RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2018 PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN AND DIRECTING THE SAME TO BE FILED WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE RECREATION CONSERVATION OFFICE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office’s Manual 2, the City Council of the City of Issaquah has previously adopted a Parks Plan, and thereafter periodically modified said Plan by resolution (or ordinance); and

WHEREAS, a periodic update is required every six (6) years, and

WHEREAS, an adopted 2018 Parks Strategic Plan including all supporting documentation is required to be submitted to the Recreation Conservation Office; and

WHEREAS, submission of an adopted plan to the State allows the City of Issaquah to be eligible for grants within the next six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, the plan meets the requirements set forth by the Recreation Conservation Office, including review by City Council; and

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held on the 2018 Parks Strategic Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Plan Adopted. The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan for the City of Issaquah (a six-year plan) is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference, is hereby adopted and approved.
Section 2. Filing of Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office, a copy of this resolution, together with all exhibits, will be filed with the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office within 30 days of adoption.

PASSED by the City Council this 16th day of July, 2018.

TOLA MARTS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED by the Mayor this 16th day of July, 2018.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Exhibit A: 2018 Parks Strategic Plan
CITY OF ISSAQUAH
2018 PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 2018-12, JULY 16, 2018
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THE PUBLIC
The quotes found throughout this document are resident and park user comments received during the public engagement phases of this planning effort.
YOUR PARKS / YOUR FUTURE

Issaquah is a very special place. In many ways, it is defined by the natural beauty that is within and around it. Parks, open space and trails play a critical role in the character and the livability of Issaquah. As a community, we are fortunate to have such an abundance of these public spaces; however, we know that we can do more with what we have.

The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan represents a new approach for Issaquah when it comes to planning for its parks, open space and trails system. This approach seeks to provide the broader vision for the city-wide system, while also identifying specific strategic projects that collectively will help us to achieve that vision.

This is a shared vision. It is the voices of Issaquah residents that helped shape and create this Plan. Through three phases of public engagement, including public meetings and online surveys, residents have shared their aspirations for the system, their specific needs and concerns, and also shared with us how they would prioritize projects and their investments into Issaquah's parks and trails system.

One phrase that continually resonated throughout the development of the Plan was “potential opportunities.” Issaquah residents agreed overwhelmingly that the parks and trails system was bursting with the potential to do so much more. The hard work, dedication and vision of Issaquah leaders over the past four decades has created a public system that has the amazing potential to be connected, enhanced and positioned to serve current and future residents in multiple ways. Issaquah's parks, open spaces and trails have a tremendous role to play in supporting the quality of life within all areas of Issaquah, in protecting our natural beauty and resources, and in creating economic development opportunities. This Plan seeks to position our park system to fulfill those roles.

The Parks Strategic Plan identified five themes from the public engagement feedback: Placemaking, Connectivity, Innovative Action, A Vital Environment and Active Lifestyles. These core themes are the threads that weave throughout the document and have helped shape the strategic projects, goals and policies within this Plan.

How will we accomplish this vision? One project/one bite at a time. This Plan will help to keep the big picture in mind as we accomplish the individual projects. Thus, helping to remind us how each project fits into the broader park system and is part of something even bigger. It is the goal of the Plan to serve as a road map that is actionable and usable, as well as a tool to help measure and prioritize future opportunities.

This is Your Parks Strategic Plan - Your Parks / Your Future.

Respectfully,
Jeff Watling Parks and Recreation Director
A SYSTEMWIDE VISION for moving into the future and STRATEGIC PROJECTS to implement that vision one step at a time.

The Issaquah Parks and Recreation VISION

To connect residents and visitors to nature and each other through a vibrant parks and trails system within the city, neighborhoods and regional lands that provide recreation and outdoor activities for a balanced, healthy and inclusive mountain, lake and valley community.

This is a planning document that:

- Defines what we want Issaquah’s park system to do for its residents and
- Outlines a method of projects and partnerships for achieving that goal.

This plan does not present specific funding sources, amounts, or recommendations, acknowledging that funding deserves a policy discussion and strategy in itself.

Instead this plan is a nimble, dynamic, and flexible document that can evolve with proposed projects & funding while ensuring focus on the Vision for the system.

THEMES

Placemaking Connectivity Innovative Action A Vital Environment Active Lifestyles

CRITERIA

IMPROVE PERFORMANCE SYSTEM DIVERSITY SYSTEM BALANCE URGENCY/IMMEDIACY LOW HANGING FRUIT OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

VISION

Informs plan & that prioritize STRATEGIC PROJECTS in support and implementation of the vision.

The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan
The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan defines a clear vision for Issaquah’s park system and a road map for achieving that vision. This guiding document, focused by public engagement and interdepartmental collaborations, addresses the system at both an overarching visionary level and a project-specific level, setting the stage for park system capital improvements.

This plan responds to the call following the “2015 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan” that a more clearly articulated community vision for the park system was needed to guide system priorities. The City of Issaquah has long recognized parks and recreation as an integral part of the city and essential to the quality of life of its citizens, a role emboldened by the unique proximity to dense urban areas and natural open space providing bountiful opportunities to recreate in and celebrate nature. As Issaquah grows, it faces challenges in balancing zoning, transportation, environmental preservation, and recreation; determining community desires for the city and various systems is critical to planning that balance.

This Parks Strategic Planning process relied heavily on public engagement feedback. Through listening to residents, park users and partners, public input and input-derived themes directed selection of Strategic Projects and updates to policy language ensuring policy support of the big-picture park system vision.

The Parks Strategic Plan is intended to be a dynamic document periodically updated to reflect the community’s changing needs and conditions. Updates will rely on public engagement and will allow the city to remain eligible for grants with the State of Washington’s Recreation Conservation Office. Updates will provide important opportunities to measure steps toward plan success and reevaluation of relevance of projects and vision.

The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan would not have been possible without collective collaboration and the input of many—Issaquah’s parks are your parks.
The Parks Strategic Plan establishes goals, strategies, actions and tools to help the city, residents, and partners to reach a healthier future and sustain a livable community. Only within information gathered through community engagement can the park system accurately reflect the community’s needs and values as the city continues to grow and change. During the development of the Parks Strategic Plan, the public has been engaged through a series of surveys and public meetings, with the Park Board serving as the citizen steering committee. Engagements dates are as follows:
INTRODUCTION

March 2018
April 2018
May 2018
June 2018
July 2018
and beyond!

March Park Board
- Green Necklace character charrette
- Parks Strategic Plan Reader Team engaged
- Plan Update
- Draft Parks Strategic Plan document for public comment

April Park Board
- City Council meeting
- Council Services and Safety Committee
- Planning Policy Commission
- City Council Adoption
- SEPA Determination
- RCO Adoption
- Plan review
- Public Meeting
- Council Work Session

Parks Strategic Plan
- Recommendation
- Draft Parks Strategic Plan document for public comment
- Reader Team engaged

Planning Policy Commission and Park Board

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

To better understand community needs, the public was engaged through a number of events and activities. The public engagement strategy for Issaquah’s 2018 Parks Strategic Plan included ongoing communication about the project and two targeted outreach phases.

Conducted between February and April 2017, Phase 1 outreach generated ideas and vision for the parks plan. Phase 2 outreach, completed in Fall 2017, prioritized parks system projects.

Public engagement efforts that have significant impacts on this Strategic Plan are discussed in this section. These efforts include:

- Public Engagement Phase 1, 2017
- Public Engagement Phase 2, 2017
- Statistically Valid Survey, 2015
- Park Element of the Comprehensive Plan, 2015
- Park Impact Fees, 2014

Public Engagement Phase 1 Findings

The primary goal of Phase 1 was to listen to residents and park users. Goals for Phase 1 of the public engagement process included:

- *Gather ideas for subareas.* Participants brainstormed ideas and shared thoughts on the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities within city geographical subareas.

- *Gather public input on major issues to be addressed.* Participants identified community needs that the Strategic Plan should address and how the Parks and Recreation system can better respond to ongoing community trends.

Public engagement activities for Phase 1 included six Community Workshops, input via the online participation platform Peak Democracy, and social media. These public engagement opportunities were communicated to the public through a number of tools, including the project landing page on the city’s website, project calling cards, email updates, social media, and engagement of the Park Board. More detail about each opportunity is provided in Appendix A, B, and C.
Seven key themes were identified through Phase 1 Public Engagement, consistent with themes identified in interdepartmental collaborations.

### Phase 1 Outreach Topics:

Phase 1 participants were asked for their input on seven outreach topics:

1. Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
2. What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
3. What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
4. Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
5. How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
6. What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the city do you live or work?
7. What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

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### Seven Themes:

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Key needs were identified through Phase 1 Public Engagement. These needs informed the projects proposed in this Strategic Park Plan. Needs included:

- Develop multi-use spaces, especially in community/neighborhood parks.
- Additional interpretive signage and wayfinding to support:
  - Stewardship and maintenance of the environment and natural resources.
  - Navigation between parks, trails and open spaces in and around the city.
- Invest in a variety of activities that respond to multicultural and multi-generational needs.
- Enhanced amenities to support all-weather use.
- Increase capacity of athletic fields.
- Improve safety in parks and on trails.
- Develop additional strategies to manage unsanctioned park uses.
- Integrate off-right-of-way trails as part of the transportation system.
- Increase connections throughout the park system and among park system assets and other city facilities and destinations.
- Improve maintenance of parks and trails, including through availability of trash cans and restrooms.
- Develop additional public-private partnerships.
- Strengthen and formalize relationships with partners, including the Issaquah School District, King County, and Washington State, to improve intergovernmental collaboration.
- Support regional tourism through enhancing access to regional parks and trail amenities that surround Issaquah.
Public Engagement Phase 2 Findings

Public Engagement Phase 2 verified Strategic Plan themes and assisted in identifying and prioritizing strategic projects for the parks system. This phase consisted of an online survey given between October 26 and November 17, 2017, hosted on the city’s Peak Democracy platform.

Priorities for future park development were determined through a budget allocation exercise identifying important project types, and multiple-choice questions prioritized specific parks and trails projects within each project type. Data collected informed specific capital projects and their priorities (these findings are available in Appendix D).

559 respondents participated in the survey. Participants were asked to provide limited demographic information about themselves to support survey analysis. This included age, gender, and location of residency. Of the 559 respondents, 301 indicated their residency. 116 respondents lived outside of Issaquah and 185 respondents lived within Issaquah. Due to meaningful differences between these responses and because not every respondent indicated their residency, we provided both overall results and results for respondents from both inside and outside Issaquah.

The budget exercise provided useful insight into residents’ priorities among Park System categories. Looking at overall respondents, the budgeting exercise shows a preference for athletic field capacity, followed by reinvestment in existing parks, and acquisition of open space. However, once we break down the results to look at the responses of Issaquah residents versus those living outside of Issaquah, it is clear that those living outside of Issaquah have heavily skewed the results toward investment in Athletic Fields.

Issaquah residents’ priorities for spending limited parks capital dollars are more balanced toward investment in all areas, with a preference for athletic field capacity, followed by acquisition and preservation of natural areas and open space, and reinvestment in existing parks.
INTRODUCTION

To identify current and future community recreational needs for parks, recreation, open space and trails within the city, the Parks and Recreation Department contracted with EMC Research, Inc., in 2015 to conduct a statistically valid public opinion telephone survey.

304 registered voters in Issaquah were surveyed (see Appendix E for further results). The goal of the survey and research was to identify the needs and desires for parks, recreation, trails and open space for the residents. The objectives to achieve this goal included but were not limited to:

- Identify community demand for parks, open space and recreational facilities in the City of Issaquah.
- Identify public priorities for improvements considered by the City of Issaquah.
- Identify reasons various park amenities are utilized, and characteristics of the population that utilizes them.

Four out of five respondents stated the City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation system played some role in their overall health and fitness and were highly satisfied with the quality of parks and recreational activities. High marks were given for the overall job the Parks and Recreation Department is doing.
Respondents were asked about importance of projects; preserving open space and acquiring creekside properties ranked at the top, with other recreation projects fairly equally weighted. Facility usage was also a question; of the survey respondents, 78% had visited a city park in the last 12 months. The top reasons for visiting a city park were walking, playing or watching sports and taking children to play. Of the 37% of respondents with children in the household, the distances that they were willing to walk a child to a park were: one-quarter mile (22%), a half mile (37%), three-quarter mile (5%), one mile (28%), two miles or more (6%). Regular park users are more likely to have children and be less than 50 years of age.

The main reasons respondents used trails in Issaquah was for walking (50%) and hiking (25%), and trail users preferred gravel and natural soil trails (68%) more so than paved trails (27%).

Favorite parks and recreation activities were walking/walking trails/walking the dog (25%), hiking (20%), and playing/watching sports (soccer, tennis, baseball, lacrosse, football, etc.) (18%). Lower rated activities included: take children/grandchildren playing at playground, enjoy the park/open spaces/lake/nature, swimming/swimming in the lake, have a picnic/lunch/barbecue, biking/cycling, running/jogging, and shopping at the farmer’s market.

Many survey respondents utilized the Community Center for various activities, and the farmer’s market at Pickering Barn (Farm) received an overwhelming 85% net satisfaction with respondents. The Julius Boehm Pool, closed in late November 2014 for a $5 million renovation funded by the voter-approved 2013 park bond, was utilized by 42% of respondents.

“Issaquah has many quality parks and it is one of the redeeming qualities of our town.”

Response from Park Strategic Plan Engagement
Other major public engagement efforts that have significant impact on the Park System and this Strategic Plan are the outreach processes associated with the Park Element of the Comprehensive Plan and the Park Impact Fees Rate Study. The Comprehensive Plan dictates many of the funding allocation decisions for the city, while the Park Rate Study determines Park Impact Fees to be paid by developers for the funding of parks and other projects.

**Park Element of the Comprehensive Plan**

A series of open public meetings were held to provide the public opportunities to comment on the Park Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The Park Element, Resolution 2016-01, was adopted by the Council on June 15, 2015 as part of the state-mandated periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan, and may be found on the city’s website at http://issaquahwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1271.

The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan will inform the next update of the Park Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Park Impact Fees**

The Park Rate Study for the determination of Park Impact Fees went through an extensive public process in conjunction with transportation concurrency and other mitigation fees. The 2014 Rate Study for Parks, Open Space and Recreational Facilities Impact Fees (December 10, 2014), Ordinance 2733, may also be found on the city’s website at https://issaquah.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=33434.

The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan will inform the next update of the Park Rate Study.
Along with public engagement, the City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department convened an interdepartmental workshop to identify the park system’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges (refer to Appendix K for more information). During the workshop, participants rotated through three facilitated stations to discuss:

1. Strengths and Opportunities
2. Weaknesses
3. Challenges

Findings on each of these topics were organized around seven key themes, including:

- Community
- Nature and the Environment
- Active Lifestyles
- Safety and Health
- Access and Connectivity
- Facilities and Maintenance
- Administration

Key needs identified as part of this assessment included:

- Clear articulation of overall community vision for parks.
- Continue to work to understand community expectations around parks, including maintenance, programming and facilities, and level of service.
- Acquisition of additional open space before land becomes developed.
- Identify the Parks and Recreation Department’s role in and desired community standards for maintaining street trees and city landscaping, and balancing conflicting expectations around “natural” and “manicured” spaces.
- Integrate active and passive uses to maximize facility usage.
- Develop additional strategies to manage unsanctioned park uses.
- Integrate off-right-of-way trails as part of the transportation system.
- Increase connections throughout the park system and among park system assets and other city facilities and destinations.
- Address park system development limitations from conservation easements.
- Develop and update park master and management plans.
- Strengthen and formalize relationships with partners, including the Issaquah School District, King County, and Washington State, to improve intergovernmental collaboration.
- Prioritize capital funding for parks and balance operational and capital funding to enhance park system.
**Citywide Plan Review**

Actions for citywide improvement are presented through various plans authored by the city departments. These plans propose a variety of improvements including additional parks for placemaking and increased pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity via festival streets, trail improvements and overpasses. Interdepartmental collaborations will ensure that the efforts of each department are aligned. Refer to Appendix J for more information.

### Plans that may need coordination between departments include:

- Comprehensive Plan
- Downtown Streetscape
- Walk + Roll Issaquah
- Sustainable Building Action Strategy
- Healthy Community Strategy
- Central Issaquah Plan
- Issaquah Community Needs Assessment
- Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program
- Arts & Culture in Issaquah

**Development Services Department / Economic Development**

- Olde Town Plan
- Front Street Plan
- Shoreline Master Program (2018 Update)
- Development Regulations Update
  - Central Issaquah Development Design Standards
  - Issaquah Municipal Code (IMC)
- Mall Street Master Plan
- Urban Park (acquisition)
- City Branding (2018)
- Downtown Parking

**Office of Sustainability**

- Recreation Facilities Plan and Green Building Strategy
- Pickering Barn / Community Garden(s)

**Public Works Engineering / Public Works Operations**

- Mountains to Sound Trail / Newport Improvements (corridor study)
- Gilman Boulevard (corridor study)
- Confluence Park, Berntsen Park and Salmon Run Nature Park / Holly Street Improvements
- Squak Valley Park(s) / Issaquah Hobart Road Study
- Veterans Memorial, Depot, Pedestrian Park / Front Street Improvements
- Harvey Manning Park / Future Talus Water Tower Improvements
- I-90 Crossings
  - Newport Way (corridor study)
  - Issaquah Hobart (corridor study)
- NW Sammamish Road Improvements
- Sounds Transit (future station / service line)
- Front Street/ I-90 Intersection Justification Report (IJR)
Interwoven by salmon-bearing creeks and surrounded by forested mountains, the City of Issaquah boasts unique, direct connections to urban environs, lakes, and wooded Native Growth Protection Areas. Issaquah is surrounded by approximately 25,500 acres of natural open space known as the Issaquah Alps—Cougar, Squak, Tiger, Taylor Mountains and Grand Ridge. Within this natural open space, there are over 150 miles of trails that range from gentle to rugged. Within minutes, anyone in Issaquah can access these natural open spaces for a forest adventure. Enthusiasts of water sports and other outdoor activities can enjoy the nearby facilities at Lake Sammamish State Park.

The physical beauty of the area, characterized by steep wooded hillsides, clear creeks and streams, and contiguous wetland environments, draw people to choose Issaquah as their home. The resulting population growth and the subsequent decrease in available land challenges the balance of zoning, transportation, environmental preservation, and recreation preservation. This Strategic Plan sets a path for the city to actively plan for and support improvements to Issaquah’s park and recreation facilities, programs, and natural open spaces for the benefit of current and future generations.
In Washington State, outdoor recreation is hugely popular. The January 2015 Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State report prepared by The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office provides economic proof of this—an annually, on public and private land, $21.6 billion is spent on outdoor recreation trips and equipment in Washington, which includes over $1 billion dollars spent on ball sports (including field sports), and almost $6 billion dollars spent on other recreational uses (playgrounds, jogging, skateboarding, picnicking and walking). Over 200,000 jobs are related to outdoor recreation alone. King County spent over $5.4 billion and had 50,000 jobs related to outdoor recreation. The full report may be found at: http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/ORTF/EconomicAnalysisOutdoorRec.pdf and the fact sheet at: http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/ORTF/OutdoorEconomicsFactSheet.pdf.

The Pacific Northwest continues to draw outdoor enthusiasts that put demands on bicycling, walking, and hiking trails, and environmental stewardship. The observed increased pressure on trailheads within and surrounding Issaquah is only predicted to increase with the continued population growth of King County. Issaquah’s proximity to dense urban centers while being imbued and surrounded by forested, trailed lands creates a unique destination for outdoor enthusiasts, drawing people to live and visit. Because of its regional draw, observing and predicting recreational trends for Issaquah must consider and balance the desires of Issaquah’s residents and workforce, as well as residents across King County who access Issaquah’s parks and trails.
WHO WE ARE

Demographic elements such as increasing population and changes in diversity, age, and lifestyles greatly influence community needs and recreational trends. To better understand these needs and how they will inform the future of Issaquah’s park system, the demographics of the city’s residents and workforce were studied.

As of 2017, Issaquah was the 12th largest city in King County, with approximately 36,030 residents living in 15,431 households. Issaquah is a quickly urbanizing community. The Rate Study for Parks, Open Space and Recreational Facilities Impact Fees, last updated in 2014, projected population to grow 20% between 2014 and 2020, an addition of 12,191 residents (Issaquah Comprehensive Plan, Ord 2741, effective date: 6/30/15). It is predicted that by year 2031, the City will have grown to 44,660 persons, living in 19,337 households (Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Element, Ord 2810 effective date: 10/25/2017) and provide 37,395 jobs (Puget Sound Regional Council Covered Employment Estimates pulled from Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Washington State Employment Security Department, 2014).

A large proportion of Issaquah’s residents are middle age, with a median age of 38.6 years old. Issaquah is also home to many children, with approximately a quarter of residents under the age of 19, indicating a large number of young families living in the city. The average household size as of 2012, was approximately 2.17 people, and households live in an almost even mix of multifamily (48.9%) and single family (51.1%) housing.

The City of Issaquah is predominantly white, with 75% of the population identifying as white alone. This is in contrast to the rest of King County, where only 62% of residents identify as white alone. While Issaquah was predominately white as of the last U.S. Census, it is trending toward becoming more diverse, and a significant share of its population (17%) identifies as Asian alone.

As of 2016, 23,752 people work in Issaquah in 1,388 home-occupation businesses and 1,512 other businesses. The Issaquah workforce participates in many industries but is primarily focused in services (64%) and retail (14%).
Population tends to be distributed in pockets around the city. Certain areas, such as North Central Issaquah, are expected to be the focus of population density growth in the upcoming years. These current and future identified population dense areas help guide strategic park planning.

2010 Population Density
(Pop per Square Mile by Census Block)

- 25,001 or more people
- 10,001 to 25,000 people
- 7,501 to 10,000 people
- 5,001 to 7,500 people
- 2,501 to 5,000 people
- 1,001 to 2,500 people
- 501 to 1,000 people
- 101 to 500 people
- 100 or less people

Issaquah City Limits
Issaquah’s workforce has an extremely high rate of educational attainment, with 96% of workers holding at least a high school diploma and 61% holding a Bachelor’s Degree or higher. Issaquah residents also have a higher median income than their King County peers overall, earning $84,000 a year, approximately $6,000 higher than the King County median income of $78,030.

This demographic analysis shows an increasingly diverse and dense population that is family oriented and well-educated. Careful investment into the system must be done to accommodate this evolving population with awareness of desired lifestyle elements identified in recreation trends and public engagement. Diversified parks that accommodate multiple generations, cultures, and activities will be needed in a system that connects people to nature and each other.
Demographic analysis shows a large number of young families living in the city. Currently, there is an even mix of single-family and multifamily housing with a trend toward increased multifamily housing as the city continues to grow. Public engagement shows an active community that highly regards experiencing, viewing, and protecting nature, and an appreciation of the role parks play in accessing nature and supporting active lifestyles.

How does a park system live up to these challenges and expectations? Careful investment into the system must be done to accommodate an increasingly diverse and dense population, with awareness of desired lifestyle elements.

**Focused Investment:**

With the assistance of public engagement and discussion between city departments, five focused areas of parks investment identify the needs to assist Issaquah’s park system into the future:

- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity
- Connectivity
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks

These areas of investment support:

- Access and connectivity
- Active lifestyles
- Community building
- Protection and provision of access to nature and the environment
- Safety

The focused areas of investment must take into careful consideration facility and maintenance abilities, administrative needs, overall sustainability and implementation possibilities.

With these goals in mind, the system was studied to understand what we have to work with.
The City of Issaquah has a unique park system with abundant potential. Innately within this potential are many opportunities and obstacles that affect system function and service to the community. Some of these factors include changing community and recreational need, aging facilities, and finite funding. Use, the ultimate goal of any park system, provides wear and continued maintenance needs.

A park system is inherently an ever-evolving entity responding to many, sometimes opposing, pressures. It is through an honest look in the mirror that we can begin to identify our system strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges and begin to make thoughtful strides toward improvement.

Inventory analysis, interdepartmental meetings, demographic analysis, and public engagement created a picture of the park system’s strengths, needs, and priorities.
INVENTORY

Parks and Recreation Service Area

The city’s Service Area is divided into two Parks and Recreation Service Areas:

- **The Primary Service Area**, which coincides with Issaquah’s city limits.
- **The Secondary Service Area**, which coincides with the Issaquah School District Boundary, but excludes the portion of the school district that is located within the City of Bellevue.

To qualify for state grant funding, RCO requires local agencies to assess community needs within both the primary and secondary services areas. As communities and neighborhoods grow within the secondary service area, additional pressure will be applied to Issaquah’s facilities, creating the need for the implementation of fees for using the Issaquah Community Center and recreational programming.

The City of Issaquah’s secondary service area encompasses more than 75 square miles, although the city itself covers approximately 12.10 square miles. Forecasted growth within the city and the secondary service area will place more stress upon the parks and recreation system.
Park Classification and Size

The properties managed within the City of Issaquah’s Parks and Recreation System have been categorized to reflect the diversity of parks and facilities.

In Issaquah’s park inventory the largest share of city park land is classified as Natural Open Space. The second highest category of parks by acreage consists of Community Parks. Refer to Appendix G for more information.

**Community Park:**
May range from 1 to 50 acres and would be a destination park. Elements provided at a community park may be specialized playground equipment or uses such as a skatepark or sports fields. A community park may also provide opportunities for community gathering and could house various active or passive uses.

**Neighborhood Park:**
Smaller in size, typically less than 5 acres. These parks may be located within neighborhoods or alongside streets and offer passive/active activities such as tot lots, picnic areas, tennis or sports courts, and play fields. Due to the smaller size, these parks may also serve as quiet rest areas for users.

**Resource Park:**
A natural open space with limited development. Development in these resource parks is generally more passive, including items such as trails and interpretive signage. These parks may provide links to other natural open spaces. Resource parks shall preserve natural forested areas and support wildlife and habitat conservation.

**Natural Open Space:**
Native ground that is to remain relatively undeveloped for wildlife and habitat preservation. Soft-surface trails and minor site furniture are considered acceptable levels of development in natural open space areas.

**Undeveloped Parks + Other:**
These parks are recently acquired property that have not yet been funded or developed as parkland or recreational facilities, nor designated for other park uses, whether active or passive.

**Facility:**
A building that has public use for gathering space or specialized activities.

**Urban Trails:**
Typically paved and wider in construction. Urban trails allow for various methods of movement within the city. Linear parks can serve as part of the urban trail system.

**Natural Trails:**
Natural trails are less developed than urban trails. They are typically soft surface or gravel and meander through forested hillsides or along streambanks. In a rare circumstance, a paved trail may be found, but this is not the norm.
A main distinguishing feature between park classifications is the number and type of amenities.

Amenities include aspects such as picnic tables, shelters, playgrounds, sport courts, athletic fields, boat ramps, parking, benches, drinking fountains, restrooms, beaches, and lighting.

Community Parks contain the most league sports amenities, unscheduled picnic tables, and playgrounds. Community Parks have diamond baseball/softball fields and rectangular fields (multipurpose soccer, lacrosse/football) that are turfed, as well as tennis and basketball courts. Neighborhood and Resource Parks have some sports, playground, or picnic amenities but less than Community Parks.

**Selected Scheduled and Unscheduled Amenities**

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Source: City of Issaquah. BERK Consulting, 2017
Trails

Trails are an important part of Issaquah’s Park system. Not only do trails encourage non-motorized use within the city, but they are also our connection to nature and the surrounding environment. These connections within and throughout the city and to the outdoors reflects the community’s identity and values. There are 11 miles of urban trails (including linear parks) within city parks alone; there are still more city-owned trails not within parks. Many regional and private properties within or surrounding Issaquah have trail systems that tie into and support the city system but are not maintained by the city. These extended systems add significant connectivity to Issaquah’s system and are examples of partnerships with regional entities and private developments.

The Trail Type by Owner table shows a breakdown of all trail types that the city mapped: city owned, other public agency owned, and private. The miles are reported based on trail type and are located all over the city whether in parks or not, and in the connected lands beyond the city.

Most trails are classified as Natural, both in the city limits or Greater Issaquah Area. The City of Issaquah is a primary provider of trails in the city limits, followed by homeowners’ associations, while the State of Washington is a primary provider of trails in the Greater Issaquah Area.

“Go big – be Seattle’s trailhead.”

Response from Park Strategic Plan Engagement
The City of Issaquah provides a wide array of park types both in the city limits (the primary service area) and in the Issaquah School District boundaries (the secondary service area). The Natural Open Space category comprises most of the city’s park acres, supplemented by regional natural open spaces and trails.

Amenities that are uniquely provided by Issaquah in the city limits include Community Centers & Community Gathering Spaces, Historic/Cultural Sites, and a Public Pool. The amenities provided by the city are bolstered by the Issaquah School District’s open space, sports amenities, and playgrounds, which residents may use after hours as allowed by school policies. The facilities at Lake Sammamish State Park and those of the cities of Bellevue and Sammamish, easily accessible to Issaquah residents, provide additional services to the community, especially for Issaquah residents to the west and northeast. Developments provide additional non-city parks to the system.

One measurement of a park system’s strength is an acres of park land per thousands of population comparison. In this measurement, the City of Issaquah is well above the national average for cities of comparable size. Another measurement is comparing population served by amenities with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standard. A partial review of selected sports amenities and playgrounds shows that Issaquah serves its population with more diamond and rectangular fields and tennis courts than the national median. Particularly strong are the numbers of youth baseball diamonds for Issaquah’s population. For playground facilities, Issaquah serves its population with fewer facilities than the national median. The addition of future playgrounds may be in response to population growth, part of greater planning efforts or be a strategic plan project.

In analysis of the park system as a functioning whole, and individual park’s roles within the system, a few key points come to light.
Portions of Central Issaquah have parks accessible by dedicated trail and sidewalk within one-quarter mile. Otherwise pedestrians rely on shoulders and shared trails to reach parks. Central Issaquah, West Issaquah, and the Highlands area tend to have trail and other pedestrian access to improved parks. Citywide, there is generally access to improved parks with trailheads and parking within a half mile to one mile of homes.
Many properties categorized as Open Space are readily accessible to pedestrians—if appropriately improved with amenities, these already owned lands can provide recreation resources to growing population centers.

North Central Issaquah is a notable exception, which appears to have gaps where parks with trailheads, potentially improvable Open Space, and improved parks are not readily accessible to residents. Currently there are moderate population densities in the gap areas, which may change as population grows.
Issaquah has many barriers, such as slopes, streams and I-90, that provide challenges for park connectivity and development. Careful planning of project priorities and future park and trail master plans will consider these factors.

Access Barriers & Challenges

- Slopes > 40%
- Interstate 90
- Streams

- Issaquah Resource Park
- Issaquah Area
- Public Open Space
- Native Growth Protection Easement
- HOA Property
- Issaquah City Limits
- Trails
CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE

The Level of Service (LOS) is a measure of how well a specific system is serving its community. Issaquah's park and recreation system LOS measures the overall parks capital value per person. Through this standard, the City of Issaquah ensures that each resident receives an equitable amount of parks and recreational facilities. The city provides this value through investment in parks and recreational facilities that are most appropriate for each site, responding to the changing needs and priorities tied to city growth and population demographic changes.

This metric gives the city flexibility in its investment into the park and recreation system to better serve the community. In contrast, a traditional acres of parkland per person metric focuses solely on land procurement.

The Rate Study for Parks, Open Space and Recreational Facilities Impact Fees is utilized in determining the LOS. The city’s rate study was updated in 2008 and again in December 2014; the 2018 Park Strategic Plan will inform the next update of the rate study. The Rate Study projected Issaquah’s population growth to be 12,191 for the period of the study (2014-2020 or six years). Assuming equal growth over this six-year period of time, equivalent population for each year can be calculated. Equivalent population will be utilized for LOS calculations throughout this document. Assessment for future growth will be reevaluated by the Development Services Department during the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process.

LOS is calculated for the primary service area (city limits) only. Issaquah’s secondary service area is not taken into account in the current LOS calculations, despite having a significant effect on recreation within the park system. Refer to the Inventory section for further discussion on the secondary service area.

The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan uses the same Level of Service metrics and data as the 2015 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan. Study of a performance-based LOS is recommended for the next Parks Plan update to better serve Issaquah’s future Park and Recreation system.

Recommendation: Moving Toward a Performance-Based LOS

There are many ways of calculating a parks and open space system’s level of service. Typically, the calculation involves numbers of types of facilities or acres of parkland per person. This is a calculation that doesn’t account for the quality of facility or land, or necessarily how well it is providing for the community, and can create an unachievable metric when available land is dwindling.

Issaquah’s current calculation, value of facilities per population, takes a step closer to looking at the quality provided, assuming value invested in a facility equates to quality of service provided by a facility.

A performance-based LOS could rate a combination of various factors indicating the quality of service provided by a facility—aspects such as type of access, distance to facilities from population centers, function, safety, condition, and distribution of facilities. Inherently more complex and difficult to quantify, a performance-based LOS could assist in identifying and providing for areas that are underserved and better reflect the quality of the system.
The calculation for determining the investment needed to maintain parks’ Level of Service is a four-step process:

**Step 1: Determine the LOS - Parks Capital Value per Person**

To determine the Parks Capital Value per Person, the total Value of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Inventory is divided by the Current Equivalent Population.

The capital value for each type of recreational facility, park land, and committed mitigation in the Parks and Recreation Inventory comes to a total of $187,949,754. This total is divided by the equivalent population of 48,509 for the city and provides the current capital value per person of $3,874.51.

The current **Value of the Issaquah's Parks and Recreational Inventory** is the sum of the value of each park and recreational facility.

**Value of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Inventory**

$187,949,754

**Current (2013) Equivalent Population**

48,509

**Parks Capital Value per Person**

$3,874.51

*Equivalent population* takes into account not only residents of Issaquah but those who work in Issaquah and visit Issaquah.
**Step 2: Determine the Value Needed for Growth**

To calculate a value for future investment into parks and recreational facilities that will keep pace with the city’s increasing population, the Capital Value per Person (Step 1) is multiplied by the city’s future growth.

The forecast for population growth by 2020 is 12,191 additional equivalent people (Appendix H: 2014 Rate Study for Parks, Open Space and Recreational Facilities Impact Fees (12/10/14)). The value that is needed to serve the city’s growth is $47,235,558.

Capital Value per Person | Growth Equivalent Population (City's Future Growth) | Value Needed For Growth
---|---|---
$3,874.51 | 12,191 | $47,235,558

A 'Person' equates to 'Equivalent Population'
‘City’s Future Growth’ equates to 'Growth Equivalent Population'

**Step 3: Determine Investment Needed in Parks for Growth**

The city has no reserve capacity (Appendix H: 2014 Rate Study for Parks, Open Space and Recreational Facilities Impact Fees (12/10/14)) and therefore needs to invest the full $47,235,558 in additional parks and recreational facilities to serve future growth.

The future investment in parks and recreational facilities to be paid by growth may be less than $47,235,558 if the city seeks or designates other revenues to invest in parks and recreational facilities. Between 2014 and 2020 the park system capital value needs to increase by 25% to sustain the current Level of Service and keep pace with predicted population growth.

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See Step 1
See Step 2

See Step 1
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Step 4: Determine Investment to be Paid to Maintain LOS

The last step is to determine the Investment to be Paid to Maintain LOS. This is calculated by subtracting the amount of revenues the City invests in parks and recreation infrastructure from the total Investment Needed in Parks for Growth.

The city’s Revenue Investment totals $17,194,447. When this is subtracted from the Investment Needed in Parks for Growth, the Investment to be Paid to Maintain LOS is determined to be $30,041,111 to maintain the city’s standards for future growth projected to 2020.

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\begin{align*}
\text{Value Needed (Investment Needed in Parks) for Growth} & \quad - \quad \text{City Revenue Investment} \quad = \quad \text{Investment to be Paid to Maintain LOS} \\
$47,235,558 & \quad - \quad $17,194,447 \quad = \quad $30,041,111
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See Step 2

Park Impact Fees and the Relationship with Level of Service

Impact fees are paid by new development to reimburse local government for impact that new growth (and its added population) has on the existing parks and recreation system. By state law, impact fees must be spent on capital projects specified in an adopted capital facilities/improvement plan, a plan that reflects parks and recreational facilities needed by the system. These capital projects must increase the capacity provided by the park and recreation system, in effect supporting the recreational demands of the added population. Fees may not be utilized for routine maintenance.

The capital value per person metric used to calculate LOS is also used for park impact fees, allowing for flexibility in using the funds to provide the most equitable system for Issaquah’s growing and changing population.

To establish an updated park impact fee, in January 2015 the city adopted Ordinance No. 2733 to add the Rate Study for Park and Recreation Facilities amending the Issaquah Municipal Code (IMC) Chapter 3.72. Impact fees are then regulated by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 82.02.050.
Impact fees are paid by the development at the time the city issues a permit allowing structures to be built (i.e., building permit). Impact fees may also be charged to a business with a change of use as identified in Ordinance No. 2733.

To determine the rate at which impact fees are charged to each new development unit, a few calculations are needed.

First, the Growth Cost per Equivalent Population must be determined. The Investment to be Paid to Maintain LOS (see LOS Step 4) becomes the Investment to be Paid by Growth. Divided by the forecasted Growth Equivalent Population (see LOS Step 2) the Growth Cost per Equivalent Population is determined.

The Growth Cost per Equivalent Population is multiplied with an Equivalent Population Coefficient (this is a number based on the associated development’s presumed population impact on the park system) to provide the Minimum required Investment to be paid by Growth per unit of development. The ultimate Park Impact Fee paid is updated annually in accordance with the Annual Index Adjustment.

Impact Fee chart at the time of rate study and its adjustment as of February 01, 2018, is:

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Note:
For further discussion on the equivalent population coefficients, refer to Appendix H: 2014 Rate Study for Parks, Open Spaces and Recreational Facilities Impact Fees (12/10/14). Equivalent population coefficients include employees and visitors who work within the city and their equivalency of park system use. Impact fee rates are adjusted annually in accordance with the Annual Index Adjustment. Please contact the city's Development Services Department for current year rates.
WHERE WE ARE GOING

THE PARKS VISION

Issaquah’s Parks and Recreation Vision is to connect residents and visitors to nature and each other through a vibrant parks and trails system within the city, neighborhoods and regional lands that provide recreation and outdoor activities for a balanced, healthy and inclusive mountain, lake and valley community.

Parks Core Values

- Embrace and enhance Issaquah’s strength as an outdoor recreation hub and a gateway to the Issaquah Alps for residents and the region.
- Support Issaquah’s view that access to green is integral to quality of life and its identity as a city.
- Improve the physical, social and emotional health of Issaquah’s citizens.
- Increase Issaquah’s cultural unity through experiences that promote cultural understanding and celebrate diversity.

- Attract and retain businesses, residents, and tourists.
- Strengthen and embrace community image and sense of place.
- Provide opportunities for citizens of all ages in the community.
- Provide all-weather, adaptable recreation amenities.
- Protect natural resources and habitat required for diverse native species and scenic and visual experiences (Appendix I).
The City of Issaquah’s 2018 Parks Strategic Plan is organized around themes that together create a road map to achieve the vision for Issaquah’s park system. These five themes were gleaned through public engagement, the park system evaluation, Park Board direction, and Council briefings and have shaped the proposed changes to the Goals and Policies. Issaquah’s Department of Parks and Recreation employs:

Placemaking,
Connectivity, and
Innovative Action, to provide for
A Vital Environment to support passive and Active Lifestyles.

**THEMES**

**PLACEMAKING**
Collaborate with the community to reimagine and reinvest in Issaquah’s public spaces, parks and trails. Maximize value and strengthen the connection between people and the parks/trails they share.

**CONNECTIVITY**
Connect our parks and public spaces to make a unified system that serves the entire city and beyond.

**INNOVATIVE ACTION**
Use innovative thinking and planning to creatively maximize the park system and provide high-quality recreational opportunities for all Issaquah residents. Foster partnerships to achieve greater public good and financial sustainability.

**A VITAL ENVIRONMENT**
Manage, steward, and celebrate our natural environment. Balance active and passive recreation without thinking of them as separate entities.

**ACTIVE LIFESTYLES**
Promote various recreation opportunities by providing elements such as trailheads, dog parks, play spaces, and athletic fields.
This plan proposes a current list of Strategic Projects for implementation to achieve Issaquah’s Park and Open Space Vision. These projects are the outcome of the public outreach process and, collectively, fulfill the vision for the Issaquah’s Park and Recreation system.

First the projects are organized by the main theme that each project supports. Studying them by theme shows how the projects work together to create the desired system. Most projects touch on more than one of the five themes; these secondary themes reveal the interrelatedness of the system. Within each theme’s project list, projects are organized by three buckets of priority presenting a road map to system implementation.

Projects are sorted into three priority buckets: near term, mid term, and long term. These buckets establish a road map to move forward. The near-term bucket informs the five-year capital improvement project list. Mid-term and long-term buckets reflect projects that may become more feasible as funding and partnerships progress.

Anticipated project cost is indicated for each project as a range from $ to $$$$. Strategic projects that have potential partnership opportunities with other city plans and current projects are indicated by 🤝. Projects are placed in a timeline-defined priority bucket according to the overall project score. However, some project features may occur outside its bucket’s timeline. For example, identifying site location and design work might take place years before construction is funded. Similarly, land acquisition may occur years before design. For realities of implementation, some projects are divided into smaller entities that focus on different themes and/or priority timelines.

### STRATEGIC PROJECTS

**Project Prioritization**

Strategic Project priority determined from criteria developed through conversations with city entities and public outreach is not intended to be definitive, but to guide discussion during the annual capital improvement project process and as new projects arise. Criteria, discussed in length in The Toolkit section, include items such as utilization potential, system diversity, system balance, ease of implementation, operational sustainability, and strong community support.

A project that scores high in priority in many categories may show up in the mid-term bucket due to difficulty in implementation, lack of operational sustainability, or other challenges. The buckets provide a road map toward making the system vision a reality, project by project. The identified near-term priority projects, alongside other city capital improvements, will inform the five-year capital improvement project list. As new park system projects arise and other projects are accomplished, the capital improvement project list will be revisited and updated.

Central Park is a large property encompassing many themes. Six individual Central Park projects are proposed, each with its own primary theme and prioritization. Strategic projects that have potential partnership opportunities with other city plans and current projects are indicated by 🤝.

- **Park to Valley Trail** (near term, Connectivity)
- **Bike Skills/Pump Track** (near term, Active Lifestyles)
- **Pad 2** (near term, Active Lifestyles)
- **Pad 3 Turf Replacement** (near term, Active Lifestyles)
- **Pad 4 Development and the Pad 1 parking lot** (mid term, Placemaking)
- **Open Space** (long term, A Vital Environment)

### Implementation Reality Example: Central Park

Central Park is a large property encompassing many themes. Six individual Central Park projects are proposed, each with its own primary theme and prioritization.
Public Parks, Open Space, Conservation Properties
Parks and Open Space: Private and outside City Limits
Parks Strategic Projects
Parks Strategic Connections
Parks Strategic Areas Identified for future parks
WHERE WE ARE GOING

Projects more operational in nature will be addressed administratively and will be worked into the annual operating, capital or project budgets as appropriate. These projects are not included in the project prioritization.

RECREATION FACILITY STRATEGIC PLAN
Conduct a strategic planning effort on city indoor recreation facilities to evaluate current performance, needs and strategies for meeting growing community needs. Existing facilities would include the Issaquah Community Center, the Julius Boehm Pool, the Senior Center, Tibbetts Creek Manor, Pickering Barn, and other facilities. This planning effort will include extensive public outreach.

INITIATE URBAN FOREST/GREEN ISSAQUAH PROGRAM
Create a management plan for Issaquah’s natural resource lands and urban forest. This work will include an evaluation of current forest condition and an update of the City’s tree canopy coverage. An ongoing stewardship plan will foster volunteer opportunities for residents and add capacity for this important work. A potential partner for this work could be Forterra or University of Washington Urban Ecology Research Laboratory.

IMPROVED PARK SIGNAGE / TRAIL WAYFINDING
Through standardization of signage, park and trail users will easily identify public parks from other park spaces. This branding needs to be incorporated into park monument, wayfinding signs and informational signs throughout Issaquah’s parks, trails and open spaces. This design process will include public engagement.

INITIATE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK GRANT PROGRAM
Initiate a neighborhood improvement grant program where neighborhoods or owner’s associations may apply to the city for matching funds to improve a public park property. These grants would be issued on an annual basis and can range in size depending upon the number of applicants in any given year and can address a multitude of park improvements. A neighborhood grant program fosters community, the community relationship, and interest in the public park system.
SYSTEM WIDE CORRIDORS

Two anchor corridors become the connecting threads of the park and city system tying together city parks, green spaces, trails, Central Issaquah’s Green Necklace vision, all the city neighborhoods, and regional connections beyond the city. The diversity and location of parks provides access and service to all residents, while the corridors provide further connection to nature and each other. Together, they create a unified vision for the park system and their connection points add strength which is to be celebrated. The framework of the connective corridors exist today.

The Creek Corridor

The Creek Corridor is Issaquah’s primary north-south corridor of parks and trails that serves as the anchor and primary feature of Issaquah’s park system. This network is realized by connecting parks, trails, and properties along Issaquah Creek acquired for riparian habitat conservation. The Creek Corridor includes the Rainier Trail.

The Rainier Trail Corridor: This urban trail is a rails-to-trails conversion that runs from the southeast end of town where Front Street intersects 2nd Avenue to the north at the Three Trails Crossing where Front Street, the Juniper-Gilman Boulevard intersection, and the East Lake Sammamish Trail meet. This trail is primarily off right-of-way, highly utilized, and is a valuable intracity conduit for connecting park elements.

The Mountains to Sound Corridor

Primarily an urban trail, this corridor creates the primary east-west connection through the city and beyond, connecting to the north-south Creek Corridor and Rainier Trail Corridor in Central Issaquah. Parts of the trail exist as intuitive connections through and beyond the city—parts of the trail need partnerships for a continued intuitive experience.

The Green Necklace: In early 2018, the Parks and Recreation Department collaborated with the Development Services Department, Long Range Planning, the Park Board, and the Planning Policy Commission to refine the Central Issaquah Green Necklace vision. The Green Necklace vision provides major public non-motorized connections that:

1. Define a public system that supports Central Issaquah redevelopment;
2. Serve and support broader Issaquah; and
3. Unify/connect both of those areas with the Issaquah Alps, to Lake Sammamish State Park, and other surrounding public lands.
The Creek Corridor is a north-south Creek Walk created by connecting parks, trails, and riparian habitat properties.

The Rainier Trail Corridor is part of the Creek Corridor. An urban rails-to-trails path running north-south that continues north as the East Lake Sammamish Trail, this trail is a strong connecting conduit in the city.

The Mountains to Sound Corridor is a strong east-west connection in Issaquah and beyond.
The Creek Corridor

The Creek Corridor is Issaquah’s north-south network of parks and trails that serves as the primary feature of Issaquah’s park system. Traveling alongside Issaquah Creek, the Creek Corridor offers a compelling experience and unique placemaking within a vital environment providing a multitude of active lifestyle opportunities achieved through connecting our current public spaces and other innovative actions.

The Creek Corridor has been partially realized. The Parks and Recreation Department, through the Issaquah Creek Waterways Program, has been acquiring creekside properties for aquatic and riparian habitat conservation and wildlife corridors (refer to the Habitat Conservation Account, Appendix I). Connections between these properties become the Creek Corridor, providing public access to this beautiful resource. Historically a barrier, the creek becomes a point of connection between neighborhoods.

The Creek Corridor weaves through the valley floor for the entire length of the city, connecting city districts, neighborhoods and businesses and serving as a gateway to Issaquah’s natural areas: Tiger Mountain and Squak Mountains to the south, Lake Sammamish to the north, and Issaquah Creek. As a vibrant public space, the Creek Corridor provides social, environmental and economic benefits to the community.

As this network of parks and trails is formalized and takes on its own identity with Issaquah residents, a new name may be determined.

Successful implementation of the Creek Corridor vision will require:

- Annual investment in and prioritization of parks, open space and trail projects that are part of the Creek Corridor.
- Funding such as city funds, partnerships, grants, bonds and other innovative means for financing the completion of the Creek Corridor connections.
- Developing clear documentation of property ownership, easement and maintenance obligations for the various segments within the Creek Corridor.
- Continued coordination with new development in support of the Creek Corridor vision.
- Coordination and investment in the upkeep and maintenance needs of the Creek Corridor.
- Understanding of funding methods and sources that were utilized to purchase associated city property in order to identify any underlying development or use restrictions.
- Thoughtful acquisition of property and/or access routes that provide purposeful and needed connections.
- Development of a clear signage/kiosk/directional plan to foster effective circulation throughout the city.
The Creek Corridor

The Creek Corridor is created by connecting public parks, City Open Space, Conservation Properties, and existing trails.
The Green Necklace

The Green Necklace designates a public vision of major connective and experiential opportunities for bikes, pedestrians, and vehicles, connecting within Central Issaquah and to the surrounding areas. The parks system wide vision and Strategic Project List integrate seamlessly with the Green Necklace vision. Parks Strategic Projects 1, 2, 4, 7, 15, and 16 (shown on the adjacent map) are reflected in Central Issaquah’s Green Necklace; Project 16 is the Creek Corridor, while Newport and Holly are identified to complete the Mountains to Sound Corridor.

The Green Necklace and parks system wide vision work together to promote access throughout Issaquah and to the surrounding native mountainsides.

Refer to Chapter 7 for the full Green Necklace Plan and character elements.

Legend (proposed connections):

- Pedestrian and bike proposed connection, no cars.
- Streets with multipurpose paths and sidewalks.
- Streets that provide a 'linear urban park' experience.
- Streets with a pedestrian and bike centric experience.
- Proposed major public space or connection.
- Existing major public space
- Existing public space within Central Issaquah
- Existing public space outside Central Issaquah
- Existing Trails
- Central Issaquah Boundary
- Proposed major public space
- Existing major public space or connection
- Existing public space within Central Issaquah
- Existing public space outside Central Issaquah

Legend (proposed connections):
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The Vision

Connect residents and visitors to nature and each other through a vibrant parks and trails system within the city, neighborhoods and regional lands that provide recreation and outdoor activities for a balanced, healthy and inclusive mountain, lake and valley community.
Collaborate with the community to reimagine and reinvest in Issaquah's public spaces, parks and trails. Maximize value and strengthen the connection between people and the parks/trails they share.

**DOG PARK(S)**

Strategic Project 32: Create public off-leash dog park(s) within the city. Existing parks may be utilized or new land may be acquired for this specific use. The dog park location(s), size and amenities will be determined through a public engagement process.

**PICNIC SHELTERS / FURNITURE**

Strategic Project 10: Encourage outdoor active and passive use through the addition of more picnic shelters, benches, tables, trash cans and other site furnishings such as bike racks, lighting, etc. Well-located picnic shelters are excellent community gathering spaces. Picnic shelter rental may generate additional revenue.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL FIELD / DEPOT PARK / PEDESTRIAN PARK**

Strategic Project 19: These three adjoining parks are nestled in Olde Town (downtown) Issaquah. A comprehensive master plan is needed to collectively activate park spaces, create additional gathering spaces and expand recreational opportunities beyond the existing baseball diamond and playground. Redevelopment of these park spaces will better support residents needs and activity in downtown Issaquah and around the City Hall campus including the Senior Center. This combined park is a primary activity node along the Creek Corridor. Design and public outreach will be the first step in this process. Park construction may be phased and take place in future years (**long-term facet**).
Central Park is a large property with the potential to contribute strongly to each theme proposed in this parks plan. There are six individual projects proposed within Central Park, each with its own primary theme.

**BLACKBERRY PARK $**
Strategic Project 41: Upgrade this newly acquired neighborhood park to meet city standards and provide additional play opportunities and gathering space.

**CENTRAL PARK - PAD 4 DEVELOPMENT (including Pad 1 parking) $$$**
Strategic Project 37: Improve, maximize, and activate existing undeveloped Pad 4 park land in accordance with the Central Park Master Site Development Plan updated in 2016. Public outreach demonstrated the community’s desire to create an open grass lawn area with additional picnic shelters and education area. Pad 1 parking area construction should be included with Pad 4 development to achieve economy of scale benefits. Prior to construction, final design for the Pad 1 parking lot and the Pad 4 concept will need to be completed.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN $**
Strategic Project 33: The creation of more community garden space throughout Issaquah’s parks system for rental and seasonal use will support a growing community need and interest. The location of community gardens may vary depending upon need, availability of water, access and environmental conditions such as light. With the ability to grow food alongside fellow residents, healthy vibrant and sustainable communities can be built through gardening.

**SPRAY PARK $$**
Strategic Project 31: The creation of a new outdoor spray/water play park for persons of all ages and abilities. Summers in Issaquah are delightful and meant to be enjoyed. Though a location for this amenity is yet to be determined, the design should consider secondary off-season uses, sport court or gathering space. The inclusion of a splash park within one of the city’s community parks or well-positioned along the Creek Corridor could serve as a vibrant gathering space and provide numerous community benefits.
"I really enjoy using our parks with my family and am very hopeful to see existing city lands improved and expanded especially near our rivers. Please connect properties and add additional lands now while still possible."

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BERNTSEN PARK

Strategic Project 26: Reimagine and connect Berntsen Park as part of the greater Confluence Park area. Located just downstream of Confluence Park, Berntsen Park is underutilized and can better serve the community through activating the space. Potential improvements may include picnic tables, benches and restrooms. As part of the Creek Corridor, a broader Confluence Park master planning effort needs to be conducted to further develop ideas for connecting and activating this park with neighboring park properties.

CONFLUENCE PARK

Strategic Project 14: Confluence Park offers nature’s solitude for residents living in Central Issaquah’s urban core and Olde Town neighborhoods. As a major park along the Creek Corridor, park visitors have access to Issaquah Creek and can watch salmon, bald eagles and deer, and children may play on a small playground near the community garden. Remaining master plan developments include the relocation of the City’s Parks Maintenance Facilities and bridging the east fork of Issaquah Creek (long-term facet); restoration of the Ek House for public use, and lawn improvements including irrigation (near-term facet). Confluence Park may potentially be expanded by acquiring adjacent property, including a connection from 3rd Avenue to Dodd Fields. Future Holly Street improvements will provide more onsite parking (near- to mid-term facet).

CORRA PARK

Strategic Project 34: Currently a life estate, this creekside property will require reinvestment to develop it into a city park. This park’s location lends itself to easy connections to Veteran’s Memorial Park, Confluence Park and Gilman Boulevard, as well as a vital node along the Creek Corridor.

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“Let’s accelerate our investment in Parks and Open Spaces to reflect our community pride and recreational opportunities in this growing city.”

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**EAST LAKE PARK**  $$

Strategic Project 15: This location is identified for a neighborhood park and/or plaza that celebrates views of Mount Rainier, surrounding nature and the sunset while integrating gathering, relaxing, and active spaces. Surrounding buildings will respond to and activate the park. If possible, locate with an amenity/vendor that will offer food/drinks to further enhance this public space.

**SALMON RUN NATURE PARK**  $$

Strategic Project 24: Salmon Run Nature Park is considered part of the greater Confluence Park area. Located just downstream of Berntsen Park, Salmon Run Nature Park is underutilized and can better serve the community through activating the space. Potential improvements may include additional picnic tables, benches and restrooms. As part of the Creek Corridor, a broader Confluence Park master planning effort needs to be conducted to further develop ideas for connecting and activating this park with neighboring park properties.
“The ultimate goal should be a series of connected parks, where feasible, that can be accessed via walking or biking. Continue to emphasize and enhance access to the natural beauty of our wonderful mountains, valleys & streams.”

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Strategic Project 9: Work with Public Works Engineering to improve pedestrian access from the South Cove neighborhood into the Sammamish Cove Park and Lake Sammamish State Park. Providing this connection will promote pedestrian access to recreational features where currently no access exists. The location and type of pathway is yet to be determined. Design work is likely to occur in the **near-term**, while actual trail construction may take place in the **long-term**.

**PICKERING BARN PARK**

Strategic Project 22: Integrate the Pickering Barn and its park space with the neighboring Pickering Trail. Future improvements would include enhanced park and recreational experiences while promoting a community gathering space, including the Farmer’s Market. A master plan will need to be created to enhance this critical piece of the Creek Corridor. Improvements will enhance the community experience through recreation, facility rental, and as a community gathering space.

**RAINIER TRAIL CORRIDOR**

Strategic Project 23: Utilize and enhance the existing Rainier Trail Corridor to create a more intuitive trail connection as it enters Central Issaquah. This project includes demolishing and repurposing the old skate park location. The Rainier Trail is mostly an off right-of-way trail and is the primary thoroughfare through Olde Town. Its intersection with the East Lake Sammamish Parkway Trail provides a regional connection and is a vital component of the Creek Corridor. Activity nodes along the Rainier Trail will offer new opportunities and/or revitalized amenities to trail users.

**TIBBETTS CREEK TRAILS**

Strategic Project 7: The Tibbetts Creek trail system will double as a public space for the city, providing areas for pausing or gathering (**mid-term facet**). These public trails are currently in progress via developer agreements (**near-term facet**).
Strategic Project 16: Acquire land and creekside properties in support of the Creek Corridor, the north-south network of parks and trails that serve as the compelling primary feature of Issaquah’s Park System. The Creek Corridor will promote habitat preservation, create a valley trail system and connect park properties. The connections will span from Squak Valley Park to Central Issaquah and Lake Sammamish State Park. As a vibrant public space, the Creek Corridor interacts with and supports many city districts, neighborhoods, businesses and properties by providing the community with essential social, environmental and economic benefits. Essential to integration and coordination of specific corridors and connections is the support of the Central Issaquah Plan and Green Necklace vision.

Strategic Project 21: Develop a master plan and eventually construct a viable park space for this unique creekside park. This park welcomes visitors from the south to Olde Town and offers a great potential for creekside enjoyment, recreational use, and economic development with its connection to Olde Town. As a part of the Creek Corridor, the Front Street Park with its connection to Veterans Memorial Field, Pedestrian Park, Depot Park, and the Julius Boehm Pool and Issaquah Community Center, collectively make this park a vital asset in the city’s park system. Though a high priority for the community, near-term work including property preparation, additional acquisition and design will need to occur prior to construction which will likely occur in the mid-term.

Strategic Project 17: Create recreational opportunities, improve natural habitat and create a neighborhood park that could serve nearby residents in the Valley and Squak Mountain neighborhoods. Currently under a conservation easement, uses of this incredible park space can better serve both residents on the valley floor and Squak Mountain neighborhoods.

“Connectivity of the regional trail system should be high on the list. Not only is this a great asset to the community, it will bring more spending from people outside our area who would come to enjoy it.”

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LAUGHING JACOBS CREEK TRAIL $$
Strategic Project 50: Extend trail connection from Sammamish along the old railroad grade down to East Lake Sammamish Parkway. This trail will provide access to Providence Point, which currently is an isolated section of the city. Final alignment of this trail is yet to be determined. Coordination with the city of Sammamish, private and new development and potentially King County will be required to finalize this connection.

MALL STREET TRAIL $$
Strategic Project 4: NW Mall Street continues east as a pedestrian/bike only Mall Street Trail, connecting to trails at 7th Ave NW and creating a major east-west trail connection to the south of I-90. Planning is anticipated to be in the near-term with construction occurring in the long-term.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN TO VALLEY / DOWNTOWN $$
Strategic Project 20: Provide a trail connection from Squak Mountain to the valley floor and downtown Issaquah. Preferred access routes are yet to be determined; however, the community will be engaged to determine preferred route(s). One preliminary link could potentially be through Hillside Park or other city open space.

SQUAK VALLEY PARK / SQUAK VALLEY PARK NORTH $$
Strategic Project 3: Connection of the north park and south park will create a larger more vibrant destination park in southern Issaquah and will serve as a gateway park serving Squak Mountain (the southern end of the Creek Corridor). This park will not only serve various recreational needs (both passive and active), it will provide access to Issaquah Creek and will also serve as a trailhead for the Squak Mountain trail system. A future crossing of Issaquah Creek will be needed and barriers removed to allow for unhindered access throughout the park. Project initiation is anticipated to begin in the mid-term with completion in the long-term.
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TALUS TO TIBBETTS VALLEY PARK TRAIL

Strategic Project 43: Provide a trail connection from the Talus neighborhood to Tibbetts Valley Park and adjacent transit center. Alignment of this trail is yet to be determined; however, it will provide a critical connection for a large segment of Issaquah’s community.

PARK HILL / NORTH ISSAQUAH TRAIL AREA

Strategic Project 49: This project would connect the existing trails from the neighborhoods above Fred Meyer (south of 48th Street), through the Park Hill open space down to the valley floor along East Lake Sammamish Boulevard. Location of this trail connection has yet to be determined, and its design may take place in the near to mid term.

SOUND TRANSIT STATION URBAN PLAZA / PARK

Strategic Project 2: This potential location for the future Sound Transit station could connect over or under I-90. This over/under connection will provide an urban plaza and/or park space.

TIBBETTS VALLEY PARK TO SQUAK TRAIL

Strategic Project 51: The Green Necklace identifies a non-motorized trail connection along 12th Avenue to Tibbetts Valley Park. The continuation of this trail connection to existing city open space will fulfill a longstanding goal to connect King County Land and the Cedar River Trail on Squak Mountain.
Use innovative thinking and planning to creatively maximize the park system and provide high-quality recreational opportunities for all Issaquah residents. Foster partnerships to achieve greater public good and financial sustainability.

GATEWAY PARK / NEWPORT PARK $$$
Strategic Project 13: Create/provide a city park for residents in this area of the city and provide access to Newport Way. This park will provide public park recreational opportunities in an area of town where currently, none exist. A defined shared-use route will provide off-right-of-way access. As this park is developed, the surrounding community will be engaged in the design process.

TRAIL CONNECTIONS (NORTH / CENTRAL / SOUTH) $$$
Strategic Project 18: In order to accomplish the complete vision of the Creek Corridor, implementation will need to occur in phases. Improvements may logically be broken up into three major sections (north, central and south), with each section being developed in phases. Concentrated improvements along the Creek Corridor will demonstrate its connectivity value and improve livability. Design and public outreach is likely to occur in the near-term with construction following in the mid to long term.

ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT $$$
FIELD USE / TURF / IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP
Strategic Project 46: Seek partnerships with the Issaquah School District to create community sports fields that benefit school and community use to balance demand and needs throughout Issaquah. Design and community outreach is a near-term facet of this project.
LAKE SAMMAMISH STATE PARK $$$$ FIELD USE / TURF / IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

Strategic Project 42: Seek partnership with Lake Sammamish State Park to improve year-round sports field use and increase capacity. Various field locations throughout the park could be explored as part of the Environmental Impact Study process that the city and state parks are partnering on in 2018. Design and community outreach is a near-term facet of this project. In addition, use of adjacent city lands will be a consideration.

PLAYGROUNDS - 'PLAY PLAN' (New Play Areas) $

Strategic Project 6: Develop and create new, innovative and modern play spaces throughout our park system in order to provide unique and diversified opportunities for various ages and abilities. Location of these play features will be determined during the development of the Play Plan. Some potential examples are a climbing wall, outdoor music stations, adventure play, an all-access playground or an outdoor workout stations. Aspects of this project may occur in both the near and long term.

CENTRAL ISSAQWAH URBAN PARKS $$$

Strategic Project 1: Acquire/develop property for two public scale urban parks and/or plazas within Central Issaquah to promote community gathering and activities. This vibrant public space will provide opportunities for day and night activities, community events, and serve as a primary feature within Central Issaquah’s "Green Necklace." Acquisition of property requires near-term action whereas development is long term.

I-90 CROSSING LAKE TRADITION TO CENTRAL PARK $$$$ Handshake

Strategic Project 45: The I-90 crossing from Tradition Plateau to Central Park will be driven by a greater transportation improvement project due to the magnitude and complexity of this crossing. Likely future project partners are the Washington Department of Transportation, Sound Transit, and the city’s Public Works Engineering. Near- to mid-term planning, design, and coordination work is likely.
“Parks should 'double down' on property acquisition around/adjacent to the creek to simultaneously restore the creek and its buffer and provide a shared-use trail connecting people, bicyclists, and salmon. This celebrated water body is the heartbeat of our city and should be highlighted as a means to pull the community together to recreate, connect, learn, and enjoy our streams and natural places as an inspired example of urban ecology…”

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I-90 CROSSING NEWPORT TO LAKE SAMMAMISH STATE PARK

Strategic Project 8: The I-90 crossing from Newport Way to Lake Sammamish State Park will be driven by a greater transportation improvement project due to the magnitude and complexity of this crossing. Likely future project partners are the Washington Department of Transportation, Sound Transit, and the city’s Public Works Engineering. Near- to mid-term planning, design and coordination work is likely.

WEST ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS PARK

Strategic Project 5: As the Issaquah Highlands neighborhoods to the west of Highlands Drive develop, a new public park will need to support Issaquah residents in this area. The city will need to acquire and/or develop land in order to provide and develop this public park space. Amenities included in this park will be determined through a public engagement and a master planning process.
STRATEGIC PROJECTS
A VITAL ENVIRONMENT

Manage, steward, and celebrate our natural environment. Balance active and passive recreation without thinking of them as separate entities.

