



**LYNNWOOD**  
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# PARKS LOVE

An Equitable Park & Trail Capital Plan



# A co-created vision for the future of Lynnwood's community serving parks

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Today, we are on the traditional lands of Snohomish, Suquamish and other Coast Salish Tribes. Since time immemorial, they have hunted, fished, gathered, and taken care of these lands. We respect their sovereignty, their right to self-determination, and honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water. We will strive to be honest about our past and bring about a future that includes their people, stories, and voices to form a more just and equitable society.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



There is a lot to love about Lynnwood's park system and the invaluable role that our parks, trails, and open spaces play in enhancing the quality of life and the overall livability of our community. These green and open areas are not just parcels of land; they are the gathering places of our city.

Parks are more than just green spaces; they are crucial for our health and well-being. They provide a haven for physical activity, whether it's swinging, playing sports, or simply taking a leisurely walk. These activities promote healthy lifestyles and are vital for our physical and mental health. For me, I love walking and playing pickleball at a park close to my heart, South Lynnwood Park.

Parks are also where our community comes together. They serve as gathering places for families, friends, and neighbors to connect, fostering a sense of belonging and unity. Picnics, events, and festivals held in these spaces create a vibrant tapestry of community life.

Moreover, parks and open spaces are essential for climate resilience. They provide a natural infrastructure of trees, a shaded tree canopy, and stormwater detention that mitigate the effects of extreme weather events, reduce urban heat islands, and promote biodiversity. In a rapidly changing world, healthy forests and stormwater systems are an integral part of our strategy to adapt to and combat climate change.

Our parks, trails, and open spaces are more than amenities; they are essential components of a thriving and resilient community. They contribute to our health, happiness, and unity, making our city an even more attractive and sustainable place to call home. The ParksLove Plan identifies ways to strengthen our park system's impact on health, inclusion, and environmental resilience while ensuring future investments will be made equitably with transparent decision-making.

Join me in loving our parks and ensuring they remain vibrant and accessible for all.

Mayor Christine Frizzell

## MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT



Destoy encantada de presentar el Plan ParksLove a la comunidad de Lynnwood. Este Plan es el resultado de un compromiso de dos años de trabajo con los miembros de la comunidad para guiar y liderar la futura dirección de las prioridades de inversión del sistema de parques de Lynnwood.

Me complace subrayar la importancia de los parques como elemento vital de nuestra comunidad. Los parques no son áreas verdes; son la piedra angular de nuestra— experiencia compartida y el alma de nuestros vecindarios.

Como concejal y defensora de la comunidad, quiero hacer hincapié en el inestimable papel que ustedes, los miembros de nuestra comunidad, desempeñan en la configuración de nuestros parques. Sus opiniones, necesidades e ideas son fundamentales para crear espacios que reflejen verdaderamente nuestra visión común.

Juntos, nos comprometemos a ir más allá de la superficie en la participación de la comunidad. Nuestro objetivo no es sólo construir parques, sino crear espacios que resuenen con sus aspiraciones y fomenten las conexiones comunitarias. Para ello, tenemos que profundizar en la comprensión de lo que cada vecindario y grupo comunitario necesita realmente en sus parques, senderos y espacios abiertos.

Los parques son el telón de fondo de innumerables historias, celebraciones y momentos cotidianos de alegría. En ellos juegan nuestros hijos, nos reunimos para ir de picnic y celebramos actos comunitarios. Son los espacios que tejen la trama de nuestra historia compartida y nuestros sueños para el futuro.

En esencia, los parques crean comunidad. Fomentan un sentimiento de pertenencia, unidad y orgullo. Son los lugares donde convergen voces diversas para crear una sinfonía armoniosa. Trabajemos juntos para garantizar que nuestros parques sigan siendo el corazón de nuestra comunidad, reflejando nuestra identidad colectiva y enriqueciendo nuestras vidas.

Así pues, los animo a participar en este viaje, a ser los artífices del cambio que nos ayuden a utilizar el Plan ParksLove para construir parques que respondan realmente a las necesidades de nuestra comunidad. Juntos podemos crear parques que reflejen el espíritu de nuestra comunidad y mejoren la calidad de vida de todos.

Con gratitud y optimismo,

Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Council Vice President  
ParksLove Project Team

# 1. Executive Summary

Introduction

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# INTRODUCTION

ParksLove is a comprehensive park and trail capital plan that aims to serve every Lynnwoodian with a quality park or trail facility within a 10-minute-walk of their home. This Plan was created using a project prioritization tool which evaluated and ranked all capital projects for their ability to improve equity, resiliency, inclusion, accessibility, and health. The development of the prioritization tool was created in collaboration with a Community CoDesign Team which will be used to help define future park system investments.

## Context

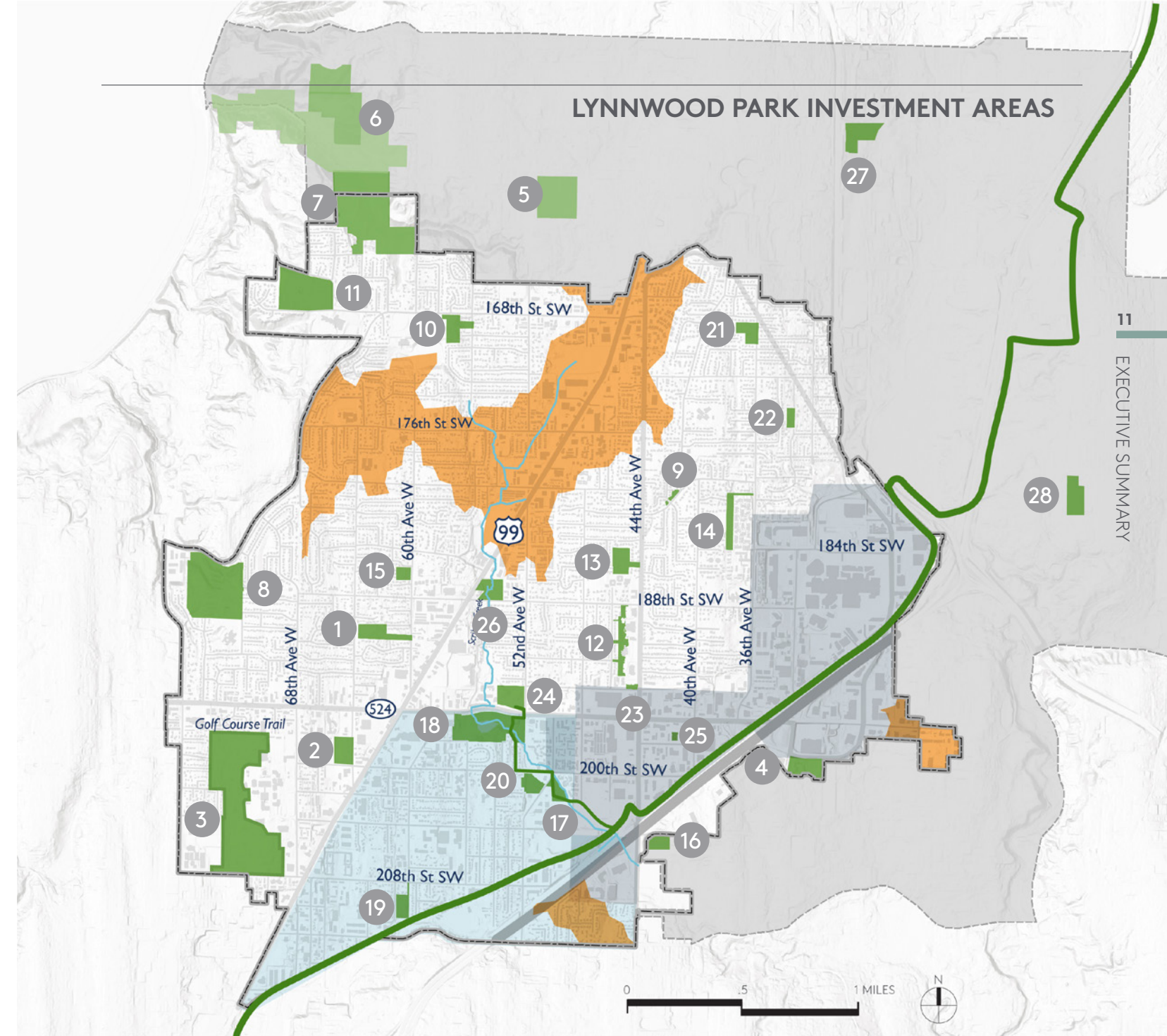
Lynnwood is a diverse suburban city, twenty miles north of Seattle. The population of 40,000 is 47% non-white, which includes Asian (Non-Hispanic) (17.9%), Black or African American (Non-Hispanic) (7.62%), Two+ (Non-Hispanic) (6.95%), and white (Hispanic) (4.55%) (census.gov). Since 2016, the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department (PRCA) has been increasing parks, trails and connectivity to meet the changing needs of a racially diverse, growing population and new light rail transit service. The level-of-service metric that parks departments across the country typically use to evaluate park use and demand is changing too. Many cities are moving toward indicators that focus on higher performance of existing parks, equity, and accessibility rather than conventional standard measures of park acreage per capita.

Today, 20% of Lynnwood's population live farther than a 10-Minute-Walk to a park. The orange area of the map shows where people are not that close to a park-also known as a "park gap."

The ParksLove Project builds on this foundational work and explores the creation of a continuous learning environment and building long-term relationships with underrepresented populations in the city. The work was partially funded by a National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) grant in 2022 – 23. Lynnwood PRCA was one of seven cities in the U.S. selected to

## Lynnwood Parks

1.	Daleway Park	7.04 ac
2.	Gold Park	6.45 ac
3.	Golf Course Trail	3.96 ac
4.	Heritage Park	7.65 ac
5.	Lund's Creek Open Space	22.25 ac
6.	Lund's Gulch North	40.03 ac
7.	Lund's Gulch South	57.78 ac
8.	Lynndale Park	44.31 ac
9.	Maple Mini Park	0.77 ac
10.	Meadowdale Park	6.24 ac
11.	Meadowdale Playfields	24.09 ac
12.	Mesika Trail & Forest	5.04 ac
13.	North Lynnwood Park	6.15 ac
14.	Pioneer Park	5.43 ac
15.	Rowe Park	2.31 ac
16.	Scriber Creek Open Space	2.32 ac
17.	Scriber Creek Park	3.84 ac
18.	Scriber Lake Park	24.01 ac
19.	South Lynnwood Park	3.93 ac
20.	Sprague's Pond Park	4.22 ac
21.	Spruce Park	4.75 ac
22.	Stadler Ridge Park	1.98 ac
23.	Veterans Park	1.31 ac
24.	Wilcox Park	7.31 ac
25.	Town Square Park (future)	1.65 ac
26.	188th ST SW Property (future)	5.05 ac
27.	Manor Way (future)	8.97 ac
28.	Doc Hageman (future)	7.68 ac



### South Lynnwood 2016-2025 Capital Investment Area

In 2016, the City utilized an equity-based mapping and engagement approach and identified this neighborhood as priority area for park investment. Over a ten-year period, the City invested over \$25 million dollars in completed and planned park improvements.

### City Center + Alderwood

The ParksLove planning effort is developing in parallel with planning in this area that is focused on higher density housing and transit-oriented development around the future Light Rail stations.

### Park 10-Minute Walk Gap Area

This area of Lynnwood has no parks within a 10-minute walk of residents and is one of the primary target areas for land acquisition to build new and small neighborhood park development.

### 2025-2032 Park Improvement Opportunities

The PRCA Department is striving to improve all existing parks in the city and to provide more amenities for a growing and diversifying population

# WHAT IS PARKSLOVE?

An equity-based approach to capital planning for Lynnwood Parks.

## Community Relationships

Build new and strengthen relationships between the PRCA and Lynnwood communities that are traditionally underrepresented in parks.

## Build New Parks

A 10-minute walk to a park for every resident of Lynnwood, realized through land acquisition, new park and trail development, and partnerships.

## Improve Existing Parks

Enhance beloved park amenities and equitably distribute new popular amenities and programs across Lynnwood.

participate in a cohort, learning to advance equity in park planning practices.

## Opportunities

### Equitable Park Access

Lynnwood is reviewing the definition of park access with an equity lens. This means hearing directly from people with a variety of lived experiences about what barriers limit their interest or ability to benefit from parks and what would increase their use of the parks.

### Financial Context

The ParksLove planning process is occurring within the context of a recent \$26 million investment in the South Lynnwood Neighborhood and more than \$1 million in addressing deferred maintenance and ADA barrier removal. ParksLove seeks to build off of this previous and ongoing work.

### Outcomes

ParksLove focuses on Lynnwood's park gap areas and on equitably-prioritized improvements to existing parks. PRCA has also identified partnerships with Edmonds School District and Public Works as major opportunities to expand ways that people of all abilities can safely walk and roll to parks and open spaces throughout the city. New relationships with previously underrepresented communities will provide the foundation for future park improvements and public financing campaigns.

## Challenges

### Inclusive Parks and Planning

Lynnwood's park system has historically best served white, single-family homeowners despite a growing need to serve a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural population that have not had easy access to homeownership. These community members often live and rent in neighborhoods with reduced access to open space and parks.

### Budget Limitations

Capital funding is extremely limited in Lynnwood due to recent large-scale investments in facility and transportation projects. PRCA must also manage new, high-quality streetscapes in the City Center + Alderwood area.

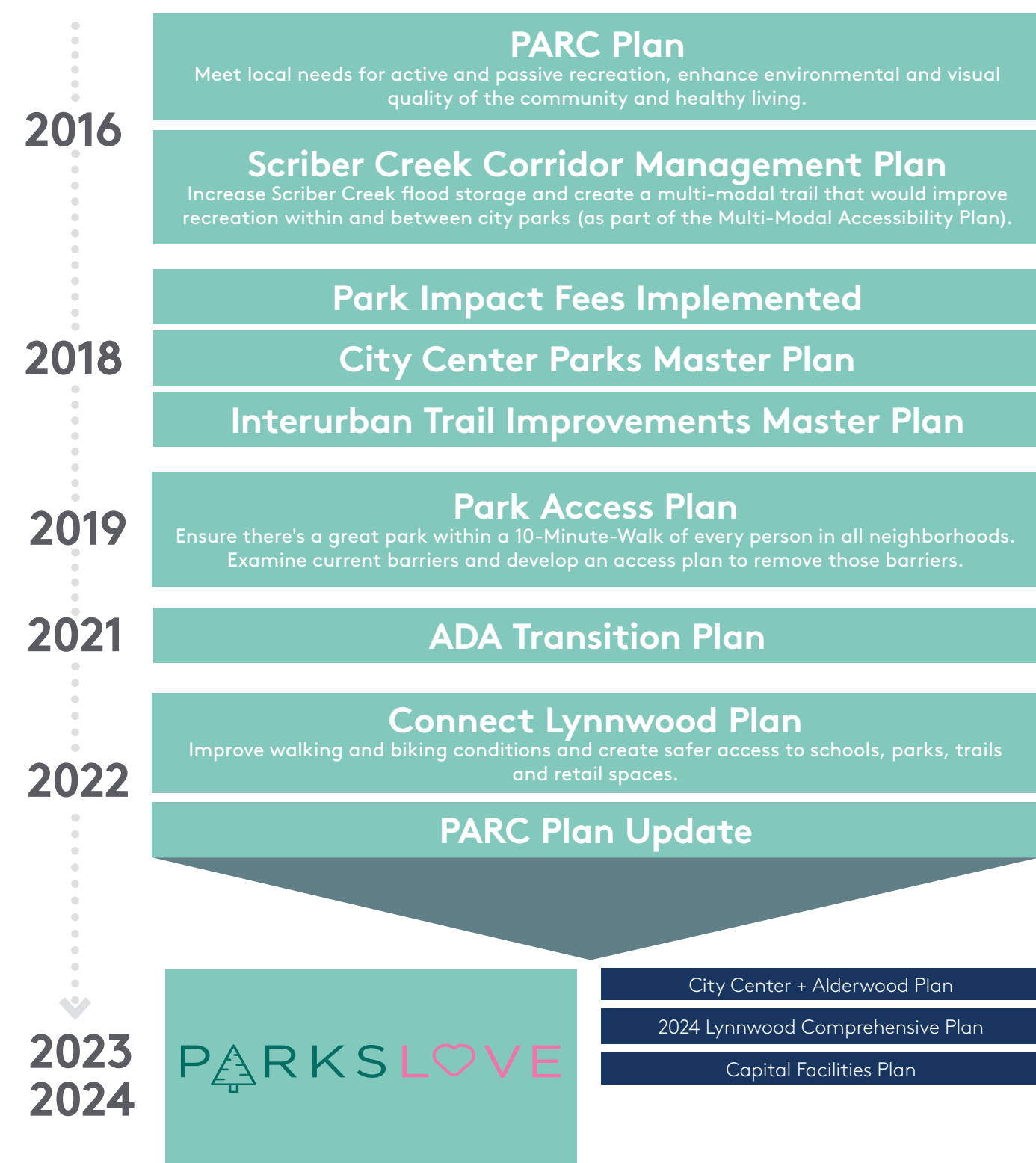
### Development Pressures

Compact, transit-oriented development and population growth are bringing welcome new neighbors in the city but are putting pressure on the level-of-service in existing parks. Park space is extremely limited in the City Center + Alderwood area. Improved connections to the Interurban Trail are needed in these areas.

### Covid-19

The pandemic has impacted nearly every aspect of operations. More people are using parks, despite playfields being closed for most of 2020. Recreation and senior centers were fully closed for many months. All full-time staff remained employed by pivoting to virtual programs and planning for phased reopening that began in June 2020. One of the first aquatic facilities to reopen in the county was in Lynnwood. Despite these judgments, the closures and reduced capacity throughout the system resulted in nearly \$3 million dollar revenue loss.

# PARK PLANNING CONTEXT



## A Planning Continuum

The Parkslove project is building off of prior planning efforts and developing concurrently with several important City plans including the 2024 Comprehensive Plan.

Lynnwood PRCA has a long and proven track record of funding and implementing successful projects from these planning efforts including major trail improvements to improve park accessibility, a full park transformation at South Lynnwood Park, and property acquisition for a future Town Square Park.

Multiple new projects are funded and will be completed in the next 5 years.

## In Progress & Recently Completed

- Gold Park Disc Golf Course
- Heritage Park Water Tower
- Meadowdale Playfields Inclusive Playground
- South Lynnwood Park
- Sprague's Pond Addition
- Town Square Park Acquisition
- Scriber Creek Trail Phase 2

## Planned Projects 2024-26

- Scriber Lake Park Boardwalk
- Scriber Creek Trail Phase 3
- Pioneer Park Tennis Courts
- Rowe Park
- Maple Mini Park
- Lynndale Park Central Play Area



# PARKSLOVE PROCESS

A combination of qualitative and quantitative strategies provide a holistic approach to establishing an equitable parks and trail capital plan that reflects the community's priorities. The ParksLove process included the following methods and strategies:

**Community Engagement** included a community CoDesign Team, direct engagement and public outreach.

The ParksLove process is rooted in a two-way exchange of information with people who have traditionally been underserved by parks. Everyone benefits when there is mutual understanding of the challenges and opportunities that members of the community face in order to share in the health, environmental and social benefits of parks. Parks can be improved when community members have the relevant information to be advocates for parks with each other. A community-based CoDesign Team that met eight times was established to meet this goal. Another equitable strategy was direct engagement with minority population community members led by Refugee Immigrant Services Northwest who have existing relationships with these groups. Typical public outreach remains an important part of the overall engagement strategy and included tabling at parks and street festivals.

**State of the Parks** included a park asset evaluation, a forest health assessment and strategic acquisition planning.

Technical studies were conducted by the planning team to evaluate the existing conditions of amenities in each park. Following standard protocols for park asset evaluation, the quality of the physical elements that make up the park experience, such as paths, buildings, lighting, play equipment, accessibility, and parking were evaluated to create a score that was used to consider patterns and impacts of deferred maintenance. A forest health assessment was also conducted to determine the level of biodiversity, an indicator of health, in each forest area. Strategic acquisition planning was conducted through GIS mapping which overlaid a series of equity maps with potentially available properties in park gap areas. These technical

analyses were shared in discussion with the CoDesign Team and formed the basis of the project prioritization tool.

**Project Prioritization** included equity and resilience mapping, screening questions, and the community co-creation of the final prioritization tool.

The project prioritization approach included multiple conversations with the CoDesign Team that informed the consultant team's park equity mapping, the project evaluation screen that prompted everyone to think about the roles of each project through an equity lens and the co-creation of a prioritization tool proposed by the planning team and modified through conversations with the CoDesign Team and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. A draft prioritization tool was developed that allowed the CoDesign Team to test the weighting of various scenarios and see how the overall prioritization of projects was effected. In this way, transparency was established. A greater understanding of the decision-making process builds trust and the ability of community members to have agency, promote advocacy around park issues and have informed relationships with staff and the City.

**Economics** included project cost estimating, revenue forecasting, and financing options.

Another layer of the holistic approach to the park and trail capital plan is the economic analysis. These economic studies also prompted discussion with the CoDesign Team and resulted in conversations that influenced the outcomes of the final park and trail capital plan.

Budgeting planning will begin on the priority projects taking into consideration available revenues, the City's revenue forecast, performance of impact fees, and availability of grant funds. Additional financing options may be needed to advance some of the key investments and create momentum that will keep pace with population growth and community needs

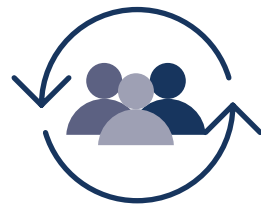
**Park and Trail Capital Plan**  
Lynnwood's Park and Trail Capital Plan has been co-created with community to reflect community needs

identified by priority population groups in the city. Significant project focus and effort was given to reach population groups that have typically been underrepresented and underserved due to barriers outside of their control such as language, lack of free time, financial limitations and family obligations.

\*Note: This plan excludes recreation facility needs (current and future needed assets) and a future study is needed to determine those needs.

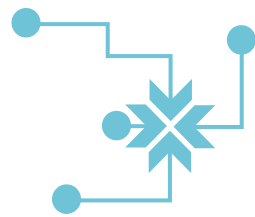


# PARKSLOVE FOCUS AREAS



## Inclusion

Eliminate physical and social barriers in parks, improve park maintenance, and increase the perception of safety so that parks are more inclusive and welcoming to people of all ages and abilities.



## Access

Equitably distribute parks, trails and highly-desired amenities throughout the city so that each resident is within a 10-minute-walk from a park or trail amenity.



## Health

Through parks, provide access to clean air and water and facilitate walking, running, rolling, and recreating in order to serve both individual and community health.



## Environment

Reinforce positive interconnections between people and nature through resilient forests and watersheds.

ParksLove explored how Lynnwood parks and trails can be more inclusive and accessible, improve personal and community health and support our environment in the face of climate change and urban development. These

focus areas provided the framework for community conversations with the CoDesign Team, focus groups and community at large.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This park investment plan has diversity, equity and inclusion at the center of the process. Community members and community-based organizations participated in a CoDesign Team that helped define the focus areas, what is valued in the prioritization process and how the final decisions are made through a transparent process designed for two-way learning. Through this process of getting to know community members, the staff are able to make increasingly relevant day-to-day decisions that provide more immediate benefits to Lynnwood communities most in need.

Park use data shows a disproportionate use of parks by white community members. This may reflect that the park system was designed primarily for white suburban homeowners. The systemic reasons for this disproportionate use can be better understood and addressed through intentional public engagement over time. Improving the system by understanding and removing barriers for underrepresented people to feel welcome in parks is a central part of park investment decision-making.

Community CoDesign and direct engagement is a first step in an on-going process to adapt standard practice. This proactive and reflective approach helps bring to light the needs of underrepresented community members and shows that parks designed for the most vulnerable benefit everyone more effectively.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion is addressed in the process and will change the City's development, operations and management of parks. The ParksLove process is focused on park investment decisions that will have the greatest opportunity to improve community health, climate resilience, accessibility, and inclusion. This process builds relationships between the community and staff that have the potential for systemic change that will go well beyond the timeline of this initiative.



**CODESIGN TEAM**  
Mutual Information Exchange



**DIRECT ENGAGEMENT**  
Grow Relationships With and Gather Insights From Groups With Barriers To Participation



**PUBLIC OUTREACH**  
Build Awareness of Park Planning Work and Understand Public Sentiment

# CODESIGN

## Overview

During the first year of ParksLove, Lynnwood convened a community CoDesign Team consisting of 20 members representing the City's long-standing, trusted partners and new members that reflect the diversity of Lynnwood. Members included representatives from the Park Board, Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Foundation, WAGRO Foundation, Friends of Scriber Lake, Edmonds College, Pacific Little League, business owners and other local community based organizations.

## Process

The community CoDesign group gathered in a series of meetings to advise on equitable and resilience strategies for the new Park & Trail Capital Plan. There were eight CoDesign meetings focused on inclusion, equity, health, environmental resilience, mapping/ indexing and project prioritization.

The goal of CoDesign is to create a mutual relationship of information exchange between staff and community members (residents, business owners, institutions). By spending time in deeper conversation around the topics and discussing how to prioritize projects, community members can be advocates and informed stewards for parks, and share their insights to guide the Department's work in more relevant and effective ways that result in direct benefits to a wider range of community members. These new long-term relationships based on trust and transparency will be crucial to the success of future implementation which may require voter supported public financing and/or design of inclusive and resilient park amenities.



CoDesign #2: Equitable Access, at Lynndale Park

# OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

## DIRECT ENGAGEMENT

### FOCUS GROUPS

The planning team partnered with Refugee Immigrant Services Northwest (RISNW) to facilitate eight focus groups to grow relationships with and gather insights from community members with barriers to participation in traditional community engagement events. These groups are as follows:

- COFA [Compact of Free Association]
- African [Immigrant]
- African American [Non-Immigrant]
- Latinx
- Cambodian
- Vietnamese
- Afghan
- Ukrainian



RISNW Focus Group in Living Room

### ALL ABILITIES FOCUS GROUP

The planning team facilitated this focus group to better understand how to make parks more accessible for people of all ages and abilities.



Outreach event at an Ethiopian Church

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

The PRCA built off new and existing relationships by attending special events at community spaces.

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

Staff tabled at numerous park events throughout the summer of 2022 and 2023, created an interactive booth at the Fair on 44th, and developed an online engagement page to collect comments.



ParksLove Interactive Booth at Fair on 44th, Sept. 2022

"Go beyond an accessible swing. Why aren't all parks fully accessible?"

"Parks support social health for teens by creating a space for teens to go and be themselves without supervision."

"Go beyond addressing physical disabilities."

"Education is critical for the community to get buy in and to be comfortable with these changes."

"We need signs encouraging kids to play in these untraditional landscapes."

"Team sports like pickleball support good social health."

"Make sure there is interpretive signage educating the public."

"Access to nature and forests is very important."

Community Voices from ParksLove Community Engagement

# STATE OF THE PARKS

## Park Asset Evaluation

The planning team conducted a field assessment of the current condition of each park's recreation amenities, site infrastructure, vegetated areas, and ADA facilities. All facility condition information was captured digitally using the Cartegraph app. Using the results of the park assessment, the team updated the deferred maintenance list and the associated costs to understand the future costs of replacing existing park infrastructure. Lastly, the team compiled information on the development/construction history of each park, including facilities, amenities at each site and prior valuations. The focus was on those facilities and amenities that have a monetary replacement value of \$5,000 or more and a usable lifecycle of at least three years. An appropriate lifecycle was assigned to determine the remaining usable timeframe for each facility/amenity. This information is one of several factors used to prioritize park improvements.

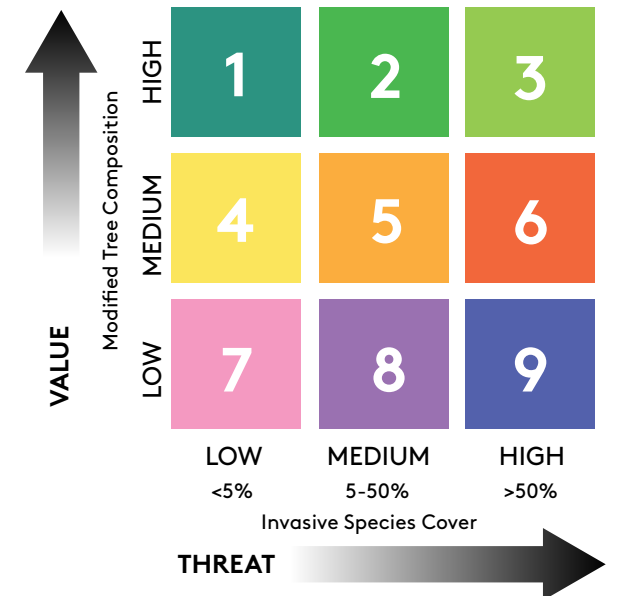
## Healthy Forest Assessment

Biologists from the consulting team conducted a baseline land cover and forest health assessment for parks and open spaces in Lynnwood. The assessment covered 20 parks and 2 undeveloped open spaces. The results of this assessment will allow City staff to make informed decisions when establishing long-term forest restoration and management priorities. The information presented in the Lynnwood Forest Health Assessment and in the appendix will serve as high-level baseline data and recommendations from which finer-scale, site-specific monitoring and restoration planning may occur based on City needs and priorities. The team also completed a more detailed Habitat Management Plan for Lynndale Park to guide stewardship of this large and beloved park.



Image source: Cartegraph.com

The planning team used the digital assessment and mapping tool Cartegraph to record the condition of all existing park assets.



The Tree-iage scoring method was used to classify the health of forests in Lynnwood's parks. Scoring is based on the tree composition and invasive species cover.

# PARK & PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

## Focus Areas

## Equity Map Factors

## Evaluation Screening Questions

### Inclusion



#### Population Served

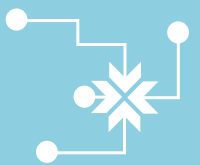
How many community members live near a park?

#### Park Usage

How many community members visit a park?

- Does the project address perception of safety concerns?
- Does the project align with at least one Community Outreach Priority area?
- What is the ADA barrier removal potential of this project?

### Access



#### Demographic Equity

Is the park located in a neighborhood with higher levels of social vulnerability?

#### Recreational Value

Does the park have amenities that are highly desired by the community?

- Does the project add an amenity in a known recreational amenity gap area?
- Does the project support city connectivity?
- Is the project operationally critical for the continued function of high use park amenities?

### Health



#### Community Health

Is the park located in a neighborhood with sensitive health populations?

- Does the project support the ParksLove goals of addressing Mental and Social Health?

### Resilience



#### Urban Heat Island

Is the park located in or near a heat island?

- NOTE: Forest and water quality improvement projects were screened via the Forest Health Study and prioritized through the mapping process.

The ParksLove team developed a prioritization tool that utilizes mapping to identify parks with a high equity need. The draft list of potential maps and evaluation questions were based on CoDesign Team conversations and the results of public outreach. These community priorities were sorted and categorized into the four focus areas. The team then utilized an iterative process to test various mapping and screening questions using the following criteria:

- Is there readily available map data that staff can easily use?
- Can these data and questions be transparent and objective, where possible?
- Is it a likely Capital project?
- Are the resulting projects achievable and realistically implemented in the next 5-10 years?

The result is a project prioritization tool that strives for objectivity, transparency and reflects the common themes heard during the public outreach process.

# TOP 20 PARK PROJECTS

There were 118 total projects ranked using the prioritization tool. Each project's overall ranking within the 118 projects is provided below.

OVERALL PROJECT RANK*	PROJECT LOCATION AND PROPOSED PROJECTS	OVERALL PROJECT RANK	PROJECT LOCATION AND PROPOSED PROJECTS
1	Pioneer Park Loop Trail	22	Wilcox Park Parking & Play Area Renovation
2	North Lynnwood Park Loop Path	23	Mesika Forest & Trail Neighborhood Access Improvements
4	Maple Mini Park Park Renovation: Stormwater, Play Area, Picnic, Parking Addition	23	Mesika Forest & Trail Opportunity Zone North (Trail, Nature Play, Learning Circle, Picnicking, Lawns)
5	North Lynnwood Park Spray Park & Playground Improvements	25	Lynndale FACILITY: Central Program Building & Restroom
6	Rowe Park New Park Development	25	Pioneer Park Play Area Renovation
7	Sprague's Pond Park Pond Access and Recreation (East)	27	Sprague's Pond Park Lawn Renovation
8	North Lynnwood Park Neighborhood Access Improvements	27	Wilcox Park South Shelter Accessible Route
8	North Lynnwood Park Parking Access and Improvements	27	Wilcox Park Parking ADA Stalls & Accessible Route (North)
11	Pioneer Park Parking Access and Improvements	30	North Lynnwood Park Lawn Renovation
13	Veterans Park Access and Connectivity Improvements	31	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park Opportunity Zone (Ziplines, Pump Track, Fitness Stations)

# TOP 10 TRAIL PROJECTS

OVERALL PROJECT RANK*v	PROJECT LOCATION AND PROPOSED PROJECTS	OVERALL PROJECT RANK	PROJECT LOCATION AND PROPOSED PROJECTS
3	Interurban Trail Trail Redevelopment (At Target)	14	Interurban Trail Beech Road Trailhead
10	Interurban Trail Opportunity Zone (Bus Barn Wedge): Pump Track, Picnic, Parking, Furnishings	14	Interurban Trail City Center Station Trailhead
12	Golf Course Trail Opportunity Zone (East): Stormwater, Play Area, Picnic, Parking Addition	19	Golf Course Trail Opportunity Zone (SW): Parking, Zipline, Lawn, Picnic, ADA Access
14	Interurban Trail Access Improvements at Alexan	19	Golf Course Trail East Trail Improvements
14	Interurban Trail 208th & 53rd Trailhead	19	Golf Course Trail Neighborhood Access Improvements
14	Interurban Trail Alderwood Trailhead		

\*Overall Project Rank includes trails, resilience projects and deferred maintenance

# ECONOMICS

## Planning for the Future

### Financial Context

Lynnwood Parks completed 22 capitol planning and construction projects between 2012 and 2023. During this period, Parks received 41 grants totaling over \$26 million representing a significant portion of the \$40 million invested

### New Project Cost Estimating

The project team defined the general scope of each project in order to create future budgets that include estimated costs for design, permitting and construction with adjustments for escalation, inflation and contingency.

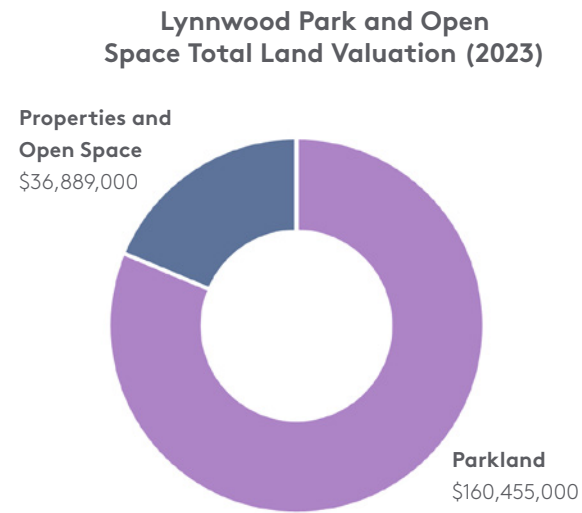
### 10-Year Park Revenue Forecast

This forecast used prior 2016 PARC Plan analysis as the template to create an updated 10-Year Park Revenue Forecast. The planning team worked with the City finance and community planning staff to develop population, employment, and other growth projections to create the Forecast.

### Funding Options

The City and planning team created a list of funding options for the Capital Improvement Plan, including but not limited to impact fees, bonds and grants. The purpose is to compare the costs for capital and operation needs identified in the Project Cost Estimating exercise against the projections of known funding sources.

Discussions with City leadership will help determine the applicability and usage of revenue sources for growing, developing, and maintaining its parks, recreation, and cultural arts program.



**Lynnwood's park and open spaces are valued at \$197,344,000 and also provide economic value to the city by:**

- INCREASING PROPERTY VALUES AND TAX REVENUE
- ATTRACTING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES
- INCREASING TOURISM
- REDUCING HEALTH COSTS THROUGH INCREASED EXERCISE
- DECREASING STORMWATER COSTS AND REDUCING POLLUTION
- COOLING THE CITY AND REDUCING POLLUTION

## ParksLove Next Steps



The planning team identified several key funding mechanisms including the importance of voter supported public financing in realizing the community's priorities for Parks that equitably served Lynnwood, maintaining its quality of life as it changes and grows over the next decade.

*"ParksLove is an effort of different people coming together and having their voices heard to make parks in Lynnwood more equitable" - CoDesign Member*

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# 2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement Overview

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CoDesign

Direct Engagement

Focus Groups

Public Outreach



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

## Introduction

This Capital Planning effort was guided by an engagement process that included a CoDesign team, direct engagement with community groups, and general outreach at park and City events. The conversations and survey results from this engagement process provide the foundation for new park and trail projects that reflect community priorities and are grounded in equity\* and transparency.

## Engagement Approach

### CoDesign Team

The CoDesign team was assembled through an open call on the City website, local media outlets, and direct outreach to community-based organizations in order to ensure the broadest range of voices on the committee. Members included representatives from the Park Board, Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Foundation, Project Girl, YWCA, Friends of Scriber Lake, Edmonds College, Pacific Little League, business owners and other local community-based organizations. This team gathered in a series of meetings over the course of 18 months to discuss the four project focus areas: **Inclusion, Access, Health, and Environment**. The team then reviewed community priorities to help inform the development of the project prioritization tool based on mapping and evaluation screening. The meetings were primarily

conducted on Zoom for flexibility and with meetings conducted in Lynnwood parks. Committee members were provided an optional stipend to participate.

### Direct Engagement

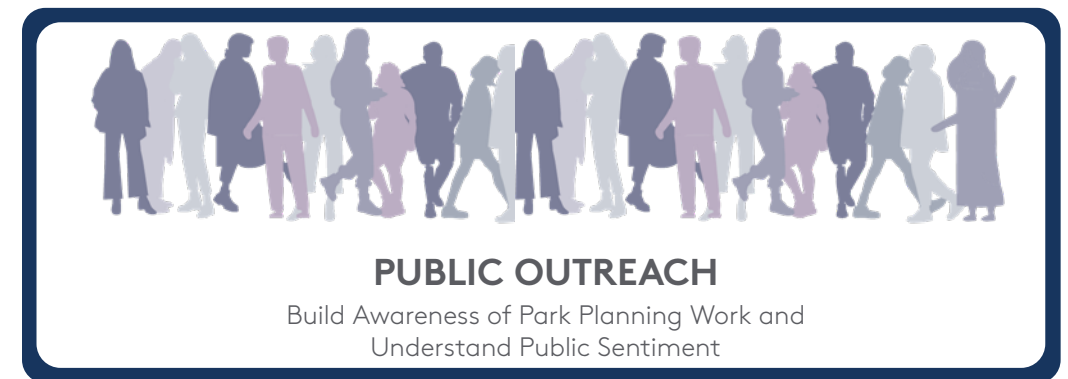
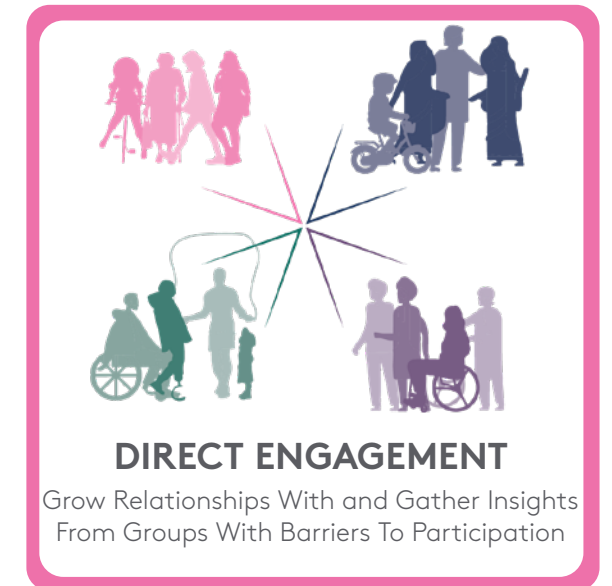
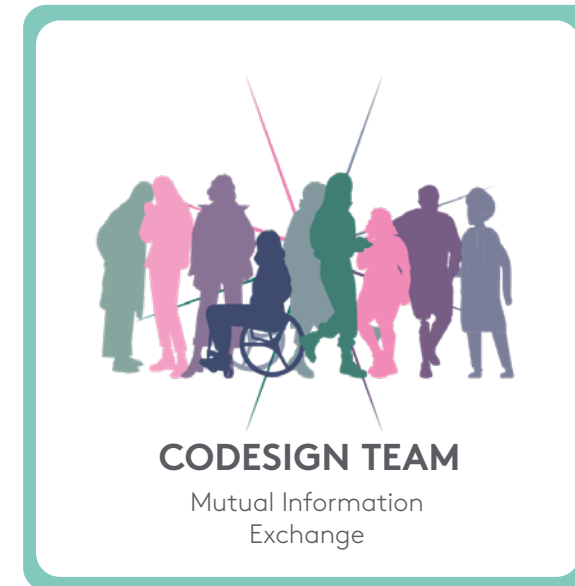
Meeting people within their existing community meetings was designed to reach community members who are typically underrepresented at public meetings and/or do not have an existing relationship with the PRCA Department. These meetings were conducted at gathering places or events for these specific community groups. Refugee and Immigrant Services NW (RISNW) facilitated eight focus groups each made up of 10-15 people representing unique cultural communities in Lynnwood. The City and consultant team conducted a listening session at South Lynnwood Park, an all-abilities focus group, engagement at Homage's community meal program, and attended several events in the community.

