

## Attachment 3 - Parks Element Goals and Policies

Comprehensive Plan Docket Item #3  
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

~~Goal PR I. Preserve, enhance, maintain, and acquire built and natural facilities to ensure quality opportunities exist.~~

~~Goal PR II. Provide community-based recreational and cultural programs that are diverse and affordable.~~

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

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

~~Goal PR V. Engage the community in park, recreation, and cultural services decisions and activities.~~

### POLICIES

~~PR1. Preserve, protect, and enhance the city's natural, cultural, and historical resources; encourage restoration, education, and stewardship.~~

~~PR2. Provide a variety of indoor and outdoor gathering places for recreational and cultural activities.~~

~~PR3. Maintain current facilities, and plan, develop, and acquire assets as the need is identified.~~

~~PR4. Maintain environmentally sustainable facilities that reduce waste, protect ecosystems, and address impacts of past practices.~~

~~PR5. Create efficiencies and reduce maintenance costs by using contracted services and volunteers where feasible.~~

~~PR6. Maintain safe, attractive facilities using efficient and environmentally sustainable practices.~~

~~PR7. Encourage a variety of transportation options that provide better connectivity to recreation and cultural facilities.~~

~~PR8. Improve accessibility and usability of existing facilities.~~

~~PR9. Provide and enhance recreational and cultural programs to serve all ages, abilities, and interests.~~

~~PR10. Provide affordable programs and offer financial support for those who qualify.~~

~~PR11. Create programs to support and encourage an active and healthy lifestyle.~~

~~PR12. Determine the community's needs by conducting need assessments.~~

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- ~~PR13. Adjust program and facility offerings to align with demographic trends and need assessment findings.~~
- ~~PR14. Equitably distribute facilities and program offerings based on identified needs.~~
- ~~PR15. Collaborate with and support partners to strengthen communitywide facilities and programs.~~
- ~~PR16. Seek partners in the planning, enhancement, and maintenance of facilities and programs.~~
- ~~PR17. Develop mechanisms for public outreach, communication, and coordination among partners.~~
- ~~PR18. Encourage consistent and effective public involvement in short- and long-range park planning processes.~~
- ~~PR19. Provide public relations and publicity efforts to inform citizens of communitywide opportunities.~~
- ~~PR20. Create volunteer opportunities to encourage citizen involvement and participation.~~
- ~~PR21. Explore the establishment of a city-wide park impact fee. (Added by~~

### Proposed Goals and Policies

#### Goals

##### 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 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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

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#### 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.

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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.

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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.