"Issaquah’s unique geography and natural treasures are priceless."
Response from Park Strategic Plan Engagement

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| **HILLSIDE PARK** | $$ |
| Strategic Project 12: Improve recreational opportunities and experiences provided at Hillside Park with the addition of unique natural play opportunities, improved trail connectivity through the property and other site furnishings and amenities. Currently this park is walk-in only. Improve city-wide access by improving pedestrian access (sidewalk and trail) and possibly providing parking. A master plan with public engagement will be the first step in this work. Full site master planning will be a near term project, while the cemetery, park, trail connectivity, and other neighborhood infrastructure needs may be mid to long term. |

| **LAKE TRADITION PLATEAU/PARK** | $$$ |
| Strategic Project 29: Improve outdoor, trail and lake recreational opportunities while improving the overall trailhead experience. Provision of fishing piers and enhancement of fishing opportunities, picnicking, environmental education, additional parking, trail and connections and enhancements will improve the overall experience to access both Washington State lands and Issaquah’s valley floor. Opportunities for habitat restoration within the Tradition Plateau are plentiful. As one of the state’s most heavily used trailheads, Tradition Plateau is the gateway to outdoor recreation. A collaborative master planning effort with Washington State Department of Natural Resources and King County Parks is a first step in this work being achieved and likely to occur in the near term. |
“The Issaquah area has great natural beauty, but without careful stewardship the views, trees and wetlands that we treasure could be put at risk.”

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**TIMBERLAKE PARK $$$$**

Strategic Project 11: Located along the Lake-to-Locks Trail and with almost 400 lineal feet of shoreline along Lake Sammamish, Timberlake Park is in the perfect location to increase beach access and other recreational opportunities within the park. Currently the park is restricted to passive use due to a conservation easement. However, day uses such as kayaking and picnicking needs could easily enhance park use and activity. A master plan with public engagement will be the first step in this work.

**CENTRAL PARK OPEN SPACE $**

Strategic Project 39: Improve, maximize, and activate existing adjacent open space in accordance with the Central Park Master Site Development Plan. Additional trails, improvements, and activities may be introduced into this space to increase accessibility while conserving natural resources.
STRATEGIC PROJECTS
ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

Promote various recreation opportunities by providing elements such as trailheads, dog parks, play spaces, and athletic fields.

Strategic Project 38: Create a youth skills bike park and pump track in accordance with Issaquah Highland developer support for this project. Location has been determined, yet the design has not. The local youth biking community will be integral in the design of this project. Partnerships with local biking communities will be sought to help facilitate project success and longevity.

Strategic Project 35: Improve and maximize the existing Pad #2 baseball/softball fields to accommodate more age groups and increased play. Converting fields to artificial turf will promote year-round use. Improvements may also include further amenities.

Strategic Project 36: Replace the aging Pad #3 turf and complete improvements (playground, shelter, seating, etc.) in accordance with the Central Park Master Site Development Plan.

Strategic Project 27: Work with PSE to enhance and formalize the South 2nd Avenue and Rainier Trail intersection to encourage trailhead functionality and access to Tiger Mountain and the valley floor. Coordinate this project in conjunction with associated Public Works projects.

“Convert our baseball fields to turf fields. This is the Pacific Northwest so it rains from October to June...”

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Strategic Project 48: Located just south of Central Issaquah’s urban core, Tibbetts Valley Park is uniquely positioned as a 30-acre community park serving as a primary park within Issaquah’s park system. Redevelopment of Tibbetts Valley Park will maximize field functionality by providing year-round playability for multiple sport use and regional activities. Additionally, new gathering spaces and unique park experiences will create welcoming spaces for Issaquah residents and park users. Its adjacency to the transit center also provides regional access, allowing the park to serve as a trailhead to access city trails and the regional trail system. A master plan update with public engagement will be in the **near term** of this redevelopment effort. Park reconstruction may be phased and fall into **mid or long term** phases.

Strategic Project 47: Provide a developed trailhead and formalized access at Forest Rim to the Squak/Cougar region. Access at this point may alleviate other localized trailhead pressures.

Strategic Project 28: Expand and formalize the East Sunset Trailhead to improve functionality including the provision of amenities such as water and a restroom.

Strategic Project 30: Proposed trailhead would provide a regional trailhead opportunity and would provide safe parking and access to Bear Ridge Trail, Talus Native Growth protection Area, and King County’s Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. Master planning work would need to be completed prior to this trailhead becoming a major Cougar Mountain access point. This trailhead will eventually be connected to the future SR 900 trail system. Future coordination with Public Works Engineering will be required to allow for on right-of-way trail improvements along SR 900. Design and coordination work may occur in the **mid-term**.
Strategic Projects by Priority:
AT A GLANCE

This plan proposes prioritized Strategic Projects to achieve the Issaquah Park and Open Space Vision. This matrix groups projects by near-, mid-, and long-term priority as determined by the Project Prioritization Tool available in the Toolkit section of this document. Park system balance promoted throughout Strategic Project implementation is visualized with projects’ themes. Most projects inherently embody multiple themes; a project’s primary theme is highlighted with a ring. Approximate project cost and projects with potential city partnerships are indicated.
The Parks Strategic Plan sets a project-based road map for achieving the vision of a connected and vibrant mountain, lake and valley community. This road map will need many facets of support to become a reality, including policy support of the big-picture vision for the park system, partnerships with public and private entities, and innovative funding strategies. In support of the vision, this chapter proposes Goals and Policies, and various potential partnerships and funding sources.

A Toolkit to keep the vision on track tests project suitability, priority, and success. These tools will assist the Parks Strategic Plan in being a dynamic document that measures steps toward plan success and reevaluates relevance of projects and vision to reflect the community’s changing needs and conditions.
GOALS AND POLICIES

The goals and policies listed herein have been modified from the 2015 Park Element of the Comprehensive Plan to more effectively guide and support of the vision for Issaquah's park system. The public feedback received throughout the strategic planning process directly informed updates to goals and policies to ensure policy support of the big-picture vision for the park system. The next periodic update of the Park Element of the Comprehensive Plan will include these goals and policies.

5.1.1 Parks for Today and Future Generations

P GOAL A
Enhance, diversify, and expand Issaquah’s parks, trails, recreation, and open space system for the Issaquah community today and for future generations.

P Policy A1
Re-invest in our current parks, trails and public spaces. Reinvestment improves system performance via financial investment, renovation, revisioning and maintenance.

P Policy A1.1
Activate Park Spaces. Further activate park spaces with additional opportunities and amenities that respond to recreation needs and trends. Where feasible and appropriate, enhance each park property to its fullest potential while honoring all property, deed and natural restrictions to provide users with maximum park and recreational opportunities and benefits.

P Policy A1.2
Effectively Manage Open Space and Natural Resource Lands. Manage resource lands in a manner that protects the environment while enhancing opportunities for people to experience and enjoy these lands.

P Policy A1.3
Athletic Fields. Meet year-round athletic field capacity needs through maximizing current athletic fields within our parks and partnering with the Issaquah School District (ISD), Washington State Parks (Lake Sammamish State Park) and other opportunities.

P Policy A1.4
Placemaking. As parks and public spaces are redesigned or added, seek to apply “placemaking” principles ensuring parks and public spaces are accessible, activities engage people, the space is comfortable and there are spaces are provided for social gathering.

P Policy A2
Build on the legacy of Issaquah’s park, recreation, trail, and open space system. Expand the system to respond to growth and opportunities to complete and connect it.

P Policy A2.1
A Connected Trail Experience. Work locally and with regional partners to complete a connected trail system offering walkability to parks and trails within the city, as well as connections to the regional trail system that surround Issaquah. This trail system will provide valley to mountain connections.

P Policy A2.2
Trailheads. Smartly connect Issaquah’s city park system to the public lands and outdoor recreation opportunities that surrounds the community. Prioritize and incorporate Issaquah’s current and future network of trails and trailheads into the city park system to improve trail access for Issaquah residents and visitors.

P Policy A2.3
Create a focused vision and strategy for the Creek Corridor. Provide a compelling north-south off-road valley trail network, connecting people to quality public park spaces along a vibrant corridor that extends along Issaquah Creek, from Squak Valley Park to Lake Sammamish State Park which also includes the Rainier Trail. The Creek Corridor interacts with and supports many city districts, neighborhoods, businesses and properties providing the community essential social, environmental and economic benefits. The Creek Corridor will serve as the primary feature of Issaquah’s Parks System.
**P Policy A2.4**  
*Support the implementation of the Green Necklace.*  
Create and activate non-motorized connections (on and off right-of-way), parks, plazas, and land to provide connection and experience opportunities as envisioned through the Central Issaquah Green Necklace collaborative planning effort.

**P Policy A2.5**  
*Community and Neighborhood Park/Recreational Corridor Distribution and Connection.* Locate Neighborhood and Community parks or trail connections to such parks within ½ mile of each residence. This service area is encouraged to be free of any major road or other physical barriers.

**P Policy A2.6**  
*Secondary connections.* Encourage secondary trail connections to further connect neighborhood and development to the City’s primary trail system as defined through the Parks Strategic Plan and the Green Necklace. Such connections include: off right-of-way trails, connector trails and spur trails.

**P Policy A2.7**  
*Park Land Acquisition.* Acquire suitable park, trail, open space, and natural resource lands when available, to enhance the park and recreation system. Acquisition criteria include:

a. The acquisition’s support of the Issaquah Park System Vision.
b. The acquisition responds to growth or maximizes the function of existing park property and facilities. Examples of maximizing existing facilities include:
   1. Connection to an identified trail or recreational corridor.
   2. Addition property to an existing park that improves overall property management.
   3. Advance a planned open space network.

c. The City is the best provider of the service or facility.
d. The acquisition improves the equity of parks and recreation services to underserved areas or populations.
e. The acquisition provides a benefit in relation to its cost, recognizing parks as a public good.

f. For open space, the land may or may not be required to be protected through regulations.
g. Partnership options will be evaluated in relation to the potential acquisition.
h. Supportive maintenance and operating funds have been dedicated or are available.

**P Policy A2.8**  
*Potential Annexation Areas and Subareas.* Consider and designate, when possible, locations for City owned parks when annexing property or preparing subarea plans.

**P Policy A2.9**  
*Trail Characteristics.* A minimum trail width of 12 feet shall be the standard width for the Creek Corridor and Mountains to Sound Trail unless other restrictions/constraints exists. Variations shall be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department. Trail surfacing shall support universal access.

**P Policy A3**  
When siting park and recreation assets and amenities, guiding principles include:

**P Policy A3.1**  
*Park Amenities.* Proposed amenities not already identified in the Park Strategic Plan, Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Element, annual Capital Improvement Program, or individual park master plans should be evaluated for addition to the park system. Considerations include whether the amenity is:

a. Consistent with the Park Strategic Plan Vision.
b. Appropriate to address identified community needs or gaps in the system.
c. Consistent with the park classification.
d. Viable based on the site plan and stewardship plan.
e. Compatible with existing park uses.
f. Usable in multiple seasons.
g. Within projected funding resources of the City, is grant-eligible, presents a partnership opportunity, or is a viable entrepreneurial opportunity.

h. Feasible to maintain over the long-term with available or projected resources.

**P Policy A3.2**

Amenity Location. Amenities that are expected to draw users from multiple neighborhoods or communitywide, should be located at Community Parks, which are larger in scale and have more supporting facilities such as parking and restrooms. Examples include community gathering spaces, spray parks, tournament sports, and others.

**P Policy A3.3**

Community and Neighborhood Park Amenity. Amenities designed to serve the local neighborhood may be located at either Neighborhood Parks or Community Parks, such as play fields, play grounds, and sport courts. These may or may not have a restroom depending upon location.

**P Policy A3.4**

Resource Park, Open Space and Trail Amenity. Assets and amenities to be added to Natural Open Space, Resource Parks, or Urban Trails allow active and passive enjoyment consistent with environmental conditions and design policies in section 5.1.3.

### 5.1.2 Balance Needs within the Park System

**P GOAL B**

Seek to achieve balance within the entire city park system. Provide equitable opportunities throughout the park system, by blending of active and passive experiences. Provide for the diverse needs/interests of Issaquah residents within the City’s park system, while celebrating the natural environment the City is blessed with.

**P Policy B1**

The City shall promote and protect environmental quality, open space, wildlife habitat, multi-use recreational opportunities, recreational programming, arts and cultural experiences.

**P Policy B1.1**

Access and Education. Provide access to and educational information within the park system about Issaquah’s natural environment, the arts and diverse cultural heritage when feasible.

**P Policy B1.2**

Cultural Heritage. Preserve and protect the natural integrity of the environment as well as resources and artifacts of significance to the City’s cultural heritage.

**P Policy B1.3**

Connectivity. Strive to promote connectivity of natural and built environments. Connectivity promotes the health, sustainability, interaction, wayfinding and mobility of the natural environment (wildlife and habitat).

**P Policy B1.4**

Recreation and Habitat Interface. When providing recreational facilities, ensure that these facilities are consistent with and enhance the park environment, while conserving and protecting natural habitat and resources.

**P Policy B1.5**

Universal Access. Strive to provide universal access to park and recreational land and opportunities within acceptable and appropriate context at each facility to serve all ages and abilities. Retrofit facilities in accordance to long-term planning goals. Engage outdoor recreational standards where feasible.

**P Policy B1.6**

Balanced Park and Recreational Experience. Strive to balance passive and active recreational and sensory opportunities, programming, native environments, wildlife, forested hillsides, visual relief, arts and facilities within the City of Issaquah’s park system as the population grows and as user needs change.
5.1.3 Design Process and Considerations

P GOAL C
Master plan major parks, trails, and open space facilities, and engage the community in designing them.

P Policy C1
Ensure that parks are designed utilizing a thoughtful planning process that considers its unique cohesiveness as well as its cohesiveness throughout the entire park system.

P Policy C1.1
Planning Coordination. Coordinate collective planning efforts to create a cohesive, balanced, encompassing, sustainable, educational and vibrant park and recreational inventory. Embrace the integration of design elements contained within the Central Issaquah Plan, Mobility Action Plan, Olde Town, Transportation Plan, Open Space Stewardship Management Plans and other land use, public infrastructure based plans, visions and projects, documents into the park system. No change of use within park shall occur without Parks coordination/assessment of impacts and any mitigation measures completed.

P Policy C1.2
Sense of Place. Create a park-system which provides a sense-of-place through the integration of landscape, art, buffers, waterways, corridors, trails, parks, courtyards, and plazas.

P Policy C1.3
Multi-Seasonal. Provide a wide variety of recreational and park experiences throughout the year for maximum benefit and enjoyment.

P Policy C2
Ensure that park elements throughout the system are designed to encourage play and wise use of vegetation.

P Policy C2.1
Native Vegetation. Within the City's designated open space natural areas, including Native Growth Protection Areas, restoration, enhancement, and stewardship projects shall use vegetative species native to the State of Washington and as appropriate for the project site's plant community.

P Policy C2.2
Native and Drought Tolerant Vegetation. Within the City's parks and streetscapes, encourage the use of native and drought tolerant plant species as appropriate for the project site and as approved by City permitting and development. Plant material should be used to provide visual interest, create atmosphere and enhance the sense of place.

P Policy C2.3
Play Areas. Play areas designed for a variety of ages, activities fine and gross motor skills. Natural, creative play elements for free and/or structured play shall be provided.

P Policy C2.4
Signage. Incorporate the use of signage where appropriate to direct, inform and educate all park and recreational users. Signage should be strategically located ensure it is seen by users as a wayfinding method. The use of signage shall be limited in order to preserve the visual integrity and natural character of all parks, recreational area, trails and open spaces and facilities. Signage shall be consistent with park and/or city-wide branding.

P Policy C3
Preserve and enhance the beauty of the City of Issaquah through the parks and open spaces that make up the City's park system.

P Policy C3.1
Visual Relief and Tranquility. Bring visual relief and tranquility to the urban environment to mitigate the impacts of development by including street trees, gardens, lawns, woods, and water throughout the park system.
**P Policy C3.2**

*Native Environment.* Promote retention and replication of the area’s natural beauty and ecology (mountains, plantings, water etc.), sounds and vistas in the park system.

**P Policy C3.3**

*Boulevard Landscaping.* Create a sense of place along main access corridors and/or boulevards (streets and thoroughfares) by utilizing unifying design features such as plantings, site furniture and wayfinding cues.

**P Policy C3.4**

*Scenic Visual Resources.* Preserve the quality of surrounding scenic and visual resources provided by the natural open space areas, such as the forested hillsides of the “Issaquah Alps.” Encourage orienting park development such that and facilities and activities preserve these picturesque vistas for all to enjoy.

**P Policy C4**

Create a highly accessible vibrant park system and programming for Issaquah residents.

**P Policy C4.1**

*Active and Passive Park Facilities.* Provide active and passive park and recreational facilities to as many persons as possible. Where appropriate, provide multi-use active recreational opportunities within park facilities consistent with the intended use of the particular park facilities.

**P Policy C4.2**

*Healthy Living.* Foster the development of recreational scholarships programs which encourage healthy living and active recreation for Issaquah’s underserved, aged and special needs populations. The park system should strive to offer a variety of recreational programming and facilities which provide positive alternatives and encourages healthy living for all users and abilities.

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**5.1.4 System Maintenance and Management**

**P GOAL D**

Ensure system stewardship and sustainability through effective maintenance and resource management practices.

**P Policy D1**

Ensure Issaquah’s park facilities are safe and well managed while providing all segments of the community with quality park and recreational facilities and services.

**P Policy D1.1**

*Stewardship.* Promote stewardship projects located within and along the Issaquah and Tibbetts Creeks, including their tributaries, corridors and upland natural open space areas. Uphold existing open space stewardship plans for areas and create new stewardship plans for acquired property when needed. Encourage various stewardship projects in cooperation with outside groups, agencies and volunteers. Preserve and protect the City’s natural resources through the provision of resource management.

**P Policy D1.2**

*Park Programs.* Offer a wide variety of recreational programs, services and classes to meet the community's diverse needs. Continue to grow, diversify and expand recreational experiences offered. All programs, services and classes are to be administered in a quality, caring and efficient manner.

**P Policy D1.3**

*Safety.* Promote the opportunity for use and minimize conflict potential, through the provision of safe and well-managed park facilities, including open space and active recreation facilities. Anticipate user security and safety concerns and design parks and recreational programs with these concerns in mind. Ensure proper staffing levels for the safety of recreational activities in facilities and fields. Partner with police services in the prevention and management of safety issues through all park and recreational facilities. Proactively address all safety concerns in an effective and appropriate manner.
P Policy D1.4

Citizen Involvement. Utilize citizen involvement and participation in planning, developing, operating, stewarding and maintaining the City of Issaquah’s park system. Encourage public process in the consideration of park and recreation development when appropriate. Embrace the volunteers who serve on committees, partner with outside agencies and special interest groups and support the Parks and Recreation Department.

P Policy D1.5

Resource Management. Best management practices will be utilized in the management of Issaquah’s parks and recreation system. Protect forested lands through sustainable management practices that encourage wildlife and habitat species diversity. Preserve and protect the City’s natural resources through the provision of resource management (open space and wildlife) and through the implementation of other environmental programs, stewardship plans, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) or Maintenance and Operation Manuals.

P Policy D1.6

Facility Management. Design, develop, construct, maintain and operate facilities in a resource efficient and sustainable manner when feasible which minimizes impacts to and improves the quality of the environment, community and economy. Perform routine inspections of facilities and equipment to ensure public safety. Utilize maintenance and operations manuals, and other standard operating procedures to ensure public safety.

P Policy D1.7

Best Management Practice. Utilize existing management documents including but not limited to; the Integrated Pest Management Plan and Open Space Management Plan, standardize operating procedures, and best management practices in the management of the park system.

5.1.5 Local Partnerships and Regional Coordination

P GOAL E

Foster partnerships with local, state, federal and regional agencies to provide and support Issaquah’s park system. Embrace local partnerships with the Issaquah School District, businesses, developers, non-profit organizations, tribal community, and other various user groups to provide and assist in the management and maintenance of a complex park system consisting of parks, recreation, trails and open space.

P Policy E1

Continue or create, where beneficial to the public, partnerships with local, state, federal and regional agencies. Partner with the Issaquah School District, businesses, developers, non-profit organizations, user groups and neighborhood groups in order to provide and to assist in the management and maintenance of parks, open space, recreation facilities, services and security.

P Policy E1.1

Interlocal-Agreement. Honor the partnership with the Issaquah School District as a significant component of the City’s park system. Work together to improve and maintain safe and vibrant recreational facilities, fields and opportunities for school children and the park system.

P Policy E1.2

Partnerships with Developers. Developers shall mitigate or offset the impacts of their new development by providing parkland and park facilities, and/or payment of impact fees in lieu of such land or facilities, through the process established by the City.

P Policy E1.2.1

Impact fees shall be used to address the impacts of development on the park system and improvements that serve the community at large.

P Policy E1.2.2

Additional on-site project-level design requirements are also appropriate for larger subdivisions and multifamily developments.
**Policy E1.2.3**

In the commercial areas of the City, developers shall mitigate by providing public spaces and facilities such as plazas, courtyards, and pedestrian connections on-site through Land Use Code development requirements and/or incentives. When private development is required to provide a public space, such as urban plazas, parks and/or trails, they are to remain as part of the public realm and should remain accessible and function as if publicly owned. Area wide improvement districts are also supported to address the needs for commercial area park facilities.

**Policy E1.3**

*Neighborhood and Business Partnerships.* Encourage partnerships with neighborhoods and existing businesses to provide land or facilities for parks including, but not limited to: cost sharing for acquisition and development, furnishing materials or equipment, or providing maintenance or security. Promote partnerships with non-profit, special-interest and service organizations. These groups provide increased expertise, interest, volunteers, and/or funding for a particular facility or program provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Policy E1.4**

*Teamwork.* Encourage interdepartmental planning, communication and information sharing to optimize the development and the experiences provided within Issaquah’s park system.

**Policy E2**

Participate in coordination, cooperation and partnership with local, state, and federal agencies on a regional basis in order to provide an effective and efficient regional natural open space and park system, thus providing improved recreational opportunities, services, and facilities for people living in the greater Issaquah area.

**Policy E2.1**

*Cooperative Planning Efforts.* Participate in the cooperative regional planning efforts among agencies and jurisdictions in order to provide recreational opportunities and facilities on inter-jurisdictional public lands. Key agencies include but are not limited to, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Department of Ecology, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, and the United States Forest Service. The City shall also work together with these jurisdictions and organizations to identify jurisdictional roles and responsibilities in contributing to regional needs, and identify, establish, protect and steward urban and rural open space corridors of regional significance.

**Policy E2.2**

*Specific Partnerships.* Due to the local benefit of regional public open space lands, the City shall strive to continue its coordination as a valued partner and participation in the Issaquah Alps and Upper Snoqualmie Valley Interagency Committee, the Mountains-to-Sound Greenway Trust, Issaquah Alps Trail Club, F.I.S.H. (Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery), other non-profit groups and local tribal community.

**Policy E2.3**

*Funding Sources.* Continue to seek funding sources in the form of grants, park bonds, levies, partnerships and donations to enhance the City’s park system. Funding sources are to supplement the City’s contributions to the park system.

5.1.6 Implementation

**Policy GOAL F**

Measure the effectiveness and success of the Comprehensive Plan in achieving community visions, goals and policies.
**P Policy F1**
Ensure Comprehensive Plan goals and policies are accompanied by related and required implementing actions and associated resources, including but not limited to those listed in the Implementation Strategy (Issaquah Comprehensive Plan, Appendix B, Ord 2741, effective date: 6/30/15).

**P Policy F2**
It is the intent of the Parks Strategic Plan to create actionable projects. Implementation of each project shall conform to the measurable metrics for success as identified in the Parks Strategic Plan. All of these elements must support the vision for the Parks and Recreation System.

**P Policy F3**
Create and implement a performance-based level of service policy that is a companion to the investment per capita level of service. The performance-based level of service should address overall asset conditions, recreation value, availability, and accessibility to the community.

**P Policy F4**
Continue to employ sound fiscal management of parks and recreation capital and operating funds. Develop guidelines and strategies to allocate funding across investment types such as reinvestment in existing parks, trail and park system connectivity, and protecting open space networks.
The Parks Strategic Plan will need the support and commitment from many entities including the community, city staff, and public and private groups. The projects and strategic actions of this plan will require ongoing coordination and collaboration to achieve success.

**Public Art**

Investing in and integrating public art into parks capital projects is a priority for the Parks and Recreation Department. A critical placemaking aspect of many projects, arts collaboration is supported by Issaquah’s city ordinance requiring one-half of one percent of parks capital projects to be allocated to public art. "When properly integrated, public art and design enhance the environment, create a sense of place, express a community’s values and identity, and can bring people together to find solutions to a community’s infrastructure and social challenges” (The Cultural Element of the City’s Comprehensive Plan).

Two examples of art integration constructed in 2017 are the Confluence Park pedestrian bridge and the Tibbetts Valley Park skatepark.

**Interdepartmental Partnerships**

Many city departments are focused on improving the quality of life within the city, and many departmental plans are working simultaneously toward that goal. Working in tandem, the various city entities can provide a strength that no department can do alone, ensuring an equitable city that provides for all its citizens. The many city departments working to improve the quality of life within the city include: City Administration, Development Services Department, Economic Development, Public Works Engineering, Public Works Operations, Parks and Recreation Operations, Office of Sustainability, and Permit Services.
HOW WE WILL GET THERE

Issaquah School District Partnership

The schools within the Issaquah School District offer a wide variety of fields, gymnasiums, and other amenities that are used by the Parks and Recreation Department to offer recreational programs. The city and Issaquah School District signed an “Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Joint Use, Development and Maintenance of City and District Properties” for the shared use of school and Parks and Recreation Department facilities. The interlocal agreement generally states that the Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department may schedule recreational programs, such as the youth basketball program, at local schools (Appendix L).

The City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department has primary use of school facilities for recreational programs and services located within the city limits (the primary service area). For the schools located outside city limits but within the school district, the City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department has secondary claim for the use of the schools. For example, the City of Sammamish has first claim on the use of schools located within their city limits. As part of the agreement, the Issaquah School District may use the Issaquah Community Center and the Julius Boehm Pool for school programs.

“Enhance partnerships to leverage action and funding.”
Response from Park Strategic Plan Engagement
Public Agency Partnerships

In addition to partnering with schools in neighboring cities, Issaquah recognizes connection to the approximately 25,500 acres of neighboring publicly owned rural open space, commonly known as the Issaquah Alps. The Alps are composed of King County’s Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park; State Park’s Squak Mountain State Park; State Dept. of Natural Resources Tiger Mountain State Forest; City of Issaquah Tradition Plateau Natural Resources Conservation Area; King County’s Taylor Mountain Forest; and, King County’s Grand Ridge Park. These public lands are managed as natural open space parks and as a state forest that contains a natural resources conservation area as well as working forest lands.

These public lands are further connected to county, state and federal agency managed public lands located east of the Issaquah Alps to Snoqualmie Pass. Because of the similar issues that face these public land management agencies, the land managers including the City of Issaquah formed the Issaquah Alps and Upper Snoqualmie River Valley Interagency Committee. The committee works cooperatively to form a consistent planning effort and management approach for the inter-jurisdictional agency lands. This management includes recreational uses, stewardship, and active working forest lands.
Private Partnerships

Partnerships with private entities can be achieved through development agreements or the city’s Development Services Department review process. In lieu of park impact fees, some developers can construct parks and amenities and dedicate them to the city. Other private entities may provide public spaces, plazas, trails and other pedestrian connections that link with the city’s trail system as long as public access is provided. These private partnerships can help achieve the city’s vision and supply parks in areas where land may be hard to come by. To ensure projects align with city goals, development standards require dedicated park land to have high recreational value and not be leftover or steeply sloped land. More information about park impact fees may be found in the LOS section of this document.

Other Partnerships

Neighborhood and business group partnerships can provide land or facilities for parks and recreation for the city. This might include cost sharing for acquisition and development, furnishing materials or equipment, or provision of maintenance and security. Public-private endeavors have the potential to increase recreational opportunities available within the park system and benefit the city by both reducing operational costs for a facility and providing a potential source of revenue.

Special interest groups are yet another rich source for partnering. Their willingness to donate time and materials to achieve a common goal and much-needed work within the parks and trail system is truly valuable. These contributions may be used as matching funds for some grants. Implementing agreements can help facilitate these relationships and project success.
This Plan proposes a list of Strategic Projects in support of the Parks Vision of a connected, vibrant, inclusive community. To achieve this vision, substantial tactical financial commitment is required. The second phase of public engagement contained a budget module which asked respondents how they would allocate $100 across five major, strikingly different, project types. Feedback reflected a desire for balanced investment in all areas, supporting the need for a funding strategy that allows for making a broad range of investments. Please refer to discussion of Phase 2 public outreach budget module discussion in the public outreach section of this document.

Many aspects need consideration in studying revenue options. Funding sources are not equal in size, reliability, associated restrictions, implementation needs (for example, vote requirements) or level of effort needed to obtain. Funding sources may be limited to certain purposes or types of projects—for instance, some sources are focused on operating costs (care of existing elements), some on capital projects (implementation of new parks elements). All aspects need acknowledgment in pursuing capital funding of projects, and many sources of funding will be needed to implement the projects identified in this Strategic Plan.

Moving forward, the cost of the Strategic Project list will need to be established. It is expected that cost of implementing the project list may exceed the revenues historically available to fund parks operational and capital projects. Project prioritization reflected in this document will help direct strategic implementation of funds. Additional funding and financing options, and potential reallocation within existing funding sources, are discussed below.

The following, not an exhaustive list, notes primary types of opportunities historically and potentially available for funding parks capital projects. Creating a funding strategy to support the Park Strategic Plan is a future policy discussion. This chapter is intended to set the stage to inform this future policy discussion and identifies potential revenue sources for funding parks, trails, and open space.
City Funding

Parks Impact Fees:
Impact fees are directly related to the rate of development in the city. There is currently significant growth and development in Issaquah, which is expected to continue. Developments in the city can currently bypass this traditional impact fee through negotiated agreements with the Development Services Department without the input of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The City of Issaquah is currently under contract to revise its impact fee rates through an updated rate study in 2018. This process could include revisiting how development agreements are being negotiated to allow for inclusion of the Parks and Recreation Department in that decision-making process. It is possible that such a change could lead to increased impact fee revenues.

The City General Fund:
This is the primary funding source for the City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department. It is mostly used for operating costs. Over the past seven years, the city has allocated between 4.4% and 12.5% (a yearly range of $7,360,700-$9,744,400) of the City General Fund to Parks and Rec operations (City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department, 2017, and BERK Consulting, 2017).

Some of these General Fund revenues are dedicated to Parks and Recreation. Substantial parks funding within the General Fund includes the King County Parks Levy.

King County Parks Levy. In 2013, King County voters renewed the King County Parks Levy (which replaced the previous King County Parks Levy and the Open Space and Trails Levy). Between 2014 and 2019 this levy will generate an estimated $66 million per year through a Consumer Price Index (CPI)-indexed property tax levy lid lift (paid by property owners at $0.1877 per $1,000 assessed value). 7% of the monies collected through this levy are distributed to cities through a funding formula by which 50% is distributed on a per capita basis and 50% is distributed based on the assessed value of the parcels within the city. In 2017, Issaquah received $97,305 in distributions from this levy. These funds can be used for parks and recreation capital purposes, including as a match for local, state, and federal grants. King County is also considering a proposal for a land conservation initiative to open space. Should this initiative come to fruition, this could be another potential funding source.
Issaquah Capital Improvement Plan:

A resource for Park and Recreation capital projects, one of the main strategies the City of Issaquah could use to increase capital funding for parks and trails is reallocation of capital assets from the Capital Projects Fund to parks and trail purposes. This could be done through dedication of one or more of the revenue sources funding the Capital Projects Fund or through a general increase in the overall allocation to parks and trails projects from the fund. In the past seven years the City of Issaquah dedicated an average of 20% of its Capital Improvement Plan resources to Parks and Recreation projects, ranging from $3,024,000 to $8,067,300 yearly (City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department, 2017, and BERK Consulting, 2017).

Cost Recovery Policies:

The Parks and Recreation Department could consider implementing more fees for using certain of their amenities or facilities. These fees could completely or partially offset expenditures related to the provided service, or could generate additional revenue.

Voter-Approved Levies:

A levy is a tax that is collected and spent as accumulated. Unlike bonds, there is no debt involved. This Voter-approved levy could be Parks Property Tax Levy. Voters can opt to dedicate a portion of property tax to a parks levy.

Bonds: A bond is a debt to be paid back with interest over several years. These funds may be used primarily for one-time capital costs (refer to Appendix M).

Non-Voter-Approved Bonds - Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bonds. LTGO Bonds are councilmanic bonds that must be repaid from existing resources, as there is no dedicated source of new revenue for debt service. These bonds can be issued by the City Council without going out to residents for a public vote.

Voter-Approved Bonds - Unlimited Tax General Obligation (UTGO) Bonds. UTGO Bonds are voted bonds that must be approved by a vote of the city’s residents, and are paid off by a new city property tax levy. This type of bond issue is usually reserved for municipal improvements that are of general benefit to the public, such as arterial streets, bridges, lighting, municipal buildings, firefighting equipment, and parks.
§ State, County, and Federal Funding

**Grants:**

The City of Issaquah has successfully funded some of its parks capital projects through competitive grants. State grant programs can provide some funding from outside the region. Grant programs are extremely competitive; however, any grant funding that could be made available would significantly improve the funding feasibility of the Issaquah Parks Strategic Plan, since these funds would reduce the amount needed from local public sources. Federal grants tend to piggyback with other larger infrastructure projects. Please refer to Appendix M for further discussion.

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**Conservation Futures Grants.** King County Conservation Futures tax levy (CFT) funds sponsor the annual grant program administered by King County Parks. The focus of this grant program is to purchase or preserve open space lands, including natural areas, passive-use parks, urban green spaces, wildlife habitat, trails, farms and forests in cities and unincorporated areas of King County.

**King County Conservation District Grant.** King Conservation District (KCD) Member Jurisdiction Grant Program supports natural resource improvement projects in partnership with local jurisdiction who are members of KCD. Grants are awarded for project that are consistent with KCD requirements and RCW 89.08.

**Washington Recreation Conservation Office Grants** are state programs that fall into four categories: Boating Facilities Program (BFP); Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF); Non-Highway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA); and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). With an adopted park plan, the city is eligible to submit grant applications and obtain grants from the RCO and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). These grants are to fund land protection and outdoor recreation, including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation, farmland and forestland preservation, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities. Local parks can receive up to $1 million in acquisition or $500,000 in development; a 50% match is required, with 10% of total cost from non-state and non-federal contributions.

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**State Legislative Allocations:** Some discretionary infrastructure funding is allocated through the state budget process. These funds are limited and highly competitive.

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**Private Sources and Fundraising**

Private funding is possible through in-kind donations from volunteers and community partners, private donations, and crowdsourcing. These are typically small revenue sources in the context of the overall Strategic Park Plan but could be useful for specific projects or purposes.
Issaquah’s 2018 Strategic Park Plan proposes a current list of Strategic Projects for implementation to enhance the park system. The following serve as tools to guide difficult decisions as current and future projects present themselves and compete for funding as Issaquah continues to develop.
**PHASE 1 CHECKLIST**

*Project Suitability*

The adjacent criteria represent the purpose of the themes. This list serves to test project need and promote conversation around current and future projects. Not all criteria will be met by each project. If a project does not check off any criteria, conversation should be had about the appropriateness of the project for the park and city systems.

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The Project Prioritization checklist is a ranking tool. Projects receive a number score based on how much a project will increase the system’s performance, diversity, and balance. It considers the urgency of the timing of the project, ease of funding, if there are operational reasons for prioritization, and if there is community support for the project.

The Project Prioritization criteria, a list resulting from discussions with other city entities and public outreach, is applied to each individual project to determine the project’s overall priority. The criterion addresses utilization potential, system diversification, balance, urgency/immediacy, low-hanging fruit and operational sustainability. Bonus points can be achieved for projects with a strong community survey response and for projects addressing Strategic Plan themes.

The criterion results in a percent favorability score that allows comparison against other projects. A project list is then broken into three timeline-defined buckets by their percent favorability: the near term (the most favorable projects), the mid term (moderately favorable projects), and the long term (least favorable projects). This prioritized list provides a road map to making Issaquah’s Park and Open Space Vision a reality, project by project.

**Items of note:**

- A project that scores high in priority in many categories may show up in the mid-term bucket due to difficulty in implementation, lack of operational sustainability, or other challenges.

- Facets and features to each project may occur outside its timeline-defined bucket’s timeline. For example, site location identification and design work might take place years in advance of a project having funding for construction. Similarly, land acquisition may occur many years in advance of park design/construction.

- For realities of implementation, larger projects can be divided into smaller entities that focus on different priority timelines.

As projects, priorities, opportunities and community needs shift, so can the project favorability ranking. The Phase 2 checklist tool is not intended to provide a definitive answer, but meant to be universally applied to guide project prioritization during the annual capital improvement project process as new projects arise and other projects are completed.
## CRITERIA:
*MAXIMUM SCORE OF 18 POINTS*

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- **N/A** = 0 POINTS
- **LOW** = 1 POINT
- **MEDIUM** = 2 POINTS
- **HIGH** = 3 POINTS

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### #1 IMPROVE PERFORMANCE

What is the potential increase of use within existing parkland and public property?

**THINGS TO CONSIDER:**
- Increase opportunity and/or capacity building
- Expanding an existing park or trail

**HIGH SCORE:** A project that provides more layers of uses and opportunities for the system and area would score high.

**LOW SCORE:** A project that provides elements that are redundant to other elements in the system or area would score low.

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### #2 SYSTEM DIVERSITY

Does the project provide variety in the assortment of uses or types of elements?

**THINGS TO CONSIDER:**
- Active / passive
- A new or diversified element for the system

**HIGH SCORE:** A project that greatly increases the diversity of uses in the park system or area.

**LOW SCORE:** A project that provides elements that are redundant to other elements present in the system or an area.

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### #3 SYSTEM BALANCE

Does the project provide an increase in equity and/or access? Does the project provide benefits geographically?

**THINGS TO CONSIDER:**
- Equity – age / culture / access
- Geographic / need area / underserved

**HIGH SCORE:** A project that promotes equitable access—for geographic areas, proximity, age groups, underserved groups—across the system would score high.

**LOW SCORE:** A project that does not provide for increased equity would score low.
CRITERIA:
MAXIMUM SCORE OF 18 POINTS

#1 Improve Performance
#2 System Diversity
#3 System Balance
#4 Urgency / Immediacy
#5 Low-Hanging Fruit
#6 Operational Sustainability

SCORING:
N/A = 0 POINTS
LOW = 1 POINT
MEDIUM = 2 POINTS
HIGH = 3 POINTS

#4 URGENCY / IMMEDIACY
Does the project have key timing and/or health and safety/regulatory elements?

THINGS TO CONSIDER:
- Leverage other resources/partners
- Timing degree of difficulty/complexity

HIGH SCORE: A high scoring project’s success would rely on matters such as competition with developers and partnerships with timeline-sensitive projects. Provides compliance with standards or regulations.

LOW SCORE: A project where timeline does not matter for success would score low.

#5 LOW-HANGING FRUIT
Does the project have identified funding and/or have a low relative cost? Is the project easily attainable or accomplished?

THINGS TO CONSIDER:
- Leverage other resources/partners
- Timing degree of difficulty/complexity

HIGH SCORE: A project with less complexity, low cost, ease of implementation due to partnerships, or a project that has all needed aspects already present would score high. Time-sensitive funding. Project risks are shared through a partnership.

LOW SCORE: A project that is complex for any reason would score low.

#6 OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY
What is the cost / benefit of the project? What is the current state of the element(s) in terms of life-cycle?

THINGS TO CONSIDER:
- Maintenance (existing vs. new), location in life-cycle
- Operating costs
- Mobilization efficiency/connected to other elements of park system

HIGH SCORE: A park that does not provide additional maintenance and operation resource burden would score high.

LOW SCORE: A new park would score low in this category because there are no existing resources allocated to the project.
**BONUS POINTS : VISION ALIGNMENT**

**MAXIMUM SCORE OF 5 POINTS**

#1 Project aligns with public desires (measured via survey)

#2 Project aligns with Strategic Plan Themes

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**BONUS #1 SURVEY RESPONSE STRENGTH**

**SCORING:**

- >60% = 5 points
- 50%-59% = 4 points
- 40%-49% = 3 points
- 30%-39% = 2 points
- 10%-29% = 1 point
- 0%-9% = 0 points

**DEFINITION:** If a project received a 46.2% score in a question it would receive 3 points. A 53% score would receive 4 points.

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**BONUS #2 THEME RESONANT / RELEVANT**

**SCORING:**

A project receives a point for each Parks Strategic Plan theme that is inherent in the project.

- Placemaking
- Connectivity
- Innovative Action
- A Vital Environment
- Active Lifestyles

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**TOTAL : CRITERIA SUBTOTAL + BONUS POINTS SUBTOTAL**

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**PERCENT FAVORABILITY:** \((\text{TOTAL} ÷ 23) \times 100\)
In order to remain eligible for grant funding, every six years the city submits a planning document to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB). This park plan addresses requirements set forth by the RCFB which include:

- Identification of goals and objectives.
- Inventory of existing recreational facilities, including developed and undeveloped facilities, within the city (primary service area) and nearby area (secondary service area).
- Hosting a public involvement process.
- Identifying and assessing the desired level of service and need for recreation, parks and facilities.
- A six-year Capital Improvement Program identifying strategies and recommendations for implementation.

The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan provides goals, policies, and strategic projects for the system to meet the city’s current and future recreational requirements and the level of service the community desires and requires. With an adopted park plan, the city is eligible to submit grant applications and obtain grants from the RCO and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). RCO grant programs fall into four categories: Boating Facilities Program (BFP); Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF); Non-Highway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA); and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP).
Growth Management Act (GMA) Requirements

The Washington State Legislature, in its Growth Management Act (or GMA), provides planning goals to “guide the development and adoption of a comprehensive plan and development regulations” (RCW 36.70A.020). The city’s comprehensive plan requires a park and recreation element which includes “estimates of park and recreation demand for a ten-year period, an evaluation of facilities and service needs, and evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting park and recreational demand” (RCW 36.70A.070 (8)).

Comprehensive Plan

A separate Parks and Open Space Plan is not a mandatory element under the GMA; despite this, the city has included a Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Element (known as the Park Element) within its Comprehensive Plan since 1995, the most recent Comprehensive Plan update adopted on June 15, 2015.

Parks Strategic Plan

The goals, policies, and strategic projects of the 2018 Parks Strategic Plan coincide with GMA goals for the development of parks and recreational facilities. Those goals include providing parks and recreation opportunities to current and growing populations, retaining natural open space, preserving fish and wildlife habitat, and providing access points to waterways.
**RCO Defining and Measuring Success**

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) provides local agencies with a self-evaluation tool to assist in measuring the success of their level of service. The marked squares in the below chart indicate the City of Issaquah’s overall self-evaluation score.

**Level of Service Summary Discussion:**

1. **Number of Parks and Recreation Facilities:** Percent difference between existing quantity or per capita average of parks and recreation facilities and the desired quantity or per capita average.

   The city’s level of service has been calculated to be $3,874.51 per person (refer to the Level of Service section in this document). Per capita, the city serves its population with more diamond and rectangular fields serving youth than the national median. Also, the city provides tennis facilities at a slightly better ratio than the national median. The city’s playground facilities serve more population than the national median.

2. **Facilities that Support Active Recreation Opportunities:** Percent of facilities that support or encourage active (muscle-powered) recreation opportunities.

   The city has eleven parks, a skatepark and two facilities that encourage active (muscle-powered) recreational opportunities (the Issaquah Community Center and the Julius Boehm Pool). Of the 172 acres of community parks, roughly 72% have provisions for muscle-powered recreation. The city owns 27 miles of natural trails and 14 miles of urban trails that allow for walking and/or bicycling—a 100% provision of muscle-powered activity.

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With the recent growth Issaquah has experienced, recreational facility capacity has not increased at the same rate. Two new artificial turf fields will open in 2018 which will address the need for year-round multipurpose sports fields. However, this does not fully address community needs. Some user needs are being met through creative outsourcing and sharing of facilities (for example, the Issaquah School District). Developing a facilities strategic plan can be the building block for determining the next steps, and short- and long-term facility needs. Many of the community and neighborhood parks have not been built to full capacity either.

4. **Agency-Based Assessment:** Percentage of facilities that are fully functional for their specific design and safety guidelines.

Issaquah takes great pride in managing its facilities and active recreation areas in an optimal state. Routine facility inspections are conducted to ensure public safety. Park and recreation facilities are fully functional and adhere to safety guidelines.

5. **Public Satisfaction:** Percentage of population satisfied with the condition, quantity, or distribution of existing active park and recreation facilities.

The March 2015 EMC Research park survey revealed that 86% of survey respondents were satisfied with the job the Parks and Recreation Department is doing overall (Appendix E). While there are some minor gaps within northcentral Issaquah and system improvements that need to be made, community feedback supports Issaquah’s park system and is pleased with its improvements.

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### Table: Indicators and Criteria for Local Agencies

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This is affirmed in the 2017 National Citizen Survey, Community Livability Report (Appendix F) that states 89% of respondents give a positive rating for city parks and 96% feel parks are an essential to Issaquah’s quality of life. The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan Public Engagement effort confirmed the public’s satisfaction with Issaquah’s park system.

6. **Population within Service Areas:** Percentage of population within the following services areas (considering barriers to access):
- 0.5 mile of a neighborhood park/trail
- 5 miles of a community park/trail
- 25 miles of a regional park/trail

There is generally good coverage (80%) of parks with trailheads or parking areas within a half mile to one mile of homes. Parks that are accessible within one-quarter mile by dedicated trails are in portions of Central Issaquah, but are otherwise not extensively available or connected. Including public open space, there are still gaps in northcentral Issaquah due to terrain, limited population and current development type. If Open Space parks are improved with amenities and assets (consistent with environmental conditions), they could serve as recreational resources in proximity to the current and future population.

100% of the city is within five miles of a community park/trail. This is due to the unique layout of the city and a benefit of the many features located within city limits. Though this requirement seems to be fulfilled, there is still a need to construct additional Community Parks and add additional trails (and/or shared-use routes) within the city.

100% of the city is within 25 miles of a regional park/trail. The city is traversed by the East Lake Sammamish Regional Trail and Lake Sammamish State Park.

7. **Access:** Percentage of parks and recreation facilities that may be accessed safely via foot, bicycle, or public transportation.

The city covers 12.10 miles and is traversed by the East Lake Sammamish Regional Trail, 14 miles of urban pedestrian trails, and 8 miles of urban shared-use trails. Within city limits there are also 27 miles of public natural trails. All parks are accessible by public transportation except for Squak Valley Park, Harvey Manning Park and Hillside Park. Squak Valley Park and Hillside Park do not have clearly defined on right-of-way routes for pedestrian and bicycle access.
Issaquah’s Parks and Recreation Vision is to connect residents and visitors to nature and each other through a vibrant parks and trails system within the city, neighborhoods, and regional lands that provide recreation and outdoor activities for a balanced, healthy, and inclusive mountain, lake and valley community.

The Parks Strategic Plan provides a map that guides city officials, staff, partners and the public in integrating the park system and vision into:

- System plans (Comprehensive Plan, the five-year Capital Improvement Plan, and funding strategies)
- Annual budgets (both operating and capital improvement)
- Capital projects (including master plans, design and construction)

This integration will enable the growth of a connected, active, vital city through successful creation and completion of parks, trails, and open space projects. Project by project, the system vision is achieved.
Next Steps:
The success of the Vision and the Strategic Projects list is dependent on a number of funding, planning, and assessment tools. The following list reflects the next steps in implementing the Plan:

**Funding for Implementing Capital Improvements.** Assess funding needed to implement the Strategic Project List. Carefully consider, prioritize, and phase funding and funding sources for the broad range of Strategic Projects to achieve the Parks Vision of a connected, vibrant, inclusive community.

**Performance Based Level of Service.** Initiate and create an LOS metric that more fully studies and assesses the quality of the park system provided for Issaquah’s residents.

**Five-year Capital Improvement Program.** Perform periodic updates incorporating strategic projects as defined by this planning effort.

**Park Impact Fee Update.** Perform periodic updates.

**Comprehensive Plan Park Element Update.** Perform periodic updates.

**Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan.** Initiate a strategic planning effort on city indoor recreation facilities to evaluate current performance, needs and strategies for meeting growing community needs.

**Strategic Capital Projects.** Kick off strategic capital projects specified in the strategic planning effort and initiate project-specific community engagement.

What is the Role of the Parks Strategic Plan?
The Parks Strategic Plan anchors, informs, and sets the stage for additional work.
Guided by the Vision, the Parks Strategic Plan is a dynamic document intended to be updated every six years to evolve with the changing needs and conditions of the community. Tools provided strengthen capacity to engage in decisions between competing demands and expectations; critical within this toolkit is the integration of ongoing coordination with other city planning efforts. One such effort is the Central Issaquah Plan, and more specifically the Green Necklace Vision that has long been part of the Central Issaquah Plan. The following chapter, Chapter 7, is the result of a collaborative effort to better align the Park Strategic Plan with the Central Issaquah Plan. It will take time, effort and effective communication with city departments and the public to achieve the Vision. Along the way, evaluation of the work accomplished will be a measure of the success of the Plan and provide a reassessment of the way forward to the Vision.

Once approved, the Parks Strategic Plan will guide investments and strategic priorities over the next six years. Each year progress on the Park Strategic Plan will be evaluated and a review provided to the Council. In five years, new public engagement efforts will begin for the next update of this dynamic visionary document.

As a component of the Park Strategic Plan, the next chapter titled “The Changing Valley Floor” highlights the Central Issaquah Plan. The plan creates a vision for a cohesive network of parks, trails and other open space corridors that best position Issaquah’s public system to serve current and future residents as the Central Issaquah Valley redevelops.

**Your parks your future**

None of this would be possible without your support. You identified the soul and themes that your parks system should embody, the shortlist of 51 strategic projects that will carry that soul forward, and guided the prioritization of projects within that list.

These truly are your parks—your future.
In January 2018 staff from Parks and Recreation Department, Development Services Department, and the Mayor’s Office sought ways to best ensure that the 2018 Parks Strategic Plan and the Central Issaquah Plan were unified; particularly, as it relates to the Green Necklace and our city-wide network of public parks and trails.

To best do this, we embarked on an intensive and collaborative effort that brought together the Planning Policy Commission (PPC), the Park Board, the original Central Issaquah Task Force, interested residents and city staff from the Parks, Public Works Engineering, and Development Services Departments. This effort took the prior work from the Task Force, the work of the PPC, and the recent work of the Parks Strategic Plan, and collectively mapped them to better define the Green Necklace. With the expertise and experience of the Parks Strategic Plan consultant, Berger Partnership, a more defined vision for the Green Necklace emerged. The Green Necklace Plan (attached) is ready to be incorporated into both the Central Issaquah Visions and the Parks Strategic Plan.

This focused and intentional work kicked-off at a joint PPC and Park Board meeting on February 8, 2018. This meeting, as well as a second joint meeting on February 26, 2018, were formatted as charrettes to foster engagement from both Commissions/Boards and residents in attendance.
One of the discussions at the February 8 meeting centered around the question, “What does success look like for the Green Necklace?” Overwhelmingly the feedback focused on two primary themes; connections and experience. It also was clear that connectivity within the Central Issaquah area needed to reach beyond the Central Issaquah boundary into the rest of Issaquah and continue into the public lands that surround Issaquah. A broader context map was shown at the March 8 joint meeting to highlight this important point. The map, shown to the right, identifies these three concentric circles of the Central Issaquah area, the rest of the City of Issaquah, and broader regional public spaces that surround the city.

This Green Necklace vision seeks to:

1. Define a public system that supports Central Issaquah redevelopment;
2. Serve and support broader Issaquah; and
3. Unify/connect both of those areas with the Issaquah Alps, to Lake Sammamish State Park, and other surrounding public lands.

The elements of the Green Necklace are a combination of public properties, public streets and private property. As such it will take continued collaboration and many different future actions. The details of this vision will be accomplished through site specific Park and Trail planning and design, future Street/Corridor master plans (for example Gilman Blvd in 2018), as well as the development review process for specific private projects. As the Green Necklace Plan was developed, the Parks and Development Services Department reviewed and agreed that the Central Issaquah Development and Design Standards chapters 6, 7, 10, 11, 13 and 16 may require amendments to ensure future development occurs in the manner in which the Green Necklace is envisioned and depicted.

The Green Necklace will take years of hard work and perseverance to accomplish. In fact, the Green Necklace is only possible because of the decades of hard work and perseverance of many. Their work has provided Issaquah its public system and protected the natural beauty that is all around us. It is a tremendous opportunity to complete this cohesive and community-defining public parks and trails system. The Green Necklace Plan is a road map that will need review, assessment and updating as the years go by to ensure its success.
GREEN NECKLACE CHARACTER

With the Planning Policy Commission, the Park Board, and the public, an image-based character exercise was conducted to identify character of the Green Necklace and its 17 elements. The most popular images indicate a desire for a natural, quiet, but formalized experience of nature. In the street realm, seating pockets and protected bike lanes are highly desired. In the urban realm, a pleasant pedestrian experience is desired - multi-use paths, pedestrian only streets, small areas of respite, sidewalks buffered from the street, and seating provided along sidewalks. For public spaces, the integration of wetlands is desired as are hardscaped urban plazas with water elements and trees.

The overarching character identified is reflected in the adjacent images.
The Core Values

Intuitive Connections
Connect the city, region, major parks, schools, commercial/retail areas, and new neighborhoods.

Experience
Create a hierarchy of experiences from urban to natural.

For connections that means using bike/pedestrian trails, pedestrian-centric shared streets, ‘linear urban parks/plazas’ next to streets, and streets with multi-use paths and sidewalks.

For spaces that means using green parks, open spaces, and urban plazas.

Green Necklace Elements

Seventeen elements are identified as comprising the Green Necklace. The elements are:

1. A SERIES OF MAJOR URBAN PLAZA/PARKS
2. THE FUTURE SOUND TRANSIT STATION. THIS INCORPORATES AN OVER/UNDER CROSSING OF I-90 FOR BIKES, PEDESTRIANS, AND CARS, AND A URBAN PLAZA/PARK.
3. 12TH AVE NW IMPROVEMENTS
4A. NW MALL STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AND MALL STREET TRAIL
5A. NW GILMAN BLVD, NW MAPLE ST, AND NEWPORT WAY NW IMPROVEMENTS.
5B. BIKE/PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT SR-900
5C. TIBBETTS CREEK TRAILS
6. A POTENTIAL I-90 BIKE/PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS
7. NW SAMMAMISH RD IMPROVEMENTS CONNECTING SOUTH COVE TO LAKE SAMMAMISH STATE PARK
8. A BIKE/PEDESTRIAN EAST-WEST CONNECTION THROUGH LAKE SAMMAMISH STATE PARK
9. LAKE SAMMAMISH STATE PARK ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS
10. NW SAMMAMISH RD PARK
11. TRAIL ALONG LAKE DRIVE/ 12TH AVE NW
12. PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS TO THE EAST LAKE SAMMAMISH TRAIL AND FURTHER WEST
13. A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND/OR PLAZA
14. THE CREEK CORRIDOR
15. NW HOLLY STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The Green Necklace designates a public vision of major connective and experiential opportunities that residents want preserved and enhanced as Central Issaquah redevelops. Connections are along City property which includes right of ways, parks, trails, and land. Additional acquisitions or easements will be needed to complete this system.

The Green Necklace celebrates Issaquah - it utilizes the creeks and the views, honors existing prized parks, proposes new ones, and embraces future density and future residents, creating a downtown that celebrates city and nature.

This map focuses on the publicly owned, managed, and maintained spaces.

Public/private spaces and partnerships are encouraged and anticipated to occur and are anticipated to further add to the system, yet are not dictated by this vision. These public/private elements will be guided by the Central Issaquah Development & Design Standards (Standards) and partnering planning works.

This vision is supported by and supports many other planning efforts, including the Mobility Master Plan, the Walk ‘n’ Roll Plan, and future transportation efforts. This Green Necklace vision will be revisited and evolved as other City planning efforts evolve.

This vision guides a hierarchy of intuitive public connections and spaces for bikes, pedestrians, and vehicles, connecting within Central Issaquah and the surrounding areas.
THE GREEN NECKLACE

NOTE:
This work dictates the major connective and experiential moves to maintain and celebrate - not the smaller moves that will evolve as development progresses.

A pedestrian scaled street grid will evolve as development occurs, as guided by Central Issaquah Standards UD.2.1.1, UD.2.2.1.0, UD.2.2.1.1, UD.2.2.1.2, UD2.2.2 and Chapters 6 and 12.

Similarly, minor public/private parks and plazas will be developed by projects that wish to benefit from the proposed system and as guided by Standards UD.2.4.1 and Chapters 7.3B and 13.

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The Green Necklace

A series of major public spaces - a mix of urban plaza and park - that together become more than the sum of their parts. This series of spaces can be seen as multiple entities with individual character, yet also as a connected larger space. Adjacent buildings will face the park/plaza with windows, entrances, and active spaces. Streets will create view lines into and through the park to ensure park/plaza safety (see Standards UD.2.4.2., UD.2.4.3). Spaces will:

• provide flexible space to be used for a variety of activities and uses (see Standards UD.2.4.2., UD.2.4.3)
• connect the 12th Ave NW Type 2 Connection to the future Sound Transit station
• respond and directly connect to the Mall Street Trail
• integrate paved areas and seating with plantings
• allow areas for concerts, markets, public forums
• celebrate nature in various ways

Space 1A

Space 1A will integrate:

• an over-arching natural feeling, potentially with wetland aspects
• paved areas that facilitate small scale gathering
• paved areas to lean toward the curvilinear (versus rectangular)
• an interactive “natural” water element(s)
• large trees
• open (not canopied) areas
• copious integrated seating elements such as seat walls and/or benches
• integrated planting areas

This element is a strategic project identified in the Parks Strategic Plan and is eligible for park impact fees.
Space 1B will be an area that will facilitate many types of gathering and events, including large gatherings. This space will integrate:

- an interactive water element(s) that may metaphorically connect to 1A's water feature
- a more urban or manicured feeling than space 1A
- integrated seating elements

This element is a strategic project identified in the Parks Strategic Plan and is eligible for park impact fees.

Hardscaped plaza space provides gathering and integrates water features used for both visual amenity and play. Plaza creates a mixing area for commerce and recreation. (Top image: McCoy Park, Portland. Murase Associates. Bottom image: Public Square, Cleveland. Field Operations.)

Space will provide area for large-scale gathering and events near the Sound Transit station.

Hardscaped spaces incorporate seating and are defined by planting.
A potential location for the future Sound Transit station could connect over or under I-90. A Type 2 Connection will accommodate bikes, pedestrians, and cars creating an intuitive connection North to Lake Sammamish State Park. By definition the Type 2 Connection will provide a pleasant linear park-like pedestrian and bike experience.

This over/under connection will also provide a urban plaza and/or park space that intuitively connects to the southern parks/plazas. This space will be an area that can facilitate large gatherings.

This space will integrate:

- a paved plaza
- pedestrian-oriented organic-feeling planted spaces
- celebration of view wherever possible
- public art
- facilities for those traveling by bike

This element is a strategic project identified in the Parks Strategic Plan and is eligible for park impact fees.

Potentially an overpass lid integrating pedestrian and vehicular circulation, hardscape and planting. (520 lidded interchange. HBB Landscape Architecture. Image copyright Andrew Buchanan/SLP.)

Integrate bike parking and facilities for bicyclists. (Barcelona, Spain. Image credit: Ryan Snyder.)

Integrate iconic public artworks. (Spoonbridge and Cherry, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. By Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen.)

Include organic-feeling spaces integrating greenery for pedestrians. (Bottom left image: Tanner Springs Park, Portland. GreenWorks PC. Bottom right image: Luxembourg Garden, Paris.)

Hardscaped public plaza at the station that can accommodate large-scale gatherings, vendors and food trucks. (Top image: McCoy Park, Portland. Murase Associates. Bottom image: Si View Park, North Bend.)
12th Ave NW becomes a Type 2 Connection. This street will accommodate cars while also providing a pleasant pedestrian and bike ‘linear urban park’ experience, including:

- buffered and/or very wide bike lanes to protect from passing cars
- sidewalk buffered from the street with a wide planting strip, lushly planted, punctuated by street trees and groves of smaller trees where possible and as views to the North and South allow
- pedestrian realm designed to promote pausing with seating integrated along the sidewalks at least twice a block. Restaurants will provide outdoor dining spaces along this street

This street becomes a key connective piece of the city, connecting (and emphasizing connections to):

- the Type 2 Connections Gilman and Maple
- the Type 3 Connection Mall Street/ Mall Street trail, and thus the Sound Transit over/under I-90 crossing
- the Type 1 Connection Newport
- Tibbetts Valley Park
- Views to the South of the surrounding mountains and Mount Rainier
- Views to the North of Mount Baker and, if possible, Lake Sammamish

Contingent on Sound Transit location, 12th may continue north to Lake Sammamish State Park.
NW Mall Street focuses on the pedestrian/bike experience. This street is to include:

- emphasis on pedestrian amenities with high quality materials, including but not limited to paving treatment, and color will be integrated
- specialty light fixtures
- pockets of planting of varying widths to add comfort for pedestrians and streetscape interest. Planting will provide a pollinator pathway mix of plant species.
- frequent trees with an emphasis on trees with a more open canopy

The existing block of NW Mall Street between 12th Ave NW and SR-900 becomes a Type 3 Connection. Seating pockets will be integrated some of which designed to double as small plaza spaces for performers/concerts. This block will have direct intuitive connections across 12th Ave NW to Mall Street Trail.

This section will follow Standard UD.2.1.1.2, Through-Block Mixed Mode Passage:

- “pedestrian and bike prioritized and the motor vehicle is the ’guest’”, a woonerf
- 20’ minimum shared use/vehicular area
- 6’ minimum separation between shared use/vehicular area and building face
- traffic calming devices
- planting beds and trees
- pedestrian-scaled lighting, seating areas
- special, non-asphalt paving
NW Mall Street continues east as a pedestrian/bike only Mall Street Trail, connecting to trails at 7th Ave NW and creating a major east-west trail connection to the south of I-90. Emergency and hour-specific business access will be allowed.

Trees, planting, specialty paving treatment, light fixtures, and color will be used to unify the Mall Street Trail to NW Mall Street. Frequent benches/seat walls will be integrated between shops, continuing the high quality materials and color along NW Mall Street. Retail and restaurants will be encouraged to face Mall Street Trail.

Developer pocket plazas that provide additional connections, respite, and seating, will be encouraged.

**This element is a strategic project identified in the Parks Strategic Plan and is eligible for park impact fees.**

**Mall Street Trail**

Pedestrian only zone with benches between shops, high quality paving treatment, specialty lighting, and planting pockets. (Left image: Pearl Street Mall, Boulder. Right image: Kirkland Central Condominiums.)

This Trail will be a mix of an alley like feeling, a trail, and a plaza. The character may change along the Trail while unifying design elements will provide cohesion. (Left image: Stackhouse, Seattle. Berger Partnership. Right image by Crandall Arambula.)

The Trail will directly connect to plazas 1A and 1B, and potentially expand into pocket plaza spaces. Developer pocket plazas may provide additional connections and amenity. (Top right image: Public Square, Cleveland. Field Operations. Bottom left image: YWCA Family Village, Issaquah. Bottom right image: Beekman Street Plazas, Manhattan. Field Operations.)
NW Gilman Blvd, NW Mall Street, NW Maple St, and Newport Way NW are Symbiotic Corridors. They are four unique corridors that act as one entity, each corridor serving an individual purpose that balances and enhances the others by providing for multiple user groups.

NW Mall Street is pedestrian and bike centric. A Type 3 Connection west of 12th, Mall Street becomes pedestrian/bike only 7th to 12th. Refer to Element 4 for full discussion and character.

NW Gilman Blvd, a street currently in the master planning process of being re-imagined, is envisioned to become a Type 2 Connection providing a ‘linear park’ pedestrian and bike experience. This street must move traffic yet should be attractive to walking and outdoor dining. Retail, dining, and residences will be oriented towards the pedestrian sidewalk, activating the pedestrian realm (see Standards UD.2.3.2.2, UD.2.3.4.1, UD.2.3.2.1). Retail and restaurants will provide visual access from the street.

NW Gilman Blvd is to incorporate a bike facility. Separation from the street is preferred. Bike path to be intuitively separated from the pedestrian zone.