### Public Outreach

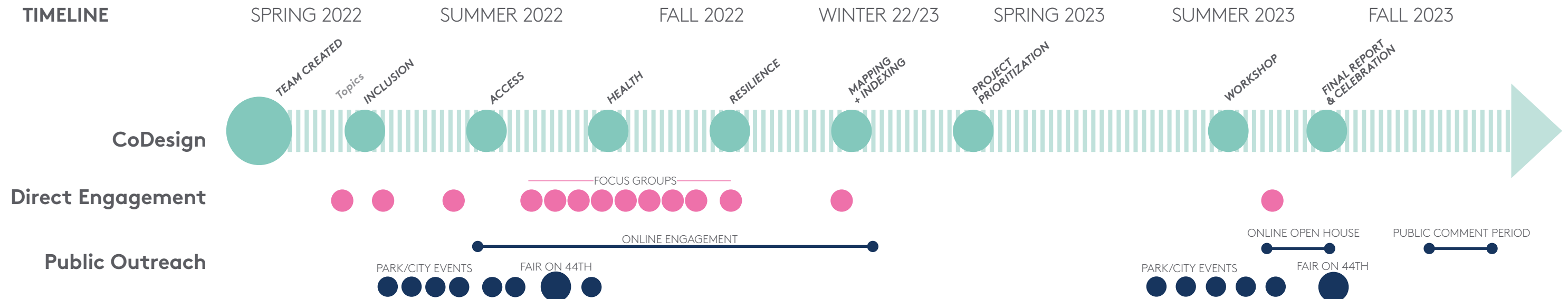
Staff tabled at numerous park events throughout the summers of 2022 and 2023, created an interactive

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## ENGAGEMENT APPROACH



## TIMELINE



# OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



## GENERAL & DIRECT ENGAGEMENT

Public Outreach Event

Direct Engagement Event

## CODESIGN

8 meetings / 16+ hours of conversations



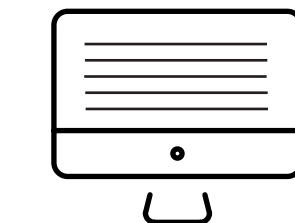
## FOCUS GROUPS

9 meetings / 100+ people / 10+ hours of conversations



## ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

June - December 2022 and August - November 2023



# SHARED THEMES

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Common themes emerged across all forms of engagement, regardless of whether it was direct or general public outreach or an in-depth CoDesign conversation. The themes highlighted here reflect a desire among a wide range of community members to increase and enhance park access, connect with nature, make park spaces more inclusive, promote mental wellness, build community, and improve safety.

## ACCESS TO AMENITIES & TRAILS

Make park facilities, play spaces, paths, and entrances easy to use for people of all ages and abilities.



## ACCESS TO NATURE

Increase ways for people to get to nature by building new trails and making existing trails easy to use for people of all ages and abilities. Restore forests and watersheds on park land, equitably across the city.



## PARK ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

Create safe and walkable routes through neighborhoods to increase access between residences and parks that include a diverse array of amenities desired by the community.



## CULTURALLY FRIENDLY GATHERING SPACES

Create gathering spaces that create a sense of belonging, feel welcoming and flexible to marginalized communities.



## INCLUSIVE SIGNAGE

Create wayfinding signage for multiple languages and abilities. Provide interpretive signage for environmental amenities and pilot projects.



## HEALTH & WELLBEING

Provide natural places and park spaces for mental restoration, social connection, and physical activity.



## SAFETY

Increase safety through partnerships, programs, maintenance and well designed lighting installations.



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# COMMUNITY VOICES

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"Nature is beautiful and creates peace and calm, we need to be intentional to be the best stewards for a healthy/resilient community and park system not just focus on aesthetics."

"Make sure there is interpretive signage educating the public."

"Parks benefit mental health by offering an escape from home or work in a safe space, surrounded by trees and birds."

"Accessibility should extend to all parks rather than a special spotlight."

"Make sure we have facilities to encourage gatherings for people who are from different backgrounds."

"The perception that the park is safe is more welcoming."

"Access to nature and forests is very important."



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***"Inclusive parks provide a space for everyone to be together and valued. It allows the beauty every individual person brings to the world to shine and be seen. Including everyone, benefits everyone."  
– Focus Group Member***

# CODESIGN

## INTRODUCTION

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### Overview

During the first year of ParksLove, Lynnwood convened a community CoDesign team consisting of 20 members representing the City's long-standing, trusted partners and new residents that better reflect the diversity of Lynnwood. New team members were invited through an open call on the Parks website as well as local media outlets. They were also invited through direct outreach to specific community-based organizations and active individuals in order to ensure the broadest range of voices on the committee. Members included representatives from the Park Board, Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Foundation, WAGRO Foundation, Project Girl, YWCA, Friends of Scriber Lake, Edmonds College, Pacific Little League, business owners and other local community-based organizations. CoDesign members were offered a stipend for their meeting attendance and any additional hours they spent working with the PRCA team on direct community outreach. A stipend is an important component of an equity\* based CoDesign process that values the lived expertise of community members and the value they bring to the overall planning process.

### Process

The community CoDesign team gathered in a series of meetings to advise on equitable and climate resilient strategies for the new ParksLove Capital Plan. There were eight CoDesign meetings focused on inclusion, equity, health, environmental resilience, mapping/indexing and project prioritization.

The goal of CoDesign is to create a mutual relationship of information exchange between parks and community members (residents, business owners, institutions). By spending time in deeper conversation around the topics and discussing how to prioritize projects, community members can be advocates and informed stewards for parks, and share their insights to guide Lynnwood's work in more relevant and effective ways that result in more direct benefits to a wider range of community members. These new long-term relationships based on trust and transparency will be crucial to the success of future park public financing and design of inclusive and resilient park and recreation facilities.



CoDesign meetings were conducted on Zoom and in person with an emphasis on relationship building, education, polling activities and facilitated conversation.

## PARKSLOVE FOCUS AREAS



### Inclusion



### Access



### Health



### Environment



### Project Prioritization

## CODESIGN DISCUSSION TOPICS

Welcoming & Inclusive Parks  
 Universal Access For All Ages & Abilities  
 Park Demand & Level Of Service

Equitable Geographic Access To Parks  
 Equitable Distribution Of Park Amenities

Physical, Mental And Social Health  
 Health Equity  
 Health Partnerships  
 Wellness Hubs

Healthy Forests  
 Heat Island Mitigation  
 Stormwater Management In Parks  
 Climate-Adapted Park Landscapes\*\*

Mapping & Analysis  
 Project Screening Questions  
 Draft Priority Project List  
 Program Opportunities

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# INCLUSION

## WELCOMING & INCLUSIVE PARK SPACES FOR ALL ABILITIES

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Eliminate physical and social barriers in parks, improve park maintenance, and increase the perception of safety so that parks are more inclusive and welcoming to people of all ages and abilities.

*"For some people green and soft-scaped spaces are welcoming, but for people with mobility issues more hardscaped spaces could be more accessible and welcoming."*

*"Include multiple languages for wayfinding and shelter rentals."*

*"Welcome diverse groups with culturally specific programs."*



### Context

- The PRCA team is updating the capital plan through an equitable and inclusive CoDesign engagement process.
- Opportunities to build new parks are very limited so existing park level of service must increase through improvements to quality of parks rather than solely on size/quantity.
- Demands on parks are increasing due to the Covid-19 pandemic and other factors.
- Lynnwood's community is changing and becoming more racially diverse.

### CoDesign Topics

#### Universal Access for All Ages and Abilities

The removal of barriers and setting a standard of universal access\* will promote inclusivity. Accessible facilities, amenities, play equipment, paths and trail improvements should address a range of abilities including physical, mobility, sensory, and neurological.

#### Welcoming and Inclusive Spaces

Park spaces that inherently create a sense of belonging for all visitors are welcoming. Gathering spaces for larger groups of people that incorporate art and cultural elements from different communities promote inclusivity.

#### Wayfinding

Include inclusive wayfinding signage for multiple languages and abilities in parks and on digital platforms. Provide interpretive signage for environmental amenities and pilot projects to broaden awareness.

#### Safety

Increase safety through partnerships, programs, maintenance and well designed lighting installations that are aligned with city policy.

\*Universal access refers to a design principle in which spaces and infrastructure are designed for users of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

# ACCESS

## EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF PARKS & AMENITIES

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Equitably distribute parks, trails and highly-desired amenities throughout the city so that each resident is within a 10-minute-walk from a park or trail amenity.

### Context

- Lynnwood PRCA has completed a number of planning studies addressing urban trails, park access, and park connectivity with the Public Works department.
- The 2016 PARC Plan drove significant investment in South Lynnwood.
- Concurrent planning studies are occurring in City Center and Alderwood.
- Staff need to identify the next area(s) of investment through strategic acquisition, improved connections to and equitable distribution of popular amenities in existing parks.

### CoDesign Topics

#### Access to Parks

Park access can be more equitable by improving access to transportation, sidewalks, and other network connections to parks and trails.

#### Access to Popular Amenities

Increased access to nature and popular amenities such as playgrounds, loop paths, shelters, sport courts, spray parks and skate parks supports equitable access.

#### Access to Services and Partnerships

Parks can improve access to health, food and social services within the parks system through partnerships. Partnerships could be made between parks and health centers, Edmonds School District, and the Public Works Department.

#### Park Acquisition

The City of Lynnwood can acquire land to build new mini parks within park gap areas which increase 10-minute-walk access.

*"Improve language and technology accessibility to address gaps across cultures."*

*"Improvements to restrooms and pathways."*

*"Shelter rental processes that are simple and straightforward."*



# HEALTH

## SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL & COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Through parks, provide access to clean air and water and facilitate walking, running, rolling, and recreating in order to serve both individual and community health.

*“Free place to workout or hangout with friends, family or by yourself.”*

*“Partnerships would be beneficial for people to access wellness services.”*

*“Team sports like pickleball support good social health.”*

*“Walking and watching birds benefit mental health.”*



### Context

- Mental health and social isolation are priority issues and will likely continue to impact the community in the long term, especially among youth and seniors. Parks can address these issues through increased physical access and intentional programming.
- The Lynnwood Healthy Communities Action Plan identified physical/mental health, food production, and social cohesion as park opportunities.
- The Swedish Community Health Needs Assessment\* identified mental health, homelessness, racism and discrimination as high priority community health needs.

### CoDesign Topics

#### Personal Health: Physical, Mental and Social

CoDesigners identified how parks can support individual physical, mental and social health. Immersive trails and loop paths, playgrounds with intergenerational equipment, fresh air, community gardens and sports fields benefit physical health. Birdwatching, mindfulness and relaxation spaces away from home benefit mental health. Team sports like pickleball, pet friendly space and picnic areas benefit social health.

#### Health Equity

Parks play a crucial role in promoting health equity. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation states that health equity "means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care." Parks can improve health equity by providing access to open spaces and amenities that support physical, mental, and social health for people of all backgrounds, ages and abilities. Parks can also build partnerships with local and community based health organizations and establish "Wellness Hubs" to provide access to health care in parks.

\* Community Health Needs Assessment-2021 - Swedish Edmonds <https://www.swedish.org/-/media/project/psjh/providence/socal/files/about/community-benefit/pdfs/2021edmondschna>

# ENVIRONMENT

## RESILIENT FORESTS & WATERSHEDS

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Reinforce positive interconnections between people and nature through resilient forests and watersheds.

### Context

- Key Lynnwood resilience challenges include: urban flooding, water quality, urban heat island, healthy forests, biodiversity and drought adaptation.
- Mutual, two-way communication is needed to better understand the community's environmental priorities and values, and for the community to better understand how resilience strategies may visually and functionally impact parks.

### CoDesign Topics

#### Healthy Forests

Resilient forest management requires supporting and restoring forests with a healthy understory made up of native ground cover plants and removal of invasive species such as English Ivy. Many Lynnwood parks with large trees are not part of a forest ecosystem due to the lack of native trees, shrubs and groundcover plants below the tree canopy.

#### Heat Island Strategy

Trees play an important role in mitigating increased temperatures that occur in urban areas due to higher concentrations of hard surfaces that retain heat. Parks can increase the percentage of dense tree canopy, shrubs and plants to lessen the heat island effect. Recreation centers and spray parks can also serve as public cooling centers during heat waves.

#### Stormwater Management in Parks

Parks can act as water filters and sponges by incorporating green infrastructure and natural wetlands. These practices reduce the amount of harmful pollutants and excess water runoff entering watersheds during rainstorms.

#### Climate Adapted Park Landscapes

Traditional park landscapes are typically made up of lawns and a limited number of non-native or non-adapted plant species. Resilient park landscapes incorporate a wider range of native or climate adapted, drought tolerant species that can survive fluctuations in temperature or rainfall. Biodiverse meadows can be beneficial to pollinators like native bees and butterflies while also requiring less fertilizer and water.

*“Support healthy forest understory.”*

*“What is the balance between native and future climate adapted plants?”*

*“Make sure there is interpretive signage educating the public.”*

*“Daylight creeks.”*





# DIRECT ENGAGEMENT

## FOCUSED ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

### What is Direct Engagement?

Direct Engagement occurs when staff attend existing events in the community, setting up interactive activities to gather input and ideas from a wide range of people of all ages. ParksLove built off of existing relationships such as those with the Ethiopian and Latino community. Staff attended an event at one of Lynnwood's Ethiopian Churches and hosted a listening session at South Lynnwood Park.

ParksLove established a new relationship through the CoDesign team and other outreach which led to attending a Project Girl event at North Lynnwood Park, a Disabilities Awareness event hosted by Edmonds School District, and outreach at the Chinese community dining program at Homage.

### Process

Staff brought interactive activities to community events to engage children and adults. Participants were asked which parks they frequented the most and what amenities drew them to the park. They were then asked what additional amenities and/or spaces were desired in that park or parks in general. The results from these exercises were varied but nevertheless revealed a strong desire for more inclusive play and sport features, comfortable spaces to gather and other special use spaces like spray parks and dog parks.



Ethiopian Church Event



South Lynnwood Park Listening Session



Project Girl Event



Parks Event

## DESIRED AMENITIES FROM DIRECT ENGAGEMENT

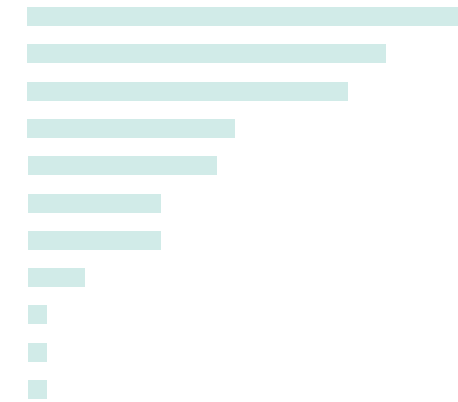
RESPONSES

AMENITY TYPE

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### Fitness and Play

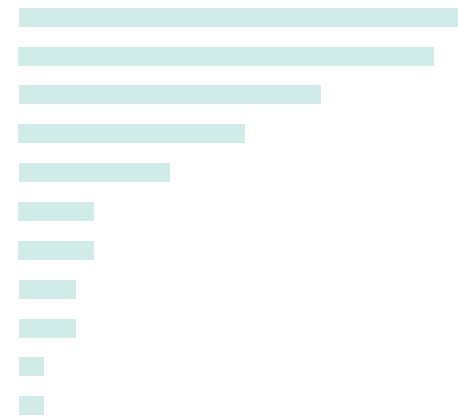
- Universal and Inclusive Playgrounds
- Grass Sports Field
- Multi-Sport Court
- Skate Park
- Trails and Loop Paths
- Pickleball
- Inter-Generational Equipment
- Loose Matieral Play
- Inclusive Trails
- Zip line
- Metal Slide



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### Comfortable Environment + Access to Nature

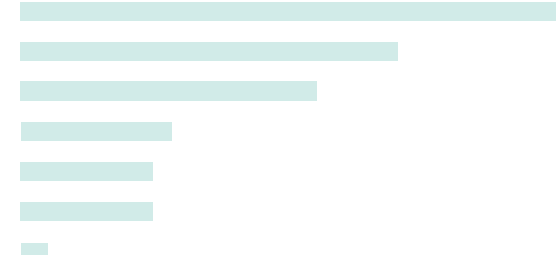
- Sensory Planting
- Picnic Tables and Shelters
- Benches and Rest Areas
- Interpretive Signage
- Lawn
- Accessible Ramps
- Wetland/ Bioretention
- Braille Signage
- Curved Conversation Benches
- Shade Trees
- General Maintenance



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### Community

- Spray Parks and Pools
- Programming
- Off-Leash Dog Areas
- Plazas and Gathering Spaces
- Community Garden
- Volunteering
- Wifi



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### New infrastructure

- Restrooms



# FOCUS GROUPS

## RISNW COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUPS

### Process

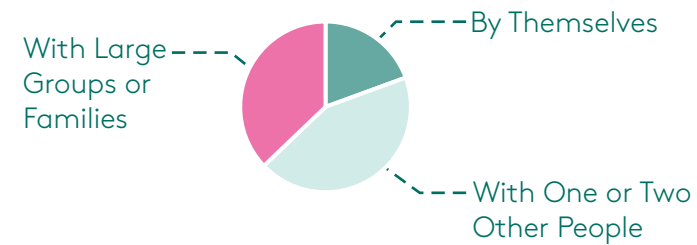
The planning team partnered with Refugee Immigrant Services Northwest (RISNW) to facilitate eight focus groups (10-15 people per group) to grow relationships with and gather insights from community members with barriers to participation in traditional community engagement events. These groups are as follows:

- COFA [Compact of Free Association]
- African [Immigrant]
- African American [Non-Immigrant]
- Latino
- Cambodian
- Vietnamese
- Afghan
- Ukrainian

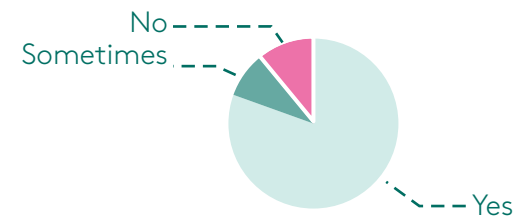
The team worked with leaders and facilitators at RISNW to develop questions that were specifically tailored to each group. Focus group orientations and trainings were held for facilitators and scribes. In addition to RISNW staff, representatives from the Cambodian American Friendship Foundation (CAFF) and WAGRO Foundation attended. The focus groups were conducted at trusted locations such as a community member's home or a neutral gathering space.

During the meetings, attendees were asked to fill out surveys with assistance from RISNW staff. The survey questions aimed to better understand which parks were frequented, what amenities were desired and whether these community members felt welcome and safe in Lynnwood parks.

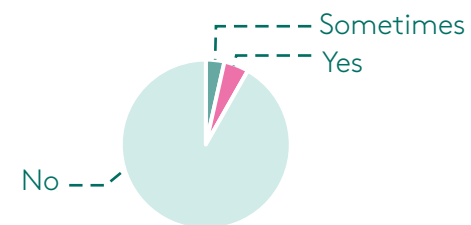
### Focus Group Members Use Parks



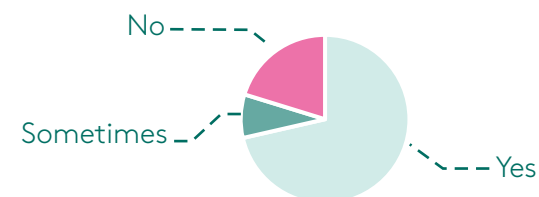
### Parks Feel Welcoming



### Discrimination Experienced in Parks



### Parks Feel Safe



African-American Focus Group Meeting



Ukrainian Focus Group Meeting



Latino Focus Group Meeting

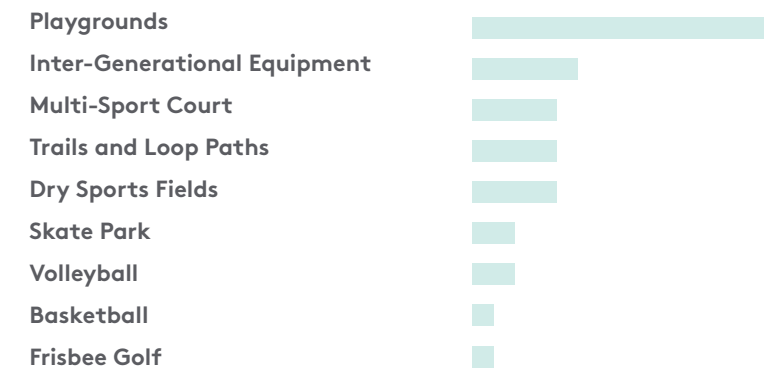
## DESIRED AMENITIES FROM FOCUS GROUPS

### RESPONSES

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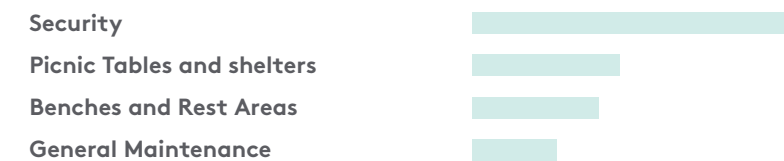
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#### Fitness and Play



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#### Comfortable Environment + Access to Nature



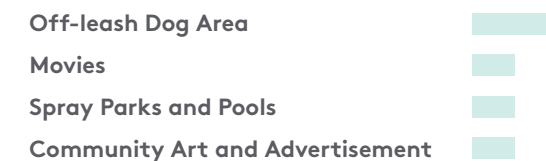
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#### New infrastructure



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#### Community



# PARKS FOR ALL ABILITIES

## CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

### Accessibility Barriers in Parks

ADA barriers in parks present significant challenges for individuals with disabilities. Limited-mobility individuals may encounter difficulties navigating unpaved paths or trails that lack accessible surfaces, limiting their ability to enjoy a range of park spaces and to access nature. Playground equipment may not be designed to accommodate children with various disabilities, excluding them from play experiences. Inadequate signage or lack of braille on wayfinding signage creates communication barriers for individuals with visual impairments. Access to restrooms and facilities can be challenging, especially for those with limited mobility or specific personal care needs. Moreover, insufficient lighting and poor perception of safety can increase these challenges, diminishing the overall park experience for people with disabilities. Addressing these barriers is essential to creating inclusive and accessible parks, ensuring that individuals of all abilities can enjoy the recreational and therapeutic benefits of these natural open spaces.

### City of Lynnwood ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan

The Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP) guides the City in evaluating the accessibility of facilities, programs and services and helps guide the prioritization to update facilities, programs and services to be accessible and compliant to all applicable laws. This Plan is a living document that is regularly updated as programs and services change, as barriers are removed, and new facilities come under ownership or control of the City.

The removal of accessibility barriers in parks is guided by a categorization process referenced in the ADA regulations. The principle is to ensure that basic access is provided, access to activities is provided, amenities are accessible, and alternatives to architectural modifications are allowed when appropriate. The categorization process includes the following programmatic categories:

- **Category 1:** The highest category is placed on those barrier removal items that provide accessibility at the main entrance of a facility or improve a path of travel to the portion of the facility where program activities take place (e.g., parking, walks, ramps, stairs, doors, etc.).

- **Category 2:** A second category is placed on those barrier removal items that improve or enhance access to program use areas (e.g., transaction counters, conference rooms, public offices, restrooms, etc.).
- **Category 3:** A third category is placed on those barrier removal items that improve access to amenities serving program areas (e.g., drinking fountains, telephones, site furnishings, vending machines).
- **Category 4:** A fourth category identifies areas or features not required to be modified for accessibility (no public programs located in this area, or duplicate features).

### All Abilities Focus Group

The City of Lynnwood PRCA staff hosted an all-abilities focus group meeting over Zoom. Sign language interpreters were provided for meeting attendees who were deaf or hard of hearing. Staff provided discussion prompts on park usage and accessibility to guide conversation and also allowed time for unprompted conversation. The discussion prompts were as follows:

#### Outdoor Time/Park Use

- *What types of parks/outdoor spaces do you like to use when you gather with friends, family, or by yourself? OR: Tell us about a park you have visited that meets your needs.*
- *What activities do you like to do outside for fun, exercise, relaxation?*
- *Do you feel safe/comfortable using parks in Lynnwood?*

#### Access

- *Where do you live and which parks do you use most often in the area?*
- *How do you usually travel to your local park/outdoor place?*
- *Are there any barriers that make traveling to your local park difficult?*

## ALL ABILITIES FOCUS GROUP THEMES

- **Overcrowded Playgrounds:** Participants noted challenges in finding parks with the desired features, as overcrowding often occurs in new, all-abilities destination playgrounds. Overcrowded parks pose a health hazard for immunocompromised individuals. One attendee suggested sanitation stations in parks could help.
- **Playground Surfacing:** Wood chips in playgrounds were identified as a significant barrier for wheelchair users. Rubber surfacing was valued for its accessibility benefits.
- **Wheel Chair-Accessible Play Equipment:** The importance of movement (swinging/spinning/sliding) was discussed. Wheelchair accessible swings, transfer stations, merry-go-rounds, and ground elements with musical instruments were suggested equipment for inclusive playgrounds.
- **Park Restroom Facilities:** The need for adult-sized changing tables and all-gender family restrooms was highlighted. Participants expressed frustration when ADA bathrooms are listed, but only porta-potties are available, which poses mobility and sensory issues.
- **Weather Protection and Shade:** The group discussed the importance of shade trees and weather-proofing parks to make them accessible year-round, especially for wheelchair users and individuals with medical equipment. Covered areas were suggested to accommodate park visitors in all seasons. They emphasized the need for covered picnic areas and wheelchair-friendly picnic tables, as the ends of picnic tables are often inaccessible.
- **Safety and Fencing:** Safety concerns were raised, especially for children who may wander. Fencing and natural barriers were identified as essential features to prevent accidents, especially near busy streets.
- **Access to Nature:** The group emphasized the importance of accessible trails immersed in nature providing options for wheelchair users to enjoy the outdoors. Dirt trails were preferred over trails with woodchips or gravel, due to the inability to roll over loose surfacing.
- **Transportation and Sidewalks:** Accessibility challenges related to getting to parks without the use of cars were discussed with a focus on pedestrian safety and narrow roads. Lack of sufficient sidewalks appeared to be one the major barriers in accessing neighborhood parks in walking or wheeling distance.
- **Community Inclusivity:** The need for inclusive programs, such as summer camps and outdoor plays with ASL interpreters, was highlighted. The group also mentioned the importance of outdoor spaces that make space for sensory-sensitive children and adults.



All Abilities Focus Group member playing with her daughter at South Lynnwood Park Playground

# PARKS FOR ALL ABILITIES

## UNIVERSAL DESIGN GUIDELINES

SOURCE — AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS: NEW GUIDE TO UNIVERSAL DESIGN



### SIGHT LINES

Sight lines in parks play a crucial role in enhancing safety by ensuring that caregivers can easily monitor children at play and enabling park-goers to maintain awareness of their surroundings. Restrooms should be strategically positioned near playgrounds, ensuring easy accessibility for all, especially children and individuals with cognitive disorders.



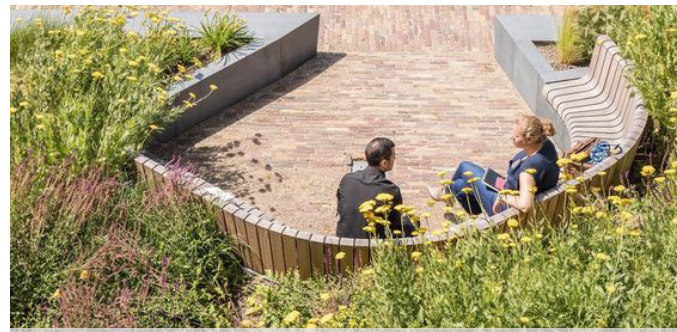
### PLAYGROUNDS

Playgrounds should be designed to foster intergenerational and social connections, provide sensory stimulation such as swinging, spinning, and sliding, encourage physical exercise, and offer access to nature. They should prioritize inclusivity by considering children with disabilities and their families by incorporating accessible play surfacing like synthetic turf or rubber surfacing. Incorporating water and sand elements to play areas can be a beneficial stimulant for autistic, deaf or blind children.



### SIGNAGE & WAYFINDING

Clear and well-lit signage, designed with easy-to-read fonts, graphic icons, braille, and tactile elements, ensures that everyone can navigate parks more easily. Accessible maps and information kiosks at key points in the park provide visitors with inclusive wayfinding tools, allowing everyone to explore the park.



### SEATING

Seating should be thoughtfully distributed throughout parks and around playgrounds, with the inclusion of armrests and chair backs to cater to a wide range of individuals, including waiting parents, elderly visitors, caregivers, children and people with mobility limitations. Curved social seating is helpful for people who are deaf or hard of hearing to face each other while signing.



### TREES & VEGETATION

Trees play a multi-beneficial role by providing shade, reducing glare, acting as noise and sensory buffers, and creating cozy enclosures within larger public open areas. A combination of strategically placed shrubs, thoughtfully positioned logs, and other visual or physical barriers can effectively address concerns related to wandering or running, particularly for children and individuals with autism.



### MATERIALS

Consider physical attributes of materials and their potential impact on various populations. This includes factors such as ground cover, tactile qualities, sensory engagement, accessibility for those with limited mobility or using wheelchairs, temperature considerations, sensitivity to static electricity, loose building materials, and glare. Additionally, consider the strategic use of color to facilitate wayfinding and create serene, neutral, and natural environments.



### OPEN & ENCLOSED SPACES

Offering a variety of spaces, including both enclosed and open areas, empowers individuals to choose the type of environment that suits their preferences. Open spaces are particularly important for older adults. Incorporating smaller, tranquil play areas alongside larger, more dynamic spaces provides children with a place of calm and respite and flexibility to enjoy the environment that best matches their needs and preferences.



### SENSORY

Creating a rich and diverse experience in the park requires a range of sensory stimulation levels, as well as clear lines of sight and perception between park and playground areas. The layout of sensory experiences is essential to foster a harmonious environment, enabling visitors to enjoy the park while preventing potential sensory overload or discomfort.

# PUBLIC OUTREACH

## GENERAL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

### Process

The PRCA team tabled at numerous park events throughout the summer of 2022 and 2023, created an interactive booth at the Fair on 44th, and developed an online engagement page to collect comments. The survey responses from the various parks events along with the online open comments were synthesized into main themes. Themes included: access to amenities, trails and nature, health and wellbeing, inclusive signage and safety.

### OUTREACH PROMPTS

1. What would make parks feel more welcoming?
2. How can parks support your health?
3. What environmental issues matter most to you?



Interactive Booth at Fair on 44th



Outreach at Sandlot Cinemas

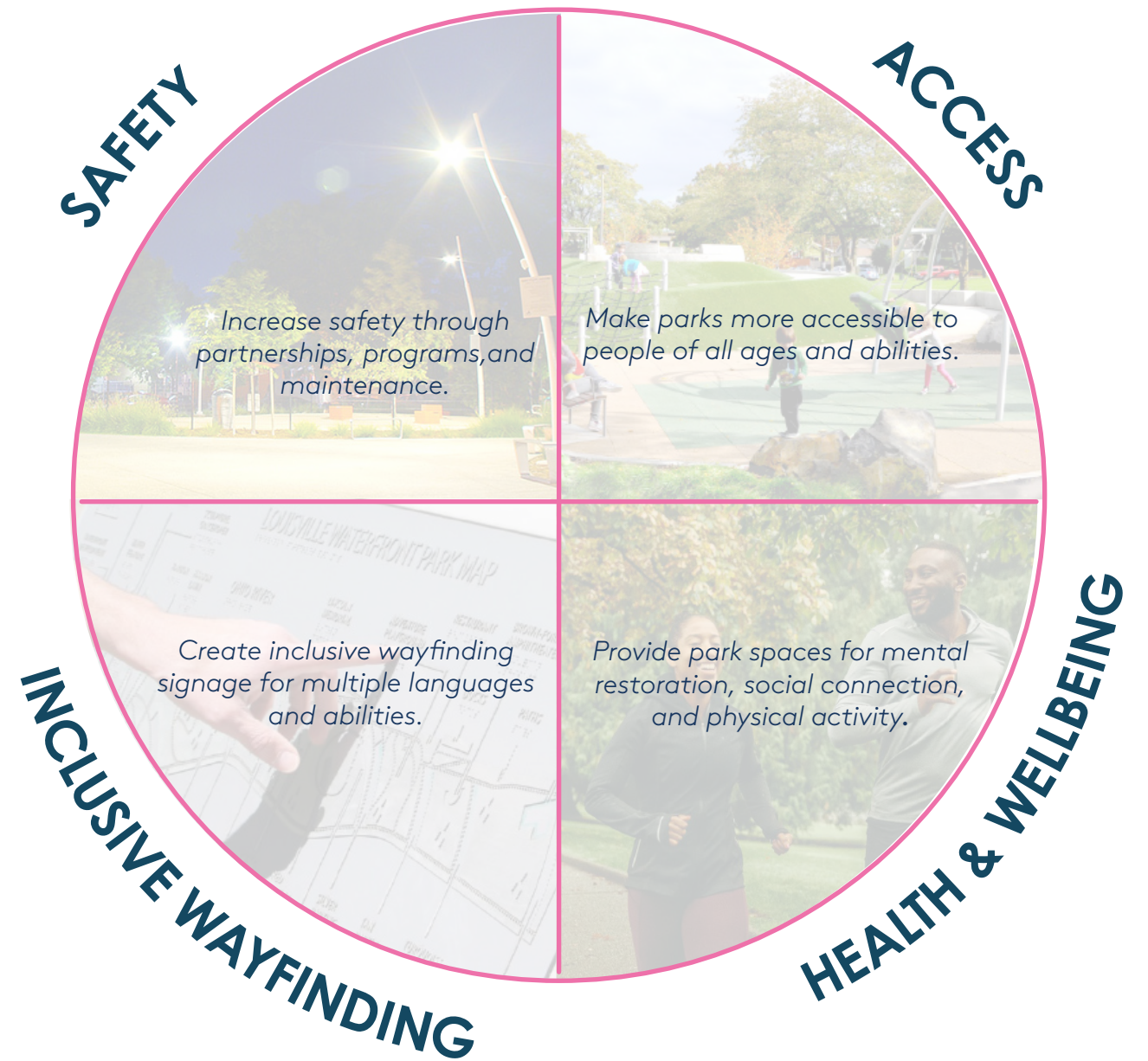


Park Story Tree at Fair on 44th



Parks Event

### COMMON THEMES FROM GENERAL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



# 3. STATE OF THE PARKS

Forest Health Assessment

Park Asset Evaluation



# FOREST HEALTH ASSESSMENT

## Introduction

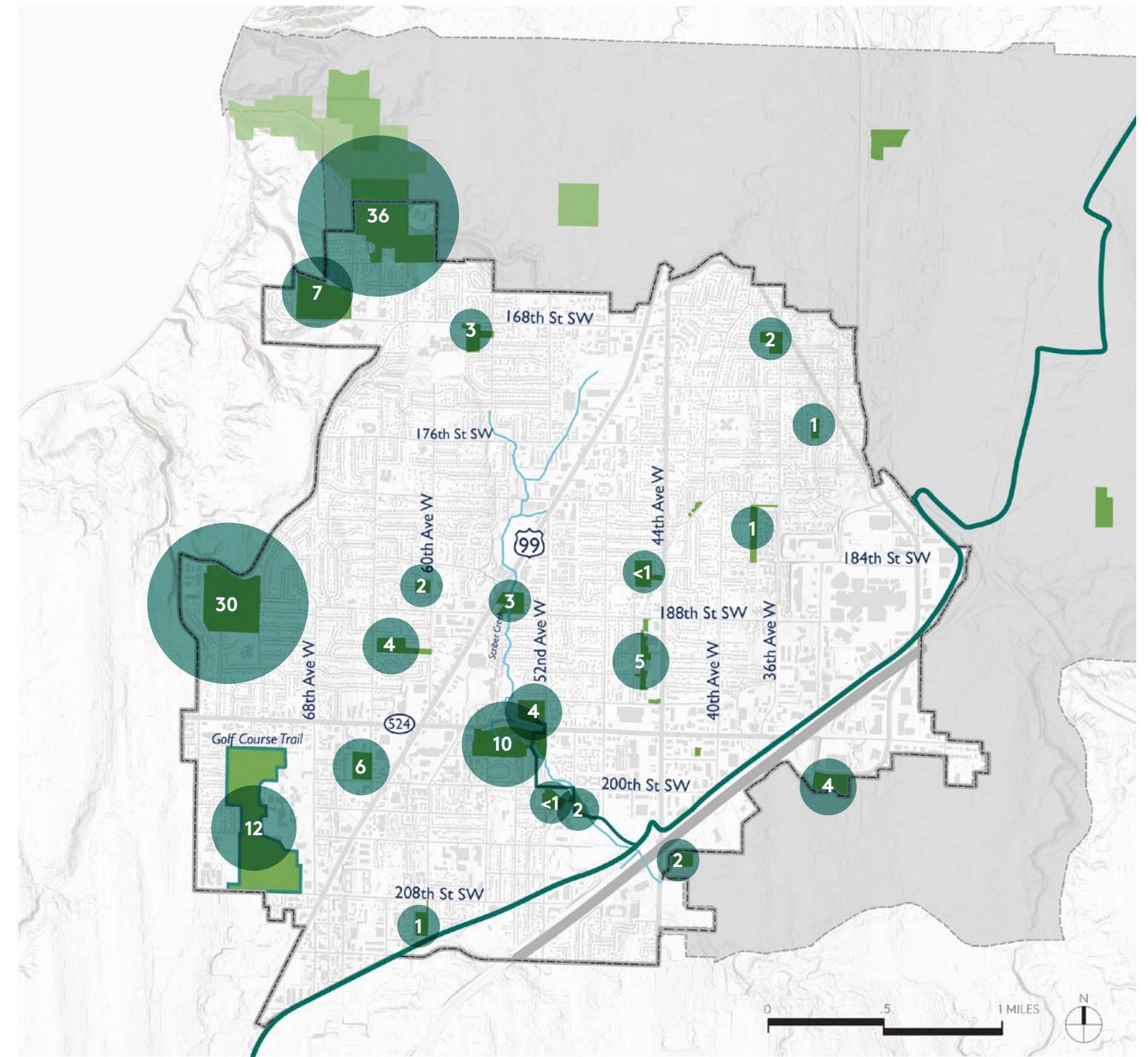
Urban forests play a vital role in the environmental, economic, and public health of Lynnwood. An urban forest has multiple layers of native trees, understory shrubs, and ground cover. Urban forests are complex ecosystems that provide numerous benefits to the community including reducing flooding and erosion, sequestering carbon, offering shade on hot days, cleaning the air, providing habitat for wildlife, mental health restoration, and many more. Lynnwood's urban forests are at risk from multiple threats including development, tree loss, and invasive species. Active management is required to maintain forest health for generations to come. The first step in managing these resources is understanding their current conditions.

