest Assessment”, the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department created Vegetation Management Plans for five parks: Shoreview, Boeing Creek, Richmond Beach Saltwater, Hamlin, and South Woods Parks. The plans helped create baseline data through habitat mapping and vegetation surveys, and made recommendations for resource management to guide decision-making for both stewardship and recreational needs.

the need of a growing population.

Policy 1.4: Maintain environmentally sustainable facilities that reduce waste, protect ecosystems, and address impacts of past practices.

Policy 1.5: Create efficiencies and reduce maintenance costs by using new technology, contracted services and volunteers where appropriate.

Policy 1.6: Maintain safe, attractive facilities using efficient and environmentally sustainable practices.

Policy 1.7: Encourage a variety of transportation options that provide better connectivity to recreation and cultural facilities.

Policy 1.8: Improve accessibility and usability of existing facilities.

Policy 1.9: Improve and leverage the potential of existing facilities.

Goal PRII:

Provide community-based recreation and cultural programs that are diverse and affordable.

Policies

Policy 2.1: Provide and enhance recreational and cultural programs to serve all ages, abilities and interests.

Policy 2.2: Provide affordable programs and offer financial support for those who qualify.

Policy 2.3: Create programs to support and encourage an active and healthy lifestyle.

Goal PRIII:

Meet the parks, recreation and cultural service needs of the community by equitably distributing resources.

Policies

Policy 3.1: Determine the community’s need by conducting need assessments.

Policy 3.2: Adjust program and facility offerings to align with demographic trends and need assessment findings.

Policy 3.3: Equitably distribute facilities and program offerings based on identified need.

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Policy 3.4. Identify unserved and underserved populations with unmet recreation and cultural needs.

Goal PRIV:

Establish and strengthen partnerships with other public agencies, non-governmental organizations, volunteers, and city departments to maximize the public use of all community resources.

Policies

Policy 4.1: Collaborate with and support partners to strengthen community-wide facilities and programs.

Policy 4.2: Seek partners in the planning, enhancement and maintenance of facilities and programs.

Policy 4.3: Develop mechanisms for public outreach, communication and coordination among partners.

Policy 4.4. Engage and partner with the business community to create public open space in private development.

Goal PRV:

Engage the community in park, recreation and cultural services decisions and activities.

Policies

Policy 5.1: Encourage consistent and effective public involvement in the short and long-range park planning process.

Policy 5.2: Provide public relations and publicity efforts to inform citizens of community-wide opportunities.

Policy 5.3: Create volunteer opportunities to encourage citizen involvement and participation.

Policy 5.4. Proactively involve typically underserved or unserved populations in park, recreation and cultural service decisions.



Saltwater Park Pavilion



Playground