A bike path is buffered from the street and the pedestrian zone. Where possible provide planting and trees on both sides of the bike path. (Top right image: Indianapolis Cultural Trail. Bottom image: Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia.)
NW Maple Street is also a Type 2 Connection, ‘linear park’ pedestrian and bike experience. These linear parks are distinctive; NW Maple Street has a lesser footprint than Gilman and the pedestrian realm will mostly be for moving through while providing a pleasant shopping and outdoor dining experience. Maple Street is to incorporate:

- a consistent street tree canopy
- restaurant related/other seating pockets to create a buffer for pedestrians from flow of vehicular traffic. Wide pockets of planting will enforce this buffer where possible - planting does not need to be continuous along the street, and should not block access from parked cars to the sidewalk
- retail and restaurants providing visual access from the street. Restaurants will provide outdoor dining opportunities (see Standards UD.2.3.2.2, UD.2.3.4.1)
- wide bike lanes either between parked and moving cars or parked cars and sidewalk

Wide pockets of planting will enforce the buffer from the street. Planting does not need to be continuous along the street - planting should not block access from parked cars to the sidewalk. (Top left image: The Lyric Apartments, Seattle. Berger Partnership. Right image: Stackhouse, Seattle. Berger Partnership. Bottom image: Bell Street Park, Seattle. MIG and SvR.)
Newport Way NW incorporates a multipurpose path on one side of the street that accommodates pedestrians and bikes and a sidewalk on other side of the street.

Walking experience will be heightened with planted buffers and interesting planting. Street trees will provide a consistent rhythm along the corridor, and be as tall as view triangles, overhead lines, and other restrictions allow. Pavement and planting treatment will celebrate and emphasize trail and pathway connections that intersect Newport Way NW, and celebrate and emphasize connections to Tibbetts Valley Park.

The Preferred Concept was selected based on the engineering and operational analysis, and direction from the community outreach process.

The cross section shows the proposed facilities that are to be constructed along Newport Way NW, including travel lanes for vehicles, planting areas, sidewalks, bicycle lanes and a multi-user trail on the north side of the street. A center left turn lane or a landscaped median is included for the segment of Newport Way NW between SE 54th Street and NW Oak Crest Drive.

The segment between NW Oak Crest Drive and the Bergsma Development access road does not include the center left turn lane/median to reduce the roadway width and because there is limited need for access to property.

The following preliminary exhibits and layouts are a result of an extensive community outreach process, coordination with inter-City Department meetings, and input from additional stakeholders such as King County Metro and Eastside Fire and Rescue. As this is not intended to be a final design, the following exhibits are meant to show the relationship between the proposed roadway corridor layout and the existing roadway corridor with adjacent land uses. As the project progresses towards final design, the development of Preferred Concept and preliminary (10%) design for the corridor will need to address the following steps in order to be constructed.

- Ongoing coordination with development projects along the corridor to ensure the preferred concept is incorporated into their frontage improvements
- Complete the corridor survey and environmental and geotechnical analyses
- Develop a design details such as grading limits for driveways, side slope embankments, and walls
- Determine utility improvements for City owned and franchise utilities and design utility corridor
- Design intersection treatments with detailed grading for ADA compliance
- Determine exact right-of-way (ROW) impacts through additional vertical design of roadway
- Pursue grants and other funding options
- Construct project improvements, potentially in multiple phases

Provide safe bike/pedestrian travel at SR-900. Study is needed for appropriate locations, and/or if over-street connections are appropriate or possible.

Connect the Gilman/Mall/Maple bike/pedestrian connections to the SR-900 boardwalks and the future Tibbetts Creek trails.

Continue safe bike/pedestrian passage along SR-900 at the I-90 off ramp. A bike lane separated from vehicular traffic is desired.
The Tibbetts Creek trail system will serve as a public space and trail corridor, providing connectivity and areas for pausing or gathering. This element is an item within the current Rowley Development Agreement.

Major southeast connection may be contingent on the location of a safe bike/pedestrian connection over SR-900 connecting to Gilman/Mall/Maple (see element 6).

Major north connection is to Newport Way via Anthology (formerly Gateway). A potential I-90 bike/pedestrian overpass will provide future connection to Lake Sammamish State Park (see element 8) and, pending work on the NW Sammamish Rd pinch point, the South Cove neighborhood (see element 9).

Buildings adjacent to this area in the ‘Natural Context Zone’ (as identified in the Standards) will provide a setback that connect the buildings, uses, and activities to the natural area. Public access is required between regulated creeks/wetlands and building frontage (UD.2.3.2.3).

This trail system celebrates it’s context - both natural and built. This system will vary from very natural and loose to more defined and cultivated (such as the images with split rail fences and winding paths leading to development). This variation should respond to the surrounding built context. Bridges, benches, and fences should be made of natural elements - raw metal or wood. The trails should have a multitude of experiences, from open to more enclosed by trees, framing views of surrounding nature, or focusing on the creek itself. Trails will provide intuitive access to surrounding development while not focusing on the surrounding developments. Any planting done should have native wildlife in mind.

This element is a strategic project identified in the Parks Strategic Plan and is eligible for park impact fees.
A potential I-90 bike/pedestrian overpass will provide future connection between the north and south sides of I-90. The Anthology (formerly Gateway) Development has provided a ‘landing pad’ for this future overpass.

The bridge is primarily to provide safe passage for pedestrians and bikes, however planting is to be integrated to provide as much wildlife connection as possible. Views of natural elements will be celebrated and defined by the bridge. From I-90 the bridge will create a portal into Issaquah. Stylistically for pedestrians, bikes, and cars traveling I-90, this bridge will recall alpine elements.

The City of Issaquah is coordinating with WSDOT for additional access along NW Sammamish Rd to safely connect the South Cove neighborhood to Lake Sammamish State Park and Central Issaquah. Given space restrictions only a sidewalk may be possible at the narrowest point. Buffers and enhanced bike/pedestrian connections are to be introduced as soon as possible. Desired elements are:

- a bike lane separated from cars
- a pedestrian experience as removed from the road as possible that celebrates natural elements - as quiet as calm as possible
- integrated eye catching art that merges usefulness, art, and nature to provide a placemaking iconic element for bikes/pedestrians/cars

Once WSDOT has completed their work, the City will be responsible for designing/building the additional space for this connection.
A bike/pedestrian east-west connection through Lake Sammamish State Park will serve as the intuitive non-motorized experience paralleling NW Sammamish Rd. This connection will link West to NW Sammamish Rd enhancements (see element 9) and East to existing Issaquah Creek Trails, the Creek Corridor, and to the East Lake Sammamish Trail.

This connection will be quiet, off-road, and of natural materials. The connection will travel through treed areas, fields, formalized gathering areas for festivals, and provide direct connections to the athletic fields and the new NW Sammamish Rd pedestrian access points and Central Issaquah beyond. This work is contingent on coordination with the State Park.
Major entries to Lake Sammamish State Park that promote pedestrian/bike access should be created and celebrated. Entries at the park will be emphasized with bike amenities. Entries will provide a formalized natural aesthetic, potentially including grassy lawn areas or native-based aesthetic plantings. Entries should provide direct access to amenities such as playgrounds and quiet, contemplative lawned areas, as well as the athletic fields.

In conjunction with this work, the entire edge along NW Sammamish Rd needs added pedestrian access points. This work is contingent on transportation projects and coordination with the State Park.

Entries will provide a formalized natural aesthetic, groomed and well maintained, while providing a feeling of peaceful connection with nature. (Top right image: Washington Park Arboretum, Seattle. Berger Partnership.)

Entries will provide bike amenities. (Barcelona, Spain. Image credit: Ryan Snyder.)

Entries will provide direct access to park amenities such as playgrounds and athletic fields. (Veterans’ Memorial Playground, Issaquah.)
12 NW Sammamish Rd will provide a bike path and added pedestrian permeability into the park. Pedestrian access points into the park will merge city and natural characters; some connections may feel more urban, some more natural. A wide bike path, buffered from cars by planting, will be separated from the pedestrian sidewalk by a curb. Strong, safe pedestrian/bike crossings of NW Sammamish Rd need to be provided.

This work is contingent on transportation projects and coordination with the State Park.

13 The existing 12th Ave NE and Lake Drive currently creates an unofficial bike route through this part of town. Celebrate this route and make an official bike/pedestrian trail separated from cars, potentially expanding on the existing trails in the area. This path would be integrated into the future Sound Transit connection over/under I-90. This path will travel through commercial areas as well as areas bordering natural areas, and the character should reflect that evolution.
As this area is developed, intuitive pedestrian connections need to be made down to the East Lake Sammamish Trail and further west. Multi-use paths and wide buffers from streets are desired for this area of town. Connected by these paths, gathering spaces, both lawn and hardscaped, are desired. Where possible, natural trails/connections through nature should be embraced.

These connections need to serve the area within Central Issaquah. Connections to the east and north need to be studied for feasibility and implemented where possible.

Safe passage for pedestrians and bikes across E Lake Sammamish Parkway SE needs study and implementation.

This location is identified for a neighborhood park and/or plaza that celebrates views of Mount Rainier, surrounding nature and the sunset and integrates gathering, relaxing, and active spaces. Surrounding buildings will respond to and activate the park.

If possible, locate with an amenity/vendor that will offer food/drinks to further enhance this public space.

This element is a strategic project identified in the Parks Strategic Plan and is eligible for park impact fees.
The Creek Corridor is Issaquah’s primary north-south corridor of parks and trails that serves as the anchor and primary feature of Issaquah’s park system. This trail corridor will ebb and flow through the natural and built environments. This network is realized by connecting parks, trails, and properties along Issaquah Creek acquired for riparian habitat conservation. The Creek Corridor includes the Rainier Trail.

Historically a barrier, the creek becomes a point of connection between neighborhoods. The Creek Corridor weaves through the valley floor for the entire length of the city, connecting city districts, neighborhoods and businesses and serving as a gateway to Issaquah’s natural areas: Tiger Mountain and Squak Mountains to the south, Lake Sammamish to the north, and Issaquah Creek.

**Creek Corridor Trails**

The Creek Corridor Trails, where along the creek and in existing ‘natural’ areas, will be kept as natural feeling as possible. Built elements might include overlooks over the creek, or places to celebrate quieter aspects of the creek.

Buildings adjacent to this area in the ‘Natural Context Zone’ (as noted in the Standards) will provide a setback that connect the building, uses, and activities to the natural area. Public access is required between regulated creeks/wetlands and building frontage (UD.2.3.2.3).

- **Creek Corridor Trails**
  - These trails will provide space that is close to nature. Materials will be kept as natural as possible.
  - Where closer to developments, trails may take on a more manicured appearance.
  - Utilize overlooks to provide spaces close to yet not intruding on nature.
  - Celebrate quieter aspects of the creek. (Tanner Springs Park, Portland, GreenWorks PC.)

**This element is a strategic project identified in the Parks Strategic Plan and is eligible for park impact fees.**
Creek Corridor Gathering Places

The Creek Corridor will provide spots to pause and gather in nature for the surrounding urban area. Natural play elements and/or sculptures might be integrated in some areas, potentially as moments of surprise along the trail. Gathering areas should have low impact on nature.

The Rainier Trail

The Rainier Trail should continue being celebrated as a special element in the city, with special paving treatments and planted surroundings where they do not hinder high connectivity to this route.

Gathering areas should be placed along, respond to and integrate with this trail.
NW Holly Street becomes a Type 1 Connection, part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail. Pedestrian and bike centric, this street runs along Issaquah Valley Elementary School and Confluence Park, connecting Newport Way, the Mall Street Trail, the Rainier Trail/Creek Corridor and Front Street - a connection between Olde Town and Central Issaquah.

Create a street that provides strong, pleasant access for bikes and pedestrians, potentially a multi-use path separated from the street. Provide a wide planted or grassed buffer from the street, and plenty of trees. Clearly mark trail connections.

Integrate park-like elements that complement and add to neighboring Issaquah Valley Elementary and Confluence Park, such as playground areas. Celebrate natural areas where possible.
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APPENDIX A

Phase 1 Public Engagement Summary
INTRODUCTION

The City of Issaquah is undertaking a 2017 update of its Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan, hereafter referred to as the 2017 Parks Strategic Plan. A critical component of this Plan is identifying and articulating the community’s vision for its parks system. A key part of Issaquah’s 2017 Parks Strategic Plan is public engagement, to help identify and articulate the community’s vision for its park system. The public engagement strategy includes ongoing activities to communicate about the project, and two targeted outreach phases:

- **Part 1:** Focused on generating ideas and vision for the parks plan. Goals include gathering ideas for subareas and gathering public input on major issues to be addressed. This outreach was conducted between February and April 2017.
- **Part 2:** Gather public input on priorities for the Plan, and gather feedback on the final Plan. This outreach will be completed later in 2017.

This Public Engagement Summary provides a summary of all results received from Part 1 of the City of Issaquah’s public engagement activities related to the 2017 Parks Strategic Plan.

**Part 1 Outreach Activities**

Goals for Part 1 of the public engagement process included:

- **Gather ideas for subareas.** Encourage participants to brainstorm ideas and share thoughts on the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities in each subarea.

- **Gather public input on major issues to be addressed.** Are there community needs that the 2017 Parks Strategic Plan should address? How can the Parks and Recreation system better respond to ongoing trends in the community?

Public engagement activities for Part 1 included six Community Workshops, online input via Peak Democracy, and social media. Participants were asked for their input on seven key outreach questions, including:

1. Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
2. What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
3. What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
4. Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
5. How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
6. What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
7. What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

These public engagement opportunities were communicated to the public through a number of tools, including the project landing page on the City’s website, project calling cards, email updates, social media, and engagement of the Park Board. More detail about each opportunity is provided following.

Subarea Community Workshops

This series of six meetings introduced the 2017 Parks Strategic Plan project to the community and for the public to provide input on it. Meetings included maps and small group facilitated discussions that encouraged participants to share their ideas, opinions, and knowledge about Issaquah’s Parks system. Meeting dates, locations, and the number of attendees are provided following:

- **March 21: Issaquah Senior Center.** Attendees included three Park Board members and five residents.
- **March 23: Tibbetts Creek Manor.** Attendees: Four Park Board members and five residents.
- **March 27: Grand Ridge Elementary.** Attendees: Two Park Board members and ten residents.
- **March 29: Issaquah Valley Elementary.** Attendees: Two Park Board members and six residents.
- **April 4: Pickering Barn.** Attendees: Two Park Board members and three residents.
- **April 6: Sunset Elementary.** Attendees: Two Park Board members and three residents.

Online Input via Peak Democracy

An online Peak Democracy survey-style tool was used to collect responses to the seven outreach questions. The tool was available on the City of Issaquah’s website and was open between March 10th and April 28th. A total of 190 responses were received.

Input via Social Media

The City of Issaquah collected feedback on the Parks System through Facebook comments on timeline posts on their Facebook page.

RESULTS

Methodology

This Public Engagement Part 1 Summary includes key findings from the six public workshops and the online survey-style tool, along with comments received on social media. The full data collected and supporting these findings is provided in the Appendix.

Data collected during Phase 1 public engagement activities is primarily qualitative. BERK Consulting conducted inductive theme analysis to summarize ideas and responses. Inductive theme analysis is qualitative analysis that generates key findings about the outreach questions from participant responses to those questions. Because the goal of this Part 1 outreach was to brainstorm ideas and needs, we looked for high-level themes, findings, and insights, which are summarized following. As such, results do not strictly follow the set of questions. When answers provided to a question fit more appropriately with a different outreach question, they were analyzed with that question. This theme analysis was qualitative and does not weight data based on the number of responses received.
Words and phrases describing public engagement participants’ ideal future parks system.
Issaquah residents appreciate having places and opportunities for people to join together – for play, exercise, activities, and more.

**Strengths**
- Playgrounds and play areas
- Mix of ages in parks
- Farmer’s market
- Many parks are highly used by the Issaquah community
- Welcoming
- Contribute to Issaquah’s livability
- Existing parks are high-quality and enjoyable
- Many wonderful family parks
- Issaquah is a destination for parks and open space

“Issaquah has many quality parks and it is one of the redeeming qualities of our town.”

“Parks and trails are important in my life as I enjoy the outdoors and being able to meet new people on paths and trails.”
Suggested Improvements

- Facilities for kids
- Off-leash trails/areas
- Dog parks
- Facilities: shelters, etc.
- Parks that are welcoming to all
- Multiuse spaces
- Multigenerational activities
- Increase development of community/neighborhood parks to support more uses
- Increase opportunities for play in parks

“More things for kids to do! Maybe some parkour trails like the old-fashioned kind in the 80’s (with "stations" with exercise equipment).”

“We come from a place where there were lots of neighborhood parks that were generally open, not fenced with signs saying "for residents only." It would be nice to see more parks with a friendlier feel like that.”

Wish List

- Activity spaces
- Gathering spaces
- Play opportunities
- Concerts
- Places for seniors, youth, families
- Multi-generational activities
- Memorable places
- Community gardens
- Picnic areas and benches
- More playgrounds
  - Unique and engaging playgrounds
- Support arts and culture in through the Parks

“Hang out space.”

“Parks are essential to a well-rounded community. People who live in apartments especially need a place to get out and experience nature. A park needs to be a hub of activities and local events. A gathering place for all who wish to use them.”
Many respondents spoke about protecting natural areas and having places to enjoy nature. This includes plants, trees, wildlife, water features, and views. For many people, enjoying nature is a quiet, passive activity, while for others it includes activity like hiking.

**Strengths**

- Number of parks
- Passive uses
- Opportunities to enjoy nature
- Habitat protection
- Issaquah is surrounded by natural beauty

“The city has done a good job setting aside or buying back land to protect the creek habitat, of course efforts need to continue in this area.”

“The Issaquah area has great natural beauty.”
Suggested Improvements

- Balance developed trails and park space with maintenance of the existing natural environment
- Provide interpretive signage to help prevent impacts to the environment
- Provide wayfinding to keep trail users on the trails and prevent impacts to the environment

“Current parks and trails generally respect and protect views, trees, and wetlands; please continue to seriously consider this as further park amenities are developed.”

“We also like that some parts are kept more wild to enjoy the natural space. I like that there are plenty of garbage cans so when others forget to put their garbage away, I can help pick up without needing to carry it home. Please protect our streams and wildlife while allowing us to enjoy the outside.”

Wish List

Issaquah Creek trail
Protect streamside areas
Maintain tree canopy
More peaceful, open space parks
Environmental education
Interpretive center about watershed, wildlife, outdoor education
Protect wildlife
Beauty
Views
Ensure waterways are not impacted by park development
Promote “leave no trace” and “pack it in, pack it out” practices on trails

“I envision a parks, trails and open space system linked together by the unifying and defining feature of Issaquah Creek (and I think you do too). This town is about Salmon Days!”

“I would like to see more parks that are just open space with trees and places to just enjoy nature.”

“More open space for parks that are peaceful that provide a respite from everything else in the City.”

“When I think of “parks/trails/recreation” I think about more than planted parks for human utility, but tree canopy, wildlife habitat and open space.”

“Leave as natural as possible.”
ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

Issaquah residents value opportunities for play, activities, athletics, and recreation. They value the activities and facilities Issaquah currently has to offer, and have many ideas for improvements.

Strengths
- Variety of activities
  - Mix of ages in one park
  - Activities for different ages
- Athletic fields
  - Soccer
  - Ball fields
- Play areas and parks for children

“As someone who has raised children here, I think parks for children have been well done over the years.”

Suggested Improvements
- Artificial turf fields
- Improved playground equipment
- Increased aquatics opportunities
  - Outdoor aquatics
  - More hours and opportunities
  - Water polo
- More programming for seniors
- Enhance amenities to support all weather use
- Develop parks that support a diversity of uses
- Ensure adequate athletic facilities for new growth

“Bring exercise station back.”

“There is a lot of emphasis on walking and hiking. It would be nice to see more options - games, more climbing gyms, sports areas, maybe some areas that are protected from the rain. And more dog parks!”

Wish List
- Creative playground features
- Water parks
- Activity spaces
- Concerts at parks
- Multi-generational activities
- Bike rentals
- Frisbee golf
- Events, concerts
- Laser tag
- Roller hockey
- Disc golf
- Golf course and/or driving range

“I would like to see more "drop in" outdoor activities, like Tai Chi in the park, especially for seniors.”

“The playgrounds are primarily geared to tots. Playgrounds should be more accessible, challenging and encourage family interaction.”

“More water features within parks themselves. Fun to have an Issaquah Water Park:). Outdoor community public pool.”
SAFETY AND HEALTH

Having safe places to walk, play, and recreate is important to many Issaquah residents, as well as opportunities for active and healthy lifestyles.

Strengths
- Trails
- Numerous parks and open spaces
- Variety of places to run

Suggested Improvements
- Improve lighting
  - On walking paths and urban/developed trails
  - In parks
- Flashing crosswalks where trails cross roads
- Monitoring of users
- Police foot patrols
- Fences around playgrounds
- Need more trash cans
- Use volunteers to help maintain parks and trails and cleanup litter

“Lighting could be better. Running and walking at night I have to use a headlamp.”

“Monitoring the parks to make sure homeless people are not sleeping there, as well as groups of young people or others, just lingering. Many folks need to feel safe when walking in the darker hours of early morning and late evening.”

Wish List
- Promotion of healthy lifestyles
  - Green belts
  - Gathering places
- Safe walking trails and parks
  - Panic button in parks
- Improve ADA access
- Provide covered areas and benches to support all users and allow breaks

“Safety – maintain it and plan for it.”

“Safe access from key neighborhoods (like South Cove and beyond).”
ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

Being able to easily get to parks and trails is a key goal for many residents, whether on foot, by bicycle, car, or bus. Access can also be improved through communication and signage.

Strengths

- Convenience of nearby parks
- Pedestrian access
- Great access to natural trails
- Great access to recreational trails and hiking

“I am in love with the walkability and variety of trails in the feeding into downtown Issaquah.”

“I walk to many paths and trails, which was one of the reasons we chose to live in Issaquah.”

“Issaquah is making progress at acquiring parcels along Issaquah Creek, and in making some connections of neighborhoods to parks, including the Issaquah Alps.”

“Love the greenness of Issaquah and surround area. We are blessed to have mountain trails accessible from our downtown corridor.”
Suggested Improvements

Pedestrian Access
- Crosswalks/intersections
- Interconnected trails
- Create connections between parks
- Add amenities like lighting, trash cans, and wayfinding to trails used for transportation purposes

“...it would be great to have trails that would allow people to roam from one neighborhood to the next to the parks without having to walk along the shoulders of very busy roads with no sidewalks (like Issaquah Pine Lake).”

Parking
- More parking at specific trailheads
- Parking enforcement and signage

Signage and Communication
- City websites: provide trail information, including suggested age level, difficulty
- Improve signage at specific areas. Include both wayfinding and information like trail difficulty

Other
- Bus and shuttle service to trails
- Increased bicycle access
- Improved trail maintenance
- Wheelchair accessible trails
- More multi-modal trails

Wish List

Amenities
- Covered spaces and nodes on trails
- More public parking at trailheads
- Flashing crosswalks where trails cross roads
- Put a bathroom at the Sunset parking lot
- Restrooms along trails
- Benches and rest areas along trails

Specific Connections
- Need an East-West trail connection
- Interstate 90 crossing to Lake Sammamish State Park
- More interconnected and loop trails in Downtown Issaquah
- More non-motorized, multiuse trails for getting around Central Issaquah
- Improve connection from Community Center across Sunset
- Develop Central Park as a trailhead

“Connectivity between parks should be our greatest interest. If we make Issaquah more bike/walker friendly, especially with access to the creek system, that would provide great value to the town itself.”
FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

The facilities and administration of Issaquah’s parks and trails are recognized by many residents as both a strength and area for improvement.

Strengths

- Number of parks
- Well distributed
- Well groomed
- Maintained trails

“Key strengths are the fact that there are numerous parks and open spaces, and different varieties of activities available in the parks to appeal to most residents.”

“Love our parks. Well groomed, love the variety of trees, plants, shrubs etc.”

Suggested Improvements

- More parks for growing population
- Dog parks
- Better lighting and signage
- Improved maintenance of trails and parks
- Trash cans, benches, shelters, restrooms
- More picnic areas
- More trails around parks, such as Confluence
- Community gardens
- Better timing of construction

“Every neighborhood should feel like they have a park.”

“Some shelters at the soccer fields would be appreciated, especially for this wet winter.”

“We have tons of land but have not programmed or maintained most of it. It should not be called a park unless it in mainly (70%) weed free, has a garbage can and a bench.”

Wish List

- Aquatic center
- Complete the Green Necklace
- Botanical garden
- Viewpoint seating
- Water park
- More food and beverage options

“Walking Trail from Lake Sammamish State Parks through city to Tibbetts Valley Park (cross I-90).”

“if we could buy land along the Issaquah Creek and create a creek trail all the way from Sunset to Lake Sammamish.”

“Reimagine some existing parks to make them more functional...this would include paths (during our rainy season some parks not functional due to wet ground and no paths to walk on), benches and parking.”
ADMINISTRATION

Many Issaquah residents have praise and suggestions on how the City administers its parks and trails system.

**Strengths**
- Recent park additions
- Community engagement

“I think Parks is doing a really great job as recently evidenced with the Confluence Park, skate park, and Salmon Run Park. Parks matches a genuine desire to bring enrichment to the community through our parks, trails, and open spaces with a genuine desire to engage the community to do so!”

“We’ve been really impressed with the parks and trail system. While it’s inconvenient at times to have construction going on, we appreciate that improvements are being made to the trails.”

**Suggested Improvements**
- Marketing and communication
  - Trail marketing and directions
  - More effective branding
- Funding
  - Impact fees/new development
  - Public/private partnerships
- Concessions
  - Food trucks
- Enforcement of rules, such as pet cleanup
- Relationships with other agencies, school district
- Engagement of residents, volunteers

“Please remember local residents that live close to construction sites for new parks or projects! If any streets will be inconvenienced please let residents know in advance so we can be prepared :)”

**Wish List**
- Identify as part of the City’s branding
- Complete the Green Necklace
- Support regional tourism
- Develop public/private partnerships
- Recruit and support volunteers

“Communicate on where parks are.”

“Go big – be Seattle’s trailhead.”

“Let’s accelerate our investment in Parks and Open Spaces to reflect our community pride and recreational opportunities in this growing City.”

“For the public to be able to use the existing Trails -- we don’t really need any more, what we want is to be able to use what we have…but instead, the City closes one park(Confluence) for more extensions, and closes the 2 main Trails that are used consistently…”
Favorite Places
A full list participants’ favorite parks and trails, including reasons why will be included in the full Public Engagement Part 1 Summary.
Issaquah residents have many beloved parks in and around Issaquah, several of which are shown on the map to the right, along with the features of the parks people identified that they enjoyed.
Other parks and trails in and around Issaquah that were mentioned as favorites included:
- Gibson Park
- Pickering Barn grounds
- Depot Park
- Rainier Trail
- Issaquah High School Trail – Poo Poo Point
Other non-Issaquah parks and trails mentioned as favorites included:
- Bellevue Park
- Discovery Park
- Green Lake Park
- Lincoln Park
- Marymoor Park
- Point Defiance Park
- Robinswood Park
APPENDIX: FULL COMMENT DATA

This appendix contains all public input received through public workshops (March 21 through April 6), the online survey (March 10 through April 28), and social media. It is presented verbatim, with minimal edits related to spelling and conventions, to improve clarity. Data is arranged by question, with responses provided by theme. Because some responses fit in more than one theme, they will be listed more than once under that question.

1. Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

How We’re Doing

- Above average. Strategic plan is a good step.
- Doing great.
- Doing okay.
- Doing well.
- For the most part Issaquah parks and trails are a great amenity to the community of Issaquah.
- For the most part, I am proud of Issaquah's existing parks and trails. We live in a community that values the outdoors and being active.
- Good overall,
- Great! Need more garbage cans
- Great.
- Have plenty.
- Issaquah is doing fairly well with regard to parks and trails.
- Issaquah is doing well. They have a significant amount of parks, that are generally well-maintained and operated.
- Looking good!
- Looks great.
- Nice job
- Overall, well.
- Pretty Good! And there's room for opportunity.
- Pretty good.
- Pretty well!
- The city has done well over the years capturing available land for open space and parks. In addition, there's a great recreational contribution to the city with well-managed programs and use of sports fields.
- The existing network seems to work well and is enjoyable.
- We have enough parks and trails.
- We have great parks and trails!
- You're doing great.
Strengths

Mobility and Connection
- Olde Town Issaquah is very walkable/bikeable thanks to the trails.
- Connectivity
- Convenience, close by
- I am very pleased with the current state and my understanding of the direction the City of Issaquah (CoI) is taking. Easy access for pedestrians is critical. The dialogue on such issues at the Front and Sunset streetscapes was very heartening.
- Issaquah is making progress at acquiring parcels along Issaquah Creek, and in making some connections of neighborhoods to parks, including the Issaquah Alps.
- Love the greenness of Issaquah and surround area. We are blessed to have mt. trails accessible from our downtown corridor.
- Options available for trail access into Cougar, Squak and Tiger mountains.
- Strengths are that there are a lot of options and a vast trail network.
- We live in an amazing location - the natural beauty surrounds us! Our strengths: we have easy access to a significant number of mountain trails on 3 mountains! (tiger, cougar, squak), our trails follow along paths that highlight Issaquah's jewels (i.e. Issaquah Creek - Squak Access Trail and trail from the med. building to Pickering Barn), we have a beautiful trails at Lake Sammamish State park, and have some pretty awesome parks (love Lake Sammamish and Confluence...my kids have enjoyed train park plenty).
- We love having access to all the Cougar Mountain trails.

Administration
- I think Parks is doing a really great job as recently evidenced with the Confluence Park, skate park, and Salmon Run Park. Parks matches a genuine desire to bring enrichment to the community through our parks, trails, and open spaces with a genuine desire to engage the community to do so! As a resident of Issaquah, there’s no place I’d rather live.
- Lake Sammamish State Park – integrated coordination
- Public outreach

Community
- As someone who has raised children here, I think parks for children have been well done over the years.
- I love Hillside park. It is a wonderful family park. Children and families use it daily as a trail and play area.
- I think Issaquah's parks and trails are great. I really enjoy all the parks. I have a three year old daughter and we love to use them.
- I'm thrilled about the upgrades and new Lake Sammamish playground. The kids will love it!
- Issaquah has nice parks providing athletic fields and playgrounds for children.
- Mix ages in one park
- There are plenty of ball parks, and parks for children.
- Great walking and parks for kids.

Livability
- Athletic Fields
- Central Park Fields and playground programs
• I like the playsets, although a few parks should be updated.
• Issaquah has nice parks providing athletic fields and playgrounds for children.
• Play Areas
• Playground
• Soccer / Ball fields
• Strengths include the fact that some soccer fields are turf like at Central Park,
• There are plenty of ball parks, and parks for children.
• Turf fields at central park are nice.

Facilities and Maintenance
• 3) Existing parks and trails are constantly being improved. For example, I am very excited about the extension of SE 62nd Street and the underpass for the East Lake Sammamish Trail. I will miss biking to the Farmers’ Market this summer but I know the result will be worth the wait.
• Addition of new parks like Confluence.
• Athletic Fields
• Beautiful parks and trails, especially when the weather is nice.
• Central Park Fields and playground programs
• Cougar ridge is great - well maintained.
• Good that we have a large number of parks.
• Great walking and parks for kids.
• I like Issaquah's commitment to having several parks and that there is a variety.
• I like the playsets, although a few parks should be updated.
• I love the improvements to Confluence Park.
• I love the parks and trails in Issaquah. It's one of the best things about living in this area. I don't get out there enough as it's difficult with my toddler but I look forward to getting out there more soon as my child is able to walk further.
• I think Issaquah's parks and trails are great. I really enjoy all the parks. I have a three year old daughter and we love to use them.
• I think the parks are fantastic, so are the trails!
• I'm thrilled about the upgrades and new Lake Sammamish playground. The kids will love it!
• Issaquah has a lot of wonderful parks and trails. I'm very pleased with both the quantity and diversity of parks and trails.
• Issaquah has an amazing parks and trails system that attracts people to live and play from all over the state and country.
• Issaquah has many quality parks and it is one of the redeeming qualities of our town.
• Issaquah has nice parks providing athletic fields and playgrounds for children.
• Issaquah parks are wonderful and the trails are phenomenal.
• Key strengths are the fact that there are numerous parks and open spaces, and different varieties of activities available in the parks to appeal to most residents. Downtown park is coming together nicely, keep up the good work. We can't wait to see the bridge completed, and the City maintenance area turned back into park land.
• King County proposed trailhead is good.
• Land – quantity (Not used to potential /potential not realized (i.e. [Grass] ballfields cannot be used as much))
• Lot’s of trails, lot’s of bike paths.
• Love our parks. Well groomed, love the variety of trees, plants, shrubs etc.
• Love the greenness of Issaquah and surround area. We are blessed to have mt. trails accessible from our downtown corridor.
• Love the trails.
• Love them. Love the nice maintained trails, plants, trees.
• Making good moves to maintain and improve existing parks and trails. Thank you. Strengths include:
  • Open Space next to public lands-
  • Our parks are beautiful.
  • Play Areas
  • Playground
  • Soccer / Ball fields
  • Strengths are maintaining and keeping clean parks and trails.
  • Strengths are that there are a lot of options and a vast trail network.
  • Strengths include the fact that some soccer fields are turf like at Central Park,
  • Strengths- trails (but need more signage on trails)
  • Strengths: 1) There are a lot of parks and trails.
  • Strengths: maintenance, quality of facilities.
• The city has done a good job setting aside or buying back land to protect the creek habitat, of course efforts need to continue in this area. There is a good amount of open space but a limited amount of play structures in the parks.
• The parks and trails are nicely maintained
• The strength is that land is being acquired and converted to parks (Cybil Madeline Park).
• The strengths are the walking and biking trails.
• There are plenty of ball parks, and parks for children.
• There are some fun trails for walks and trekking and lots of park space.
• There is a good backbone of soft surface trails and paved multi-use trails.
• There is good strength providing a multitude of parks spaced around the city.
• Trail System – bikes
• Turf fields at central park are nice.
• Variety of places to run trails, ponds, grassy areas, mountains
• We have a nice system of trails.
• We live in an amazing location - the natural beauty surrounds us! Our strengths: we have easy access to a significant number of mountain trails on 3 mountains! (tiger, cougar, squak), our trails follow along paths that highlight Issaquah’s jewels (i.e. Issaquah Creek - Squak Access Trail and trail from the med. building to Pickering Barn), we have a beautiful trails at Lake Sammamish State park, and have some pretty awesome parks (love Lake Sammamish and Confluence...my kids have enjoyed train park plenty).
• Well distributed
• We’re looking forward to the improvements on East Lake Sammamish Trail being complete.
Nature and Environment
• Good natural areas
• Habitat Protection
• Natural Areas
• Open space
• Open space / passive uses enjoy nature
• The city has done a good job setting aside or buying back land to protect the creek habitat, of course efforts need to continue in this area. There is a good amount of open space but a limited amount of play structures in the parks.
• The Issaquah area has great natural beauty, but without careful stewardship the views, trees, and wetlands that we treasure could be put at risk.

General Praise
• From the few parks I have used we like them; Job done well.
• Good employees / programs
• Good parks.
• I am very pleased with the current state and my understanding of the direction the City of Issaquah (Col) is taking. Easy access for pedestrians is critical. The dialogue on such issues at the Front and Sunset streetscapes was very heartening.
• I love our parks.
• Issaquah as a destination

Specific Strength, Park, or Trail
• 2) Olde Town Issaquah is very walkable/bikeable thanks to the trails.
• 3) Existing parks and trails are constantly being improved. For example, I am very excited about the extension of SE 62nd Street and the underpass for the East Lake Sammamish Trail. I will miss biking to the Farmers’ Market this summer but I know the result will be worth the wait.
• Cougar ridge is great - well maintained.
• Cougar/squak/tiger trails all great.
• East Lake Sammamish Trail is here
• Farmer’s Market [good]
• I am impressed! Our family has enjoyed Pine Lake Park, Beaver Lake Park and especially Soaring Eagle.
• I am in love with the walkability and variety of trails in the feeding into downtown Issaquah.
• I love Hillside park. It is a wonderful family park. Children and families use it daily as a trail and play area.
• I love the improvements to Confluence Park.
• I think Parks is doing a really great job as recently evidenced with the Confluence Park, skate park, and Salmon Run Park. Parks matches a genuine desire to bring enrichment to the community through our parks, trails, and open spaces with a genuine desire to engage the community to do so! As a resident of Issaquah, there’s no place I’d rather live, but
• Issaquah is making progress at acquiring parcels along Issaquah Creek, and in making some connections of neighborhoods to parks, including the Issaquah Alps.
• Key strengths are the fact that there are numerous parks and open spaces, and different varieties of activities available in the parks to appeal to most residents. Downtown park is coming together nicely, keep
up the good work. We can’t wait to see the bridge completed, and the City maintenance area turned back into park land.

- The strengths are the extensive trail networks on Grand Ridge, Squak and Cougar.
- We love having access to all the Cougar Mountain trails.

**Improvements**

**Mobility and Connection**

- [Provide] parking at parks where appropriate
- Also, with new parks opening tmaking sure proper parking is in place before officially opening to the public.
- Connections – hard to walk to parks
- Connections between valley – trails, crossings at roads, loops needed
- Covered spaces for walking
- Easy rail access to forested areas from parks
- Formalize walkways used
- I’d also like to see flashing crosswalks where trails cross roads. Ideally, avoid road crossings when possible.
- I’d like more park connections and increase walk-ability with lit up crosswalks
- Improvement opportunities include: More walking/jogging trails.paths around parks (for example adding a trail/path around the parameter of Confluence) and
- Improvements: 1) Have more trash cans - I am seeing a lot more trash especially glass beer bottles. 2) Better lighting on walking paths.
- interconnectivity with public lands
- Lighting could be better. Running and walking at night I have to use a headlamp.
- Make every new residential development document how they will connect their residents to a nearby trail and, as needed, force them to provide easements for trail linkages and trail completion.
- Need east-west trail connection
- Need I-90 Crossing to Lake Sammamish State Park
- Need to connect South Cove to Lake Sammamish State Park
- Not well distributed
- Parking [not enough] at High Point, South Tiger Mountain
- There is a disparity in parks across different neighborhoods, often based on density and when the neighborhoods were developed. The Highlands has great parks, and downtown has some that are well loved. However Tibbets fields are falling behind and Central Park will be better with the improvements coming.
- Time to travel to different parks
- Walking Trails in parks – seniors
- We also come from a place with more interconnected trails, and it would be great to have trails that would allow people to roam from one neighborhood to the next to the parks without having to walk along the shoulders of very busy roads with no sidewalks (like Issaquah Pine Lake)
- A trail is missing connecting the South Lake Sammamish neighborhood of Issaquah to the rest of the downtown / community.
• Always try to incorporate wheelchair accessibility when financially feasible;
• As a runner and coach we have very few flat trails that stretch for miles (this is especially apparent with Lake Samm. trail under construction), the trails on the road that do exist have many road crossings with lights (the lights are not timed for pedestrians so I could spend a significant time just standing waiting), I'm also not sure why Issaquah believes improving our trails includes paving them. The soft surface of trails ensures a permeable surface for water to flow through, is easier on all our knees and joints, and helps preserve the feeling that Issaquah is special.
• As we plan for the future lets work to connect the parks with walking/bike trails or designated lanes so families with children can safely travel around the valley floor.
• better sidewalks to/from parks to allow walking/biking would be good. Example - 212th ave
• Connectivity between parks should be our greatest interest. If we make Issaquah more bike/walker friendly, especially with access to the creek system, that would provide great value to the town itself.
• however, parking could be improved or handled in a different way.
• I can not get to many of the trailheads because the buses don't go to many of them. Buses do not tend to go up Squak mountain
• I wish there was better bike lanes or bike path from Front St to the Park-n-Ride lot. The shoulder for cycling is not very wide either way on Newport.
• Increase safety when crossing sunset and other roads. We need flashing lights at crossing when drivers are going over 25 mph.
• Increase the connectivity of our trails.
• More connected trails to run around in downtown issaquah would be amazing!
• More strategic acquisitions are needed as the Green Necklace develops. Areas to improve are to provide connectivity, increased public engagement and provide more awareness to the community about what is available now and expected for the future. A city-wide parks map and brochure that is currently in progress will be helpful. More trail signage and interpretive panels along the way would improve the walking, educational and hiking experience. In addition, providing more viewpoints with seating and cover would enhance the walkable features of our trail system. A focus toward year-round use would be a great feature.
• More wild land trails and access parking.
• Need more parking at some.
• Our areas for improvement: create trails with fewer lights that are flat, time traffic lights for pedestrians, put up maps on all the sign posts with no signs, put in a bathroom at the sunset parking lot, open up bathrooms at confluence and other parks throughout the winter, opt for grass fields over turf, if you opt for turf please ensure not made from tires as the health risk to kids is significant.
• Parking could be better at most trail heads including vehicle safety while hiking.
• Parking should be improved - too many cars on road at Poo Poo Point Trailhead and it is very dangerous.
• Rainier Trail needs better connections from Community Center across Sunset.
• The main entrance to Poo Poo point. Too much traffic and not enough parking. Either restrict the amount of people who can go on the trail or make it safer for people to walk on the side of the road to get to the trail. It is very dangerous, especially people with children and pets. It might not even be relevant if it's not a city park.
• The parking situation around Poo Poo Point is ridiculous. You need to fix that. Its unsafe for people walking down the road. Obviously people want to hike there. Putting signs up and cement barriers on the road is doing nothing. You need to find a different solution.
• Walkable access to parks, and the use of parks as part of safe walkable corridors linking schools, residential areas, and shopping/library/community centers. Creating walkable access to parks from residential and community centers, links our parks with the community and schools, and creates safer, more usable space.
• We just need to keep the trails connected
• What is missing is more non-motorized multi-use trails for getting around Central Issaquah.

Active Lifestyles
• 3. Improve playground and landscape at Depot Train Park with updated children's playground equipment and features. This is the only playground in downtown Issaquah which should be the most desirable and engaging playground for families.
• Add exhibits and attractions
• Aquatics – Capacity (space), needs, time in water, water polo
• Artificial turf fields at Tibbett’s Valley Park
• Artificial turf safety concerns [infill]
• Bring exercise station back
• but Issaquah is really lagging behind other cities in putting turf on baseball fields. My son has been playing soccer for 8 years and baseball for 10 years. Baseball is played from March - July and we often have to drive to Marymoor park to play in March and April because they have the turf fields there. It's nice that Dodd Field has turf, and it is fully utilized for the younger kids, but after age 12 there are no turf baseball fields in Issaquah.
• Confluence park should get a playground. Gibson's park playground is way too small.
• Consider adult uses
• Convert our Baseball fields to Turf Fields. This is the Pacific Northwest so it rains from October to June. With so much rain it makes no sense for our baseball fields to be anything other than turf fields. Little League and other leagues cannot use our fields over 6 months of the year wasting this valuable resource. The Park system needs more Baseball and Soccer fields. We have too many teams/groups wanting to use these fields and there is simply not enough of them. Add more fields.
• Educate about gardening
• Field geared to young / teens
• Fields at Talus / Squak / Greenwood Point for open play
• Golf / Driving Range
• I would like to see a swim and aquatics facility more substantial than what Boehm has to offer. Being the parent of swim and waterpolo youth, it is frustrating to see the lack of facilities in the area. A quality facility seems like something that would see a lot of use.
• Mixed age activities close together
• programming has little to offer seniors.
• Roller Hockey
• There are 2 complaints I have. 1) As some new developments go in, they put in what are called parks, but they are very small with play structures meant for toddlers. They add little value to the community. 2) There is a shortage of pools. Boehms pool is wonderful, but it is overcapacity and high schools in Issaquah and Sammamish don't have sufficient access to pools (water polo is a big sport south of Issaquah School District, but not available in ISD)
There are many ways to recreate without having to spend millions or even hundreds of thousands to develop land for a park. Consider a Disc Golf park. People of all ages can enjoy playing disc golf, and it is practically free to the user, they just need disc golf disc which cost about $10 and up.

http://www.innovadiscs.com/course-development/

- Under-utilized parks [change to] artificial turf

**Maintenance and Facilities**

- “Park size” – [not all parks are real parks]
- 3. Improve playground and landscape at Depot Train Park with updated children's playground equipment and features. This is the only playground in downtown Issaquah which should be the most desirable and engaging playground for families.
- Add exhibits and attractions
- Always try to incorporate wheelchair accessibility when financially feasible;
- Areas that need improvement: We need to maximize use of each park and trail and make each space special and safe. For example, the Tibbetts Valley Park playground seems like an afterthought up there on the hill. It could be an amazing playground with slides built into the hill or something else with unique design. Why aren't there more interesting playgrounds (like the new one at Lake Sammamish State Park) instead of the same generic play equipment? Also, a lot of playgrounds need fences to make them feel safe for children of all ages. For example, there is a playground on Newport Way just west of the hatchery. It is relatively close to the road and I rarely see anyone there. If it had a low, attractive yet functional fence around it, I would take my kids there.
- As a runner and coach we have very few flat trails that stretch for miles (this is especially apparent with Lake Samm. trail under construction), the trails on the road that do exist have many road crossings with lights (the lights are not timed for pedestrians so I could spend a significant time just standing waiting), I'm also not sure why Issaquah believes improving our trails includes paving them. The soft surface of trails ensures a permeable surface for water to flow through, is easier on all our knees and joints, and helps preserve the feeling that Issaquah is special.
- Bring exercise station back
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- Could use more facilities for dogs and kids to run and play
- Dogs in parks and on trails are not always on leash. Perhaps a park with a specific off-leash area would give owners an acceptable alternative.
- Expand Community Center facilities
- Field geared to young / teens
- Fields at Talus / Squak / Greenwood Point for open play
• Golf / Driving Range
• Good drainage in parks so they can be used year-round (i.e. Grand View)
• Grand View park is terrible though. The walking trail around the grass is fine but no-one can ever use the grass because it is always a soggy wet mess. That park needs to be redone to be of any use. Would prefer you build a skatepark there or a pool. Something for the whole family. Tear down the playground to make more parking if required as there is already a Highlands playground right there!
• however many trails could be improved (more regular maintenance).
• I see many nice parks that appear to get very little use, sad. Perhaps some of that seldom used space could be converted for off-leash dog use.
• I think its about quality and not suiting every sport coming down the pike, are your base ball fields the best.. every thing trimmed all the holes filled... ok you have my thought pattern,, stop chasing the next fad but clean up what you have!
• I wish there were more opportunities to purchase things like snacks or gas for small boats. I think we could provide some conveniences, while maintaining the small town feel and actually improving the sense of community by making the parks more of a family destination.
• I would like to see efforts made to address other users, including disabled and those with dogs. A botanical garden would be nice, too.
• I would like to see a swim and aquatics facility more substantial than what Boehm has to offer. Being the parent of swim and waterpolo youth, it is frustrating to see the lack of facilities in the area. A quality facility seems like something that would see a lot of use.
• Improve - dog parks and rules, lake / creek access and ameneties. More hiking is always good.
• Improved: more variety (a dog park, and water feature park, more picnic shelters, more natural rock features, a rain sheltered playground).
• Improvements: 1) Have more trash cans - I am seeing a lot more trash especially glass beer bottles. 2) Better lighting on walking paths.
• Improvements; the re-striping for parking at Beaver Lake (baseball entrance) was probably well intentioned, but people don’t park the way it was restriped....might be worth revisiting. Some of the Soaring Eagle trail posts could use their #’s replaced with newer versions and make them more obvious.
• It would be nice if the Preston-Issaquah trail was better maintained, or even paved the whole way.
• Lack of waste cans – both garbage and pet waste [in open space areas]
• Lake Sammamish Park beaches - I am concerned these will become dog beaches if there are no specific signs.
• Lighting could be better. Running and walking at night I have to use a headlamp.
• Maintenance / stewardship (trails/invasive plant removal) to maintain natural beauty and open space quality
• Maintenance is lacking on some trails-- areas get muddy and would benefit from pea gravel fill.
• More engaging playscapes would be nice.
• More wild land trails and access parking.
• My number one hope is to have a dog park in Issaquah. We are a city with lots of dogs and nowhere to throw a ball or let them run. A great dog park would quickly become your most used park.
• My only point of improvement would be adding a playground to the open space "park" on Squak Mountain. We live on Squak Mountain. We know a lot of young families on Squak Mountain and it would be great to have a park within walking distance. Nothing elaborate is needed. Swings and a slide. I don't advocate for increased public spending for park facilities, and I'm not really advocating for this. What I'm saying is if
existing parks funds exist, a park in the middle of Squak Mountain, on existing public land, would seem to be at the top of the list. Tibbets Valley park is great, but one up the mountain would be great, too.

- Need a dog park in Confluence Park.
- Need a Dog park in Issaquah. Ideally one near the lake sammamish so it has water as well.
- Need to be better maintained - Central Park is often strewn with trash, has had a water pipe leaking for years and now has the grass all torn up from kids joyriding.
- Now I have canine children and the park amenities for them are lacking! Please add an off-leash dog park on enough land to give both dogs and humans a decent walk. Please visit the one in Snoqualmie (Three Forks) for something we should be able to pull off in a town our size. Please visit the dog park in Issaquah Highlands for what not to do - unlevel ground, no walking paths, under power lines, muddy :( . Currently we go to Marymoor 2x/week.
- Off-leash areas for dogs
- Other Parks in the Highlands (Black Nugget, Grand View etc) are waterlogged and unusable much of the year.
- Our areas for improvement: create trails with fewer lights that are flat, time traffic lights for pedestrians, put up maps on all the sign posts with no signs, put in a bathroom at the sunset parking lot, open up bathrooms at confluence and other parks throughout the winter, opt for grass fields over turf, if you opt for turf please ensure not made from tires as the health risk to kids is significant.
- Parks need to be improved. More dog parks. Bmx/ skate park. More tennis courts
- Please stop criss crossing Tiger Mountain with new trails. They deface the landscape and don't add anything helpful.
- Provide covered spaces
- Really disappointed the road by the post office is closed and the trail. That is how I get to work via bike. I no longer can bike to work as I won't ride on the road in that area.
- Signage where there may be confusing breaks in the trail system.
- Some parks could use a bench or two.
- Some shelters at the soccer fields would be appreciated, especially for this wet winter.
- some trails inside the city need more lighting as they are secluded.
- Squak Valley South play equipment tube need drain holes in bottom
- The areas in Old Town along the creek are lacking vision and public benefit. Low impact paths, seating areas and additional seasonal landscaping is needed to repair the eye sore left by vacant lots.
- The beach area's of lake sammamish park could use improvement. If at all possible, I'd like more sand, clean the sand, and if possible put sand in the water so we are not walking in rocks, mud and clay...
- The city built the confluence Park but since last October, we haven't been able to use it. It's been fenced off for more construction. We don't understand all this construction of parks, people don't really utilize them that much...what we need to concentrate on would probably be more trails. Now, we see that the Pickering barn trail will be closed for 18 months, as well as the E. Lake Sammamish trail, we don't understand why these trails will be closed when people use them the most (Spring & Summer) Please explain.
- The litter on the ground and parking lots are a big concern.
- The only thing that I can think of regarding improvement is better trail signage.
- There are some nice trails, but it would be good if they were marked a little better. Also it would be great to have trail maps online or on the Facebook page for visitors to check out.
• There does not seem to be quite enough parks for the growing city population. Parking and crowds are an issue, especially due to parks with ball fields/turf scheduled so heavily by sports practices.

• There is a huge need for a dog park in the Issaquah Olde Towne area.

• There needs to be better fields with lights for students to play soccer on. Soccer is a year round sport around here and there are no turf fields besides the highlands and schools, and some of them don't have lighting. It is unsafe for the kids to be playing on the terrible grass at Tibbetts, IHop and Costco fields. They need to be fixed and upgraded.

• Tibbets baseball fields need a serious upgrade. The dirt and the outfield grass are dangerous and not very well maintained.

• Too little pool facilities. Our High School kids don't have enough time to practice, and other clubs in the area are also traveling a lot to practice or compete.

• Trailhead directions / wayfinding

• Trailhead signage, restrooms

• Under-utilized parks [change to] artificial turf

• Walking Trails in parks – seniors

• We also come from a place with more interconnected trails, and it would be great to have trails that would allow people to roam from one neighborhood to the next to the parks without having to walk along the shoulders of very busy roads with no sidewalks (like Issaquah Pine Lake)

• We are in need of a dog park, with at least a section of it fenced in. For kids to play in parks, it's very helpful to have a bathroom available at the park. It seems there is a huge focus on bike paths. I'd rather see a bigger emphasis on places for people to walk/run/walk dogs. But the parks are a huge part of what drew us here from Bellevue. They add so much to the sense of community and the neighborhood "feel."

• We definitely need some off-leash dog parks on the valley floor and more friendly on leash trails throughout the system.

• We have tons of land but have not programmed or maintained most of it. It should not be called a park unless it in mainly (70%) weed free, has a garbage can and a bench.

• We need a dog park in the city of Issaquah.

• We need a dog park near route 900 and Newport.

• We need a dog park!

• We need a large fenced dog park in Issaquah. The one in the highlands is too small and I hear, not level. There are many dog owners in Issaquah who would appreciate a larger, flatter place to let their dogs run free. Running water and bathrooms would be nice too. Handicapped, walking path, are other great ideas.

• We need ball parks and places to play for all types of children and adults.

• We need more dog parks (and washing station)

• We would like to see more neighborhood parks. Also, we come from a place where there were lots of neighborhood parks that were generally open, not fenced with signs saying "for residents only." It would be nice to see more parks with a friendlier feel like that.

• We would so love to have a dog park. Maybe by the state parl.

• What about adding covers to some of the play structures so they can be used rain or shine. In my hometown, a beautiful playground wasn't being used in the summer because the sun was making the equipment too hot. The city covered it to address that issue, and now families are there in the sun and rain.

• Would love more regional parks like it. [Cougar ridge]
Administration

- 1. Enforce responsible pet ownership on the trails - picking up owns dog feces and disposing of it appropriately. 2. Enforce pets on leashes. 90% of the time pet owners hike the trails with unleashed dogs creating safety hazards for families hiking with children and potential dog fights with other leashed dogs on the trails.
- but, after Margaret McLeod departed, there seems to be a gap in a focused, prioritized, aggressive approach to identifying and purchasing needed properties for the Green Necklace and for trail gaps. Having an approved Parks bond is huge and Issaquah should always allow its citizens to vote for, and support, more parks and open space. The Green Necklace must be a top priority.
- Could use more facilities for dogs and kids to run and play
- Good amount of trails but need to be kept litter free and need more dog bags so there is no excuse
- How to find paths – different types
- I am very concerned that the central park turf fields project we voted for is having issues. It feels like the money we approved as voters is being taken away from our park.
- I have serious concerns about acquiring and maintaining new land to keep our green space vs developments in balance.
- I realize the challenge the City faces prioritizing resource investment to ensure that most of the citizens are happy, which also means some will not be as happy. The City has been good about involving the community in the decision making process, but I also feel that projects have been delayed due to too much community involvement.
- I would like to understand instead if our parks department has a strategic plan that they are working towards and how the parks department is performing according to that plan. We have lots of parks and trails - but are these the right parks and trails in the right locations that will serve citizens now and in the future? How do we know?
- It's frustrated that so many parks are restricted to specific neighborhoods. We live on the lake, but it's annoying that so many parks are empty of people, but locked off from the public at all times. Maybe just close them off in the summer, when the neighborhood would use them most?
- Loose dogs cause problems for picnics, games and sports. Dogs should be on leash when playing here.
- Make every new residential development document how they will connect their residents to a nearby trail and, as needed, force them to provide easements for trail linkages and trail completion.
- more effective marketing/branding the park network. For example, I was unaware of multiple parks (such as Hillside Park, Ingi Johnson Park and Walen Hill Park) in the network that are reflected on Issaquah Park and Trail page.
- More strategic acquisitions are needed as the Green Necklace develops. Areas to improve are to provide connectivity, increased public engagement and provide more awareness to the community about what is available now and expected for the future. A city-wide parks map and brochure that is currently in progress will be helpful. More trail signage and interpretive panels along the way would improve the walking, educational and hiking experience. In addition, providing more viewpoints with seating and cover would enhance the walkable features of our trail system. A focus toward year-round use would be a great feature.
- My concern is that the City is rapidly changing, particularly with the development along Newport Way and on the valley floor. Many of the remaining undeveloped areas of the City are so for a reason, either because of steep slopes, floodplains, wetlands, or other critical areas. I would hate to see Issaquah do what Sammamish did and become just a sea of wall to wall housing developments. People need open spaces and undeveloped land to make a city livable. Parks is on the front line of maintaining these vital living spaces in Issaquah.
• Only negative is the need for pedestrians to either jump out of the way or get hit by cyclists. Would prefer to have some trails without cyclist access
• State and Federal Parks are segregated making it difficult for the public to understand which is which. to have separate fees and passes shows the greediness of each establishment than to make it a "user friendly" system of one pass for all trail systems. Stop thinking of it for the government politics and start thinking of it from a user aspect....all corporations and companies have to do it that way...
• State Park – would like to see commercial business in park
• Takes too long to get new areas "developed". I suggest using community power! Confluence Park is a good example of big wheels grinding slowly.
• The city built the confluence Park but since last October, we haven't been able to use it. It's been fenced off for more construction. We don't understand all this construction of parks, people don't really utilize them that much...what we need to concentrate on would probably be more trails. Now, we see that the Pickering barn trail will be closed for 18 months, as well as the E. Lake Sammamish trail, we don't understand why these trails will be closed when people use them the most (Spring & Summer) Please explain.
• The City should make any new development pay significant impact fees for parks and trails...people move or want to work in Issaquah primarily because of the close connection to nature! They shouldn't reap the rewards of what we've created here without contributing to completing needed open space purchases and trail gaps.
• The community is growing fast and balancing open space with new development is crucial to maintaining community health and quality of life that residents enjoy about Issaquah. There are multiple regional parks adjacent to the community that make Issaquah's existing park resources some of the best in the region. Collaboration with land managers about easy access into these parks is a strength and will be of key importance with new development. Future improvements should focus on ensuring diversity of uses and connectivity between parks and regional trails.
• There are some nice trails, but it would be good if they were marked a little better. Also it would be great to have trail maps online or on the Facebook page for visitors to check out.
• There does not seem to be quite enough parks for the growing city population. Parking and crowds are an issue, especially due to parks with ball fields/turf scheduled so heavily by sports practices.
• There is a disparity in parks across different neighborhoods, often based on density and when the neighborhoods were developed. The Highlands has great parks, and downtown has some that are well loved. However Tibbets fields are falling behind and Central Park will be better with the improvements coming.
• there's still good work to be done to improve our parks and open spaces as Issaquah grows. Let's accelerate our investment in Parks and Open Spaces to reflect our community pride and recreational opportunities in this growing City.
• Trail marketing
• Trailhead directions / wayfinding
• Utilize buildings more – (i.e. TVP Concessions, food trucks)
• We simply need more parks and trails and less new, high-density housing.
• We would like to see more neighborhood parks. Also, we come from a place where there were lots of neighborhood parks that were generally open, not fenced with signs saying "for residents only." It would be nice to see more parks with a friendlier feel like that.
• Well first off, I'm beyond angry about the skate board park!!!! Who's making money off the interest while we wait for it to be built??????if I were in charge of this craziness, I would have put it behind the police station no questions asked!!!!! That small ballpark behind the station is a joke, and with all the school
districts ball fields there's no way that it would impact T ball or little league in any way! As a taxpayer and a parent of all of these services and a parent of a child that grew up here at the old skate board park and then he became a heroin addict while hanging out and being approached by dealers....I am damn mad at this mess we are all in...now my son who's in recovery says that it would be the best if our skate park was built behind the police station...all the water, sewer and power along with already graded land would be the easiest and quickest way to build.

- While there are those who would argue there are never enough sports fields, the city has more than enough for it's residents. The challenge is the demand is from a much broader area outside of the city from folks who don't have to pay the taxes to build and support them.

Nature and the Environment
- Current parks and trails generally respect and protect views, trees, and wetlands; please continue to seriously consider this as further park amenities are developed.
- I have long felt that Issaquah Creek is underutilized as a recreational asset in Issaquah and am happy to see that appears to be changing with the development of Confluence Park. As an older woman walking alone, I feel safer on trails like the Rainier Trail and would like to see more trails like it.
- Make it a non negotiable part of every park (and other as far as that goes) development to DO NO HARM BUT INSTEAD AT LEAST SLIGHTLY MAKE BETTER the impact on any natural water way or runoff; walkways should use as porous of paved surface as feasible. Trees removed should be replaced somewhere else, and more trees added where feasible.
- We also like that some parts are kept more wild to enjoy the natural space. I like that there are plenty of garbage cans so when others forget to put their garbage away, I can help pick up with out needing to carry it home. Please protect our streams and wildlife while allowing us to enjoy the outside.

Safety
- Also, sometimes I'm afraid to walk on Rainier trail past the skate park further toward Tiger because people are in the woods "hanging out" drinking beer (littering) and perhaps drugs, who knows. I used to see police on bicycles, but I haven't in a while. Also, Tiger mountain has people camping (illegally) and I can smell alcohol sometimes when I pass some of those people on foot. This is also scary - although not Issaquah property, I think the City should advocate for their citizens for safety concerns and illegal activity. Posting a polite sign about trail etiquette would be helpful (keep to right, etc.) would be helpful along Rainier trail in both directions.
- Areas that need improvement: We need to maximize use of each park and trail and make each space special and safe. For example, the Tibbetts Valley Park playground seems like an afterthought up there on the hill. It could be an amazing playground with slides built into the hill or something else with unique design. Why aren't there more interesting playgrounds (like the new one at Lake Sammamish State Park) instead of the same generic play equipment? Also, a lot of playgrounds need fences to make them feel safe for children of all ages. For example, there is a playground on Newport Way just west of the hatchery. It is relatively close to the road and I rarely see anyone there. If it had a low, attractive yet functional fence around it, I would take my kids there.
- Artificial turf safety concerns [infill]
- As we plan for the future lets work to connect the parks with walking/bike trails or designated lanes so families with children can safely travel around the valley floor.
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I would like to see the Issaquah police on foot patrol around the community center once in awhile.

Improvements: 1) Have more trash cans - I am seeing a lot more trash especially glass beer bottles. 2) Better lighting on walking paths.

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Specific Improvement Ideas

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Central Park develop as a trailhead

Community time capsule

Great potential at Lake Sammamish State Park

I hope with all the construction @ this park that something is done to make the grassy area level. Before construction it was very uneven, had a lot of holes and was not safe to walk across the grass.

Improve trails on parcel outside city boundary in Issaquah Highlands for flat trails for families

Improvement opportunities include: More walking/jogging trails/paths around parks (for example adding a trail/path around the parameter of Confluence) and

More community gardens

More community gardens would be helpful.

More picnic areas would be great. More trails.

Need I-90 Crossing to Lake Sammamish State Park

Need to connect South Cove to Lake Sammamish State Park

Need to extend East Lake Sammamish Trail through Issaquah.

Some shelters at the soccer fields would be appreciated, especially for this wet winter.

Squak Valley South play equipment tube need drain holes in bottom

State Park – would like to see commercial business in park

There are many ways to recreate without have to spend millions or even hundreds of thousands to develop land for a park. Consider a Disc Golf park. People of all ages can enjoy playing disc golf, and it is practically free to the user, they just need disc golf disc which cost about $10 and up.

http://www.innovadiscs.com/course-development/

2. What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

Places in/near Issaquah

- [Issaquah] Ighlands [development]
- Additional dog parks are needed.
Along isy creek

Also Confluence Park prior to the construction and current fences.

Although I don't think its in Issaquah Parks, I am really happy with the updates to the Lake Sammamish state park. The east beach has been cleaned up and the new playground is excellent.

And Beaver lake has some nice wide flat areas

Any & all

Beaver Lake is peaceful and walkable. Pine Lake is great for swimming. The Klahanie trails and sidewalks, as a model for true walkable/bikeable access, allow safe and enjoyable access to parks, schools and shopping.

Central Park - great playground and facilities.

Central Park - variety of options.

Central Park / South Pond – beautiful, identifiable, wide flat trails, picnic shelter, track

Central Park for the lighted turf fields (but we need more lighted turf fields!)

Central Park is very good now and will be even better when the new turf fields with lights go in soon. Yes, these fields are used extensively by organized sports. But even when organized sports aren’t using the fields, you will most times find families utilizing the fields just to have fun “something they can’t do for most of the year on the grass fields. Tibbett’s Valley Park is great in the summer and I wish we had year-round usage. My family, including our dog, also likes using the trails at Squawk Mountain, Tiger Mountain, and behind the high school.

Central Park, Memorial Field, Railroad Grade

Central park. It is utilized by youth and adults across many sports and age groups. The turf is awesome.

Community Center – Surry, multiple use

Community Center in Mall

Community Center Lawn - concerts on the green. Other parks are more just like neighborhood parks rather than something to draw the entire community to each evening/weekend.

Confluence is our favorite. Love More Natural parks with creek, mature trees, lots of land.

Confluence Park

Confluence Park – along creek

Confluence park is the only park with features for kids in our neighborhood so we like it best! We loved the rock play area but that has been changed now. We also love taking the Pickering barn trail from our house to Farmers Market. Also we take the Rainer Trail to the community center. We walk our dog at Salmon run park.