Biologists from Herrera Environmental Consultants (Herrera) conducted a baseline land cover and forest health assessment for parks and open spaces within the incorporated city limits of Lynnwood. The assessment covered 18 parks, 5 open spaces, and one trail (locations shown on the map to the right); the Interurban Trail was not assessed as part of this effort. The results of this assessment provide City staff with better decision-making information when establishing long-term forest restoration and management priorities. The information published in the final Urban Forest Health Assessment Plan, 2023 serves as high-level baseline data from which finer-scale, site-specific monitoring and restoration planning may occur based on City needs and priorities. A summary of that work is provided in the following pages. The full Urban Forest Health Assessment can be found in the Appendix.



Herrera field staff collecting data at Lund's Gulch South

## FORESTED ACRES IN LYNNWOOD PARKS



- LYNNWOOD PARKS
- FORESTED ACRES PER PARK
- LYNNWOOD MUNICIPAL URBAN GROWTH AREA

Notes:

1. Maple Mini Park and Veterans Park have 0 acres.
2. Assessment excluded the Interurban Trail and over 98 acres of parkland outside the city limits in the municipal urban growth area.

# METHODOLOGY

Herrera used the Forest Landscape Assessment Tool (FLAT) to evaluate forest ecological conditions and potential threats to forest health. The technical information produced by FLAT serves as a foundation for developing forest stewardship and management plans and priorities for Lynnwood's parks.

FLAT is a set of procedures and tools based on the Tree-iage model. The Tree-iage model scores the overall health and level of threat – by habitat management unit – within forested areas. Overall, Lynnwood has 135 acres of forest within its incorporated limits which represents almost half of Lynnwood's total area of parkland.

## FLAT PROCESS

### GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) ANALYSIS

Using aerial imagery, team biologists identified habitat management units (HMUs) based on five categories:

- Forested\*
- Natural (non-forested)
- Open water
- Hardscaped
- Landscaped

*\*Forested ecosystems contain native trees, shrubs and groundcover plants below the tree canopy. Tree canopy without understory plants are considered landscaped.*



Mapped HMUs of Heritage Park- The colors are associated with the tree-iage scores on the page to the right

### FIELD SURVEYS

A field team of Herrera biologists and arborists then conducted field surveys to verify HMU boundaries and further assess forested and natural areas to assign Tree-iage values.

Existing forest conditions/attributes documented include tree canopy composition, invasive species threats, estimates of tree age & size classes, dominant native understory species, potential threats (e.g., disease, pests, erosion), native tree regeneration species, and stand density (or how far apart trees are spaced, which is an indicator of the age of the forest).

*See Appendix for a the full data collection form used during the field analysis.*



Herrera field staff collecting HMU data

## TREE-IAGE ANALYSIS

After field investigations, Herrera analyzed the results within baseline forest health assessment data forms to determine a Tree-iage score for each HMU based on the Tree-iage matrix system (see below). Tree-iage scores range from 1 to 9 and are based on modified tree composition and invasive species cover. A number 1 represents high-quality habitat and low invasive-species threat, and a number 9 represents low-quality habitat and high invasive species threat. Tree-iage scores provide an overview of site conditions which support prioritization and planning efforts. From this data, values (high, medium, or low) were assigned to each Management Unit for habitat composition as well as invasive-cover threat.

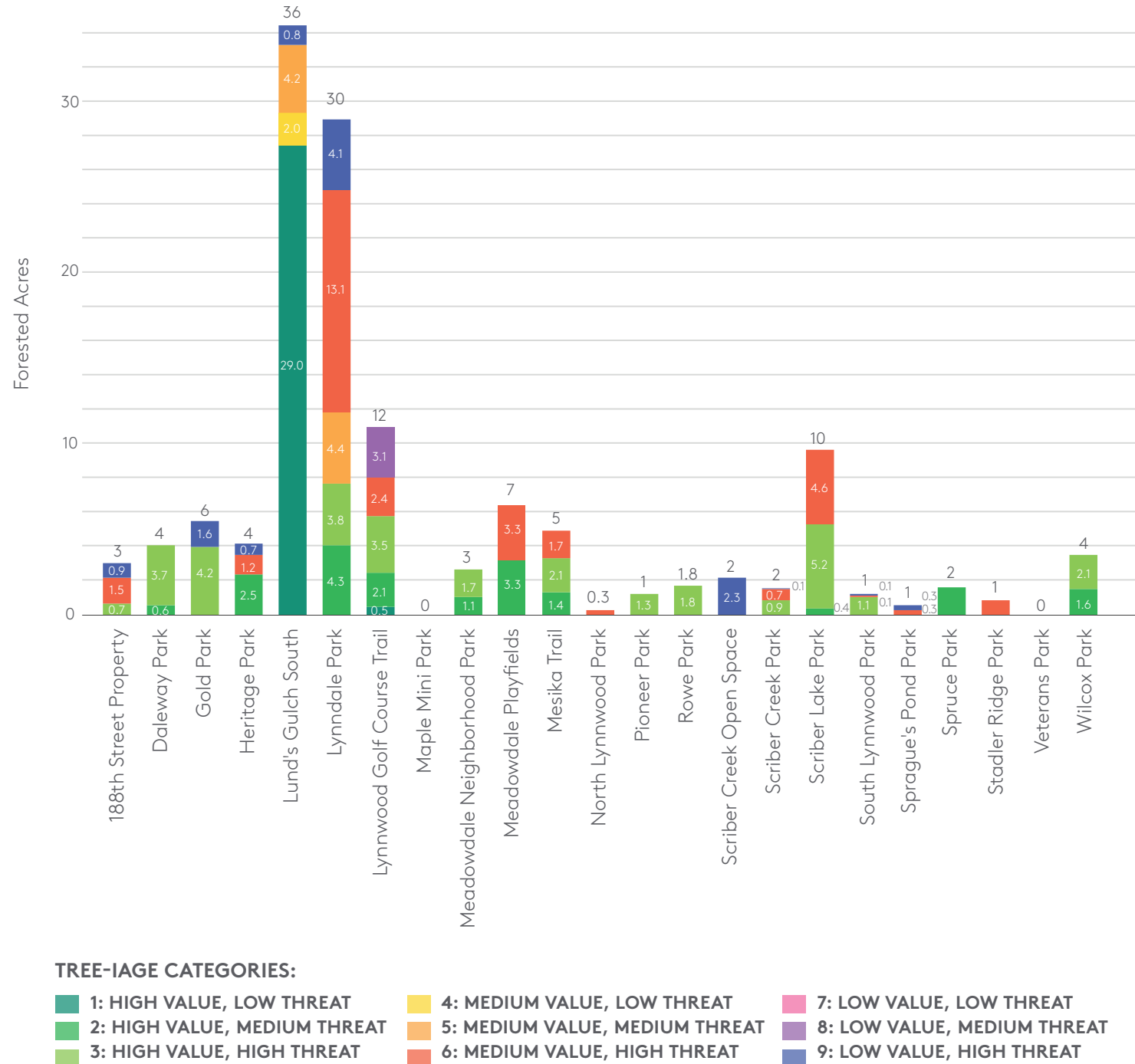
Examples of Tree-iage Matrix Values at Different Lynnwood Parks

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>HIGH VALUE   LOW THREAT</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>HIGH VALUE   MEDIUM THREAT</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>HIGH VALUE   HIGH THREAT</p>
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# RESULTS

## FORESTED ACRES PER TREE-IAGE CATEGORY



# RECOMMENDATIONS

As Lynnwood continues to urbanize and heat islands expand, there is a need to promote and plan for a community forestry program and update city policies that address management and preservation of the existing tree canopy. According to preliminary field assessments, more than two-thirds of the forested lands in Lynnwood’s parks and open spaces have high or moderate value habitats, with over 50 percent comprised of conifer or madrone canopy. However, the

presence of large populations of invasive vegetation poses a significant threat to these forested areas. To determine priority forest management areas, Lynnwood PRCA established their own criteria for prioritizing forest restoration sites and also incorporated prioritization strategies from the Snohomish County Healthy Forest Project 20-Year Plan (Snohomish County, 2021). The site prioritization process was divided into two categories: Field Objectives and Community Objectives.

### Field Objectives

Focus on specific objectives related to site restoration.

- 1 Prioritize sites for restoration within parks and open space where:
  - Projects and work are already happening
  - There is > 1 acre of contiguous forest present or the site contains a stream, high-value wetlands, lakes, or opportunities to treat and store stormwater
  - The park is ranked as having moderate to high Racial or Social Equity opportunities based on the 10-minute park walkshed
  - There is potential to improve the geographic distribution of restoration locations or benefit specific wildlife habitat or goals
- 2 Implement restoration best practices on all project sites using four phases:
  - Phase 1: Invasive plant removal (may include mulching, seeding, or planting after weed removal)
  - Phase 2: Secondary invasive removal and planting
  - Phase 3: Plant establishment and follow-up maintenance
  - Phase 4: Long-term stewardship and monitoring, which includes compliance with Snohomish County Noxious Weed Board's regulations regarding noxious weeds

### Community Objectives

Focus on methods for community collaboration, inclusion, and involvement in Lynnwood parks.

- 1 Promote meaningful community engagement
- 2 Build a Forest Steward Program. Friends of Scriber Lake is an example of one of these programs
- 3 Seek opportunities to engage youth and integrate environmental learning into events and activities
- 4 Appreciate volunteers and publicly celebrate forest restoration successes
- 5 Use restoration to contribute to public safety
- 6 Work with community partners, such as school districts, neighboring cities, local tribes, WSDOT, and Edmonds College, to encourage support for forest protection and management
- 7 Engage and educate residents and private landowners

# PARK ASSET EVALUATION

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## Introduction

The Lynnwood Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts (PRCA), through their ParksLove Project, aims to develop a community-driven comprehensive strategy to advance and shape parks and programming to be representative, accessible, and equitably distributed among the residents of Lynnwood. To help develop this inclusive and comprehensive strategy, PRCA needed to first understand the status of its existing parks and the condition of their current assets, as well recognize the financial implications associated with current deferred maintenance actions and the depreciated value of its assets. In addition, PRCA also needed to estimate and recognize the financial implications of the system-wide improvements and enhancements identified in the strategy.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) specialists and cost estimators from SiteWorks conducted a series of tasks to gather park asset condition information and then developed cost estimates for deferred maintenance, update the 2015 park valuation estimate, and establish construction estimates for future improvement/enhancement options. SiteWorks assessed and compiled this information for all existing parks and trails in Lynnwood (a total of 20 sites and trails), as well as developed cost estimates for several open space areas and potential new sites that present opportunities for future development. The information in this report provides a high-level summary of the results of the individual tasks that SiteWorks completed for the ParksLove Project. This summary information, as well as the more detailed results, provide important information to help guide PRCA's decision-making and implementation efforts for the outcomes of the project.



SiteWorks field staff assessing park amenities

## EVALUATION COMPONENTS

### ASSET CONDITION ASSESSMENT

The field assessment was focused on individual assets at each park and trail (identified in Cartegraph; PRCA's mapping and inventory tool) and assessing the current condition of those specific assets using a series of assessment metrics including: the need for resurfacing, if the asset was missing parts, the presence of graffiti, any damage or broken elements of the asset, ADA compliance issues, and overall condition.

### DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ESTIMATE

Based on the condition assessment results, SiteWorks compiled a list of deferred maintenance items for each park and estimated the cost of replacing these assets in 2023 dollars.

### PARK VALUATION ESTIMATE

SiteWorks updated a previous valuation and depreciation estimate to recognize the current condition of parks, trails, and recreation assets by incorporating the current condition of assets, updating average asset replacement costs, and calculating a depreciated value for each asset based on the condition and average replacement cost. In addition, they established a replacement schedule (target year) for when an asset was likely to require replacement given its current condition, use and maintenance level.

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# METHODOLOGY

## Asset Condition Summary

SiteWorks completed a field assessment of Lynnwood parks and their primary recreation assets in September 2022. The field assessment was focused on individual assets at each park and trail (identified in Cartegraph; PRCA’s mapping and inventory tool) and assessing the current condition of those specific assets using a series of assessment metrics including the need for resurfacing, if the asset was missing parts, the presence of graffiti, any damage or broken elements of the asset, ADA compliance issues, and overall condition. This type of assessment is particularly useful for identifying specific assets that are in need of routine maintenance, repair, or replacement at each site.

The resulting average condition ratings also provide a general sense of the condition of all assets within an asset class at a specific park or across the entire park system. Asset class is a category label used in Cartegraph to group/identify similar types of assets. PRCA uses 10 asset classes in Cartegraph including Athletic Space, Benches, Doors, Facility Equipment, Facilities, Park Misc, Signs, Park Structures, Park Amenities, and Playground Equipment. For summary purposes, SiteWorks consolidated these 10 asset classes into seven. In coordination with PRCA, the Bench asset class was incorporated into the Park Amenities asset class, and the Doors and Facility Equipment asset classes were integrated into the Facilities or Park Structures asset classes.

SiteWorks relied on data that was exported and compiled by the Lynnwood PRCA from Cartegraph for these summary analyses of the field-based asset condition assessment. In general, SiteWorks did not “clean” or validate the data exports from Cartegraph. That said, for summary purposes and where appropriate, SiteWorks did make some modifications to the asset class (as noted above for Benches, Doors, and Facility Equipment) and/or asset type labels for some assets. For example, some playground equipment was tagged with a “Park Structure” asset class, while others were tagged with a “Playground Equipment” asset class. SiteWorks recategorized all playground equipment under the “Playground Equipment” asset class label. These modifications have only been made in the Cartegraph exports and are not recognized in the master Cartegraph database.



SiteWorks and PRCA staff assessing park amenities

The average condition ratings provide a general indicator of the overall condition of assets (by class and type) at each park. For reference purposes, condition ratings of 3 to 5 are generally indicative of assets that are in moderate to great/new condition, while ratings of 1 to 2 are indicative of assets that are in need of repair and/or replacement. An overall condition score (average of all asset condition ratings) is also provided for each park. This overall park condition score is an indicator of the average condition ratings of those assets that were assessed during the field investigation at each park and should not be strictly interpreted as indicative of the overall condition of a park.

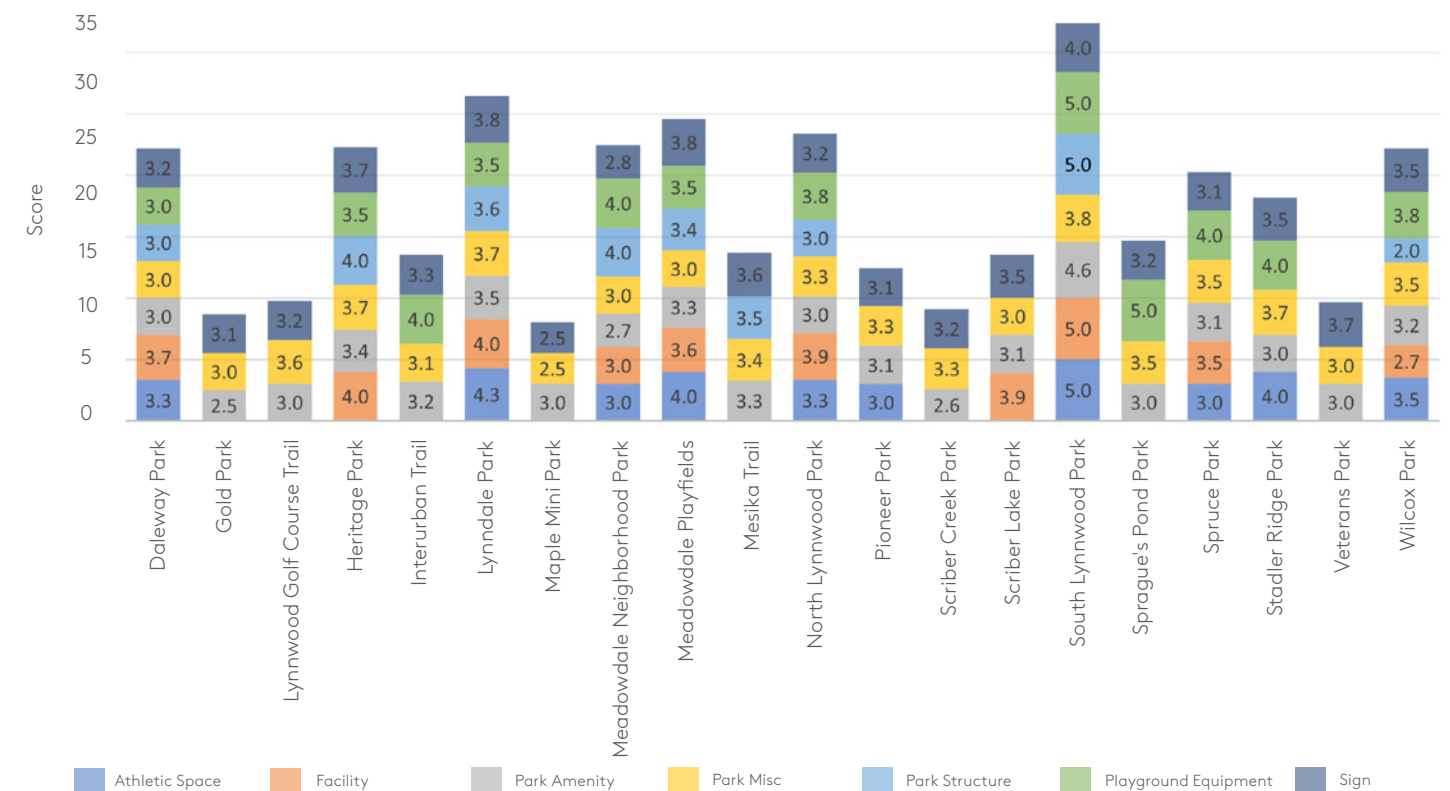
There are several reasons why the overall condition scores for each park may not be indicative of the comprehensive condition of a park. First, there were numerous components at each park that were not assessed (e.g., pathways and trails, parking lots, landscaped areas, natural areas, lighting, irrigation, other site components not yet inventoried in Cartegraph) during the 2022 assessment process. Second, given the high number of some common types of assets (e.g., trash cans, picnic tables, signs), and lower number of other assets (e.g., sports courts, picnic shelters, other facilities), it’s possible that the sheer number of common asset ratings may overly influence an aggregated condition score. And finally, a park is more than the sum of its assets. Its overall condition is also a function of how the site’s assets come together to establish a larger recreation setting, its aesthetic conditions, its environmental parameters, etc. This

higher level, comprehensive assessment was generally beyond the scope of the 2022 asset assessment process.

## Deferred Maintenance Estimate

Based on the condition assessment results, SiteWorks compiled a list of deferred maintenance items for each park and estimated the cost of completing these identified items. The 2023 Deferred Maintenance Estimate used the 2015 Deferred Maintenance List as starting point (referred herein as Previously Identified Deferred Maintenance Actions). Those assets that received an “Overall Condition” rating of either one (1) or two (2) during the 2022 Parks Assessment (completed by SiteWorks staff on September 12 through 16, 2022) were also added to the list of deferred maintenance items (referred herein as New Deferred Maintenance Actions).

## PARK CONDITION RATING [0-5]



For purposes of this task:

- The Previously Identified Deferred Maintenance Actions do not include ADA enhancements that were identified during the 2015 parks planning process. It also does not include actions that have been completed since the original list was compiled (per input and directive from staff).
- New Deferred Maintenance Actions are based on the field assessment that SiteWorks staff completed in September 2022. This assessment captures a snapshot or moment in time of current park conditions for the assets identified for assessment by the Lynnwood PRCA and may not be indicative of longer-term park-specific and/or system-wide maintenance needs.
- The asset condition inspection excluded playground equipment and stormwater facilities. Those replacement values were not calculated and are excluded from the overall results.

All deferred maintenance costs (previous and new) are order of magnitude costs for planning purposes only.

These deferred cost estimates, including updated 2015 estimates, are provided in 2023 dollars. To update the 2015 cost estimates to 2023 dollars, SiteWorks applied a total escalation rate of 38 percent to the 2015 deferred maintenance cost estimates. From 2015 to 2021, an annual 4 percent escalation rate was used (6 years at 4 percent). A 6 percent and 8 percent escalation rate was applied for 2022 and 2023, respectively. The 2023 cost estimates for New Deferred Maintenance Actions are based in part on input from staff, regarding material and labor costs.

**Park Valuation Estimate**

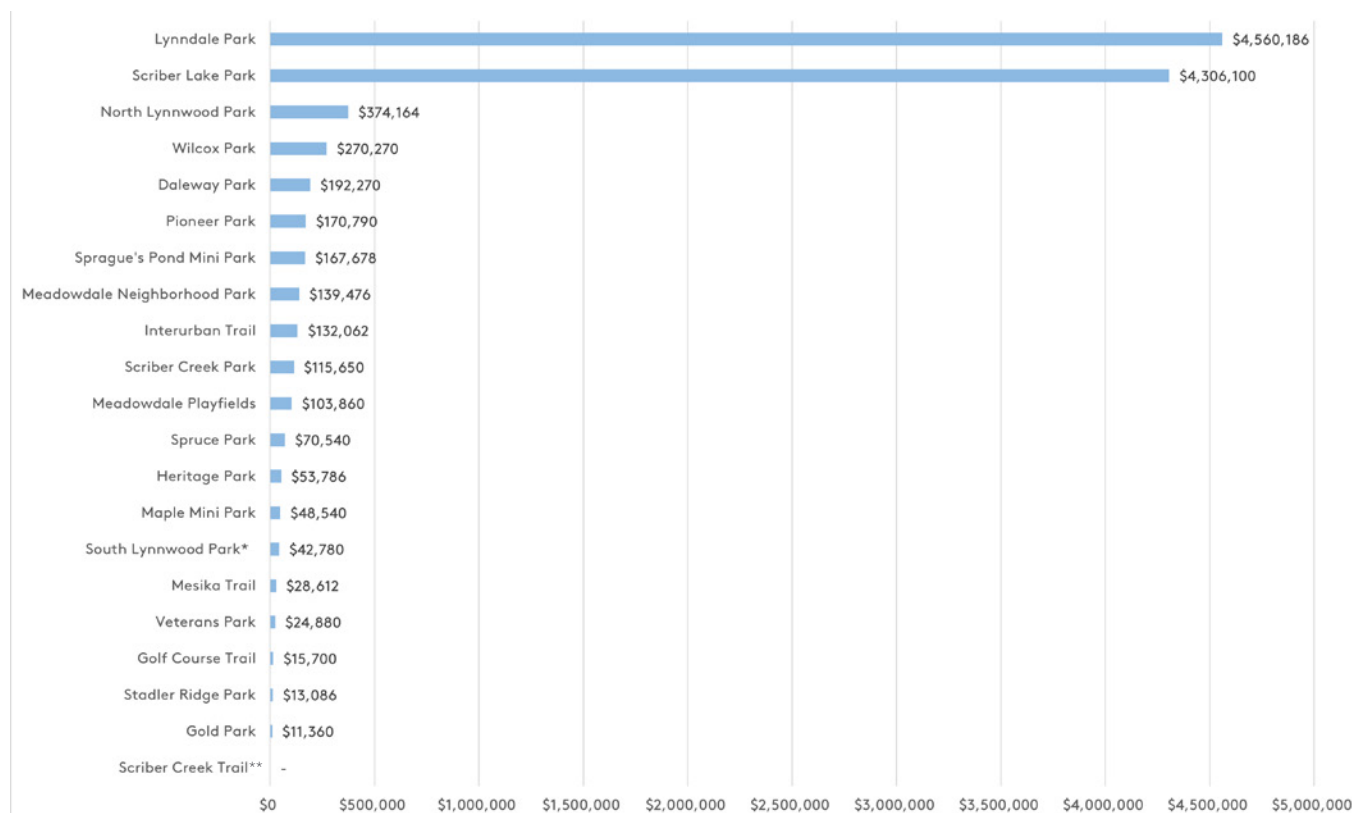
As part of the 2016 Parks, Arts, Recreation & Conservation Plan, PRCA compiled an asset valuation “to provide an order of magnitude estimate of the total public capital investment in Lynnwood’s physical park amenity assets and to provide an estimate of the overall depreciation of those assets.” SiteWorks updated this valuation and depreciation estimate to recognize the current condition of parks, trails, and recreation assets by incorporating the current condition of assets (see the asset condition task), updating average asset replacement costs, and calculating a depreciated

value for each asset based on the condition and average replacement cost. In addition, we established a replacement schedule (target year) for when an asset was likely to require replacement given its current condition, use and maintenance level.

To develop the valuation estimate, SiteWorks established current (2023) asset replacement values based on the previous valuation exercise (with appropriate escalation to 2023 dollars), recent construction estimates for similar facilities, input from PRCA, and other cost estimating sources (e.g., BNi Building News General Construction 2023 Costbook). The replacement values and corresponding park asset valuations are planning level estimates only. They represent a reasonable average replacement value for each type of asset. Actual cost estimates to replace an asset may be higher or lower depending on site-specific conditions, permitting requirements, contingency costs, labor rates, and other factors at the time of replacement.

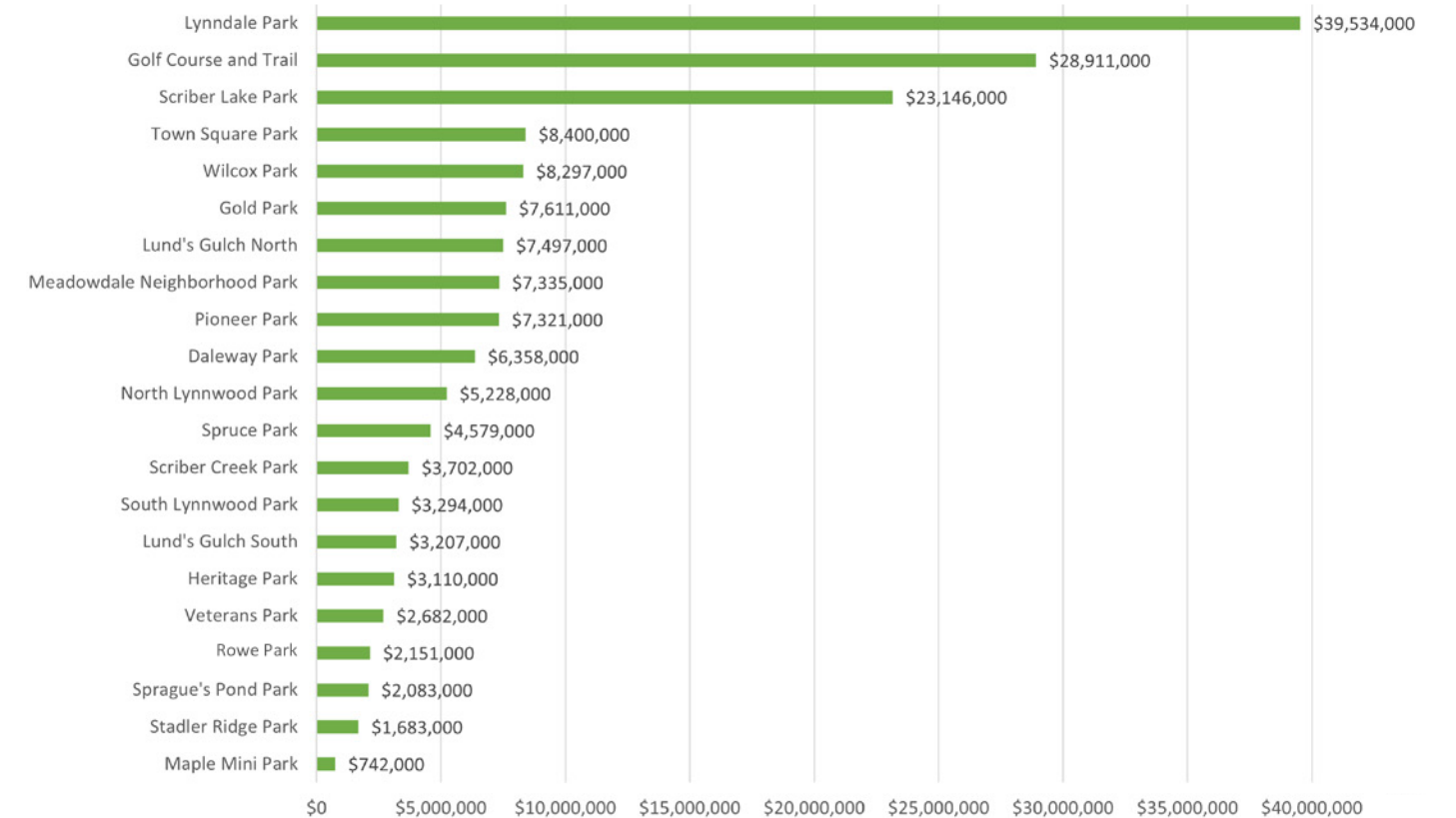
SiteWorks applied a condition multiplier (based on the results of the condition assessment) to the asset replacement value to derive the depreciated value of each existing asset. In addition and also based on the condition assessment, SiteWorks estimated the number of usable years remaining in the lifecycle of an asset (Years Until Replacement), as well as a year when the asset would likely need to be replaced (Replacement Year). This provides a general sense of when assets across the park system may need to be replaced. Similar to the previous iteration, the updated park valuation estimate provides an order of magnitude estimate of the public capital investment in Lynnwood's parks. The estimate summarizes the current value of park asset investments and factors in the depreciation of these assets based on their current condition. The valuation captures capital improvements to the primary park assets at each park and does not include the full suite of public infrastructure located at each park.

**PARK DEFERRED MAINTENANCE RESULTS**



\* South Lynnwood Park was renovated in 2022. While the 2015 cost estimate for these actions is provided above for reference purposes, these estimated costs have not been escalated to 2023 dollars except for the two items identified previously, nor have they been included in the total deferred maintenance cost estimate for the park.  
 \*\* Scriber Creek Trail was under redevelopment and was not included at time of valuation effort.

**PARK VALUATION RESULTS**



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# 4. PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

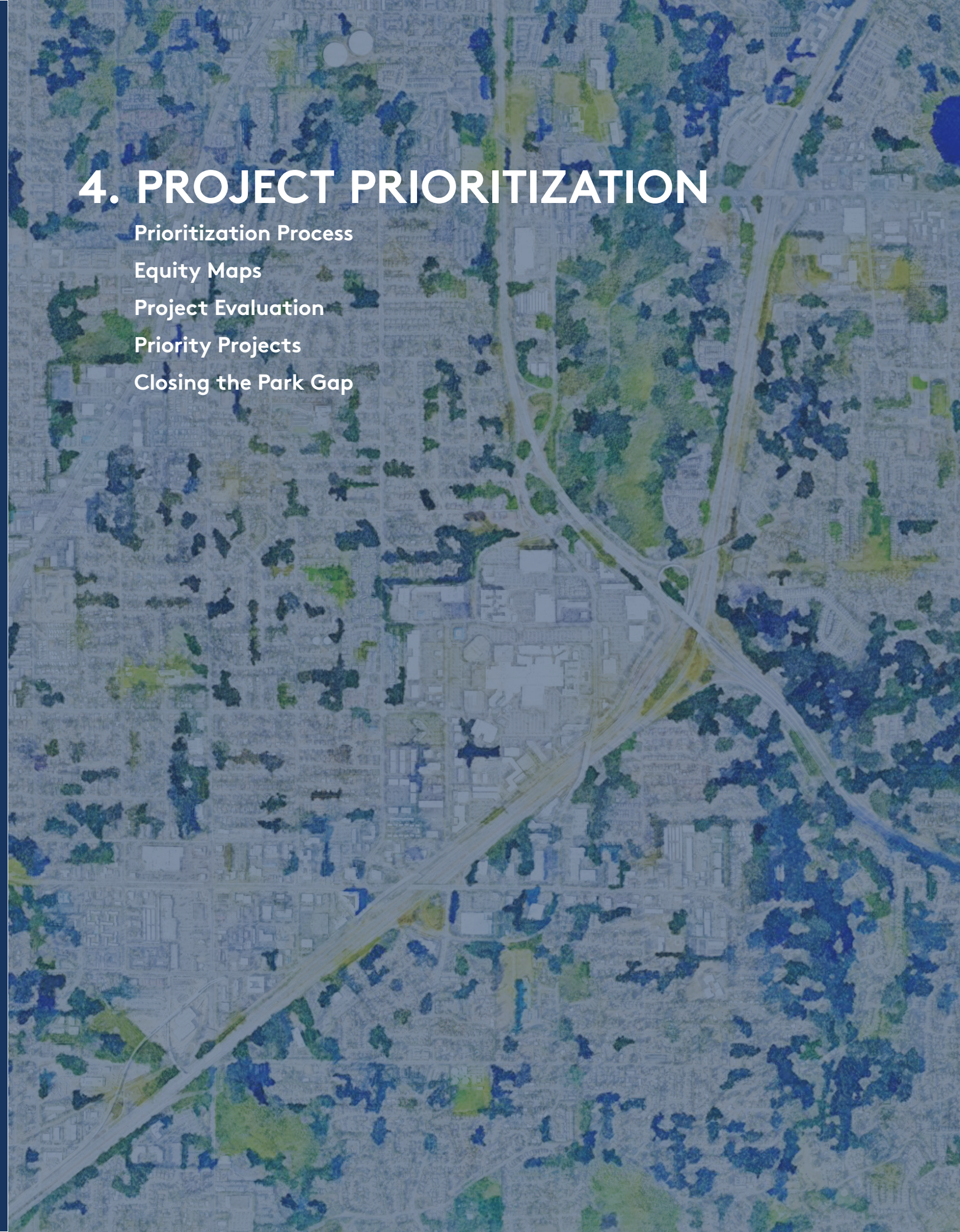
Prioritization Process

Equity Maps

Project Evaluation

Priority Projects

Closing the Park Gap

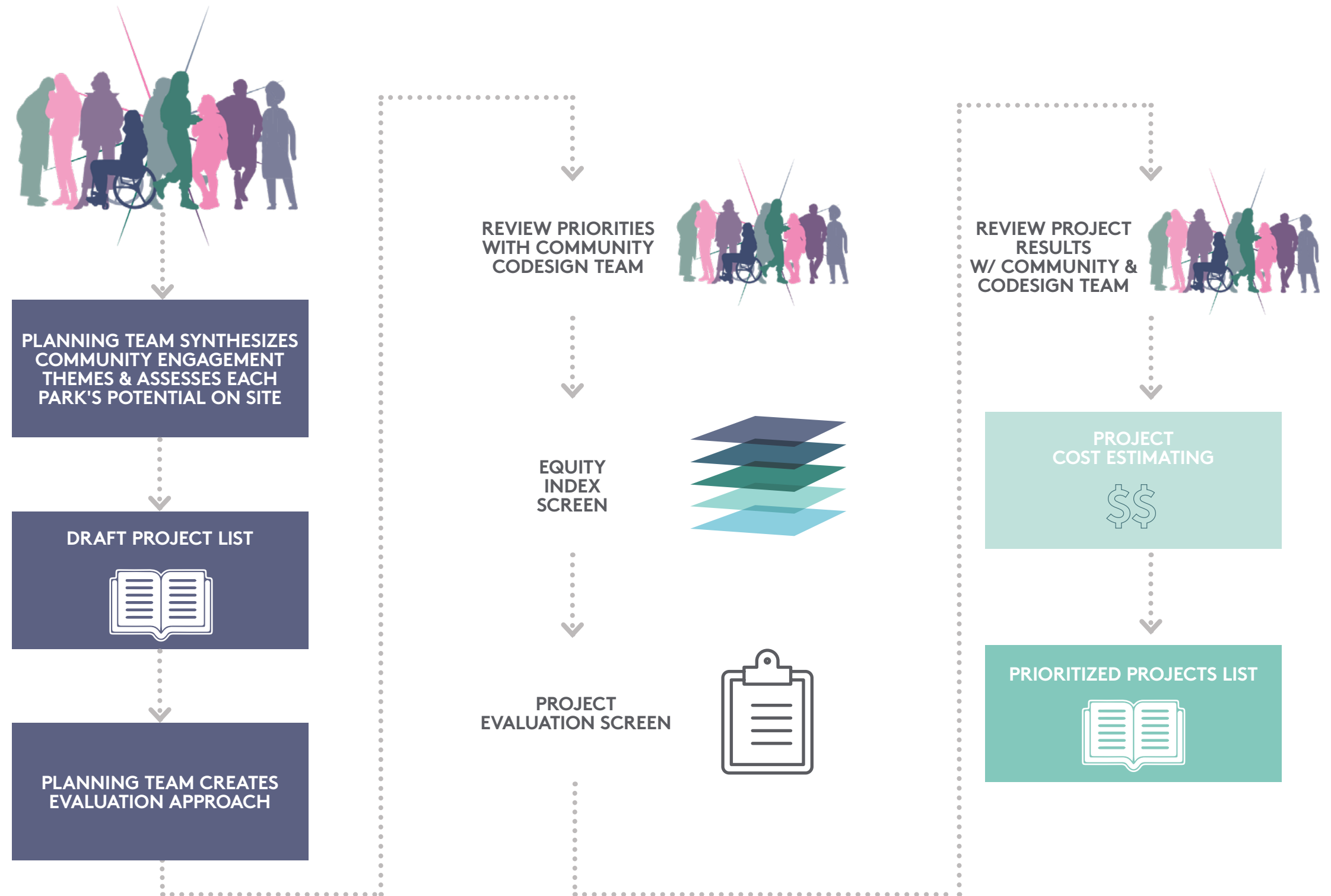


# PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

## EQUITY, OBJECTIVITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN DECISION MAKING

### Process

The ParksLove planning team co-developed a project Prioritization Tool to rank projects for the next capital planning horizon of 2025-2042 with the CoDesign Team. The Prioritization Tool is composed of two screens that score potential projects at the park and project scale. The screens include an Equity Index Screen at the park scale and Evaluation Screen at the project scale, with weighting assigned to evaluation questions that reflect community and PRCA Department priorities. Potential projects were filtered through these screens and given a score that resulted in a ranked project list. The list can be reprioritized as completed projects are removed and new projects are needed. The tool is also intended to insert a measure of objectivity to limit unconscious bias and improve equitable outcomes in the decision-making process, while also providing transparency around the capital planning investment process. The diagram at the right highlights the key phases of the project prioritization development.



\*Note: This plan excludes COL recreation facility needs (current and future needed assets) and a future study is needed to determine those needs.

# PARKSLOVE CAPITAL PLANNING

TRANSLATING COMMUNITY VOICES INTO IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

## INPUTS

EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS

COMMUNITY THEMES:  
 NATURE  
 FITNESS AND TRAILS  
 CONNECTIVITY  
 CULTURAL SPACES  
 INCLUSION  
 HEALTH & WELLBEING  
 SAFETY

HEALTHY FOREST ASSESSMENT

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS & ADA TRANSITION PLAN

NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS

EXISTING DEFERRED MAINTENANCE & ADA PROJECTS

CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIZATION TOOL

ACQUISITION MAPPING & SCREENING

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION TOOL

## OUTCOMES

NEW PARK & TRAIL PROJECT LIST

NEW PARK PROPERTIES

PARK STANDARDS  
 EX: ADA, SIGNAGE, PLAY SURFACING

PROGRAMS  
 EX: EXPANDED PARK PROGRAMMING

PARTNERSHIPS  
 EX: COORDINATE WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR JOINT OPERATIONS & CONNECTED DESIGN

PRIORITY OPERATIONAL PROJECTS

Capital projects are park system improvements which are meant to have a lifespan of more than three years and often have a budget greater than \$100,000.

Existing capital projects and new projects inspired by community voices are prioritized through equity mapping and project evaluation screening questions. This priority project list is then analyzed for funding opportunities.