Confluence Park – natural

Confluence Park - streams and salmon watching. Tibbetts Valley - room for recreation.

Confluence Park because I like the trails along the creek. When following the dirt paths it is very easy to forget you’re in the city

Confluence Park gardens because there is sunlight and an opportunity for urban gardening.

Confluence Park has a lot more trees and vegetation which looks beautiful. We need more trees and vegetation at our parks.

Confluence park is looking better and the pathways around Gilman Village are very inviting.
Confluence Park is my current favorite. I would like to see boardwalks along the creeksides, to provide viewing points, especially when the salmon are returning, without people, kids and dogs getting into the water.

Confluence Park is wonderful open space near downtown that is a great location for a walk. Can't wait until if fully reopens!

Confluence Park, the trail along Issaquah Creek downstream of the Upper Intake, all of the trails on Squak Mtn., the trails that emanate from the trailhead just off of Sunset near I-90.

Confluence. All trails.

Cougar - great hiking.

Cougar Mountain (natural place to get away)

Cougar Mountain because of how many trail options there are. You can hike as little or as long as you want.

Cougar Mountain Parks for the hiking.

Cougar mountain trails- because I can walk to them.


Cougar Wildlands Park

Dodd field! (Is this a city of Issaquah park?) Central Park. The turf fields are great for continuing to play sports in the rain.i just want to make sure the turf is safe!

E Lake Sammamish and trails around costco

East Lake Sammamish Trail-- flat, few traffic crossings, and can go for miles. Will be better once everyone gets over their land disputes...

Elbright park - trails, playgrounds, picnic areas"

Enclosed feeling.

Favorite parks: confluence (because I love the natural beauty there with the creek flowing through, my kids have spent lots of time playing in the fields and on the rocks), Lake Sammamish (there is so much to offer at Lake Sammamish. We are extremely lucky to have a significant body of water right in our backyard).

Favorite - Highlands Central Park - has great play structure, spacious and has wonderful soccer fields close in proximity. Favorite trail - hard to say - there are so many good ones.

Favorite trails are those like Pickering Trail because it provides both foot and bike access (so to avoid street traffic).

Favorite trails: all the mountain trails on Tiger and Squak (I run them a lot). I also enjoy the Squak Access trail along the creek, the Rainier Trail to Tiger, the Rainier Trail to the Lake Samm. trail, and Issaquah- Preston-Snoqualmie Trail. The trail from the medical building back to Pickering Barn is quite special. It broke my heart to hear that it is getting all torn up.

Gibson Hall park for picnics.

Gibson Park.

Grand Ridge and Squak mountain trails are used by my family weekly as we run/hike on a regular basis.

Grand Ridge is my favorite trail but that's King County not Issaquah Park. Make trails like that one.

Grand Ridge Park – long hikes

Grand Ridge Trails- proximity to our neighborhood

Grand View – views, biking trails, clear area

Grandview Park

Great job with tradition plateau.
• Harvey Manning Park – improve, expand
• Highlands dog park...it's the only one and not in the best of shape. Very muddy.
• Hillside
• Hillside Park is my favorite and the unofficial trail that goes up from behind the lower cemetery service road, off of Sunset, to the water tank off of Mt Jupiter, and on up to Hillside Park. I love it because it's a secluded trail that makes you feel that you are not in the middle of town. I like that it's a rough single track trail, though it does need some maintenance and is a little rougher than I prefer, but will take it as is rather than not have it at all. I like to walk our on-leash dogs up the trail. I also like the fact there is no parking for the trail, that means it's used by only locals.
• Hillside Park, because it is close to me.
• I also enjoy Confluence Park. It is a lovely addition.
• I also enjoy the forested trails around Issaquah Highlands, they provide a great escape from the urban area."
• I like Confluence Park because it is Issaquah's "Central Park" and the recent improvements and investments in this centrally located park nearby Olde Town have made it a true destination in Issaquah! Issaquah is growing and this park is it's cornerstone recreational opportunity. The new bridge has generated a lot of buzz and is destined to become an iconic feature for the City.
• I like cougar mountain because there are a lot of trails and less people.
• I like the Bullitt fireplace trail, in part because it is a single user (pedestrians) trail, and in part because dogs are allowed. I also like the Rainier trail.
• I like the Central Park in the highlands. It has ample soccer fields, and baseball diamonds. Just needs a pool
• I like the new park behind Gilman Village. I am excited for the park just West of Fromt street behind the Dairygold plant. I LOVE the edible trail.
• I like the trail through olde town by the train depot. Always clean, safe, and an opportunity to say hello to other walkers.
• I like walks and hiking. I'll use the Tiger Mountain trail off the backside of Clark Elementary, and I enjoy the Squak Mountain trails and the Cougar Mountain trails. I think one of the best features is a variety of three mountains in a relatively small area. It really is a lot of variety considering the cities boundaries. My family has had enjoyment from the Issaquah recreation and community center though access and travel to that location because of the congestion that occurs around Front Street is a little akward at times.
• I love Rainier trail because it connects to Tiger and is well kept. I love walking from my house downtown and hiking all over Tiger. I really like Confluence Park - it's very peaceful and quiet.
• I love that Issaquah is protecting green space and making that a priority, and in particular, I like the extensive bike trails right through town.
• I love the convenience of Rainier trail, but dislike the crime.
• I love the edible landscape trail! Lots of fun to see what fruits are ripening throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Very clever!
• I love the new Confluence park. It really is a nice addition to the city. I also love Memorial field because of the ability for kids and families to walk there and enjoy all the cool stuff around it. Parking there could be better though.
• I love the trails behind Issaquah high school.
• I love the trails in the highlands, very well maintained. Everything is vey walkable and well lit.
• I love Tibbett's Valley Park, especially the quiet area near the park and ride. It could use a picnic table or two there.
- I love tiger mtn the best. Harvey manning is great in Talus and central park in the Issaquah Highlands is fantastic as well.
- I often walk Rainier Trail and E Lake Sammamish Trail and older Issaquah neighborhoods. I occasionally walk Poo Poo Pt. trail.
- I use Timberlake Park and Squak Mountain trails for dog walks/hikes.
- I used to love to walk on the edible trail on Gilman, but too much noise of traffic and fast moving cars.
- I will say Hillside Park because I can walk to it from home.
- I-90 trails— connect to Mtns-to-sound trails (all the way to Seattle), East Lake Sammamish Trail system, Grand Ridge Trails, and even the trails out to Preston.
- Issaquah highlands - play structures for large age ranges - walkability from homes
- Issaquah Highlands Dog Park - ONLY dog friendly area.
- Issaquah Highlands system of private and public parks
- Issaquah needs a large dog park. I don't visit Issaquah parks because of this.
- Issaquah's land on Tradition Plateau is priceless, highly valued open space treasured by hundreds of thousands who come to hike here.
- Kreuger Park – wildlife
- Lake Sammamish is one of our favorite destinations for water activities, picnicing and walking the dogs. More purgulas would be nice for the rainy season and covered and upgraded barbecue pits....
- Lake Sammamish Park - lots of things to take breaks and enjoy with young children.
- Lake Sammamish Park for same reason. Also a large park which is a change form the small pocket parks
- Lake Sammamish Park is a great destination park. It's fun to be able to kayak or canoe over, or drive or walk. There is so much space for any activity, and plentiful parking. Timberlake Park - a great place to walk the dog, and let the kids run around playing games.
- Lake Sammamish State Park – [add] zip line, all ages, glides, swings
- Lake Sammamish State Park for variety of activities and events, and lake access
- Lake Sammamish State Park, Poo Poo Point trail
- Lake Sammamish State Park, then...you know, there is not park that makes me jump for joy.
- Lake Sammamish state park. Lots of easy to walk trails.
- Lake Sammamish State park. The number of birds
- Lake Sammamish State Park. I really enjoy all the trails. I don't have favorites.
- Love all the parks and trails! Love that they are used even on rainy days. Love that there are still natural areas as well as groomed areas.
- Love grand ridge trails for hiking and biking.
- Love Mirrormont park and squaw valley because they are close.
- Love the new confluence park...rustic charm, open space, picnic pavillion.
- Love the park behind Darigold as well but could be so much more if there was an off leash area.
- Love the redesign of Confluence park. Big open space with great picnic area plus park and walking trails being added.
- Love the trails behind high school for hiking and biking.
- Love tiger mountain, Mt. Si, etc. all up the I90 coooridor but every trail is at is max !! Parking is horrendous, trail use is horrendous, population control is serious but NO ONE SPEAKS OF THIS NOT ONLY FOR TRAILS BUT FOR EVERYTHING..HOUSING, TRAFFICE, ETC.
• Margaret’s Way
• Me and my dog Olive enjoy the trails of Squak Mt. regularly.
• Memorial Park – [kids are] free to play
• more edible trails in more quiet settings would be very welcoming."
• My favorite park is Confluence Park (Near Front Street).
• My favorite trail is the Rainier Trail and the biking trail from Gilman that connects to Pickering Barn and East Lake Sammamish trail.
• My new favorite park for children is Lake Sammamish. Otherwise I like all parks and trails visited in Issaquah.
• Need a new access trail to East Peak from Issaquah Hobart Rd"
• No favorites.
• nope sorryawn x a cant add to this,, you up against tough completion with with poopopp point , pine lake beaver lake.
• North Ponds – favorite park, bridge lot of room, not too many people
• Park- Central Park, Highlands - most open courts, and turf soccer fields. Great playground and open area for families."
• Park near the Police Station on Sunset.
• Parks are one of the destinations that should be both walkable destinations and connected to the rest of the community as accessible community assets."
• Parks: Such as Tibbetts Park that have multi use features.
• Pickering Barn Trail/East Lake Sammamish Trail. Easier to get around, less traffic\noise and convenient to most stores\shopping area.Tai
• Pickering trails.
• Pine lake/beaver lake parks
• Poo Point.
• Preston trail, Lake Alice trail, State park, Tiger Mountain trail
• Preston, Railroad Ave and Juniper trails for safe, segregated bicycle access. The new parks along Issaquah creek between Juniper and Gilman have really improved access and views of the creek.
• Rainer and then up to high school. Very convenient
• Rainier trail because of the old growth trees and charm and the walking/accessibility is good.
• Rainier Trail-- feels secluded yet is right in the middle of things, too short for much other than a walk or short run.
• Sammamish Park and
• Since I do not live in Issaquah, I cannot personally answer this question fr City parks. However, as a frequent user of state regional parks, I frequent Cougar Mountain, Squak Mountain, Tiger Mountain, Grand Ridge, and Lake Sammamish park multiple times a month. Having connectivity from these parks to connect into Issaquah parks would be ideal to both draw use into town, and make it easy for residents to access the amazing park resources that are within and surrounding town.
• Soaring Eagle!!! My son & I LOVE these trails. Soaring Eagle has become one of the best reasons (and unexpectedly so) for purchasing our home in Trossachs. PLEASE continue to maintain & protect this area.
• South Lake Sammamish State Park - size & proximity; Cybil Madeline Park - natural setting & greenspace; Issaquah Creek trail - greenspace / natural setting / convenience; Duthie Hill Park / Issaquah Highlands / Grand Ridge Trail - connectivity; Train Park next to Police Station - toys for our children
- South Lake Sammamish State Park (wide open green spaces & access to the lake) Cybil Madeline Park (natural setting) and no bright colored play equipment! I think it is important to have play equipment at some parks but it is appreciated that it is not in every park. The best trail systems are on cougar mountain and duthie hill park connected to the Issaquah Highlands. Knowing you can bike/walk/ride from place to place is critical to becoming a "green," and recreation and outdoor living friendly city! It could also cut back on traffic if we can move freely from place to place without our vehicles.
- South Tiger Mountain, right behind our house! Always inviting, all year round.
- SPEAK OF IT !!!!
- Spiderweb Park (behind the police station) - good location downtown, good playground structure, well used for festivals.
- Sports Cage on Park Drive – soccer, close by
- Squak and Tiger Mountain trails, because they are wilderness experiences.
- Squak Mountain – Sycamore neighborhood Access
- Squak Mountain trails - safe parking, great trails, and not too crowded.
- Squak mountain trails are my favorite.(And all the connecting trails).
- Squak mountain. Wild, scenic, special!
- Squak mtn trails.
- Summit Park – slides, open, hide and seek, cable climbing, diversity of activities
- Sutro Park
- Talus Open Space
- Talus, close to home
- The 400 acres adjacent to Talus on Cougar Mtn is an amazing block of important, connective open space.
- The E Sammamish Trail because it is off the road, and peaceful.
- The Issaquah to High Point trail is hugely popular.
- The new Lake Sammamish playground is obviously the best one in the area. Thank you for the improvements. I also like that the lake there has snack and bathroom options (and rental eqt) so you can genuinely make a day of being there as a family or meet groups.
- The new play area at lake Sammamish state park.
- The ones near my house. Because I don't have to load kids in and out of a car just to get there. Accessibility, convenience! Also the park downtown where all the salmon days and other events are at.
- The park across from the Christian Science Center south of town. Remote, dog friendly. I wish it connected to the Rainier trail somehow.
- The park near Pickering Barn is amazing, an oasis of quiet wilderness in the midst of urban life.
- The Salmon hatchery and the connections with the Burke-Gilman Trail. These allow long walks more isolated from cars.
- The trail by pickering barn; The downtown park by the old library/police station with climbing toys for the little ones.
- The trails in the Hillside ravine, because that is an easy place to find solitude.
- The trails up to Lake Tradition. It is a miracle that we could be so urban yet so close to the forest.
- The various connections to the Issaquah Alps trail systems are most important to accessing longer hikes.
• The walking trails in the Highlands, they are peaceful away from the major streets and by connecting several one can get a very long walk in. Confluence Park, appreciate the picnic structure and open space, nice to be able to see the creek.

• These are my favorite trails because they highlight the natural beauty of Issaquah and connect me to the outdoors. There is quite a bit of research on the positive benefits of being in the outdoors connected to nature (health and mental benefits)"

• They allow residents to walk and bike without being impact by road traffic. I walk almost daily from my residence to Old Town."

• Tibbetts park is great because it has the tennis courts, the baseball fields and a play area for the brothers and sisters of the baseball kids.

• Tibbetts Valley Park – needs better pedestrian access from Talus

• Tibbitts park, Squak Mtn trail because they are close and well kept.

• Tibbitts baseball fields. Always some action during the spring - fall seasons. Little wet right now.

• Tiger mountain and Lake Sammamish, I like the large open spaces

• Tiger Mountain trails are great but need to be maintained and respected by pet owners.

• Tiger Mt. - Easy access to wilderness experience close to downtown. Diverse trail options regarding distance and difficulty.

• Tiger mtn trails.

• Tiger Mtn.

• Timberlake Park

• Timberlake without dogs.

• Tradition Lake, though it would be nice if you could get down to the lake like it used to be.

• Tradition Plateau. It's a place where you can momentarily forget you're in a major metropolitan area.

• Trail at the top of Sycamore neighborhood, such a pretty climb.

• Trail behind Central Park is a favorite. Central Park and Grandview park are favs. Trail is well kept and maintained. Both parks have restroom facility and drinking fountain.

• Trails (excluded trails in mountains, such as Poo Poo Point because they are not park of city trail system):
	- trails behind high school to poo poo point.

• Veteran’s Memorial Field

• Veterans’ Memorial Field and playground, The Rainier Trail, Confluence Park, The Juniper Trail, East Lake Sammamish Trail, Pickering Trail, Lake Sammamish State Park. I love that all of the parks and trails I mentioned above are connected. I can use the trails to get to the parks. I can also use those trails to travel to commercial areas from my residence in Olde Town. The trails are functional in addition to being enjoyable.

• veterans memorial field and Tibbetts valley park. diversity of activities and location

• Water access.

• We also like hiking on Tiger Mountain, and we love mountain biking at Duthie Hill park."

• We also like the community feel at Pine Lake Park when everyone is playing Pokemon Go.

• We like the new big climbing gym at Lake Sammamish Park.

• We mostly frequent parks with playgrounds but have checked out hikes off exit 20 which are quite nice. Also love the trails in the highlands

• We need a dog park

• What you need is connectivity to the trails! Redmond fall city, Bellevue renten please connect us!
- When it is quiet and serene.

**Places outside of Issaquah**

- As far as parks, we generally have to drive to Beaver Lake Park, Luther Burbank Park, Marymoor, or Magnusson in Seattle for their off-leash areas. After all, what's the point in going to the park if Olive can't come and enjoy too? Unfortunately, the closest dog park in the Highlands is too tough to get to, too muddy, and has poorly latched gates.
- Bellevue Park – water makes noise, activity 365 days
- Bellevue's downtown park (urban setting)
- Bellevue's looping trail network
- Brooks Memorial State Park – rural / meadows
- Crossroads – Chess board, stage
- Discovery Park
- Discovery Park – Seattle
- Gene Coulon
- Golden Gardens – walk along water
- Golden Gate Park (took advantage of opportunities)
- Green Lake
- Green Lake – Trail, community, fields
- Iron Horse Trail- views are good, can go for miles.
- Kapiolani Park
- Lewis Park – Bellevue
- Lincoln Park – Seattle
- Luther Burbank
- Luther Burbank Park – variety of activities
- Mailbox Peak, Granite Peak Mt. Si-- love hiking and these trails off a quick getaway.
- Maple Valley Wilderness Park just added a permanent 18 holes disc golf course. Free to public and minimal impact on the land!
- Marymoor dog park
- Marymoor Park
- Marymoor Park - Off leash park (large), water access, regional draw
- Marymoor, I know this is not in Issaquah but with turn fields it can be used year around for sports. Issaquah needs a competing park to keep residents local.
- Monon Trail – Indiana
- Mount Si – nice climb
- Mt Rainier National Park is my favorite in the state and provides a great link to nature. Other great regional parks that provide a similar but less wild experience are Stanley Park, Point Defiance Park and Discovery Park. All of these parks provide a back to nature experience along with terrific views, interpretive elements and numerous hiking opportunities. My favorite local parks are Lake Sammamish State Park and Confluence Park, which are jewels that continue to improve. They both provide a great connection to nature, views and diversity.
Olympic, Mt. Rainier, and the North Cascades National Parks because they protect large areas of wilderness, wildlife, and native vegetation. One can hike long distances without seeing a car and have opportunities to see wildlife and native plants.

- Olympic, Mt. Rainier, and the North Cascades National Parks
- Point Defiance
- Point Defiance – setting / vistas
- Portland, OR – Selwood and Oaks Lakes
- Richmond, BC – hockey (3), basketball, pools (3)
- Robinswood
- Robinswood – diversity of activities / options
- Seward Park
- Snohomish Aquatic Center
- Stanley Park, BC

3. What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Note: This question was also asked on social media. Because those responses differ in tenor and subject, they are listed separately, at the bottom of this section.

Importance of parks and trails

- Get out and enjoy life. Get some fresh air and enjoy all that our parks and trails offer.
- I am surprised by how important the trails have become for obvious health reasons, but also in staying connected with my teen. Truly has been a fun way to get exercise, share thoughts and stay in tune.
- I hike from time to time, and think what we have is great.
- I hope the natural areas are able to be preserved. I worry about all the development coming in and possibly losing the natural areas. Ideal parks for me would have an area to park and clear signs about where to go.
- I often walk in Issaquah and appreciate trails that are open and accessible, away from traffic.
- I use parks often with kids and pets.
- I utilize the parks and trails every day. My ideal future park would have a great decent size dog park.
- I walk them every single day.
- Love to get outdoors and want a community that values outdoor activities.
- Not much. Don’t use the walking trails and the parks are just neighborhood parks for the most part - or sports parks.
- Parks and trails are a very significant part of my life and my family’s life. I would love for Issaquah to prioritize our natural beauty, preserve it to a higher degree, and highlight it as what makes Issaquah special. We are a mountain town with incredible access to the Issaquah Alps, the Cascade mountains, lakes and creeks to cool off when we get too hot, and creeks and streams that ensure our salmon continue to spawn. The vision highlights that natural beauty and creates a connected corridor from Lake Samm. all the way south to the Chirico Trail.
- Parks and trails are an extremely important component of my life.
- Parks and trails are an integral part of our life in Issaquah. It is one of the reasons we live here.
• Parks and trails are good for all of us, young old, handicapped. Being close to nature is important.
• Parks and trails are important to me and my family. It's a huge quality of life component to living in Issaquah. We really enjoy it.
• Parks and trails are incredibly important in my life. Hiking, running and walking to and from amenities and for pure joy are very much valued by myself, friends and family.
• Parks and trails are my #1 priority for happy living. I love them all.
• Parks and trails are very important in our family life! We use parks 2-3 times per week, every week, even in the winter.
• Parks are essential to our health and well being.
• Parks are very important, not so much for trails.
• Parks are very important. I love the diversity of types of parks.
• Parks/trails are critical and vitally important to local culture, real estate and recreation. An ideal system would grow with our youth/population and accommodate expanding boundaries.
• Super important!!
• The trail system here is the main reason my family moved to Downtown Issaquah instead of moving to any other city in Western Washington. I want to be able to walk and bike every day that weather permits, for pleasure as well as to go where I need to go around town.
• Trails are important, parks not as much--again, people don't seem to spend time in parks...as they do walking/hiking.
• Trails are my life! I am out in the woods 100 days a year!
• Trails are very important to me and my husband. I walk our dog daily and hike often. My husband bikes multiple times a week. We use Issaquah trails everyday and we live in Olde Town and we LOVE that. That's why we chose to buy here. More trails and more safety.
• Trails are very important. Parks not so much.
• Very important
• Very important to my life! I spend a lot of time outside with my dogs and running trails
• Vision- a connected system of parks and trails. Pals are very important as they encourage us to get outdoors and away from technology, and spend quality time with ourselves and our loved ones.

Mobility and Connection
• A green necklace and a park/trail connection from south Issaquah to lake Sammamish state park along Issaquah creak
• Accessible
• All parks connected by trails. MOST IMPORTANT to me and my tenants.
• An ideal future park system would also include parks for kids of all ages (Where is our outdoor b-ball court?). My vision includes lots more Issaquah residents on the trails (I would bet the % of Issaquah residents on our trails pales in comparison to those outside Issaquah). There needs to be a stronger marketing push to get people out there! Help them understand safety precautions, how to read a map, etc. and provide opportunities to get out there (i.e. trail races, city hikes, kids days on the trails, etc.)
• As a Talus resident, I'd like to feel more connected to the city by foot or bike. I guess, I'd love to somehow see the "walkability" score of Talus increase.
• balanced, accessible
• Better parking at all popular trails.
• Bike trails
• Clean, easily accessible.
• Connected
• Connected - trails and designated bike lanes so one can travel by foot or bike between parks and
neighborhoods. Varied spaces and activities - ball fields, play structures, open space, nature features,
bouldering rocks, skate park, etc.
• Connected parks via multi-use trails. Improved bike facilities, and a planned mountain bike skills area in one
of the parks - to host skills clinics, enable kids to ride bikes on dirt within town, and bring the experience of
youth mountain biking to an easy to access and safe locations in town. Issaquah has some of the most
amazing mountain bike trails in the region in nearby regional parks. Offering a practice are for local youth in
an under-used space of an existing City park would be ideal.
• Connected, active and happening to downright reclusive. Points of interest (providing little jolts of happy) at
each park. Maintained, basic amenities and signage. Welcoming. Appropriate for their area and needs. Can
walk to it. Hmm. Nature is important to me, parks in Issaquah, so far, are something I don't use too much.
The trails are important.
• Connected. Parks are very important and I/ we use them often. It is one helpful way to offset sprawl.
• Connected; Natural space / habitat
• Connecting City, County, DNR land – whole system
• Connective trails that enable anyone in town to easily access nature within and without the city, i.e. an inner
Green Necklace on the valley floor around Issaquah and Tibbetts creeks that connects to the outer, bigger
necklace of open space on Cougar, Squak, and Tiger Mountains and Grand Ridge. Words and phrases:
connected, easily accessible, ready access to wild nature, protection of Issaquah's documented 30
Treasures, etc
• Connectivity
• Ease of connection
• Gateway to mountains to sound greenway is the way I think of Issaquah. Please continue to acquire new
lands for parks and trails, especially with all the development! I would also love more dog friendly areas.
• I envision a city that has a trail system that connects all parks, schools and shopping areas. I would describe
this park system as being well-connected. Parks and trails are a high-priority in my life and I think with
creative/inclusive programming the trails (connectiveness) and parks build community.
• I hope the natural areas are able to be preserved. I worry about all the development coming in and possibly
losing the natural areas. Ideal parks for me would have an area to park and clear signs about where to go.
• I often walk in Issaquah and appreciate trails that are open and accessible, away from traffic.
• I'd love to see the park system better described by the word "inclusive," and perhaps "extensive." Each park
feels isolated at the moment - it would be great to see them more connected.
• Ideal park system words: Interesting (have a variety of activities available), accessible (Parking), mixed use,
all ages
• Ideally, the trails would link neighborhoods with parks, link parks along Issaquah Creek, and end up at a
scenic viewpoint or other interesting destination.
• Interconnected
• Interconnectivity
• Issaquah will have physically segregated bike paths to every major neighborhood in the city that will see
riders of all ages enjoying the freedom this will bring. Issaquah will have great hiking trail heads and trail
connections into the wonderful mountains surrounding the valley. Trails and easy, quick access to them is one of the main reasons I choose to live in Issaquah.

- It would be great to have a string of City routes that connect Issaquah Creek trails.
- It would be wonderful if we had safe trails between the parks for families to ride bikes or walk between many of our parks. With all the distracted drivers, we put ourselves and our children at risk getting to and from the parks.
- Lake to Lake connection
- Long enough distance to run or bike, close proximity to home, some parking at key access points, adequate lighting, safe to use day and night
- More ADA trails [for hikers of all ages] – like Around the Lake Trail
- Multi-modal trails [that are] off right-of-way pathways
- My ideal future park system in connected! One beautiful park connected to the next with access points to amenities. I would walk from park to trail to coffee to park to trail to groceries to volunteering at the fish hatchery to the library and then home again and never get in my car! It would be fantastic!!!!
- My vision for Issaquah Parks is to create an interconnected, diverse, easy access and balanced system that provides a peaceful connection to nature and a recreational platform for the community. As Issaquah continues to grow into a more urban environment and the world becomes more fast paced, a greater need to connect with nature is more important than ever.
- My vision is for my family to be able to safely ride or walk around Issaquah to do everything we could possibly need to do: go to school, go shopping, go to enrichment activities, and run errands.
- Non-motorized friendly
- Parking
- Parks are one of the destinations in a community that should be both walkable, and connected to the rest of the community as accessible community assets.
- Parks being connected by trails would be great, and even better if the trails also connected to the historical sites and the hatchery.
- Parks should be easy to get to
- Pedestrian bridge at Newport to lake Sammamish State Park
- Public access / alternative access (other than cars)
- Safe access from key neighborhoods (like South Cove and beyond)
- South Cove walkway along Sammamish road
- The issue for my family of 5 is that we live in South Cove. That means we can't safely walk or bike TO the bike trail system in Issaquah. So we always must get in the car and drive to the farmers market and into town. One time, we tried to bike along WLake Sammamish Pkwy. It was really fast to get into Issaquah but so outrageously unsafe that I doubt we will do it again with our kids. Please help the thousands of Issy residents who live in my 'hood and want safe access!
- The lovely creeks and mountain views in Issaquah should be more accessible with trails and wide pathways, away from main traffic.
- The trail system in Issaquah should be connected, comfortable, and accessible to all.
- To create more accessible trails for all levels. Embracing and integrating farmland and forestland with protected public spaces and trails. Very important and a key reason we moved to the area.
• Trails are more important as kids are getting older. Need a trail system that is linked and maintained - can’t get to Cougar mountain because of construction on Shangri-La trail and lack of maintenance on Surprise Creek trail.
• Transportation
• Vision- a connected system of parks and trails. Pals are very important as they encourage us to get outdoors and away from technology, and spend quality time with ourselves and our loved ones.
• Walkable- including trails
• Walkable, bike-able access to community parks as part of an interwoven network of community sidewalks and trails that allow all individuals, both young and old, to access parks and other community destinations safely.
• Walkable. Group activities. Picnic areas.
• Walking and biking trails and sidewalks, providing city-wide access to parks, schools and shopping. Parks as interludes on the way to other community destinations, as well as worthy destinations all on their own.
• We need more parking.
• Would be ideal if the trails would be connected to each other as well as to the other trails in puget sound.

Active Lifestyles
• A bit of open space, a bit of wilderness, a place to play, a place to picnic, a place to socialize, and places for solitude. I think a future park system should increase access to the lake and add a skate park in an area that is highly public (behind the police station seems a good spot), and a nice sized area that is fenced for off-leash dog running. A doggy poop bag dispenser and a receptacle for disposal would be a nice addition in many parks.
• Active, vibrant, diverse.
• Additional lighted, turf fields
• All-weather activity
• An ideal future park system would also include parks for kids of all ages (Where is our outdoor b-ball court?). My vision includes lots more Issaquah residents on the trails (I would bet the % of Issaquah residents on our trails pales in comparison to those outside Issaquah). There needs to be a stronger marketing push to get people out there! Help them understand safety precautions, how to read a map, etc. and provide opportunities to get out there (i.e. trail races, city hikes, kids days on the trails, etc.)
• An Ideal park is a complex of sport’s fields that are turfed for year around use with outlying trail system that surrounds the ball parks.
• Climbing - ropes, ladders, bridges, walls
• Combining active and passive recreation [in parks]
• Connected, active and happening to downright reclusive. Points of interest (providing little jolts of happy) at each park. Maintained, basic amenities and signage. Welcoming. Appropriate for their area and needs. Can walk to it. Hmm. Nature is important to me, parks in Issaquah, so far, are something I don’t use too much. The trails are important.
• Disc Golf Course. Free, unique minimal impact on the land and small cost upfront. Diversify our recreational opportunities.
• Diversity of uses
• Diversity of uses – all weather and year round
• Dynamic with respect to catering to a diversity of uses to include aquatic recreation.
• I have active kids in sports and activities. I think the most important things for Issaquah parks would be places where families feel safe to bring their children for play or sports. Places where it is easy to supervise your kids and clear for your kids where they shouldn’t go.

• I love the summer concerts in the park and outdoor Shakespeare too. Parks and trails are essential to a vibrant, healthy community.

• I would love Issaquah to influence the state to make changes to lake sammamish state park so that it is more interesting for locals to use... a couple of restaurants one can bike, kayak, or boat to (like gene coulon), a walking path adjacent to lake so the walk is filled with water views/access.

• I'd love to have parks that I can go to and let my daughter play, while watching my dog in a fenced in dog park. Full-sized basketball nets and places to run around. The trails would be great for family walks, enjoying fresh air and nature, and enabling us to stop at cafes and maybe some shops along the way.

• Ideal park system words: Interesting (have a variety of activities available), accessible (Parking), mixed use, all ages

• It would be great of there were music in the parks during the day and movies in the park in the evenings: weekends only of course

• More sports fields! We have lots of open spaces and trails, but need to integrate more mixed use Park systems. We need a sports complex, similar to what every outlying suburb currently has. Why do all the Issaquah teams need to travel to Woodinville and Ravensdale to find a lighted turf sports complex?

• Music

• My primary use of the Issaquah Parks and Trails is for youth sports. We continue to face a growing youth obesity population in this country. Schools reduce and/or eliminate sports programs, leaving it up to the local community to provide activities for the children. Youth Sports brings communities together. Many of my closest friends are people that I never would have met had I not been standing under an umbrella on a sideline, sitting next to them in the stands, or volunteering to help the teams. The unique challenge we face here in the Pacific Northwest is that the frequent rain and early winter darkness leave the children little space to play safely unless we provide artificial turf surface fields with lighting. The lack of these fields has actually hindered the growth of youth sports, leading to less opportunities for our children to become active and healthy. I completely understand the importance of open space and trails, and don’t question that we need to make investments in these areas as well. Priority #1 should be investing in improvements that bring our community together and support the greatest number of active children.

• Need to make things for a variety of people. There are plenty of ball parks but not everyone plays ball sports. The grass fields don't drain well and should all be redone. Build a outdoor pool (that you can enclose with a bubble for wintertime) and skateparks. Give kids options

• New fields for kids playing sports. You are building houses like crazy in issaquah, bringing in more families and kids, however the field situation has gotten worse and worse over the last few years. My kids have been playing almost in the dark because there is no lighting on fields.

• Parks are essential to a well rounded community. People who live in apartments especially need a place to get out and experience nature. A park needs to be a hub of activities and local events. A gathering place for all who wish to use them.

• Poetry

• Sports

• Spray park

• Structured play and unstructured play

• Swings
• Trails should continue to be well maintained. More parks and services for sporting events - soccer, lacrosse, football, swimming
• Unique play structures – not things you’ve seen
• Would be great to run a weekly event. There is a 5km run event that started in the UK (Parkrun) that happens every Sat am and is free to all that enter. There are now 815 ParkRuns held in USA every week and it would be great to make this happen in our community.
• Would like an active activity park with concerts, festivals, public markets, etc. - ours are dead.

Administration
• 1st stop from Seattle
• As city grows – parks and trails become more and more important
• Balance
• Balanced
• Band shell
• Best uses
• Communication on where parks are
• Complete the Green Necklace within and ensure trail routes/linkages to readily connect to the outer ring of open space. Parks and Economic Development offices should take advantage of and build an identity around what Issaquah is, its outdoor character, and its already known titles as a Trailhead City, Tree City, core city in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, base city of the Issaquah Alps, base for at least 100 miles of readily accessible trails on Cougar, Squak, and Tiger, a city within a National Scenic Byway (and likely a future National Heritage Area). Focus on HIKING, that is the overriding, predominate use and desired use by a vastly large % of residents and visitors. Issaquah should not seek to cater to mountain biking. Create a city sponsored map for visitors and residents that shows trails surrounding Issaquah, perhaps sponsored by local businesses that can advertise and offer post-hike refreshments, i.e. "Come hike in Issaquah and enjoy a meal and microbrew at....Issaquah Brewhouse, Sunset Alehouse, Flying Pie, or a dozen other places TBD"
• Core
• Core park of identity
• Create a guide
• Diverse
• Docents
• Economic benefit
• Educate within the park system – awareness, wayfinding, interpretation
• Every neighborhood should feel like they have a park.
• Get mitigation fees with development
• Go big – be Seattle’s Trailhead
• Goals in Park Plan turned into City ordinance / code to help achieve the vision
• Help with green necklace vision"
• Historical signage
• I love the fact that the CoI is investing in the future by tying up riparian lands and preventing future development. I would like to see that continue. Having the CoI model appropriate husbandry of our streams is critical - limiting foot and dog traffic in the streams; retaining overhanging foliage for shade and bugs for the developing salmon fry; installation and maintenance of box culverts and water treatment facilities.
• Identify as part of City’s branding
• Interface between rural/urban to create perfection
• Interface Urban to rural – integrated system
• Locate parks in appropriate places – who’s funding it?
• Maximize volunteer efforts
• Mix of regional and local draw
• Money – funding Issaquah Parks and Recreation
• Mountain Town
• Multi-cultural feedback (get more of)
• Overall fiscal responsibility
• Parks have a seat at the development table
• Partnership / sponsorship of trails and trailheads
• Partnerships
• Promote Leave-No-Trace (pack it in / pack it out)
• Public/private partnerships
• Public/private partnerships at Lake Sammamish
• Quality of life
• Recognize difficulty of terrain / topography.
• Regional draw
• Regional Tourism
• School / parks/ city cooperation
• Seize moments
• Starting with the last question, well maintained parks and trails are very important in my life and the community quality of life as a whole. With the rapid growth of our community, now is the time to ensure accessible and functional green space is secured. Back to the vision/ideal system questions: Integrated multi use park system (both city and state parks) that provides easy access (bike/parking/paths) and leverages natural resources of our area.
• Strategic used of public spaces
• Volunteers
• What do we want to bring in? - Be intentional
• Year-round

Community
• Clean, nice gathering spots, good bathrooms. A place where people can go and meet, hang out and enjoy our beautiful area.
• Cultural gathering spaces
• Dog friendly with easily accessible poop bags which are free and well stocked. I like the park on the top of Cougar Mtn, roomy, not very crowded.
• Family friendly
• Family friendly, modern, and dynamic.
• Gateway to mountains to sound greenway is the way I think of Issaquah. Please continue to acquire new lands for parks and trails, especially with all the development! I would also love more dog friendly areas.
• Gathering places. Promote healthy lifestyles. Both active and passive. Green belts.
• Hang out space, meeting place for friends and youth
• I am a dog lover and caretaker of two dogs and I am sick and tired of how wilderness trails are cut-off from us who have dogs!!! well-behaved dogs should be able to meander the trails with their care-takers. Hiking with a dog on a leash is uncomfortable for the human and dog and it is extremely harmful when one dog is leashed and another is not, tends to make fighting a problem. People who hike with their kids making them terrified of a dog leashed or not, and expect that dogs should not be allowed are fooling themselves. There could be a coyote, bear, cougar, porcupine, raccoon, squirrel around that will NEVER be leashed....you CANNOT CONTROL THE WORLD NOR THE ENVIRONMENT....THAT’S WHY THEY CALL IT WILDERNESS ! Let us dog owners have some enjoyment with our dogs!!
• I envision a city that has a trail system that connects all parks, schools and shopping areas. I would describe this park system as being well-connected. Parks and trails are a high-priority in my life and I think with creative/inclusive programming the trails (connectiveness) and parks build community.
• I envision A safe natural outdoor area for families, folks of all ages to enjoy tgthr! Would like to see Splash pads/water fountain Walls incorporated. And would like amphitheater seating for music concerts and theatre in parks.
• I have active kids in sports and activities. I think the most important things for Issaquah parks would be places where families feel safe to bring their children for play or sports. Places where it is easy to supervise your kids and clear for your kids where they shouldn’t go.
• I love the summer concerts in the park and outdoor Shakespeare too. Parks and trails are essential to a vibrant, healthy community.
• I utilize the parks and trails every day. My ideal future park would have a great decent size dog park.
• I’d love to have parks that I can go to and let my daughter play, while watching my dog in a fenced in dog park. Full-sized basketball nets and places to run around. The trails would be great for family walks, enjoying fresh air and nature, and enabling us to stop at cafes and maybe some shops along the way.
• Including more dog parks or areas are important as there are many dog owner in the area. Having just Natalie park in the Highlands is not enough.
• Kid friendly, green space, open space, convenient
• Massive off leash area (like marymoor), lake accessible restaurants (like gene coulon... walking trail along water (like mt baker), dogs can be off leash on hiking trails if under voice command (like mercer island), exercise classes in the parks outside with lovely views (like mercer island), mini ampitheater for plays (like mercer island)
• Memorable / making memories
• More trails like Zoe and the Swamp Monster for families
• My vision includes an off leash dog park in the downtown sector or on Squak mtn.
• Our [Issaquah’s] identity – trails, beauty
• Parks are essential to a well rounded community. People who live in apartments especially need a place to get out and experience nature. A park needs to be a hub of activities and local events. A gathering place for all who wish to use them.
• Parks offer a green space for kids - which is great for mental development
• People love to do stuff with their dogs so have enough safe dog off leash area fenced in, as well as walking wit dogs area. Can baseball fields be turned into off leash areas when not used for sports seasons?
• Place where families can enjoy each other / family oriented
• This supports other things within the community.
Upgrade a few choice playgrounds and stop spending money on silly little ones that aren’t used. Spend the money for some wow factor on parks that will be really pull people to them together. I love clean, safe trails. I wish the McKinley walk up park on Squak Mountain got a little TLC. It could be such a great space and worry about it now being used as a drug hang out or driving away families with the homeless in the surrounding wood. Selfishly, would love to see that park get some natural looking play equipment that blends into the environment, like slides in the hillside, some lookout forts with a little swing, etc so we could claim the area back for good purposes and not hiding drugs or other nefarious purposes.

Very. Perfect being a large grass area. Oh concert on the lawn x10 and bathrooms and a few picnic tables, not a lot but a few.

Vibrant

Walkable, bike-able access to community parks as part of an interwoven network of community sidewalks and trails that allow all individuals, both young and old, to access parks and other community destinations safely.

Would like an active activity park with concerts, festivals, public markets, etc. - ours are dead.

Health


Safe walking trails and parks are a huge part of much needed exercise for senior citizens in this community.

Facilities and Maintenance

A bit of open space, a bit of wilderness, a place to play, a place to picnic, a place to socialize, and places for solitude. I think a future park system should increase access to the lake and add a skate park in an area that is highly public (behind the police station seems a good spot), and a nice sized area that is fenced for off-leash dog running. A doggy poop bag dispenser and a receptacle for disposal would be a nice addition in many parks.

All parks connected by trails. MOST IMPORTANT to me and my tenants.

All-weather

An ideal future park system would also include parks for kids of all ages (Where is our outdoor b-ball court?). My vision includes lots more Issaquah residents on the trails (I would bet the % of Issaquah residents on our trails pales in comparison to those outside Issaquah). There needs to be a stronger marketing push to get people out there! Help them understand safety precautions, how to read a map, etc. and provide opportunities to get out there (i.e. trail races, city hikes, kids’ days on the trails, etc.)

An Ideal park is a complex of sport’s fields that are turfed for year around use with outlying trail system that surrounds the ball parks.

Clean, easily accessible.

Clean, nice gathering spots, good bathrooms. A place where people can go and meet, hang out and enjoy our beautiful area.

Connective trails that enable anyone in town to easily access nature within and without the city, i.e. an inner Green Necklace on the valley floor around Issaquah and Tibbetts creeks that connects to the outer, bigger necklace of open space on Cougar, Squak, and Tiger Mountains and Grand Ridge. Words and phrases: connected, easily accessible, ready access to wild nature, protection of Issaquah’s documented 30 Treasures, etc.

Covered spaces

Developing vibrant parks
- Disc Golf Course. Free, unique minimal impact on the land and small cost upfront. Diversify our recreational opportunities.
- Dog park!
- Every neighborhood should feel like they have a park.
- Fields and open areas for new apartment/condo residents
- Gateway to mountains to sound greenway is the way I think of Issaquah. Please continue to acquire new lands for parks and trails, especially with all the development! I would also love more dog friendly areas.
- Getting to things in IH
- I envision A safe natural outdoor area for families, folks of all ages to enjoy tghtr! Would like to see Splash pads/water fountain Walls incorporated. And would like amphitheatere seating for music concerts and theatre in parks.
- I like to see trails that are relatively free of non-native, invasive plants (blackberry, ivy, holly, butterfly bush, Scot's broom) and trash. Ideally, the trails would be bordered by interesting native wildflowers, other native groundcovers, shrubs, and trees. I frequently take trails in order to see wildflowers. Did you know that there are phantom orchids along a trail on Cougar Mountain? (Quite rare!)
- I live here because of Issaquah’s parks and trails
- I use parks to walk with my dog and let him socialize with other dogs every day. My ideal park is dog-friendly with walking paths and natural water features like streams and lakes.
- I would like to see Issaquah parks and trails with off-leash areas available. Hillside Park has plenty of undeveloped space that would make a great off-leash area. An off-leash area with water access at Lake Sam would be great also. Me and my dog Olive use the parks and trails 5-7 days/wk., they are very important to us.
- I would love Issaquah to influence the state to make changes to Lake Sammamish state park so that it is more interesting for locals to use... a couple of restaurants one can bike, kayak, or boat to (like gene coulon), a walking path adjacent to lake so the walk is filled with water views/access.
- I would use most of the trails more often if they would lead to an off leash dog park.
- I’d really like an off leash dog park, perhaps in Lake Sammamish park, closer to old Issaquah
- I'd want to see Neighborhood parks and good coverage for sports fields. Parks are less important to me than transportation, the Central Issaquah Plan, or the Downtown Streetscape Plan.
- Ideal park system needs to have variety. You'll never be able to please everyone, but providing variety gives most people the most options for outdoor activities.
- if we could buy more land to save space, that would be great for our neighborhood
- Just need more of them... to accommodate huge population growth.
- Keep the maintained.
- Keep the trails like trails. Keep building away from trails and don't make them into groomed walk ways.
- Lake Sammamish State Park – maximize
- Lighting in parks addresses safety- safety
- Locate parks in appropriate places – who’s funding it?
- Maintained
- Maintained
- Massive off leash area (like Marymoor), lake accessible restaurants (like Gene Coulon... walking trail along water (like Mt Baker), dogs can be off leash on hiking trails if under voice command (like mercer island),
exercise classes in the parks outside with lovely views (like mercer island), mini amphitheater for plays (like mercer island)

- Mix of regional and local draw
- More ADA trails [for hikers of all ages] – like Around the Lake Trail
- More dog friendly trails/park.
- More multi use, cleaner
- More neighborhood parks. There should be a playground within walking distance to all homes. School playgrounds should not be considered as those are off limits to children under 5 during most of today day.
- More off leash dog areas, clear connections between the various towns/cities trails so that you could bike/run/walk easily from one to the next without getting lost. We use the trails and parks nearly every day for exercise.
- More trails like Zoe and the Swamp Monster for families
- My primary use of the Issaquah Parks and Trails is for youth sports. We continue to face a growing youth obesity population in this country. Schools reduce and/or eliminate sports programs, leaving it up to the local community to provide activities for the children. Youth Sports brings communities together. Many of my closest friends are people that I never would have met had I not been standing under an umbrella on a sideline, sitting next to them in the stands, or volunteering to help the teams. The unique challenge we face here in the Pacific Northwest is that the frequent rain and early winter darkness leave the children little space to play safely unless we provide artificial turf surface fields with lighting. The lack of these fields has actually hindered the growth of youth sports, leading to less opportunities for our children to become active and healthy. I completely understand the importance of open space and trails, and don’t question that we need to make investments in these areas as well. Priority #1 should be investing in improvements that bring our community together and support the greatest number of active children.

- Need to make things for a variety of people. There are plenty of ball parks but not everyone plays ball sports. The grass fields don't drain well and should all be redone. Build a outdoor pool (that you can enclose with a bubble for wintertime) and skate parks. Give kids options
- New fields for kids playing sports. You are building houses like crazy in Issaquah, bringing in more families and kids, however the field situation has gotten worse and worse over the last few years. My kids have been playing almost in the dark because there is no lighting on fields.
- Not all parks are alike / variety
- Off lease area for dogs.
- Open usable flat space for active passive recreation
- Parks are very important. More dog friendly areas.
- People love to do stuff with their dogs so have enough safe dog off leash area fenced in, as well as walking with dogs area. Can baseball fields be turned into off leash areas when not used for sports seasons?
- Relevant to neighborhood
- Starting with the last question, well maintained parks and trails are very important in my life and the community quality of life as a whole. With the rapid growth of our community, now is the time to ensure accessible and functional green space is secured. Back to the vision/ideal system questions: Integrated multi use park system (both city and state parks) that provides easy access (bike/parking/paths) and leverages natural resources of our area.
- Sun, sails for summers shade
- To keep the park pristine and get the homeless tents out of the park
• Trails are more important as kids are getting older. Need a trail system that is linked and maintained - can't get to Cougar mountain because of construction on Shangri-La trail and lack of maintenance on Suprise Creek trail.
• Trails should continue to be well maintained. More parks and services for sporting events - soccer, lacrosse, football, swimming
• Upgrade a few choice playgrounds and stop spending money on silly little ones that aren't used. Spend the money for some wow factor on parks that will be really pull people to to them together. I love clean, safe trails. I wish the McKinley walk up park on Squak Mountain got a little TLC. It could be such a great space and worry about it now being used as a drug hang out or driving away families with the homeless in the surrounding wood. selfishly, would love to see that park get some natural looking play equipment that blends into the environment, like slides in the hillside, some lookout forts with a little swing, etc. so we could claim the area back for good purposes and not hiding drugs or other nefarious purposes.
• Use staircases
• User friendly, well-maintained and easily accessible.
• Walkable. Group activities. Picnic areas.
• We need parks that are dog friendly. Parks should be inclusive.
• We really need a dog park. Currently we have to drive a long way to reach a dog park. The one in the Highlands is neglected and is too small. There also needs to be two different play areas, one for big dogs and one for small dogs. The small dogs often pick fights with the bigger dogs because they are afraid of the big dogs.
• Well lighted parks and trails
• Would be beneficial to have access to a dog park similar to Marymoor
• Would love to see more parks with natural plants, fields to lay out in for the summer, and picnic areas. Trails are very important in my life because I go hiking locally every weekend.

Nature and Environment
• A bit of open space, a bit of wilderness, a place to play, a place to picnic, a place to socialize, and places for solitude. I think a future park system should increase access to the lake and add a skate park in an area that is highly public (behind the police station seems a good spot), and a nice sized area that is fenced for off-leash dog running. A doggy poop bag dispenser and a receptacle for disposal would be a nice addition in many parks.
• Aesthetically I like having the open space of parks in a community. I like the opportunity for recreation. However, I think Issaquah has plenty of park space already as well as state parks and land nearby.
• As a homeowner my investment is significant. With immense pressure for further development, parks and trails are crucial to preserve what portions of Issaquah's natural beauty and serenity remain. My ideal future park system would take that preservation to heart,
• Beauty, reflection, trees
• Connected, active and happening to downright reclusive. Points of interest (providing little jolts of happy) at each park. Maintained, basic amenities and signage. Welcoming. Appropriate for their area and needs. Can walk to it. Hmm. Nature is important to me, parks in Issaquah, so far, are something I don't use too much. The trails are important.
• Connected; Natural space / habitat
• Educational – wildlife (protections, corridors)
• Environmental leadership
• I envision a parks, trails and open space system linked together by the unifying and defining feature of Issaquah Creek (and I think you do too). This town is about Salmon Days! Parks should "double down" on property acquisition around/adjacent to the creek to simultaneously restore the creek and it's buffer and provide a shared use trail connecting people, bicyclists, and salmon. This celebrated water body is the heart beat of our City and should be highlighted as a means to pull the community together to recreate, connect, learn, and enjoy our streams and natural places as an inspired example of urban ecology.
• I hope that our parks and trails would be full of beautiful trees and vegetation. We need more trees that teens and adults can climb
• I like to see trails that are relatively free of non-native, invasive plants (blackberry, ivy, holly, butterfly bush, Scot's broom) and trash. Ideally, the trails would be bordered by interesting native wildflowers, other native groundcovers, shrubs, and trees. I frequently take trails in order to see wildflowers. Did you know that there are phantom orchids along a trail on Cougar Mountain? (Quite rare!)
• I would like to see more parks that are just open space with trees and places to just enjoy nature - we have enough play fields for team sports - how about just some plain old open space?
• I would love to see more flowers planted where ever possible to support pollinators and beautify the city.
• Increased water access.
• Increased water access.
• Intune with nature
• Issaquah Alps and Open space
• Leave as natural as possible
• Like when a park keeps its natural element and isn't overly developed.
• Mountain to Sound Greenway – [Issaquah] is the gateway to the foothills
• My vision for Issaquah Parks is to create an interconnected, diverse, easy access and balanced system that provides a peaceful connection to nature and a recreational platform for the community. As Issaquah continues to grow into a more urban environment and the world becomes more fast paced, a greater need to connect with nature is more important than ever.
• Natural, natural beauty
• Opportunity to connect with nature
• Parks and trails are a very significant part of my life and my family's life. I would love for Issaquah to prioritize our natural beauty, preserve it to a higher degree, and highlight it as what makes Issaquah special. We are a mountain town with incredible access to the Issaquah Alps, the Cascade mountains, lakes and creeks to cool off in when we get too hot, and creeks and streams that ensure our salmon continue to spawn. The vision highlights that natural beauty and creates a connected corridor from Lake Sammamish. all the way south to the Chirico Trail.
• Parks and trails are good for all of us, young old, handicapped. Being close to nature is important.
• Room for wildlife (recognize corridors / educate public)
• Solitude
• Support Seattle's mountain habits – embrace it
• Take advantage of natural surroundings
• The concrete ends in Issaquah
• Tree City
• Trees
• Views while you are doing stuff
• Water all flowing toward Lake Sammamish
• Would love to see more parks with natural plants, fields to lay out in for the summer, and picnic areas. Trails are very important in my life because I go hiking locally every weekend.

Other
• Active / passive
• Balanced
• Define what a park is.
• Diversity
• Extensive. Inspiring.
• Formal / informal
• Historical tours
• Increased areas of quiet and solid. Less noise, pets, parties.
• Inviting entrances to the city
• Issaquah Alps
• Issaquah’s Identity is attraction and Olde Town (small town charm)
• Pot in parks? Pot park?
• Trail users land in Issaquah and use services here
• while also respecting residents' investments in their homes by carefully considering the impacts of park developments to surrounding residences.

Safety
• Lighting in parks addresses safety- safety
• Long enough distance to run or bike, close proximity to home, some parking at key access points, adequate lighting, safe to use day and night
• Play safe
• Safe
• Safe
• Safe / Safety
• Safe access from key neighborhoods (like South Cove and beyond)
• Safe Enjoyable experiences
• Safe walking trails and parks are a huge part of much needed exercise for senior citizens in this community.
• Safe, clean, lush, easily accessible. Parks and trails are important in my life as I enjoy the outdoors and being able to meet new people on paths and trails.
• Safety – maintain it and plan for it
• Trail safety [campers in open space]
• Well lighted parks and trails
• Engaging-safe

Specific park/trail
• Add recreation on roofs?
• Continue to buy up more creek property as comes available. Continue summer concerts on the green.
• Issaquah Alps is a great area to hike and we regularly enjoy Tiger, Squak, and Cougar Mountain trails.
• Issaquah Creek Trail
• Pedestrian bridge at Newport to lake Sammamish State Park
• South Cove walkway along Sammamish road

Responses on Social Media: What’s your vision for Issaquah’s parks and trails?
[Note: Because responses on social media often have a different tenor and include conversation, they are listed here separately from responses gathered in workshops and the online survey. They are also listed by theme, with a larger amount in the “other” category.]

Mobility and Connection
• My vision is for Lake Sammamish to have a biking/walking trail that goes completely around it – if that’s possible. Now it seems that you can only bike through a small section near the beach and then head through the parking lots.
• My vision is soft surface shoulders connecting all the parks in both Issaquah and Sammamish.
• Walla Walla Point Park in Wenatchee is a beautiful park on the lake there, stunning. My wish is for Lake Sammamish State Park to be as equally planned, developed and accessible http://www.chelanpud.org/parks-and-recreation/our-parks/day-use-parks/walla-walla-point-park
• We need gentle, level trails for slow moving folks without pets. Help people with disabilities, the elderly, young children and out of shape cubicle monkeys to get fresh air, exercise and commune with nature too! With plenty of benches for resting. Like a nature trail around a lake or something.

Active Lifestyles
• A covered rock climbing wall for people to practice on while Washington sheds its water weight.
• For Goodness sake...can you Please put a Splash Pad, Fountain spray splash wall for the millions of families that live in this community!? Thank you for your consideration!
• I’d like to see more things for teens and families to or to fix our traffic first.
• I’d love to see Splash park for young and old put in!!!
• My vision is for Lake Sammamish to have a biking/walking trail that goes completely around it – if that’s possible. Now it seems that you can only bike through a small section near the beach and then head through the parking lots.
• skateboard parks
• Thanks for asking! Would love an outdoor work out station up in the highlands, I miss the one we used to have

Administration
• Gail Robbins Lazar So Sorry, Gail, I guess I didn’t read the article closely enough to see its focus was just parks and trails. My apologies. Unfortunately, I have a deep-seated dog phobia from a childhood attack, and so this is a sensitive issue for me. So regarding trails, I do wish that people would respect the leash requirement on trails that are marked as leash trails. I would love to feel free to use our Issaquah trails, but I don’t go trail walking, for fear of coming across unleashed dogs. That be my vision – that dog owners would abide by posted signage so that we can all enjoy the trails.
• I don’t know, but the city likes to waste or money on stupid stuff instead of the things we need. Just like Seattle
• Not with my tax dollars. If people want a dog park, let them pay for it. There are more important things to use our tax money on. If you want a dog park, go to Kent. To Reber Ranch. They have a great one. Not paid for by people’s taxes.

Community
• I’d like to see more things for teens and families to or to fix our traffic first.
• We need gentle, level trails for slow moving folks without pets. Help people with disabilities, the elderly, young children and out of shape cubicle monkeys to get fresh air, exercise and commune with nature too! With plenty of benches for resting. Like a nature trail around a lake or something.
• Dog parks require vast areas, (my research says not less than 2 acres, preferably 5) with water access, as well as being pleasant for dog owners…please consider this, as well as NOT displacing an existing kids playground nestled amongst homes like Klahanie has been talking about...REPLACING KIDS NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS WITH A DOG PARK IS OUTRAGEOUS!
• We need a splash park or some kind of fountain the kids can play in during the summer.

Facilities and Maintenance
• ‘Share your vision for Issaquah’s Parks & Trails’ –I think you are barking up the wrong tree. Maybe speak with chamber of commerce about ‘your vision’ re everywhere – because dogs belong in the parks we are envisioning in this thread. With all due respect.
• A covered rock climbing wall for people to practice on while Washington sheds it’s water weight.
• And a pancake house!
• Beaver Baseball park in Sammamish managed to put in an off leash dog park why not Tibbitts in Issaquah. It big enough. Thanks for asking.
• For Goodness sake...can you Please put a Splash Pad, Fountain spray splash wall for the millions of families that live in this community!? Thank you for your consideration!
• Have a dog agility area!
• I’d love to see Splash park for young and old put in!!!
• Is the one in the Highlands not there anymore?
• Isn’t there an off-leash park in the Highland? I mean sure a second one would be nice but shouldn’t be a high priority if one already exists.
• Issaquah needs an off-leash dog Park. How about across the street from the Pancake house. Thanks for asking.
• Love the trails we have around Issaquah. Still have many to discover. Definitely lacking a dog park, like Redmond has, but grateful for what we have. A bit hard to find where the trails are.
• Off Leash Dog Park
• Put a fence around the perimeter of the baseball fields...with various gates. Sw we use them as off leash dog parks. When the kids are not playing.
• Robinswood, Beaver lake(sic) and Marymoor ...not that far
• skateboard parks
• Thanks for asking! Would love an outdoor work out station up in the highlands, I miss the one we used to have
• There’s a dog park in the Highlands
• Walla Walla Point Park in Wentachee is a beautiful park on the lake there, stunning. My wish is for Lake Sammamish State Park to be as equally planned, developed and accessible. 
  http://www.chelanpud.org/parks-and-recreation/our-parks/day-use-parks/walla-walla-point-park
• We love our dogs and need an off leash for them. As an agility person it would be great to have agility arena.
• We need a splash park or some kind of fountain the kids can play in during the summer.
• We need gentle, level trails for slow moving folks without pets. Help people with disabilities, the elderly, young children and out of shape cubicle monkeys to get fresh air, exercise and commune with nature too! With plenty of benches for resting. Like a nature trail around a lake or something.
• Work with local dog daycares like blue dog or motley’s rescue or issaquah pure bred to develop a dog park or leash free runs. One for dogs under 15lb one for big dogs. Beaverlake has one, that’s esthetically pleasing & financially humane to homeless dogs & non profits.

Other
• Alycia Long one good thing
• Dogs are showing up in places where they should not be—restaurants, grocery stores, banks.... EVERYWHERE! Can there be a way to legislate consideration for allergic and dog-fearing people to have the right to go to a restaurant without encountering a dog at the next table?
• Fix the roads. Traffic sucks here now. And bring back plastic bags at the stores. Freaking snowflakes. Make Issaquah great again.
• Forget putting more money in parks fix the traffic issues.
• Forget the parks MAKE WIDER ROADS or more, IT’S like a parking lot from Issaquah, to hi-way 18.
• Ihop and creek!!! Next ?!?! Idea? How about fix traffic n stop building more houses we don’t need!!
• Nope
• Since we aren’t taking care of traffic (bypass) and focusing on puppy runs – How about a slip and slide from Zeeks to Starbucks in the Highlands? Of course we need a tow rope back to the top.
• Stop development at roundabout by 228th!!!! Please don’t cut trees down!!!
• Stupid fix the roads people
• Thank the good Lord Ed Murray is not your Mayor, or piles of garbage, human feces, used needles would be on your menu.
• Why in Bellevue?
• With you on this apparently, everybody should love dogs (I personally do) but for crying out loud they do not need to be literally everywhere which it seems like that’s what’s it’s come down to because ‘if we can there or if you want my business my dog/pet needs to be with me’ getting a wee bit out of hand
• Yes, you can stay at home...lol jk
4. Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

**Mobility and Connection**
- "SR-900 pedestrian crossing
- 12th and Cedar Trail connections
- 3) Walking trail maps targeted toward seniors with historic sites, children's walking maps for safe routes to schools and parks, maps for bikers.
- Also, when on Rainier trail it’s hard to get across Gilman to get to the other side to continue on Rainier trail. A pedestrian bridge or a safer, more direct route would be nice.
- Answer: More connected trails for hiking and biking. Use the parks as a catalyst to make Issaquah a more bicycle friendly community. We are doing well, but could be doing better.
- Be able to bike from our home in South Lake Sammamish safely into the core of downtown Issaquah.
- better sidewalks to/from parks - 212th in particular, many areas of road with no side
- Bridging schools to neighborhoods using parks as part of safe, accessible walking routes.
- COMPLETE THE NEW TURF FIELDS AT CENTRAL PARK! Voters want it and the planning process has dragged-on far too long. We also should not be going cheap on this project or we will have MANY unhappy Highlands residents (I don't live in the Highlands, but understand their pain) due to traffic congestion, light pollution, and public safety. It needs LED lights. The road MUST be widened. An expansion of the EXISTING parking lot so that children are not running across the main street in the dark.
- Connecting to
- Connection to Squak Valley Park
- Connections to other long distance trails
- Connections to valley sidewalks
- Connectivity
- Connectivity. I see a future in which the CoI has acquired and manages the entire floodplain within the city limits. I see managed streamside access (to keep pedestrians and dogs our of the sensitive riparian zones), and facilitated by useful parking alternatives.
- Creekside park running through town
- Crossings
- Dedicated bike trails to the Park and Rides so you don’t have to ride with traffic on Newport.
- Flat 4 mile, 6 mile, 8 mile loops with NO traffic lights around town.
- I have the vision of long, wide pathways along the many beautiful creeks in Issaquah, with more pedestrian bridges crossing the creeks.
- I would like to see more trails/connecting trails along Issaquah Creek.
- I would personally love a safe way to get from South Cove/Beach Club neighborhood to the Lake Sammamish State Park entrance. We need a sidewalk or trail along the road. I would love to safely ride my bike to do errands in Issaquah but I do get afraid when riding on the roads.
- I’d like to ensure there are some smooth paths that the elderly can walk on, without fear of falling.
- Interconnected
• Issaquah's worst crisis right now is transportation. If parks and trails could help provide a peaceful yet useful alternative to the choked roads of this town, that would improve my enjoyment of Issaquah considerably.
• Link green spaces – Winterbrook Farm
• More connections, better signage, better bicycle facilities and better transit connections.
• More trails - linking existing trails and better signs to help navigate the trail system.
• Mountains to Sound connection from Bellevue (towards East)
• My dream of a connected trail and park system that loops throughout the city and gives me access to everything Issaquah has to offer without getting in my car can NEVER happen if I can't safely get to Issaquah from my neighborhood! The #1 priority if a sidewalk/path/trail or whatever is possible to connect South Lake Sammamish neighborhoods to Issaquah. I have run and biked to Tully’s along West Lake Sammamish only and handful of times in the 14 years we have lived in South Cove because I am scared to do it. It’s not safe. Sadly, it is a matter of time before a cyclist or runner lossestheir life along that route. The city promised safe passage along this route at annexation and we have yet to see it.
• New and permanently improved parking lot at East Lake Sammamish fields (IHOP fields).
• Parks connected by trails.
• Parks transportation system – Senior center
• System and theme to connect Issaquah
• Trail down SR-900 and Hobart Road
• Trail not divided – water flows to Lake Sammamish
• Trails connecting from Talus and other areas (network)
• Trails connecting Talus to Tibbetts Park
• Walking and hiking is perhaps the best long-term exercise a person can experience. It provides essential benefits to the spirit, mind and body as we age. Connecting to nature is also extremely important. Combining these two elements enhance overall health. In part, it's why people visit and live in Issaquah. Creating an interconnected park system with an extensive trail system away from traffic is my big dream for Issaquah. We’re heading in that direction and many excellent opportunities already exist. For the future, let’s put the icing on the cake.
• Walking maize to draw tourists close to Old Town. Better connection from the north end of Rainier to the trail north of Gilman.
• Would also like to see a really nice backcountry experience created for the physically disabled. We have beautiful trails with lush vegetation that venture deep into our forests, but it saddens me that people who are bound to a wheelchair are not able to receive the same enjoyment from our trails. There are no wheelchair accessible trails that have a deep forest experience. The trail system that wraps around behind the high school from 2nd to Sunset would be a great candidate for a conversion to wheelchair accessible trail. It’s relatively flat and very accessible. Our who have difficulty navigating uneven terrain would also benefit.