Community input and equity mapping help park planners to prioritize areas for property acquisition in order to reduce the 10-minute-walk gap and expand the size of existing parks in high use areas.

Some community priorities are best realized through the development of park wide standards that can address improvements that need to be made across the entire system and are generally lower cost investments.

Community desires for increased sense of safety and improved community health are often best addressed through the development of programs that activate park spaces and bring new users to the parks.

Park's influence on community health, safety and inclusion can be amplified by building new partnerships with community organizations from communities typically underserved by parks and by continuing to develop and nurture existing relationships.

Environmental Resilience projects are informed by scientific assessment and grounded by the community desire for access to nature, particularly healthy urban forests. The PRCA Department also has an extensive list of deferred maintenance and ADA barrier removal projects that were informed by the ADA Transition Plan(2021). In many cases, these projects can be successfully integrated into park maintenance operations due to their lower cost.

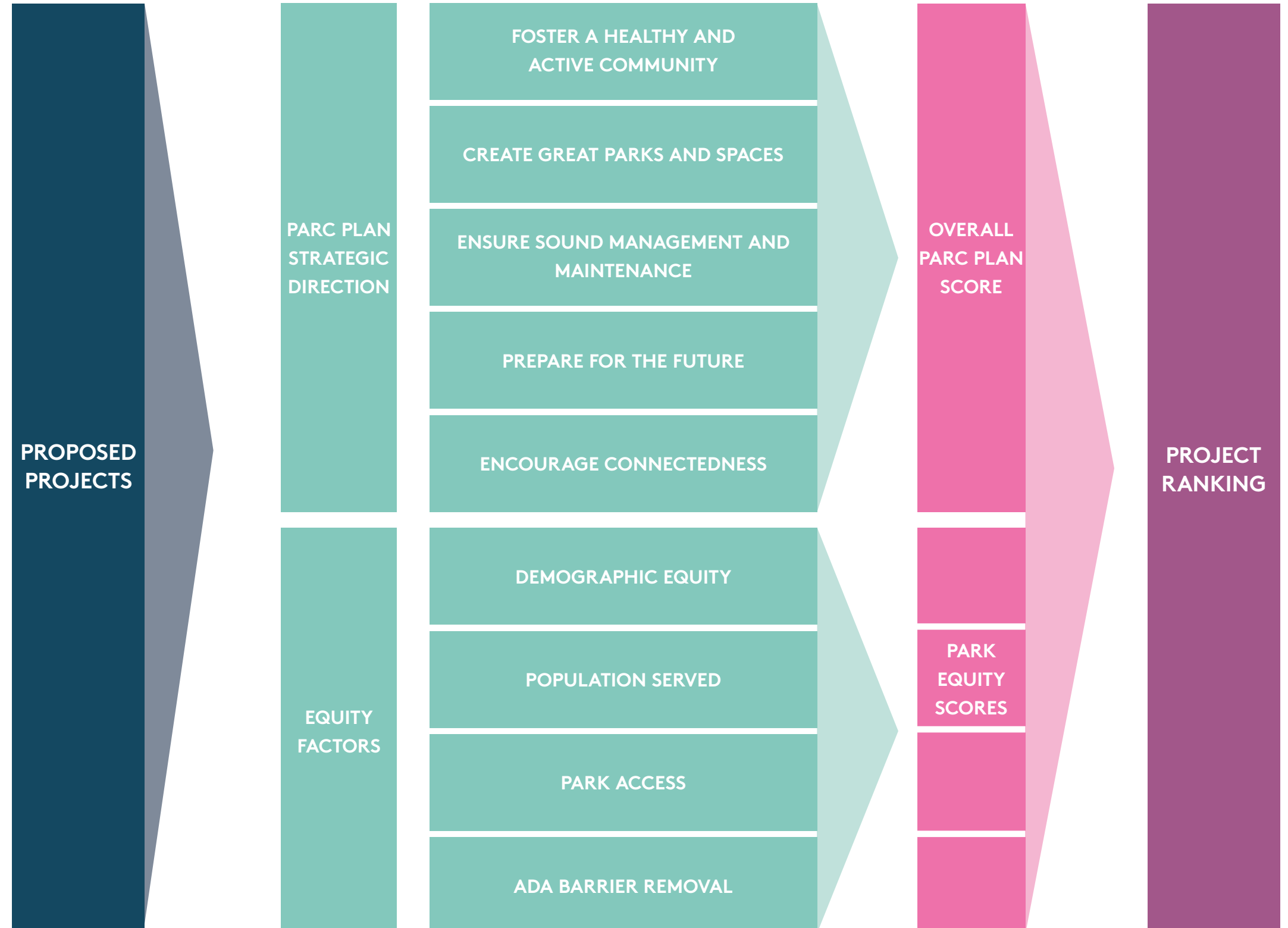
# PRIORITIZATION V1.0

## PRIORITIZING PROJECTS THROUGH EQUITY AND PARC PLAN\* STRATEGIC DIRECTION

### Overview

The Lynnwood PRCA Department developed the first prioritization tool for capital project planning using the PARC Plan goals and strategies adopted in 2016. That plan resulted in over \$30 million amount of built or in-construction project work that is ongoing today.

Prioritization V1.0 has a two part scoring system. The first set of scoring factors are based on PARC Plan strategic directions and these scores are combined and averaged. The second set of factors focus on equity measures, including demographic equity, population density within a walkshed, park access, and ADA barrier removal. These 4 scores were weighted equally with the averaged strategic direction score, resulting in a score for each project and a ranked priority project list.



\* PARC Plan refers to the Parks, Arts, Recreation and Conservation Plan, updated every 6 years



# PRIORITIZATION V2.0

## EXPANDING EQUITY IN THE PARK AND PROJECT PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

### Overview

The Lynnwood PRCA Department developed Prioritization V2.0 in 2023 as part of the ParksLove project in order to prioritize projects for the 2025-2042 Capital funding horizon and increase equitable outcomes. The draft project list and the Prioritization Tool were informed by community engagement and co-developed with the CoDesign Team during the prioritization tool development phase.

Prioritization V2.0 also has a two part screening system. The first screen utilizes park scale scores generated from a series of equity maps that reflect the four ParksLove focus areas of Inclusion, Access, Health and Environment. These scores are weighted equally and identify the parks that serve the highest equity need in Lynnwood.

The second screen utilizes evaluation questions that also reflect community input, CoDesign Team feedback and park management data. These evaluation questions also help the Department rank individual projects or project bundles in relation to or separate from the Park Equity Score. ADA barrier removal and operationally critical screening questions were double-weighted to reflect both community CoDesign input, and the realities of an aging park system with critical infrastructure and amenity upgrade needs.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

EQUITY INDEX SCREEN

PARK USAGE DATA

COMBINED RECREATIONAL VALUE MAP

POPULATION DENSITY MAP

RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUITY MAP

HEALTH-SENSITIVE POPULATIONS MAP

HEAT ISLAND SEVERITY MAP

PARK EQUITY SCORE

PROJECT EVALUATION SCREEN

1. DOES THE PROJECT REMOVE ADA BARRIERS?

2. IS THE PROJECT OPERATIONALLY CRITICAL FOR THE CONTINUED FUNCTION OF HIGH-USE PARK AMENITIES?

3. DOES THE PROJECT ALIGN WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PRIORITY AREA?

4. DOES THE PROJECT ADDRESS SAFETY?

5. DOES THE PROJECT ADD AN AMENITY IN A RELATED AMENITY GAP AREA?

6. DOES THE PROJECT SUPPORT PARKSLOVE GOALS OF ADDRESSING MENTAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH?

7. DOES THE PROJECT SUPPORT PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY?

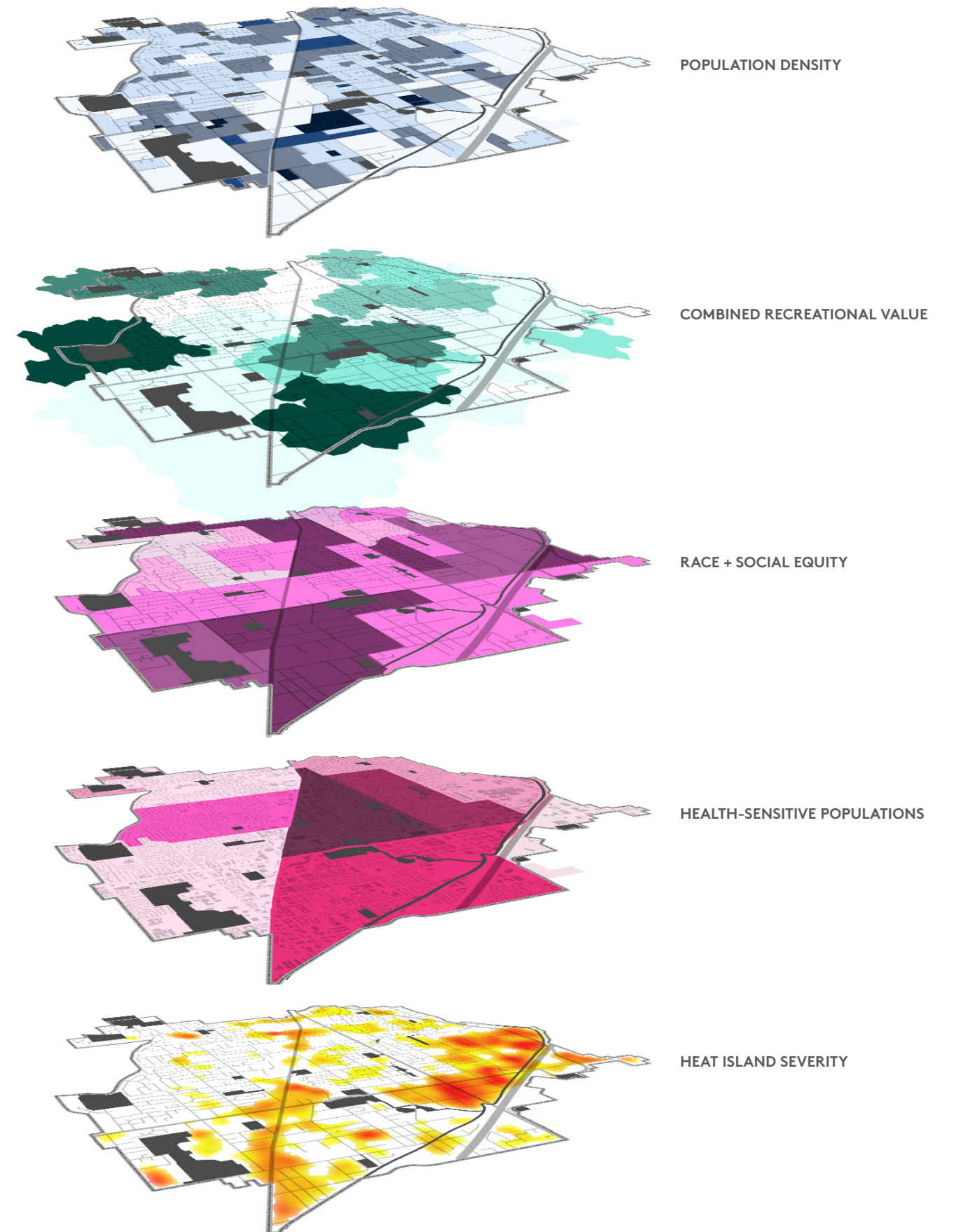
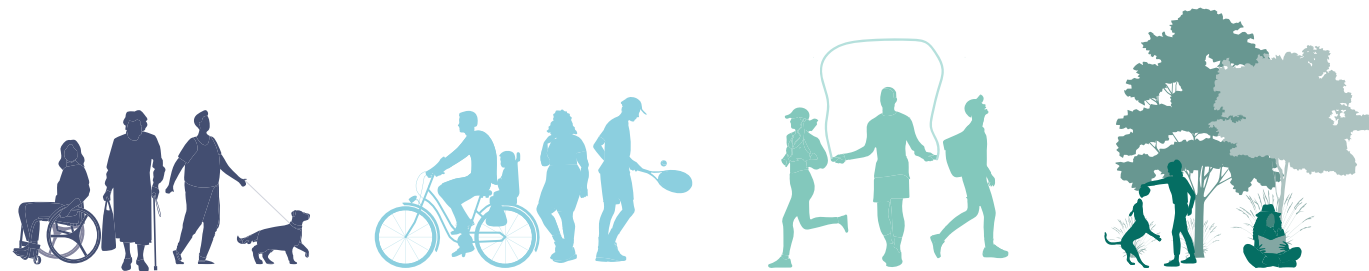
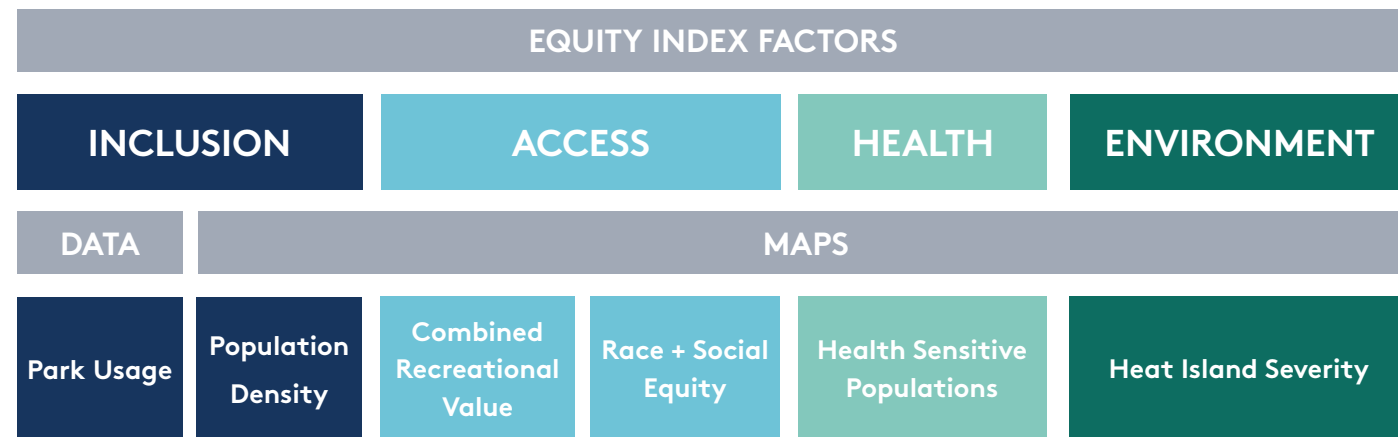
PROJECT SCORE

COMBINED PROJECT RANKING

# EQUITY MAPS

## Overview

The following section will describe the maps that inform the equity index score for each park in Lynnwood. The planning team worked closely with the CoDesign Team to identify the potential maps and data sets that would address themes discussed in each of the four ParksLove focus areas as shown below. Themes without a spatial component were considered for screening questions or, future program, partnership, and park standards development.



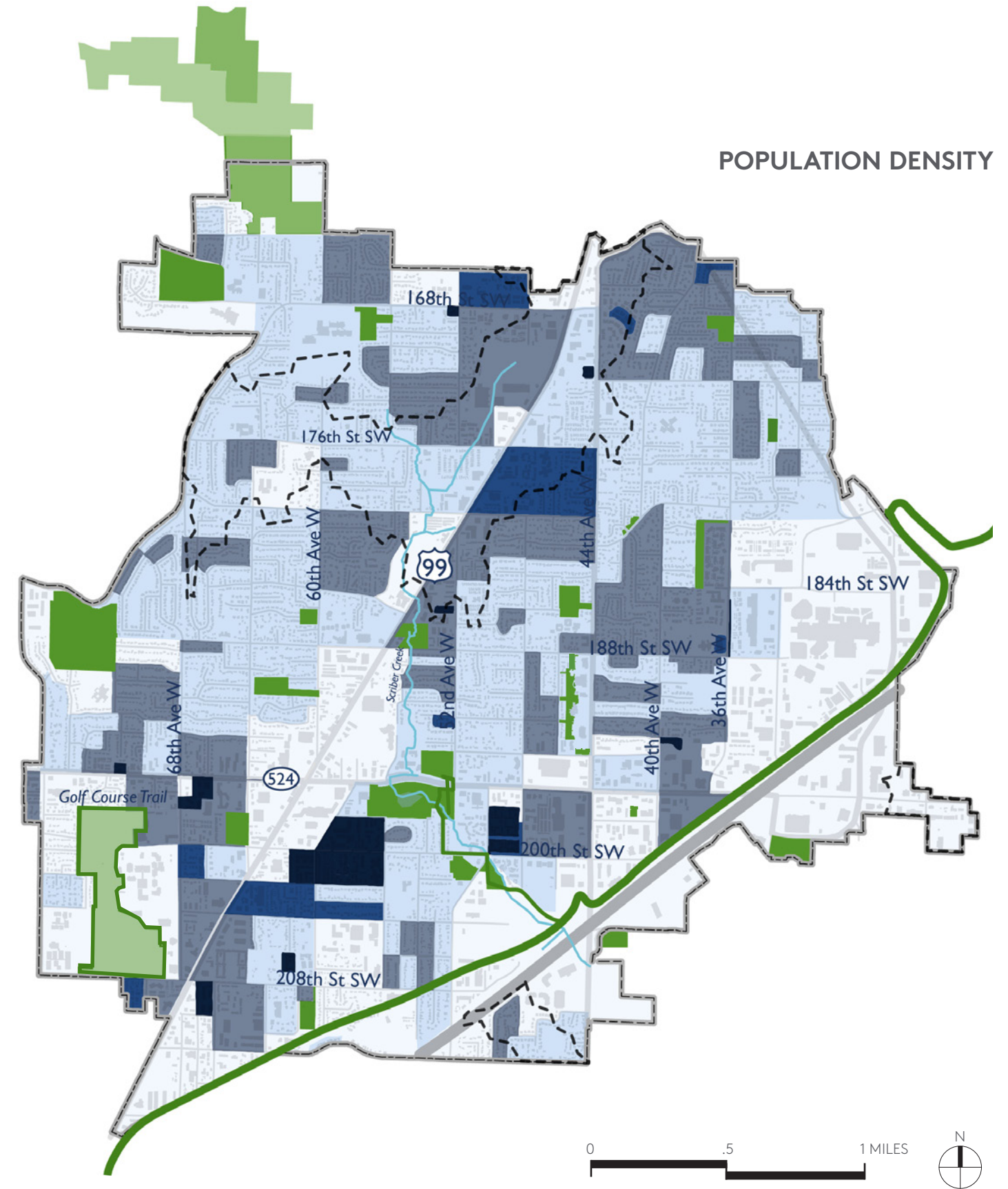
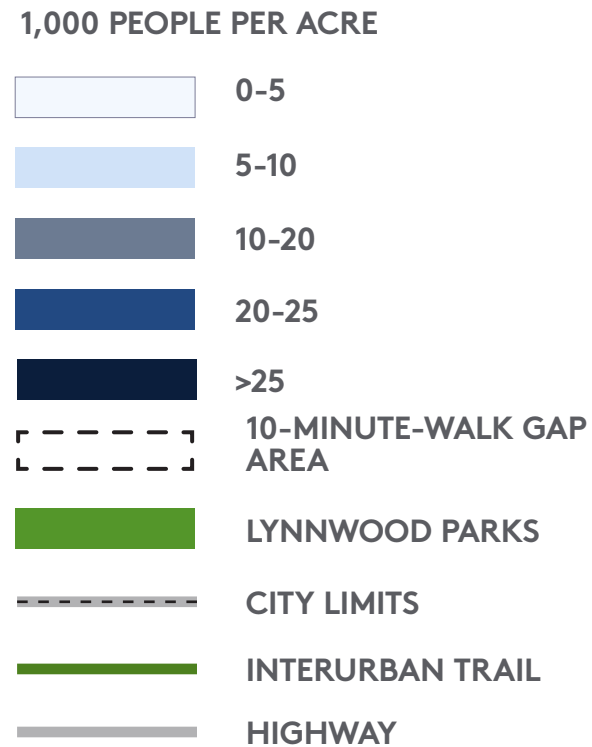
Combining scores from the equity maps identifies high-need locations.

# POPULATION DENSITY

**POPULATION DENSITY IS HIGHEST ALONG THE HWY 99 CORRIDOR, CONCENTRATED IN THE SOUTH AND NORTH**

Inclusivity in parks can be measured by mapping how many residents are served within a 10-minute-walk. By this measure, improvements to parks with higher populations within walking distance can serve more people than a park in a low density area, which more equitably distributes benefits.

Population density was calculated at the block group scale based on the 2020 Census. However, development patterns are changing with housing density and population growth anticipated in Lynnwood's City Center + Alderwood regional growth center and along Highway 99. Population growth estimates indicate Lynnwood could add an additional 25,000 residents by the year 2044.



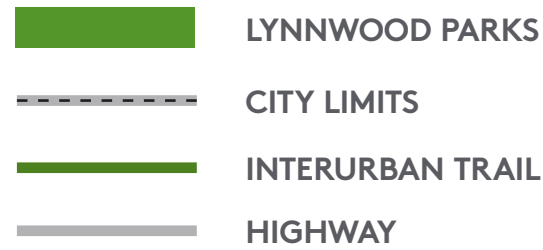
POPULATION DENSITY

# PARK USAGE

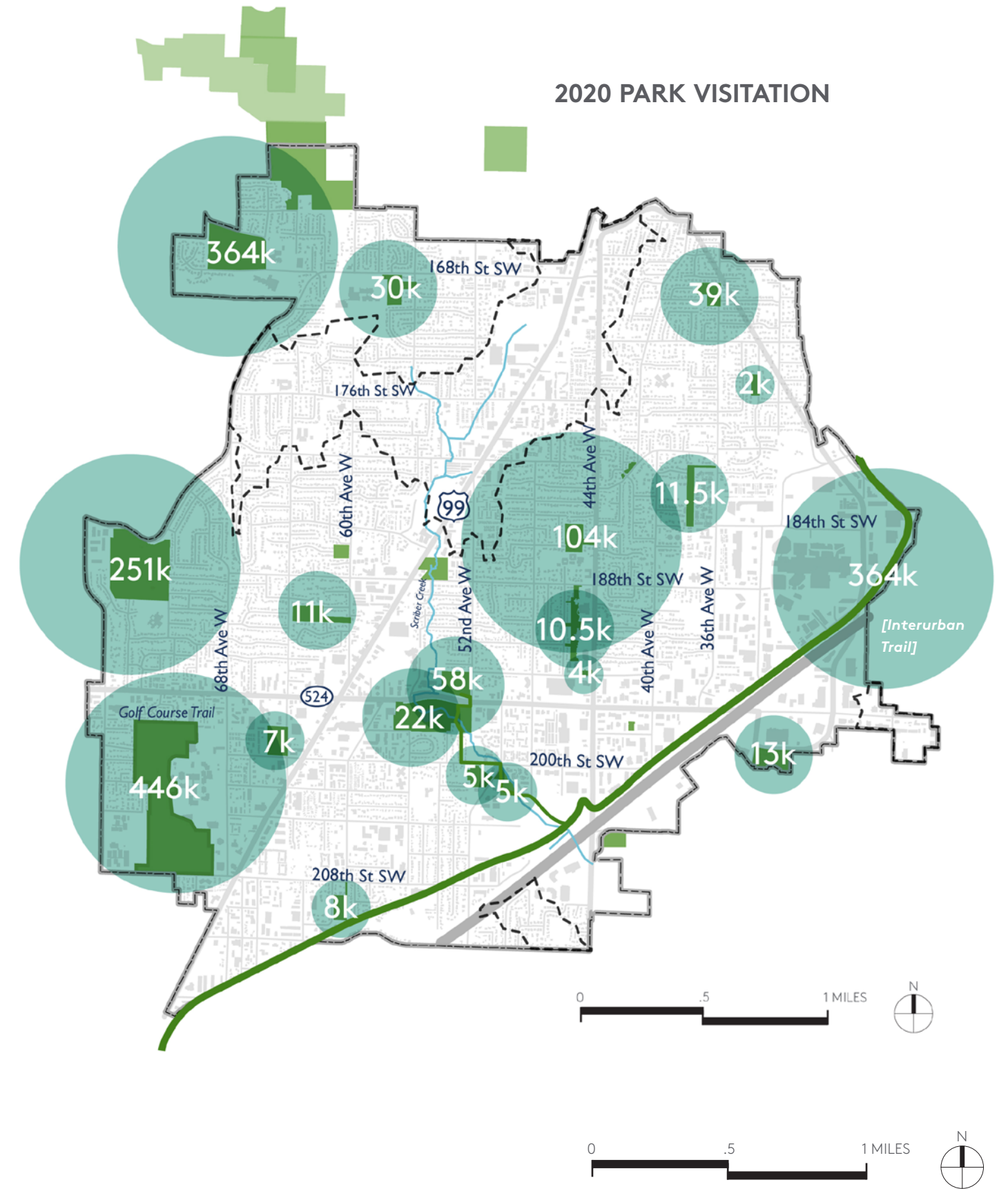
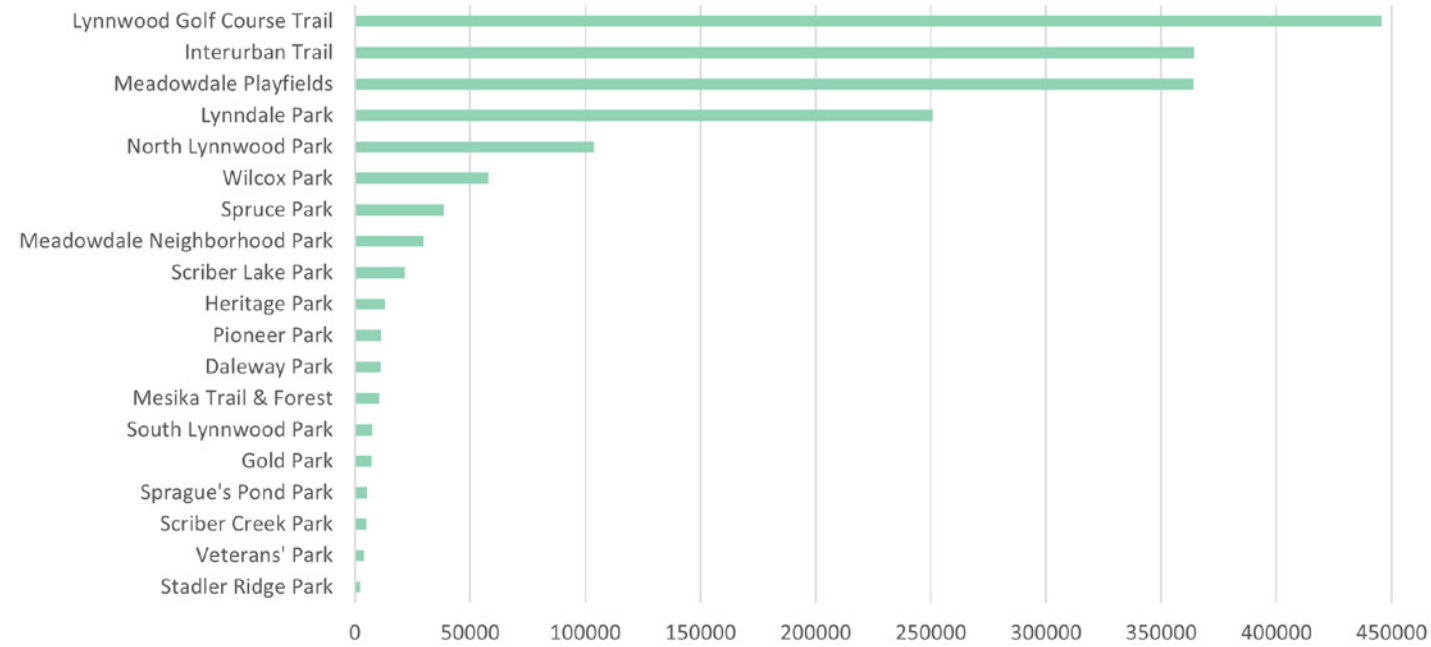
## PARK VISITATION IS DRIVEN BY PARK SIZE AND TYPES OF AMENITIES

While population density can tell you how many people live within walking distance to a park, a 2021 Park study found overall usage data strongly illustrates how the vast majority of park usage in Lynnwood is occurring in a small number of highly popular parks. The study also revealed that these parks attract a diverse range of cultural and racial demographics reflecting the varied composition of the Lynnwood community.

For this data set, park usage represents the total number of visits for each park in 2020 (reflects a full year) divided into quintiles. The raw numbers are divided into quintiles (0-5) for use in the prioritization tool.



### PARK USERS PER YEAR (2020)



# COMBINED RECREATIONAL VALUE

**MANY DESIRED PARK AMENITIES ARE CONCENTRATED IN A FEW PARKS AND UNEQUALLY DISTRIBUTED**

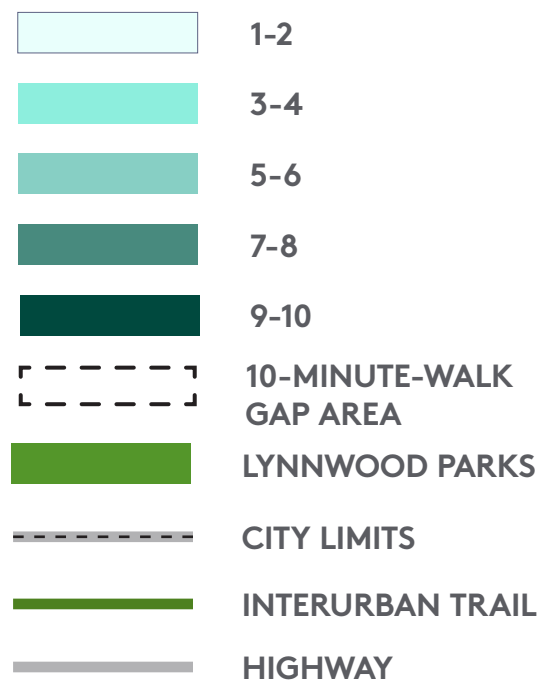
While Lynnwood residents generally have good walking access to parks, the distribution of desired park amenities is less equitable. This map describes the number of highly-desired amenities within each park and their 10-minute walksheds. The map provides an overall picture of the equitable distribution of desired park amenities within a 10-minute-walk of every Lynnwood resident which provides greater detail compared to the general 10-minute-walk map. Amenity categories were determined by summarizing community feedback during the ParksLove process.

## RECREATIONAL AMENITY CATEGORIES

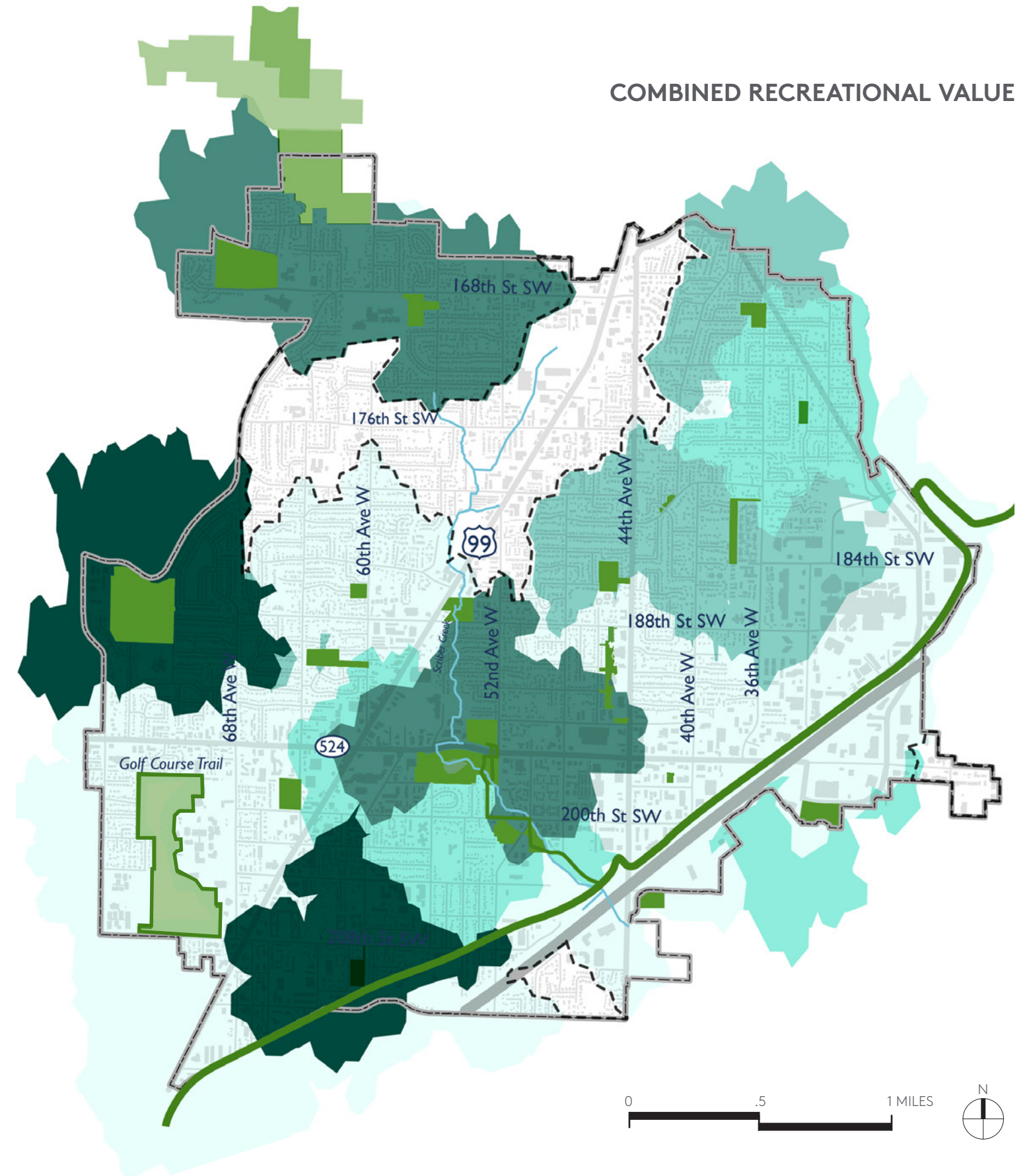
1. NATURE ACCESS
2. TENNIS COURTS
3. BASKETBALL COURTS
4. PLAYGROUNDS
5. PLAZAS
6. SHELTERS
7. RESTROOMS
8. PARKING
9. OPEN LAWN
10. SPORTS FIELDS

Individual maps can be found on page 98-101

## NUMBER OF DESIRED AMENITIES WITHIN A PARK'S WALKSHED



## COMBINED RECREATIONAL VALUE



# RACE + SOCIAL EQUITY

## LYNNWOOD'S MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CONCENTRATED ALONG HWY 99 AND IN ALDERWOOD

The CoDesign Team prioritized access to high quality parks by underrepresented communities in early planning discussions and when reviewing the draft prioritization tool.

A composite race and social equity map helps the PRCA Department understand which parks have the potential to better serve vulnerable communities that live within a 10-minute-walk. A park and its walkshed receive a higher score if it is located in a more vulnerable area of the city.

### THIS MAP INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING DATASETS:

#### RACE AND ETHNICITY CHARACTERISTICS

Percentage of population who are persons of color: **weight 1.0**

Percentage of population who are English language learners: **weight 0.5**

Percent of the population who are foreign born: **weight 0.5**

*Five-year estimates based on US Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) Weighting determined during GIS analysis*

#### SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS

Percentage of population whose income is below 200% of poverty level: **weight 1.0**

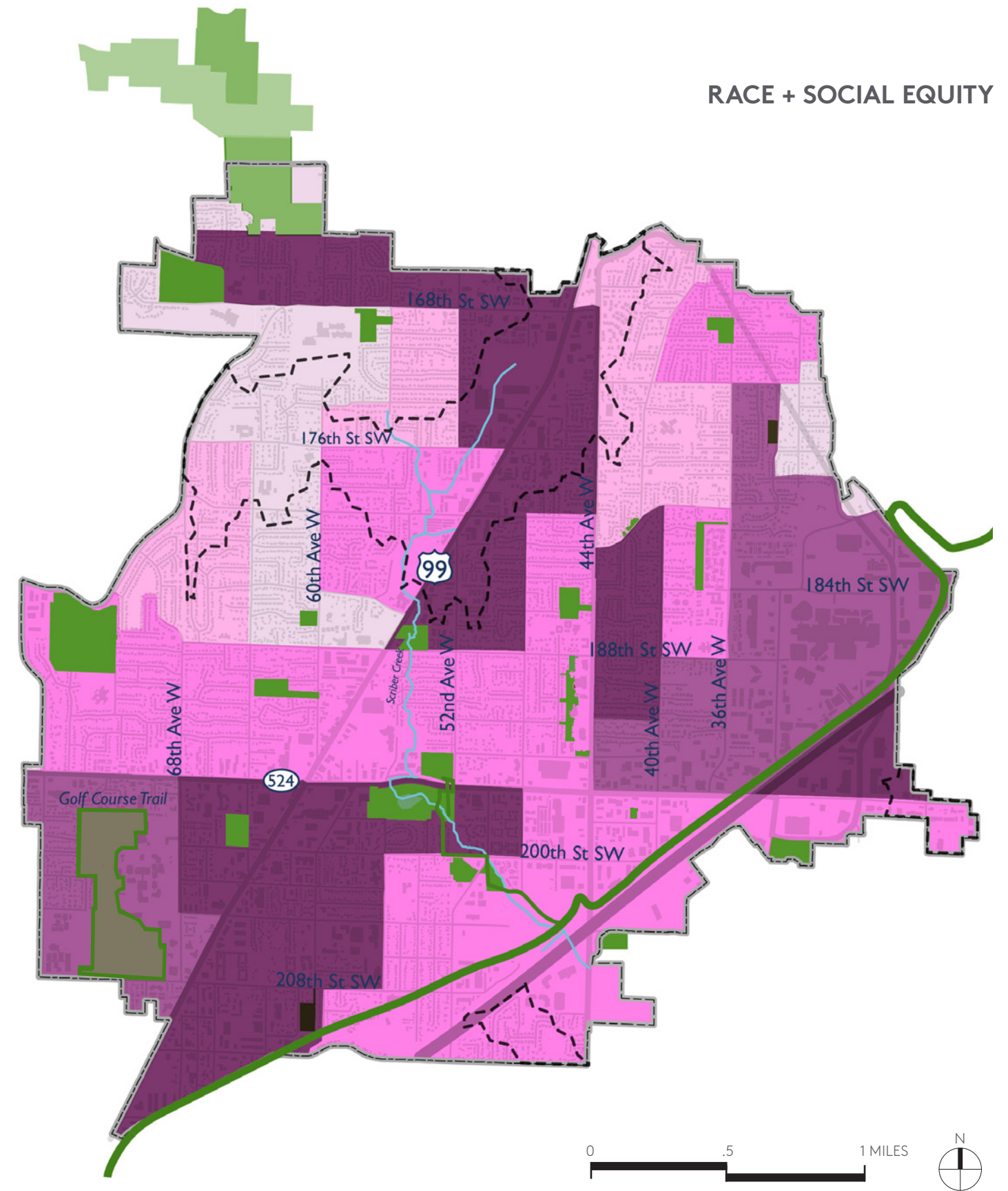
Percentage of population age 25 or older with less than a bachelor's degree: **weight 1.0**

*Five-year ACS estimates from the US Census Bureau*

### VULNERABILITY BY RACE AND SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS

- LOW
- LOW-MODERATE
- MODERATE
- MODERATE-HIGH
- HIGH
- 10-MINUTE-WALK GAP AREA
- LYNNWOOD PARKS
- CITY LIMITS
- INTERURBAN TRAIL
- HIGHWAY

## RACE + SOCIAL EQUITY



# HEALTH SENSITIVE POPULATIONS

## LYNNWOOD'S MOST HEALTH SENSITIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CONCENTRATED ALONGSIDE AND EAST OF HWY 99, IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTH LYNNWOOD NEIGHBORHOODS

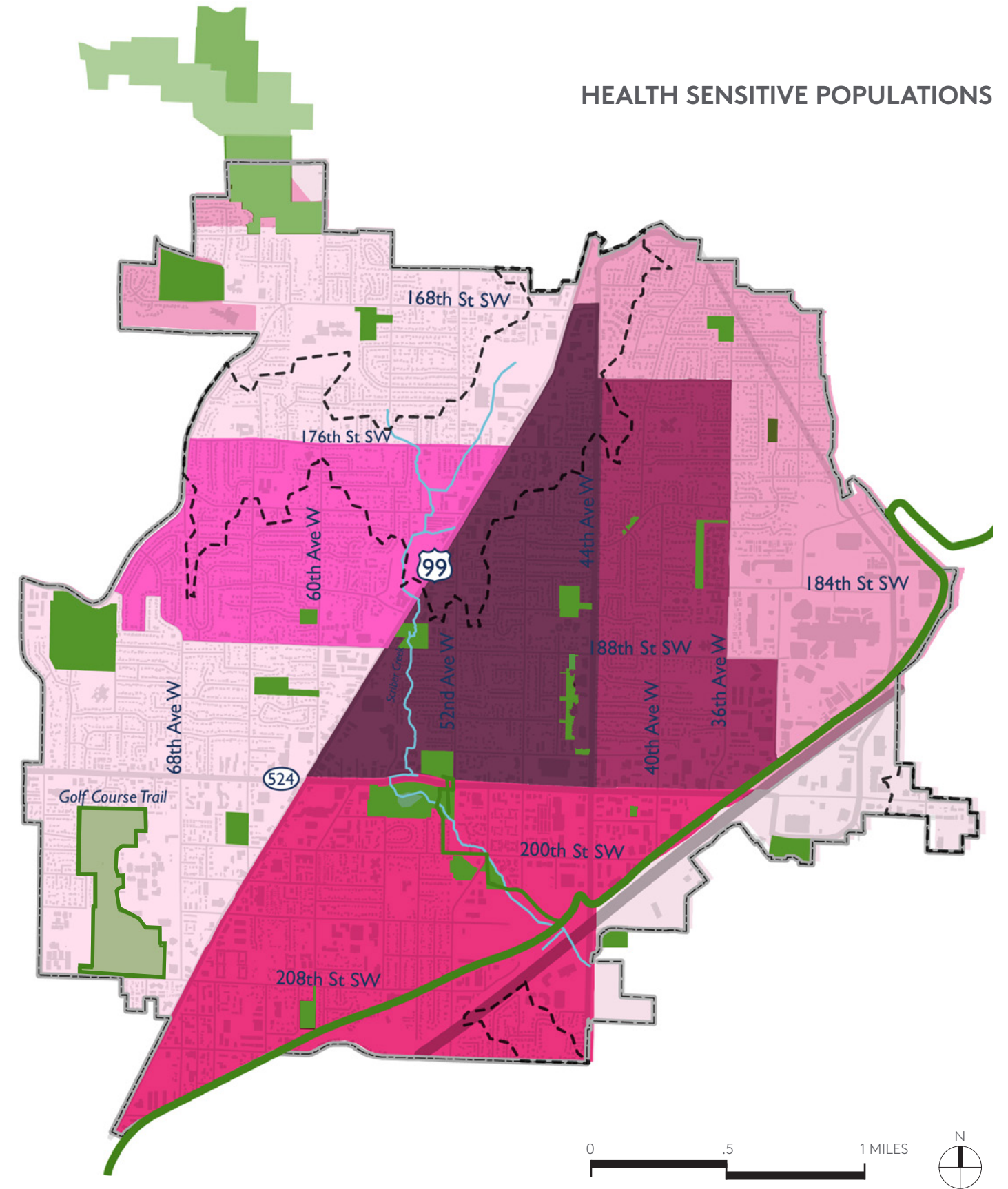
Personal health and health equity were important topics in the CoDesign conversation. Health sensitivity correlates strongly with social and racial vulnerability as shown on the previous page, yet the planning and CoDesign teams deemed it important to call out this important connection through the explicit use of this health-focused map.