Active Lifestyles
• "Interpretive Center – watershed, wildlife, outdoor education
• *Movie projector to watch community movies Saturday evenings spring/summer/fall
• *Rafting in the summer from Confluence Park to Lake Sammamish. Have a ride back to the park
• A disc Golf Course, 27 holes! Let's get Issaquah on this map
  http://www.dgcoursereview.com/browse_map.php
• a world class aquatic center and enough athletic fields to accommodate our needs
- A zip line would be cool.
- Activate spaces
- Activity spaces
- Aquatic Center
- Art in Park
- Big dream, a rock bouldering area similar to the one at Marymoor Park. A place for older youth and adults to climb.
- Big enough for events
- Bike rentals (like Green Lake)
- Bike skills park that connects to Grand Ridge and Mitchell Hill via a multi-use soft surface trail.
- Boat use – kayaking
- Bocce ball
- Bocce ball court across from Red Apple Market. Frisbee golf course in Inje Johnson or Confluence Park.
- Bowling alley
- Bungee jump
- Celebrate and educate
- Children’s play space,
- Climbing – high adventure ropes course
- Climbing wall
- Community garden near shops
- Concerts at different parks
- Concerts near retail
- Creative Playground features with a variety of play opportunities
- Dream big is to have Lake Sammamish State Park greatly improved like Coulon Park in Renton which has several places to eat, nice landscaping, and is fairly busy so safe yet somewhat rustic since a wildlife area. Or like Marymoor Park which has lots going on daily. At times in the evening I don't feel safe in parts of the state park because not a lot of people. The new playground has helped to bring families to the park and more people in the evening. Improve the paths east of MS buildings as lots of roots to twist an ankle. Bring back lifeguards.
- Driving Range
- Environmental education – Cedar River, rattlesnake, multi-use
- Equestrian parks
- Experience [for user]
- Forest around Central Park for slack-line / zip-line or hammock
- Frisbee gold
- Fun activities - that are no for sports or passive - make parks alive and fun.
- Highlight parks with an event
- Hit button and music plays
- I think a splash/spray park would be a great addition to Issaquah Parks as well.
- I would like to see more "drop in" outdoor activities, like Tai Chi in the park, especially for seniors.
• I would love to see smaller gatherings by local artists in the summer. Artist in residence would be kind of fun too.
• Indoor surfing
• Indoor tennis courts!!! Bmx park / skate park. Another dog park
• Landing spot near Lake Sammamish
• Lazer tag
• More things for kids to do! Maybe some parkour trails like the old fashioned kind in the 80s (with "stations" with exercise equipment). But more than anything, a way for the parks to interconnect and for people living in neighborhoods to get to the parks without driving/parking and without braving sidewalk-less streets.
• More water features within parks themselves. Fun to have an Issaquah Water Park:). Outdoor community public pool.
• More outdoor education Gathering spaces
• Multi-generational activities
• Multi-use indoor soccer / batting cages / indoor spaces / music / all in same building
• My kids want more swings.
• Open space for ball games, picnics, etc... needs to have good drainage so we can enjoy all year long.
• Outdoor gym Playground. Giant outdoor Rope’s-Course (would pay for itself overtime if became a recreational program). More Bicycle routes.
• Performance space – sound system, shell
• Please build a skate park behind the police station/City Hall in memorial park. Don't make the same mistake twice and build one away from the police station, which fosters crime. Learn from Sammamish; their skate park is in the middle of their civic center; police station, City Hall and Library. The weekly summer farmer's market happens right next to it. This helps keep the park clean and crime-free. There are a lot of kids that use that park, and many drive up from Issaquah. We need our own! Design it for scooters too; this a fast growing sport for kids 10-18. It's a healthy sport for them. A covered area would be a bonus!
• Putting green
• Putting greens [goofy-golf]
• Really awesome splash pad for kids AND adults.
• Running, jogging – Par Course
• Safety is the most important. But it would be great to add zip lines, wall climbing.
• Scavenger hunt, geocaching
• See prior question for my Lake Sammamish dream. Also / exercise classes in the park- like yoga.
• Showcase local artists – artists wall (change it up periodically)
• Skate park
• Speaker’s Corner
• Speaker’s Corner
• Splash Pad / Pool / waterslide – outdoors
• Splash park
• Splash Park
• Spray Park
• Team activities
- The playgrounds are primarily geared to tots. Playgrounds should be more accessible, challenging and encourage family interaction.
- Tubing year round- Scotland/Edinburgh
- Varying ages play opportunities [different than usual playground]
- Water park (like Krock Park, Portland, OR)
- Water park [use of water]
- Water park for kids
- Would like to see Splash pads/water fountain Walls incorporated. And would like amphitheater seating for music concerts and theatre in parks.
- Year-round Farmer’s Market
- Zip line

Community
- 1) Spray Park in downtown corridor - popular park activity that would drawn people from all over to our downtown area. Priority places: baseball field behind City Hall, Community Center skatepark area or Confluence Park.
- 2) Children’s Museum (like Bellevue’s) in downtown corridor... Also a great way to attract people to downtown during the day time and long winter months. Staples Building?
- Celebrate
- Enhance playground opportunities (ie: Lake Sammamish State Park)
- For seniors
- I would love to see smaller gatherings by local artists in the summer. Artist in residence would be kind of fun too.
- Issaquah has more and more families with young children, a splash park would be glorious! Families wouldn’t have to drive to Bellevue or Sammamish to visit splash parks.
- More things for kids to do! Maybe some parkour trails like the old-fashioned kind in the 80s (with "stations" with exercise equipment). But more than anything, a way for the parks to interconnect and for people living in neighborhoods to get to the parks without driving/parking and without braving sidewalk-less streets.
- Multi-generational activities
- My kids want more swings.
- Parks as gathering places
- Public square (East Gilman)
- Speaker’s Corner

Facilities and Maintenance
- "Dog Park(s) – off-leash
- “Cage”[?] update with better surface
- 1) an Olympic-size public pool or some other large aquatic center in addition to Boehm's pool.
- 1) Spray Park in downtown corridor - popular park activity that would drawn people from all over to our downtown area. Priority places: baseball field behind City Hall, Community Center skatepark area or Confluence Park.
1. Protect and preserve Winterbrook Farm to create a farmland and forestland space open to the public with environmental education learning opportunities. (Similar concept can be learned and applied from Farrel McWhiter Farm Park in Redmond and Kelsey Creek Farm in Bellevue).

2) a second public gymnasium that has a standard wood floor so volleyball and basketball players can play safely. I think a lot of adults in Issaquah want to play volleyball but go to other cities because they do not like the carpeted floor at the current community center.

2) Children's Museum (like Bellevue's) in downtown corridor... Also a great way to attract people to downtown during the day time and long winter months. Staples Building?

3) a spray deck/splash pad at at least one of the most-used playgrounds in Issaquah. In the summer I have to drive to Bellevue (Crossroads Park) or Redmond (Grass Lawn Park) for a spray deck. (The playground at Lake Sammamish State Park is supposed to have a spray deck, but right now it doesn't look like it's functional.)

4) Unique, creative playground in every neighborhood. All new neighborhoods should have a new and different playground.

50m by 25 yard pool, along with a 25 yard by 20 yard dive tank for diving and water polo, and another 25 yard pool that is shallow for seniors and kids and lessons. This would allow us to foster the Eastside aquatics community and have an exceptional facility for competitions and training. It would help support the community in a big way

6) More covered picnic tables and outdoor spaces that can be utilized/rented by the public.

A big dog park with a walking trail around it, a rest room and water for the dogs

A destination dog park! Like Marymoor! Marymoor has a large, volunteer stewardship organization that helps to maintain the park. I am convinced we have the population and dog-enthusiast base to create our own SODA. https://www.soda.org/.

A Dog Park

A dog park for the valley floor. NOT in the highlands.

a dog park, and

A fenced in section for an off leash dog park.

A major sports complex with turfed fields for Baseball and Soccer, complete with all the amenities. Look at ESPN World of Sports in Orlando, FL. You said dream big!

A Park that is as good as Robinswood Park in Bellevue or Grasslawn Park in Redmond

A water park similar to Crossroads park in Bellevue. More tunnel slides. A play bird house that kids could go in. Kid size doors in play equipment. Covered playground spaces for rainy days. Would love some swings or a small playground or rock play garden at Bernsten Park. A dog park at Salmon Run park.

A well draining off-leash dog park that is not a mud bog, has a trail system, and possibly a shelter over a portion of the dog park to protect people and dogs from standing in the rain during play.

a world class aquatic center and enough athletic fields to accommodate our needs

Add a dog park somewhere in downtown area.

Add trailhead

Additional swim center like the one Weyerhaeuser Aquatic Center that is meant for large competitions, allows space for water polo, diving for our high schools.

Adult seating in play areas.

Amenities in park

An indoor pool with a lazy river/waterslide would be perfect. Something like what surrounding cities have in their YMCA.
• An off leash Park
• Aquatic Center
• Bathrooms at all trailheads
• Big dream, a rock boundering area similar to the one at Marymoor Park. A place for older youth and adults to climb.
• Big enough for events
• Bike rentals (like Green Lake)
• Bike skills park that connects to Grand Ridge and Mitchell Hill via a multi-use soft surface trail.
• Bocce ball court across from Red Apple Market. Frisbee golf course in Inje Johnson or Confluence Park.
• Build a nice skate park in a location not so seedy as the current one where druggies hang out by community center.
• Cafés within park
• Central Park and Tibbets Park turf and lighting. Then a pool in the Highlands (not sure if that is covered by parks).
• City owned property [outside city limits] by Central Park [trails]
• Complete the Green Necklace within and ensure trail routes/linkages to readily connect to the outer ring of open space. Parks and Economic Development offices should take advantage of and build an identity around what Issaquah is, its outdoor character, and its already known titles as a Trailhead City, Tree City, core city in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, base city of the Issaquah Alps, base for at least 100 miles of readily accessible trails on Cougar, Squak, and Tiger, a city within a National Scenic Byway (and likely a future National Heritage Area). Focus on HIKING, that is the overriding, predominate use and desired use by a vastly large % of residents and visitors. Issaquah should not seek to cater to mountain biking. Create a city sponsored map for visitors and residents that shows trails surrounding Issaquah, perhaps sponsored by local businesses that can advertise and offer post-hike refreshments, i.e. "Come hike in Issaquah and enjoy a meal and microbrew at...Issaquah Brewhouse, Sunset Alehouse, Flying Pie, or a dozen other places TBD"
• Consistent signage at all city parks. Hiking trail signage that is consistent regardless if city, state or county land.
• Covered [areas]
• Create spaces
• Creating spaces / programs on top of built spaces [buildings]
• Different types of parks
• Diversity in play areas
• Dog off leash area.
• Dog Park
• Dog park is on our wish list.
• Dog park near or in Talus
• Dog park that is not a mud pit like the one in the Highlands. Model after Robinswood Dog park in Bellevue.
• dog park with swimming access like Marymoor.
• Dog park!! -- a large fenced in area for dogs. Ideally, it would be so big, there would be little pathways and streams that enable owners to meander around enjoying the surroundings, with their dog running nearby. There would be a station to wash the dogs after playing, for a small fee.
• **DOG PARK!!** Seriously, this is such a huge need. Every day I speak to people out walking their dog and we all say the same thing "I wish Issaquah had a secure, safe, clean dog area."

• Dog waste stations at trailheads – bags and waste cans

• Downtown Bellevue – parks, open, track, trees, so natural, dogs

• **Dream big** is to have Lake Sammamish State Park greatly improved like Coulon Park in Renton which has several places to eat, nice landscaping, and is fairly busy so safe yet somewhat rustic since a wildlife area. Or like Marymoor Park which has lots going on daily. At times in the evening I don't feel safe in parts of the state park because not a lot of people. The new playground has helped to bring families to the park and more people in the evening. Improve the paths east of MS buildings as lots of roots to twist an ankle. Bring back lifeguards.

• **Enhance playground opportunities** (ie: Lake Sammamish State Park)

• Environmental education – Cedar River, rattlesnake, multi-use

• Fewer dog areas.

• **For the public to be able to use the existing Trails** – we don’t really need any more, what we want is to be able to use what we have...but instead, the City closes one park(Confluence) for more extentions, and closes the 2 main Trails that are used consistently, for over 18 months, we totally don't agree with this approach. City encourages more of us to walk, yet makes no attempt to keep these Trails opened and available.

• **Forest around Central Park** for slack-line / zip-line or hammock

• **Help with green necklace vision**

• I have asked for a dog park in Issaquah for many years. Unlike many other cities, Issaquah has been particularly unfriendly to dogs. With a large percentage of the population owning dogs it is surprising to have this attitude. A section of Confluence Park should have been designated dog park.

• I really wish we didn't improve the Boehms pool, I wish we tore it down and built a large Aquatic center next to our Community Center (where the skate park is) and put the skate park where the Boehms pool is. Something like that. I would really like a large indoor aquatic center for our community.

• I think the parks we have are beautiful. Keep them maintained and clean

• I would like to see off-leash areas in Issaquah Parks. Hillside Park, Squak Valley Park, Confluence Park, and somewhere with water access. Hillside Park would be a great place to develop an off-leash dog area with wooded areas and trails. My dog Olive just wants more opportunity to run and play with other dogs.

• I would like to see sand volleyball courts in an Issaquah park as well as more covered shelters for rain.

• I would love to have an outdoor work out station in the Issaquah highlands again. I used to use the one that was there all the time, I miss it!

• I’d like to see a public pool in the Highlands and more soccer pads for the kids that are lit and not flooded in water......

• I'd love to have places along Lake Sammamish to get gas for the boat, and stop for an ice cream, or a cold drink. I'd love to have a restaurant on the water, that you could access by car or boat.

• if we could buy land along the Issaquah creek and create a creek trail all the way from sunset to Lake Sammamish

• If you've observed the new Snoqualmie Aquatic center, I think a similar multi-use aquatic facility of that kind could be a great asset to the community.

• Invasive elimination

• Invasive removal

• Issaquah has more and more families with young children, a splash park would be glorious! Families wouldn't have to drive to Bellevue or Sammamish to visit splash parks.
• It would be great to have part of the Lake Sammamish park be a dog park with water access. Or really a dog park anywhere in town!
• It would be nice to have a dog park. There are tons of dogs downtown and it would be great to have a place for them to roam.
• Landing spot near Lake Sammamish
• Maintenance
• Make dog areas in existing parks.
• Marymoor’s off leash dog park
• More connections, better signage, better bicycle facilities and better transit connections.
• More dog parks
• More food and beverage options around parks.
• More free tennis courts
• More parks
• More sand for digging.
• More signage that explains nature, animals, tips for saving watersheds, how to report problems.
• More soccer fields that are turf so they don’t have to close because of mud
• More sports fields - lighted and turf with multiple fields at one location.
• More trails ... both paved and natural.
• More water access.
• More water features within parks themselves. Fun to have an Issaquah Water Park:). Outdoor community public pool.
• Mtn biking trail
• My Dream big for parks: (1) Reimagine some existing parks to make them more functional...this would include paths (during our rainy season some parks not functional due to wet ground and no paths to walk on), benches and parking.
• My ideal park system would have facilities like baseball or soccer fields, and combine that with something for the other family members to do while the parents and siblings are at the games. The Beaver Lake baseball fields are a great example of what to put near a sports field. There is a good playground near the baseball fields, a nice set of bathrooms and a covered area with picnic tables for the families or teams to have a meal. This is the best set-up around for baseball games, and Issaquah should provide similar amenities at their parks. Grasslawn park in Redmond is another great mixed-use park. Siblings can play on the playground while other family members play soccer or tennis.
• My kids want more swings.
• My wish list includes a botanical garden,
• Obviously a serious Marymoor style off leash dog park. A trail along Issaquah Creek where you can actually see the creek and the creek is no longer coated with invasives. Peakaboo viewpoints from elevated trails. And valley floor trails that are pleasant, quiet, interesting with amenities that enhance (yes, the press the button and it plays random music pole is still a favorite with me.) and create whimsy. Right now we have benches facing garbage cans...say ewww!
• Off leash area for pets in down town Issaquah
• Off leash dog parks
• Off-leash dog park, please!
• Off-leash trail – safe from roads
- Outdoor community pool.
- Outdoor pool is needed!!!!
- Panic button in parks – emergency system
- Parks near retail
- Picnic benches / trash cans
- Picnic shelters
- Please build a skate park behind the police station/City Hall in memorial park. Don’t make the same mistake twice and build one away from the police station, which fosters crime. Learn from Sammamish; their skate park is in the middle of their civic center; police station, City Hall and Library. The weekly summer farmer's market happens right next to it. This helps keep the park clean and crime-free. There are a lot of kids that use that park, and many drive up from Issaquah. We need our own! Design it for scooters too; this a fast growing sport for kids 10-18. It's a healthy sport for them. A covered area would be a bonus!
- Public square (East Gilman)
- Putting green
- Really awesome splash pad for kids AND adults.
- Reopen the trail from Big Bear Place NW into Hillside Park. Neighbors closed it off sometime in the late 1990's. Add a covered picnic shelter to Hillside Park.
- Restrooms.
- Seating
- Shelters / covered spaces / various sizes
- Signage at trailheads to encourage hikers to pull
- Skate park
- Splash park
- Squak Mountain (beyond the Mt. McKinley dead end). There's a back stop there and a big flat open field. Adding equipment would make it a hidden neighborhood gem, and definitely keep and attract young families to Squak Mountain.
- Swings where you lay flat
- Tables
- The top priority for me is the addition of a dog park. When brought to city years ago, it was deemed too much of a liability. Yes, there is a park in the Highlands, but the next closest is Bellevue. There are so many dogs that we need another in Issaquah proper (downtown, Talus, etc.). This, to me, is the purpose of the city - to make happen what the citizens want. We certainly have enough of a dog population to warrant a dog park. Please, please, please consider. One is not enough. So many other cities within King County recognize the importance of a dog park for building community, encouraging exercise, etc.
- Trail down SR-900 and Hobart Road
- Trail Dream big: Vehicle traffic is getting heavier on roads, so road bike lanes are becoming less attractive, thus a need for more multi use trails like Pickering and East Lake Sammamish. For example, with the planned enhancements in the Olde Town area, there is a need to expand the trail along the RR tracks (parallel to Front Street) so to accommodate bikes. Also a need to expand sidewalks along Gillman to include bikes.
- Trailheads at parks
- Trails – facts, information, maps and history
- Turf Sports complex at LSSP to generate activity for the park, notoriety and economic benefits for Issaquah
- Unique equipment
● Using existing spaces / under-utilized spaces
● Valley / [Issaquah] Creek trail
● Water natural connection to Lake Sammamish State Park
● Water park (like Krock Park, Portland, OR)
● We need a dog park near route 900 and Newport.
● We need a good place for dog owners to exercise their pets.
● We need an off-leash dog part in the Confluence Park on Rainier Blvd. Issaquah recently added hundreds of new apartments on Gilman and nearby; lots of these people have dogs. The only off leash park is way up at the top of the Highlands- too far. Confluence Park is huge and mostly unused. The rougher area on the west side near the creek would be perfect for a dog park. Thanks
● We really need a seriously good dog park. I drive out of the area to Marymoor now. This not only exercises the dogs, but me too! Also, dog parks are an awesome place for people to gather.
● Would be beneficial to have access to a dog park similar to Marymoor
● Year-round bathrooms – placed in areas with connections
● Year-round Farmer’s Market

Administration
● 5) Partnership with the schools to creatively share space for programs and public use.
● 7) City can host a Kapow event that engages the community in designing park and public spaces with art, usable hang-out/gathering spaces or parks. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGVb2YmMsAM
● COMPLETE THE NEW TURF FIELDS AT CENTRAL PARK! Voters want it and the planning process has dragged-on far too long. We also should not be going cheap on this project or we will have MANY unhappy Highlands residents (I don’t live in the Highlands, but understand their pain) due to traffic congestion, light pollution, and public safety. It needs LED lights. The road MUST be widened. An expansion of the EXISTING parking lot so that children are not running across the main street in the dark.
● Expand!!!
● For the public to be able to use the existing Trails --we don’t really need any more, what we want is to be able to use what we have...but instead, the City closes one park(Confluence) for more extentions, and closes the 2 main Trails that are used consistently, for over 18 months, we totally don’t agree with this approach. City encourages more of us to walk, yet makes no attempt to keep these Trails opened and available.
● Please see dog beach concern above. People also continue to unleash their dogs despite the warning signs. Is there any actual enforcement? Loose dogs running up to my baby stroller is my only concern.
● Put parks in each new development. Whoever approved the Atlad apt complex on Gilman needs to be fired! It is hands down the ugliest building in town. There are no trees on the property or near it. I am truly appalled whenever I see it.

Nature and the Environment
● "Interpretive Center – watershed, wildlife, outdoor education
● (2) Seek opportunities to leverage natural resources for park locations. For example, better leverage Issaquah Creek. Confluence, I believe is the only park that effectively leverages the beauty of Issaquah Creek. Berntsen Park is on the Creek, but does not leverage the Creek. Likewise, effectively no park/Creek connection along Pickering Trail.
• 1. Protect and preserve Winterbrook Farm to create a farmland and forestland space open to the public with environmental education learning opportunities. (Similar concept can be learned and applied from Farrel McWhiter Farm Park in Redmond and Kelsey Creek Farm in Bellevue).

• As the population evolves into computer screens in the palm of your hand, we must not forget the importance of nature and wildlife. It served Native American cultures for centuries. Parks is able to enhance that opportunity well into the future.

• Connectivity. I see a future in which the CoI has acquired and manages the entire floodplain within the city limits. I see managed streamside access (to keep pedestrians and dogs our of the sensitive riparian zones), and facilitated by useful parking alternatives.

• Conservation

• Creek Viewing Areas

• Creek walk

• Environmental education – Cedar River, rattlesnake, multi-use

• Every parks reflect natural core value of our town

• I would also like to see more outdoor education, through programming and a potential interpretive center. We have a wealth of historical and cultural heritage significance in our community and parks can be a platform canvas to tell that story. Reaching out to diverse ethnic communities is essential. We have a vast amount of environmental non-profit agencies in our area. Creating partnerships would help gain exposure and more community involvement in these initiatives.

• I would also like to see more trails like Rainier trail, which are more park-like and less hidden from view of passersby. The development of 62nd at 221st provides an opportunity for this type of trail.

• if we could buy land along the Issaquah Creek and create a creek trail all the way from sunset to Lake Sammamish

• Invasive removal

• Issaquah Creek

• More flowers added to existing parks.

• More open space for parks that are peaceful that provide a respite from everything else in the City.

• My biggest dream come true would be instead of play ground equipment, having natural areas within wooded areas set aside for children to play. I understand the reasoning behind "sticking to the trail," but kids don't get exited about nature just going for a walk on a trail. They want to climb on fallen logs and look closely at the foliage and make forts and if we are to create a new generation of kids who appreciate natural areas we can't keep them contained only on the trail and on the playground. My dream would be to have areas where that kind of play is encouraged.

• Natural / environmental education

• Natural areas

• Open vistas

• Prioritize maintain 50% tree canopy. For every tree cut down, there needs to be a requirement for tree replacement on that or nearby property.

• Retaining the mountain views

• -River access park for kids

• Trees

• View point seating

• Viewing of creeks, mountains
• Water and mountains
• Water natural connection to Lake Sammamish State Park
• We don't need to add much in amenities - green space is all we need.
• Wildlife – (eagles/osprey/bird)

Specific Ideas

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• A play area at confluence park
• Acquire Kelly Ranch to expand Tibbetts Valley Park
• Acquire the Kelly Ranch property! The owners are motivated to sell and to lose that land to development would be tragic. Link cougar mountain and Squak mountain trails through there to create an even more extensive trail network. Create a dog park somewhere to allow residents in the valley a "off leash" option. Have a mountain bike pump track similar to Leavenworth for older kids.
• Add a play area for smaller children next to the existing Central Park turf fields.
• Add pea patch gardens to Ingi Johnson for South Front multi-family residences.
• Also, maybe a mini botanical garden with native plants and information? Similar to Bellevue but not on a grand scale.
• Botanical Garden
• Complete the final phase of Confluence Park to realize the full vision of its masterplan for the residents of Issaquah.
• Completion of mountain bike skills park in Park Point
• Confluence park re-opening in late spring! (Construction is very noisy and many cars/trucks down my street during this project). Can’t wait to see/use the new bridge as well.
• -Connector trail from Lake. Sammamish to Chirico Trail with NO traffic lights.
• Creek walk
• Even with the new Central Park turf fields, there will still not be enough field space capacity for the existing (and growing) sports community. We need to either 1) Acquire additional land for turf fields, or 2) Convert fields at Tibbett’s or Sammamish Lake Park to turf (WITH LIGHTS).
• I would like the City to acquire Tract H (on the south side of Park Hill). That would preserve a wildlife corridor, provide legal access to Park Hill open space, and enable the restoration of this 1-acre parcel so that invasive holly and blackberries wouldn't keep re-infesting the south portion of Park Hill. It would also keep open the possibility of a trail through Park Hill. Also put in some trails at Ingrid-Johnson Park.
• I would love a pedestrian bridge over the intersection of 56th and east lake sam. It seems as if every time I run that trail, I almost get run over at that intersection by a car wanting to turn right on red. It needs to have safer access across for pedestrians and cyclists!
• I would love to have an outdoor work out station in the issaquah highlands again. I used to use the one that was there all the time, I miss it!
• I-90 LID park
• Issaquah Creek community connector trail.
• Like Marymoor
• Make the area where they had the land slide in the Talus neighborhood into a great park and view point and make part of it dog friendly.
• My dream of a connected trail and park system that loops throughout the city and gives me access to everything Issaquah has to offer without getting in my car can NEVER happen if I can't safely get to Issaquah from my neighborhood! The #1 priority if a sidewalk/path/trail or whatever is possible to connect South Lake Sammamish neighborhoods to Issaquah. I have run and biked to Tully's along West Lake Sammamish only and handful of times in the 14 years we have lived in South Cove because I am scared to do it. It's not safe. Sadly, it is a matter of time before a cyclist or runner loses their life along that route. The city promised safe passage along this route at annexation and we have yet to see it.
• New trail from Issaquah Hobart up to East Peak on Squak.
• Opportunities at Confluence / Salmon Run
• Park on west side of Highlands Drive
• Physically segregated bike path through the south of town to Squak Valley Park.
• Please consider the future of Tibbets. It should be a really fantastic place for families to congregate. Bag the skatepark. If you're honest, you know that's a problematic situation for liability to behavioral issues (as evidenced by the issues that have occurred at its current location....which is RIGHT down the street from the PD but doesn't thwart the problems). Build up the playground (consider a spray park, most of our surrounding cities have them!) allow access to bathrooms, consider the benefit to staffing a snack area to build revenue for the park on weekend days.
• Revision Veterans Memorial Field"
• See above. I'm on squak mountain, so my focus is that area. As outlined, I think McKinley walk up park deserves a purpose and attention I would also love to have the Squak moutain trail follow the lead of the Pretzel Tree Trail and have local kids put in a story with "I find" kind of incentives for them to look for while they hike that ties into local fauna, animals, trail impressions and a little whimsey. It would be nice to have a little education built into the adventure of that trail.
• So, not practical, but you asked me to dream big: What about a cool suspension bridge across I-90 connecting Grand Ridge to Tradition Plateau?
• Squak Mountain hiking trails – across hillsides
• Tradition Plateau
• Valley (creek) trail
• Valley / [Issaquah] Creek trail
• Walking Trail from Lake Sammamish State Parks through city to Tibbetts Valley Park (cross I-90)
• We need a dog park near route 900 and Newport.
• We really need a safe trail for pedestrians and cyclists between the South Cove neighborhood connecting to the East Sammamish trail system. We recognize that the space between I-90 and the lakefront properties is very limited and will take significant creativity to make it happen, perhaps even the reduction of certain lot sizes under eminent domain. However, we agreed to the annexation of the South Cove areas in part because such a trail was promised by the COI. For the safety and health of the folks living in this important part of the city, let's find a way to make this happen!
• Work with state to completely revamp lake sammash state park - or use city land... boats,kayaks can pull up to restaurants (like gene coulon), incorporate large (acres) off-leash trails (like marymoor), and include small amphitheater for plays (like Luther Burbank).
• Would also like to see a really nice backcountry experience created for the physically disabled. We have beautiful trails with lush vegetation that venture deep into our forests, but it saddens me that people who are bound to a wheelchair are not able to receive the same enjoyment from our trails. There are no
wheelchair accessible trails that have a deep forest experience. The trail system that wraps around behind the high school from 2nd to Sunset would be a great candidate for a conversion to wheelchair accessible trail. It's relatively flat and very accessible. Our who have difficulty navigating uneven terrain would also benefit.

- Would be nice to get zip bikes

**Safety**

- Dream big is to have Lake Sammamish State Park greatly improved like Coulon Park in Renton which has several places to eat, nice landscaping, and is fairly busy so safe yet somewhat rustic since a wildlife area. Or like Marymoor Park which has lots going on daily. At times in the evening I don't feel safe in parts of the state park because not a lot of people. The new playground has helped to bring families to the park and more people in the evening. Improve the paths east of MS buildings as lots of roots to twist an ankle. Bring back lifeguards.

- Safety is the most important. But it would be great to add zip lines, wall climbing.

**Other**

- Economic vitality
- Ethnobotany
- South Dallas incubator space

- 9) Continue to increase promotion of events.
- I am happy now.

5. **How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?**

**Quality of Access**

- Access is awesome to the current system and they are well marked.
- Access is fine
- Access is fine, but need parking and better signs
- Access is good for me from Squak Mtn.
- Access is good for me from Squak Mtn.
- Access is good if you live in the downtown corridor.
- Access is good with the exception of the poo poo point trail. I'm afraid that there will be a horrible car accident on Issaquah Hobart.
- Access is great.
- Access is great. No complaints.
- Access is pretty good.
- Access to parks and trails is relatively good.
• Awful. We have to DRIVE to all but 1 of the Issaquah City parks. Improvement would include installing a sidewalk / trail similar to what has been installed along SR900 from Gilman to the Transit Center.
• Easy access for those that we visit regularly.
• Enjoy getting there
• Fine.
• From my place of living, it's all very accessible.
• good
• Good access from downtown
• Good city access
• Good. With the exception of the park access parking lot at the east end of Sunset Way (close to Flintoff's Funeral Home). Sure could use some stairways to get up to the top of the park area for those of us that are getting a little older!
• Great access in Issaquah, near Front St.
• Great access to parks as a whole.
• Great experience
• I come from outside the City, so access is by car. I have no complaints. Lots of parking at Tibbetts and some others. Can be a challenge on the weekends.
• I have easy access to our trail system
• I live in Olde Town Issaquah, and I think the access to parks and trails is very good here. I walk and bike on the Rainier Trail quite often and I’d like to see the stretch of trail from Sunset to Dogwood widened a couple of feet to accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians. (For example, the width from Dogwood to Gilman is perfect.) I am excited about all of the new improvements being discussed, and am looking forward to the new park on the west side of Front Street South. I do think that the stretch of the Rainier Trail south of the Community Center could be improved or extended so that people would use it more to get from the schools and residential areas south of town into the downtown area. (It would be wonderful if someday it extended all the way down to Squak Valley Park, but that's just a dream and not a priority in any way.)
• I live on Squak Mountain and am satisfied with access to trails from that are a short car ride away.
• I live on Squak, access is good. Would love to see completion of corridor access from Tibbets park to mountainside trail access.
• I live one block from Rainier trail so my access is great. As I mentioned, safety is a concern - I'm very careful and have close calls with vehicles on a regular basis - even when crossing Sunset on a large crosswalk by City Hall. People are distracted and speeding. I think we need lights there like the ones added to Front Street.
• I really have no suggestions. I think the City does a great job.
• I think its great already
• I walk to many paths and trails, which was one of the reasons we chose to live in Issaquah.
• I'm ok where I live
• Issaquah Highlands is well connected
• It is great from where I live but parking could sometimes be improved or handled differently.
• It's great...we just need to highlight the system more, create maps for newbies to navigate better, and some signage.
• it's just outside the door from my house, so I'm good.
• It's really great
• Much better now with Confluence park bridge.
• Ok
• Open space is well used and trails
• Pretty good, except you have to know where to go.
• See above with respect to the community center. For the most part access to trails and facilities is reasonable. I do value the bike trail that was created along East Lake Sammamish, I think that was an excellent upgrade.
• Some areas could improve – Squak Mountain
• Squak Mountain is most difficult
• Squak Mountain is most difficult
• Sucks. If you live next to something, but otherwise? Squak Mtn, only has up and down sidewalks. Create more meandering and horizontal trails, resting benches and garbage cans.
• Terrible from the SouthCove area. We need safe Biking lanes to connect south cove to all that Issaquah currently offers.
• Works well for us
• Yes very easy access

Improvements Needed

Walking
• +H1:H286s I-90 is narrow and not safe for kids and adults wanting to run, walk, or bike to the park from this large neighborhood in Issaquah.
• A more direct, walkable or "bikeable" path from Talus to the park and ride and Tibbetts park. The path should be well-lit and SAFE!
• Awful. We have to DRIVE to all but 1 of the Issaquah City parks. Improvement would include installing a sidewalk / trail similar to what has been installed along SR900 from Gilman to the Transit Center.
• Connecting parks via trails would be ideal for a safe in-town trail experience
• Create town where you want to walk to a park
• Good, but still some challenged green space with no official trails or walking paths.
• Good. With the exception of the park access parking lot at the east end of Sunset Way (close to Flintoff’s Funeral Home). Sure could use some stairways to get up to the top of the park area for those of us that are getting a little older!
• I don't know... maybe a pedestrian bridge crossing 900 somewhere between Talus and the park and ride.
• I live in Klahanie and while my BLMS student can safely walk home, my Endeavour elementary student is severed from walking or biking to school by an impassable arterial, Fall City Rd. In addition, next year my middle schooler will be at Skyline HS. While possible to walk most of the way on sidewalks or trails, crossing Beaver Lake road can be perilous. Ensuring safe corridors within school zones to neighborhoods should be a priority. Parks within school zones can be leveraged as part of creating safe walk zones for students.
• I live off Issaquah-Hobart Road and see how crowded Poo Poo Point trail gets, particularly on nice days. Wouldn't it be great to have a trail to Poo Poo Point from a larger parking area or a path from Issaquah along Iss-Hobart Road to the trailhead?
• I live one block from Rainier trail so my access is great. As I mentioned, safety is a concern - I'm very careful and have close calls with vehicles on a regular basis - even when crossing Sunset on a large crosswalk by City Hall. People are distracted and speeding. I think we need lights there like the ones added to Front Street.
- Private property encroachment onto sidewalks
- Protected crosswalks
- See #4 above. There is also the possibility of linking the Overdale Park neighborhood with the trail through the "Issaquah-22" development wetland trail and also of linking Overdale Park to the Aspen Meadows neighborhood with a trail behind the storm-water vault, linking SE 52nd St with 227th Ave SE.
- See above. Sidewalks! More trails! Interconnected trails through subdivisions! =)
- See second answer to previous question - better/safer passage over major intersections would be really great.
- Sucks. If you live next to something, but otherwise? Squak Mtn, only has up and down sidewalks. Create more meandering and horizontal trails, resting benches and garbage cans.
- There absolutely should be a marked crosswalk where the community center trail crosses 2nd Ave close to the Front St intersection. This crosswalk should have the flashing lights like Front St crosswalks. I don't know if the city owns the dirt lot where the trail to Tiger Mtn/behind high school starts (by the intersection of 2nd and Front) but it would be heavenly to have that paved. Remove old skate park and add additional parking there. Many years ago the city sold and moved a house from the Community Center grounds to Andrews St. That lot has set empty since then. It would be lovely to have a bike/skate/hiking pole rental and food concession in that space or community vegetable gardens.
- Walk to park
- Walkable links to parks and trails throughout the city should be a priority, with an emphasis on safe walking zones around schools.
- Work on interconnecting existing trails.

Transit
- 200 service is used [different area access]
- 210 service was lost
- Access improvements should focus on encourage people to use public transportation to get to trailheads. Overflowing parking lots are an enormous problem and are becoming a major safety issue. The City of Issaquah should focus on getting more people to trailheads with transit. Partnering with King County Parks and Metro will be essential.
- Alternate transportation options integrated with parks
- Bus Service to trails – Transit
- Establish a bus route up squak mtn.
- I cannot get to many of the trailheads because the buses don't go to many of them. Buses do not tend to go up Squawk Mountain or past the street that Swedish Hospital is on.
- I look at access as a three-legged stool, which requires adequate parking, transit and interconnected trails. All three areas are in need of improvement which currently limits access to our park system. I believe a central hub would be beneficial, which would connect north/south and east/west routes with many branches that flow from those arterials. Integrating retail and amenities along the way would enhance the experience.
- Shuttle to PooPoo Point
- The missing link in access to parks and trails is Issaquah's inadequate transit system. This is admittedly difficult for the city to solve itself.
Parking

- Access generally suffers from limited parking
- Access is fine, but need parking and better signs
- Access seems fine to me except parking at poo poo point is sometimes crowded.
- Better and clearer parking options for all the parks near residential areas. Have had several issues with tourists/ park-goers parking in private spots or in front of residential buildings when there is clearly parking specifically for the park farthet away.
- Do need more parking options to access East Lake Sammamish trail.
- I come from outside the City, so access is by car. I have no complaints. Lots of parking at Tibbetts and some others. Can be a challenge on the weekends.
- It is great from where I live but parking could sometimes be improved or handled differently.
- It may seem antithetical, but we need to develop more and better parking at trail and park access points. Granted, the Chirico Trail access up to Poo Poo Point is not in the City limits, it is a great *bad* example of access. The LZ parking is frequently saturated, folks park "creatively" in a number of marginal places, and then walking dangerously along the Issaquah Hobart Road to the LZ and thence to the Chirico Trail.
- More Parking
- More parking on Hwy 900
- My ideal park system would have enough parking at every park (Duthie Hill Park especially!!!) so that we don't have to plan to get to the park early in the morning to avoid parking problems.
- Near parking
- Occasional parking issues at some of the trail heads
- one improvement would be parking is frequently a challenge.
- Parking could always be better.
- Parking is bad at most of them - especially the trails.
- Parking needs to be improved at all popular parks.
- Parking seems to be a universal problem at trail heads and parks. I know cyclists will often meet as a group and park the cars in these lots before heading out on long rides. Maybe if there were other parking areas (even unpaved) away from the parks/trails near popular bike routes that could help balance things out.
- Parking seems to be an issue at some trailheads.
- Parking seems to be very limited at present. Unless one lives near them, it is difficult to find a place to park.
- parking spots where Grand Ridge Trails cross Grand Ridge Drive.
- Sufficient park is lacking at some parks, ie Memorial Park, Confluence. As a resident of Squak Mtn, I drive down to the valley to visit these parks.
- There needs to be parking enforcement at our parks. Parking at Sunset/HWY 90 interchange is always impacted by commuters parking there. The same goes for Confluence park. It's difficult to enjoy a park if park and ride people take up all the spots.

Bike Access

- I-90 is narrow and not safe for kids and adults wanting to run, walk, or bike to the park from this large neighborhood in Issaquah.
- As an aside, need a better connection of East Lake Sammamish trail to Olde Town and off street biking options along Gilman
• Safe biking lanes along lake sammamuuah pkwy to connect south cove to downtown and the parks/trails in issaquah.
• Terrible from the SouthCove area. We need safe Biking lanes to connect south cove to all that Issaquah currently offers.
• We could use bike lanes along the shoulders of Hwy 900 (Renton Issaquah Rd) and May Valley Rd.

Administration
• Another issue is that in downtown Issaquah there aren’t enough business around our existing parks to increase our walking score. It would be great if we could bring our business and parks closer together.
• Communication between projects
• Keep homeless out if parks
• OK. Build more and make them bike friendly but disallow horses. One horse does as much damage to a trail as 1000 bikes or 10000 people. It's not fair.

Communication
• Aware of terrain
• Better online navigation and information to be accessible. It's a challenge to easily find a trail based on skill level and area if you're not familiar with all the trails.
• Having a map of parks and trails would be really helpful.
• Highlight of Parks in City communications (each month different park)
• I don't know how to find out about trails, so I don't even know what is near me. Mostly, I find them by word of mouth or by stumbling on them. It would be great to have trail maps and info about the length of trails and the type of trail (the trails that include bikers aren't safe for walking - they are going too fast. Either separate these from walking trails, or create guidelines to bike left / walk right etc.
• It's great...we just need to highlight the system more, create maps for newbies to navigate better, and some signage.
• Knowledge of parks – better communication
• Trails – [be] clear about length easy/medium/hard
• Trails are harder to find-
• Website with information on what’s at what park and what ages it is suitable for, search by age / activity

Access Ideas
• [Create] hub that branches out 360 degrees to access all areas of the city [nexus]
• Accessibility south and west (Talus)
• Add gondola
• Connected from Park and Rides
• Could improve some connections to interface with county property (potential)
• Easy to get between parks include people - Teens don’t drive / shuttle in certain season
• Engage connections – “nice”
• How to travel “off-road” within the city
• Improve access
• Improve the experience of getting to a park
• Near other amenities
• Not sidewalks [but rather] like the highlands
• Trees
• When getting from park to park

**Maintenance/ Facilities**
• 2) Improve parking lot visibility with lightning and signage so people know where and how to access our trail heads.
• I’d like to see better maintenance of frequently used trails-- fill mud holes with pea gravel.
• If we cleared a bit of brush and nettles from under the power lines coming up the East slope of Squak Mountain, we could have a lovely trail lined with blackberry bushes, a delight to the palate!
• Right park in right place
• Sucks. If you live next to something, but otherwise? Squak Mtn, only has up and down sidewalks. Create more meandering and horizontal trails, resting benches and garbage cans.

**Signage**
• 1) Improve signage where the trails seem confusing. Move crosswalk across Gilman where Rainer trail crosses.
• 2) Improve parking lot visibility with lightning and signage so people know where and how to access our trail heads.
• Access is fine, but need parking and better signs
• Better signage along Grand Ridge Trails,
• Better signage would be helpful.
• Better signage. For example, few people know that Gilman Blvd. is also a trail. Some signage that identifies the fruit and nut trees as well as marks off distances, would encourage walkers.
• It's great...we just need to highlight the system more, create maps for newbies to navigate better, and some signage.
• More signage as to how to reach trailheads and where trails lead.
• Rainier Trail beyond the community center passing the school bus depot, etc - ends at a street with a nice historical info board. Does this trail continue across the street? There seems to be a sign indicating the trail continues but we cannot find access to it.
• Road have colors that lead you to parks – know where you are going.
• Wayfinding

**Safety**
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• Keeping the trail heads safe from car prowls.
• Rainier Trail Image by community center – safe feel?

Specific park/trail
• Access at south end of 96 Ave and Hobart
• Access from Issaquah Highlands to Tiger Mountain (improve)
• Access to creek side areas south of Old Town should be developed. Inje Johnson is ugly and no public access encouraged.
• Accessibility south and west (Talus)
• Address i-90 crossings
• Better access from Issaquah Highlands to valley floor (and visa-versa)
• By all that is holy, finish the East Lake Sammamish Trail!
• Connections from Tibbetts Valley Park to Squak Mountain
• Crossing at East Lake Sammamish / 56th / SR 900 / Issaquah Fall City Road
• Do need more parking options to access East Lake Sammamish trail.
• Good with the exception of ongoing construction (or non-construction) blockage in Talus.
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• Improve the entrance of Lk Sammamish, especially for busy summer times…..
• Issaquah Highlands food access to forest and trails
• Memorial Field needs to be redone.
• Open back up to foot traffic the bridge where the Snoqualmie Valley Trail crosses the Snoqualmie River.
• Pickering Trail undercrossing (smells)
• Rainier Trail beyond the community center passing the school bus depot, etc - ends at a street with a nice historical info board. Does this trail continue across the street? There seems to be a sign indicating the trail continues but we cannot find access to it.
• Revamp old Sunset bridge
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• See above -- safe trail from South Cove please!!

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• We could use bike lanes along the shoulders of Hwy 900 (Renton Issaquah Rd) and May Valley Rd.

• We have no access to downtown Issaquah. Connect us to our city! There is about 11 neighborhoods and roughly 1,000 people in South Lake Sammamish. Imagine a weekend day - families walking to town for coffee, soccer games and a bag of groceries or cycling to the core to meet up with friends. Picture commuters running instead of driving to town for work. Many of us would love to do this but simply can't justify the risk.

• Would love a future connection between Burntsen and Confluence Park. Need a sidewalk on all of NW Holly and 4th Ave NW to get tout Bernsten. Have to walk through school district parking lot to get to Confluence park bridge.

Other

• Parks – Hold on to

• Alleviating traffic bottlenecks would help with access during rush hours!

• Keep construction at a minimum. We would like to have just ONE WHOLE YEAR with no construction or additions, so we can enjoy the summers (which are very short). Walking outdoors, on a sunny day, is very pleasurable and enjoyable for most of us....but instead, the construction, (noise, trucks, etc) make it difficult for us to enjoy.

• Population CONTROL!!

• Traffic is a major issue. Central park seems to have not been built to handle the quantity of cars flowing through during peak sport hours. If there are people parked on the side of the main drive it is very difficult to get through and Jams up. This makes it very hard to keep track of the cars and children at the same time. Also, the 15 MPH speed limit signs are to small and very ignored so people speed through these areas.

• Please consider adding another dog park - possibly in the Lake Samm or Talus area. Due to the large dog population, it's important to give citizens access to an off leash area.

6: What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

Public Meetings

Participants in Public Meetings, by Meeting:

1. All were residents (Issaquah Highlands, Tiger Mountain Road, Squak Mountain, Olde Town (2), North Issaquah, Talus)

2. All were residents (Issaquah Highlands, Tiger Mountain, Squak Mountain (2), Olde Town, North Issaquah, Talus, Newport Way, Mirrormont)
3. Issaquah Highlands (8), Unincorporated King County, Squak Mountain (2), Newport Way, Tiger Mountain Road
4. Residents - Issaquah Highlands (2), Squak Mountain (1), Olde Town, Valley Floor southern edge (2)
5. Old Town, Squak Mountain (2)
6. Residents – Newport Way (by Gateway development)

Surveys Responses
- Lower Issaquah.
- Shopping / Extracurricular activities
- We live and work in Issaquah. We live on Cougar Mountain and work off of Gilman Blvd.
- 10 year resident near Olde Towne Issaquah.
- 15 year resident just outside the city limits in unincorporated King County. Child attends Issaquah schools.
- 18 yr resident of Squak Mtn, worked at IMS and IHS.
- 40 year resident, but just outside the city limits.
- 98027
- Also work in Seattle a few days per week.
- Currently reside in The Timbers and moving in July to a purchased home in Issaquah outskirts.
- Fifteen year resident of olde town and work in central Issaquah.
- Giman i live and work on front
- have lived here for 24 years. Retired. Live on Squak.
- I am a frequent user of local trails, parks, the Community Center, and the library. I volunteer regularly at the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery.
- I am a homeowner in the Gateway region of Issaquah.
- I am in Issaquah everyday. I fill my car with gas, go to the bank, buy groceries, take my daughter to dance, volunteer at two Issaquah public schools, the fish hatchery and drop off books at the library. My son played basketball at the community center. My daughter has kicked goals on the soccer fields! My dentist, my doctor are all in Issaquah! It’s my city. I only head west to Bellevue on a very rare occasion. Maybe once quarterly? I’m very loyal and want to support the economy in my city.
- I do not live in Issaquah but our organization has several members who live in the City.
- I grew up in Issaquah and now I own a home in Issaquah Highlands which I also work out of.
- I have lived in Issaquah for 22 years (since I retired). I live in the Overdale Park area. I am a Native Plant Steward, working on restoring Overdale’s park--removing ivy, non-native blackberries and other invasive plants and planting native plants in their place. I volunteer with Issaquah Parks Dept, Lake Sammamish State Park, Mountains to Sound, the Washington Native Plant Society, the Noxious Weed Control Program and other organizations.
- I have mostly lived here since 1982. I live on Big Bear Place, on the NE slope of Squak Mountain. I run a small bed and breakfast and have a lot of visitors who hike in this area.
- I live and work here.
- I live and work in Issaquah
- I live and work in Issaquah. Live on S. end and work on N. end.
- I live and work in old town Issaquah.
- I live and work in the downtown area.
- I live close to Front Street in Issaquah and work locally as well. I also have worked alongside several art events as a vendor for many years.
- I live here
- I live in 98059 (unincorporated King County), but I consider Issaquah to be my home town. I'm in Issaquah almost every day to shop, go to the library, drop mail at the Issaquah Post Office, and go to Gold's Gym. My doctors are also in Issaquah. My parents both utilize the Issaquah Senior Center on a regular basis.
- I live in a condo off South Front and drive to Issaquah Park and Ride to go to work.
- I live in and own an apartment complex next to Confluence Park
- I live in Issaquah on Squak Mountain.
- I live in Klahanie
- I live in Maple Valley and Work in Bellevue (Eastgate). Issaquah and it's trails are close for a weekly hike
- I live in Mirrormont and work in the city.
- I live in old Issaquah
- I live in Olde Town Issaquah and have lived here for a year. My family chose to settle down in Issaquah because of the walkability of its thriving downtown, as well as its close proximity to nature. We love Issaquah and are excited to raise our children here and hopefully live here for the rest of our lives!
- I live in Olde Town.
- I live in South Cove but love going into Olde Town.
- I live in Talus.
- I live in the "Woods" section just up the hill from Tibbitts park.
- I live in the Highlands
- I live in the Issaquah Highlands. We work in Renton and Bellevue.
- I live in the Woods of Squak Mt. Have lived here for 32 years.
- I live near Gilman village, work in the city and have lived in Issaquah since 1985
- I live next to Issaquah high school and work at Swedish medical Center in the Highlands.
- I live on Newport near Oakcrest. I walk to shopping often.
- I live on Squak Mountain and work right below the same mountain in town. Lived here for over 28 years.
- I live on Squak Mountain.
- I live on Squak Mtn, my kids attend the public schools and my husband and I both work in Redmond.
- I live on the south side of Squak Mountain. Pedestrian and bicycle access on Issaquah Hobart or SR900 connecting to Olde Town would be a must when widening/road improvements move forward on Issaquah Hobart.
- I live outside in rural KC but can easily access Issaquah via trails
- I love living in this city. I value our home, neighbors and enjoy that the cities have the ammenities my family needs/wants. The work on the streets (especially here on Squak Mountain) has been an awful experience. Complete lack of communication, long term inconveniences and our streets look worse than when the project started.
- I love on Squak.
- I moved to Issaquah just over three years ago for my job. I live on Squak Mt, I also work in Issaquah
- I occasionally work near Lake Sammamish State Park.
- I own a condo in the Issaquah highlands and work down on Gilman. Most all my business I do is in Issaquah.
- I shop and recreate in Issaquah. I live in nearby King County.
- Issaquah has been our home since 1998. We live on Squak Mountain.
- Issaquah Highlands and on the Development Committee
- Issaquah resident who lives in Outlook Pointe.
- I've lived in Issaquah (multiple homes) for over 20+ years.
- I've lived in Issaquah for 48 years, 43 of them in the Preston area. (That's east King County). I think being called a "non resident" of Issaquah after so many years of watching it change, is insulting.
- I've lived in Issaquah since 1999. I've ran or hiked almost every trail around Tiger, Squak, Cougar, and Taylor Mtns, plus Grand Ridge. I loved Cougar Mountains East side Trails before Talus was built!!
- I've lived on Squak Mountain and am currently in Talas.
- I've lived on Squak Mountain for 33 years and I'm the current park board chair.
- Just south of Issaquah in Mirrormont
- Klahanie/Highlands area, work in Bellevue.
- Live
- Live and work
- Live at Squak, Work downtown
- live close to Klahanie but work in Seattle :(  
- Live downtown
- Live here, and bike /walk around with my kids and husband...and dogs!  
- Live in downtown area.
- Live in iss highlands.
- Live in Issaquah Highlands.
- Live in Issaquah. Play in Issaquah
- Live in Olde Town.
- Live in Sammamish by Beaver Lake but regularly run, walk and visit Issaquah Parks every week.
- Live in Talus neighborhood.
- Live in the Highlands and our local business is downtown.... lived in Issaquah for the last 15+ years....
- Live in the Highlands.
- Live in Trossachs neighborhood in Sammamish.
- Live in unincorporated Issaquah
- Live inSouth cove.
- Live on Squak Mountain. Previously lived in West Lake Sammamish neighborhood of Bellevue. We love Issaquah. Plan on raising our family in Issaquah for sure and sending our kids to ISD. Bus commuter to Seattle for work.
- Live on the outskirts - South Lake Sammamish neighborhood"
- Live right on the border of Issaquah and Sammamish
- Lived here for 48 years in Olde Town
- Lower Squak Mtn. off Sunset and Newport. Previously Tiger Mtn for 5 years
- May Valley
- Mirrormont
7: What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share?

Mobility and Connection

- Enhance gateways to city
• I really love the trails system up on snoqualmie ridge, I feel as though all the sidewalks or trails are so well marked and maintained that you can walk to anyone’s house, any business, go for a hike, anything. In a perfect work, Issaquah would be totally accessible like that.
• More accessibility from buses (have routes that stop at trailheads/parks)
• Multi-modal transportation
• Pedestrian bridge over I-90
• Pleasant walking experience
• Please connect South Lake Sammamish to the city so we can utilizes the parks we have.
• Please hurry. Walkable communities with walkable parks as destinations from our homes are a treasure.
• Public transportation to trails should be a new focus of the system. Improving access, decreasing emissions and mitigating safety hazards can all be accomplished by moving away from the SOV access model.
• Seamless parks
• Shuttle (but not all the time) to accommodate youth, pets, parents
• Walk to pea-patch
• We need to provide a backcountry experience that is ADA compatible not just a city park experience

Active Lifestyles

• Add community garden in other parks
• Diversity – activities , active, passive, trail activities
• Driving range
• Exercise opportunities
• Fishing pond
• I have other ideas about park programming, including changes at the pool, but it doesn't seem like anyone is listening.
• I think Issaquah has great potential, because of the beauty of the area. Salmon Days is awesome, but some residents don’t like to go because of the size. Smaller festivals are great. I know the summer concert series is fun. More stuff like that.
• More Ball Fields that can be used year around.
• More events at Lake Sammamish for the entire family.....
• The newly acquired creek areas south of Old Town need to support a vibrant downtown. They should be active and not just vacant land. Add amenities, trails, art fairs, gazebos that support the commercial center and festival activities.
• There is a lot of emphasis on walking and hiking. It would be nice to see more options - games, more climbing gyms, sports areas, maybe some areas that are protected from the rain. And more dog parks!
• Walk to pea-patch

Administration

• Are you going to listen, provide feedback, listen again, act and then ask for feedback? The town needs to understand that this department is going to have rational, even processes for deciding what to do with park land. I will be very sad if you only pretend to listen then just do whatever you want again.
• At times, it gets very crowded. The charm of the highlands seems to be changing due to high traffic.
• Cooperate with school district
• Create a Park District within Issaquah School District
- Creative
- Distinguish City users from regional users from funding perspective
- Education – volunteers
- Enhance partnerships to leverage action and funding
- Evaluate current inventory – be creative
- Fear these phrases are being lost/replaced with “green necklace” due to development and tree loss.
- Get message out about pop-ups, fund, keep people engaged
- Grateful for all that we have here but don't think we need to keep creating more and more. It is too costly to maintain.
- I am concerned that the Green Necklace proposal, while well-intentioned, could do much more damage than benefit to the residences alongside it if its implementation is not carefully considered. Please prioritize park and trail projects that both have a functional value (e.g. give people a realistic alternative to vehicle usage) and have the input and support of the residents in the immediate vicinity.
- I have other ideas about park programming, including changes at the pool, but it doesn’t seem like anyone is listening.
- I love Parks, Trails and Recreation! They make our community a better place to live. Our parks and recreation team should be engaged with as many conversations with city planning as possible to ensure as we green we maintain our green spaces, include play spaces and create ways to increase community engagement in the decision-making process for how our spaces will be developed.
- I would really like to see a parks strategic plan - we have no way to assess if our parks are adequate unless we have a plan that reflects just what kind, type and quantity of parks and trails we are supposed to have.
- Interface with State / Hatchery / other agencies / King County
- Involve volunteers.
- Issaquah is blessed with substantial state and county preserved public lands surrounding our city. Our mountain Alps set our community above all others in the Puget Sound area. We have the opportunity to capitalize on our surroundings with a world-class park system. The Parks Strategic Plan will help lay the groundwork for us to accomplish that vision. Above all, thank you for asking.
- Issaquah's core identity is built around the Issaquah Alps, forested hillsides, nearby nature, salmon....all the features that nature provides. That's what makes us different than Renton, Kent, Bellevue, or any other place. Parks, trails, easy access to nature....these are the things that make Issaquah special and attractive.
- It's always disappointing to see the broken glass and litter in the creek where the school kids congregate past the old skate park. Again, some presence and community policing in that area would help greatly....I know the Highlands is always screaming for more police presence but don’t forget the original neighborhood!
- Just let us enjoy what the City has spend so much time\money constructing.
- Keep acquiring creekside land – preserve [for future]
- Keep facilities open on weekend, holidays and breaks
- Memorable aspects – good memories with a place / resonate for lasting impact
- Monitoring the parks to make sure homeless people are not sleeping there, as well as groups of young people or others, just lingering. Many folks need to feel safe when walking in the darker hours of early morning and late evening.
- Neighborhoods engaged in their parks
- Non-profit
• Partnerships (i.e. Fort Dent)
• Please notify people when features are being removed from parks. We were so happy to hear about the playground being put in at Confluence park until we found out that it was Replacing my kids favorite rock play area. We always figured it was an addition and not a replacement. I read everything I saw about it and we voted on it and the bridge and never saw anything about the rocks being moved. We would have spoken up for sure!
• Please remember local residents that live close to construction sites for new parks or projects! If any streets will be inconvenienced, please let residents know in advance so we can be prepared :)
• Prioritize and target areas.
• Seamless parks
• Sell lands
• Stop pandering to the sports lobby and ripping out unstructured activity areas to be replaced with turf fields that are open to just a select few.
• The Park Department should re-create a group of volunteers (like the group that functioned under the leadership of Chrys Bertolotto ~ 15 to 20 years ago). The group could be called upon to clear invasive plants like tansy ragwort, ivy, holly, and blackberries, from Issaquah's parks and natural areas; do plant salvages in areas that are going to be developed; pick up trash; and alert the Parks Department of potential problems such as unauthorized homeless camps or infestations of noxious weeds. Minimal supervision would be needed if there are knowledgeable volunteer leaders; it would foster a real sense of ownership/pride in the parks; and it would enable much more work to be done without much expenditure of funds.
• Think both big and smaller
• Unique names
• Volunteerism – engage stakeholders
• We have plenty. Need traffic access and parking downtown - not more parks.
• We live in an amazing location. Capture the natural beauty of Issaquah, promote it more, get people out into nature, and Parks and Rec can help Issaquah rise above being just another suburb and help us realize our potential as a Mountain Town (outdoor access, lake, arts culture, gateway to the Cascades).
• When construction is completed, (such as building or repairing sidewalks), the construction company MUST clean up and all construction debris. Currently, there is a large block of concrete, that was left by the sidewalk construction company, in the grass.
• While I appreciate that the City offers opportunities for community input through these surveys and open forums, the feedback needs to be properly weighted when making planning decisions. I’ve read through the 45 survey responses submitted prior to mine, and it’s clear that there has been some form of get the word out to dog owners because a large majority want a dog park. The local sports clubs could (and probably will) rally their members to submit 100s of survey responses demanding better sports fields. Then the hiking clubs will follow suit, and so on. It should not be a popularity contest based on which groups are better at getting the word out. Our City Parks leadership needs to take an analytical approach when developing a long-term plan. E.g. How many people are using each park/trail weekly/monthly? What is a good percentage of open space allocation based on population density in specific areas? What parks actually generate income to offset maintenance/improvement costs? Make your plan defendable with actual data versus the emotional this is what the people have told us they want.
• Work with Mountains to Sound Greenway to improve develop Newport Way corridor.
• Work with other departments
Funding

- Add funding questions to list of questions.
- Bonds cannot always be the answer
- Capital and stewardship
- Funding mechanism – set vision
- Identify cost recovery policies
- New things cost $$ (David K)
- Partnership to generate funds? Public/Private?
- Revenue from parks going to parks [not general fund]
- Sustainable funding source

Facilities and Maintenance

- Add community garden in other parks
- Add distance, grade, elevation change, etc.
- Also, would it be possible to have the vacant wild grass areas groomed? Meaning, old tree limbs/branches/bushes/shrubbery picked up.
- Better beaches, hate the slime and rocks.....
- Better maps and postage at entrances.
- Community gardens
- Do not add mulch to compost at Confluence Park’s Community Garden
- Dog park!
- DOG PARKS ARE NEEDED! Consider rethinking the empty ball field space on Squak as a walk in only dog park. All it needs is a fence and a couple of garbage bins.
- Driving range
- Duck Pond would be so amazing, and a Dog Park.
- every neighborhood should have a neighbor park
- Facility planning at Senior Center [growing out of space]
- Fishing pond
- Giant Rope course like Mount Mitte.
- Hatchery – make more of a park
- Hub interpretive center
- I do think too many dollars are being spent upgrading play equipment. My kids actually preferred the old Meerwood Park. The new one with the spider web looks fancy and new but it was the traditional swing set and old wooden play structure that they enjoyed more. This new play equipment in the name of “safe” is also "boring" compared to the feel of a nice high swing set that let's your sore into the sky. I would prefer to see that money put into new paths/ new trials for "green" commuting and recreation.
- I don’t have a dog, but many neighbors do. They would appreciate a place where the dogs could run, roll, and romp unrestrained, and I'd be delighted to not have that place be my front yard. I'd vote for adding a dog park. I'd also like to see some park spaces for children that are dog free.
- I think issaquah underestimates how soggy the ground gets from Nov - May of the year. I think our parks need more paved/gravel trails and areas for sports that don't require grass like more Tennis and basketball courts.
• I wish there wasn't such a vendetta against dogs !!!!!! I KNOW that the Rangers for the I-90 corridor hiking trails lay in wait to ticket hikers with unleashed dogs....what a horrible catastrophe compared to the world at large........gawd forbid they lay in wait for all the crap-heads who break into cars parked at the trail heads ????

• I would just like to see some off-leash options.

• Issaquah does a pretty good job with the parks. Maintenance is good, and we have a good number of parks, but they could be enhanced to benefit all ages.

• Keep acquiring creekside land – preserve [for future]

• Maybe multiple dog parks

• More Ball Fields that can be used year around.

• Musical fountains

• Need plan/coordination of ivy removal from trees or we will continue to loose trees.

• Need to think of other than land sports.

• Please notify people when features are being removed from parks. We were so happy to hear about the playground being put in at Confluence park until we found out that it was Replacing my kids favorite rock play area. We always figured it was an addition and not a replacement. I read everything I saw about it and we voted on it and the bridge and never saw anything about the rocks being moved. We would have spoken up for sure!

• Research dog park locations

• Selfie frame on Rainier Trail w/Rainier [in the background]

• Signage Improvements (trail)

• Some long stretches could do with more trash can access

• The newly acquired creek areas south of Old Town need to support a vibrant downtown. They should be active and not just vacant land. Add amenities, trails, art fairs, gazebos that support the commercial center and festival activities.

• TURF and ACCESS in WINTER -- access to recreation and open space makes this the best city on the Eastside!

• Utilize space under power lines

• We have a great opportunity to continue to develop our trails for hiking, trail running and mountain biking. Please make our green spaces and trails a priority.

• We have plenty. Need traffic access and parking downtown - not more parks.

Nature and Environment

• Keep acquiring creekside land – preserve [for future]

• When I think of “parks/trails/recreation” I think about more than planted parks for human utility, but tree canopy, wildlife habitat and open space.

• My hope is to see parks and trails that show off Issaquah's natural beauty and provide amenities that appeal to all family members. We have much of this already, and do an excellent job preserving the natural beauty. I know there are concerns about too much commercialization, and I am glad that pressure exists. But I think it's important to balance that with the desire to appeal to a broader audience - people who won't spend days just communing with nature, but want to supplement that with some activities and amenities to enhance their time in the parks and on the trails.

• The Park Department should re-create a group of volunteers (like the group that functioned under the leadership of Chrys Bertolotto ~ 15 to 20 years ago). The group could be called upon to clear invasive plants like tansy ragwort, ivy, holly, and blackberries, from Issaquah’s parks and natural areas; do plant salvages in
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**General Praise**

- I am very pleased you are soliciting this input.
- I appreciate the effort of the park and city staff to maintain the facilities that we already have and for reaching out to the community to get feedback on future plans.
- I think it is one of the best places to live if you love trails and have to still work in the city.
- I trust Issaquah when it comes to parks and trails, you do a great job.
- I'm very impressed! I love our city.
- Keep doing good work.
- Keep going!
- KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
- Keep up the good work.
- Parks and Rec is overall doing a nice job with the system. Appreciate the survey and asking for input.
- Thank you for what you do and provide!
- Thanks for having such a great parks system. Please continue to invest in it as it makes are area such a wonderful and beautiful place to live.
- We live our parks and trails and use the all the time!
- We've been really impressed with the parks and trail system. While it's inconvenient at times to have construction going on, we appreciate that improvements are being made to the trails.

**Specific suggestion**

- Add Gateway/Newport access to Lake Sammamish State Park
- First, thanks for the opportunity to provide input. One additional input is to find park opportunities north of I-90. This area has a few parks like Lake Sammamish State Park (understand not park of city park system), Central Park in the Highlands and Timberlake Park, however most of Issaquah's Parks are south of I-90. Possible park locations north of I-90 could be: (1) Somewhere along the 62nd street extension to Lake Drive. (2) Where North Fork Issaquah Creek merges into the Issaquah Creek. (3) Issaquah Creek near King County District Court. (4) Somewhere along the west side of East Lake Sammamish Trail.
- Gilman [make]
- I think that an improvement is needed for the East Lake Sammamish Trail at the intersection of 56th and East Lake Sammamish Parkway. Cars turning right onto 56th often do not see pedestrians and I have been stuck at the northwest corner of the intersection because cars do not let me cross 56th even though I have the right of way. I'm worried that a cyclist or pedestrian might be seriously injured or even killed by an oblivious driver there before something is done to fix the problem.
- Move Gilman closer to I-90
- Temecula, CA [create] at Front Street
- Work with Mountains to Sound Greenway to improve develop Newport Way corridor.
Other

- People flying drones is very detrimental to the serene park setting experience. Please consider addressing this. Thank you for the opportunity to comment! We love our parks and trails!
- In addition to tranquility, view, and nature, please keep safety in mind as well.
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Parks Strategic Plan: Your Parks, Your Future

What's your vision for Issaquah's parks and trails? Tell us!

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All Responses: 190
Hours of Public Comment: 9.5

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Responses

Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Answered 171
Skipped 19

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What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

Answered 174
Skipped 16

- access all also area central confluence dog enjoy favorite fields from grand great highlands hiking issaquah kids lake like love mountain new open park parks rainier ridge S sammamish squak state t they tiger trail trails up very walk

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Answered 170
Skipped 20

access accessible all area areas bike community connected
Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

Answered 166
Skipped 24

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

Answered 144
Skipped 46
What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

Answered 171
Skipped 19

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What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

Answered 93
Skipped 97

access all area areas being could do dog from good into issaquah just lake like love more need new old out park parks people please s see so some system t they think time trail trails trash up what work
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The Issaquah area has great natural beauty, but without careful stewardship the views, trees, and wetlands that we treasure could be put at risk. Current parks and trails generally respect and protect views, trees, and wetlands; please continue to seriously consider this as further park amenities are developed.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Tradition Plateau. It’s a place where you can momentarily forget you’re in a major metropolitan area.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
As a homeowner my investment is significant. With immense pressure for further development, parks and trails are crucial to preserve what portions of Issaquah’s natural beauty and serenity remain. My ideal future park system would take that preservation to heart, while also respecting residents’ investments in their homes by carefully considering the impacts of park developments to surrounding residences.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Issaquah’s worst crisis right now is transportation. If parks and trails could help provide a peaceful yet useful alternative to the choked roads of this town, that would improve my enjoyment of Issaquah considerably.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
The missing link in access to parks and trails is Issaquah’s inadequate transit system. This is admittedly difficult for the city to solve itself.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I am a homeowner in the Gateway region of Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I am concerned that the Green Necklace proposal, while well-intentioned, could do much more damage than benefit to the residences alongside it if its implementation is not carefully considered. Please prioritize park and trail projects that both have a functional value (e.g. give people a realistic alternative to vehicle usage) and have the input and support of the residents in the immediate vicinity.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Doing okay

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Highlands dog park...it’s the only one and not in the best of shape. Very muddy. Additional dog parks are needed.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Very important

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More dog parks

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is good.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in the Highlands

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Better maps and postage at entrances.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Lake Sammamish Park beaches - I am concerned these will become dog beaches if there are no specific signs.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish Park - lots of things to take breaks and enjoy with young children.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks and trails are my #1 priority for happy living. I love them all. Issaquah Alps is a great area to hike and we regularly enjoy Tiger, Squak, and Cougar Mountain trails.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Please see dog beach concern above. People also continue to unleash their dogs despite the warning signs. Is there any actual enforcement? Loose dogs running up to my baby stroller is my only concern.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Rainier Trail beyond the community center passing the school bus depot, etc - ends at a street with a nice historical info board. Does this trail continue across the street? There seems to be a sign indicating the trail continues but we cannot find access to it.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Currently reside in The Timbers and moving in July to a purchased home in Issaquah outskirts.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
People flying drones is very detrimental to the serene park setting experience. Please consider addressing this. Thank you for the opportunity to comment! We love our parks and trails!
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
More wild land trails and access parking.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Squak mountain. Wild, scenic, special!
Need a new access trail to East Peak from Issaquah Hobart Rd

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Trails are my life! I am out in the woods 100 days a year!

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
New trail from Issaquah Hobart up to East Peak on Squak.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
More parking on Hwy 900

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
May Valley

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Parking should be improved - too many cars on road at Poo Poo Point Trailhead and it is very dangerous.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Squak Mountain trails - safe parking, great trails, and not too crowded.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
More sports fields! We have lots of open spaces and trails, but need to integrate more mixed use Park systems. We need a sports complex, similar to what every outlying suburb currently has. Why do all the Issaquah teams need to travel to Woodinville and Ravensdale to find a lighted turf sports complex?

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More trails - linking existing trails and better signs to help navigate the trail system. More sports fields - lighted and turf with multiple fields at one location.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is fine, but need parking and better signs

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in unincorporated Issaquah

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Timberlake without dogs.
When it is quiet and serene.
Enclosed feeling.
Water access.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Increased areas of quiet and solid.
Less noise, pets, parties.
Increased water access.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More water access.
Fewer dog areas.
More sand for digging.
Picnic shelters.
Adult seating in play areas.
Restrooms.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Lower Issaquah.
Near South Cove.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We have great parks and trails! Please stop criss crossing Tiger Mountain with new trails. They deface the landscape and don't add anything helpful.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
South Tiger Mountain, right behind our house! Always inviting, all year round.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I walk them every single day. It would be great to have a string of City routes that connect Issaquah Creek trails.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Olde Town.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We need a dog park near route 900 and Newport.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The Salmon hatchery and the connections with the Burke-Gilman Trail. These allow long walks more isolated from cars.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
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How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The main entrance to Poo Poo point. Too much traffic and not enough parking. Either restrict the amount of people who can go on the trail or make it safer for people to walk on the side of the road to get to the trail. It is very dangerous, especially people with children and pets. It might not even be relevant if it's not a city park.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love the new Confluence park. It really is a nice addition to the city. I also love Memorial field because of the ability for kids and families to walk there and enjoy all the cool stuff around it. Parking there could be better though.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Clean, nice gathering spots, good bathrooms. A place where people can go and meet, hang out and enjoy our beautiful area.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I would love to see smaller gatherings by local artists in the summer. Artist in residence would be kind of fun too.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Parking could always be better.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Mirrormont and work in the city.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I think Issaquah has great potential, because of the beauty of the area. Salmon Days is awesome, but some residents don't like to go because of the size. Smaller festivals are great. I know the summer concert series is fun. More stuff like that.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
You’re doing great. Strengths are maintaining and keeping clean parks and trails.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
My new favorite park for children is Lake Sammamish. Otherwise I like all parks and trails visited in Issaquah.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Clean, easily accessible.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Issaquah has more and more families with young children, a splash park would be glorious! Families wouldn’t have to drive to Bellevue or Sammamish to visit splash parks.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live on Squak Mountain.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I trust Issaquah when it comes to parks and trails, you do a great job.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

State and Federal Parks are segregated making it difficult for the public to understand which is which. To have separate fees and passes shows the greediness of each establishment than to make it a "user friendly" system of one pass for all trail systems. Stop thinking of it for the government politics and start thinking of it from a user aspect....all corporations and companies have to do it that way...

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

Love tiger mountain, Mt. Si, etc. all up the I90 corridor but every trail is at is max !! Parking is horrendous, trail use is horrendous, population control is serious but NO ONE SPEAKS OF THIS NOT ONLY FOR TRAILS BUT FOR EVERYTHING...HOUSING, TRAFFICE, ETC. SPEAK OF IT !!!!

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

I am a dog lover and caretaker of two dogs and I am sick and tired of how wilderness trails are cut-off from us who have dogs !!! well-behaved dogs should be able to meander the trails with their care-takers. Hiking with a dog on a leash is uncomfortable for the human and dog and it is extremely harmful when one dog is leashed and another is not, tends to make fighting a problem. People who hike with their kids making them terrified of a dog leashed or not, and expect that dogs should not be allowed are fooling themselves. There could be a coyote, bear, cougar, porcupine, raccoon, squirrel around that will NEVER be leashed....you CANNOT CONTROL THE WORLD NOR THE ENVIRONMENT....THAT’S WHY THEY CALL IT WILDERNESS ! Let us dog owners have some enjoyment with our dogs !!

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

See vision answer !!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

Population CONTROL !!

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

I live in Maple Valley and Work in Bellevue (Eastgate). Issaquah and it's trails are close for a weekly hike

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

Thank you for what you do and provide ! I wish there wasn't such a vendetta against dogs !!!! I KNOW that the Rangers for the I-90 corridor hiking trails lay in wait to ticket hikers with unleashed dogs....what a horrible catastrophe compared to the world at large.......gawd forbid they lay in wait for all the crap-heads who break into
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What's your vision for Issaquah's parks and trails? Tell us!

cars parked at the trail heads ????
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Our parks are beautiful. We are in need of a dog park, with at least a section of it fenced in. For kids to play in parks, it's very helpful to have a bathroom available at the park. It seems there is a huge focus on bike paths. I'd rather see a bigger emphasis on places for people to walk/run/walk dogs. But the parks are a huge part of what drew us here from Bellevue. They add so much to the sense of community and the neighborhood "feel." I wish there were more opportunities to purchase things like snacks or gas for small boats. I think we could provide some conveniences, while maintaining the small town feel and actually improving the sense of community by making the parks more of a family destination. It's frustrated that so many parks are restricted to specific neighborhoods. We live on the lake, but it's annoying that so many parks are empty of people, but locked off from the public at all times. Maybe just close them off in the summer, when the neighborhood would use them most?

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish Park is a great destination park. It's fun to be able to kayak or canoe over, or drive or walk. There is so much space for any activity, and plentiful parking. Timberlake Park - a great place to walk the dog, and let the kids run around playing games.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I'd love to have parks that I can go to and let my daughter play, while watching my dog in a fenced in dog park. Full-sized basketball nets and places to run around. The trails would be great for family walks, enjoying fresh air and nature, and enabling us to stop at cafes and maybe some shops along the way.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog park!! -- a large fenced in area for dogs. Ideally, it would be so big, there would be little pathways and streams that enable owners to meander around enjoying the surroundings, with their dog running nearby. There would be a station to wash the dogs after playing, for a small fee. I'd love to have places along lake sammamish to get gas for the boat, and stop for an ice cream, or a cold drink. I'd love to have a restaurant on the water, that you could access by car or boat. I'd like to ensure there are some smooth paths that the elderly can walk on, without fear of falling.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I don't know how to find out about trails, so I don't even know what is near me. Mostly, I find them by word of mouth or by stumbling on them. It would be great to have trail maps and info about the length of trails and the type of trail (the trails that include bikers aren’t safe for walking - they are going too fast. Either separate these from walking trails, or create guidelines to bike left / walk right etc.
What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
We moved here from Bellevue and have a child in elementary school. My husband works in Redmond, and I've retired (at least for now). My time is spent volunteering in school and engaged in school district efforts, typically related to education (eg: bond and levy committees)

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
My hope is to see parks and trails that show off Issaquah's natural beauty and provide amenities that appeal to all family members. We have much of this already, and do an excellent job preserving the natural beauty. I know there are concerns about too much commercialization, and I am glad that pressure exists. But I think it's important to balance that with the desire to appeal to a broader audience - people who won't spend days just communing with nature, but want to supplement that with some activities and amenities to enhance their time in the parks and on the trails.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The strengths are the walking and biking trails. The areas in Old Town along the creek are lacking vision and public benefit. Low impact paths, seating areas and additional seasonal landscaping is needed to repair the eyesore left by vacant lots. Rainier Trail needs better connections from Community Center across Sunset.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
My favorite trail is the Rainier Trail and the biking trail from Gilman that connects to Pickering Barn and East Lake Sammamish trail.

They allow residents to walk and bike without being impact by road traffic. I walk almost daily from my residence to Old Town.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Active, vibrant, diverse.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Bocce ball court across from Red Apple Market. Frisbee golf course in Inje Johnson or Confluence Park. Walking maize to draw tourists close to Old Town. Better connection from the north end of Rainier to the trail north of Gilman. Add a dog park somewhere in downtown area. Add pea patch gardens to Inje Johnson for South Front multi-family residences. Dedicated bike trails to the Park and Rides so you don't have to ride with traffic on Newport.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access to creek side areas south of Old Town should be developed. Inje Johnson is ugly and no public access encouraged.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in a condo off South Front and drive to Issaquah Park and Ride to go to work.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
The newly acquired creek areas south of Old Town need to support a vibrant downtown. They should be active and not just vacant land. Add amenities, trails, art fairs, gazebos that support the commercial center and festival activities.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love that Issaquah is protecting green space and making that a priority, and in particular, I like the extensive bike trails right through town.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
The issue for my family of 5 is that we live in South Cove. That means we can’t safely walk or bike TO the bike trail system in Issaquah. So we always must get in the car and drive to the farmers market and into town. One time, we tried to bike along WLake Sammamish Pkwy. It was really fast to get into Issaquah but so outrageously unsafe that I doubt we will do it again with our kids. Please help the thousands of Issy residents who live in my ‘hood and want safe access!

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
See above!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
See above -- safe trail from South Cove please!!

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in South Cove but love going into Olde Town.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The strength is that land is being acquired and converted to parks (Cybil Madeline Park). The weakness is that they parks are not connected by a system of paths and trails that allow people to walk/run/bike comfortably and safely throughout the city.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
South Lake Sammamish State Park (wide open green spaces & access to the lake) Cybil Madeline Park (natural setting) and no bright colored play equipment! I think it is important to have play equipment at some parks but it is appreciated that it is not in every park. The best trail systems are on cougar mountain and duthie hill park connected to the Issaquah Highlands. Knowing you can bike/walk/ride from place to place is critical to becoming a "green," and recreation and outdoor living friendly city! It could also cut back on traffic if we can move freely from place to place without our vehicles.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks and trails are incredibly important in my life. Hiking, running and walking to and from amenities and for pure joy are very much valued by myself, friends and family. My ideal future park system in connected! One beautiful park connected to the next with access points to amenities. I would walk from park to trail to coffee to park to trail to groceries to volunteering at the fish hatchery to the library and then home again and never get in my car! It would be fantastic!!!!

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
My dream of a connected trail and park system that loops throughout the city and gives me access to everything Issaquah has to offer without getting in my car can NEVER happen if I can't safely get to Issaquah from my neighborhood! The #1 priority if a sidewalk/path/trail or whatever is possible to connect South Lake Sammamish neighborhoods to Issaquah. I have run and biked to Tully's along West Lake Sammamish only and handful of times in the 14 years we have lived in South Cove because I am scared to do it. It's not safe. Sadly, it is a matter of time before a cyclist or runner looses their life along that route. The city promised safe passage along this route at annexation and we have yet to see it.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
We have no access to downtown Issaquah. Connect us to our city! There is about 11 neighborhoods and roughly 1,000 people in South Lake Sammamish. Imagine a weekend day - families walking to town for coffee, soccer games and a bag of groceries or cycling to the core to meet up with friends. Picture commuters running instead of driving to town for work. Many of us would love to do this but simply can't justify the risk.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I am in Issaquah everyday. I fill my car with gas, go to the bank, buy groceries, take my daughter to dance, volunteer at two Issaquah public schools, the fish hatchery and drop off books at the library. My son played basketball at the community center. My daughter has kicked goals on the soccer fields! My dentist, my doctor are all in Issaquah! It's my city. I only head west to Bellevue on a very rare occasion. Maybe once quarterly? I'm very loyal and want to support the economy in my city.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Please connect South Lake Sammamish to the city so we can utilizes the parks we have. I do think too many dollars are being spent upgrading play equipment. My kids actually preferred the old Meerwood Park. The new one with the spider web looks fancy and new but it was the traditional swing set and old wooden play structure that they enjoyed more. This new play equipment in the name of "safe" is also "boring" compared to the feel of a nice high swing set that let's your sore into the sky. I would prefer to see that money put into new paths/ new trials for "green" commuting and recreation.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
A trail is missing connecting the South Lake Sammamish neighborhood of Issaquah to the rest of the downtown / community.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
South Lake Sammamish State Park - size & proximity; Cybil Madeline Park - natural setting & greenspace; Issaquah Creek trail - greenspace / natural setting / convenience; Duthie Hill Park / Issaquah Highlands / Grand Ridge Trail - connectivity; Train Park next to Police Station - toys for our children

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Connected; Natural space / habitat

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Be able to bike from our home in South Lake Sammamish safely into the core of downtown Issaquah.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Awful. We have to DRIVE to all but 1 of the Issaquah City parks. Improvement would include installing a sidewalk / trail similar to what has been installed along SR900 from Gilman to the Transit Center.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Shopping / Extracurricular activities
Live on the outskirts - South Lake Sammamish neighborhood

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Pretty Good! And there’s room for opportunity.

Strengths:
Love the greenness of Issaquah and surround area. We are blessed to have mt. trails accessible from our downtown corridor.

Improvements:
Increase the connectivity of our trails.
Signage where there may be confusing breaks in the trail system.
Tibbets baseball fields need a serious upgrade. The dirt and the outfield grass are dangerous and not very well maintained.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Tiger Mt. - Easy access to wilderness experience close to downtown. Diverse trail options regarding distance and difficulty.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I envision a city that has a trail system that connects all parks, schools and shopping areas. I would describe this park system as being well-connected. Parks and trails are a high-priority in my life and I think with creative/inclusive programming the trails (connectiveness) and parks build community.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Here’s my long list :
1) Spray Park in downtown corridor - popular park activity that would drawn people from all over to our downtown area. Priority places: baseball field behind City Hall, Community Center skatepark area or Confluence Park.
2) Children's Museum (like Bellevue's) in downtown corridor... Also a great way to attract people to downtown during the day time and long winter months. Staples Building?
3) Walking trail maps targeted toward seniors with historic sites, children's walking maps for safe routes to schools and parks, maps for bikers.
4) Unique, creative playground in every neighborhood. All new neighborhoods should have a new and different playground.
5) Partnership with the schools to creatively share space for programs and public use.
6) More covered picnic tables and outdoor spaces that can be utilized/rented by the public.
7) City can host a Kapow event that engages the community in designing park and public spaces with art, usable hang-out/gathering spaces or parks. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGVb2YmMsA
8) More events in the parks that showcase our parks and trails like: St. Patrick's Day run, Jingle Bell Run,
Triathlon in Sammamish State Park, Procession of the Species Parade  http://www.procession.org/ to increase arts, culture and environmental awareness as well as community engagement.

9) Continue to increase promotion of events.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is good if you live in the downtown corridor.

Improvement ideas:
1) Improve signage where the trails seem confusing. Move crosswalk across Gilman where Rainer trail crosses.
2) Improve parking lot visibility with lightning and signage so people know where and how to access our trail heads.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live and work in the downtown area.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trails system would you like to share with us?
I love Parks, Trails and Recreation! They make our community a better place to live. Our parks and recreation team should be engaged with as many conversations with city planning as possible to ensure as we green we maintain our green spaces, include play spaces and create ways to increase community engagement in the decision making process for how our spaces will be developed.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Issaquah has nice parks providing athletic fields and playgrounds for children. I would like to see efforts made to address other users, including disabled and those with dogs. A botanical garden would be nice, too.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I like the Bullitt fireplace trail, in part because it is a single user (pedestrians) trail, and in part because dogs are allowed. I also like the Rainier trail.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I would love to see more flowers planted where ever possible to support pollinators and beautify the city.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
My wish list includes a botanical garden, a dog park, and more flowers added to existing parks.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is good with the exception of the poo poo point trail. I'm afraid that there will be a horrible car accident on Issaquah Hobart.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I love on Squak.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Great. We just need to keep the trails connected.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Along Issy Creek.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
GiMAN i live and work on front.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
More connected trails to run around in downtown Issaquah would be amazing!

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love the trails in the highlands, very well maintained. Everything is very walkable and well lit.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Very important to my life! I spend a lot of time outside with my dogs and running trails

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I would love to have an outdoor work out station in the Issaquah highlands again. I used to use the one that was there all the time, I miss it!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
From my place of living, it’s all very accessible.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I own a condo in the Issaquah highlands and work down on Gilman. Most all my business I do is in Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I really love the trails system up on Snoqualmie ridge, I feel as though all the sidewalks or trails are so well marked and maintained that you can walk to anyone’s house, any business, go for a hike, anything. In a perfect work, Issaquah would be totally accessible like that.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
some trails inside the city need more lighting as they are secluded.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence park is looking better and the pathways around Gilman Village are very inviting.

I used to love to walk on the edible trail on Gilman, but too much noise of traffic and fast moving cars.

more edible trails in more quiet settings would be very welcoming.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
The lovely creeks and mountain views in Issaquah should be more accessiable with trails and wide pathways, away from main traffic.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I have the vision of long, wide pathways along the many beautiful creeks in Issaquah, with more pedestrian bridges crossing the creeks.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live on Squak Mountain and work right below the same mountain in town. Lived here for over 28 years.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
In addition to tranquility, view, and nature, please keep safety in mind as well.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
You’re doing great.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I like the new park behind Gilman Village. I am excited for the park just West of Front street behind the Dairygold plant. I LOVE the edible trail.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Vision- a connected system of parks and trails. Pals are very important as they encourage us to get outdoors and away from technology, and spend quality time with ourselves and our loved ones.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I am happy now.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is great. No complaints.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live on Newport near Oakcreek. I walk to shopping often.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Keep up the good work.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We have enough parks and trails. I would like to see the Issaquah police on foot patrol around the community center once in awhile.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I like the trail through olde town by the train depot. Always clean, safe, and an opportunity to say hello to other walkers.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Aesthetically I like having the open space of parks in a community. I like the opportunity for recreation. However, I think Issaquah has plenty of park space already as well as state parks and land nearby.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I have asked for a dog park in Issaquah for many years. Unlike many other cities, Issaquah has been particularly unfriendly to dogs. With a large percentage of the population owning dogs it is surprising to have this attitude. A section of Confluence Park should have been designated dog park. I would like to see sand volleyball courts in an Issaquah park as well as more covered shelters for rain.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
There absolutely should be a marked crosswalk where the community center trail crosses 2nd Ave close to the Front St intersection. This crosswalk should have the flashing lights like Front St crosswalks. I don't know if the city owns the dirt lot where the trail to Tiger Mtn/behind high school starts (by the intersection of 2nd and Front) but it would be heavenly to have that paved. Remove old skate park and add additional parking there. Many years ago the city sold and moved a house from the Community Center grounds to Andrews St. That lot has set empty since then. It would be lovely to have a bike/skate/hiking pole rental and food concession in that space or community vegetable gardens.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Fifteen year resident of olde town and work in central Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Grateful for all that we have here but don’t think we need to keep creating more and more. It is too costly to maintain. It's always disappointing to see the broken glass and litter in the creek where the school kids congregate past the old skate park. Again, some presence and community policing in that area would help greatly....I know the Highlands is always screaming for more police presence but don't forget the original
neighborhood!
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The city has done a good job setting aside or buying back land to protect the creek habitat, of course efforts need to continue in this area. There is a good amount of open space but a limited amount of play structures in the parks. As we plan for the future lets work to connect the parks with walking/bike trails or designated lanes so families with children can safely travel around the valley floor.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The walking trails in the Highlands, they are peaceful away from the major streets and by connecting several one can get a very long walk in. Confluence Park, appreciate the picnic structure and open space, nice to be able to see the creek.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Connected - trails and designated bike lanes so one can travel by foot or bike between parks and neighborhoods. Varied spaces and activities - ball fields, play structures, open space, nature features, bouldering rocks, skate park, etc.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Big dream, a rock boundering area similar to the one at Marymoor Park. A place for older youth and adults to climb.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Sufficient park is lacking at some parks, ie Memorial Park, Confluence. As a resident of Squak Mtn, I drive down to the valley to visit these parks.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
18 yr resident of Squak Mtn, worked at IMS and IHS.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I appreciate the effort of the park and city staff to maintain the facilities that we already have and for reaching out to the community to get feedback on future plans.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Parking could be better at most trail heads including vehicle safety while hiking. My number one hope is to have a dog park in Issaquah. We are a city with lots of dogs and nowhere to throw a ball or let them run. A great dog park would quickly become your most used park.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love the convenience of Rainier trail, but dislike the crime.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I utilize the parks and trails every day. My ideal future park would have a great decent size dog park.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
DOG PARK!! Seriously, this is such a huge need. Every day I speak to people out walking their dog and we all say the same thing "I wish Issaquah had a secure, safe, clean dog area."

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Keeping the trail heads safe from car prowls.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live and work in old town Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

We need a large fenced dog park in Issaquah. The one in the highlands is too small and I hear, not level. There are many dog owners in Issaquah who would appreciate a larger, flatter place to let their dogs run free. Running water and bathrooms would be nice too. Handicapped, walking path, are other great ideas.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

Preston trail, Lake Alice trail, State park, Tiger Mountain trail

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Parks and trails are good for all of us, young old, handicapped. Being close to nature is important.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

A big dog park with a walking trail around it, a rest room and water for the dogs

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

More Parking

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

I've lived in Issaquah for 48 years, 43 of them in the Preston area. (That's east King County). I think being called a "non resident" of Issaquah after so many years of watching it change, is insulting.

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I think it's about quality and not suiting every sport coming down the pike, are your baseball fields the best.. every thing trimmed all the holes filled... ok you have my thought pattern,,, stop chasing the next fad but clean up what you have!

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
nope sorryawn x a cant add to this,, you up against tough completion with with poopopopp point , pine lake beaver lake.
What you need is connectivity to the trails! Redmond fall city, Bellevue renten please connect us!

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Very .. perfect being a large grass area.. oh concert on the lawn x10 and bathrooms and a few picnic tables,, not a lot but a few.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Issaquah needs a large dog park. I don’t visit Issaquah parks because of this.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Dog friendly with easily accessible poop bags which are free and well stocked. I like the park on the top of Cougar Mtn, roomy, not very crowded.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Make dog areas in existing parks. Put parks in each new development. Whoever approved the Atlad apt complex on Gilman needs to be fired! It is hands down the ugliest building in town. There are no trees on the property or near it. I am truly appalled whenever I see it.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Ok

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

There are some nice trails, but it would be good if they were marked a little better. Also it would be great to have trail maps online or on the Facebook page for visitors to check out.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

 Tradition Lake, though it would be nice if you could get down to the lake like it used to be.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Parks being connected by trails would be great, and even better if the trails also connected to the historical sites and the hatchery. I love the summer concerts in the park and outdoor Shakespeare too. Parks and trails are essential to a vibrant, healthy community.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

Parks connected by trails.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

Having a map of parks and trails would be really helpful.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

We live on the Ridge, and I volunteer at the Train Station Museum.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The community is growing fast and balancing open space with new development is crucial to maintaining community health and quality of life that residents enjoy about Issaquah. There are multiple regional parks adjacent to the community that make Issaquah’s existing park resources some of the best in the region. Collaboration with land managers about easy access into these parks is a strength and will be of key importance with new development. Future improvements should focus on ensuring diversity of uses and connectivity between parks and regional trails.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Since I do not live in Issaquah, I cannot personally answer this question for City parks. However, as a frequent user of state regional parks, I frequent Cougar Mountain, Squak Mountain, Tiger Mountain, Grand Ridge, and Lake Sammamish park multiple times a month. Having connectivity from these parks to connect into Issaquah parks would be ideal to both draw use into town, and make it easy for residents to access the amazing park resources that are within and surrounding town.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Connected parks via multi-use trails. Improved bike facilities, and a planned mountain bike skills area in one of the parks - to host skills clinics, enable kids to ride bikes on dirt within town, and bring the experience of youth mountain biking to an easy to access and safe locations in town. Issaquah has some of the most amazing mountain bike trails in the region in nearby regional parks. Offering a practice area for local youth in an underused space of an existing City park would be ideal.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Bike skills park that connects to Grand Ridge and Mitchell Hill via a multi-use soft surface trail.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Connecting parks via trails would be ideal for a safe in-town trail experience.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I do not live in Issaquah but our organization has several members who live in the City.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
The city has done well over the years capturing available land for open space and parks. In addition, there’s a
great recreational contribution to the city with well-managed programs and use of sports fields. There is good
strength providing a multitude of parks spaced around the city. More strategic acquisitions are needed as the
Green Necklace develops. Areas to improve are to provide connectivity, increased public engagement and
provide more awareness to the community about what is available now and expected for the future. A city-wide
parks map and brochure that is currently in progress will be helpful. More trail signage and interpretive panels
along the way would improve the walking, educational and hiking experience. In addition, providing more
viewpoints with seating and cover would enhance the walkable features of our trail system. A focus toward
year-round use would be a great feature. We definitely need some off-leash dog parks on the valley floor and
more friendly on leash trails throughout the system.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Mt Rainier National Park is my favorite in the state and provides a great link to nature. Other great regional
parks that provide a similar but less wild experience are Stanley Park, Point Defiance Park and Discovery Park.
All of these parks provide a back to nature experience along with terrific views, interpretive elements and
numerous hiking opportunities. My favorite local parks are Lake Sammamish State Park and Confluence Park,
which are jewels that continue to improve. They both provide a great connection to nature, views and diversity.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe
your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
My vision for Issaquah Parks is to create an interconnected, diverse, easy access and balanced system that
provides a peaceful connection to nature and a recreational platform for the community. As Issaquah continues
to grow into a more urban environment and the world becomes more fast paced, a greater need to connect with
nature is more important than ever. Parks and trails are an extremely important component of my life.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or
priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Walking and hiking is perhaps the best long-term exercise a person can experience. It provides essential
benefits to the spirit, mind and body as we age. Connecting to nature is also extremely important. Combining
these two elements enhance overall health. In part, it’s why people visit and live in Issaquah. Creating an
interconnected park system with an extensive trail system away from traffic is my big dream for Issaquah.
We’re heading in that direction and many excellent opportunities already exist. For the future, let’s put the icing
on the cake. I would also like to see more outdoor education, through programming and a potential interpretive
center. We have a wealth of historical and cultural heritage significance in our community and parks can be a
platform canvas to tell that story. Reaching out to diverse ethnic communities is essential. We have a vast
amount of environmental non-profit agencies in our area. Creating partnerships would help gain exposure and
more community involvement in these initiatives. As the population evolves into computer screens in the palm
of your hand, we must not forget the importance of nature and wildlife. It served Native American cultures for
centuries. Parks is able to enhance that opportunity well into the future.
How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I look at access as a three leg stool, which requires adequate parking, transit and interconnected trails. All three areas are in need of improvement which currently limits access to our park system. I believe a central hub would be beneficial, which would connect north/south and east/west routes with many branches that flow from those arterials. Integrating retail and amenities along the way would enhance the experience.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I've lived on Squak Mountain for 33 years and I'm the current park board chair.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Issaquah is blessed with substantial state and county preserved public lands surrounding our city. Our mountain Alps set our community above all others in the Puget Sound area. We have the opportunity to capitalize on our surroundings with a world-class park system. The Parks Strategic Plan will help lay the groundwork for us to accomplish that vision. Above all, thank you for asking.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Strengths: 1) There are a lot of parks and trails. 2) Olde Town Issaquah is very walkable/bikeable thanks to the trails. 3) Existing parks and trails are constantly being improved. For example, I am very excited about the extension of SE 62nd Street and the underpass for the East Lake Sammamish Trail. I will miss biking to the Farmers’ Market this summer but I know the result will be worth the wait.

Areas that need improvement: We need to maximize use of each park and trail and make each space special and safe. For example, the Tibbetts Valley Park playground seems like an afterthought up there on the hill. It could be an amazing playground with slides built into the hill or something else with unique design. Why aren't there more interesting playgrounds (like the new one at Lake Sammamish State Park) instead of the same generic play equipment? Also, a lot of playgrounds need fences to make them feel safe for children of all ages. For example, there is a playground on Newport Way just west of the hatchery. It is relatively close to the road and I rarely see anyone there. If it had a low, attractive yet functional fence around it, I would take my kids there.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Veterans’ Memorial Field and playground, The Rainier Trail, Confluence Park, The Juniper Trail, East Lake Sammamish Trail, Pickering Trail, Lake Sammamish State Park. I love that all of the parks and trails I mentioned above are connected. I can use the trails to get to the parks. I can also use those trails to travel to commercial areas from my residence in Olde Town. The trails are functional in addition to being enjoyable.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
The trail system here is the main reason my family moved to Downtown Issaquah instead of moving to any other city in Western Washington. I want to be able to walk and bike every day that weather permits, for pleasure as well as to go where I need to go around town. My vision is for my family to be able to safely ride or walk around Issaquah to do everything we could possibly need to do: go to school, go shopping, go to enrichment activities, and run errands.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I would love for Issaquah to have:
1) an Olympic-size public pool or some other large aquatic center in addition to Boehm’s pool.
2) a second public gymnasium that has a standard wood floor so volleyball and basketball players can play safely. I think a lot of adults in Issaquah want to play volleyball but go to other cities because they do not like the carpeted floor at the current community center.
3) a spray deck/splash pad at at least one of the most-used playgrounds in Issaquah. In the summer I have to drive to Bellevue (Crossroads Park) or Redmond (Grass Lawn Park) for a spray deck. (The playground at Lake Sammamish State Park is supposed to have a spray deck, but right now it doesn't look like it's functional.)
How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I live in Olde Town Issaquah, and I think the access to parks and trails is very good here. I walk and bike on the Rainier Trail quite often and I'd like to see the stretch of trail from Sunset to Dogwood widened a couple of feet to accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians. (For example, the width from Dogwood to Gilman is perfect.) I am excited about all of the new improvements being discussed, and am looking forward to the new park on the west side of Front Street South. I do think that the stretch of the Rainier Trail south of the Community Center could be improved or extended so that people would use it more to get from the schools and residential areas south of town into the downtown area. (It would be wonderful if someday it extended all the way down to Squak Valley Park, but that's just a dream and not a priority in any way.)

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Olde Town Issaquah and have lived here for a year. My family chose to settle down in Issaquah because of the walkability of its thriving downtown, as well as its close proximity to nature. We love Issaquah and are excited to raise our children here and hopefully live here for the rest of our lives!

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I think that an improvement is needed for the East Lake Sammamish Trail at the intersection of 56th and East Lake Sammamish Parkway. Cars turning right onto 56th often do not see pedestrians and I have been stuck at the northwest corner of the intersection because cars do not let me cross 56th even though I have the right of way. I’m worried that a cyclist or pedestrian might be seriously injured or even killed by an oblivious driver there before something is done to fix the problem.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
above average. strategic plan is a good step.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
veterans memorial field and tibbetts valley park. diversity of activities and location

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
a green necklace and a park/trail connection from south Issaquah to lake Sammamish state park along Issaquah creak

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
a world class aquatic center and enough athletic fields to accommodate our needs

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I have easy access to our trail system

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
resident on squak mountain

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
every neighborhood should have a neighbor park
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Great! Need more garbage cans

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Any & all

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Leave as natural as possible

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Off leash area for pets in downtown Issaquah

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Keep homeless out of parks

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Lived here for 48 years in Olde Town

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Overall, well. Strengths: maintenance, quality of facilities. Improved: more variety (a dog park, and water feature park, more picnic shelters, more natural rock features, a rain sheltered playground).

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence park is the only park with features for kids in our neighborhood so we like it best! We loved the rock play area but that has been changed now. We also love taking the Pickering barn trail from our house to Farmers Market. Also we take the Rainer Trail to the community center. We walk our dog at Salmon run park.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
More neighborhood parks. There should be a playground within walking distance to all homes. School playgrounds should not be considered as those are off limits to children under 5 during most of today day. Parks are essential to our health and well being.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
A water park similar to Crossroads park in Bellevue. More tunnel slides. A play bird house that kids could go in. Kid size doors in play equipment. Covered playground spaces for rainy days. Would love some swings or a small playground or rock play garden at Bernsten Park. A dog park at Salmon Run park.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Much better now with Confluence park bridge. Would love a future connection between Burntsen and Confluence Park. Need a sidewalk on all of NW Holly and 4th Ave NW to get tout Bernsten. Have to walk through school district parking lot to get to Confluence park bridge.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
We live on 6th Ave NW.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Please notify people when features are being removed from parks. We were so happy to hear about the playground being put in at Confluence park until we found out that it was Replacing my kids favorite rock play area. We always figured it was an addition and not a replacement. I read everything I saw about it and we voted on it and the bridge and never saw anything about the rocks being moved. We would have spoken up for sure!
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Really disappointed the road by the post office is closed and the trail. That is how I get to work via bike. I no longer can bike to work as I won't ride on the road in that area.

I wish there was better bike lanes or bike path from Front St to the Park-n-Ride lot. The shoulder for cycling is not very wide either way on Newport.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The E Sammamish Trail because it is off the road, and peaceful.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Continue to buy up more creek property as comes available. Continue summer concerts on the green. Trails are very important. Parks not so much.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dream big is to have Lake Sammamish State Park greatly improved like Coulon Park in Renton which has several places to eat, nice landscaping, and is fairly busy so safe yet somewhat rustic since a wildlife area. Or like Marymoor Park which has lots going on daily. At times in the evening I don't feel safe in parts of the state park because not a lot of people. The new playground has helped to bring families to the park and more people in the evening. Improve the paths east of MS buildings as lots of roots to twist an ankle. Bring back lifeguards.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live and work in Issaquah. Live on S. end and work on N. end.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Have plenty.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Community Center Lawn - concerts on the green. Other parks are more just like neighborhood parks rather than something to draw the entire community to each evening/weekend.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Not much. Don't use the walking trails and the parks are just neighborhood parks for the most part - or sports parks. Would like an active activity park with concerts, festivals, public markets, etc. - ours are dead.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Fun activities - that are no for sports or passive - make parks alive and fun.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Parking is bad at most of them - especially the trails.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Squak Mountain.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
We have plenty. Need traffic access and parking downtown - not more parks.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I use parks often with kids and pets. Like when a park keeps it’s natural element and isn’t overly developed.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
For the most part Issaquah parks and trails are a great amenity to the community of Issaquah. There are some fun trails for walks and trekking and lots of park space. I would like to see a swim and aquatics facility more substantial than what Boehm has to offer. Being the parent of swim and waterpolo youth, it is frustrating to see the lack of facilities in the area. A quality facility seems like something that would see a lot of use.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I like walks and hiking. I'll use the Tiger Mountain trail off the backside of Clark Elementary, and I enjoy the Squak Mountain trails and the Cougar Mountain trails. I think one of the best features is a variety of three mountains in a relatively small area. It really is a lot of variety considering the cities boundaries. My family has had enjoyment from the Issaquah recreation and community center though access and travel to that location because of the congestion that occurs around Front Street is a little awkward at times.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Family friendly, modern, and dynamic. Dynamic with respect to catering to a diversity of uses to include aquatic recreation.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails? If you've observed the new Snoqualmie Aquatic center, I think a similar multi-use aquatic facility of that kind could be a great asset to the community.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
See above with respect to the community center. For the most part access to trails and facilities is reasonable. I do value the bike trail that was created along East Lake Sammamish, I think that was an excellent upgrade.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I've lived on Squak Mountain and am currently in Talas.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Nothing further at this time.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Issaquah is doing fairly well with regard to parks and trails. Strengths include the fact that some soccer fields are turf like at Central Park, but Issaquah is really lagging behind other cities in putting turf on baseball fields. My son has been playing soccer for 8 years and baseball for 10 years. Baseball is played from March - July and we often have to drive to Marymoor park to play in March and April because they have the turf fields there. It’s nice that Dodd Field has turf, and it is fully utilized for the younger kids, but after age 12 there are no turf baseball fields in Issaquah.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Tibbetts park is great because it has the tennis courts, the baseball fields and a play area for the brothers and sisters of the baseball kids.
We also like hiking on Tiger Mountain, and we love mountain biking at Duthie Hill park.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks and trails are very important in our family life! We use parks 2-3 times per week, every week, even in the winter.
Ideal park system words: Interesting (have a variety of activities available), accessible (Parking), mixed use, all ages

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
My ideal park system would have facilities like baseball or soccer fields, and combine that with something for the other family members to do while the parents and siblings are at the games. The Beaver Lake baseball fields are a great example of what to put near a sports field. There is a good playground near the baseball fields, a nice set of bathrooms and a covered area with picnic tables for the families or teams to have a meal. This is the best set-up around for baseball games, and Issaquah should provide similar amenities at their parks.

Grasslawn park in Redmond is another great mixed-use park. Siblings can play on the playground while other family members play soccer or tennis.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
My ideal park system would have enough parking at every park (Duthie Hill Park especially!!!!) so that we don't have to plan to get to the park early in the morning to avoid parking problems.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
We live and work in Issaquah. We live on Cougar Mountain and work off of Gilman Blvd.
What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Issaquah does a pretty good job with the parks. Maintenance is good, and we have a good number of parks, but they could be enhanced to benefit all ages.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I am very concerned that the central park turf fields project we voted for is having issues. It feels like the money we approved as voters is being taken away from our park.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Although I don’t think its in Issaquah Parks, I am really happy with the updates to the Lake Sammamish state park. The east beach has been cleaned up and the new playground is excellent.

I also enjoy the forested trails around Issaquah Highlands, they provide a great escape from the urban area.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I have active kids in sports and activities. I think the most important things for Issaquah parks would be places where families feel safe to bring their children for play or sports. Places where it is easy to supervise your kids and clear for your kids where they shouldn’t go.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I really wish we didn’t improve the Boehms pool, I wish we tore it down and built a large Aquatic center next to our Community Center (where the skate park is) and put the skate park where the Boehms pool is. Something like that. I would really like a large indoor aquatic center for our community.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Traffic is a major issue, Central park seems to have not been built to handle the quantity of cars flowing through during peak sport hours. If there are people parked on the side of the main drive it is very difficult to get through and jams up. This makes it very hard to keep track of the cars and children at the same time. Also, the 15 MPH speed limit signs are to small and very ignored so people speed through these areas.

Another issue is that in downtown Issaquah there aren’t enough business around our existing parks to increase our walking score. It would be great if we could bring our business and parks closer together.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I grew up in Issaquah and now I own a home in Issaquah Highlands which I also work out of.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I think issaquah underestimates how soggy the ground gets from Nov - May of the year. I think our parks need
more paved/gravel trails and areas for sports that don't require grass like more Tennis and basketball courts.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Good parks. Need more parking at some.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Love Mirrormont park and squaw valley because they are close.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Kid friendly, green space, open space, convenient

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Mirrormont

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
The parks and trails are nicely maintained but need to be upgraded to accommodate a more diverse demographic and expand to meet our changing boundaries. We need to add features/facilities for youth over the age of 7. Our kids are growing up and many are now in middle school and high school. They would appreciate being included in city park/trails planning. They would benefit from an additional sports court (basketball, soccer and/or tennis) above or on Harrison Street in the Highlands. Teen youth that live in the upper highlands don't have a convenient/age appropriate park to utilize. Thank you!

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Central park. It is utilized by youth and adults across many sports and age groups. The turf is awesome.

What's your vision for Issaquah's parks and trails? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks/trails are critical and vitally important to local culture, real estate and recreation. An ideal system would grow with our youth/population and accommodate expanding boundaries.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
An indoor pool with a lazy river/waterslide would be perfect. Something like what surrounding cities have in their YMCA.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is good.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
We live in Grand Ridge Estates and have many neighbors who would like to have a park closer to our homes.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
The city built the confluence Park but since last October, we haven't been able to use it. It's been fenced off for more construction. We don't understand all this construction of parks, people don't really utilize them that much...what we need to concentrate on would probably be more trails. Now, we see that the Pickering barn trail will be closed for 18 months, as well as the E. Lake Sammamish trail, we don't understand why these trails will be closed when people use them the most (Spring & Summer) Please explain.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Pickering Barn Trail/East Lake Sammamish Trail. Easier to get around, less traffic\noise and convenient to most stores\shopping area.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Trails are important, parks not as much--again, people don't seem to spend time in parks...as they do walking\hiking.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
For the public to be able to use the existing Trails --we don't really need any more, what we want is to be able to use what we have...but instead, the City closes one park(Confluence) for more extensions, and closes the 2 main Trails that are used consistently, for over 18 months, we totally don't agree with this approach. City encourages more of us to walk, yet makes no attempt to keep these Trails opened and available.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Keep construction at a minimum. We would like to have just ONE WHOLE YEAR with no construction or additions, so we can enjoy the summers (which are very short). Walking outdoors, on a sunny day, is very pleasurable and enjoyable for most of us....but instead, the construction, (noise, trucks, etc) make it difficult for us to enjoy.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Old Issaquah - and enjoy walking to Target, Fred Meyer, and other businesses in the area. Walking is a pleasure for me, but from April this year, till Winter 2018, walking will not be easy with all the construction and extensions the City is doing.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Just let us enjoy what the City has spend so much time\money constructing.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Turf fields at central park are nice. Grand View park is terrible though. The walking trail around the grass is fine but no-one can ever use the grass because it is always a soggy wet mess. That park needs to be redone to be of any use. Would prefer you build a skatepark there or a pool. Something for the whole family. Tear down the playground to make more parking if required as there is already a Highlands playground right there!

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Grand Ridge is my favorite trail but that’s King County not Issaquah Park. Make trails like that one.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Need to make things for a variety of people. There are plenty of ball parks but not everyone plays ball sports. The grass fields don’t drain well and should all be redone. Build a outdoor pool (that you can enclose with a bubble for wintertime) and skateparks. Give kids options

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

Outdoor pool is needed!!!! Build a nice skate park in a location not so seedy as the current one where druggies hang out by community center.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
OK. Build more and make them bike friendly but disallow horses. One horse does as much damage to a trail as 1000 bikes or 10000 people. It’s not fair.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live here

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Doing great. Love the trails.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Love the redesign of Confluence park. Big open space with great picnic area plus park and walking trails being added.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks are very important. I love the diversity of types of parks.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog off leash area.
Really awesome splash pad for kids AND adults.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is great.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in Olde Town.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
I love our parks.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Trail at the top of Sycamore neighborhood, such a pretty climb.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Please build a skate park behind the police station/City Hall in memorial park. Don't make the same mistake twice and build one away from the police station, which fosters crime. Learn from Sammamish; their skate park is in the middle of their civic center; police station, City Hall and Library. The weekly summer farmer’s market happens right next to it. This helps keep the park clean and crime-free. There are a lot of kids that use that park, and many drive up from Issaquah. We need our own! Design it for scooters too; this a fast growing sport for kids 10-18. It's a healthy sport for them. A covered area would be a bonus!

We need an off leash dog part in the Confluence Park on Rainier Blvd. Issaquah recently added hundreds of new apartments on Gilman and nearby; lots of these people have dogs. The only off leash park is way up at the top of the Highlands- too far. Confluence Park is huge and mostly unused. The rougher area on the west side near the creek would be perfect for a dog park. Thanks

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Great walking and parks for kids. Weaknesses- we really need a dog park. With growing residential population in Atlas blogs and the Hughlands and on Newport we need a place for animals! Please!

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Tibbits park, Squak Mtn trail because they are close and well kept.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
My vision includes an off leash dog park in the downtown sector or on Squak mtn. Parks and trails are an integral part of our life in Issaquah. It is one of the reasons we live here.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Offleash dog park
Skate park
More free tennis courts
Mtn biking trail

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is awesome to the current system and they are well marked.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live on Squak Mtn, my kids attend the public schools and my husband and I both work in Redmond.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
DOG PARKS ARE NEEDED! Consider rethinking the empty ball field space on Squak as a walk in only dog park. All it needs is a fence and a couple of garbage bins.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I think the parks are fantastic, so are the trails! I can not get to many of the trailheads because the buses don’t go to many of them. Buses do not tend to go up Squak mountain.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence Park because I like the trails along the creek. When following the dirt paths it is very easy to forget your in the city.

What’s your vision for Issaquah’s parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
It would be great if there were music in the parks during the day and movies in the park in the evenings: weekends only of course.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
*Movie projector to watch community movies Saturday evenings spring/summer/fall
*Rafting in the summer from Confluence Park to Lake Sammamish. Have a ride back to the park
*Retaining the mountain views

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I can not get to many of the trailheads because the buses don’t go to many of them. Buses do not tend to go up Squawk Mountain or past the street that Swedish Hospital is on.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live and work in Issaquah

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Doing well. Cougar/squak/tiger trails all great. Improve - dog parks and rules, lake / creek access and amenities. More hiking is always good.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Cougar - great hiking.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Massive off leash area (like marymoor), lake accessible restaurants (like gene coulon... walking trail along water (like mt baker), dogs can be off leash on hiking trails if under voice command (like mercer island), exercise classes in the parks outside with lovely views (like mercer island), mini amphitheater for plays (like mercer island)

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Work with state to completely revamp lake sammash state park - or use city land... boats,kayaks can pull up to restaurants (like gene coulon), incorporate large (acres) off-leash trails (like marymoor), and include small amphitheater for plays (like Luther Burbank).

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Terrible from the SouthCove area. We need safe Biking lanes to connect south cove to all that Issaquah currently offers.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live inSouth cove.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Cougar ridge is great - well maintained. Would love more regional parks like it.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I would love Issaquah to influence the state to make changes to lake sammamish state park so that it is more interesting for locals to use... a couple of restaurants one can bike, kayak, or boat to (like gene coupon), a walking path adjacent to lake so the walk is filled with water views/access.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
See prior question for my lake sammamish dream. Also / exercise classes in the park- like yoga.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Safe biking lanes along lake sammamuah pkwy to connect south cove to downtown and the parks/trails in issaquah.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
South cove.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

I think Issaquah's parks and trails are great. I really enjoy all the parks. I have a three year old daughter and we love to use them. My only point of improvement would be adding a playground to the open space "park" on Squak Mountain. We live on Squak Mountain. We know a lot of young families on Squak Mountain and it would be great to have a park within walking distance. Nothing elaborate is needed. Swings and a slide. I don't advocate for increased public spending for park facilities, and I'm not really advocating for this. What I'm saying is if existing parks funds exist, a park in the middle of Squak Mountain, on existing public land, would seem to be at the top of the list. Tibbets Valley park is great, but one up the mountain would be great, too.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish State Park. I really enjoy all the trails. I don't have favorites.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks and trails are important to me and my family. It's a huge quality of life component to living in Issaquah. We really enjoy it.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Squak Mountain (beyond the Mt. McKinley dead end). There's a back stop there and a big flat open field. Adding equipment would make it a hidden neighborhood gem, and definitely keep and attract young families to Squak Mountain.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I really have no suggestions. I think the City does a great job.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live on Squak Mountain. Previously lived in West Lake Sammamish neighborhood of Bellevue. We love Issaquah. Plan on raising our family in Issaquah for sure and sending our kids to ISD. Bus commuter to Seattle for work.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More soccer fields that are turf so they don’t have to close because of mud

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
South Cove

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

I love the parks and trails in Issaquah. It's one of the best things about living in this area. I don't get out there enough as it's difficult with my toddler but I look forward to getting out there more soon as my child is able to walk further.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
We mostly frequent parks with playgrounds but have checked out hikes off exit 20 which are quite nice. Also love the trails in the highlands.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I hope the natural areas are able to be preserved. I worry about all the development coming in and possibly losing the natural areas. Ideal parks for me would have an area to park and clear signs about where to go.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
My biggest dream come true would be instead of play ground equipment, having natural areas within wooded areas set aside for children to play. I understand the reasoning behind "sticking to the trail," but kids don't get exited about nature just going for a walk on a trail. They want to climb on fallen logs and look closely at the foliage and make forts and if we are to create a new generation of kids who appreciate natural areas we can't keep them contained only on the trail and on the playground. My dream would be to have areas where that kind of play is encouraged.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Pretty good, except you have to know where to go.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in the Issaquah Highlands. We work in Renton and Bellevue.

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Thanks for having such a great parks system. Please continue to invest in it as it makes are area such a wonderful and beautiful place to live.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Looks great. More engaging playscapes would be nice.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Black nugget- tennis and basket ball courts

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Engaging-safe
Parks offer a green space for kids - which is great for mental development

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Safety is the most important. But it would be great to add zip lines, wall climbing.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Trails are harder to find-

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Resident

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
At times, it gets very crowded. The charm of the highlands seems to be changing due to high traffic.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I like the playsets, although a few parks should be updated. Confluence park should get a playground. Gibson’s park playground is way too small. We need more dog parks (and washing station)

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence Park has a lot more trees and vegetation which looks beautiful. We need more trees and vegetation at our parks.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I hope that our parks and trails would be full of beautiful trees and vegetation. We need more trees that teens and adults can climb

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Outdoor gym Playground. Giant outdoor Rope’s-Course (would pay for itself overtime if became a recreational program). More Bicycle routes.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Establish a bus route up squak mtn.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live at Squak, Work downtown

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Giant Rope course like Mount Mitte. More accessibility from buses (have routes that stop at trailheads/parks)
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The new play area at lake Sammamish state park.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
A play area at confluence park

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
good. better sidewalks to/from parks to allow walking/biking would be good. Example - 212th ave

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
issaquah highlands - play structures for large age ranges - walkability from homes
Pine lake/beaver lake parks
elbright park - trails, playgrounds, picnic areas

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
balanced, accessible

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
better sidewalks to/from parks - 212th in particular, many areas of road with no side

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
good

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I am impressed! Our family has enjoyed Pine Lake Park, Beaver Lake Park and especially Soaring Eagle. Improvements; the re-stripping for parking at Beaver Lake (baseball entrance) was probably well intentioned, but people don’t park the way it was restriped....might be worth revisiting. Some of the Soaring Eagle trail posts could use their #'s replaced with newer versions and make them more obvious.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Soaring Eagle!!! My son & I LOVE these trails. Soaring Eagle has become one of the best reasons (and unexpectedly so) for purchasing our home in Trossachs. PLEASE continue to maintain & protect this area.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I am surprised by how important the trails have become for obvious health reasons, but also in staying connected with my teen. Truly has been a fun way to get exercise, share thoughts and stay in tune.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Easy access for those that we visit regularly.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in Trossachs neighborhood in Sammamish.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
The parking situation around Poo Poo Point is ridiculous. You need to fix that. Its unsafe for people walking down the road. Obviously people want to hike there. Putting signs up and cement barriers on the road is doing nothing. You need to find a different solution.

There needs to be better fields with lights for students to play soccer on. Soccer is a year round sport around here and there are no turf fields besides the highlands and schools, and some of them dont have lighting. It is unsafe for the kids to be playing on the terrible grass at Tibbetts, Ihop and Costco fields. They need to be fixed and upgraded.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Better parking at all popular trails. New fields for kids playing sports. You are building houses like crazy in issaquah, bringing in more families and kids, however the field situation has gotten worse and worse over the last few years. My kids have been playing almost in the dark because there is no lighting on fields.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Parking needs to be improved at all popular parks.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live and work here.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Convert our Baseball fields to Turf Fields. This is the Pacific Northwest so it rains from October to June. With so
much rain it makes no sense for our baseball fields to be anything other than turf fields. Little League and other
leagues cannot use our fields over 6 months of the year wasting this valuable resource. The Park system needs
more Baseball and Soccer fields. We have too many teams/groups wanting to use these fields and there is
simply not enough of them. Add more fields.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Marymoor, I know this is not in Issaquah but with turn fields it can be used year around for sports. Issaquah
needs a competing park to keep residents local.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe
your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks are very important, not so much for trails. An Ideal park is a complex of sport's fields that are turfed for
year around use with outlying trail system that surrounds the ball parks.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or
priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
A major sports complex with turfed fields for Baseball and Soccer, complete with all the amenities. Look at
ESPN World of Sports in Orlando, FL. You said dream big!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system
access from your area of the city?
Access is fine

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Klahanie/Highlands area, work in Bellevue.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
More Ball Fields that can be used year around.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The beach area's of lake sammamish park could use improvement. If at all possible, I'd like more sand, clean the sand, and if possible put sand in the water so we are not walking in rocks, mud and clay...

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake sammamish is one of our favoice destinations for water activities, picnicing and walking the dogs. More purgulas would be nice for the rainy season and covered and upgraded barbecue pits....

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Get out and enjoy life. Get some fresh air and enjoy all that our parks and trails offer....

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I'd like to see a public pool in the Highlands and more soccer pads for the kids that are lit and not flooded in water.....

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Improve the entrance of Lk Sammamish, especially for busy summer times.....

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in the Highlands and our local business is downtown.... lived in Issaquah for the last 15+ years....

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Better beaches, hate the slime and rocks.....
More events at Lake sammamish for the entire family.....
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Issaquah parks are wonderful and the trails are phenomenal. There are 2 complaints I have. 1) As some new developments go in, they put in what are called parks, but they are very small with play structures meant for toddlers. They add little value to the community. 2) There is a shortage of pools. Boehms pool is wonderful, but it is overcapacity and high schools in Issaquah and Sammamish don't have sufficient access to pools (water polo is a big sport south of Issaquah School District, but not available in ISD)

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Favorite - Highlands Central Park - has great play structure, spacious and has wonderful soccer fields close in proximity. Favorite trail - hard to say - there are so many good ones.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Trails should continue to be well maintained. More parks and services for sporting events - soccer, lacrosse, football, swimming

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Additional swim center like the one Weyerhaeuser Aquatic Center that is meant for large competitions, allows space for water polo, diving for our high schools.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
It's really great - one improvement would be parking is frequently a challenge.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?

We live in an amazing location - the natural beauty surrounds us! Our strengths: we have easy access to a significant number of mountain trails on 3 mountains! (tiger, cougar, squak), our trails follow along paths that highlight Issaquah’s jewels (i.e. Issaquah Creek - Squak Access Trail and trail from the med. building to Pickering Barn), we have a beautiful trails at Lake Sammamish State park, and have some pretty awesome parks (love Lake Sammamish and Confluence...my kids have enjoyed train park plenty). As a runner and coach we have very few flat trails that stretch for miles (this is especially apparent with Lake Samm. trail under construction), the trails on the road that do exist have many road crossings with lights (the lights are not timed for pedestrians so I could spend a significant time just standing waiting), I’m also not sure why Issaquah believes improving our trails includes paving them. The soft surface of trails ensures a permeable surface for water to flow through, is easier on all our knees and joints, and helps preserve the feeling that Issaquah is special. Our areas for improvement: create trails with fewer lights that are flat, time traffic lights for pedestrians, put up maps on all the sign posts with no signs, put in a bathroom at the sunset parking lot, open up bathrooms at confluence and other parks throughout the winter, opt for grass fields over turf, if you opt for turf please ensure not made from tires as the health risk to kids is significant.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Favorite parks: confluence (because I love the natural beauty there with the creek flowing through, my kids have spent lots of time playing in the fields and on the rocks), Lake Sammamish (there is so much to offer at Lake Samm. We are extremely lucky to have a significant body of water right in our backyard).
Favorite trails: all the mountain trails on Tiger and Squak (I run them a lot). I also enjoy the Squak Access trail along the creek, the Rainier Trail to Tiger, the Rainier Trail to the Lake Samm. trail, and Issaquah- Preston-Snoqualmie Trail. The trail from the medical building back to Pickering Barn is quite special. It broke my heart to hear that it is getting all torn up.
These are my favorite trails because they highlight the natural beauty of Issaquah and connect me to the outdoors. There is quite a bit of research on the positive benefits of being in the outdoors connected to nature (health and mental benefits)

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks and trails are a very significant part of my life and my families life. I would love for Issaquah to prioritize our natural beauty, preserve it to a higher degree, and highlight it as what makes Issaquah special. We are a mountain town with incredible access to the Issaquah Alps, the Cascade mountains, lakes and creeks to cool off in when we get too hot, and creeks and streams that ensure our salmon continue to spawn. The vision highlights that natural beauty and creates a connected corridor from Lake Samm. all the way south to the Chirico Trail. An ideal future park system would also include parks for kids of all ages (Where is our outdoor b-ball court?). My vision includes lots more Issaquah residents on the trails (I would bet the % of Issaquah residents on our trails pales in comparison to those outside Issaquah). There needs to be a stronger marketing push to get people out there! Help them understand safety precautions, how to read a map, etc. and provide opportunities to get out there (i.e. trail races, city hikes, kids days on the trails, etc.)
Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
-Connector trail from Lake Sammamish to Chirico Trail with NO traffic lights.
-Flat 4 mile, 6 mile, 8 mile loops with NO traffic lights around town.
-Bathrooms at all trailheads
-Water park for kids
-River access park for kids
-City sponsored trail races for adults and kids on Tiger mountain (start at Community Center)
-Art around the city trails (ie. under bridge from Pickering Barn trail, art covering the horrendous fence at the Issaquah creek dam)

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
It's great...we just need to highlight the system more, create maps for newbies to navigate better, and some signage.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Parent of two kids at IVE and Parks and Rec. participants, live on Squak, work in Issaquah as a running coach.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
We live in an amazing location. Capture the natural beauty of Issaquah, promote it more, get people out into nature, and Parks and Rec can help Issaquah rise above being just another suburb and help us realize our potential as a Mountain Town (outdoor access, lake, arts culture, gateway to the Cascades).
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I have long felt that Issaquah Creek is underutilized as a recreational asset in Issaquah and am happy to see that appears to be changing with the development of Confluence Park. As an older woman walking alone, I feel safer on trails like the Rainier Trail and would like to see more trails like it.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I often walk Rainier Trail and E Lake Sammamish Trail and older Issaquah neighborhoods. I occasionally walk Poo Poo Pt. trail.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I often walk in Issaquah and appreciate trails that are open and accessible, away from traffic.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I would like to see more trails/connecting trails along Issaquah Creek. I would also like to see more trails like Rainier trail, which are more park-like and less hidden from view of passersby. The development of 62nd at 221st provides an opportunity for this type of trail. I think a splash/spray park would be a great addition to Issaquah Parks as well.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I live off Issaquah-Hobart Road and see how crowded Poo Poo Point trail gets, particularly on nice days. Wouldn’t it be great to have a trail to Poo Poo Point from a larger parking area or a path from Issaquah along Iss-Hobart Road to the trailhead?

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Walkable access to parks, and the use of parks as part of safe walkable corridors linking schools, residential areas, and shopping/library/community centers. Creating walkable access to parks from residential and community centers, links our parks with the community and schools, and creates safer, more usable space.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Beaver Lake is peaceful and walkable. Pine Lake is great for swimming. The Klahanie trails and sidewalks, as a model for true walkable/bikeable access, allow safe and enjoyable access to parks, schools and shopping.

Parks are one of the destinations that should be both walkable destinations and connected to the rest of the community as accessible community assets.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Walking and biking trails and sidewalks, providing city-wide access to parks, schools and shopping. Parks as interludes on the way to other community destinations, as well as worthy destinations all on their own.

Parks are one of the destinations in a community that should be both walkable, and connected to the rest of the community as accessible community assets.

Walkable, bike-able access to community parks as part of an interwoven network of community sidewalks and trails that allow all individuals, both young and old, to access parks and other community destinations safely.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Bridging schools to neighborhoods using parks as part of safe, accessible walking routes.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Walkable links to parks and trails throughout the city should be a priority, with an emphasis on safe walking zones around schools.