Sensitive Populations is an index that is used in the Washington State Environmental Health Disparities map. It includes population-scale factors such as rates of low birth weight and/or death from cardiovascular disease.

### HEALTH SENSITIVE POPULATIONS



### HEALTH SENSITIVE POPULATIONS



# HEAT ISLAND SEVERITY

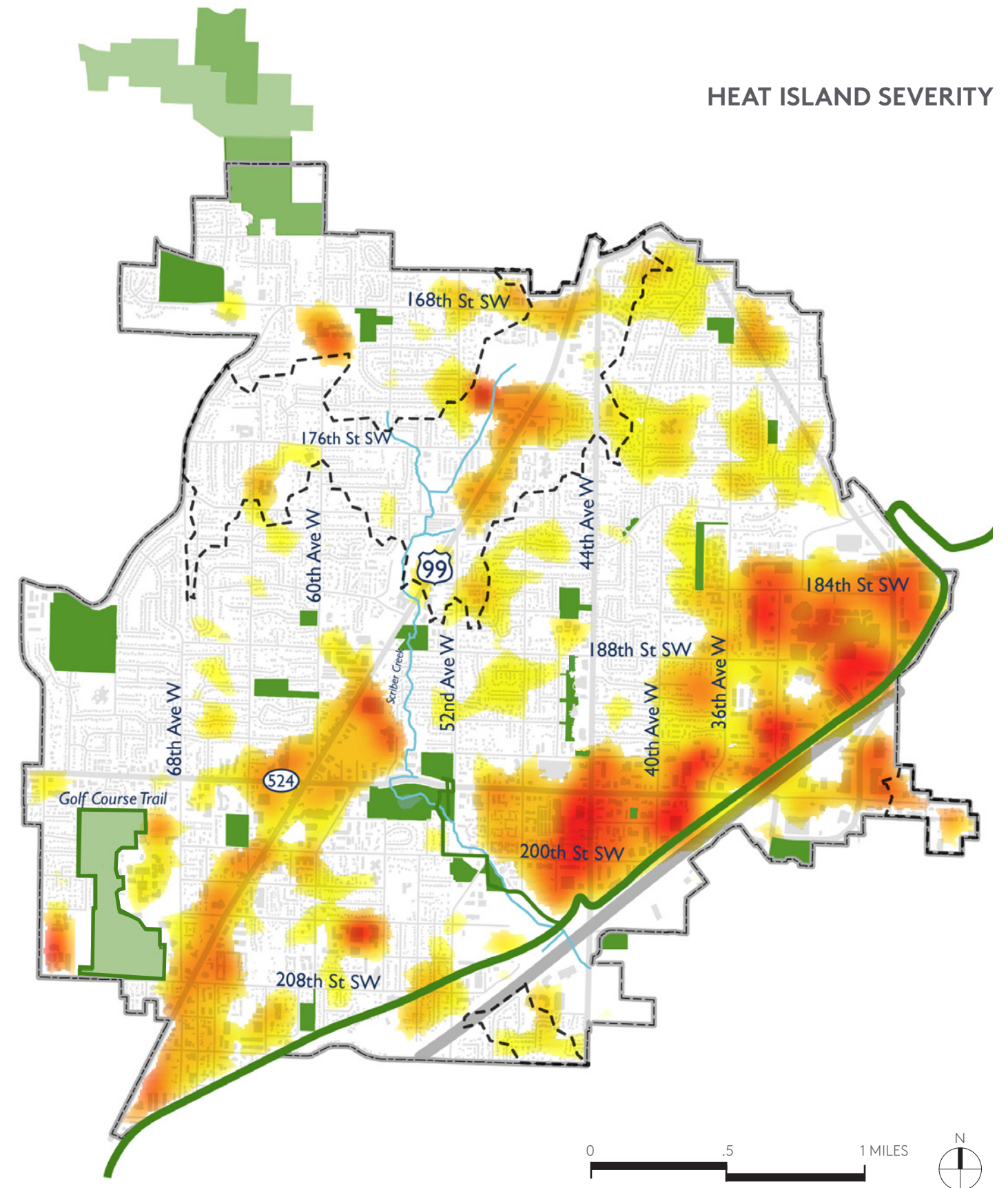
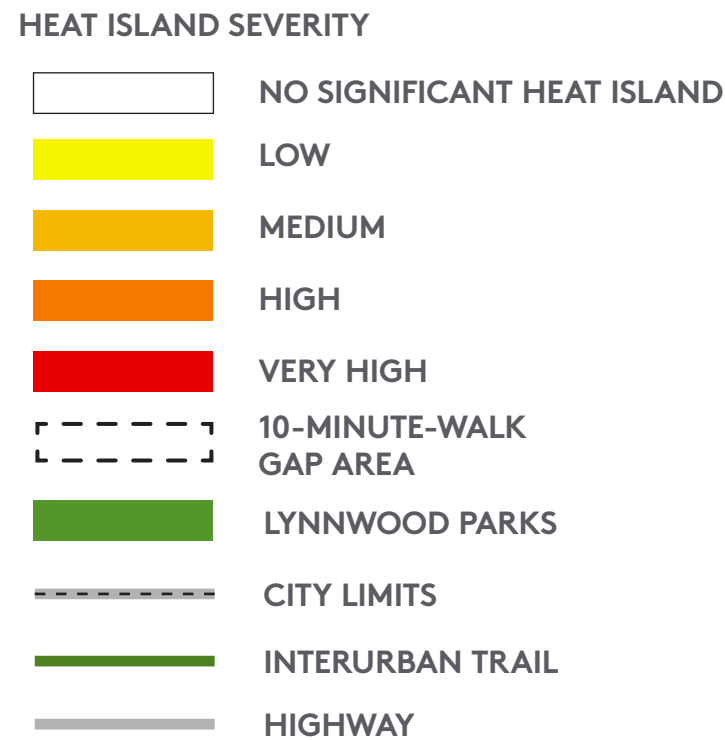
## HEAT ISLAND SEVERITY IS HIGHEST IN THE CITY CENTER + ALDERWOOD AREA AND ALONG HWY 99

Heat islands refer to urbanized regions characterized by elevated temperatures compared to neighboring areas. Impervious surfaces such as buildings, roads, and other infrastructure absorb and re-emit the sun's heat more than natural landscapes such as forests and water bodies. Urban areas, where these structures are highly concentrated and greenery is limited, become "islands" of higher temperatures relative to outlying areas. Daytime temperatures in urban areas are about 1-7°F higher than temperatures in outlying areas and nighttime temperatures are about 2-5°F higher (epa.gov/heatislands).

In Lynnwood, heat islands are similarly concentrated in areas with large roads, parking lots and buildings, while parks and single family residential areas generally remain much cooler thanks to landscape planting and tree canopy.

People who live in areas with more severe Heat Island effect are often also facing other social and health vulnerabilities. Existing and new parks can play an important role in mitigating the effects of heat islands with landscaping and tree canopy while also providing public cooling opportunities like splash pads and cooling centers especially in urban parks and plazas.

The heat island severity data shows areas of Lynnwood that were hotter than the average temperature for the entire city overall on the same day in the summer of 2021. Severity is measured on a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (very high). A score of 1 indicates a relatively mild heat area (slightly above the mean for the city) and 5 indicates a severe heat area (significantly above the mean). The absolute heat above mean values are classified into these 5 classes using the Jenks Natural Breaks classification method, which seeks to reduce the variance within classes and maximize the variance between classes.



HEAT ISLAND SEVERITY



# PROJECT EVALUATION

The Project Evaluation screen utilizes questions that also reflect community input, CoDesign Team feedback and park management data. These evaluation questions also help the PRCA team rank individual projects or project bundles in relation to or separate from the Park Equity Score. ADA barrier removal and operationally critical screening questions were weighted

to reflect both community sentiment and the realities of an aging park system with critical infrastructure and amenity needs.

All questions were designed as binary scoring for simplicity with only the amenity question relying on mapping, which can be found on the next two pages.

## DOES THE PROJECT REMOVE ADA BARRIERS?

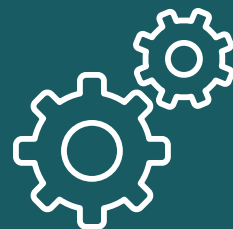
**Rationale:** Create welcoming and inclusive parks for all users. ADA barrier removal has been a key priority for parks in Lynnwood.



**Scoring:** 0-2 *QUESTION WAS DOUBLE WEIGHTED*

## IS THE PROJECT OPERATIONALLY CRITICAL FOR THE CONTINUED FUNCTION OF HIGH-USE PARK AMENITIES?

**Rationale:** Prioritize high-use and aging, critical park infrastructure projects that may not meet equity and resilience goals.



**Scoring:** 0-2 *QUESTION WAS DOUBLE WEIGHTED*

## DOES THE PROJECT ALIGN WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PRIORITY AREA?

**Rationale:** Prioritize projects and amenities that are desired by the community as determined by 2022-23 public outreach.



**Scoring:** 0-2

## DOES THE PROJECT ADDRESS SAFETY?

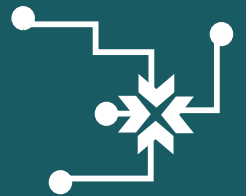
**Rationale:** Prioritize projects that enhance sense of safety in parks through lighting, vegetation management and increased active use of space. Safety in parks was a common concern across all forms of community engagement.



**Scoring:** 0/1

## DOES THE PROJECT ADD AN AMENITY IN A RELATED AMENITY GAP AREA?

**Rationale:** Prioritize projects that expand the equitable distribution of park amenities throughout Lynnwood.



**Scoring:** 0/1

## DOES THE PROJECT SUPPORT PARKSLOVE GOALS OF ADDRESSING MENTAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH?

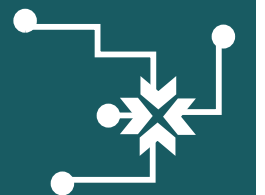
**Rationale:** Prioritize park projects that can significantly impact individual and community health. Mental and Social Health are important priorities for the community and the ParksLove project.



**Scoring:** 0-2

## DOES THE PROJECT SUPPORT PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY?

**Rationale:** Prioritize projects that better connect Lynnwood, improve park access, and support trail development projects outlined in the Connect Lynnwood and Park Access plans.



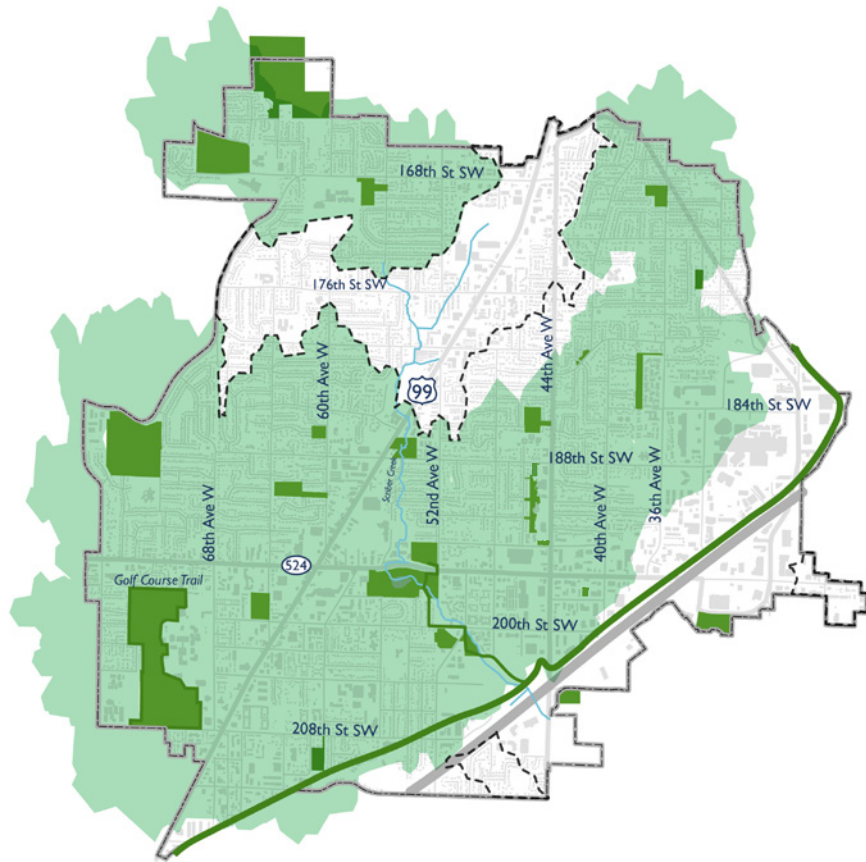
**Scoring:** 0/1

# AMENITY WALKSHEDS

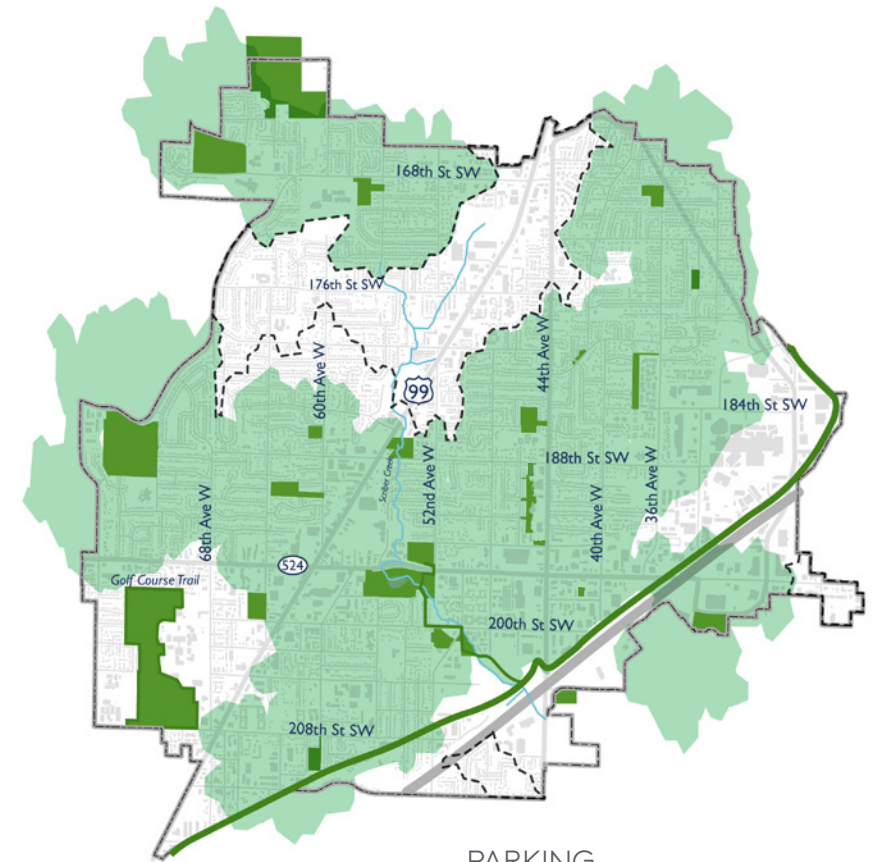
**SCREENING QUESTION: DOES THE PROJECT ADD AN AMENITY IN A RELATED AMENITY GAP AREA?**

Areas in green show where an amenity can be found within a 10-minute-walk of a Lynnwood resident. Areas in white are in a gap for that particular amenity.

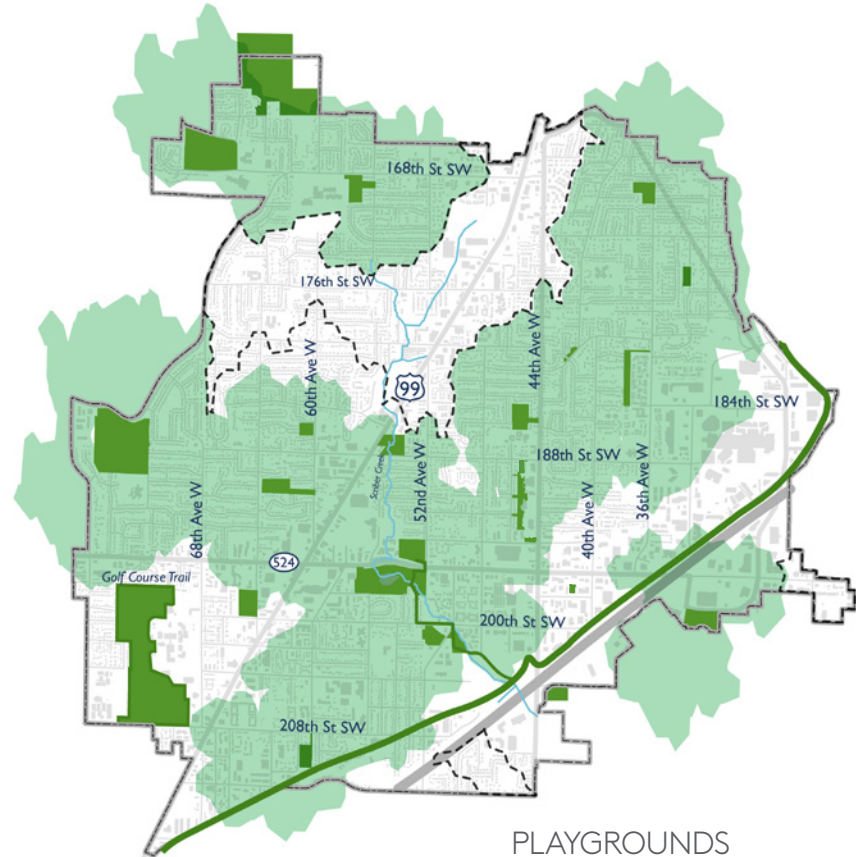
Note: These maps represent the most desirable park amenities as identified in 2022-23 public engagement.



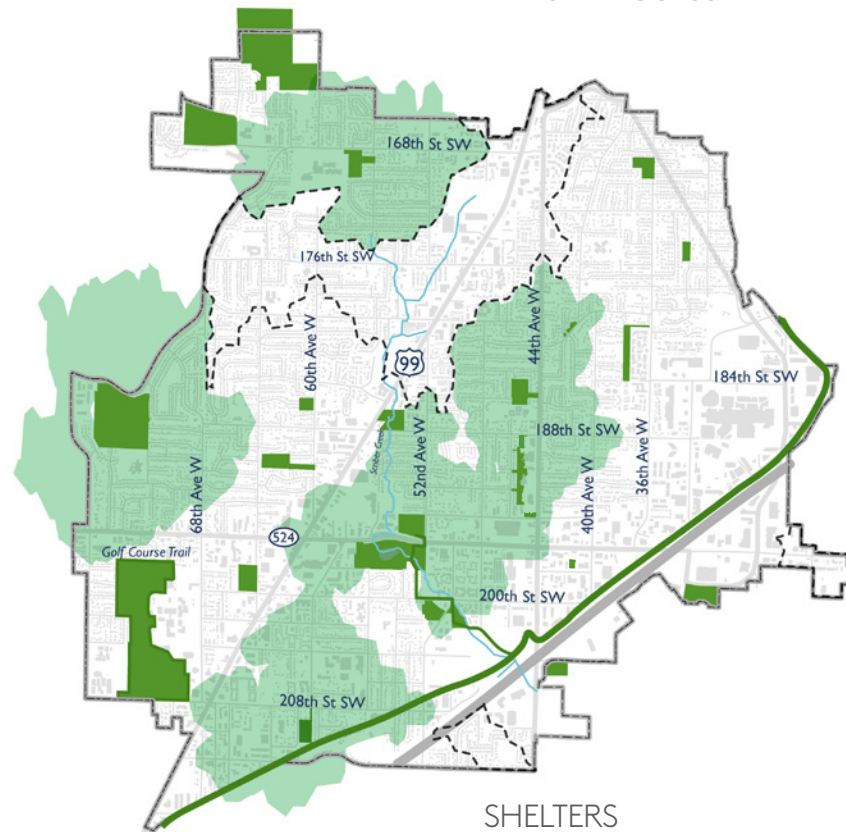
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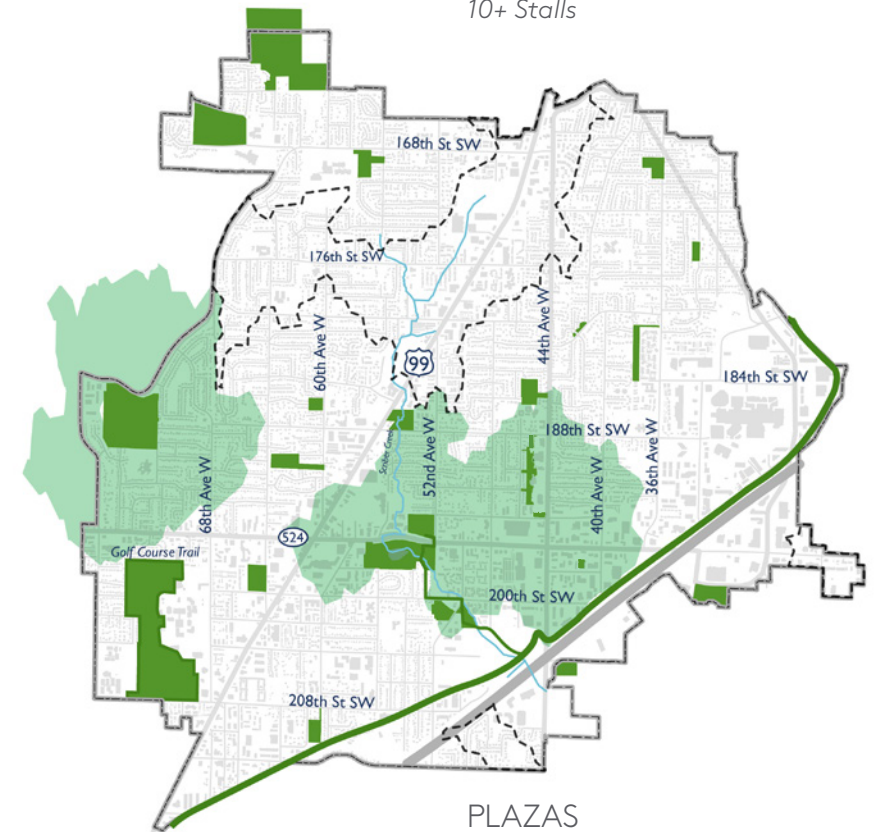
PARKING  
10+ Stalls



PLAYGROUNDS



SHELTERS

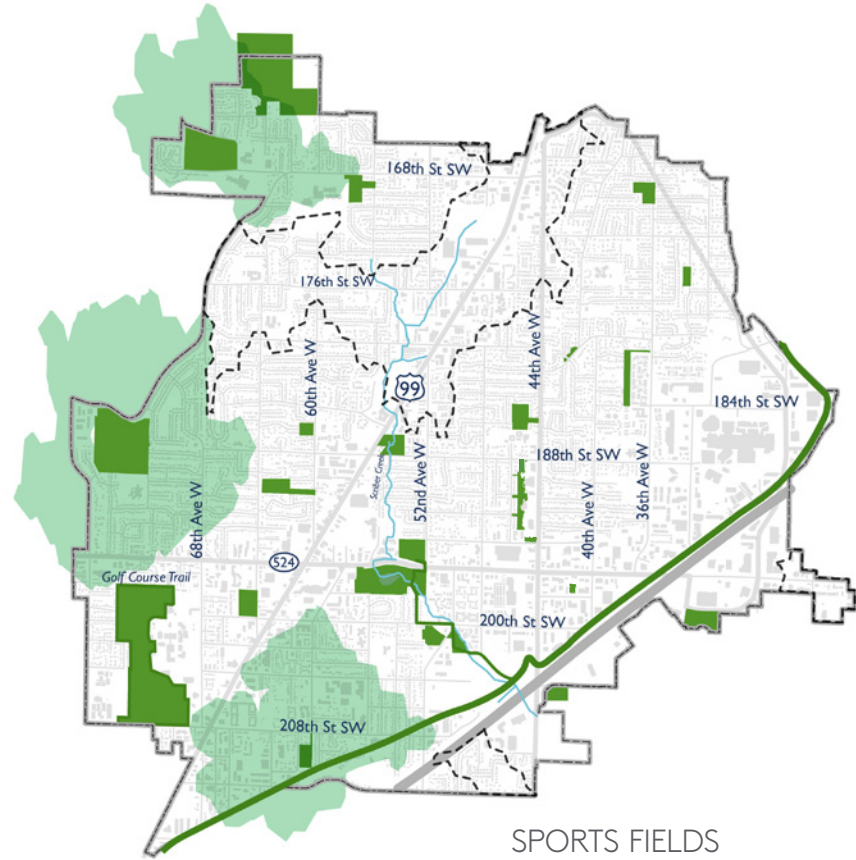


PLAZAS  
Seating for 25+

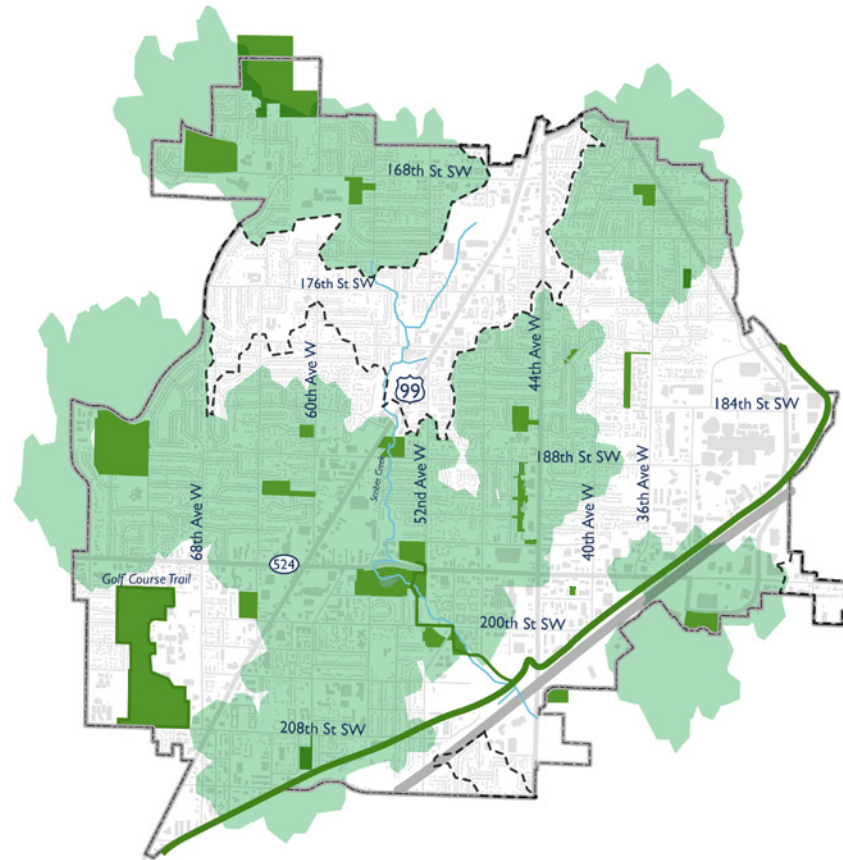
# AMENITY WALKSHEDS

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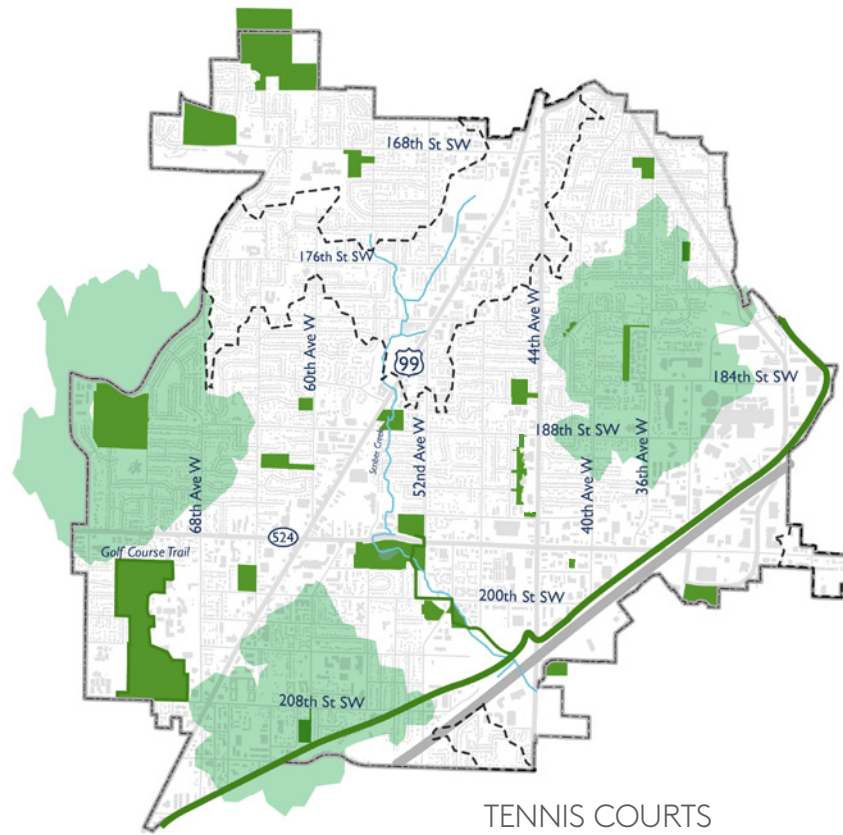
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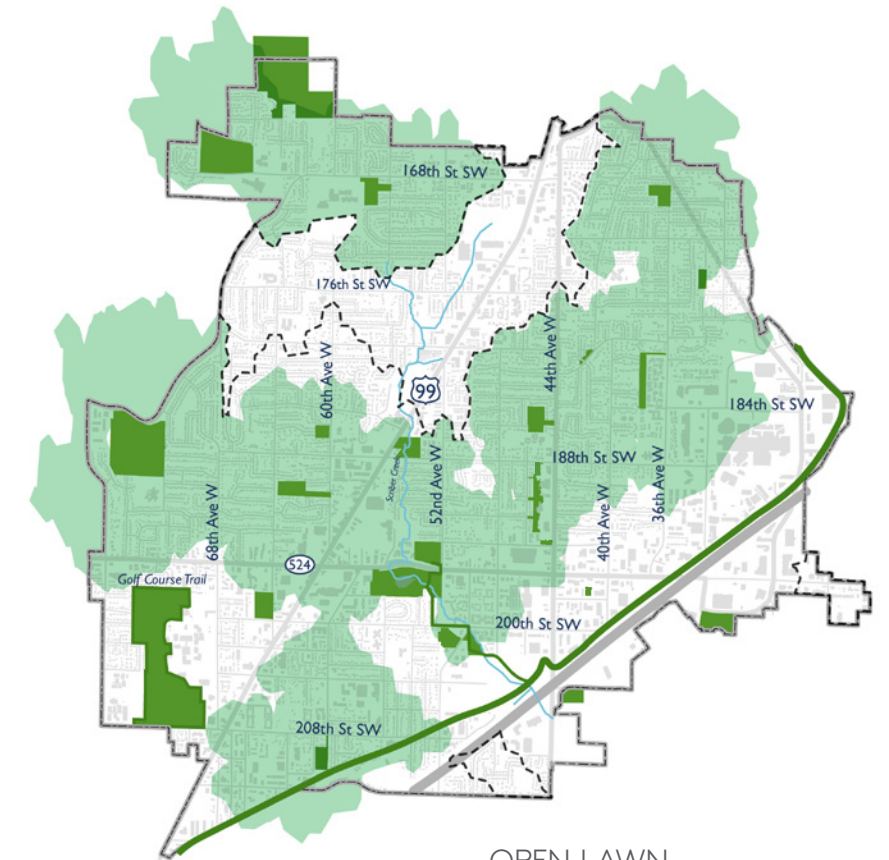
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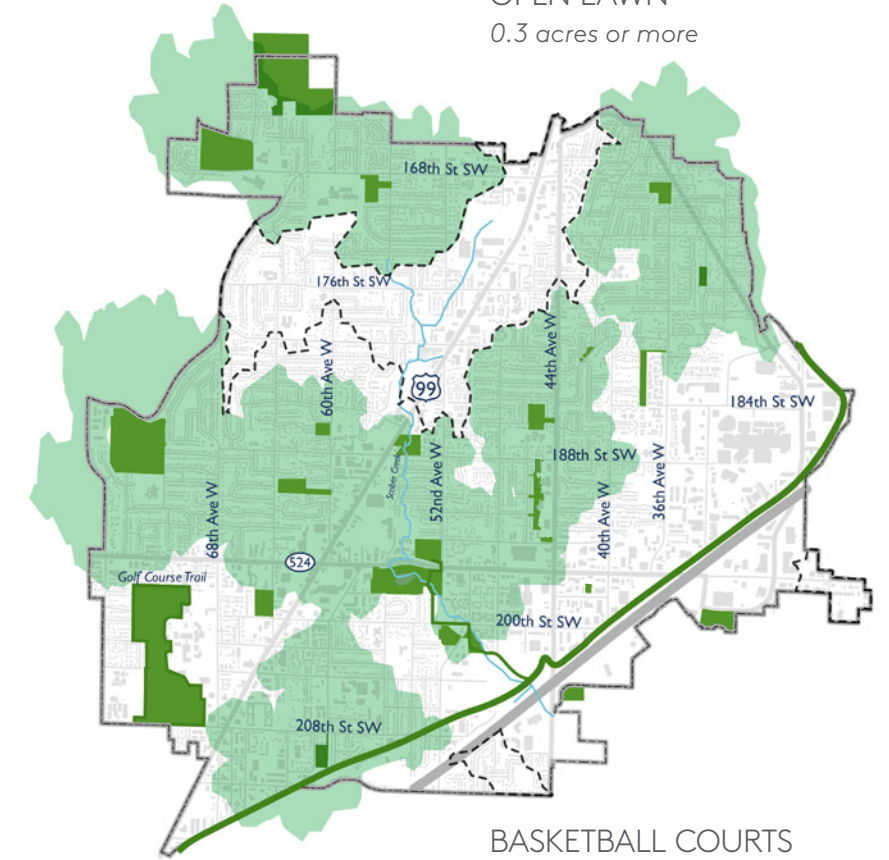
RESTROOMS



TENNIS COURTS



OPEN LAWN  
0.3 acres or more



BASKETBALL COURTS

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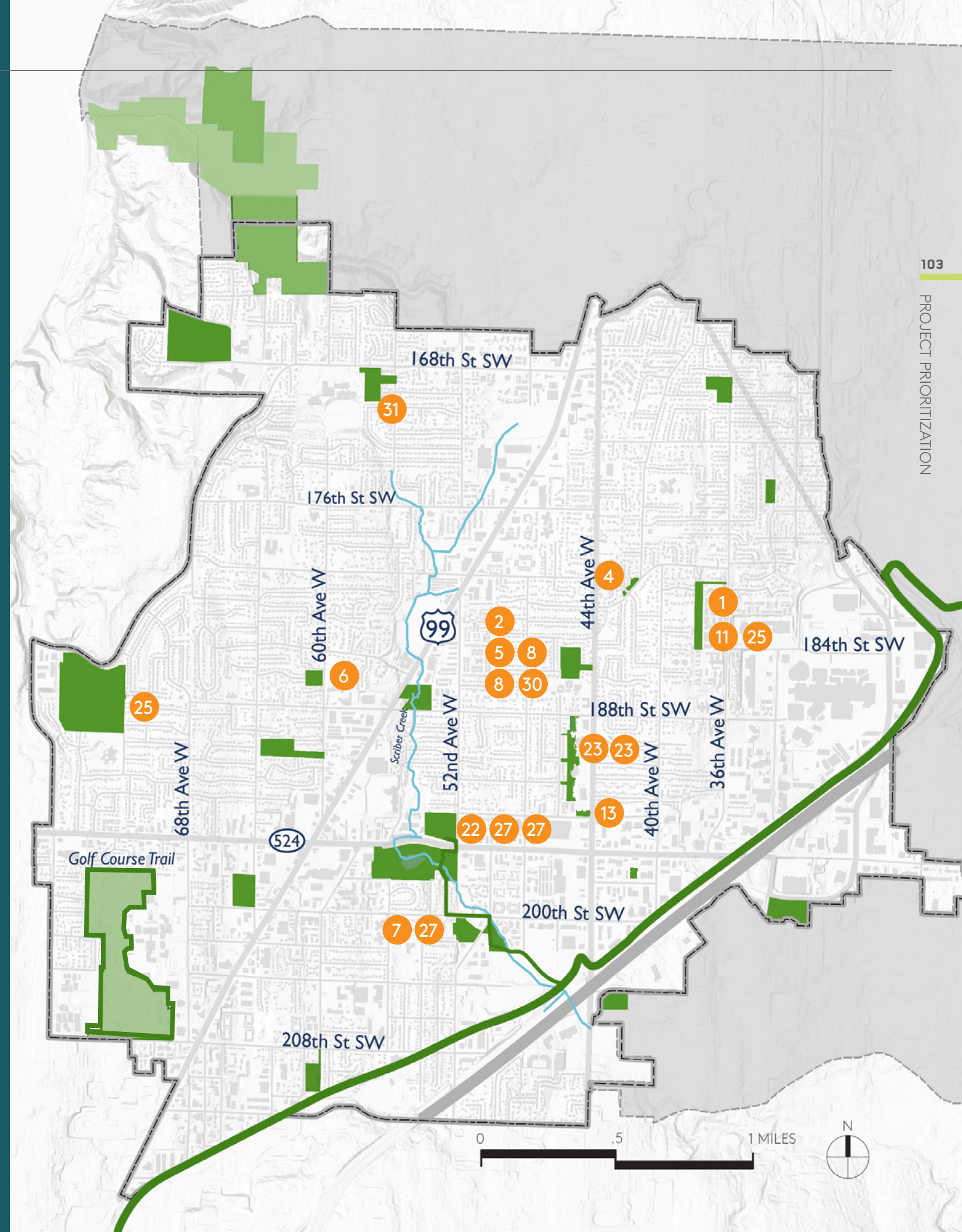
# TOP 20 PARK PROJECTS