I live in Klahanie and while my BLMS student can safely walk home, my Endeavour elementary student is severed from walking or biking to school by an impassable arterial, Fall City Rd. In addition, next year my middle schooler will be at Skyline HS. While possible to walk most of the way on sidewalks or trails, crossing Beaver Lake road can be perilous. Ensuring safe corridors within school zones to neighborhoods should be a priority. Parks within school zones can be leveraged as part of creating safe walk zones for students.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Klahanie

**What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?**
Please hurry. Walkable communities with walkable parks as destinations from our homes are a treasure.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Nice job

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Trail behind Central Park is a favorite. Central Park and Grandview park are favs. Trail is well kept and maintained. Both parks have restroom facility and drinking fountain.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Super important!! I envision A safe natural outdoor area for families, folks of all ages to enjoy tgthr! Would like to see Splash pads/water fountain Walls incorporated. And would like amphitheater seating for music concerts and theatre in parks.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Would like to see Splash pads/water fountain Walls incorporated. And would like amphitheater seating for music concerts and theatre in parks.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access seems fine to me except parking at poo poo point is sometimes crowded.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in iss highlands.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Good amount of trails but need to be kept litter free and need more dog bags so there is no excuse

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Rainer and then up to high school. Very convenient

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
More multi use, cleaner

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Would be nice to get zip bikes

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Good access from downtown

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live downtown

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Increase safety when crossing sunset and other roads. We need flashing lights at crossing when drivers are going over 25 mph. Also, sometimes I’m afraid to walk on Rainier trail past the skate park further toward Tiger because people are in the woods "hanging out" drinking beer (littering) and perhaps drugs, who knows. I used to see police on bicycles, but I haven't in a while. Also, Tiger mountain has people camping (illegally) and I can smell alcohol sometimes when I pass some of those people on foot. This is also scary - although not Issaquah property, I think the City should advocate for their citizens for safety concerns and illegal activity. Posting a polite sign about trail etiquette would be helpful (keep to right, etc.) would be helpful along Rainier trail in both directions.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love Rainier trail because it connects to Tiger and is well kept. I love walking from my house downtown and hiking all over Tiger. I really like Confluence Park - it's very peaceful and quiet.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Trails are very important to me and my husband. I walk our dog daily and hike often. My husband bikes multiple times a week. We use Issaquah trails everyday and we live in Olde Town and we LOVE that. That's why we chose to buy here. More trails and more safety.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
It would be nice to have a dog park. There are tons of dogs downtown and it would be great to have a place for them to roam. Also, maybe a mini botanical garden with native plants and information? Similar to Bellevue but not on a grand scale. Also, when on Rainier trail it's hard to get across Gilman to get to the other side to continue on Rainier trail. A pedestrian bridge or a safer, more direct route would be nice.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I live one block from Rainier trail so my access is great. As I mentioned, safety is a concern - I'm very careful and have close calls with vehicles on a regular basis - even when crossing Sunset on a large crosswalk by City Hall. People are distracted and speeding. I think we need lights there like the ones added to Front Street.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
We live in Olde town.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Beautiful parks and trails, especially when the weather is nice. Parking lot at the "IHOP" fields needs to have a permanent fix to eliminate potholes and large standing pools of water. It's also a shame that such a large group of fields is unplayable during rainy months.
What about adding covers to some of the play structures so they can be used rain or shine. In my hometown, a beautiful playground wasn't being used in the summer because the sun was making the equipment too hot. The city covered it to address that issue, and now families are there in the sun and rain.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love the edible landscape trail! Lots of fun to see what fruits are ripening throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Very clever!
Dodd field! (Is this a city of Issaquah park?) Central Park. The turf fields are great for continuing to play sports in the rain. I just want to make sure the turf is safe!

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
All-weather
Interconnected
As a Talus resident, I’d like to feel more connected to the city by foot or bike. I guess, I’d love to somehow see the "walkability" score of Talus increase.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog park near or in Talus
Trails connecting Talus to Tibbetts Park
New and permanently improved parking lot at East Lake Sammamish fields (IHOP fields).

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I don’t know... maybe a pedestrian bridge crossing 900 somewhere between Talus and the park and ride. A more direct, walkable or "bikeable" path from Talus to the park and ride and Tibbetts park. The path should be well-lit and SAFE!

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Talus.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I'm very impressed! I love our city.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The strengths are the extensive trail networks on Grand Ridge, Squak and Cougar. I have serious concerns about acquiring and maintaining new land to keep our green space vs developments in balance.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Grand Ridge and Squak mountain trails are used by my family weekly as we run/hike on a regular basis.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Gateway to mountains to sound greenway is the way I think of Issaquah. Please continue to acquire new lands for parks and trails, especially with all the development! I would also love more dog friendly areas.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Acquire the Kelly Ranch property! The owners are motivated to sell and to lose that land to development would be tragic. Link cougar mountain and Squak mountain trails through there to create an even more extensive trail network. Create a dog park somewhere to allow residents in the valley a "off leash" option. Have a mountain bike pump track similar to Leavenworth for older kids.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I live on Squak, access is good. Would love to see completion of corridor access from Tibbets park to mountainside trail access.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Resident of 12 years currently. but grew up in South Cove (20 years)

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
We have a great opportunity to continue to develop our trails for hiking, trail running and mountain biking. Please make our green spaces and trails a priority.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We simply need more parks and trails and less new, high-density housing.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence Park, the trail along Issaquah Creek downstream of the Upper Intake, all of the trails on Squak Mtn., the trails that emanate from the trailhead just off of Sunset near I-90.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
User friendly, well-maintained and easily accessible. Very important.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More signage that explains nature, animals, tips for saving watersheds, how to report problems.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I have lived here for 24 years. Retired. Live on Squak.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Strengths- trails (but need more signage on trails)
Parks need to be improved. More dog parks. Bmx/ skate park. More tennis courts

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Cougar mountain trails- because I can walk to them.
Park- Central Park, Highlands - most open courts, and turf soccer fields. Great playground and open area for families.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Love to get outdoors and want a community that values outdoor activities. Ideal park system needs to have variety. You'll never be able to please everyone, but providing variety gives most people the most options for outdoor activities.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Indoor tennis courts!!! Bmx park / skate park. Another dog park
More trail signage

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Good with the exception of ongoing construction (or non-construction) blockage in Talus.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Resident of Talus

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I like Issaquah’s commitment to having several parks and that there is a variety. We need ball parks and places to play for all types of children and adults. We also like that some parts are kept more wild to enjoy the natural space. I like that there are plenty of garbage cans so when others forget to put their garbage away, I can help pick up with out needing to carry it home. Please protect our streams and wildlife while allowing us to enjoy the outside.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No favorites.

What’s your vision for Issaquah’s parks and trails? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
It would be wonderful if we had safe trails between the parks for families to ride bikes or walk between many of our parks. With all the distracted drivers, we put ourselves and our children at risk getting to and from the parks.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Love the east lake sammamish trail for bike riding away from traffic. I would personally love a safe way to get from South Cove/Beach Club neighborhood to the Lake Sammamish State Park entrance. We need a sidewalk or trail along the road. I would love to safely ride my bike to do errands in Issaquah but I do get afraid when riding on the roads.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
See above.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
We have lived in the South Cove neighborhood for over 30 years. We have raised our 3 boys here. Our eldest son/’wife moved to Cougar Mountain a little over a year ago and our middle son/’wife will be moving to the Beach Club in a few months. Both will be raising families in the area.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
There is a good backbone of soft surface trails and paved multi-use trails. What is missing is more non-motorized multi-use trails for getting around Central Issaquah. While there are those who would argue there are never enough sports fields, the city has more than enough for its residents. The challenge is the demand is from a much broader area outside of the city from folks who don’t have to pay the taxes to build and support them.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Preston, Railroad Ave and Juniper trails for safe, segregated bicycle access. The new parks along Issaquah creek between Juniper and Gilman have really improved access and views of the creek. Confluence Park is wonderful open space near downtown that is a great location for a walk. Can’t wait until if fully reopens!

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Issaquah will have physically segregated bike paths to every major neighborhood in the city that will see riders of all ages enjoying the freedom this will bring. Issaquah will have great hiking trail heads and trail connections into the wonderful mountains surrounding the valley. Trails and easy, quick access to them is one of the main reasons I choose to live in Issaquah.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Completion of mountain bike skills park in Park Point
Consistent signage at all city parks. Hiking trail signage that is consistent regardless if city, state or county land.
Physically segregated bike path through the south of town to Squak Valley Park.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
it’s just outside the door from my house, so I’m good.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live near Gilman village, work in the city and have lived in Issaquah since 1985

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Issaquah is doing well. They have a significant amount of parks, that are generally well-maintained and operated. My concern is that the City is rapidly changing, particularly with the development along Newport Way and on the valley floor. Many of the remaining undeveloped areas of the City are so for a reason, either because of steep slopes, floodplains, wetlands, or other critical areas. I would hate to see Issaquah do what Sammamish did and become just a sea of wall to wall housing developments. People need open spaces and undeveloped land to make a city livable. Parks is on the front line of maintaining these vital living spaces in Issaquah.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence Park - streams and salmon watching. Tibbetts Valley - room for recreation.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Extensive. Inspiring.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Expand!!!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I come from outside the City, so access is by car. I have no complaints. Lots of parking at Tibbetts and some others. Can be a challenge on the weekends.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I shop and recreate in Issaquah. I live in nearby King County.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Keep going!
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Issaquah is making progress at acquiring parcels along Issaquah Creek, and in making some connections of neighborhoods to parks, including the Issaquah Alps.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Olympic, Mt. Rainier, and the North Cascades National Parks because they protect large areas of wilderness, wildlife, and native vegetation. One can hike long distances without seeing a car and have opportunities to see wildlife and native plants.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I like to see trails that are relatively free of non-native, invasive plants (blackberry, ivy, holly, butterfly bush, Scot’s broom) and trash. Ideally, the trails would be bordered by interesting native wildflowers, other native groundcovers, shrubs, and trees. I frequently take trails in order to see wildflowers. Did you know that there are phantom orchids along a trail on Cougar Mountain? (Quite rare!) Ideally, the trails would link neighborhoods with parks, link parks along Issaquah Creek, and end up at a scenic viewpoint or other interesting destination.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I would like the City to acquire Tract H (on the south side of Park Hill). That would preserve a wildlife corridor, provide legal access to Park Hill open space, and enable the restoration of this 1-acre parcel so that invasive holly and blackberries wouldn’t keep re-infesting the south portion of Park Hill. It would also keep open the possibility of a trail through Park Hill. Also put in some trails at Ingrid-Johnson Park.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
See #4 above. There is also the possibility of linking the Overdale Park neighborhood with the trail through the "Issaquah-22" development wetland trail and also of linking Overdale Park to the Aspen Meadows neighborhood with a trail behind the storm-water vault, linking SE 52nd St with 227th Ave SE.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I have lived in Issaquah for 22 years (since I retired). I live in the Overdale Park area. I am a Native Plant Steward, working on restoring Overdale's park--removing ivy, non-native blackberries and other invasive plants and planting native plants in their place. I volunteer with Issaquah Parks Dept, Lake Sammamish State Park, Mountains to Sound, the Washington Native Plant Society, the Noxious Weed Control Program and other organizations.
What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
The Park Department should re-create a group of volunteers (like the group that functioned under the leadership of Chrys Bertolotto ~ 15 to 20 years ago). The group could be called upon to clear invasive plants like tansy ragwort, ivy, holly, and blackberries, from Issaquah’s parks and natural areas; do plant salvages in areas that are going to be developed; pick up trash; and alert the Parks Department of potential problems such as unauthorized homeless camps or infestations of noxious weeds. Minimal supervision would be needed if there are knowledgeable volunteer leaders; it would foster a real sense of ownership/pride in the parks; and it would enable much more work to be done without much expenditure of funds.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Connectivity between parks should be our greatest interest. If we make Issaquah more bike/walker friendly, especially with access to the creek system, that would provide great value to the town itself.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The park across from the Christian Science Center south of town. Remote, dog friendly. I wish it connected to the Rainier trail somehow.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Just south of Issaquah in Mirrormont

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Issaquah has an amazing parks and trails system that attracts people to live and play from all over the state and country.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The various connections to the Issaquah Alps trail systems are most important to accessing longer hikes.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
The trail system in Issaquah should be connected, comfortable, and accessible to all.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More connections, better signage, better bicycle facilities and better transit connections.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access improvements should focus on encourage people to use public transportation to get to trailheads. Overflowing parking lots are an enormous problem and are becoming a major safety issue. The City of Issaquah should focus on getting more people to trailheads with transit. Partnering with King County Parks and Metro will be essential.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I occasionally work near Lake Sammamish State Park.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Public transportation to trails should be a new focus of the system. Improving access, decreasing emissions and mitigating safety hazards can all be accomplished by moving away from the SOV access model.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved? The litter on the ground and parking lots are a big concern.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish State Park, Poo Poo Point trail

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
To keep the park pristine and get the homeless tents out of the park

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I think the parks we have are beautiful. Keep them maintained and clean

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Yes very easy access

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
West Lake Sammamish

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Always try to incorporate wheelchair accessibility when financially feasible; From the few parks I have used we like them; Job done well. Make it a non negotiable part of every park (and other as far as that goes) development to DO NO HARM BUT INSTEAD AT LEAST SLIGHTLY MAKE BETTER the impact on any natural water way or runoff; walkways should use as porous of paved surface as feasible. Trees removed should be replaced somewhere else, and more trees added where feasible.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The trail by pickering barn; The downtown park by the old library/police station with climbing toys for the little ones.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
People love to do stuff with their dogs so have enough safe dog off leash area fenced in, as well as walking wit dogs area. Can baseball fields be turned into off leash ares when not used for sports seasons?

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Some mini petting animal areas maybe with changing/rotating kinds of animals for kids. A pacific science center kind of facility at some park. Take care of entertainment for our teens- 11 and up. Batting cages? Track/obstacle courses, do they like that? Get teen advisory bard-what do they like? CLimbing walls, paintball or similar still popular? skate boards; of course sports, competition, self challenging fitness fun and fields and facilities- especially outside.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We would so love to have a dog park. Maybe by the state parl.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

For the most part, I am proud of Issaquah’s existing parks and trails. We live in a community that values the outdoors and being active. I realize the challenge the City faces prioritizing resource investment to ensure that most of the citizens are happy, which also means some will not be as happy. The City has been good about involving the community in the decision making process, but I also feel that projects have been delayed due to too much community involvement.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

Central Park is very good now and will be even better when the new turf fields with lights go in soon. Yes, these fields are used extensively by organized sports. But even when organized sports aren’t using the fields, you will most times find families utilizing the fields just to have fun – something they can’t do for most of the year on the grass fields. Tibbett’s Valley Park is great in the summer and I wish we had year-round usage. My family, including our dog, also likes using the trails at Squawk Mountain, Tiger Mountain, and behind the high school.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

My primary use of the Issaquah Parks and Trails is for youth sports. We continue to face a growing youth obesity population in this country. Schools reduce and/or eliminate sports programs, leaving it up to the local community to provide activities for the children. Youth Sports brings communities together. Many of my closest friends are people that I never would have met had I not been standing under an umbrella on a sideline, sitting next to them in the stands, or volunteering to help the teams. The unique challenge we face here in the Pacific Northwest is that the frequent rain and early winter darkness leave the children little space to play safely unless we provide artificial turf surface fields with lighting. The lack of these fields has actually hindered the growth of youth sports, leading to less opportunities for our children to become active and healthy. I completely understand the importance of open space and trails, and don’t question that we need to make investments in these areas as well. Priority #1 should be investing in improvements that bring our community together and support the greatest number of active children.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

COMPLETE THE NEW TURF FIELDS AT CENTRAL PARK! Voters want it and the planning process has dragged-on far too long. We also should not be going cheap on this project or we will have MANY unhappy Highlands residents (I don’t live in the Highlands, but understand their pain) due to traffic congestion, light pollution, and public safety. It needs LED lights. The road MUST be widened. An expansion of the EXISTING parking lot so that children are not running across the main street in the dark.

Add a play area for smaller children next to the existing Central Park turf fields.

Even with the new Central Park turf fields, there will still not be enough field space capacity for the existing (and growing) sports community. We need to either 1) Acquire additional land for turf fields, or 2) Convert fields at Tibbett’s or Sammamish Lake Park to turf (WITH LIGHTS).
How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Parking seems to be a universal problem at trail heads and parks. I know cyclists will often meet as a group and park the cars in these lots before heading out on long rides. Maybe if there were other parking areas (even unpaved) away from the parks/trails near popular bike routes that could help balance things out.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
15 year resident just outside the city limits in unincorporated King County. Child attends Issaquah schools.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
While I appreciate that the City offers opportunities for community input through these surveys and open forums, the feedback needs to be properly weighted when making planning decisions. I’ve read through the 45 survey responses submitted prior to mine, and it’s clear that there has been some form of “get the word out” to dog owners because a large majority want a dog park. The local sports clubs could (and probably will) rally their members to submit 100’s of survey responses demanding better sports fields. Then the hiking clubs will follow suit, and so on. It should not be a popularity contest based on which groups are better at getting the word out. Our City Parks leadership needs to take an analytical approach when developing a long-term plan. E.g. How many people are using each park/trail weekly/monthly? What is a good percentage of open space allocation based on population density in specific areas? What parks actually generate revenue to offset maintenance/improvement costs? Make your plan defendable with actual data versus the emotional “this is what the people have told us they want.”
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

We really need a safe trail for pedestrians and cyclists between the South Cove neighborhood connecting to the East Sammamish trail system. We recognize that the space between I-90 and the lakefront properties is very limited and will take significant creativity to make it happen, perhaps even the reduction of certain lot sizes under eminent domain. However, we agreed to the annexation of the South Cove areas in part because such a trail was promised by the COI. For the safety and health of the folks living in this important part of the city, let’s find a way to make this happen!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Issaquah has a lot of wonderful parks and trails. I'm very pleased with both the quantity and diversity of parks and trails. The only thing that I can think of regarding improvement is better trail signage.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Off-leash dog park, please!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Good. With the exception of the park access parking lot at the east end of Sunset Way (close to Flintoff’s Funeral Home). Sure could use some stairways to get up to the top of the park area for those of us that are getting a little older!

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in 98059 (unincorporated King County), but I consider Issaquah to be my home town. I'm in Issaquah almost every day to shop, go to the library, drop mail at the Issaquah Post Office, and go to Gold's Gym. My doctors are also in Issaquah. My parents both utilize the Issaquah Senior Center on a regular basis.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community's existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I'm thrilled about the upgrades and new Lake Sammamish playground. The kids will love it! I thought there was going to be a water feature, like a spray component? If not, please consider adding it at another one of the random playgrounds in the area. Tibbets field, in particular, is so large but lacks a decent play area. We have so many sports events there for kids and it's sad that their siblings don't have much to do while the games are on b/c the playground is small, dated and for such young kids.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The new Lake Sammamish playground is obviously the best one in the area. Thank you for the improvements. I also like that the lake there has snack and bathroom options (and rental eqt) so you can genuinely make a day of being there as a family or meet groups.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Upgrade a few choice playgrounds and stop spending money on silly little ones that aren't used. Spend the money for some wow factor on parks that will be really pull people to to them together. I love clean, safe trails. I wish the McKinley walk up park on Squak Mountain got a little TLC. It could be such a great space and worry about it now being used as a drug hang out or driving away families with the homeless in the surrounding wood. Selfishly, would love to see that park get some natural looking play equipment that blends into the environment, like slides in the hillside, some lookout forts with a little swing, etc so we could claim the area back for good purposes and not hiding drugs or other nefarious purposes.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
See above. I'm on squak mountain, so my focus is that area. As outlined, I think McKinley walk up park deserves a purpose and attention. I would also love to have the Squak moutain trail follow the lead of the Pretzel Tree Trail and have local kids put in a story with "I find" kind of incentives for them to look for while they hike that ties into local fauna, animals, trail impressions and a little whimsey. It would be nice to have a little education built into the adventure of that trail. Please consider the future of Tibbets. It should be a really fantastic place for families to congregate. Bag the skatepark. If you're honest, you know that's a problematic situation for liability to behavioral issues (as evidenced by the issues that have occurred at its current location....which is RIGHT down the street from the PD but doesn't thwart the problems). Build up the playground (consider a spray park, most of our surrounding cities have them!) allow access to bathrooms, consider the benefit to staffing a snack area to build revenue for the park on weekend days.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I noted above some specifics.
What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I love living in this city. I value our home, neighbors and enjoy that the cities have the ammenities my family needs/wants. The work on the streets (especially here on Squak Mountain) has been an awful experience. Complete lack of communication, long term inconveniences and our streets look worse than when the project started.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Great! We love the numerous parks. Even if they don't look like they are used sometimes, the parks add peace and tranquility to our neighborhood.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish State park. The number of birds.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life? 
If we could buy more land to save space, that would be great for our neighborhood.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
We don't need to add much in amenities - green space is all we need.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No suggestion.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live close to Klahanie but work in Seattle :(

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Lot’s of trails, lot’s of bike paths. Too little pool facilities. Our High School kids don’t have enough time to practice, and other clubs in the area are also traveling a lot to practice or compete.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I like the Central Park in the highlands. It has ample soccer fields, and baseball diamonds. Just needs a pool.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Keep the maintained. I hike from time to time, and think what we have is great.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
50m by 25 yard pool, along with a 25 yard by 20 yard dive tank for diving and water polo, and another 25 yard pool that is shallow for seniors and kids and lessons. This would allow us to foster the Eastside aquatics community and have an exceptional facility for competitions and training. It would help support the community in a big way.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Works well for us.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Issaquah Highlands and on the Development Committee.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Need to think of other than land sports.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Great; however, parking could be improved or handled in a different way. Strengths are that there are a lot of options and a vast trail network.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I like cougar mountain because there are a lot of trails and less people.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Keep the trails like trails. Keep building away from trails and don't make them into groomed walk ways.

Including more dog parks or areas are important as there are many dog owner in the area. Having just Natalie park in the Highlands is not enough.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Make the area where they had the land slide in the Talus neighborhood into a great park and view point and make part of it dog friendly.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
It is great from where I live but parking could sometimes be improved or handled differently.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in Talus neighborhood.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Key strengths are the fact that there are numerous parks and open spaces, and different varieties of activities available in the parks to appeal to most residents. Downtown park is coming together nicely, keep up the good work. We can’t wait to see the bridge completed, and the City maintenance area turned back into park land. Improvements -- additional turf fields for youth and adults sports leagues. There are not enough lighted turf fields for a city of this size. Grass fields are mostly unusable October through May.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish State Park for variety of activities and events, and lake access
Cougar Mountain Parks for the hiking, and
Central Park for the lighted turf fields (but we need more lighted turf fields!)

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Interconnectivity
Safe access from key neighborhoods (like South Cove and beyond)
Additional lighted, turf fields
Parks and trails are extremely important to our city and residents. Parks and trails contributes to a high quality, happy, healthy experience of living and working in Issaquah.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Turf Sports complex at LSSP to generate activity for the park, notoriety and economic benefits for Issaquah

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Would love to see better, safer access for biking, walking to LSSP from the South Cove area. West Lake Samm Parkway where it parallels I-90 is narrow and not safe for kids and adults wanting to run, walk, or bike to the park from this large neighborhood in Issaquah.
Would love to see the addition of more turf fields in Issaquah parks for youth and adult sports leagues. I know Central Park is going to be getting 2 more turf fields in 2017, but we need more as the city continues to grow.
Partner with City, State on building a turf soccer/sports complex on the existing grass fields at LSSP.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Resident of Issaquah since 2006, residing in the South Cove area

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Parks and Rec is overall doing a nice job with the system. Appreciate the survey and asking for input.
TURF and ACCESS in WINTER -- access to recreation and open space makes this the best city on the Eastside!
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Awful, where are the dog parks or park trails w/out garbage everywhere?

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Trails are very important for ALL Issaquah residents, not simply those w/ children. Would b lovely to have a few dog parks erected and more trails that allow residents to experience the small portion of nature left in Issaquah after the multiple developments of aps everywhere.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
See above

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Clean them up and make them more friendly for all residents. Not everyone has children and we find so many parks here have huge playgrounds yet no dog parks. Why is this? We should not have to go up to Highlands to go to dog park. Would b lovely to have one here at talus. Please stop allowing developers to tear down trees/forrest area...

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in talus where my water is now filled w/ sediment after the debacle of a development on Shangri LA. Work in Seattle and partner in kent.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Overall, I think you are doing well, but we need to have a pool in the Issaquah Highlands.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love Tiger Mountain the best. Harvey Manning is great in Talus, and Central Park in the Issaquah Highlands is fantastic as well.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
We need to have a better aquatic center for year-round use here in the Issaquah Highlands.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
We need to have a better aquatic center for year-round use here in the Issaquah Highlands.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is easy and great.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live and work here. I own a house and a business here in Issaquah. I like it so much that I’m building a house in the Issaquah Highlands.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Please think about getting a more updated and modern aquatics center with at least a 8 land pool, Olympic sized, and consider having a diving well or water slide.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Strengths: clean, safe. Improvements: community awareness of what parks and amenities are available. (I really just go to a park if it is walkable from my house or if I stumble upon it by driving by it)

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The ones near my house. Because I don’t have to load kids in and out of a car just to get there. Accessibility, convenience! Also the park downtown where all the salmon days and other events are at.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Accessible, clean, safe, places where people can go to spend an hour outdoors for air, sun, and recreation.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
A covered park that is open-air but usable even in the rain. Big play area for kids with lots of seats for parents to watch. Tables too.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I honestly don’t know much about the trails. I find trails but there is no sign telling me where it is going or how long it is. Small informative signs at trailheads would nice. Even just one of those square codes you could scan to pull up info and a map on it.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Talus.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I’d love to see any change that makes me more excited to go take the kids to the park. Right now it’s a bit of a chore. Pokemon Go made it more fun for a short while actually.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
In my neighborhood, they focus on little kids not so much older kids.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Talus, close to home

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks and trails should be accessible to all, provide parking if needed, be maintained so they are safe, and provide dog stations so pet owners can be responsible.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Indoor tennis courts!!!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Talus and work at a local school.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved? 
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Great job with tradition plateau.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Downtown Issaquah is missing a dog park big time. With so many people without yards and more coming this is something that I think should be high on the priority list. Bertensen park maybe? Nobody really used the space there or in the wide open green space at new confluence park. Sand volleyball courts would also be popular. The trails are very important to me and my wife. We live in olde town and run the trails a lot.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog Park and sand volleyball courts.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city? 
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work? 
We live in olde town and my wife works in Issaquah. We have 1 car and my wife walks/runs to drop off our daughter to daycare and then to work.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Doing OK. Need a strong vision that reflects a vibrant community. Need to lead in this regard, be independent of city leadership. Strengths are beautiful properties and an independent and thoughtful citizenry of active park users. There are many opportunities for exciting useful development. Bathrooms really stink.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Love all the parks and trails! Love that they are used even on rainy days. Love that there are still natural areas as well as groomed areas.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Need more small green "groves" for visual breaks as old orchards are developed. Spaces should be thoughtfully planned to include bikes, dogs and pedestrians. Please emphasize our modern active artful values - Enough with the barn thing already!!

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Clean modern bathrooms i.e. Seattle Center. The green ones stink. Bad. How about bike stations where cyclists could access basic tools, make a phone call, meet a group. Continue to work on connections to other trails, parks - remove barriers and clean up sketchy areas. I'd love to see some more urban paved park areas or courtyards, especially along Front and connecting to Gilman and over by Costco. Existing spaces are heavily used. I would love to see a cool modern skate park where the old dead gas station is on Gilman. Lopez Island has one that could be a model, with beautiful removable wooden ramps for competitions/exhibitions and lots of art incorporated. I see it ringed with a coffee/ sandwich shop, art supplies store, Zumiez, etc. Young, active and artistic describes my idea of a vibrant exciting Issaquah. We should be careful to be Issaquah, not Bellevue. They do a great job with parks, but the highly groomed parks with plastic play fields, water squirters and bedding plants, while nice, are not us. Make each feature and design decision authentic. Good parks don't come out of catalogs! I dream of a gondola and kite park in the Highlands! What an attraction that would be - wind, amazing views and useful connection all together.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access relies mostly on car access and necessitates parking, a major issue. Look at older cities (Seattle, Cannon Beach, Kirkland) for ideas and be proactive. Make and effort at visible accommodation of bikes, have open covered walkways for walkers and connect to commercial areas (assume parking at stores). The huge elevation change from the state park and old town (no "e"!) to the plateau is an issue. I would dearly love to see a gondola and/or zip line park that would connect walkers/cyclists up and down the hill as well as serving as a stand alone attraction. Color coded "you are here" maps stationed at trail heads and parking areas would give context and scale, and let visitors know about connections and other parks/features in the system they
might enjoy.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I work and shop in Issaquah daily and live just South of the city limits. My husband's mom lives on Squak Mtn. We walk in town frequently (bi-weekly) and use the park spaces often.

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Please get rid of the old petunia baskets, Victorian schmaltz light posts, etc. and give up on the stupid trolley! Every town now has foam rubber play areas but they look so plastic next to natural features. Save $ and let people enjoy the natural areas we are so lucky to have.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We need a dog park.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
We need a dog park.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
We need a dog park.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
We need a dog park.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
We need a dog park.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Talus. We need a dog park.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
We need a dog park. Thanks!

Woof
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Lots of parks - love it! Wish they were maintained more

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Tibbetts Valley Park - baseball fields and tennis courts
Excited to see Confluence park done
Salmon Run in the Creeks

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Accessible, clean, maintained, well lit, parking, dog friendly, well marked and signage

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More child and dog friendly

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Just wish more parking at the parks and trail heads

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Gilman area

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

• Hillside Park is my favorite and the unofficial trail that goes up from behind the lower cemetery service road, off of Sunset, to the water tank off of Mt Jupiter, and on up to Hillside Park. I love it because it’s a secluded trail that makes you feel that you are not in the middle of town. I like that it’s a rough single track trail, though it does needs some maintenance and is a little rougher than I prefer, but will take it as is rather than not have it at all. I like to walk our on-leash dogs up the trail. I also like the fact there is no parking for the trail, that means it’s used by only locals.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

• We really need a dog park. Currently we have to drive a long way to reach a dog park. The one in the Highlands is neglected and is too small. There also needs to be two different play areas, one for big dogs and one for small dogs. The small dogs often pick fights with the bigger dogs because they are afraid of the big dogs.
• Additionally, the demand for a dog park is growing as our population grows.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

• A well draining off-leash dog park that is not a mud bog, has a trail system, and possibly a shelter over a portion of the dog park to protect people and dogs from standing in the rain during play.
• Would also like to see a really nice backcountry experience created for the physically disabled. We have beautiful trails with lush vegetation that venture deep into our forests, but it saddens me that people who are bound to a wheelchair are not able to receive the same enjoyment from our trails. There are no wheelchair accessible trails that have a deep forest experience. The trail system that wraps around behind the high school from 2nd to Sunset would be a great candidate for a conversion to wheelchair accessible trail. It’s relatively flat and very accessible. Our who have difficulty navigating uneven terrain would also benefit.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

• There needs to be parking enforcement at our parks. Parking at Sunset/HWY 90 interchange is always impacted by commuters parking there. The same goes for Confluence park. It’s difficult to enjoy a park if park and ride people take up all the spots.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

• I live in Issaquah on Squak Mountain.
What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

• We need to provide a backcountry experience that is ADA compatible not just a city park experience.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I wish we had more turf fields for kids to play on and to use for sports.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
We use Central Park in the Highlands most often for sports. The trail there is also very nice.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I wish that there were more sidewalks so that we can walk to the parks. For instance, Issaquah-Pine Lake Rd. has a portion that does not have a sidewalk (before it turns into Highlands Drive NE). If there was a sidewalk, my kids and I could walk to Central Park.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Sammamish, but belong to the Issaquah School District.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Strengths: A nice family park system in downtown Issaquah.
Improvements needed: Lack of developed trails that link parks in the South end of Issaquah. Limited parking places at trail heads

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
My favorite trail is Red Town trail on Cougar Mountain. It has excellent parking and an extensive trail system.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
My vision is that parks and trails have something for everyone of all ages. The ideal park system is linked to each other through walking and bike trails. Parks and trails are very important to me - On a scale of 1 to 10 (highest), they are a 10.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
1. A trail that runs the length of Issaquah Creek from the North end to the South end of Front Street
2. A gathering park in Old Town Issaquah that has a waterfall or fountain feature

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
In the south end of the city there is only one park that has access to Issaquah Creek. Provide trail access at the undeveloped park on Front Street South near the Church and allow parking in the gravel lot next to the Church.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in the South end of Issaquah

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Issaquah has many quality parks and it is one of the redeeming qualities of our town.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

Hard to list specific favorites. Ultimately parks with natural beauty and connected trails or pathways for cycling and hiking are important.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Connected. Parks are very important and I/we use them often. It is one helpful way to offset sprawl.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

More connected trails for hiking and biking. Use the parks as a catalyst to make Issaquah a more bicycle friendly community. We are doing well, but could be doing better.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

Good, but still some challenged green space with no official trails or walking paths.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

Lower Squak Mtn. off Sunset and Newport. Previously Tiger Mtn for 5 years.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

Keep doing good work.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I think Parks is doing a really great job as recently evidenced with the Confluence Park, skate park, and Salmon Run Park. Parks matches a genuine desire to bring enrichment to the community through our parks, trails, and open spaces with a genuine desire to engage the community to do so! As a resident of Issaquah, there's no place I'd rather live, but there's still good work to be done to improve our parks and open spaces as Issaquah grows. Let's accelerate our investment in Parks and Open Spaces to reflect our community pride and recreational opportunities in this growing City.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I like Confluence Park because it is Issaquah’s "Central Park" and the recent improvements and investments in this centrally located park nearby Olde Town have made it a true destination in Issaquah! Issaquah is growing and this park is it's cornerstone recreational opportunity. The new bridge has generated a lot of buzz and is destined to become an iconic feature for the City.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I envision a parks, trails and open space system linked together by the unifying and defining feature of Issaquah Creek (and I think you do too). This town is about Salmon Days! Parks should "double down" on property acquisition around/adjacent to the creek to simultaneously restore the creek and it's buffer and provide a shared use trail connecting people, bicyclists, and salmon. This celebrated water body is the heart beat of our City and should be highlighted as a means to pull the community together to recreate, connect, learn, and enjoy our streams and natural places as an inspired example of urban ecology.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Complete the final phase of Confluence Park to realize the full vision of its masterplan for the residents of Issaquah.
Issaquah Creek community connector trail.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I live on the south side of Squak Mountain. Pedestrian and bicycle access on Issaquah Hobart or SR900 connecting to Olde Town would be a must when widening/road improvements move forward on Issaquah Hobart.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response
What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Good overall, however many trails could be improved (more regular maintenance). Also, with new parks opening making sure proper parking is in place before officially opening to the public.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Squak mountain trails are my favorite. (And all the connecting trails). My favorite park is Confluence Park (Near Front Street).

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Would love to see more parks with natural plants, fields to lay out in for the summer, and picnic areas. Trails are very important in my life because I go hiking locally every weekend.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Confluence park re-opening in late spring! (Construction is very noisy and many cars/trucks down my street during this project). Can't wait to see/use the new bridge as well.
Would love to see all parks/trails that are older getting updated and cleaned up.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Better and clearer parking options for all the parks near residential areas. Have had several issues with tourists/park-goers parking in private spots or in front of residential buildings when there is clearly parking specifically for the park farthet away.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live close to Front Street in Issaquah and work locally as well. I also have worked alongside several art events as a vendor for many years.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Please remember local residents that live close to construction sites for new parks or projects! If any streets will be inconvenienced please let residents know in advance so we can be prepared :)}
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

More mountain bike access please. I hike many of the trails in Issaquah and they are never crowded. It seems like there is plenty of room for mountain bike access. It has recently been shown that mountain bikers cause less damage / erosion to trails than hikers and equestrians.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Grand Ridge Trail because it is one of the few local trails that has mountain bike access.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
More MTB access...and more trails in general...let's get more trails built and less homes built.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
More MTB access.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
None.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

There are many ways to recreate without have to spend millions or even hundreds of thousands to develop land for a park. Consider a Disc Golf park. People of all ages can enjoy playing disc golf, and it is practically free to the user, they just need disc golf disc which cost about $10 and up. [http://www.innovadiscs.com/course-development/](http://www.innovadiscs.com/course-development/)

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

Issaquah parks are very small, or if they have any space, its just open soccer or softball fields. How about leaving the trees and natural fauna in for the most part and creating a world class disc golf course. So many places and such opportunity. Maple Valley Wilderness Park just added a permanent 18 holes disc golf course. Free to public and minimal impact on the land!

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Disc Golf Course. Free, unique minimal impact on the land and small cost upfront. Diversify our recreational opportunities.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
A disc Golf Course, 27 holes! Let's get Issaquah on this map [http://www.dgcourserereview.com/browse_map.php](http://www.dgcourserereview.com/browse_map.php)

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I've lived in Issaquah since 1999. I've ran or hiked almost every trail around Tiger, Squak, Cougar, and Taylor Mt's, plus Grand Ridge. I loved Cougar Mountains East side Trails before Talus was built!!

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I think it is one of the best places to live if you love trails and have to still work in the city.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Lighting could be better. Running and walking at night I have to use a headlamp. I'd also like to see flashing crosswalks where trails cross roads. Ideally, avoid road crossings when possible. Maintenance is lacking on some trails-- areas get muddy and would benefit from pea gravel fill.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

East Lake Sammamish Trail-- flat, few traffic crossings, and can go for miles. Will be better once everyone gets over their land disputes...
Mailbox Peak, Granite Peak Mt. Si-- love hiking and these trails off a quick getaway.
Iron Horse Trail- views are good, can go for miles.
Grand Ridge Trails- proximity to our neighborhood
Rainier Trail-- feels secluded yet is right in the middle of things, too short for much other than a walk or short run.
I-90 trails-- connect to Mtns-to-sound trails (all the way to Seattle), East Lake Sammamish Trail system, Grand Ridge Trails, and even the trails out to Preston.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Long enough distance to run or bike, close proximity to home, some parking at key access points, adequate lighting, safe to use day and night

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

Connections to other long distance trails
A zip line would be cool.
There is a section of the paved Preston-Snoqualmie Trail that zig zags down to cross Preston-Fall City Rd, Probably because the old railroad bridge was either torn down or unsafe-- this is a shame, since running across the railroad tress would be pretty cool.

So, not practical, but you asked me to dream big: What about a cool suspension bridge across I-90 connecting Grand Ridge to Tradition Plateau?

My kids want more swings.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
We could use bike lanes along the shoulders of Hwy 900 (Renton Issaquah Rd) and May Valley Rd. I'd like to see better maintenance of frequently used trails-- fill mud holes with pea gravel. Better signage along Grand Ridge Trails, parking spots where Grand Ridge Trails cross Grand Ridge Drive.

Not Issaquah, but pertinent to area: Open back up to foot traffic the bridge where the Snoqualmie Valley Trail crosses the Snoqualmie River. By all that is holy, finish the East Lake Sammamish Trail! Work on interconnecting existing trails.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work? Live in Issaquah Highlands. Work at Swedish Issaquah. Also work in Seattle a few days per week.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us? We live our parks and trails and use the all the time!
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Good that we have a large number of parks. Need to be better maintained - Central Park is often strewn with trash, has had a water pipe leaking for years and now has the grass all torn up from kids joyriding. Other Parks in the Highlands (Black Nugget, Grand View etc) are waterlogged and unusable much of the year.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Central Park - variety of options.
Lake Sammamish Park for same reason. Also a large park which is a change form the small pocket parks

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Trails are more important as kids are getting older. Need a trail system that is linked and maintained - can't get to Cougar mountain because of construction on Shangri-La trail and lack of maintenance on Suprise Creek trail.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
An off leash Park
A Dog Park
A Park that is as good as Robinswood Park in Bellevue or Grasslawn Park in Redmond

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Resident, Issaquah Highlands

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Stop pandering to the sports lobby and ripping out unstructured activity areas to be replaced with turf fields that are open to just a select few.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Strengths - Rainier trail, trails that go from Gilman along east lake Sammamish. Improvements - the connections and eliminating traffic crossings

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Tiger my trails. The diversity of short easy walks and long hard hikes. Love Pickering Barn and park and Farmers market.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Vibrant and alive with a diversity of uses, spaces and landscapes.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Make the vacant properties on west side of Front street across from red apple market and Ingi Johnson into inviting spaces to use. Walking labrinth? Bocce ball court? Frisbee park?

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
The crossing at front east side across tracks to nice promenade is still lacking a good safe easy connection.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
South front street

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
How about a pea patch in Ingi Johnson for all the condos in South Front St?
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Need a dog park in Confluence Park.
I hope with all the construction @ this park that something is done to make the grassy area level. Before construction it was very uneven, had a lot of holes & was not safe to walk across the grass.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Not sure how to access a lot of trails.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in downtown area.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We lack adequate athletic fields space.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Squak Mountain State Park & Lake Sammamish State Park, because they are big and open and offer a diversity of activities.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Help the state improve LSSP. We have lots of little parks. We have, in LSSP, a potentially great and very large park. That’s a draw.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Improvements to LSSP in a way that connects to other parks and trails. Improve the athletic fields at LSSP and create a hub for the trails that fan out from LSSP. Use LSSP as an asset to the city parks and trails system.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
We need a hub. As mentioned previously, consider LSSP and partner there.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live, work, shop & play in Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

You’re doing great. The efforts to develop more options and continue to maintain everything is done well and appreciated. Really like the work being done at and adjacent to Confluence park next to Issaquah Creek.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?


What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Accessible, safe, inviting, able to be used year round

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

I would like to have a dedicated dog park in the central/downtown Issaquah vicinity. Perhaps part of Tibbett’s Park could be leveraged for this or partner with the state to designate part of Lake Sammamish State Park for a off leash dog area.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

Very good from my perspective. Living on Squak Mountain it is not safe to walk down to Tibbett's Park due to the lack of sidewalks or sufficient road shoulders to separate pedestrians and vehicles. Devoting funds and to efforts to add sidewalks on main Squak Mtn roadways would likely decrease carbon footprint as people will feel safe enough to walk to Tibbitt's field and/or downtown Issaquah. If plans proceed with creating more green space/green scape in downtown Issaquah it will be at the expense of parking spaces in that area so thought needs to be given to how can people get these areas by alternative means including walking.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

I'm an issaquah resident living on lower Squak Mountain.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

None.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
There are several nice small city parks and I think that Lake Sammamish States Park is the nicest, but I wish there was a central larger city park for everyone. There also several nice paved trails in the city, but no safe way to get out to the hiking trails around Tiger, Squak and Taylor Mnts. Running or biking along Issaquah Hobart is dangerous.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Small playground off of Issaquah Hobart Road - it’s close to my house.
Playground near City Hall - nice area with picnic tables, but no restrooms.
Lake Sammamish park and trails I like the best - large play area and miles of trails.
I also enjoy the trails off of Tiger Mnt road and at Squak Mnt.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I would like to see a better connection between trails and parks. We have a lot of bikers that come to and go through Issaquah. Ideally we would have a paved trails along or somewhere near Issaquah Hobart Road for better connection.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
#1 priority is a trail along or off of Issaquah Hobart Road. This will also increase foot traffic commuting to work and decrease the pressure on Issaquah Hobart traffic.
#2 restrooms at City Hall park
#3 larger central city park with play area and picnic shelters that is connected to other parks by larger paved trails system.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
There is not a central parking area, but I don't feel like it’s a inconvenience to park on the street.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live and work in Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Better paved trails system.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
We have some good resources in parks and trails. Some are well maintained, but regular maintenance may be an issue in others.

The geese and goose poop are significant issues at both Tibbetts and Lk. Sammamish.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Tibbetts, Confluence.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Ideal future park suggests that it meets the needs of all our citizens. Dog areas are insufficient and I'm not sure the handicapped have sufficient access.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Existing parks and trails are more important to me than new ones. Geese control is high on my priority list, in addition to enhancement of kids play areas in some of the smaller parks.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I can’t comment as much on trails, since I’m a walker, not a hiker.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I'm a citizen who lives on NW 12th, close to Newport Way. I walk in one of our parks every single day.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Compared to many neighboring cities, Issaquah does a pretty fair job in this area.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
The city does okay with parks, but like most cities it could use more. Parks for both organized sporting activities and unorganized activities are needed in/around areas where people live.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I have a house in Issaquah Highlands and enjoy the parks up here.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
The city could use a big soccer complex. Soccer is a very popular game, is good for kids and adults alike, and is of course wildly popular in the area.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I wish the city could do a land swap with the state and get the soccer complex at Lake Sammamish State Park, and turn it into a regional soccer and sporting complex.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I think our trails system is outstanding. I have a few concerns but as a very frequent user I am so grateful for all of the work put into this system.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I use the high point trail system from the SUNset parking lot up and around and over tiger mountain, also behind issaquah high school.
I often walk on the paved path between the community center and the high school.
Spend a lot of time hiking tiger mountain- assuming this is out of your jurisdiction?

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
MORE BIKE LANES. I would love to see a designated bike lane going down Issy-Hobart road. Again, this might be out of your jurisdiction but we have so much bike traffic and I commute on that road often- it is pretty unsafe. I know that widening a road is not an easy task, but this is a road that needs such a designated lane.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
SEE ABOVE!! Bike lane issy hobart, what if it went in a full circle- issaquah-hobart rd- to may valley road, and back around on 900 to the city of issaquah? So much bike traffic, it would be so great to encourage people to commute more by bike.
It would also be so awesome if there were a crossing lane for bikes and walking that went across Gilman at the town hall (yellow building) so you didn’t have to cross in front of gilman village- that is a nice crosswalk but it's really awkward by bike.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I think access is excellent.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I own a business on Front street. I live three miles down Issy-HObart rd right before May Valley. Im in it for the long haul:)

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Very, very excited about the new playground at CONfluence park and all of the work being done there.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I am in love with the walkability and variety of trails in the feeding into downtown Issaquah. I love the improvements to Confluence Park. More picnic areas would be great. More trails.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence. All trails. Tradition Plateau and Poo Point.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
All parks connected by trails. MOST IMPORTANT to me and my tenants.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in and own an apartment complex next to Confluence Park.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence Park. Because it is largely open natural space with access to the creek.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More community garden space and a spray park for summers.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Making good moves to maintain and improve existing parks and trails. Thank you. Strengths include: Options available for trail access into Cougar, Squak and Tiger mountains. Addition of new parks like Confluence. Improvement opportunities include: More walking/jogging trails/paths around parks (for example adding a trail/path around the parameter of Confluence) and more effective marketing/branding the park network. For example, I was unaware of multiple parks (such as Hillside Park, Ingi Johnson Park and Walen Hill Park) in the network that are reflected on Issaquah Park and Trail page.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

Trails (excluded trails in mountains, such as Poo Poo Point because they are not park of city trail system): Favorite trails are those like Pickering Trail because it provides both foot and bike access (so to avoid street traffic). Parks: Such as Tibbetts Park that have multi use features.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Starting with the last question, well maintained parks and trails are very important in my life and the community quality of life as a whole. With the rapid growth of our community, now is the time to ensure accessible and functional green space is secured. Back to the vision/ideal system questions: Integrated multi use park system (both city and state parks) that provides easy access (bike/parking/paths) and leverages natural resources of our area.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

For the purpose of his section, I have excluded trail access to larger areas like Cougar, Tiger and Squak Mountains, because these areas are effectively served. Trail Dream big: Vehicle traffic is getting heavier on roads, so road bike lanes are becoming less attractive, thus a need for more multi use trails like Pickering and East Lake Sammamish. For example, with the planned enhancements in the Olde Town area, there is a need to expand the trail along the RR tracks (parallel to Front Street) so to accommodate bikes. Also a need to expand sidewalks along Gillman to include bikes. My Dream big for parks: (1) Reimagine some existing parks to make them more functional...this would include paths (during our rainy season some parks not functional due to wet ground and no paths to walk on), benches and parking. (2) Seek opportunities to leverage natural resources for park locations. For example, better leverage Issaquah Creek. Confluence, I believe is the only park that effectively leverages the beauty of Issaquah Creek. Berntsen Park is on the Creek, but does not leverage the Creek. Likewise, effectively no park/Creek connection along Pickering Trail.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

Access to parks and trails is relatively good. Do need more parking options to access East Lake Sammamish trail. As an aside, need a better connection of East Lake Sammamish trail to Olde Town and off street biking
What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Issaquah resident who lives in Outlook Pointe.

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
First, thanks for the opportunity to provide input. One additional input is to find park opportunities north of I-90. This area has a few parks like Lake Sammamish State Park (understand not park of city park system), Central Park in the Highlands and Timberlake Park, however most of Issaquah's Parks are south of I-90. Possible park locations north of I-90 could be: (1) Somewhere along the 62nd street extension to Lake Drive. (2) Where North Fork Issaquah Creek merges into the Issaquah Creek. (3) Issaquah Creek near King County District Court. (4) Somewhere along the west side of East Lake Sammamish Trail.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

For a small city, Issaquah is doing well...but, after Margaret McLeod departed, there seems to be a gap in a focused, prioritized, aggressive approach to identifying and purchasing needed properties for the Green Necklace and for trail gaps. Having an approved Parks bond is huge and Issaquah should always allow its citizens to vote for, and support, more parks and open space. The Green Necklace must be a top priority. The City should make any new development pay significant impact fees for parks and trails...people move or want to work in Issaquah primarily because of the close connection to nature! They shouldn't reap the rewards of what we've created here without contributing to completing needed open space purchases and trail gaps. Make every new residential development document how they will connect their residents to a nearby trail and, as needed, force them to provide easements for trail linkages and trail completion.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The park near Pickering Barn is amazing, an oasis of quiet wilderness in the midst of urban life. The 400 acres adjacent to Talus on Cougar Mtn is an amazing block of important, connective open space. The Issaquah to High Point trail is hugely popular. Issaquah’s land on Tradition Plateau is priceless, highly valued open space treasured by hundreds of thousands who come to hike here.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/Phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Connective trails that enable anyone in town to easily access nature within and without the city, i.e. an inner Green Necklace on the valley floor around Issaquah and Tibbetts creeks that connects to the outer, bigger necklace of open space on Cougar, Squak, and Tiger Mountains and Grand Ridge. Words and phrases: connected, easily accessible, ready access to wild nature, protection of Issaquah's documented 30 Treasures, etc

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

Complete the Green Necklace within and ensure trail routes/linkages to readily connect to the outer ring of open space. Parks and Economic Development offices should take advantage of and build an identity around what Issaquah is, its outdoor character, and its already known titles as a Trailhead City, Tree City, core city in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, base city of the Issaquah Alps, base for at least 100 miles of readily accessible trails on Cougar, Squak, and Tiger, a city within a National Scenic Byway (and likely a future National Heritage Area). Focus on HIKING, that is the overriding, predominate use and desired use by a vastly large % of residents and visitors. Issaquah should not seek to cater to mountain biking. Create a city sponsored map for visitors and residents that shows trails surrounding Issaquah, perhaps sponsored by local businesses that can advertise and offer post-hike refreshments, i.e. "Come hike in Issaquah and enjoy a meal and microbrew at....Issaquah Brewhouse, Sunset Alehouse, Flying Pie, or a dozen other places TBD”

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system
access from your area of the city?
I'm ok where I live

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live outside in rural KC but can easily access Issaquah via trails

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Issaquah's core identity is built around the Issaquah Alps, forested hillsides, nearby nature, salmon....all the features that nature provides. That's what makes us different than Renton, Kent, Bellevue, or any other place. Parks, trails, easy access to nature....these are the things that make Issaquah special and attractive.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
I am very pleased with the current state and my understanding of the direction the City of Issaquah (CoI) is taking. Easy access for pedestrians is critical. The dialogue on such issues at the Front and Sunset streetscapes was very heartening.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence Park is my current favorite. I would like to see boardwalks along the creeksides, to provide viewing points, especially when the salmon are returning, without people, kids and dogs getting into the water.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I love the fact that the CoI is investing in the future by tying up riparian lands and preventing future development. I would like to see that continue. Having the CoI model appropriate husbandry of our streams is critical - limiting foot and dog traffic in the streams; retaining overhanging foliage for shade and bugs for the developing salmon fry; installation and maintenance of box culverts and water treatment facilities.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Connectivity. I see a future in which the CoI has acquired and manages the entire floodplain within the city limits. I see managed streamside access (to keep pedestrians and dogs out of the sensitive riparian zones), and facilitated by useful parking alternatives.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
It may seem antithetical, but we need to develop more and better parking at trail and park access points. Granted, the Chirico Trail access up to Poo Poo Point is not in the City limits, it is a great *bad* example of access. The LZ parking is frequently saturated, folks park "creatively" in a number of marginal places, and then walking dangerously along the Issaquah Hobart Road to the LZ and thence to the Chirico Trail.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I am a 45-year resident of Issaquah, living just south of the city limits off the Issaquah Hobart Road. I am a frequent user of local trails, parks, the Community Center, and the library. I volunteer regularly at the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I am very pleased you are soliciting this input.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?

I would like to understand instead if our parks department has a strategic plan that they are working towards and how the parks department is performing according to that plan. We have lots of parks and trails - but are these the right parks and trails in the right locations that will serve citizens now and in the future? How do we know?

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Central Park, Memorial Field, Railroad Grade

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

I would like to see more parks that are just open space with trees and places to just enjoy nature - we have enough play fields for team sports - how about just some plain old open space?

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More open space for parks that are peaceful that provide a respite from everything else in the City.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Better signage would be helpful.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Old Town resident

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I would really like to see a parks strategic plan - we have no way to assess if our parks are adequate unless we have a plan that reflects just what kind, type and quantity of parks and trails we are supposed to have.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I love the open space and hope we continue to add more. Strengths: open space! Improve with more benches and picnic tables.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Central Park and the one in the center of town because there is open space for wandering, sitting and thinking.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Connect them by sidewalks or paths. They are very important because it gives us relief from buildings and the business of daily life.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
New Parks!!! Buy any available space even if it is not developed in the near future and put on hold for the future. Would love to be able to walk or bike from one to another with one connecting to another.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
We need more parking for out of area people. Also, Dairygold shouldn't be allowed to hog all the parking.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Long time resident who lives downtown. Retired

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I love the way they are being cared for. I would like more benches and picnic tables so I can rest after walking or biking and as I like to eat outside. We also need maps showing the existing parks and trails.
Concerning our community's existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
We're so grateful that Issaquah prioritizes parks and trails! They significantly contribute to our reasons to live here.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
We love the flat, beautiful trails for walking and biking (old railroad trail, Pickering trails) and Central Park and Kirk Park/GrandView Park (because they're nearby and well-maintained).

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
We would love to be able to ride our bikes without stopping or crossing major intersections (like at E Lake Sammamish and 56th), and without running into sketchy folks or threatening encampments.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More paved trails, better security, easy bike and pedestrian access to Lake Sammamish State Park. It feels like we may have enough parks, just need to minimize vandalism and improve maintenance.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
It would be nice to get from Pickering Place to Lake Sammamish to Tibbets Park to Olde Town and back to Pickering Place, all on paved trails (not on crumbling sidewalks).

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in Issaquah Highlands, work in Seattle/Bellevue

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Consider using bike patrols to keep things safe. We have stopped using some trails and parks due to encounters with groups of drug users and some homeless encampments.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The pool is abysmal. The trails are great. Too many soccer fields going unused.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
We use the great park in grand ridge. And the trails around there. We can't use the pool because it's too busy. And as my kids grow to high school age there just isn't enough pool time for a swim team or water polo team to be effective.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
An amazing aquatics facility with one 50m by 25 yard mostly deep pool. One 25 yard deep pool for diving and water polo and one 25 yard shallow pool with a play area for kids, teaching and seniors.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
We can get a pool from one of the championship meets. They use a temporary pool that they auction off after the meet. It can be put into a hole in the ground reinforced with blocks. They are using one at Belmont in Long Beach for the last 2 years. It would cut down on cost and get us a world class pool.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
More pool capacity.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in issaquah and sit on the development commission.

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
We can have a source of income by renting pool time for swim and water polo clubs. Can host national events like federal way does. It would be an amazing addition to our city. And a much needed facility on the east side. No other city would come close to us.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Issaquah Parks are doing fairly well, but programming has little to offer seniors.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love Tibbett’s Valley Park, especially the quiet area near the park & ride. It could use a picnic table or two there.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
The playgrounds are primarily geared to tots. Playgrounds should be more accessible, challenging and encourage family interaction.
I would like to see more "drop in" outdoor activities, like Tai Chi in the park, especially for seniors.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Better signage. For example, few people know that Gilman Blvd. is also a trail. Some signage that identifies the fruit and nut trees as well as marks off distances, would encourage walkers.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
40 year resident, but just outside the city limits.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I have other ideas about park programming, including changes at the pool, but it doesn't seem like anyone is listening.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
It would be great to have more signs and maps placed on the trails.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish State Park. But it is only accessible via car for those of us in the South Cove area with kids. Please make the road safe for bike travel between South Cove and Lake Sammamish State Park. Also, I hear that many new features are planned for the park. Please build a roundabout at the entrance for safety and efficient entrance and exits.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks and trails are so important. Please consider making your shopping areas more walkable. It would be great if the Costco/Lowe’s/Michaels area was more pedestrian-friendly, so a family could park once, and then spend several hours there at several stores.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
The bike access from the South Cove area to Lake Sammamish State Park and the Costco shopping area needs to be updated so that it is safe for families with children.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Duthie Hill park is awesome! Could you please add a trail for beginning kids to draw them in?
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Sammamish Trail extension to Lake Sammamish State Park

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish State Park because of the variety of trails and the expanse of the Park.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks are very important: To protect open space; For wild life; For exercise; Dog walking; Play of different games;

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in Sammamish, use Issaquah for shopping, medical, everything.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Issaquah does well, but I am certainly glad to see the City crafting a strategic plan so it can use resources wisely and leverage opportunities. Access to open space, trails and parks and the abundance of such are what strongly contributes to making Issaquah a great place to be and family-centric. The King County open space, DNR, Lake Sammamish State Park are all included in this mix; we should work to ensure these areas continue to be preserved and cared for in perpetuity. I see these areas and opportunities as strengths.

Improvement as opportunity - Active play places and those that spark the imagination are very important. Constructing the green necklace for the valley floor, connecting to Mountains to Sound Greenway corridors and finding ways to use the creek system for trails, tree canopy, support to wildlife are important as well. An attention to the public/RoW spaces Parks maintains needs to be an element as parks/trails/open spaces shouldn't be overtaken by invasives such as blackberries and scotch broom (or garbage). Public safety needs to remain a consideration.

I also think we probably can never have enough soccer and rugby fields for kids.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I enjoy the High Point trails system. I do not, however, feel it's an appropriate place for a homeless encampment given lack of proximity to services and utilities. This needs to be addressed constructively with King County.

I'm really glad to see the City provide pea patches as it's a contributor for quality of life and hopefully, for our youth a place for education.

It has been neat to watch Confluence Park unfold as a great amenity. I look forward to watching its evolution as the park is constructed further.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
A connected, safe system for all users that have elements of whimsy, surprise and are different/speak to different neighborhoods/areas of town. For example, with a green necklace one area might be where one meanders thru taking in all that nature has to offer with overlooks/boardwalks while in another area of town it's a faster moving pace, a little more urban with a brew pub just off the beaten path.

Parks and trails rank high for me personally.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
An off-leash dog park such as Marymoor - ample safe room to roam, different play areas, fenced in, hopefully swim and with wash area. Issaquah for all its focus on outdoor recreation is sorely missing this type of park. While Bark Park in the Highlands is nice, it's on a hillside and a broken ankle waiting to happen (either person...
or four-legged).

I'd love to see us further embrace and enhance Lake Sammamish State Park into the gem it can be (it's been fun to watch FLSSP create the playground for all and add programming). Connect it to East Lake Sammamish trail, enhance the beaches, bring more events, provide a lakeside venue for dining/celebrations, add volleyball sand court, etc.

Lastly, I think it would be great if a "Basecamp" park were created. Maybe a huge climbing wall, zip line, outdoor education venue (mountaineering/hiking/land stewardship), a shuttle bus that brings folks/kids to Snoqualmie Pass, etc.? What can Parks do that builds upon all the great features and brand of Issaquah??

**How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?**
I think access is generally okay.

**What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?**
We live on the perimeter of Issaquah and work in town.

**What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?**
If people can see, feel and experience the natural environment through parks/trails they'll better care for it. But, they have to understand how and why as well through education, signage and getting kids exposed early on through related-activities.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
All the new parks are great! Keep putting play equipment for kids of all ages in the parks. Keep improving soccer fields.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Central Park - good for kids to play on equipment, also good for setting up a game of volleyball and getting a few passers-by to join in. Squak Valley - awesome 3 story play set. All the hiking off I-90 is great, too. Lake Sammamish is getting better and better all the time, love the boat rentals and new play area.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Keep supporting the growing population so that the parks don't get too crowded. Continue to find economical ways to keep parks going. I love playing with my kids at the parks and hiking with my friends, the parks and trails are very important.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Splash Park.
Better parking at trails.
Bathrooms (that are open) at parks where little kids play.
Get rid of all drinking fountains at parks. They are always broken and spread germs.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Trails need more parking.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
My family of 4 lives in North Issaquah. My husband was born and raised in Issaquah. Neither of us work in Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We have an abundance of natural beauty. There does not seem to be quite enough parks for the growing city population. Parking and crowds are an issue, especially due to parks with ball fields/turf scheduled so heavily by sports practices.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
- Love the trails behind high school for hiking and biking.
- Love grand ridge trails for hiking and biking.
- Love the new confluence park...rustic charm, open space, picnic pavillion.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Just need more of them... to accommodate huge population growth. Parks are extremely important to my life and the lives of my family... the natural beauty and proximity to trails is why we chose to live in Issaquah.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
- More parks
- More trails ... both paved and natural.
- Skate park
- Open space for ball games, picnics, etc... needs to have good drainage so we can enjoy all year long.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
- Access is good for me from Squak Mtn.
- Alleviating traffic bottlenecks would help with access during rush hours!

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
- Live in Issaquah. Play in Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
- No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Parks tend to be crowded. Need more parks.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Klahanie, close to me

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
New Parks. I would try to acquire as much property as possible and set it aside for wilderness style parks. It would also be nice to have one new park with a reservable classroom with kitchenette, fire pit.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Too crowded.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Klahanie

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
We have a huge influx of new people, and not enough parks. City should halt all new housing developments and put parks in instead
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Would be great to run a weekly event. There is a 5km run event that started in the UK (Parkrun) that happens every Sat am and is free to all that enter. There are now 815 ParkRuns held in USA every week and it would be great to make this happen in our community.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in Sammamish by Beaver Lake but regularly run, walk and visit Issaquah Parks every week.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We would like to see more neighborhood parks. Also, we come from a place where there were lots of neighborhood parks that were generally open, not fenced with signs saying "for residents only." It would be nice to see more parks with a friendlier feel like that. We also come from a place with more interconnected trails, and it would be great to have trails that would allow people to roam from one neighborhood to the next to the parks without having to walk along the shoulders of very busy roads with no sidewalks (like Issaquah Pine Lake).

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
We like the new big climbing gym at Lake Sammamish Park. We also like the community feel at Pine Lake Park when everyone is playing Pokemon Go. And Beaver Lake has some nice wide flat areas.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I’d love to see the park system better described by the word "inclusive," and perhaps "extensive." Each park feels isolated at the moment - it would be great to see them more connected.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More things for kids to do! Maybe some parkour trails like the old fashioned kind in the 80s (with "stations" with exercise equipment). But more than anything, a way for the parks to interconnect and for people living in neighborhoods to get to the parks without driving/parking and without braving sidewalk-less streets.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
See above. Sidewalks! More trails! Interconnected trails through subdivisions! =)

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
We live on the Issaquah-Sammamish border. One of us works from home there, and one of us drives downtown.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
There is a lot of emphasis on walking and hiking. It would be nice to see more options - games, more climbing gyms, sports areas, maybe some areas that are protected from the rain. And more dog parks!
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Issaquah is decent on upkeep of its parks, but needs to support additional variety to compete with other municipalities in the area.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Central Park since it's very well-maintained and family friendly.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
#1 is an municipal Indoor Tennis Courts for all ages! It is oddly missing in Issaquah's offerings and residents have to go to Mercer Island and Bellevue.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Our kids go to Issaquah School District Cougar Ridge.

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
As a mother with children who love the outdoors and parks in Issaquah I would have to say our parks compared to others I have been to are nothing outstanding. I feel like they aren't made to be exceptional parks just a park.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
We love all parks in downtown area even though my older children can't enjoy them as much because they are geared towards younger children.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks and trails are a vital part of our community. I would love to see more interactive parks geared towards multi aged children.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
It would be fun to have a splash pad for the summer. Summer days can be unbearable here and even though a nice big new recreational center would be idea I would go for a splash pad!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Overall I think it's fine. Parking is always hard and most parks have very limited parking and access to them.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
We live in downtown Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Love our parks. Well groomed, love the variety of trees, plants, shrubs etc. Improvements: 1) Have more trash cans - I am seeing a lot more trash especially glass beer bottles. 2) Better lighting on walking paths.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Do not have a favorite - like them.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Safe, clean, lush, easily accessible. Parks and trails are important in my life as I enjoy the outdoors and being able to meet new people on paths and trails.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
More water features within parks themselves. Fun to have an Issaquah Water Park:). Outdoor community public pool.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I walk to many paths and trails, which was one of the reasons we chose to live in Issaquah.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in the Highlands.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
When construction is completed, (such as building or repairing sidewalks), the construction company MUST clean up and all construction debris. Currently, there is a large block of concrete, that was left by the sidewalk construction company, in the grass.