These priority projects received the highest scoring in the capital project prioritization tool as described on page 80

\*Overall Project Rank includes trails, resilience projects and deferred maintenance

OVERALL PROJECT RANK*	PROJECT LOCATION AND PROPOSED PROJECTS
1	Pioneer Park Loop Trail
2	North Lynnwood Park Loop Path
4	Maple Mini Park Park Renovation: Stormwater, Play Area, Picnic, Parking Addition
5	North Lynnwood Park Spray Park & Playground Improvements
6	Rowe Park New Park Development
7	Sprague's Pond Park Pond Access and Recreation (East)
8	North Lynnwood Park Neighborhood Access Improvements
8	North Lynnwood Park Parking Access and Improvements
11	Pioneer Park Parking Access and Improvements
13	Veterans Park Access and Connectivity Improvements

OVERALL PROJECT RANK	PROJECT LOCATION AND PROPOSED PROJECTS
22	Wilcox Park Parking & Play Area Renovation
23	Mesika Forest & Trail Neighborhood Access Improvements
23	Mesika Forest & Trail Opportunity Zone North (Trail, Nature Play, Learning Circle, Picnicking, Lawns)
25	Lynndale FACILITY: Central Program Building & Restroom
25	Pioneer Park Play Area Renovation
27	Sprague's Pond Park Lawn Renovation
27	Wilcox Park South Shelter Accessible Route
27	Wilcox Park Parking ADA Stalls & Accessible Route (North)
30	North Lynnwood Park Lawn Renovation
31	Meadowdale Neighborhood Park Opportunity Zone (Ziplines, Pump Track, Fitness Stations)



# TOP 10 TRAIL PROJECTS

These priority projects received the highest scoring in the capital project prioritization tool as described on page 80

\*Overall Project Rank includes trails, resilience projects and deferred maintenance

OVERALL PROJECT RANK PROJECT LOCATION AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

**3** Interurban Trail  
Trail Redevelopment (At Target)

**10** Interurban Trail  
Opportunity Zone (Bus Barn Wedge):  
Pump Track, Picnic, Parking,  
Furnishings

**12** Golf Course Trail  
Opportunity Zone (East):  
Stormwater, Play Area, Picnic,  
Parking Addition

**14** Interurban Trail  
Access Improvements at Alexan

**14** Interurban Trail  
208th & 53rd Trailhead

**14** Interurban Trail  
Alderwood Trailhead

OVERALL PROJECT RANK PROJECT LOCATION AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

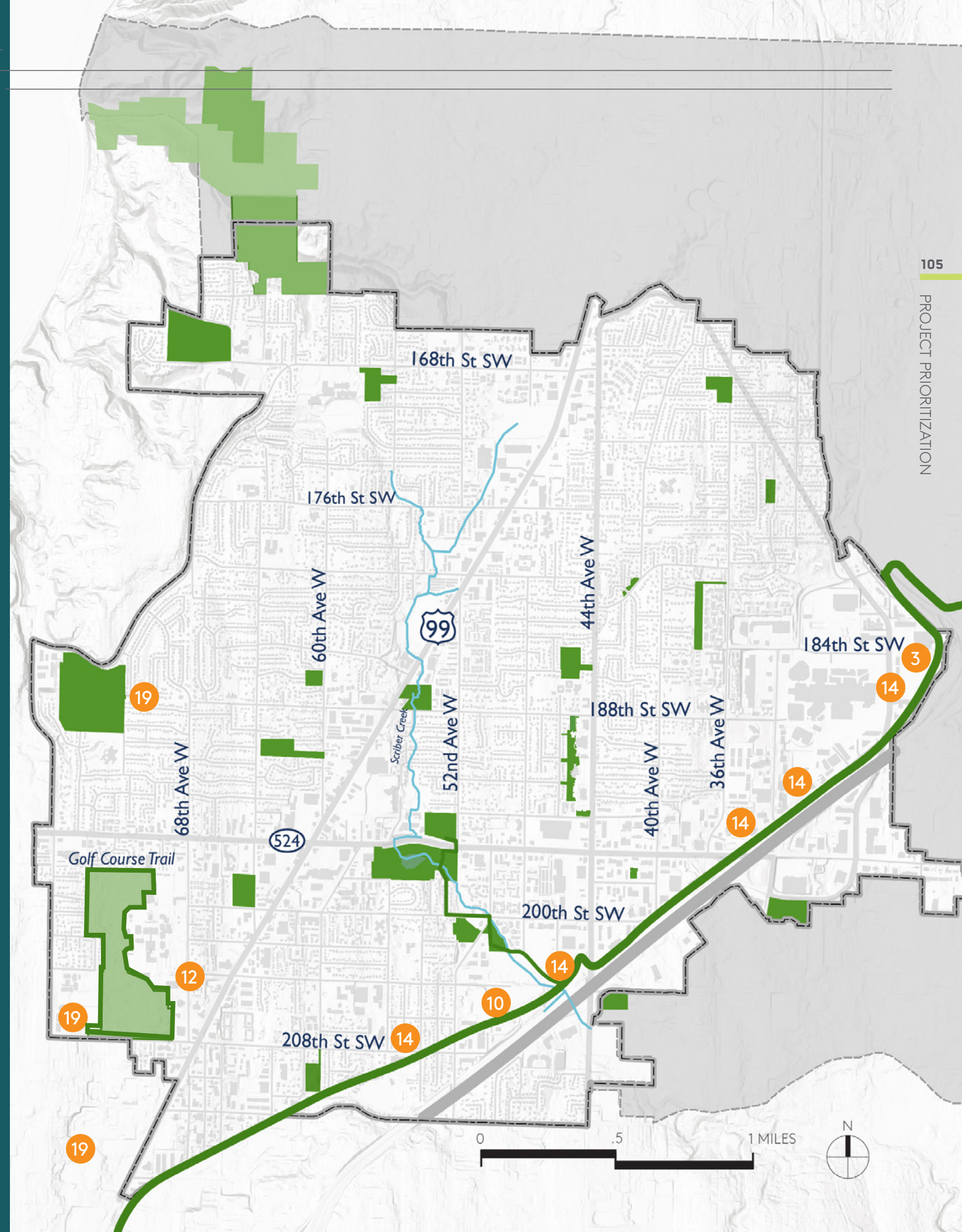
**14** Interurban Trail  
Beech Road Trailhead

**14** Interurban Trail  
City Center Station Trailhead

**19** Golf Course Trail  
Opportunity Zone (SW): Parking, Zipline,  
Lawn, Picnic, ADA Access

**19** Golf Course Trail  
East Trail Improvements

**19** Golf Course Trail  
Neighborhood Access Improvements



# TOP 20 RESILIENCE PROJECTS

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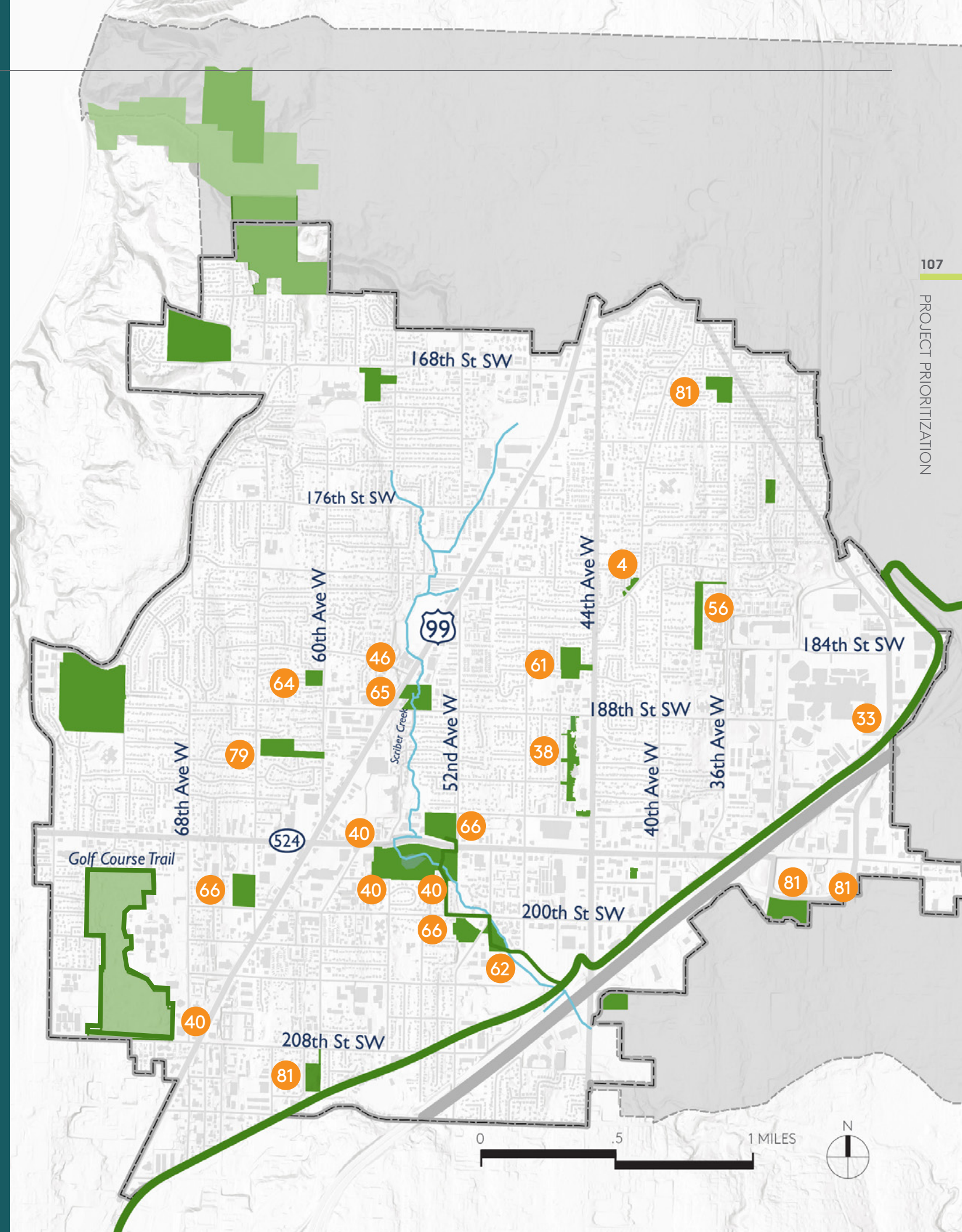
\*Overall Project Rank includes trails, resilience projects and deferred maintenance

OVERALL PROJECT RANK PROJECT LOCATION AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

- 4 Maple Mini  
Park Renovation: Stormwater, Play Area, Paths, Picnic, Parking Addition
- 33 Interurban Trail  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 38 Mesika Forest & Trail  
Environmental Resilience Project: Stream
- 40 Golf Course Trail  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 40 Scriber Lake Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 40 Scriber Lake Park  
Upland Viewpoint
- 79 Scriber Lake Park  
Wetland Viewpoint
- 81 188th St Property  
Parking, Wetland viewpoints, Trails, Picnicking
- 56 Pioneer Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 61 North Lynnwood Park  
Environmental Resilience Project: Forest

OVERALL PROJECT RANK PROJECT LOCATION AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

- 62 Scriber Creek Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 64 Rowe Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 65 188th St Property  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 66 Gold Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 66 Sprague's Pond Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 66 Wilcox Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 79 Daleway Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 81 Heritage Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects
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Wetland Overlook
- 81 South Lynnwood Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects
- 81 Spruce Park  
Environmental Resilience Projects



# PARK ACCESS GAP

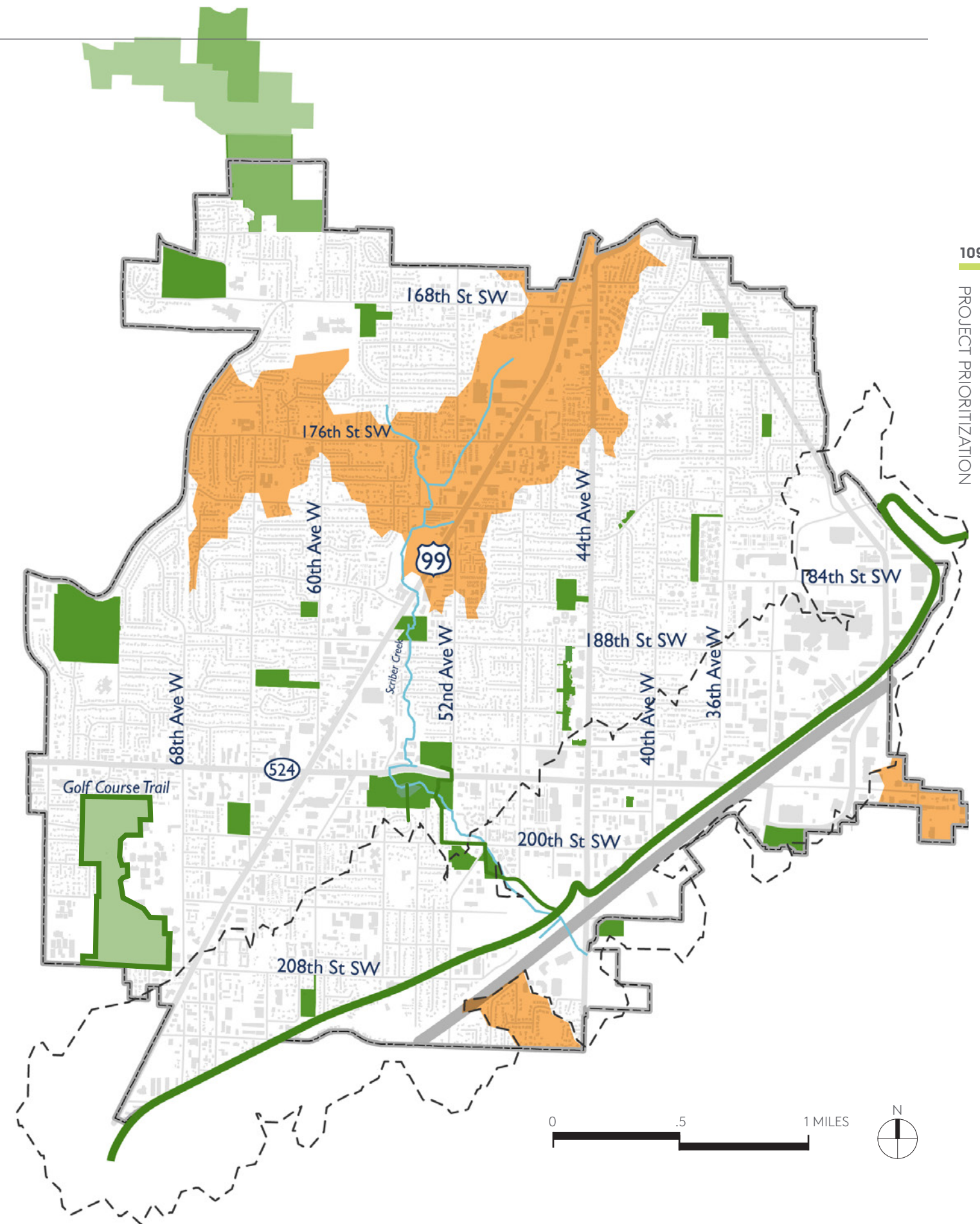
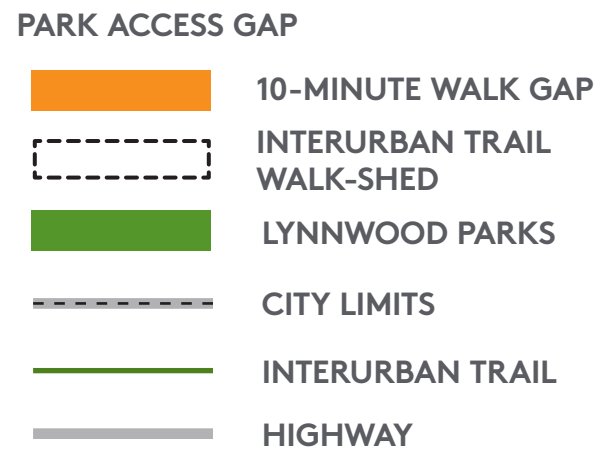
A PARK WITHIN A TEN MINUTE WALK OF EVERY LYNNWOOD RESIDENT

The City is working towards increasing access to each and every park in Lynnwood. Lynnwood is a part of a nationwide movement to ensure there's a great park within a 10-Minute-Walk of every person, in every neighborhood, in every city across America.

Through the Connect Lynnwood Plan and now ParksLove, the City is committed to increasing the percentage of residents living within a 10-minute-walk to a park from 80% to 85% by 2030. To achieve this goal, the City will ensure there are new parks developed in the city's urban and growing core, in major gap areas, and through policies in the Active & Accessible Transportation Plan that prioritize increased multi-modal connectivity to all neighborhood parks.

The map at the right highlights the major gap areas in Lynnwood and the following pages describe strategies to close these gaps. The largest gap area in Lynnwood is in the north and west part of the city, in an area with both single family homes and mixed use/higher density homes along Highway 99. The other are in City Center + Alderwood area where rapid growth is transforming a car-focused mall area into a growing mixed-use neighborhood in need of green space to make it more walkable.

The Interurban Trail walkshed highlights the importance of the trail to Lynnwood park access and transit, despite having relatively few park-like amenities to support community needs.



# CLOSING THE GAP

## PARK AMENITIES WITHIN A TEN-MINUTE-WALK OF EVERY RESIDENT

Lynnwood will need a multi-faceted and collaborative approach based on land acquisition and school partnerships to close the 10-minute-park gap. The maps at the right and on the following page highlight some of the key opportunities in the gaps areas and throughout the city. High land costs limit the number and size of acquirable properties in the city to between 1/2-1 acre which would serve only as mini neighborhood parks. Therefore, partnerships are an important strategy to improve park access in the face of limited and high land costs.

### STRATEGIES

#### LAND ACQUISITION

ACQUIRE NEW PROPERTY (1/2-1 ACRE) TO BUILD NEW MINI NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS OR EXPAND EXISTING PARKS AND TRAILS LIKE SCRIBER CREEK TRAIL

#### PARTNERSHIPS

COLLABORATE WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO BUILD THE AAA MULTI-MODAL STREET NETWORK TO PROVIDE SAFE CONNECTIONS TO EXISTING PARKS

COLLABORATE WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO BUILD STORMWATER PARKS TO MANAGE WATER RUNOFF AND PROVIDE NEW TRAIL CONNECTIONS AND ACCESS TO NATURE

MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP NEW SHARED USE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROMOTE ACCESS TO OPEN SPACE AND AMENITIES AT SCHOOLS, LIKE PLAYGROUNDS AND SPORTS FIELDS

### EQUITY PRIORITY AREAS

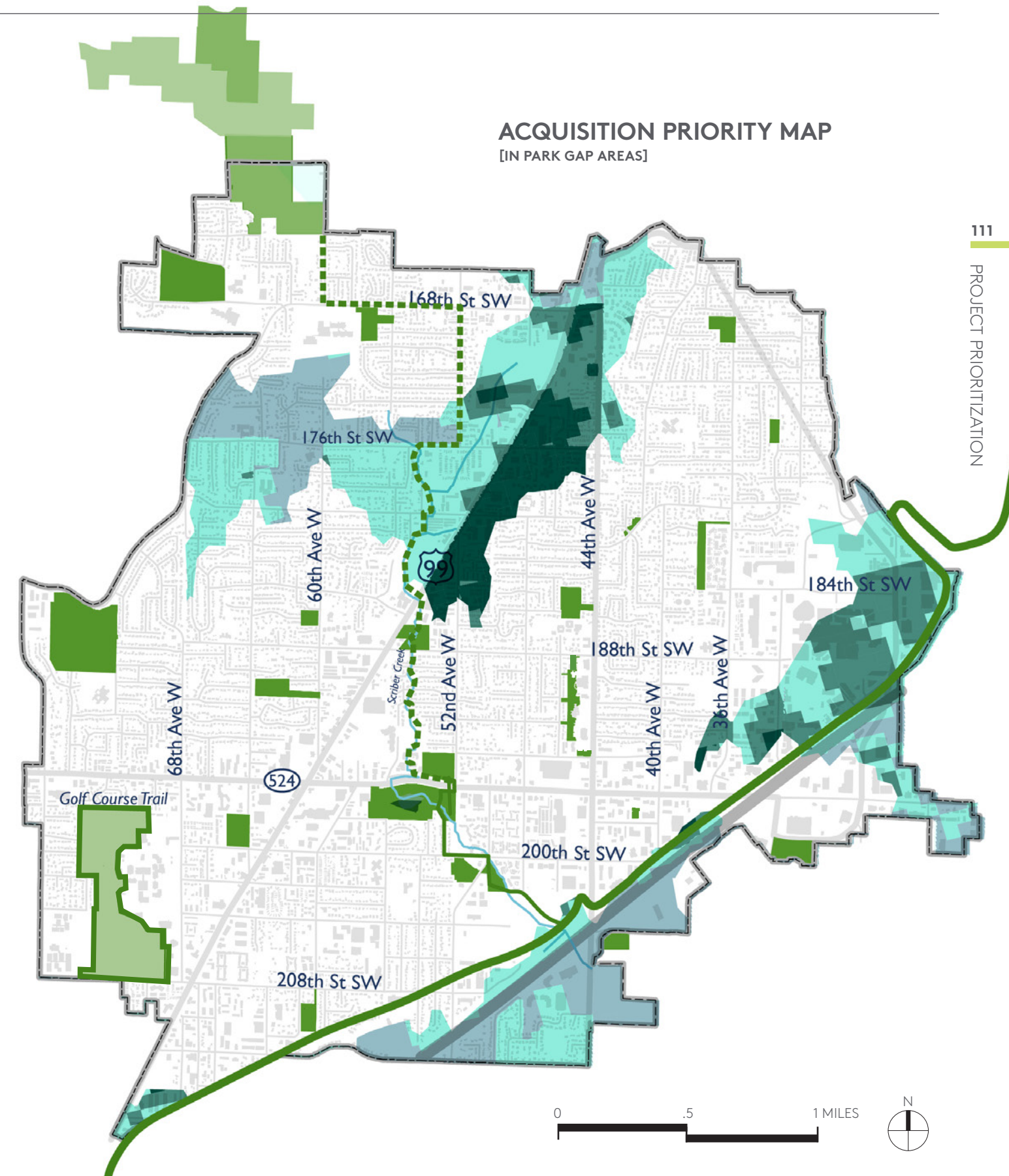
- VERY LOW
- LOW
- MEDIUM
- HIGH
- VERY HIGH
- SCRIBER CREEK TRAIL EXPANSION (CONCEPT)
- SCRIBER CREEK
- LYNNWOOD PARKS
- CITY LIMITS
- INTERURBAN TRAIL
- MAJOR ROADS

### ACQUISITION PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

[5+ Criteria = High Priority, 2-4 = Medium, 0-2 = Low]

1. Property is in an equity priority area within a park gap (see map to right).
2. Property would provide access or is adjacent to existing City-owned property or other publicly-owned open spaces
3. Property is undeveloped and of high ecological value (mature trees and habitat)
4. Acquisition will support expanded trail and stream connections
5. Property can be donated or acquired at a below fair market value
6. Acquisition aligns with grant funding criteria or there is an identified partner.
7. Utilities are available at the perimeter of the property.
8. Acquisition directly fulfills implementation of specific plan goals.

### ACQUISITION PRIORITY MAP [IN PARK GAP AREAS]

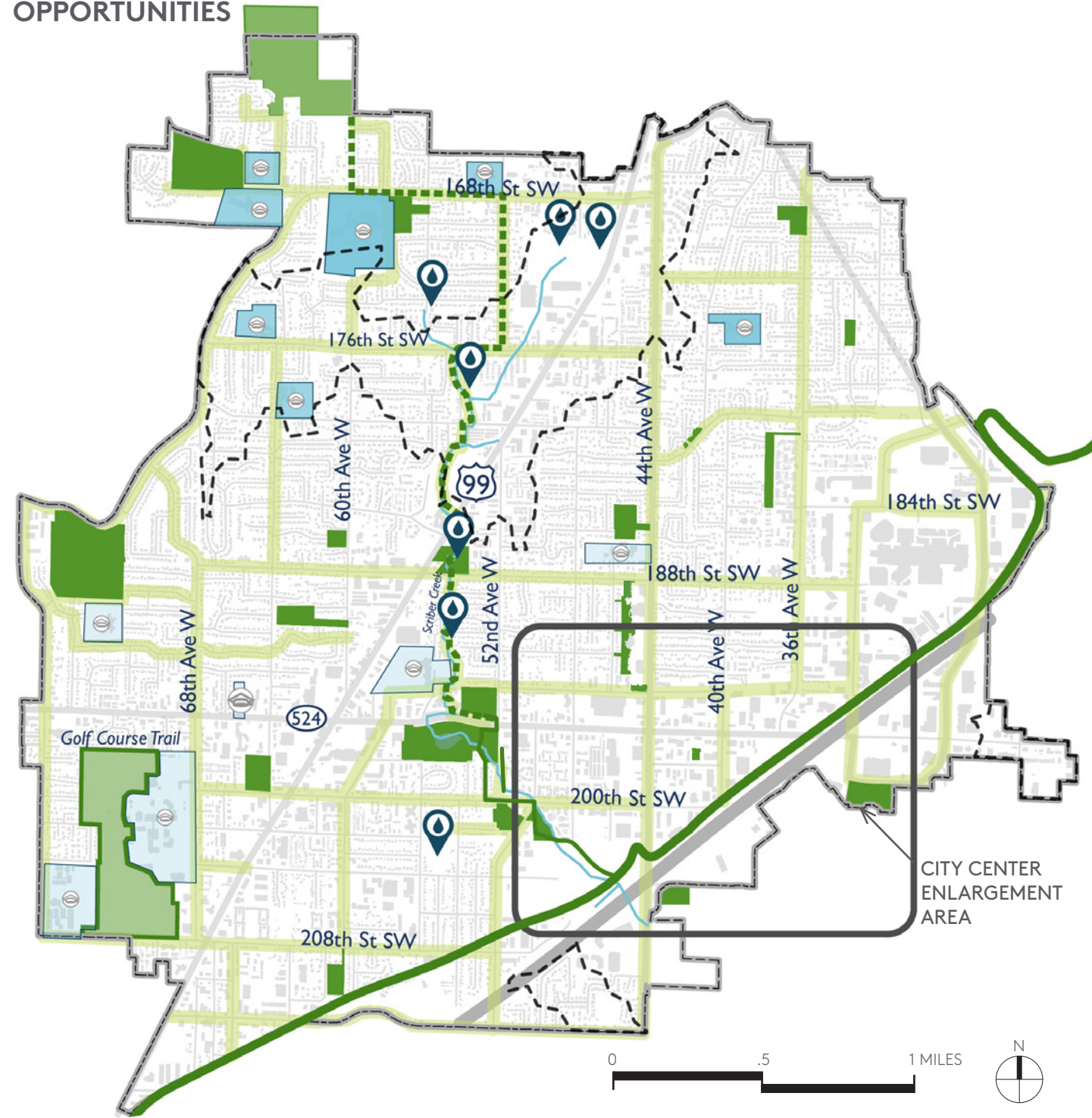


NOTE: The heat map shown within the park gaps includes the following data: Population Density, Race and Social, Equity Map, Health Sensitive Populations, Heat Island Severity.



# CLOSING THE GAP

## OPPORTUNITIES



### PARTNERSHIPS

- SCHOOLS
- STORMWATER SITES
- AAA NETWORK
- GAP AREA



### CITY CENTER OPPORTUNITIES

- CITY CENTER
- AAA NETWORK
- PROMENADE
- FUTURE TOWN SQUARE PARK
- TRANSIT

### INTERURBAN TRAIL PROJECTS

- 1 Lynnwood Transit Center Trailhead
- 2 44th Ave W I-5 Undercrossing
- 3 Poplar Bridge
- 4 Alexan Access

- LYNNWOOD PARKS
- CITY LIMITS
- INTERURBAN TRAIL
- HIGHWAY
- SCRIBER CREEK

# 5. ECONOMICS

The Value of Parks

Financial Context

Funding Options

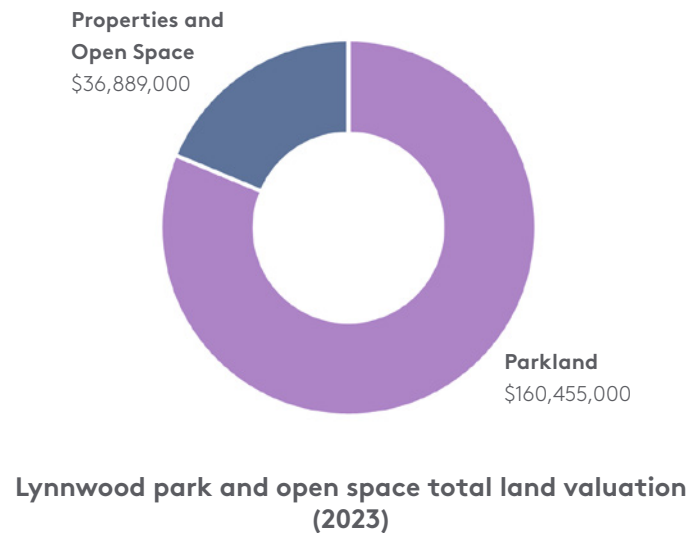


# THE VALUE OF PARKS

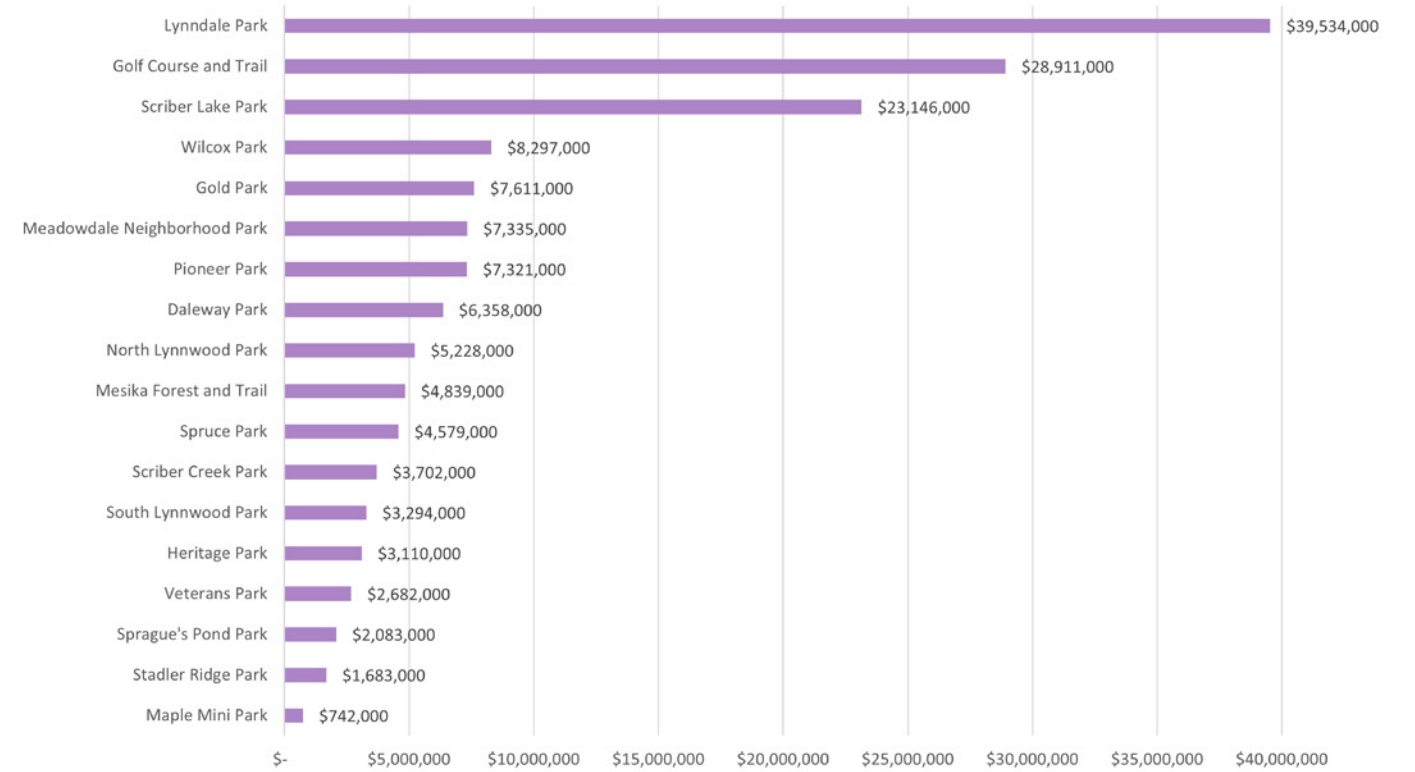
As cities become more densely populated and concern about the impact of climate change increases, planners, elected officials, and community advocates are using parks to help address critical urban infrastructure and public health issues. Parks are recognized as powerful tools for urban communities and local economies.

**Lynnwood's park and open spaces are valued at \$197,344,000 and also provide economic value to the city by:**

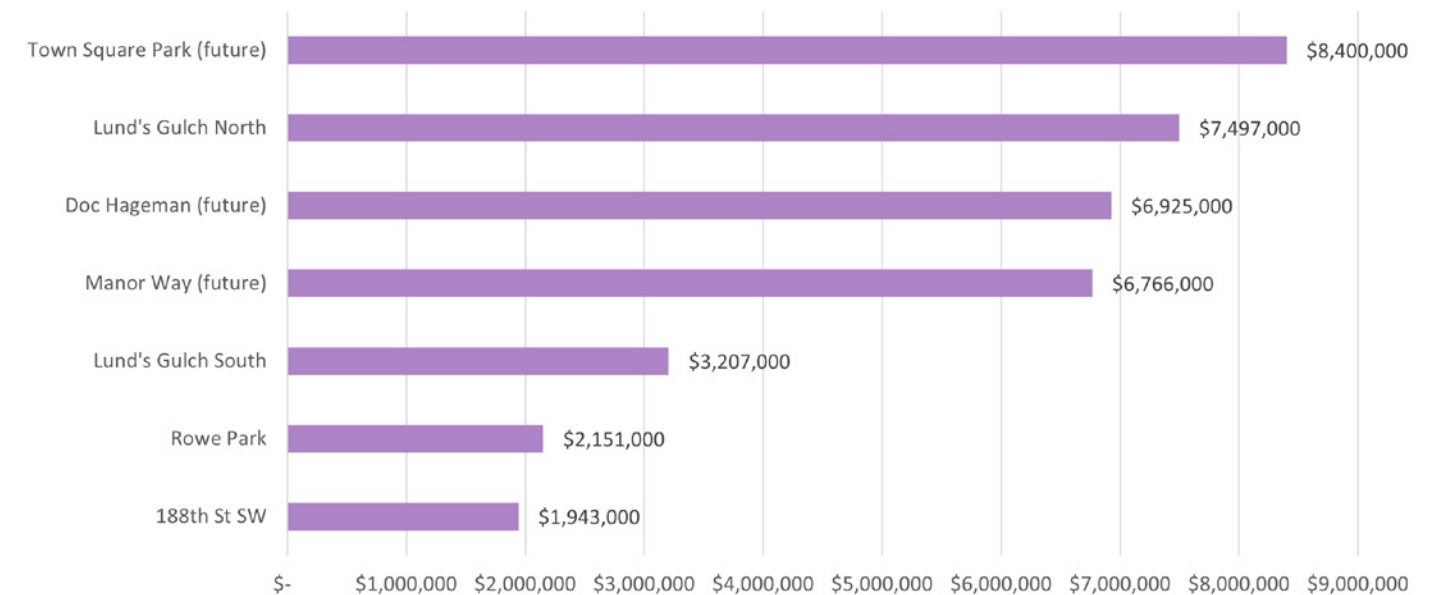
- INCREASING PROPERTY VALUES AND TAX REVENUE
- ATTRACTING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES
- INCREASING TOURISM
- REDUCING HEALTH COSTS THROUGH INCREASED EXERCISE
- DECREASING STORMWATER COSTS AND REDUCE POLLUTION
- COOLING THE CITY AND REDUCING POLLUTION



## PARKLAND VALUATION (2023)



## PARK PROPERTIES & OPEN SPACE VALUATION (2023)



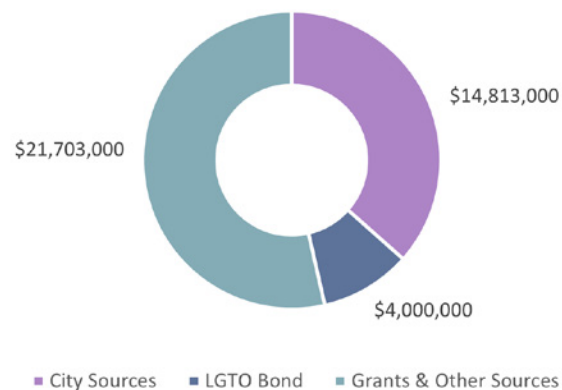
# FINANCIAL CONTEXT

Lynnwood PRCA completed 22 capitol planning and construction projects between 2012 and 2023. During this period, PRCA received 41 grants totaling over \$26 million representing a significant portion of the \$40 million invested.

## completed projects (2012-2023)

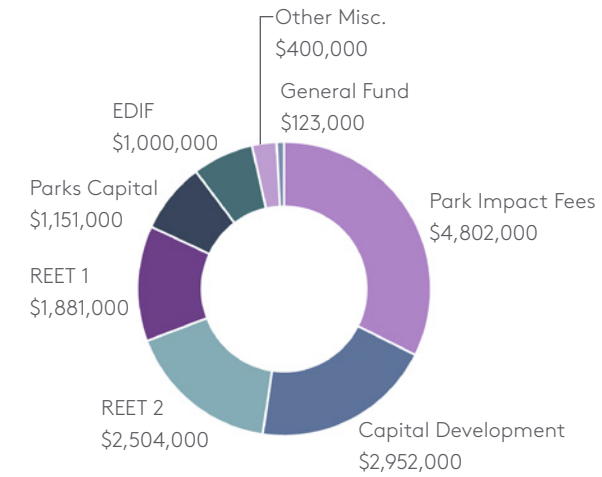
ParksLove Equitable Park Planning	2023
Meadowdale Playfields Playground	2023
Scriber Creek Trail - Phase 2	2023
Veterans Park Enhancements	2022
Sprague's Pond Acquisition	2022
Town Square Park Acquisition	2022
Heritage Park Water Tower Restoration	2022
South Lynnwood Park Rehabilitation	2022
McCrary Acquisition	2021
Seabrook Demo	2020
Heritage Park Playground	2019
City Center Parks Master Plan Update	2018
Interurban Trail Improvements Master Plan	2018
Interurban Trail - 40th Plaza	2018
Park Deferred Maintenance & ADA Barrier Removal	2018
Meadowdale Playfields Renovation	2017
Meadowdale Park Parking Improvements	2017
Lynndale Park Off-Leash Dog Area	2016
Lunds Gulch Open Space (Seabrook) Acquisition	2015
Lynndale Park Amphitheater Renovation	2014
Stadler Ridge Park Development	2013
Scriber Lake Boardwalk Renovation	2013

## 2012-2023 PARK INVESTMENT BY FUNDING SOURCE



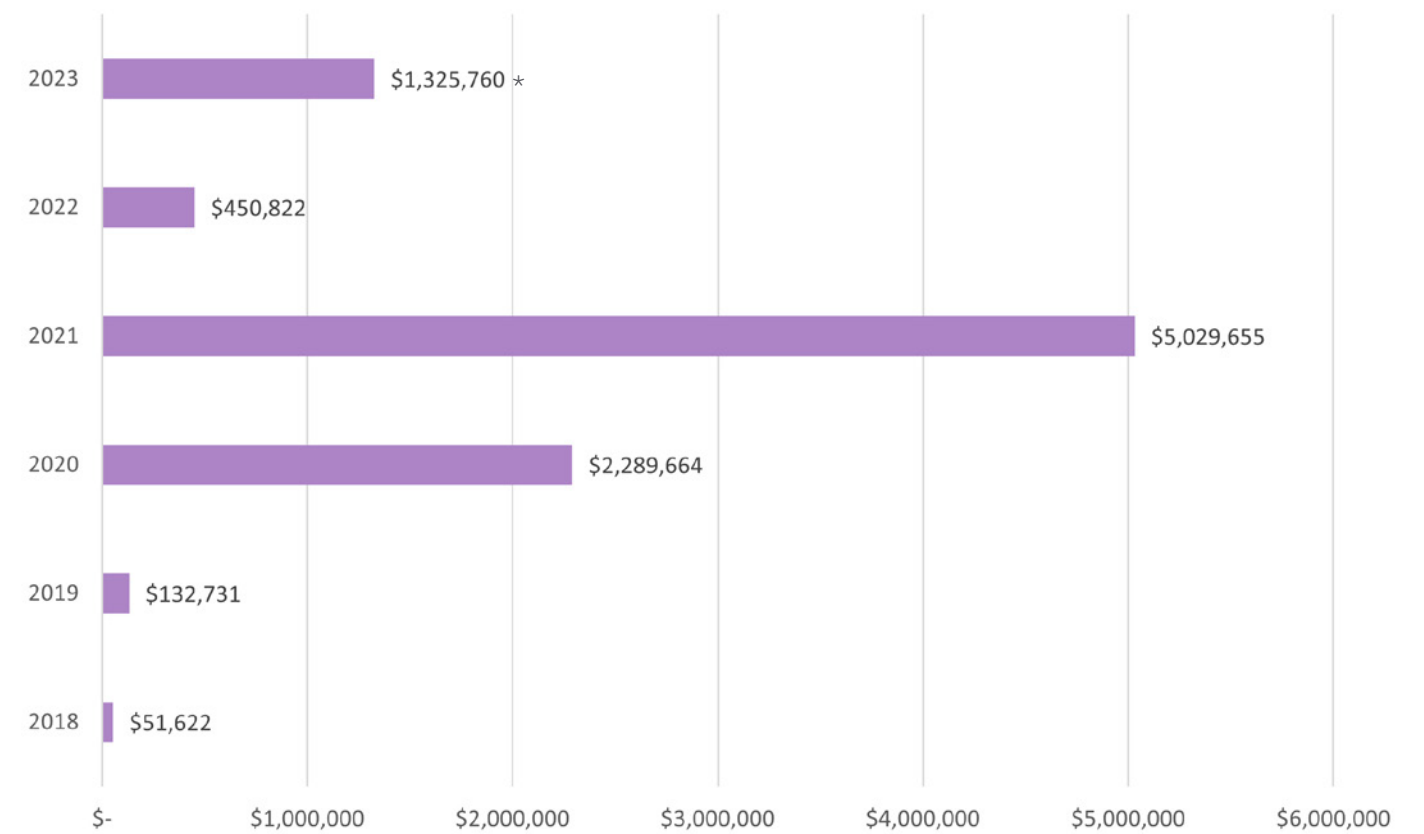
**\$40 Million Dollars In Park System Investment Occurred Between 2012-2023**

## CITY FUNDING SOURCES (2012-2023)



**Park Impact Fees Are A Substantial City Funding Source For Parks**

## PARK IMPACT FEE REVENUE



\*As of 8/31/2023

# FUNDING OPTIONS

The City of Lynnwood has access to a number of local, state and federal funding options that can be used to support its Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department and capital program. Potential sources are listed below, although discussions with City leadership will help determine the applicability and usage of revenue sources for growing, developing, and maintaining its parks, recreation, and cultural arts program.

## CITY TAXES & CHANGES

Cities in Washington have certain general (e.g., no limitations on uses of funds) and dedicated funding sources available for use. Lynnwood currently collects Park Impact Fees.

## DEBT OPTIONS

These options require the City to use its existing debt capacity to fund projects, typically through bonds. These debt options are not necessarily “new funds” to the City since the debt service of these funds must be paid back from some form of tax revenue.

## PARK DISTRICTS & PARTNERSHIPS

Governance and partnership structures can expand the capacity of a parks department and stabilize funding sources.

## GRANTS & CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Federal, state, and private grants are a major source of funding for Lynnwood parks capital projects, supporting numerous conservation, access and equity based efforts.

## Debt Options

### COUNCILMANIC BONDS

The Councilmanic Bonds may be sold by cities without public vote and are retired with payments from existing city revenue or new general tax revenue.

### GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Cities and counties have the authority to borrow money by selling bonds to fund capital projects, such as land acquisitions or facility construction. General Obligation Bonds require a 60-percent majority vote at a general or special election, and—if approved—an excess property tax is levied each year for the life of the bond to pay both principal and interest.

## Park Districts & Partnerships

### METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

Metropolitan Park Districts can be established to oversee the management, oversight, enhancement, upkeep, and procurement of parks, parkways, and boulevards. Beyond managing existing assets, these districts have the authority to accept and oversee park and recreation lands, as well as equipment transferred by any city or county within the district. A metropolitan park district is governed as a separate municipal corporation from the City, and its governing body can be five commissioners elected at the same election as the one creating the district; the legislative authority of the city or county (for a district located entirely within one city or unincorporated area of one county); or representatives appointed by each legislative body (for a district located in multiple cities or counties).

### PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

After establishment, park and recreational districts maintain the right to propose a regular property tax, annual supplementary property tax levies, and general obligation bonds.

### PARK & RECREATION SERVICE AREA

Park and Recreation Service Area’s purpose is to finance, acquire, construct, improve, maintain or operate any park, senior citizen activities center, zoo, aquarium and/or recreation facilities and to provide higher level of park service. They are governed by an independent, quasi-municipal corporation, but governed by members of county legislative authority, acting ex officio.

### INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS

State law provides for interagency cooperative efforts between units of government. Joint acquisition, development and/or use of park and open space facilities may be provided between PRCA, Public Works, utility providers, and other entities. The PRCA department currently has existing agreements with Edmonds School District and City of Edmonds.

### BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS, GRANTS, DONATIONS, GIFTS

Among the many entities with whom the City of Lynnwood partners, Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Foundation was established as a charitable 501(c)(3), with a mission "To promote and support parks, trails, recreational programs and historic preservation in Lynnwood through public and private partnerships." Staff reports that the foundation partners with the City to secure grants, serve as a fiscal agent, and fund-raise to support parks programs. In addition, the City regularly seeks grants from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Hazel Miller Foundation. These organizations, with their focus on parks, recreation, and conservation (NRPA), health (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation), and South Snohomish County (Hazel Miller Foundation), are particularly well-suited to support Lynnwood's programs and assets.

\*See appendix for more information about park funding options and future revenue projections.

## City Taxes

### EXCESS LEVY (ONE YEAR ONLY)

Cities and counties that are levying their statutory maximum rate can ask voters to raise their rate for one year at any special election date.

### REGULAR PROPERTY TAX (LEVY LID LIFT)

Cities are authorized to impose ad valorem taxes upon real and personal property. A levy lid lift is an instrument for increasing property tax levies for operating and/or capital purposes, if approved by the majority of voters.

### SALES TAX

The sales tax is a percentage of the retail price charged for specific classifications of goods and services within the State of Washington. The City currently takes both the basic and local option sales tax.

### BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX

Business and Occupation (B&O) taxes are excise taxes levied on different classes of businesses to raise revenue. The City of Lynnwood does not have a local B&O tax, but does levy a business license fee of \$93 per employee working more than 15 hours per week for nonresidential uses.

### ADMISSIONS TAX

An admissions tax is a use tax for entertainment that can be imposed by both cities and counties. The City of Lynnwood has an admissions tax of \$0.05 for each ticket sold.

### IMPACT FEES

Cities and counties are allowed to charge development impact fees on residential and commercial development activity to help pay for certain public facility improvements including parks, open space, and recreation facilities identified in the City's capital facilities plan. The City currently levies a park impact fee on both residential and commercial development.

### REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX (REET)

Cities and counties may impose a tax on sales of real estate, measured by the full selling price, including the amount of any liens, mortgages, and other debts given to secure the purchase. The City currently employs both quarters of the 0.50 percent local option REET.

### LODGING TAX

Cities and/or counties may impose a two-percent tax on all charges for furnishing lodging at hotels, motels, and similar establishments for a continuous period of less than one month. The City of Lynnwood currently levies a lodging tax of 12.5 percent, plus a \$2 surcharge per night.

### GAMBLING EXCISE TAX

The state of Washington does not collect a gambling tax, but local cities, counties, or towns may impose the gambling excise tax as a use tax on gambling receipts. The City of Lynnwood currently levies a 5 percent gambling tax.

### CONSERVATION FUTURES TAX

The Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) in Snohomish County imposes a levy for the purpose of acquiring property for the preservation of open space for public use by either the county or the cities within the county.

## Grant and Conservation programs

State and federal advocacy has played a pivotal role for local governments as constrained general fund resources have required increased reliance on direct appropriations and securing grants, both for capital improvements and resources to fund ongoing operations and maintenance of those assets. These advocacy efforts include building relationships with legislators and other government officials and educating them about the kinds of projects and programs such funding will enable. By engaging with different levels of government, municipalities can access vital funding, expertise, and support to implement essential projects, improve infrastructure, and enhance the overall well-being of their constituents, fostering a collaborative and coordinated approach to addressing regional challenges.

### RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE GRANT PROGRAMS

Established in 1964 under the Marine Recreation Land Act, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) has a mandate to allocate funds to state and local agencies, usually on a matching basis. These funds support the acquisition, development, and improvement of wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation properties with a portion of funds set aside for planning grants.

### RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (NPS-RTCA) by the National Park Service offers professional services support to local conservation and outdoor recreation initiatives across the United States. NPS-RTCA aids communities and public land stewards in the development or restoration of parks, conservation areas, rivers, wildlife habitats, and the establishment of outdoor recreation opportunities and initiatives to engage future generations with the outdoors.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development allocates yearly Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) using a predetermined formula to states, counties, and cities. Cities with populations of at least 50,000 are entitled to receive annual grants directly. As a city with a population under 50,000, Lynnwood is considered a non-entitlement community, so must be assisted by the County or State, who disburses the funds. The primary objective of the CDBG grant program is to foster sustainable urban communities by offering adequate housing, suitable living conditions, and enhancing economic prospects, especially for individuals with low to moderate incomes.

### NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT GRANTS PROGRAM

The U.S. Standard Grants Program is a competitive program that provides matching grants to public-private partnerships undertaking projects within the United States that align with the objectives outlined in the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). These projects are generally focused on the long-term safeguarding, restoration, or improvement of wetlands and the associated upland habitats, ultimately benefiting migratory birds linked with wetlands.

### OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program was established in 2014 as a nationally competitive program providing grant assistance to economically disadvantaged urban communities with limited access to publicly available outdoor recreation. Selected by the National Parks Service Director, projects may include acquisition, development, or rehabilitation of public parks and other outdoor recreation spaces and supporting infrastructure, with a 50-percent match requirement. Applicants must apply through the State as a sub-recipient awardee.

# 6. CAPITAL PROJECTS

Planning Context

Comprehensive Park & Trail Capital List

Project Maps



# PLANNING CONTEXT

An important goal of the ParksLove Project was to develop a comprehensive list of park and trail capital projects to be incorporated into the City’s 2024 Comprehensive Plan, annual City Capital Facility Plan updates, and future PARC Plan updates. The compiled list of projects also serves to establish park impact fee eligible projects; projects which add new capacity to the parks system such as property acquisition, new park development, new park amenities, or enhanced amenities such as wider paths and trails. The ParksLove Plan will also be used as an implementation tool for developing future capital budgets and puts the City in a strong grant-readiness position.

The resulting capital project list provides a foundation for Lynnwood to maintain its park level-of-service while remaining committed to a balanced approach. Noted in the 2022 PARC Plan Update, Lynnwood’s Balanced Approach to park level-of-service aims address the needs

of our growing, urbanizing, and densifying community by balancing park system investments between distribution of parks through acquisition and new development with preservation or renewal of aging park infrastructure through addressing deferred maintenance, ADA barrier removal, and enhancing existing developed properties.

### Developing the Capital Project List

The comprehensive list of park and trail capital projects was developed using available information from relevant city plans and documents, the institutional knowledge of city staff, technical studies and assessments performed as part of this project, as well as an inclusive process of gathering community feedback. The process of developing the capital project list included:



Figure from 2022 PARC Plan, page 160  
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# IDENTIFYING CAPITAL PROJECTS



- Reviewing community and ParksLove outreach themes.
- Identifying current operational needs to support sound management and maintenance, while considering which projects are operationally critical for continued use.
- Performing on-the-ground assessments of all existing park assets, their condition, asset lifecycle review, and identifying potential opportunities at each site.
- Referring to the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (2021): evaluating which barriers have already been removed and remain a high priority. The ADA Transition Plan is a vital component of all our planning given our legal obligation to remove all barriers within a reasonable time.
- Coordinating with other City plans such as the Connect Lynnwood: Active & Accessible Transportation Plan (Adopted 2022) and the Park Access Plan (2020). These plans confirm connections to parks as well as accessible routes to each park amenity is addressed.
- Completing an Urban Forest Health Assessment (2023) that assessed the health of forests for critical area restoration and stormwater detention to create environmental resiliency projects.

way to provide context and visual understanding of the project list. Each site plan also includes a short description of the park and provides the park’s equity score from the prioritization tool introduced in Chapter 4.

\*Note: the ParksLove capital project list excludes recreation facilities and project needs in Lynnwood’s municipal urban growth area (MUGA). A recreation facilities condition assessment and community needs assessment are needed in the near term. MUGA park level-of-service is currently the responsibility of Snohomish County and continued collaboration, cooperation, and partnership is needed between agencies to adequately provide park and recreation services to these future Lynnwood residents.

### Results

The final comprehensive project list contains a total of 118 projects of varying types including: park development, ADA barrier removals, deferred maintenance, trail development, environmental resiliency, and new amenities. The list reflects future acquisition as a single project since perspective property locations are not known in advance. This project list includes many ADA barrier removal and deferred maintenance projects at each park site. Also included are systemwide ADA Transition Plan and Deferred Maintenance projects to pick up the remaining work items not large enough to

Included in this Chapter is a series of project maps that illustrate the project list for each site, color coded, as a



constitute an independent project.

Full park renovations are not always financially feasible. The list on the following pages presents projects by location to support a scenario that projects may need to be evaluated and completed as independent, single projects. The value in having discrete projects identified allows for:

- Maximum flexibility to combine similar projects for efficiency from a park system scale.
- Matching specific, restricted types of funding to project components.
- Addressing lifecycle replacement and safety items between grant cycles, or which are priority safety concerns, or which can be completed by our operations staff.

There are several benefits to completing all or some of the projects at each site as a combined renovation project. Larger renovation projects offer:

- Cost efficiencies for mobilizing one-time as cost of materials grows over time
- Time and cost efficiencies for procurement
- Less disturbance to park users– especially with smaller sites
- Strengthened grants, partnerships, and community involvement opportunities
- Energized neighborhood and social connections through placemaking

**Cost estimating**

Each project on the capital project list includes a planning-level cost estimate and assumptions (see Appendix X Project List with Cost Estimate). The opinion of costs were prepared by SiteWorks and are based on firm experience and other available cost information. The opinion of costs for construction account for inflation through 2028. All costs will need continued refining during project planning efforts, and/or during the development of construction documents.

Project costs are based on an estimated construction cost, plus an allowance for ‘soft’ costs such as planning, community outreach, design, project administration, and other expenses. The estimate does not include land acquisition as those expenses are not able to be determined at this time.

**Implementation**

Staff will use the ParksLove-developed project prioritization tool to rank the comprehensive park and trail capital list to prioritize future project planning, biennial capital budget development and park system investment. Appendix X presents the results of the prioritization ranking for park, trail and resiliency projects. The useful life of this plan is 18 years which spans three

6-year capital facility planning cycles. This timeframe and financial constraints will not result in the implementation of all 118 projects identified in this plan which is why the project prioritization tool is an important tool to be used by staff to continually evaluate and prioritize projects with public feedback. However, having a comprehensive list is an essential tool to understand the scope of park system needs. The comprehensive list paired with the prioritization tool provides the ability for implementation to be nimble and strategic. For example, staff will evaluate options to complete full park redevelopment for aging sites with numerous highly ranked projects or, consider bundling smaller, yet similar, projects that can be mobilized with a single contractor such as loop paths or parking lot improvements.

**Acquisition Approach**

The City recognizes that property acquisition provides opportunities to preserve open space, provide more equitable recreational opportunities, and maintain the park level-of-service of 3.5-acres per 1,000 residents as Lynnwood’s population is projected to grow. The current acquisition program is committed to conservation, to target areas to secure sufficient parkland as the population grows, and also to seek opportunities to gain key trail corridors and fill gaps in park access. The City’s acquisition strategy includes identifying high-potential properties, contacting property owners to express interest, securing future acquisition rights from willing sellers, seeking and securing grant funding, and accepting donated parcels.

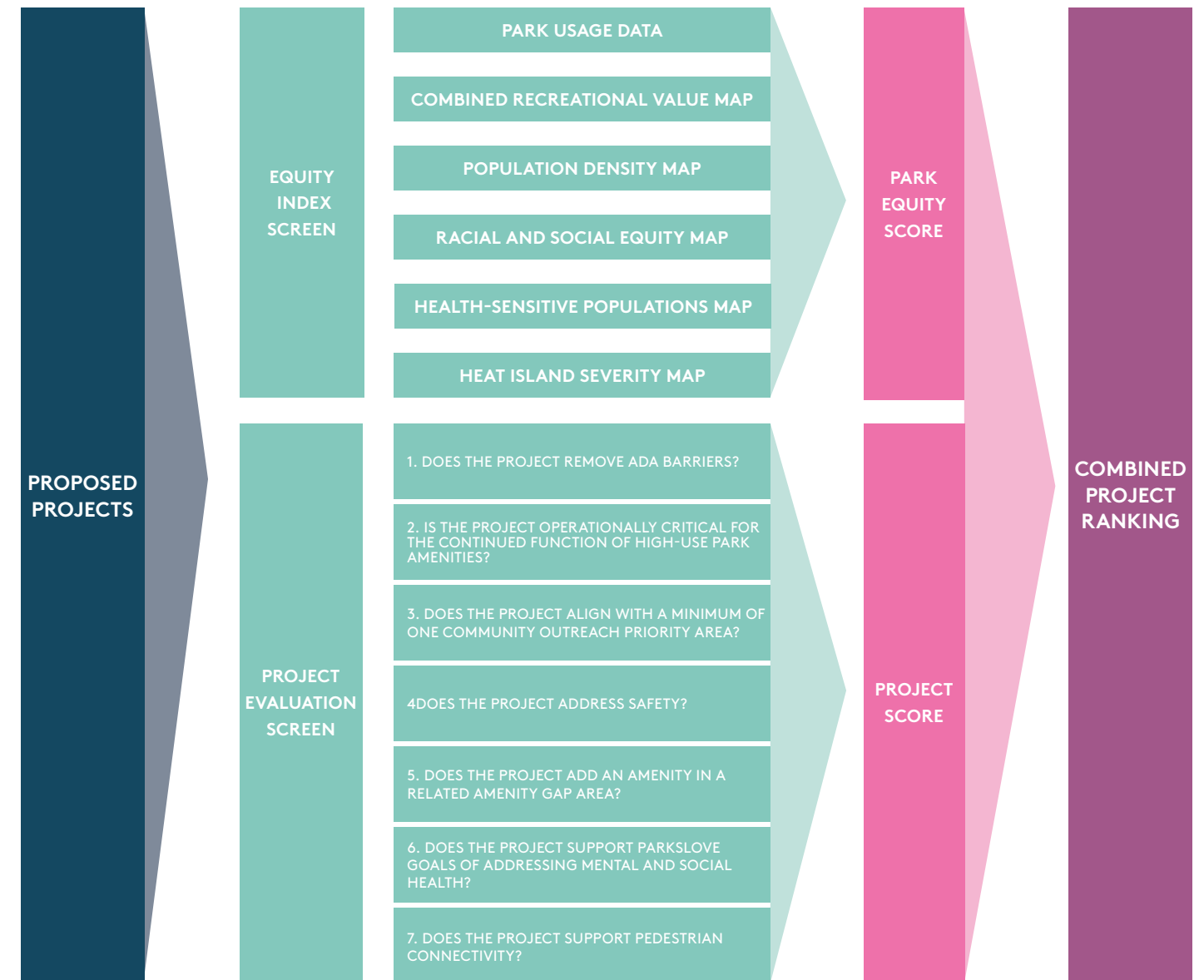
**Project Prioritization**

The ParksLove planning team co-developed a project Prioritization Tool to rank projects with the CoDesign Team. The Prioritization Tool is composed of two screens that score potential projects at the park and project scale: an Equity Index Screen at the park scale and Evaluation Screen at the project scale. Potential projects were filtered through these screens and given a score which produces a ranked project list. The Prioritization Tool is designed to be adaptable to evolve with PRCA's needs and the economic and political climate. The tool is also intended to insert a measure of objectivity to limit unconscious bias and improve equitable outcomes in the decision-making process while also providing transparency around the capital planning investment process.

The Park Equity Score is the combined value of the six equity index screens and represents how well the location of a park is currently providing park access. Refer to Chapter 4 “Equity Maps” section for the data. The diagram below highlights the components of the project prioritization tool.

The comprehensive capital project list includes a total of one hundred eighteen (118) projects listed by project location, as well as shown in aerial view in the following pages. The complete ranked capital project list can be found in Appendix C.

**PROJECT PRIORITIZATION TOOL**



CAPITAL PROJECT LIST

Park Location	Proposed Project
188th Street Property	Environmental Resiliency Projects
188th Street Property	Improved Street Crossing
188th Street Property	Opportunity Zone (Parking, Wetland viewpoints, Trails, Picnicking)
Daleway Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Daleway Park	Lawn Renovation
Daleway Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements
Daleway Park	Opportunity Zone (volleyball, play)
Daleway Park	Park Shelter
Daleway Park	Parking & Access Improvements
Daleway Park	Spray & Play Improvements
Daleway Park	Stormwater Improvements
Gold Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Gold Park	Opportunity Zone (play, placemaking, furnishings)
Gold Park	Parking Improvement
Golf Course Trail	AAA Facility Upgrades and Path Improvements (208th St SW)
Golf Course Trail	East Trail Improvements
Golf Course Trail	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Golf Course Trail	Neighborhood Access Improvements
Golf Course Trail	Opportunity Zone SW (parking, zipline, lawn, picnic, ADA access)
Golf Course Trail	Opportunity Zones East (Parking, Trails, Mini Golf, Play, Picnic)
Heritage Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Heritage Park	FACILITY: Building Improvements (ADA, Roofs)
Heritage Park	Opportunity Zone (terraced seating, picnic lawn, ADA picnic)
Heritage Park	Park Shelter
Heritage Park	Wetland Loop Trail
Heritage Park	Wetland Overlook
Interurban Trail	208th / 53rd Trailhead
Interurban Trail	Access Improvements @ Alexan
Interurban Trail	Alderwood Trailhead
Interurban Trail	Beech Road Trailhead
Interurban Trail	Bus Barn Wedge Opportunity Zone
Interurban Trail	City Center Station Trailhead
Interurban Trail	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Interurban Trail	Fitness Section Corridor
Interurban Trail	Trail Redevelopment (at Target)
Lund's Gulch North	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Lund's Gulch North	Trailhead and Parking Improvements
Lund's Gulch South	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Lund's Gulch South	Trailhead and Parking Improvements SE
Lund's Gulch South	Trailhead and Parking Improvements SW
Lynndale	Dog Park Illumination
Lynndale	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Lynndale	FACILITY: Central Program Building & Restroom
Lynndale	Little League Complex (field, parking, access)
Lynndale	Parking and Access Improvements (SW)
Lynndale	Skate Park Renovation and Expansion
Lynndale	Tennis Court Renovation and Illumination
Lynndale	Trail Development
Maple Mini	Park Renovation: Stormwater, Play Area, Paths, Picnic, Parking Addition
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Dog Park
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Opportunity Zone (Ziplines, Pump Track, Fitness Stations)
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Play Area Renovation
Meadowdale Neighborhood Park	Remote Control Crawler Course
Meadowdale Playfields	Central Access
Meadowdale Playfields	Dugout Covers
Meadowdale Playfields	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Meadowdale Playfields	Improved Street Crossing and Entrance
Meadowdale Playfields	Lighting Replacement

Park Location	Proposed Project
Meadowdale Playfields	Parking Access and Improvements (NW)
Meadowdale Playfields	Permanent Portable Restroom/Toilet
Meadowdale Playfields	Synthetic Turf Replacement
Meadowdale Playfields	Trail Development
Mesika Forest & Trail	Environmental Resiliency Project: Stream
Mesika Forest & Trail	Neighborhood Access Improvements
Mesika Forest & Trail	Opportunity Zone North (Trails, Nature Play, Learning Circle, Picnicking, Lawns)
Mesika Forest & Trail	Opportunity Zone South (picnic)
North Lynnwood Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects: Forest
North Lynnwood Park	Lawn Renovation
North Lynnwood Park	Loop Trail
North Lynnwood Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements
North Lynnwood Park	Opportunity Zone (play, sport)
North Lynnwood Park	Parking Access and Improvements
North Lynnwood Park	Spray & Play Improvements
Off Leash Dog Park [TBD]	Locate and develop dog park [location tbd]
Pioneer Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Pioneer Park	Loop Trail
Pioneer Park	Opportunity Zone (fitness, dog park)
Pioneer Park	Parking & Access Improvements
Pioneer Park	Play Area Renovation
Rowe Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Rowe Park	New Park Development
Scriber Creek Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Scriber Creek Trail Extension	Trail Expansion (Lund's Gulch South to Wilcox Park) Alignment Planning
Scriber Lake Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Scriber Lake Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements (NW)
Scriber Lake Park	Upland Viewpoint
Scriber Lake Park	Wetland viewpoint
Scriber Lake Park	Trail Development (Forest)
South Lynnwood Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
South Lynnwood Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements
Sprague's Pond Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Sprague's Pond Park	Lawn Renovation
Sprague's Pond Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements (West)
Sprague's Pond Park	Opportunity Zone (Picnic Shelter, Restroom Building, Lookout)
Sprague's Pond Park	Parking & Access Improvements (East)
Sprague's Pond Park	Pond Access and Recreation (East)
Spruce Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Spruce Park	Lawn Renovation
Spruce Park	Neighborhood Access Improvements
Spruce Park	Parking & Access Improvements
Stadler Ridge Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Stadler Ridge Park	Play Area Addition
Stadler Ridge Park	Parking ADA Stalls & Accessible Route
Stadler Ridge Park	Permanent Portable Restroom/Toilet
Systemwide	ADA Transition Plan
Systemwide	Deferred Maintenance
Systemwide	Signage Package
Systemwide	Strategic Parkland Acquisition
Town Square	New Park Development
Tunnel Creek Trail	Develop trail on ESD Property above 33rd Place West
Veterans Park	Access and Connectivity Improvements
Wilcox Park	Environmental Resiliency Projects
Wilcox Park	Historic 196th Bridge Rehabilitation
Wilcox Park	Parking & Play Area Renovation
Wilcox Park	Parking ADA Stalls & Accessible Route (north)
Wilcox Park	Partnership Opportunity Zone School District Property (Trails, Lawn, Sports Field, Parking, Dog Park, Bridge)
Wilcox Park	South Shelter Accessible Route

# 188TH STREET PROPERTY



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

#### OPPORTUNITY ZONE



Parking  
Wetland Viewpoints  
Trails  
Picnicking

#### IMPROVED STREET CROSSING



Crosswalk  
Raised Speed Table  
Signage

#### ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS



Wetland and  
Wetland Buffer  
Forest Restoration  
Trail Development

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



This is an undeveloped 5.04-acre park property in the center of Lynnwood that contains Scriber Creek and associated wetlands, and an upland forested area. The property presents the opportunity for passive recreation with environmental restoration, interpretation, trails and casual picnicking in a natural setting.

# DALEWAY PARK



CAPITAL PROJECTS	FOCUS AREA	IMPROVEMENTS
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OPPORTUNITY ZONE		Volleyball Court Active Play
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SPRAY & PLAY		Splash Pad Replacement Play Equipment Remove ADA Barriers

PARK SHELTER		Shelter and Picnic Tables
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LAWN RENOVATION		Grading Drainage Irrigation

NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS		Paths Gateways Placemaking

PARKING & ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS		Parking Lot Improvements Accessible Route
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ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS		Forest Restoration
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STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS		Detention Pond
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## PARK EQUITY SCORE

Daleway Park is a beloved community space spanning approximately 7.04 acres. The park boasts a range of passive and active recreational features, including playground, spray pad, basketball court and picnic areas. Daleway Park stands as a gathering place for local families and individuals seeking outdoor recreation and relaxation. There is a forested trail link to 60th Ave W at the park's eastern edge, enhancing the neighborhood connection and appeal for nature enthusiasts.

# GOLD PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

#### OPPORTUNITY ZONE



Play  
Placemaking  
Furnishings

#### PARKING & ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS



Parking Lot  
Improvements

#### ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS



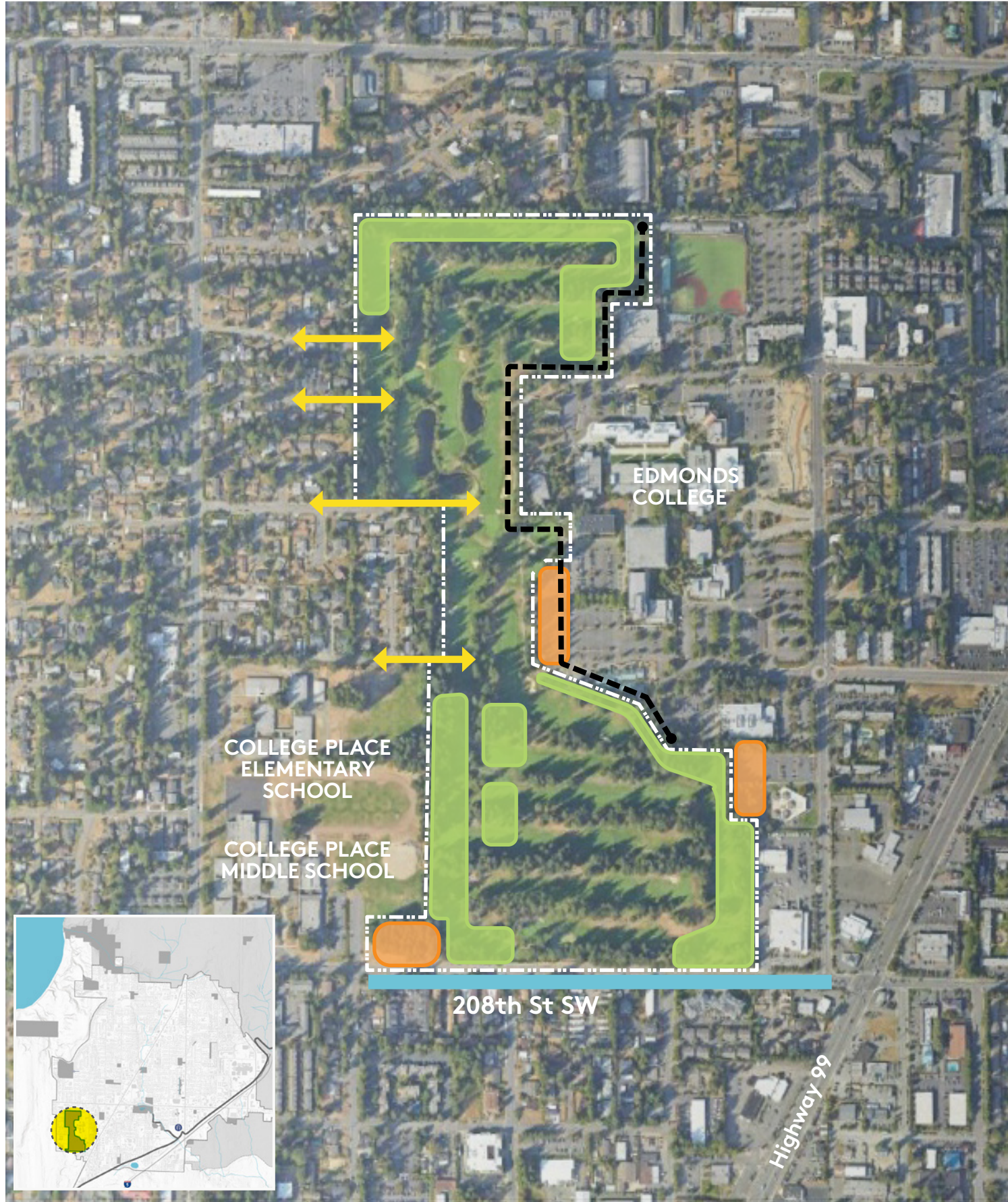
Forest Restoration  
Trail Improvements  
Stream  
Enhancements

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Gold Park is preserved as 6.45 acres of forested open space with trails, grassy clearings and a seasonal stream. The park was purchased from the Gold family through a Snohomish County Conservation Futures grant which requires that the land remain a passive park. In 2010, students at Edmonds Community College partnered with Snohomish Tribe of Indians to improve the trail system and develop the "Stolja Ali" Place of Medicine Ethnobotanical Garden.

# GOLF COURSE TRAIL



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

**OPPORTUNITY ZONES EAST**

- People icon
- Trail icon
- Heart icon

Parking  
Trails  
Mini Golf  
Play  
Picnic

**OPPORTUNITY ZONES SOUTHWEST**

- People icon
- Trail icon

Parking  
Zipline  
Lawn  
Picnic  
ADA Access

**EAST TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS**

- People icon
- Trail icon
- Heart icon

Widening  
Visibility and Safety  
Signage  
Striping

**NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS**

- People icon
- Trail icon

Trailhead Access  
On-street Parking  
Improved  
Connections

**AAA FACILITY UPGRADES & PATH IMPROVEMENTS**

- Trail icon
- Heart icon

Accessible Paths  
Streetlights  
Street Trees  
Curb Ramps

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS**

- Tree icon

Forest Restoration

## PARK EQUITY SCORE ■■■■

The Golf Course Trail is a separated pedestrian trail encircling the Lynnwood Municipal Golf Course in central Lynnwood, covering a 2-mile perimeter (3.96-acre corridor). This trail offers a combination of soft and hard surfaces for walking and recreation. Notably, a section of the trail meanders through the scenic Edmonds Community College campus, providing a delightful and multifaceted outdoor experience for visitors.

# HERITAGE PARK



**CAPITAL PROJECTS**    FOCUS AREA    IMPROVEMENTS

**OPPORTUNITY ZONE**       Terraced Seating  
Picnic Lawn  
ADA Picnic Tables

**PARK SHELTER**       Shelter  
Picnic Tables

**FACILITY**       Building Improvements (ADA and roofs)

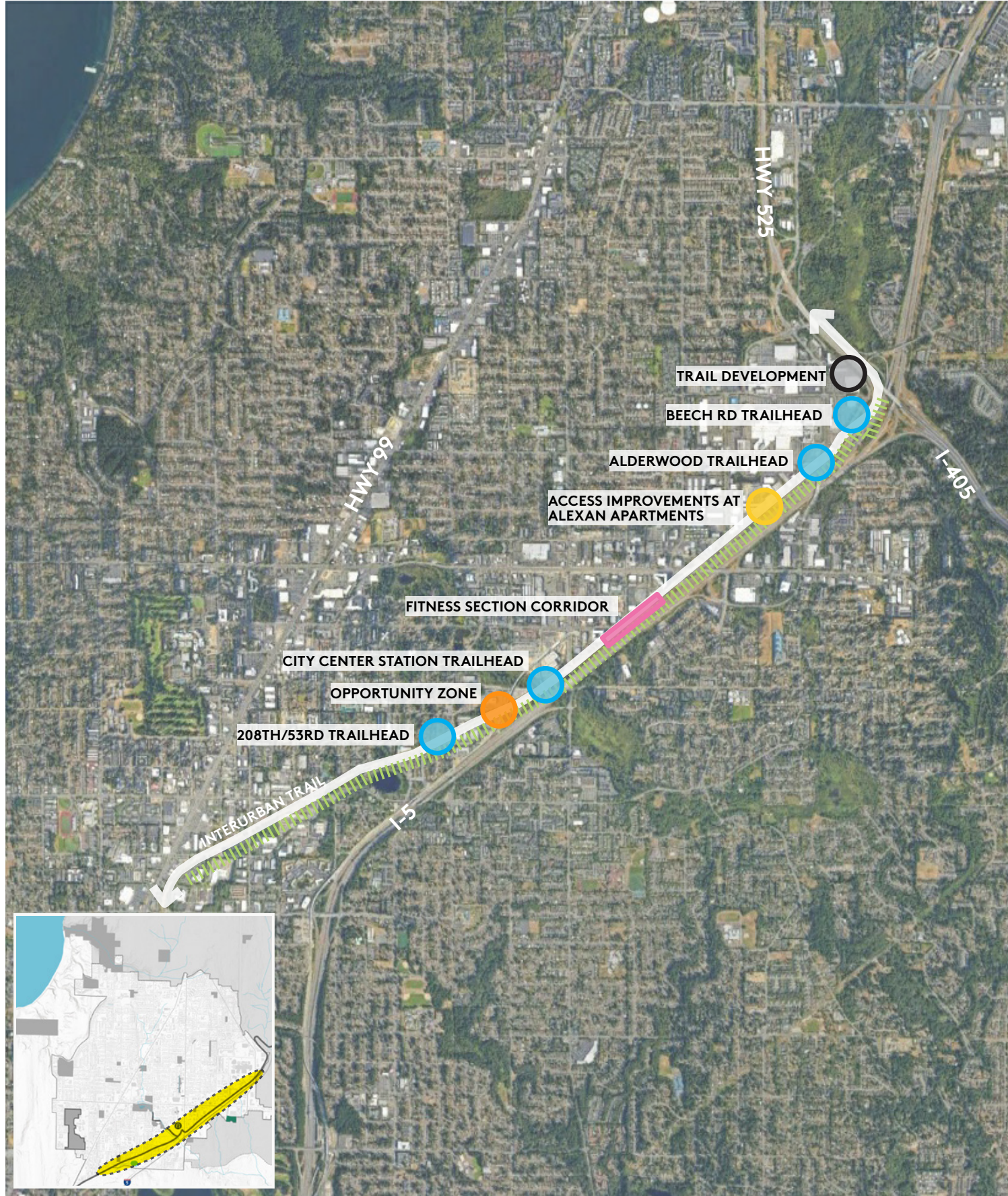
**WETLAND LOOP TRAIL & OVERLOOK**       ADA Loop Trail  
Wetland Lookout  
Gathering Space

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS**       Wetland and Wetland Buffer

**PARK EQUITY SCORE**

Heritage Park honors the agricultural, transportation, and social history of Lynnwood and its origins in Alderwood Manor. Several historic structures are on-site including the Wickers Building, the Superintendent's Cottage, Humble House, and the Water Tower. The 7.65-acre park also features artwork by Louise McDowell entitled "Gentle Encounter."

# INTERURBAN TRAIL



## CAPITAL PROJECTS FOCUS AREA IMPROVEMENTS

CAPITAL PROJECTS	FOCUS AREA	IMPROVEMENTS
TRAIL REDEVELOPMENT (AT TARGET)	 	Paths Restrooms
BEECH ROAD TRAILHEAD	 	On Street Parking Trailhead Plaza Signage Picnic Tables
ALDERWOOD TRAILHEAD	 	On Street Parking Trailhead Plaza Signage Picnic Tables
ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT ALEXAN APARTMENTS	 	Street Crossing Trailhead Plaza Signage
FITNESS SECTION CORRIDOR	 	Screening Fitness Amenities
CITY CENTER STATION TRAILHEAD	 	Trailhead Plaza Signage Picnic Tables Picnic Lawn Placemaking
OPPORTUNITY ZONE AT BUS BARN WEDGE	 	Bus Barn Wedge Pump Track Picnicking Parking Furnishings
208TH/53RD TRAILHEAD	 	Plaza Picnic Lawn Picnic Tables Signage

## PARK EQUITY SCORE

The Interurban Trail is 24-mile multi-modal trail running through the communities of Shoreline, Montlake Terrace, Edmonds, Lynnwood and Everett. This 12' wide hard-surfaced, Class I trail facility is situated within the right-of-way of Public Utility District #1. In Lynnwood, the trail covers a distance of 3.8-miles, with the majority of its route separated from motorized traffic for enhanced safety. Visitors can conveniently access the trail with parking facilities available at South Lynnwood Park and the Lynnwood Transit Center, further facilitating its accessibility and usability.

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS** 

- Forest Restoration
- Invasive Plant Removal



# LUND'S GULCH NORTH & SOUTH



## LUND'S GULCH NORTH

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**      FOCUS AREA      IMPROVEMENTS

TRAILHEAD & PARKING IMPROVEMENTS		Trailhead Access
		Parking Restroom

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS		Forest Restoration Trail Development
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## LUND'S GULCH SOUTH

TRAILHEAD & PARKING IMPROVEMENTS		Trailhead Access
		Parking

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS		Forest Restoration Trail Development
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## PARK EQUITY SCORE

Lund's Gulch (97.81 total acres), boasts a mature second-growth forest, characterized by steep slopes and wetlands. Within this basin flows Lund's Gulch Creek, a vital salmonid stream that ultimately empties into Puget Sound. Lund's Gulch is also home to Snohomish County's expansive Meadowdale Beach Park, offering a trail network that provides direct access to the Puget Sound shoreline. Currently, the county's trail serves as the sole pedestrian entry point into Lund's Gulch.

# LYNNDALE PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

SKATE PARK  
RENOVATION  
& EXPANSION



Skate Features  
Seating  
Pavilion

TENNIS COURT  
RENOVATION &  
ILLUMINATION



Resurfacing  
Pickleball Striping  
Seating

DOG PARK  
ILLUMINATION



Lighting  
Seating

LITTLE LEAGUE  
COMPLEX  
IMPROVEMENTS



Field Improvements  
Parking Lot  
Improvements  
Accessible Route

FACILITY:  
CENTRAL  
PROGRAM  
BUILDING &  
RESTROOM



Building Expansion  
Parking Lot  
Improvements  
Basketball Court  
Resurfacing and  
Lighting  
Stormwater  
Accessible Route

PARKING  
& ACCESS  
IMPROVEMENTS



Parking Lot  
Improvements  
Accessible Route  
Restroom Renovation  
Parking Partnership

ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESILIENCE  
PROJECTS



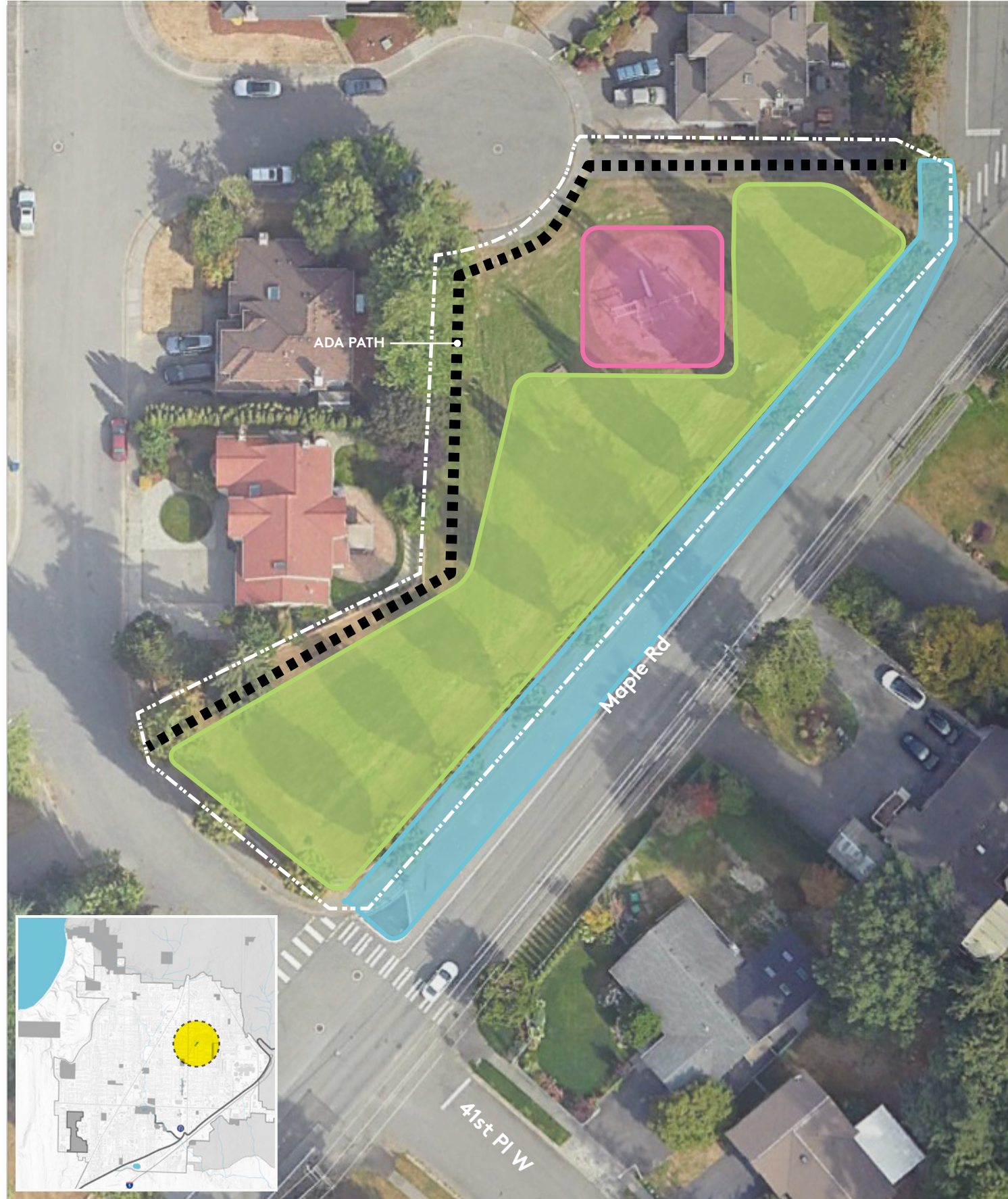
Forest Restoration  
Trail Development  
Trail Restoration

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Lynndale park is a 44.31-acre park located in northwest Lynnwood. It is the largest and one of the most highly used parks in Lynnwood due to the variety of active recreation and programming opportunities and number of amenities offered. The park's infrastructure is intensively used and in need of upgrades to support the park's numerous popular programs.

# MAPLE MINI PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

PLAY AREA	 	Play Equipment Parent Plaza Picnic Table
PARKING & ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS		On-Street Parking Accessible Route
ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS		Stormwater Detention (Underground)

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Maple Mini Park, situated in Northeast Lynnwood near the Regional Growth Center, spans 0.77 acres and operates as a stormwater detention facility. While it features a playground, open lawn, and picnic tables, seasonal flooding restricts access to the play area for a significant part of the year. The planned enhancements involve installing underground chambers to elevate park amenities, ensuring accessibility year-round. These improvements include a new play area, open lawn, on-street ADA parking, accessible routes, stormwater educational signage, and picnicking facilities. This project aims to demonstrate how stormwater infrastructure can serve multiple purposes, extending beyond its original function. Serving around 3,200 people within a 10-minute walk, the project seeks to reduce urban flooding, treat runoff efficiently, and engage the community in shaping its design. Interpretive signage will educate the public about stormwater best management practices, making the park an informative and accessible space for all.

# MEADOWDALE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

OPPORTUNITY ZONE



Additional Ziplines  
Pump Track  
Fitness Stations

REMOTE CONTROL CRAWLER COURSE NORTH



RC Course  
Renovate Rockery  
Walls and Swale

PLAY AREA RENOVATION SOUTH



Play Equipment

DOG PARK



Lighting  
Seating

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS



Forest Restoration  
Trail Improvements  
Grading

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Meadowdale Park is a 6.24-acre neighborhood park that combines active recreation with preservation of the natural beauty of the site. Second growth trees stands were protected during development and offer a high quality urban forest. Indigenous boulders and timbers were preserved and used in construction of the restroom building and the public art, "The Raven and the First Salmon, the Humans and the Last" created by Chris Vondrasek.

# MEADOWDALE PLAYFIELDS



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

SYNTHETIC TURF REPLACEMENT		Replace at End of Life Cycle (est. 2030)
LIGHTING REPLACEMENT		Replace at End of Life Cycle (est. 2028)
DUGOUT COVERS		
PERMANENT PORTABLE RESTROOM		Permanent Portable Restroom
IMPROVED STREET CROSSING		Crosswalk Curb Ramps Signage
CENTRAL ACCESS		Accessible Route
NORTHWEST PARKING & ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS		Parking Lot Improvement Accessible Route
ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS		Forest Restoration and Trail Development

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Meadowdale Playfields, encompasses 24.08 acres. The park is the city's largest playfield complex and includes five all-weather softball and baseball fields, as well as two all-weather, regulation-size fields suitable for soccer, football, rugby, and lacrosse. In addition to these sports facilities, the park offers an inclusive playground (renovated in 2023), a basketball court, a convenient concession stand, a leisurely walking trail, well-maintained restrooms, and picnic areas, making it a versatile and inviting destination for both athletes and families alike.

# MESIKA FOREST & TRAIL



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

FOCUS AREA IMPROVEMENTS

<p>OPPORTUNITY ZONE</p>	 	<p>Trails Nature Play Learning Circle Picnicking Lawns</p>
<p>NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS</p>	 	<p>Paths Wayfinding</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS</p>		<p>Forest Restoration Stream and Wetland Buffer Enhancements</p>


## PARK EQUITY SCORE

The Mesika Trail, a soft surface loop covering 0.3-miles, winds alongside a seasonal stream within the 5.04-acre forested greenbelt situated behind City Hall on the Civic Center campus. Within this greenbelt, mature evergreen and deciduous trees, as well as native shrubs serve as a habitat for wildlife. This trail was constructed in 1995 through a collaborative effort between the City of Lynnwood and students from Meadowdale High School. Named in the Chinook language and pronounced as "mee-sye-kah," Mesika translates to "yours," serving as a symbol of collective ownership and emphasizing that this trail belongs to all who enjoy it.

# NORTH LYNNWOOD PARK





## CAPITAL PROJECTS FOCUS AREA IMPROVEMENTS


**OPPORTUNITY ZONES**  Play  
Sport  
Illuminate Basketball

**SPRAY & PLAY IMPROVEMENTS**   Splash Pad  
Replacement  
Play Equipment  
Remove ADA Barriers

**LAWN RENOVATION**   Grading  
Drainage

**LOOP TRAIL**   Remove ADA Barriers  
Widen Trail  
Lengthen Trail

**NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS**   Improve  
Neighborhood  
Connections

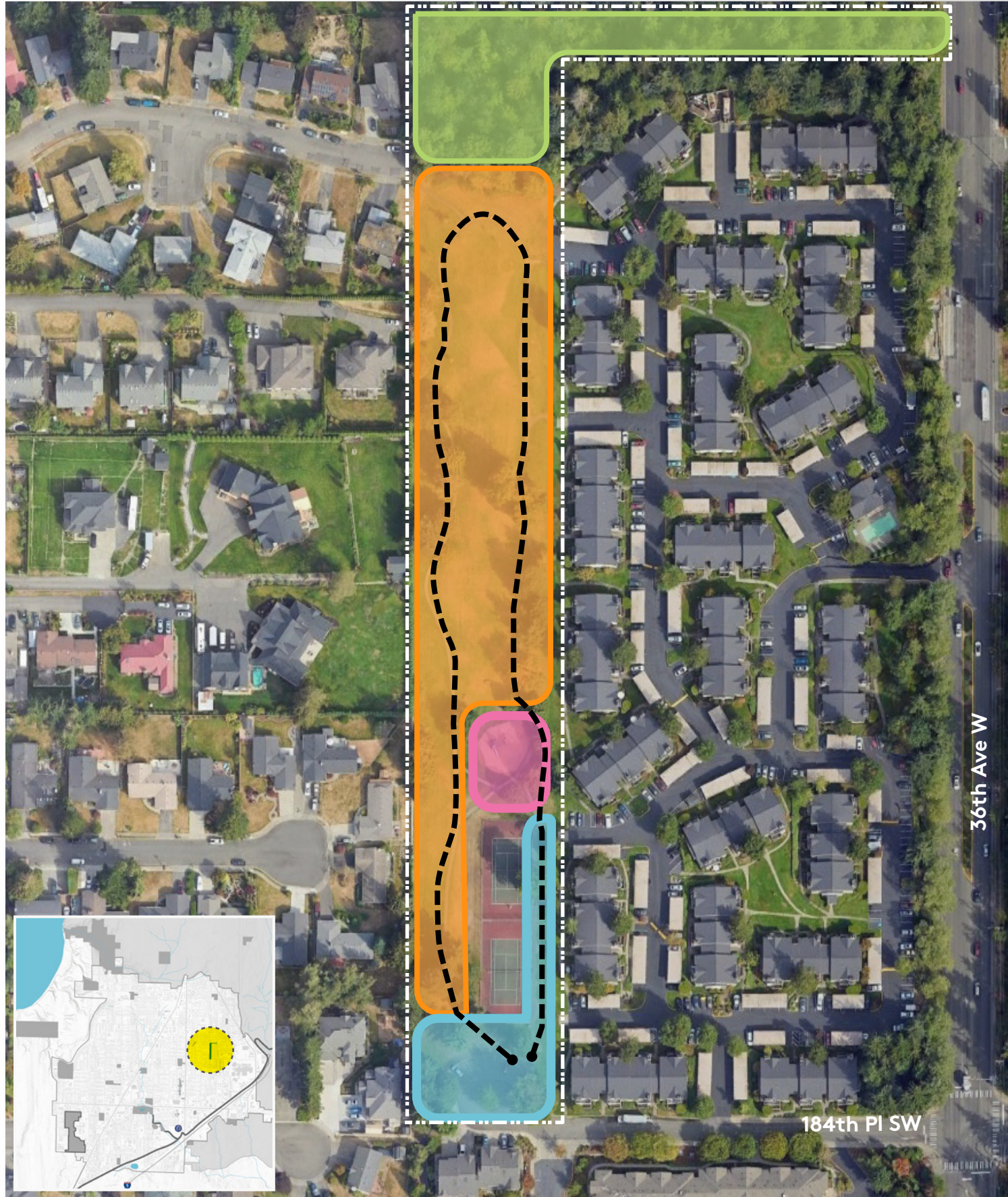
**PARKING & ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS**  Parking Lot  
Renovation  
Accessible Paths  
Kiosk

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS**  Forest Restoration

## PARK EQUITY SCORE

North Lynnwood Park, (commonly known as "Dragon Park") is positioned just north of Lynnwood Elementary School. This 6.15-acre neighborhood park offers various amenities such as a spray pad, play area, picnic shelters that can be reserved, and an expansive open lawn ideal for games and family get-togethers.


# PIONEER PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

<b>OPPORTUNITY ZONES</b>	 	Dog Park Fitness Stations
<b>PLAY AREA RENOVATION</b>	 	Skate Features Seating Pavilion Illuminate Basketball
<b>LOOP TRAIL</b>	 	Accessible Trail Furnishings
<b>PARKING &amp; ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS</b>	 	Parking Lot Renovation Accessible Paths
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS</b>		Forest Restoration

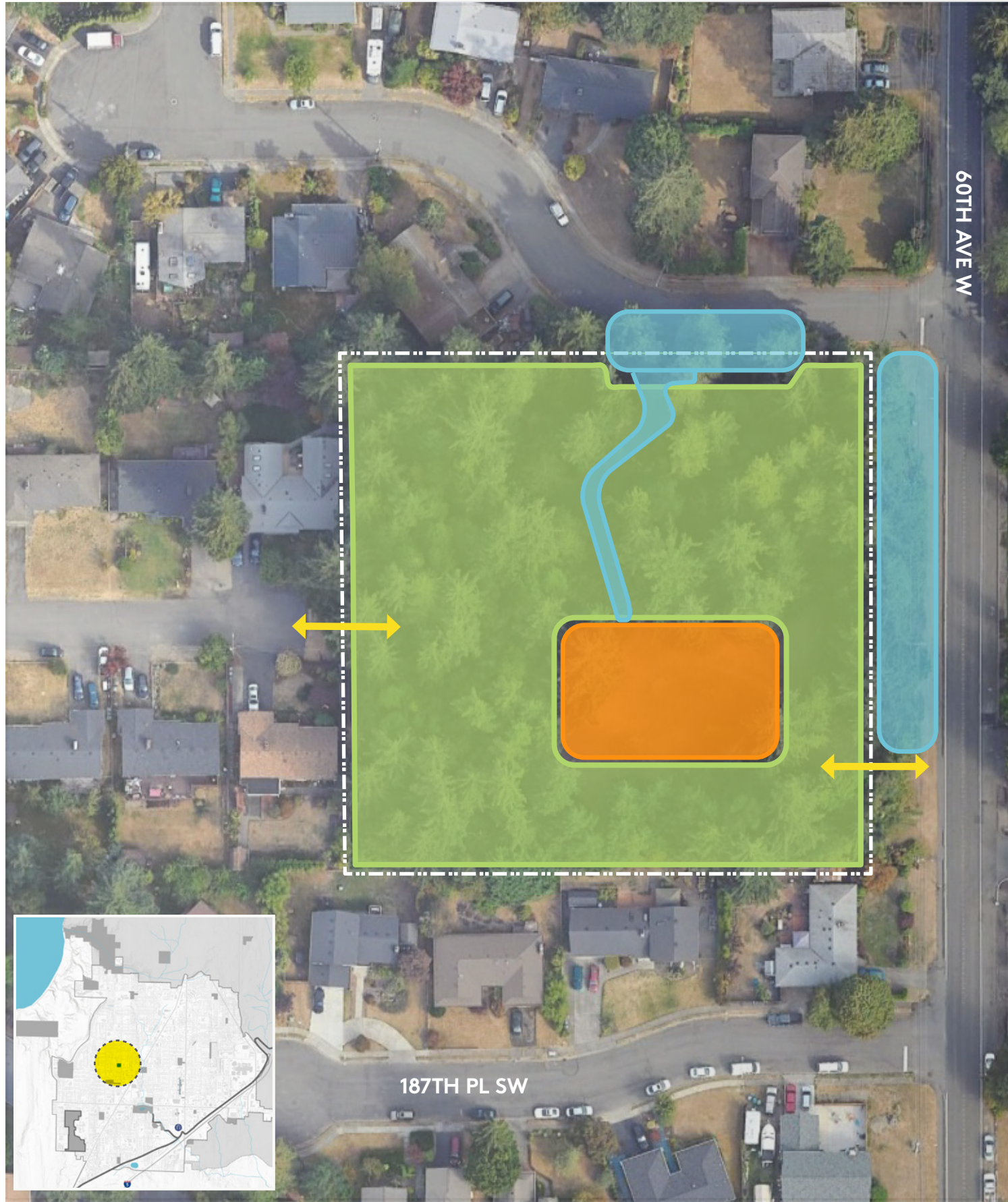
## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Pioneer Park is a 5.43-acre park tucked between single family and multi-family housing just west of the Alderwood Mall. The park includes active and passive recreational opportunities such as two tennis courts, a play area, loop path, and 1.5 acres of forest with a trail that connects the park to 36th Ave W.



# ROWE PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

<b>OPPORTUNITY ZONE</b>		Open Lawn (Bert's Knoll) Play Features (Norman's Play Area)
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS</b>		Improve neighborhood connection
<b>PARKING &amp; ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS</b>		On-Street Parking Accessible Route
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS</b>		Forest Restoration

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Rowe Park is a 2.31-acre undeveloped park site along 60th Ave W. Purchased from the Rowe family in 2000, the stands of mature evergreen trees throughout the site are the park's most striking quality, making the property a jewel in an increasingly urbanized area.

# SCRIBER CREEK PARK



CAPITAL PROJECTS

FOCUS AREA

IMPROVEMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS



Forest Restoration  
Stream and Wetland  
Buffer Enhancements

PARK EQUITY SCORE



Scriber Creek Park, situated within the South Lynnwood Neighborhood, is a 3.84-acre passive park acquired in 1991. This park includes Scriber Creek along the west property line and its associated wetlands. The park is a hot-spot for birding, and includes two accessible viewpoints to watch the local wildlife. The Scriber Creek Trail was recently redeveloped to provide a minimum 12'-wide hard-surfaced Class I trail facility that links the park with the Interurban Trail at the Lynnwood Transit Center on 44th Avenue West.

# SCRIBER LAKE PARK



CAPITAL PROJECTS	FOCUS AREA	IMPROVEMENTS
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WETLAND VIEWPOINTS		Boardwalk Deck

UPLAND VIEWPOINTS		Trailhead Viewpoint

NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS		Improve Neighborhood Connections

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS		Forest Restoration Wetland Wetland Buffer Trail Development
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## PARK EQUITY SCORE

Covering 24.01 acres, Scriber Lake Park is a peaceful natural sanctuary situated in the heart of Lynnwood. Fed by Scriber Creek, the lake and its adjacent wetlands serve as vital habitats for a diverse range of wildlife, including fish, waterfowl, songbirds, and small mammals. Visitors to the park can explore its serene beauty through a network of nature trails, and a floating boardwalk offers a unique perspective of the lake's rich ecosystem. Scriber Lake Park is a cherished haven, providing a quiet escape within the city.

# SCRIBER CREEK OPEN SPACE



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

#### OPPORTUNITY ZONE



Trailhead and Right of Way Improvements  
On-Street Parking,  
Interpretive Signage

#### ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS



Forest Restoration  
Wetland and  
Wetland Buffer

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



This is an undeveloped 2.32-acre park property adjacent to the southeast City of Lynnwood boundary that contains wetlands and wetland buffer. The property presents the opportunity for passive recreation with environmental restoration, interpretation, trails and casual picnicking in a natural setting.

# SOUTH LYNNWOOD PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

IMPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS



Improved Neighborhood Connections

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS



Forest Restoration Stream and Stream Buffer Enhancements

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



South Lynnwood Park is a 3.93-acre park located in the south Lynnwood neighborhood. Approximately one acre of the park is forested, with the remaining portion of the park developed for active recreational use. Access to the Interurban Trail is available at the south end of the park. The park was acquired in 1975, developed in 1978 and renovated in 2022. South Lynnwood Park features a mural by Gabrielle Abbott, "Grateful Steward." The artwork was created with 5th graders at College Place Elementary and draws inspiration from First Nations cultures.

# SPRAGUE'S POND PARK

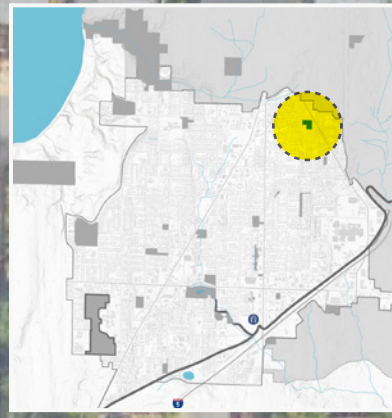


CAPITAL PROJECTS	FOCUS AREA	IMPROVEMENTS
OPPORTUNITY ZONES		Picnic Shelter Restroom Building Pond Lookout Lawn Renovation
POND ACCESS AND RECREATION	 	Bridge Across Pond Fishing Access
NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS	 	Improve Neighborhood Connections
PARKING & ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS		Parking Lot Improvements Accessible Route
ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS		Forest Restoration Wetland and Wetland Buffer Enhancements Pond Shoreline

## PARK EQUITY SCORE

Sprague's Pond Park is a habitat for a diverse array of waterfowl and offers park visitors a tranquil space to immerse themselves in nature. Two recent acquisitions on the east, west, and north end of Sprague's Pond have increased the size of this park from 0.9-acres to 4.27-acres. The west side of the park includes waterfront access, a play area, picnic tables, benches, and a neighborhood access trail. Notably, community members actively participated crafting ceramic tiles that adorn the perimeter play area seatwall. The east side of the park also includes waterfront access, a large parking lot, and a large open lawn area.

# SPRUCE PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

#### LAWN RENOVATION



Grading  
Drainage

#### NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS



Improve  
Neighborhood  
Connections

#### PARKING & ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS



Parking Lot  
Improvements  
Accessible Route

#### ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS



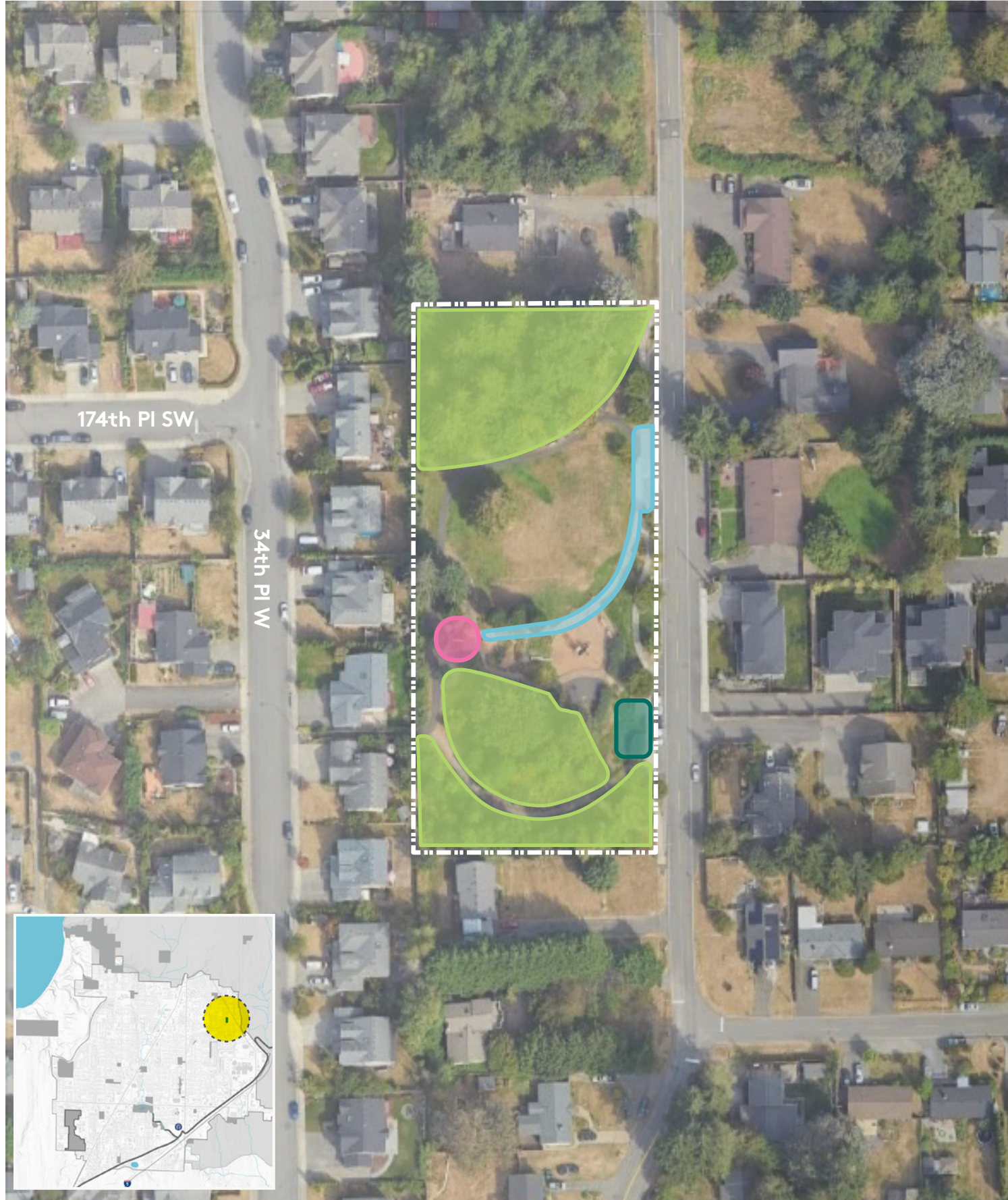
Forest Restoration

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Spruce Park is a 4.75-acre park located in northeast Lynnwood and features artwork by Wendy Reed titled "Strategies." Nearly half of the park is forested, while the remaining portion of the park provides active recreation opportunities to park users.

# STADLER RIDGE PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

PLAY AREA ADDITION		Play Equipment Play Surfacing
PERMANENT PORTABLE RESTROOM		Permanent Location for Temporary Restroom.
ADA PARKING & ACCESSIBLE ROUTE		Accessible Path Curb Ramp Stair Improvements
ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS		Forest Restoration

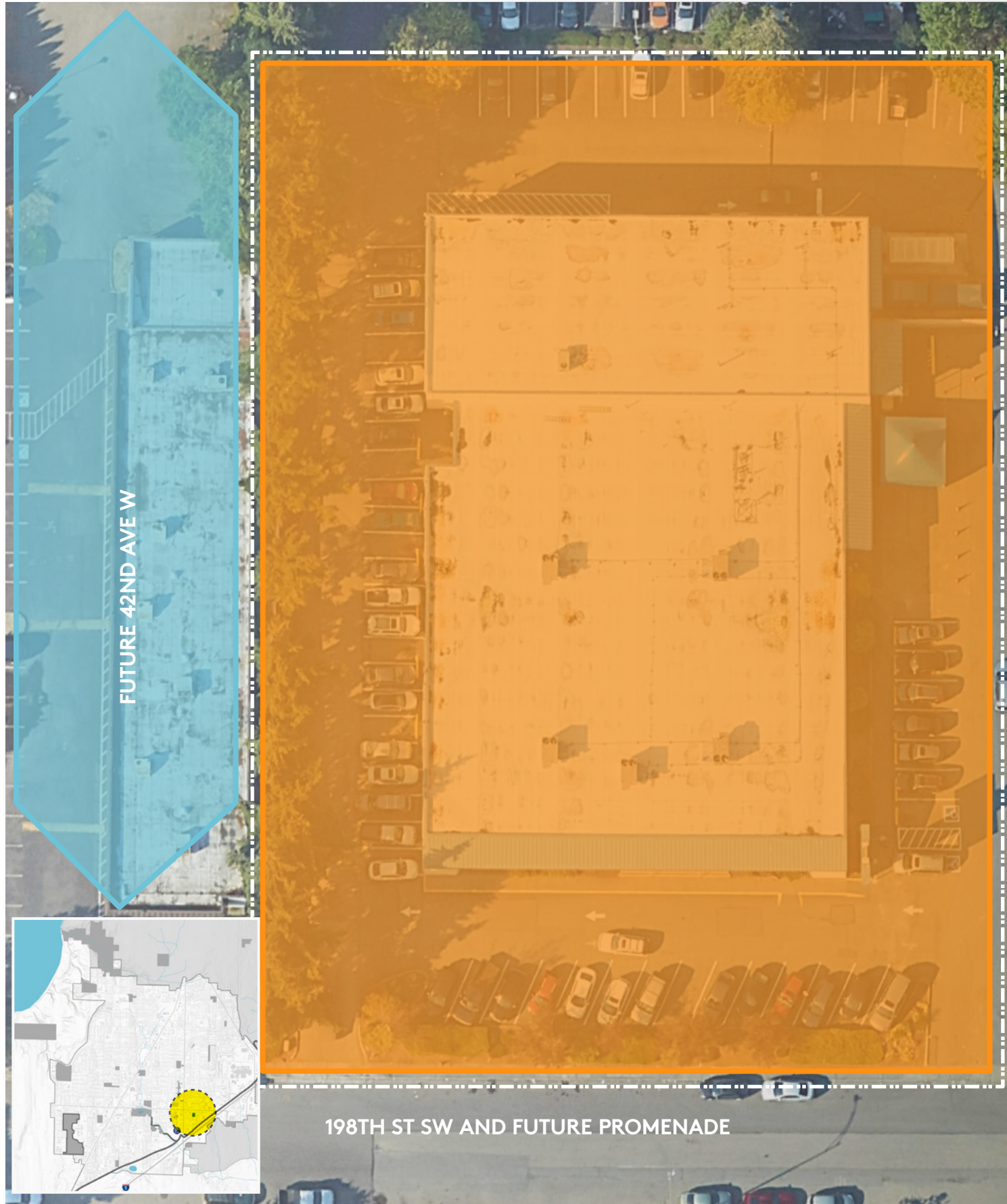
## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Stadler Ridge Park is a small 1.98-acre neighborhood park located in northeast Lynnwood. The park includes forested areas and rolling hills with rocks, stumps and logs for informal seating and play features. Three slides connect hillside terraces with play equipment. A loop trail encircles the active central part of the park, and nature trails wind through the forested areas.



# FUTURE TOWN SQUARE PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

#### OPPORTUNITY ZONE



Gathering Space  
Play Features  
Open Lawn  
Art/Lighting  
Seating/Other  
Amenities

#### NEW 42ND AVE W



Public Works Project

## PARK EQUITY SCORE

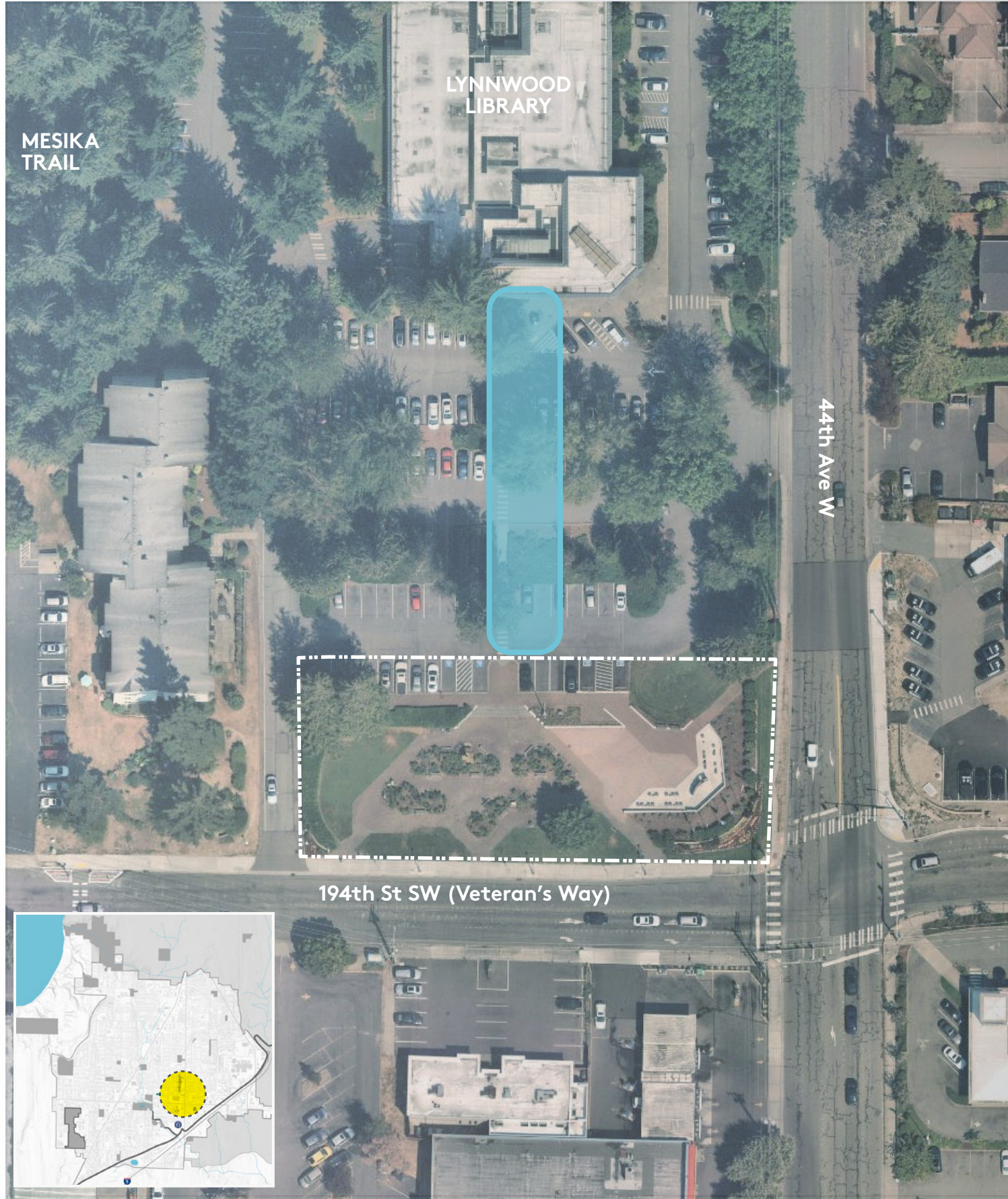


A future Town Square Park is envisioned as a 1.65-acre civic park, surrounded by vibrant commercial business and office space in mid-rise to high-rise buildings. Town Square will be a destination park for residents and visitors to the area and an icon for the city.

Possible Program Elements Include:

- Large paved gathering space
- Ornamental plantings
- Iconic interactive fountain
- Seating and amenities
- Mid-block connections to adjacent sites
- Art
- Lighting

# VETERANS PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

FOCUS AREA

IMPROVEMENTS

ACCESS & CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS



Accessible Connection between Library and Park

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Veterans Park is 1.31 acres on the southeast corner of the Civic Center campus in Lynnwood, just south of the Lynnwood Library. The park includes a poignant memorial within the plaza, dedicated to veterans of previous wars. The eastern portion of the park was recently renovated to remove ADA barriers and install a new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument.

# WILCOX PARK



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FOCUS AREA

### IMPROVEMENTS

**PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ZONE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY** Trails  
Lawn  
Sports Field  
Dog Park  
Parking  
Bridge Rehabilitation

**HISTORIC 196TH BRIDGE REHABILITATION** Historic Bridge Renovation

**PLAY AREA RENOVATION** Basketball Court  
2-5 Play  
5-12 Play  
ADA Parking and Access  
Parent Plaza  
PIP Surfacing

**ADA PARKING & ACCESSIBLE ROUTE NORTH**

**SOUTH SHELTER ACCESSIBLE ROUTE**

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS** Forest Restoration  
Stream/Wetland Enhancements  
Trail Development

## PARK EQUITY SCORE



Lynnwood's first park, Wilcox Park (commonly known as "Flag Park") serves as a beloved venue for various community events. The 7.31 acre park proudly showcases a historical collection of 27 United States flags, symbolizing the original thirteen colonies and the incorporation of the states.