Also, would it be possible to have the vacant wild grass areas groomed? Meaning, old tree limbs/branches/bushes/shrubbery picked up.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I see the parks as very nice, but difficult to get to especially with parking. Squak Mtn could use more neighborhood parks. I would love to see a path from Mt. Fury Circle connect to the Water Tank trail at the end of Mt. Hood. I would also like to see a path skirting the cemetery (upper) so you could walk your pets through the woods and not trespass on cemetery.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish State Park for its lack of development. This has recently been marred in my view by the "enhancements" that look more like someone’s patio than a natural area. I like the Rainier Park though I seldom go there due to traffic etc. Memorial Field is a great gathering place and fun for the kids. Kiwanis Hall Park is a nice place for people cooped up in the apartments.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
How about a nice dry trail along Issaquah Creek? I enjoy walking along the one behind Wildwood so why not continue it all the way along the creek?
It would make a very nice tourist attraction.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
A trail along Issaquah Creek connecting to Lake Sammamish would be really nice.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
As above getting from Mt. Fury to the Mt. Hood trail involves walking around two streets Mt. Fury and Mt. Hood. A path cutting from the curve at Mt. Fury across to Mt. Hood would be a lot shorter. Granted it might require something like a foot bridge because of the slope there, but that would add to the charm. Re-establishing the trail from the lower cemetery through to Mt. Everest by declaring a right of way through the wetland lot deemed not buildable there or an easement would once again let people have an alternative route up the hill instead of the slog past St. Josephs..

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Issaquah Mountain Park.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
People are lobbying for a dog park. I can see the need, but maintenance, safety, and design for wet weather really concern me. I have yet to see a dog park that didn’t have issues especially with off leash aggression. On the other hand, I would really like to have a fenced place where my dog could be able to run and play freely.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Issaquah needs a dog park. (Not in the highlands, but in Issaquah) There is a huge need for a dog park in the Issaquah Olde Towne area. Thank you for the trails and parks we do have. I hope we always have them. I really like to take walks and hikes on them on a regular basis so they are very important to me.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Please give Issaquah a good dog park. In Olde town Issaquah, not the highlands.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Olde town issaquah

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Pretty well!

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence, Central and Beaver Lake.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Outdoor community pool.
Dog park that is not a mud pit like the one in the Highlands. Model after Robinswood Dog park in Bellevue.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
More signage as to how to reach trailheads and where trails lead.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live and work

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved? Would love to have a dog park.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why? I love the Squak mountain trails. Less frequently traveled by ‘tourists’.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life? Use trails multiple times a week. Don’t use the parks as much except in summer. Would use a dog park regularly.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails? Dog park!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city? We live on Squak with superb access to trails.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work? Live on Squak

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us? No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Need a Dog park in Issaquah. Ideally one near the lake sammamish so it has water as well.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
trails behind high school to poo poo point.
squak mtn trails.
Tiger mtn trails.
local access so I don't need to drive to them.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life? Would be ideal if the trails would be connected to each other as well as to the other trails in puget sound. Also if biking areas would be set aside on the trails to permit commuting without cars.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog Park

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog park. Golf course or driving range.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I have lived in Issaquah since 1992.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
good, I'd like more park connections and increase walk-ability with lit up crosswalks

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
tiger mountain and lake sammamish, I like the large open spaces

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I'd really like an off leash dog park, perhaps in lake sammamish park, closer to old issaquah

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
if we could buy land along the issaquah creek and create a creek trail all the way from sunset to lake sammamish

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in old Issaquah

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We have a nice system of trails. There are plenty of ball parks, and parks for children. Some parks could use a bench or two. More community gardens would be helpful. Dogs in parks and on trails are not always on leash. Perhaps a park with a specific off-leash area would give owners an acceptable alternative.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Squak and Tiger Mountain trails, because they are wilderness experiences. Hillside Park, because it is close to me. The trails in the Hillside ravine, because that is an easy place to find solitude. Confluence Park gardens because there is sunlight and an opportunity for urban gardening. Gibson Hall park for picnics.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
A bit of open space, a bit of wilderness, a place to play, a place to picnic, a place to socialize, and places for solitude. I think a future park system should increase access to the lake and add a skate park in an area that is highly public (behind the police station seems a good spot), and a nice sized area that is fenced for off-leash dog running. A doggy poop bag dispenser and a receptacle for disposal would be a nice addition in many parks.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Reopen the trail from Big Bear Place NW into Hillside Park. Neighbors closed it off sometime in the late 1990’s. Add a covered picnic shelter to Hillside Park.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
If we cleared a bit of brush and nettles from under the power lines coming up the East slope of Squak Mountain, we could have a lovely trail lined with blackberry bushes, a delight to the palate!

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I have mostly lived here since 1982. I live on Big Bear Place, on the NE slope of Squak Mountain. I run a small bed and breakfast and have a lot of visitors who hike in this area.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I don't have a dog, but many neighbors do. They would appreciate a place where the dogs could run, roll, and romp unrestrained, and I'd be delighted to not have that place be my front yard. I'd vote for adding a dog park. I'd also like to see some park spaces for children that are dog free.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Pretty good. Could use more facilities for dogs and kids to run and play

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish state park. Lots of easy to walk trails.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks are essential to a well rounded community. People who live in apartments especially need a place to get out and experience nature. A park needs to be a hub of activities and local events. A gathering place for all who wish to use them.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
We need a good place for dog owners to exercise their pets.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Parking seems to be very limited at present. Unless one lives near them, it is difficult to find a place to park.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in the Woods of Squak Mt. Have lived here for 32 years.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The "Community's" (in the city and neighboring) existing parks are top-notch in variety, bounty and natural beauty. I most appreciate parks and trails that enjoy a preserved environment. The restoration of Issaquah Creek is coming along nicely. Grand Ridge Park, Tiger, Squak and Cougar, and Lk Sammamish State Parks are all of the most important assets for the people of Issaquah. Access to and preservation of these parks should be top priority.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Grand Ridge, Tiger and Squak Mountains are my favorite parks because they offer natural settings for hiking that are easy to get to, even for a lunch hour hike. Next would be Central Park and Grand View, for the spectacular views. And the Rainier trail for traveling through the city away from traffic.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I learned from Issaquah's leadership years ago how important it is to preserve watersheds and upland natural areas. I hope that we will again become known for this leadership. I hope we will provide the region with natural areas to enjoy and learn from. The "system" would be ideal if it were more interspersed and connected throughout the city. The Green Necklace might achieve this for us. I think we should limit turning our natural areas into sports facilities.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
A splash park near Boehm pool, perhaps in a redeveloped shopping block along Front Street south of Sunset. A place where families spending the day downtown could meet friends and let their kids cool off on a summer day. This would pair nicely with the expanding park spaces along the west side of Front Street.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I think that mass transit could serve our trailheads better. Imagine if all those urban mountain bikers could get here on a bus! And world travelers, visiting Seattle - imagine them really getting to know the PNW by spending a day on our trails! Transit could serve locals, too and protect our parks from expanding parking areas.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I work in Issaquah Highlands and lived here for 12 years.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Thank you for your work in this!!!
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
looking good!

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
easy access, good parking availability

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
We really need a seriously good dog park. I drive out of the area to Marymoor now. This not only exercises the dogs, but me too! Also, dog parks are an awesome place for people to gather.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live right on the border of Issaquah and Sammamish

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Sometimes they are hard to travel, as trees have regularly fallen across them. Some bridges or raised walk areas would benefit from more maintenance, to ensure they are safe to walk in all weather conditions and in good repair.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love them all, because they get you out and on the move.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Interconnected. Able to go from one area to another. Parks and trails are very important, and a good way to get people out, moving, and staying healthy. Good for families as well.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog park please.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Generally good on the back side of Squak Mt.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
High Valley, back side of Squak Mt.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Sometimes they are hard to travel, as trees have regularly fallen across them. Some bridges or raised walk areas would benefit from more maintenance, to ensure they are safe to walk in all weather conditions and in good repair.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Lake Sammamish Park, Confluence Park, Squak Valley Parks North and South, Memorial Park, Central Park, Tibbetts Park are nicely done and need to be maintained. We need to make sure there’s money in the annual budgets to maintain existing parks while expanding or building new ones. Rainier Trail is wonderful but needs signage starting at Gilman, indicating where it picks up across Front Street and how it moves south of Sunset and around the community center. Most of the trails need connections to other trails and parks. The pool is woefully inadequate! The valley floor needs an off leash dog park.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence Park and Squak Valley North for their natural features and contact with Issaquah Creek. Central Park and Tibbetts Park for group recreational facilities. Squak Valley Park South, Lake Sammamish Park and Memorial Park for kids. Tiger and Squak Mountain trails for hiking.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Many people moved to this area because of the green spaces, Issaquah Creek and phenomenal views. Most of the green spaces and phenomenal views are gone, thanks to City administration which favors developers. How the heck can we maintain the cities foothills feel without a planning department and with an economic development department funded by developers?! Parks and trails are the lifeblood of a community, connecting people and giving folks an opportunity to get away from frenzied, daily life. My vision of parks would be green and connected.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
New pool with indoor and outdoor amenities!
Dog park on the valley floor!
Pedestrian activated crossing from East Lake Sammamish Trail across Gilman to Rainier Trail.
Pedestrian activated crossing for Mountains to Sound Trail across E. Lake Sammamish Parkway just north of I-90.
Sidewalk along Front Street south to Squak Valley Park South – this is a kids’ playground so they need to be able to walk or ride bikes to get there safely.
Bicycle lanes connected to trails, Bicycle lanes that go somewhere and don’t just stop partway.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Each one of my answers above touches on access. Access and connections are missing throughout town.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
S. Front St. – work in Olde Town.

**What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?**
The senior center is going to need expansion soon with the growing number of seniors in our area. I'd like to see outreach to our senior population and not just the steady few.

I appreciate our new parks director and his holistic outlook. I hope the Council and Administration will support him with budgeting for staffing and infrastructure.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We have tons of land but have not programmed or maintained most of it. It should not be called a park unless it is mainly (70%) weed free, has a garbage can and a bench.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
The trails up to Lake Tradition. It is a miracle that we could be so urban yet so close to the forest. Lake Sammamish State Park, then...you know, there is not park that makes me jump for joy. I will say Hillside Park because I can walk to it from home.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Connected, active and happening to downright reclusive. Points of interest (providing little jolts of happy) at each park. Maintained, basic amenities and signage. Welcoming. Appropriate for their area and needs. Can walk to it. Hmm. Nature is important to me, parks in Issaquah, so far, are something I don’t use too much. The trails are important.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Obviously a serious Marymoor style off leash dog park. A trail along Issaquah Creek where you can actually see the creek and the creek is no longer coated with invasives. Peakaboo viewpoints from elevated trails. And valley floor trails that are pleasant, quiet, interesting with amenities that enhance (yes, the press the button and it plays random music pole is still a favorite with me.) and create whimsy. Right now we have benches facing garbage cans...say ewww!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Sucks. If you live next to something, but otherwise? Squak Mtn, only has up and down sidewalks. Create more meandering and horizontal trails, resting benches and garbage cans.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live here. Squak.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Are you going to listen, provide feedback, listen again, act and then ask for feedback? The town needs to understand that this department is going to have rational, even processes for deciding what to do with park land. I will be very sad if you only pretend to listen then just do whatever you want again.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?

What needs to be improved?

Overall the trails are decent and plentiful but here some ideas to enhance our situation. We need better maintained trails that accommodate running that weave across and around Squak, Cougar, and Tiger but also wood chip trails that move thru low lying Issaquah neighborhoods. Signage needs to be easier to navigate. Eugene, OR, provides an example of how great flat running trails alongside green scape can be.

Also, it's dangerous navigating up and down Squak on the Olympic Ave side to the top. We don't need concrete sidewalks but we do need protected walking trails that go all the way to the residents loop at the top.

Also, we need a dog park near Old Town.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love Tiger trails. Varied and well maintained. I love the playground by the police station. Guests with kids love it.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
We could become a city of running trails, parks, and beautiful natural wonder. We’re half way there already! Parks and trails are vitally important to me and our situation among them I went I live here.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Our parks could be better cultivated. Why don't we have a rose garden in summer? How about creating an Issaquah arboretum for summer and a green house version for winter to draw new visitors our way who love to look at nature but don't want to be too deep in it. We depend too much on our surroundings beauty and not enough on cultivating a park and trail experience that draws visitors and entertains us all.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access seems good.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live on Squak Mountain and love living here. I work in Seattle.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
None.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We love the public art and historical exhibits. We sure could use a dog park down here in the valley. Some trails could use some lighting and more garbage cans.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
We go up to the Issaquah Highlands dog park regularly with our two pooches. We love the new Confluence Park. That location could handle a dog park. Lake Sammamish State Park is a great place for us to put in our kayaks. Love Pickering Barn for the farmers market.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Dog park! We love our local parks and enjoy them regularly. They are unique locales that offer respite, interaction with nature and a sense of community.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog park. Mosaic art installations like Gaudi’s in Barcelona.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
We can walk to downtown Issaquah parks from our home. Very fortunate. Not so for others. Perhaps a shuttle system during summer for those further out.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Squak Mt resident since 2000. Work from home 3 out of 5 days.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Recapture the land used for one way traffic behind Front St Market and turn it into a pedestrian friendly parkway.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
There is no dog park for citizens in the Olde Town area. Please provide. Please provide more benches and picnic tables by shady trees!

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I like all parks and trails.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Quiet, nature filled with wildlife and natural greenery.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog park or fenced off area in existing parks where dogs can be off leash.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Safer ways to get across streets

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in Olde Town. Worked in Olde Town.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved? Need a real dog park! Why not the land next to the state park that’s all overgrown with just grass?

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why? Timberlake.. Quiet walk quiet access to the lake... Makes you feel like you are still in the wild.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life? Off leash animal friendly.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails? Please give us a dog park that isn't a rocky slope.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city? Safe parking so there are no break ins.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work? 1 mile from state park

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us? No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Some shelters at the soccer fields would be appreciated, especially for this wet winter.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Tibbitts baseball fields. Always some action during the spring - fall seasons. Little wet right now.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I would use most of the trails more often if they would lead to an off leash dog park.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
A fenced in section for an off leash dog park.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in the "Woods" section just up the hill from Tibbitts park.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
The existing network seems to work well and is enjoyable. Only negative is the need for pedestrians to either jump out of the way or get hit by cyclists. Would prefer to have some trails without cyclist access.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
E Lake Sammamish and trails around Costco.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Would be beneficial to have access to a dog park similar to Marymoor.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Would be beneficial to have access to a dog park similar to Marymoor.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access generally suffers from limited parking.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Run my own consulting business out of the Woods of Issaquah Morgan’s Ridge subdivision.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Some long stretches could do with more trash can access.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Well I took time answering this and it closed before it was finished. So I guess I was a robot.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I would like an off-leash dog park in Issaquah.

Too much litter on our trails on Tradition Plateau and trails near Issaquah High School.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Trails on Tradition Plateau (most of this is state DNR land, not city land). I can walk from my front door in Old Town to the E. Sunset Way trailhead and don't need to drive anywhere to enjoy our local forest areas.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Being able to easily reach a trailhead by foot is why I chose to move to Old Town Issaquah.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
That skate park off of 2nd Ave is a magnet for trouble. I also don't walk on the Rainier Trail in that area and prefer the sidewalks on 2nd Ave as something could happen down on the Rainier Trail and no one would know about it.

Would really like an off-leash dog park in Issaquah.

Zip lines in the forests seem to be popular in this area lately - any thoughts on adding one in Issaquah?

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is great for me. Less than 1/4 mile and I can be downtown, or going the other way, on Tradition Plateau.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Have lived in Old Town for over 10 years.

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
I spend a LOT of time on the trails on Tradition Plateau. I have hauled out all sorts of trash from illegal campsites up there. I've found old clothes, camping gear, bicycles, an empty wallet, used hypo needles, lots of empty beer cans/wiskey bottles, drug paraphenalia. The woods just east of the E. Sunset Way trailhead seem to be a favorite place for kids getting drunk/high or homeless people "sleeping it off". It offers convenient access to Old Town where they can stumble back into town and "hang out" or get a free meal. Every time I walk my dog up there (about 5x week) I take a trash bag in my back pocket and collect litter that I see and pack it out. Lots of tall malt liquor cans tossed off the trail into blackberry vines. The trash
accumulates so quickly that someone must be going up there every day and trashing our beautiful forest. I would be happy if they would just leave the cans on the trail instead of throwing them 20 ft down a hillside or in the berry vines. It can be a lot of work to retrieve them but the results are rewarding to be able to enjoy the outdoors without looking at some miscreant's trash. There's also a big problem with trash near the Issaquah High School Softball Field and Tennis Courts. Students park in that area and every day there is more trash up there from fast food wrappers and what not. I wish our young people cared more to not litter what is truly a treasure being handed to their generation. I'm just one retired guy that is doing what he can when he's out for a walk in the woods. Even some clever signage about not littering in these areas might help.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Well first off, I’m beyond angry about the skate board park!!!! Who’s making money off the interest while we wait for it to be built??????if I we’re in charge of this craziness, I would have put it behind the police station no questions asked!!!!! That small ballpark behind the station is a joke, and with all the school districts ball fields there’s no way that it would impact T ball or little league in any way! As a taxpayer and a parent of all of these services and a parent of a child that grew up here at the old skate board park and then he became a heroin addict while hanging out and being approached by dealers....I am damn mad at this mess we are all in...now my son who’s in recovery says that it would be the best if our skate park was built behind the police station...all the water,sewer and power along with already graded land would be the easiest and quickest way to build. Again, as I said before I’m appalled at the way this has NOT been handled and I did not vote for a single person that is in charge of this effort!!!!!

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What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love the trails behind Issaquah high school.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
We need more parking.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
More parking!!!!

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live next to Issaquah high school and work at Swedish medical Center in the Highlands.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

We love having access to all the Cougar Mountain trails. We’re looking forward to the improvements on East Lake Sammamish Trail being complete. It would be nice if the Preston-Issaquah trail was better maintained, or even paved the whole way.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Cougar Mountain because of how many trail options there are. You can hike as little or as long as you want.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
More off leash dog areas, clear connections between the various towns/cities trails so that you could bike/run/walk easily from one to the next without getting lost. We use the trails and parks nearly every day for exercise.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
It would be great to have part of the lake sammamish park be a dog park with water access. Or really a dog park anywhere in town!

I would love a pedestrian bridge over the intersection of 56th and east lake sam. It seems as if every time I run that trail, I almost get run over at that intersection by a car wanting to turn right on red. It needs to have safer access across for pedestrians and cyclists!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
See second answer to previous question - better/safer passage over major intersections would be really great.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
We live in Talus and do most of our shopping in town.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
We’ve been really impressed with the parks and trail system. While it’s inconvenient at times to have construction going on, we appreciate that improvements are being made to the trails.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Takes too long to get new areas "developed". I suggest using community power! Confluence Park is a good example of big wheels grinding slowly.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I like them all for different reasons! 😊

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
A dog park for the valley floor. NOT in the highlands.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Parking seems to be an issue at some trail heads. none

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Squak Mtn since 1983

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
None
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Issaquah is desperate for an off-leash dog park ideally with access to water.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Off leash dog park.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
No response

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
There is a huge need for a dog park in the Issaquah Olde Towne area.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Park near the Police Station on Sunset. Also Confluence Park prior to the construction and current fences.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Safe walking trails and parks are a huge part of much needed exercise for senior citizens in this community.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog Park

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Great access in Issaquah, near Front St.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
10 year resident near Olde Towne Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Monitoring the parks to make sure homeless people are not sleeping there, as well as groups of young people or others, just lingering. Many folks need to feel safe when walking in the darker hours of early morning and late evening.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We love the trail network throughout the city and the foothills. Signage could be improved. And ensure every city park is connected with sidewalks and/or bike paths, including the South Issaquah park on the Issaquah Creek between Squak and Tiger Mtns.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Love the hiking trails around Tiger Mtn, Lake Tradition area, and on Squak.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
All parks to be connected by bike and walking paths.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
To have a walk/bike trail system flowing throughout the city limits similar to the Valley Trail system in Whistler, BC! This would encourage/enable walking and biking by residents and all neighborhoods to enjoy restaurants, theater, shopping, etc in most seasons, especially April-November when enough daylight hours.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Allow family biking on sidewalks, post multi-use signs (bike and walk, and who yields to whom), paint a yellow stripe down the center to visually show shared use with occasional arrows to stay right. Sidewalks don’t even need to be much wider than currently, just signed as shared use to include low-speed/yielding biking.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Resident 1971-present, Sycamore neighborhood.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Bike racks at every park, community space, occasional along Front Street, Gilman Blvd, and in Highlands.
Concerning our community's existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The new squak park is great because it helps link Cougar and Squak parks. Need better connection between all trail systems and less weird little parks that are not used much (and exist because a developer created them as a way of mitigating their growth). Also, people need to be much better about keeping dogs on leash. Just because a dog is friendly, doesn't mean it won't scare people/horses when it runs at them barking!!

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I like the trails on Cougar, Squak, and Tiger. In particular, I like trails that are open to people and horses and closed to bikes.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Most important is connection. The Redmond watershed trail system is a good example. I would love to be able to go from Renton to Woodinville.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Protection of open spaces, such as the may valley creek area and Sammamish plateau from rampant development - allow parks to keep a natural look for the most part. That being said, some grass/turf sports fields that are open to everyone are also good.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
More access points into Cougar, Squak, and Tiger from Issaquah on foot would be nice. Also, the parking areas need to be made bigger because people park in dangerous places on the side of the road after the few available spaces fill up.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Issaquah (south west side of Squak Mtn)

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
we need a dog park.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
bullitt trail is nice.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
we need a dog park.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
dog park.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
we need a dog park. Would also like to see a pollinator garden.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Always feel safe, and trails are well kept. Would love to see a dog park in the valley area.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Rainier trail, high school trail and all of the trails around Tradition Lake.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Off leash dog park
Maintained
Seamlessly a part of town
Keep the region lush and green, not overcrowded by buildings and concrete.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
As mentioned, a dog park closer to the historical downtown area.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No issues right now, parking and access is easy.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live near Issaquah High School.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
Great parks but would like to see a dog park

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Dog park!

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live in Talus

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We need more open space for the dogs! One with a fountain or creek outlets potentially. One with grass but almost hogs breathe paths or sand gravel paths for rainy days.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Fire trail heads. Tradition lake
Was Sammamish lake till they started charging fees.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Dog park connected to Sammamish lake.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Talus

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Trails are a strength. Parks are getting reinvigorated (good) with new features. Hoping to have better connected parks and trails on valley floor.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?


What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?


Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?


How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

Live here (Highland), have child in elementary here, one parent works in city.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

1. Enforce responsible pet ownership on the trails - picking up owns dog feces and disposing of it appropriately.

2. Enforce pets on leashes. 90% of the time pet owners hike the trails with unleashed dogs creating safety hazards for families hiking with children and potential dog fights with other leashed dogs on the trails.

3. Improve playground and landscape at Depot Train Park with updated children’s playground equipment and features. This is the only playground in downtown Issaquah which should be the most desirable and engaging playground for families.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Rainier trail because of the old growth trees and charm and the walking/accessibility is good. Tiger Mountain trails are great but need to be maintained and respected by pet owners.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
To create more accessible trails for all levels. Embracing and integrating farmland and forestland with protected public spaces and trails. Very important and a key reason we moved to the area.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
1. Protect and preserve Winterbrook Farm to create a farmland and forestland space open to the public with environmental education learning opportunities. (Similar concept can be learned and applied from Farrel McWhiter Farm Park in Redmond and Kelsey Creek Farm in Bellevue).

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Better online navigation and information to be accessible. It's a challenge to easily find a trail based on skill level and area if you're not familiar with all the trails.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live and work in Issaquah, children attend Issaquah schools.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I love the city parks but feel we need a dog park. There is would be plenty of room by the barn. It could be fenced and made into a dog park. Or even a space made by Lake Samm. there is room for a park there. I walk my dog on a leash all the time but would love a place to play ball.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I love the new park by the creek across from Darigold. I use the Lake Samm. park, and of course hike the trails on Tiger.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Dog park. Also it would be nice to have a TV connection at the Tibbots Manor and the Picker. Barn. I tried to rent them so we could do a super bowl party. We need a site for that type of crowd, games, etc.

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Love the new children's park at the Lake. The play structure is fun for all ages, would be nice to have something like that again.

How is access to Issaquah's parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I can't think of anything needed here.

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live on Squak Mt. since 1986. Both kids graduated from Issaquah Schools. I work at the fish hatchery leading tours, do 2 mornings a week at Endeavor Elem. Retired school teacher.

What other thoughts about Issaquah's parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Thanks for making this a fun city. Thanks for the weekend festivals, Friday night walks etc.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

I see many nice parks that appear to get very little use, sad. Perhaps some of that seldom used space could be converted for off-leash dog use.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

Me and my dog Olive enjoy the trails of Squak Mt. regularly. As far as parks, we generally have to drive to Beaver Lake Park, Luther Burbank Park, Merrymoor, or Magnusson in Seattle for there off-leash areas. After all, what's the point in going to the park if Olive can't come and enjoy too? Unfortunately, the closest dog park in the Highlands is too tough to get to, too muddy, and has poorly latched gates.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

I would like to see Issaquah parks and trails with off-leash areas available. Hillside Park has plenty of undeveloped space that would make a great off-leash area. An off-leash area with water access at Lake Sam would be great also. Me and my dog Olive use the parks and trails 5-7 days/wk., they are very important to us.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

I would like to see off-leash areas in Issaquah Parks. Hillside Park, Squak Valley Park, Confluence Park, and somewhere with water access. Hillside Park would be a great place to develop an off-leash dog area with wooded areas and trails. My dog Olive just wants more opportunity to run and play with other dogs.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

Access is pretty good. Occasional parking issues at some of the trail heads.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

I moved to Issaquah just over three years ago for my job. I live on Squak Mt, I also work in Issaquah.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

I would just like to see some off-leash options.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Central Park and Grand Ridge Park

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
More dog parks; plenty of walking trails

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog parks

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Ample parking nearby

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Highlands resident for 1.5 years

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
The parks I’ve visited in the Highlands have been lovely. We tried to visit Confluence Park in d/t Issaquah, but there seemed to be a lot of construction going on and we were blocked. We spend a lot of time walking our dog and more areas to let him safely off leash would be nice.
Greg Prescott inside SQUAK MOUNTAIN (registered)  March 11, 2017, 7:08 AM

Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We need a dog park!

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Issaquah Highlands Dog Park - ONLY dog friendly area. Love the park behind Darigold as well but could be so much more if there was an off leash area.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks are very important. More dog friendly areas.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Children’s play space, dog park with swimming access like Marymoor. More food and beverage options around parks.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Squak

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

As someone who has raised children here, I think parks for children have been well done over the years. Now I have canine children and the park amenities for them are lacking! Please add an off-leash dog park on enough land to give both dogs and humans a decent walk. Please visit the one in Snoqualmie (Three Forks) for something we should be able to pull off in a town our size. Please visit the dog park in Issaquah Highlands for what not to do - unlevel ground, no walking paths, under power lines, muddy :(. Currently we go to Marymoor 2x/week.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
I use Timberlake Park and Squak Mountain trails for dog walks/hikes. I also enjoy Confluence Park. It is a lovely addition.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I use parks to walk with my dog and let him socialize with other dogs every day. My ideal park is dog-friendly with walking paths and natural water features like streams and lakes.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
A destination dog park! Like Marymoor! Marymoor has a large, volunteer stewardship organization that helps to maintain the park. I am convinced we have the population and dog-enthusiast base to create our own SODA. https://www.soda.org/.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I live on Squak Mountain and am satisfied with access to trails from that are a short car ride away.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Issaquah has been our home since 1998. We live on Squak Mountain.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
The parks need to be closer to residential areas that are easier to walk to from Downtown Issaquah and Squawk Mountain. Modernize the existing playgrounds.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Lake Sammamish State Park. It’s large, breathtaking, has a playground, beach and picnic tables.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Parks are very important to my children. I enjoy trails but would like trails to be safer.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Trails should be safe and visible to the community. The playgrounds need to be modernized and on a grand scale such as the playground recently added to Lake Sammamish State Park.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Create bike rentals or a Bike rack.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Squak Mountain.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths?
What needs to be improved?
We need a dog park with both large dog and smaller dog areas. The highlands has one and so should we. We are a dog friendly town. Let’s show it.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Pickering barn and park by railroad street. Cougar mountain park.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Accessible. Pretty. Easy to get to.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I work for the local High School. I volunteer in the community at the theater and Art East.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Love them. Love the nice maintained trails, plants, trees.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Confluence is our favorite. Love More Natural parks with creek, mature trees, lots of land.

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
More dog friendly trails/park.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog park

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
I think its great already

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live here, and bike/walk around with my kids and husband...and dogs!

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Duck Pond would be so amazing, and a Dog Park.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Central Park and Grand Ridge, because they are in my neighborhood.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
They are all easily accessible, and people come to Issaquah to enjoy them. Add amenities like skateboard parks, outdoor theater venue, and other social venues for locals and visitors to enjoy.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Issaquah becomes a destination for people all over the region for it’s many enjoyable amenities and parks.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Add overpass from north Issaquah to downtown core, so people can walk across more easily.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live in the Issaquah Highlands.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
We need a dog park in the city of Issaquah.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Sammamish Park and Pickering trails.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
We need parks that are dog friendly. Parks should be inclusive.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog park is on our wish list.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Access is good.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
We live in the Montreux development.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
I love Hillside park. It is a wonderful family park. Children and families use it daily as a trail and play area. Loose dogs cause problems for picnics, games and sports. Dogs should be on leash when playing here.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Hillside

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Family friendly

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
No response

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
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What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
Great, except for hillside park that is in desperate need of a track and leveling of ballfield. I cant even run in the field anymore without twisting an ankle.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Hillside park, because its close to my house. Squak mtn is next, because its quiet. Train park is great for kids playing and of course the new beach house at lake sammamish.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
My ideal park would be a quiet place for reflection and meeting other community members. I love long walks so easy level walking paths and seating to relax or eat. Places for kids to play and a covered playground for rainy days and a water spray park for hot summer days.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
I would LOVE a continous mixed hike/bike trail from lake sammamish state park, past pickering to the meadows, fish hatchery and then along river to end at squak mtn and tiger mtn. What an amazing thing to walk from the lake shores to the mtns in one continous beautiful trail.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Not good, especially at the train park where there is never parking. How about making the roundabout 1 hr parking so parents can access the park.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I live behind hillside park, on squak.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Your doing a great job, cant wait for margarets meadow to open and the area around gillman village is excellent. Keep up the good work and please, please fix drainage in hillside park and add a path around the ballfield. I love playing ball there with my kids but it's pretty run down, give it some love so it can shine again.
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
No response

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
The top priority for me is the addition of a dog park. When brought to city years ago, it was deemed too much of a liability. Yes, there is a park in the Highlands, but the next closest is Bellevue. There are so many dogs that we need another in Issaquah proper (downtown, Talus, etc.). This, to me, is the purpose of the city - to make happen what the citizens want. We certainly have enough of a dog population to warrant a dog park. Please, please, please consider. One is not enough. So many other cities within King County recognize the importance of a dog park for building community, encouraging exercise, etc.

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Please consider adding another dog park - possibly in the Lake Samm or Talus area. Due to the large dog population, it’s important to give citizens access to an off leash area.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
I’ve lived in Issaquah (multiple homes) for over 20+ years.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What's your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Dog park!

Dream big! What's on your wish list for Issaquah's parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Dog park!

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What's your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Live

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Dog park!
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
There is a disparity in parks across different neighborhoods, often based on density & when the neighborhoods were developed. The Highlands has great parks, and downtown has some that are well loved. However Tibbets fields are falling behind and Central Park will be better with the improvements coming.

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
Central Park - great playground and facilities. Spiderweb Park (behind the police station) - good location downtown, good playground structure, well used for festivals.

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
I'd want to see Neighborhood parks & good coverage for sports fields. Parks are less important to me than transportation, the Central Issaquah Plan, or the Downtown Streetscape Plan.

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Central Park & Tibbets Park turf and lighting. Then a pool in the Highlands (not sure if that is covered by parks).

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
Fine.

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Resident of Issaquah Highlands.

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
No response
Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
No response

What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
No response

What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?
Clean, safe, accessible

Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?
Off leash areas for dogs

How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
No response

What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?
Lived in Issaquah since 2009. Longtime eastside residents

What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?
Adding usage fees to fund parks restricts excess for low income residence. There should be funding allocated from local state and federal taxes to ensure access for all residents regardless of economic status.
APPENDIX B

Phase 1 Public Meeting Summary
2017 PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN
Public Engagement Part 1 Data Collection Template
UPDATED: March 19, 2017

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Event Title and Location: WORKSHOP #1, Issaquah Senior Center, 75 N Creek Way, Issaquah, WA 98027, 6:30pm -8:30pm.
Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017.
Staff present: Jeff Watling, Jennifer Fink, Brian Berntsen, Ross Hoover
Attendees [Attendee names and subareas]:
Park Board: Brad Book, Linda Whitworth, Jonathan Richardson
Residents: Janet Wall, Katie Carroz, Connie Marsh, Nelson Still, Dave Kappler

1. Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
   - Have lots of land
   - Need to improve posted lands/signage
   - Adjacency to other public lands
   - Open space too bid to maintain. Utilize:
     - Invasive management
     - Volunteers / opportunities
     - Manage and maintain
   - A lot of parks need to be used more
     - Understand why
     - Relevance
     - Placement
     - Sense of Place / reason to be
   - Need barbeques in parks
   - Free scheduled Events
   - Good Balance of Parks – Active, Passive, Open Space
   - Include multiple activities in park at same time
   - Access and connectivity of parks:
     - Safe pedestrian access
     - Transportation / shuttle
     - Creek crossings
     - Trailheads
     - For region – Already here
   - Need ball fields
     - Turn Tibbetts Valley to artificial turf (for Squak Mtn / Talus) use.
   - Maximize existing space
   - No trail system in Lowe Squak Mtn
   - Provide more benches, resting spaces, vistas / views, garbage cans, bathrooms
   - Positive recreation.
   - Trail by Issaquah Administration building.
   - Partner with Issaquah School District on new schools
2. What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

- Sutro Park
- Tiger Mtn.
- Marymoor dog park
  - $1 parking, best ever
  - Encourages walking
- Robinswood
- Bellevue’s looping trail network
- Bellevue’s downtown park (urban setting)
- Golden Gate Park (took advantage of opportunities)
- Discovery Park – Seattle
- Tradition Plateau
- Lake Sammamish State Park
  - Lots of opportunities
  - Wildlife
- Lincoln Park – Seattle
- Confluence Park
  - Location, play by Olde Town
  - Passive
- Issaquah Highlands system of private and public parks
- Tibbetts Valley Park – needs better pedestrian access from Talus

3. What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

- Connected
- Non-motorized friendly
- Maintained
- Transportation
- Room for wildlife (recognize corridors / educate public)
- Locate parks in appropriate places – who’s funding it?
- Core park of identity
- Water all flowing toward Lake Sammamish
- Interface Urban to rural – integrated system
- Connecting City, County, DNR land – whole system
- Recognize difficulty of terrain / topography.
  - Use staircases
  - Best uses
  - Seize moments
- Mix of regional and local draw
- Diversity of uses – all weather and year round
- Structured play and unstructured play
- Parks should be easy to get to
- Relevant to neighborhood
- Every neighborhood should feel like they have a park.

4. Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

- Marymoor’s off leash dog park
- Speaker’s Corner
- Hit button and music plays
- Splash park
- Enhance playground opportunities (ie: Lake Sammamish State Park)
- Natural / environmental education
  - City owned property [outside city limits] by Central Park [trails]
  - Tradition Plateau
- Park on west side of Highlands Drive
• System and theme to connect Issaquah
  o Water natural connection to Lake Sammamish State Park
  o Every parks reflect natural core value of our town
    • Water and mountains
    • Celebrate and educate
    • Valley / Issaquah Creek trail
      • Crossings
• Viewing of creeks, mountains
• Parks as gathering places
  o Big enough for events
    • Seating
    • tables

5. How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

• Great access to parks as a whole.
  o Some areas could improve – Squak Mountain
• Issaquah Highlands is well connected
  o Could improve some connections to interface with county property (potential)
• Squak Mountain is most difficult
• Create town where you want to walk to a park
  o Improve the experience of getting to a park
  o Improve access
• Engage connections – “nice”
• Memorial Field needs to be redone.

6. What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

• All were residents (Issaquah Highlands, Tiger Mountain Road, Squak Mountain, Olde Town (2), North Issaquah, Talus)

7. What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

• Work with Mountains to Sound Greenway to improve develop Newport Way corridor.
• Add funding questions to list of questions.
• Bonds cannot always be the answer
• Sell lands
• Neighborhoods engaged in their parks
• Funding mechanism – set vision
• Capital and stewardship
• Identify cost recovery policies
• Revenue from parks going to parks [not general fund]
• Partnership to generate funds? Public/Private?
• New things cost $$ (David K)
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Event Title and Location: WORKSHOP #2, Tibbetts Creek Manor, 750 – 17th Ave NW, Issaquah, WA 98027, 6:30pm -8:30pm.
Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017.
Staff present: Jeff Watling, Jennifer Fink, Brian Berntsen, Ross Hoover
Attendees [Attendee names and subareas]:
Park Board: Brad Book, Linda Whitworth, Joe Frauenheim, Danielle Githens
Residents: Linda Sheperd, Hart Sugarman, Jon Gage, Cory Christensen, Nelson Still

1. Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
   - Issaquah as a destination
   - Under-utilized parks [change to] artificial turf
   - More community gardens
   - Expand Community Center facilities
   - Provide covered spaces
   - Good employees / programs
   - Off leash dog parks
   - Connectivity – access to parks
     o [Understand] walk / drive/ bike
   - [Provide] parking at parks where appropriate
     o Comprehensive planning
   - Park revenue stays in parks
     o Artificial turf replacement funding
   - Park accessibility – open areas (structured and unstructured)
   - Look at city spaces (parks / schools) – Partner [for use / improvements]
   - Farmer’s Market [good]
     o Educate about gardening
   - Field geared to young / teens
     o Consider adult uses
     o Thinking about multiple generations
   - Developers providing opportunities [ie. Roof top space for recreation / gardens] and open spaces
   - Lake Sammamish State Park – integrated coordination
     o Work together
     o Effective use of spaces
     o Lots of parking (Trailhead)

2. What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?
   - Cougar Wildlands Park
     o Historical [component]
   - Point Defiance
3. What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

- Opportunity to connect with nature
- Open usable flat space for active passive recreation
- Balance
- Safe Enjoyable experiences
- Combining active and passive recreation [in parks]
- Beauty, reflection, trees
- Money – funding Issaquah Parks and Recreation
- Overall fiscal responsibility
- Developing vibrant parks
- As city grows – parks and trails become more and more important
- Connectivity

4. Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

- Splash Park
- Water park [use of water]
- Diversity in play areas
- Bocce ball
- Frisbee gold
- Off leash dog parks
- Connectivity
- Experience [for user]
- Ethnobotany
- Shelters / covered spaces / various sizes
- Issaquah Creek
  - Connecting to
  - Creek walk
  - Celebrate
  - Opportunities at Confluence / Salmon Run
  - Activity spaces
- Historical signage
- Zip line
- Multi-generational activities
- Multi-cultural feedback (get more of)
- Maximize volunteer efforts
- Botanical Garden
- Using existing spaces / under-utilized spaces
  - Create spaces
  - Activate spaces
- Acquire Kelly Ranch to expand Tibbetts Valley Park
- Moure outdoor education Gathering spaces
- Running, jogging – Par Course
- Public/private partnerships
- Putting greens [goofy-golf]
• Lazer tag
• Bowling alley
• What do we want to bring in? - Be intentional
• Strategic used of public spaces
• Creating spaces / programs on top of built spaces [buildings]
• Indoor surfing

5. How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

• Asked with question 4 above due to time.

6. What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

• All were residents (Issaquah Highlands, Tiger Mountain, Squak Mountain (2), Olde Town, North Issaquah, Talus, Newport Way, Mirrormont)

7. What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

• Evaluate current inventory – be creative
• Utilize space under power lines
• Work with other departments
  o Multi-modal transportation
• Signage Improvements (trail)
  o Add distance, grade, elevation change, etc.
• Exercise opportunities
• Enhance gateways to city
• Pedestrian bridge over I-90
  o Add Gateway/Newport access to Lake Sammamish State Park
• Research dog park locations
  o Think both big and smaller
  o Maybe multiple dog parks
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Event Title and Location: WORKSHOP #3, Grand Ridge Elementary, 1739 NE Park Drive, Issaquah, WA 98029, 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Date: Monday, March 27, 2017.

Staff present: Jeff Watling, Jennifer Fink, Brian Berntsen, Ross Hoover, Lucy Sloman, Jen Davis-Hayes, Lesan Marshall, Emily Moon

Attendees [Attendee names and subareas]:

Park Board: Brad Book, Linda Whitworth,
Residents: Bob Bakh (family), Nina Milligan, Sage Cowan, Ethan Hunter, Toni Hunter, Nelson Still, Jim and Maureen N., Emily Palm, Mary Lynch,

1. Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

- Strengths:
  - Open space
  - Playground
  - Trail System – bikes
  - Well distributed
  - Soccer / Ball fields
  - Land – quantity (Not used to potential /potential not realized (i.e. [Grass] ballfields cannot be used as much))
  - Central Park Fields and playground programs
  - Mix ages in one park
  - Open space / passive uses enjoy nature
  - Variety of places to run trails, ponds, grassy areas, mountains
  - Convenience, close by
  - Public outreach

- Needs Improvement:
  - Aquatics – Capacity (space), needs, time in water, water polo
  - How to find paths – different types
  - Not well distributed
  - Time to travel to different parks
  - “Park size” – [not all parks are real parks]
  - Walking Trails in parks – seniors
  - Covered spaces for walking
  - Indoor skate board path
  - Connections – hard to walk to parks
  - State Park – would like to see commercial business in park
  - Utilize buildings more – (i.e. TVP Concessions, food trucks)
  - Golf / Driving Range
  - Roller Hockey
  - Mixed age activities close together
  - Formalize walkways used
2. What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

- Green Lake – Trail, community, fields
- Community Center – Surry, multiple use
- Bellevue Park – water makes noise, activity 365 days
- Confluence Park – along creek
- Community Center in Mall
- Monon Trail – Indiana
  - Used to commute, crossing at street, cars stop, connections
- Marymoor Park - Off leash park (large), water access, regional draw
- Golden Gardens – walk along water
- Green Lake
- [Issaquah] highlands [development]
- Grand Ridge Park – swings for adults and kids
- Portland, OR – Selwood and Oaks Lakes
- Richmond, BC – hockey (3), basketball, pools (3)
- Crossroads – Chess board, stage
- Stanley Park, BC
- Grand View – views, biking trails, clear area
- Lake Sammamish State Park – [add] zip line, all ages, glides, swings
- Sports Cage on Park Drive – soccer, close by
- Central Park / South Pond – beautiful, identifiable, wide flat trails, picnic shelter, track
- BPA trail - secluded, not too many people
- North Ponds – favorite park, bridge lot of room, not too many people
- Kapiolani Park
  - Summit Park – slides, open, hide and seek, cable climbing, diversity of activities
- Kreuger Park – wildlife
- Mount Si – nice climb
- Grand Ridge Park – long hikes
- Luther Burbank Park – variety of activities

3. What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

- Balanced
- Connected
- Vibrant
- Safe
- Accessible
- Parking
- Trees
- Maintained
- Year-round
- Diverse
- Take advantage of natural surroundings
- Hang out space, meeting place for friends and youth
- Sports
- Educational – wildlife (protections, corridors)
  - Play safe
  - Docents
- Parks are:
  - Core
  - Interface between rural/urban to create perfection
  - Cultural gathering spaces
Music
Covered spaces
Band shell
Poetry
  o Our [Issaquah’s] identity
  o School / parks / city cooperation
  o Regional draw
  o Economic benefit
    ▪ 1st stop from Seattle
  o Bike trails
- Place where families can enjoy each other / family oriented
- Intune with nature
- Memorable / making memories
- Walkable- including trails
- Connected
- Getting to things in IH
- Safe
  - Not all parks are alike / variety
  - Unique play structures – not things you’ve seen
  - Views while you are doing stuff
  - Climbing - ropes, ladders, bridges, walls
  - All-weather activity
  - Sun, sails for summers shade
  - Environmental leadership
  - Quality of life
  - Swings

4. Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

- Multi-use indoor soccer / batting cages / indoor spaces / music / all in same building
- Driving Range
- Parks transportation system – Senior center
- Performance space – sound system, shell
- Mountains to Sound connection from Bellevue (towards East)
- Dog Park –
  o Like Marymoor
  o Off-leash trail – safe from roads
  o “Cage”[?] update with better surface
- Water park (like Krock Park, Portland, OR)
- Partnerships
  o Cafés within park
  o Bike rentals (like Green Lake)
  o South Dallas incubator space
- Interconnected
- Public square (East Gilman)
- Year-round Farmer’s Market
- Invasive elimination
- Trees
- Communication on where parks are
- Picnic shelters
- Panic button in parks – emergency system
- Open vistas
- Walking Trail from Lake Sammamish State Parks through city to Tibbetts Valley Park (cross I-90)
- I-90 LID park
- Trail not divided – water flows to Lake Sammamish
- Highlight parks with an event
  o For seniors
  o Concerts at different parks
  o Trails connecting from Talus and other areas (network)
• Art in Park  
  o Different types of parks  
  o Economic vitality
• Squak Mountain hiking trails – across hillsides  
  o Amenities in park  
  o Connections to valley sidewalks
• Public/private partnerships at Lake Sammamish
• Landing spot near Lake Sammamish
• Boat use – kayaking
• Splash Pad / Pool / waterslide – outdoors
• Team activities
• Climbing – high adventure ropes course
• Covered [areas]
• Environmental education – Cedar River, rattlesnake, multi-use
• Putting green
• Speaker’s Corner
• Showcase local artists – artists wall (change it up periodically)
• Climbing wall
• Unique equipment
• Swings where you lay flat
• Forest around Central Park for slack-line / zip-line or hammock
• Parks near retail
• Concerts near retail
• Downtown Bellevue – parks, open, track, trees, so natural, dogs
• Trailheads at parks
• Trails – facts, information, maps and history
• Scavenger hunt, geocaching
• Bungee jump
• Community garden near shops
• Tubing year round- Scotland/Edinburgh

5. How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

• Enjoy getting there  
  o Great experience  
    ▪ When getting from park to park  
    ▪ Not sidewalks [but rather] like the highlands  
    ▪ Wayfinding  
    ▪ Protected crosswalks  
    ▪ Trees  
    ▪ Connected from Park and Rides  
    ▪ Aware of terrain
• Right park in right place  
  o Accessibility south and west (Talus)  
  o Near other amenities  
  o Near parking  
  o Communication between projects
• Knowledge of parks – better communication
• Highlight of Parks in City communications (each month different park)
• Crossing at East Lake Sammamish / 56th / SR 900 / Issaquah Fall City Road
• Pickering Trail undercrossing (smells)
• Better access from Issaquah Highlands to valley floor (and visa-versa)
• Access from Issaquah Highlands to Tiger Mountain (improve)
• Issaquah Highlands food access to forest and trails
• Trails – [be] clear about length easy/medium/hard
• Website with information on what’s at what park and what ages it is suitable for, search by age / activity
• Walk to park
• Road have colors that lead you to parks – know where you are going.
• Easy to get between parks include people - Teens don’t drive / shuttle in certain season
6. What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

- Issaquah Highlands (8), Unincorporated King County, Squak Mountain (2), Newport Way, Tiger Mountain Road

7. What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

- Community gardens
- Fishing pond
- Driving range
- Musical fountains
- Hatchery – make more of a park
- Interface with State / Hatchery / other agencies / King County
- Seamless parks
- Education – volunteers
- Non-profit
- Partnerships (i.e. Fort Dent)
- Temecula, CA [create] at Front Street
- Gilman [make]
  - Pleasant walking experience
  - Move Gilman closer to I-90
- Hub interpretive center
- Selfie frame on Rainier Trail w/Rainier [in the background]
- Sustainable funding source
  - Creative
- Distinguish City users from regional users from funding perspective
- Shuttle 9but not all the time) to accommodate youth, pets, parents
- Memorable aspects – good memories with a place / resonate for lasting impact
- Unique names
- Diversity – activities, active, passive, trail activities
- Scavenger hunt, photo treasure hunt
- Get message out about pop-ups, fund, keep people engaged
- Contests, photos (for plan (?))
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Event Title and Location: WORKSHOP #4, Issaquah Valley Elementary, 555 NW Holly St, Issaquah, WA 98027, 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

Staff present: Jeff Watling, Jennifer Fink, Brian Berntsen, Ross Hoover

Attendees [Attendee names and subareas]:

Park Board: Brad Book, Linda Whitworth
Resident: Jonathan Stoverud-Myers, Kelly Heintz, Steve Pereira, Susan Fairchild, Paula Delucia, Barb Stevenson

1. Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

Strengths
- Natural Areas
- Habitat Protection
- Athletic Fields
- Play Areas
- East Lake Sammamish Trail is here

Improvements
- Maintenance / stewardship (trails/invasive plant removal) to maintain natural beauty and open space quality
- Lack of waste cans – both garbage and pet waste [in open space areas]
- Trailhead directions / wayfinding
- Parking [not enough] at High Point, South Tiger Mountain
- Off-leash areas for dogs
- Trailhead signage, restrooms
- Trail marketing
- Connections between valley – trails, crossings at roads, loops needed
- Artificial turf safety concerns [infill]
- Squak Valley South play equipment tube need drain holes in bottom
- Need to extend East Lake Sammamish Trail through Issaquah.
- Need to connect South Cove to Lake Sammamish State Park
  - Need east-west trail connection
  - Need I-90 Crossing to Lake Sammamish State Park

2. What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

- Lake Sammamish State Park
- Memorial Park – [kids are] free to play
• Cougar Mountain (natural place to get away)
• Any trail near [my] door – Access to hike, bike, run
• Discovery Park
• Snohomish Aquatic Center
• Confluence Park – natural
• Gibson Park
• Timberlake Park

3. What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

• Well lighted parks and trails
  o Lighting in parks addresses safety- safety
• Go big – be Seattle’s Trailhead
  o Support Seattle’s mountain habits – embrace it
  o This supports other things within the community.
• Regional Tourism
• Mountain Town
• Trail safety [campers in open space]
• Natural, natural beauty
• Connected
• Public access / alternative access (other than cars)
• Our [Issaquah’s] identity – trails, beauty
  • Mountain to Sound Greenway – [Issaquah] is the gateway to the foothills
    o The concrete ends in Issaquah
    o Identify as part of City’s branding
• Historical tours
• More ADA trails [for hikers of all ages] – like Around the Lake Trail
• Trail users land in Issaquah and use services here
• Inviting entrances to the city
• Define what a park is.
  o Create a guide
• Partnership / sponsorship of trails and trailheads
• Pot in parks? Pot park?
• More trails like Zoe and the Swamp Monster for families
• Issaquah Alps
• Tree City

4. Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

• Interpretive Center – watershed, wildlife, outdoor education
• Invasive removal
  o Volunteers
  o Signage at trailheads to encourage hikers to pull
• Dog waste stations at trailheads – bags and waste cans
• Promote Leave-No-Trace (pack it in / pack it out)
• Equestrian parks
• Goals in Park Plan turned into City ordinance / code to help achieve the vision
• Spray Park
• Aquatic Center
• Off-leash dog park
• Link green spaces – Winterbrook Farm
• Trail down SR-900 and Hobart Road
• Creekside park running through town
• Connection to Squak Valley Park
  o Add trailhead
• Prioritize maintain 50% tree canopy. For every tree cut down, there needs to be a requirement for tree replacement on that or nearby property.
5. How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

- Add gondola
- Alternate transportation options integrated with parks
- Access at south end of 96 Ave and Hobart
  - Private property encroachment onto sidewalks
- Balance sports and trails

6. What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

- Residents - Issaquah Highlands (2), Squak Mountain (1), Olde Town, Valley Floor southern edge (2)

7. What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

- Walk to pea-patch
- Add community garden in other parks
- Do not add mulch to compost at Confluence Park’s Community Garden
- Create a Park District within Issaquah School District
- Keep facilities open on weekend, holidays and breaks
  - Cooperate with school district
- Facility planning at Senior Center [growing out of space]
- When I think of “parks/trails/recreation” I think about more than planted parks for human utility, but tree canopy, wildlife habitat and open space.
  - Fear these phrases are being lost/replaced with “green necklace” due to development and tree loss.
- Need plan/coordination of ivy removal from trees or we will continue to lose trees.
  - Involve volunteers.
  - Prioritize and target areas.
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Event Title and Location: WORKSHOP #5, Pickering Barn, 1730 10th Ave NW, Issaquah, WA 98027, 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Staff present: Jeff Watling, Jennifer Fink, Brian Berntsen,

Attendees [Attendee names and subareas]:

Park Board: Brad Book, Linda Whitworth
Residents: Dave Kappler, Greg Morris, Ken Esemann

1. Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?
   
   Positives
   - Fields for all sports (more)
   - Connectivity
   - Open Space next to public lands-
   - [Need to improve] interconnectivity with public lands
   - Fields at Talus / Squak / Greenwood Point for open play
   - Artificial turf fields at Tibbett’s Valley Park
   - Improve trails on parcel outside city boundary in Issaquah Highlands for flat trails for families
   - Central Park develop as a trailhead
   - Great potential at Lake Sammamish State Park

2. What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

   - Talus Open Space
   - Squak Mountain – Sycamore neighborhood Access
   - Margaret’s Way
   - Harvey Manning Park – improve, expand
   - Discovery Park Seattle
   - Lake Sammamish State Park
   - Veteran’s Memorial Field
   - Connectivity of trails
   - Robinswood – diversity of activities / options
   - Green Lake

3. What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

   - Safety – maintain it and plan for it
   - Ease of connection
   - Diversity of uses
• Fields and open areas for new apartment/condo residents
• Add recreation on roofs?
• Educate within the park system – awareness, wayfinding, interpretation
• Lake Sammamish State Park – maximize
• Issaquah Creek Trail
• Get mitigation fees with development
• Pedestrian bridge at Newport to lake Sammamish State Park
• South Cove walkway along Sammamish road
• Issaquah Alps and Open space
  o Issaquah’s Identity is attraction and Olde Town (small town charm)

4. Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

• SR-900 pedestrian crossing
• 12th & Cedar Trail connections
• Pedestrian bridge crossing at Transit Center at Maple
• Year-round bathrooms – placed in areas with connections
• Creative Playground features with a variety of play opportunities
  o Varying ages play opportunities [different than usual playground]
• View point seating
• Revision Veterans Memorial Field

5. How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

• Good city access
  o Locations of access need consideration
• Address I-90 crossings
• Revamp old Sunset bridge
• Open space is well used and trails
• Connections from Tibbetts Valley Park to Squak Mountain
• [Create] hub that branches out 360 degrees to access all areas of the city [nexus]
• Shuttle to PooPoo Point

6. What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

• Old Town, Squak Mountain (2)

7. What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

• Keep acquiring creekside land – preserve [for future]
• Enhance partnerships to leverage action and funding
• Volunteerism – engage stakeholders
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Event Title and Location: WORKSHOP #6, Sunset Elementary, 4229 W Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, Bellevue, WA 98008, 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2017

Staff present: Jeff Watling, Jennifer Fink

Attendees [Attendee names and subareas]:
Park Board: Brad Book, Linda Whitworth
Residents: Jil Sather, Jon Fischer, Mary Lynch (left meeting)

1. Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

- Tibbetts Valley Park receives high use
- Big Tree Trail receives high use
  - King County proposed trailhead is good.
- [I] use parks for solitude
- Issaquah Alps – hiking
- Street walking
- Good natural areas

2. What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

- Tradition Plateau
- Lewis Park – Bellevue
  - Diversity of use
- Issaquah’s unique surroundings are special
- Trail sharing (hike/bike/etc..) – experience needs are different
- Green Lake
  - Diversity of use / opportunities
  - Feels open
  - Neighborhood feel
  - Food / shopping nearby
- Grandview Park
- Point Defiance – setting / vistas
- Seward Park
- Brooks Memorial State Park – rural / meadows

3. What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

- I live here because of Issaquah’s parks and trails
• Solitude
• Interconnectivity
• Multi-modal trails [that are] off right-of-way pathways
• Balanced
  o Active / passive
  o Formal / informal
  o Diversity
• Lake to Lake connection
• Safe / Safety

4. Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

• Dog Park(s) – off-leash
• Creek Viewing Areas
  o Wildlife – (eagles/osprey/bird)
  o Natural areas
  o Conservation
• Valley (creek) trail
• Parks have a seat at the development table
  o Help with green necklace vision

5. How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?

• Bus Service to trails – Transit
  o 210 service was lost
  o 200 service is used [different area access]
• Parks – Hold on to
  o Parking = Transit = Trails - Balance within park system
• How to travel “off-road” within the city
• Rainier Trail Image by community center – safe feel?

6. What’s your relationship to Issaquah? In what area of the City do you live or work?

• Residents – Newport Way (by Gateway development)

7. What other thoughts about Issaquah’s parks and trail system would you like to share with us?

• No answers.
PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN
Public Engagement Questions

Listen and Learn Workshops
March 21, 2017 – April 6, 2017
issaquahwa.gov/parksfuture

1. Concerning our community’s existing parks and trails, how are we doing? What are the strengths? What needs to be improved?

   There are individual trails, can trails be linked together/connected.

2. What are your favorite parks and trails? Why?

3. What’s your vision for parks and trails in Issaquah? What words/phrases would you use to describe your ideal future park system? How important are parks and trails in your life?

   "Natural beauty", "Public access", "Issaquah Alps", "Tree City"

4. Dream big! What’s on your wish list for Issaquah’s parks and trails? (Please list specific projects and/or priorities.) New parks? New amenities? Reimagine existing parks and trails?

   1) City of Issaquah prioritizes maintaining 30% tree canopy. For every tree cut down or lost, there needs to be a requirement for tree replacement on that or nearby property.
   2) City of Issaquah allows staff to waive tree retention requirements, remove this from law.
   3) Variance can be given for steep slope building, ability to grant variance should be removed.

5. How is access to Issaquah’s parks and trails system? How can we improve your park and trail system access from your area of the city?
APPENDIX C

Phase 1 Social Media Comments
City of Issaquah
City of Issaquah shared their event.
What's your vision for Issaquah's parks and trails? Tell us! If you can't join us in person, share your ideas online: http://bit.ly/2n91nRa

Workshop: Your Parks, Your Future
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Issaquah's parks are your parks — help shape your future!

As our community evolves and our needs change, we're working with residents, visitors, and other park and trail users to set our vision for future investments in Issaquah's parks, trails and open space.

You're invited to join us in person and share your ideas for your parks and your future at a series of community workshops.

To ensure our parks system is best positioned to serve our community's future needs, we need your input! The initial phase of the process is called Listen & Learn.

We want to hear from park users of all ages.

As we work with our community to create the vision for Issaquah's parks system, your ideas are vital. Dream big!

You're also invited to take a few moments to answer some open-ended questions and outline your vision for Issaquah's parks, trails and open space. Survey: http://bit.ly/2n91nRa

at 4:15:36 on 4/01/2017 UTC
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At 4:16:39 on 4/01/2017 UTC

Bill Tashima Why in Bellevue?
at 4:38:12 on 4/04/2017 UTC

City of Issaquah - Government
We've received some great ideas from our community so far — including a desire for a new dog park. Now it's your turn: Share your vision for Issaquah's parks and trails!

What's Your Vision for Issaquah's Parks and Trails?
peakdemocracy.com

Engage Issaquah! gives residents a convenient way to have a voice in Issaquah decisions.

At 0:47:25 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Lee Anna Hayes Stupid fix the roads people
at 4:26:41 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Ron Davis Fix the roads. Traffic sucks here now. And bring back plastic bags at the stores. Freakin snowflakes. Make Issaquah great again.
at 4:54:34 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Version: Current

Lisa Minkove Have a dog agility area!
at 5:24:49 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Ron Davis Not with my tax dollars. If people want a dog park, let them pay for it. There are more important things to use our tax money on. If you want a dog park, go to Kent. To Reber Ranch. They have a great one. Not paid for by peoples taxes.
at 7:23:32 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Gail Robbins Lazar Walla Walla Point Park in Wenatchee is a beautiful park on the lake there, stunning. My wish is for Lake Sammamish State Park to be as equally planned, developed and accessible:
http://www.chelanpud.org/parks-and-recreation/our-parks/day-use-parks/walla-walla-point-park
at 13:20:25 on 4/25/2017 UTC
Cyndi Galpin Skvarch  There's a dog park in the Highlands
at 15:19:54 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Sheryl Cope  Dogs are showing up in places where they should not be-- restaurants, grocery stores, banks,...EVERYWHERE! Can there be a way to legislate consideration for allergic and dog-fearing people to have the right to go to a restaurant without encountering a dog at the next table?
at 15:22:25 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Mary Geneva Hall  My vision is soft surface shoulders connecting all the parks in both Issaquah and Sammamish.
at 15:25:16 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Eva Lee Parker  Dog parks require vast areas, (my research says not less than 2 acres, preferably 5) with water access, as well as being pleasant for dog owners....please consider this, as well as NOT displacing an existing kids playground nestled amongst homes like Kkahanie has been talking about....REPLACING KIDS N'HOOD PARKS WITH A DOG PARK IS OUTRAGEOUS!
at 16:22:45 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Eva Lee Parker  Robinswood, Beaver lake and Marymoor....not that far
at 16:24:50 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Laurie Carlisle Wilson  We love our dogs and need an off leash park for them. As an agility person it would be great to have an agilitty arena.
at 17:58:50 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Dave Wright  Since we aren't taking care of traffic (bypass) and focusing on puppy runs - How about a slip and slide from Zeeks to Starbucks in the Highlands? Of course we need a tow rope back to the top.
at 21:11:11 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Dasharian Young  Yes, you can stay at home....lol jk
at 21:14:16 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Dasharian Young  Work with local dog daycares like blue dog or motley's rescue or issaquah pure bred to develop a dog park or leash free runs. One for dogs under 15 lb one for big dogs. Beaveralake has one. that's esthetically pleasing & financially humane to homeless dogs & non profits
at 21:16:12 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Gail Robbins Lazar  "Share your vision for Issaquah's Parks & Trails"--I think you are barking up the wrong tree. Maybe speak with chamber of commerce about "your vision" re everywhere--cuz dogs belong in the parks we are envisioning in this thread. With all due respect.
at 21:16:35 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Sheryl Cope  Gail Robbins Lazar So sorry, Gail, I guess I didn't read the article closely enough to see it's focus was just parks and trails.. My apologies. Unfortunately , I have a deep-seated dog phobia from a childhood attack, and so this is a sensitive issue for me. So regarding trails, I do wish that people would respect the leash requirement on trails that are marked as leash trails. I would love to feel free to use our Issaquah trails, but I don't go trail walking, for fear of coming across unleashed dogs. That would be my "vision" -- that dog owners would abide by posted signage so that we can all enjoy the trails.
at 21:28:05 on 4/25/2017 UTC
Erin Perea  I'd like to see more things for teens and families to or to fix our traffic first.
at 22:59:28 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Caitlin Mathis Isn't there an off leash park in the Highlands? I mean sure a second one would be nice but shouldn't be a high priority if one already exists.
at 23:27:06 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Caitlin Mathis Is the one in the Highlands not there anymore?
at 23:28:29 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Ron Davis I don't know, but the city likes to waste our money on stupid stuff instead of things we need. Just like Seattle
at 23:33:38 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Jennifer Regis Bishop We need a splash park or some kind of fountain the kids can play in during the summer.
at 23:57:05 on 4/25/2017 UTC

Drew Danger Thanks for asking! Would love an outdoor work out station up in the highlands again, I miss the one we used to have
at 0:23:52 on 4/26/2017 UTC

Randi Krall With ya on this apparently everybody should loves dogs ( I personally do) but for crying out loud they do not need to be literally everywhere which it seems like that's what's it's come down to because "if I can be there or if you want my business my dog/ pet needs to be with me" getting a wee bit out of hand
at 1:24:44 on 4/26/2017 UTC

Denise Darnell Stop development at roundabout by 228th!!!! Please don't cut the trees down!!!
at 6:38:31 on 4/26/2017 UTC

Hayley Rose Carrier My vision is for lake sammamish to have a biking/walking trail that goes completely around it--if that's possible. Now it seems that you can only bike through a small section near the beach and then head through the parking lots.
at 13:59:47 on 4/26/2017 UTC

Meaghan McConnell Alycia Long one good thing
at 15:00:19 on 4/26/2017 UTC

Dave Cross 12thoi
at 17:19:14 on 4/26/2017 UTC
City of Issaquah - Government

So far, we've heard some great ideas from our community — including a dog park, splash area and more trails. Now it's your turn! Take our brief survey and share your vision for Issaquah's parks and trails.

What's Your Vision for Parks and Trails?
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at 5:34:16 on 4/28/2017 UTC

Version: Current

Randy Agnew  Forget the parks MAKE WIDER ROADS or more, IT'S like a parking lot from Issaquah, to hi-way 18.
at 18:18:56 on 4/28/2017 UTC

Version: Current

Alex D LaBarba  Put a fence around the perimeter of the baseball fields.. with various gates. So we can use them as off leash dog parks.. When the kids are not playing.
at 20:42:21 on 4/28/2017 UTC

Version: Current

Julie Mendez Peters  Beaver Baseball park in Sammamish managed to put in an off leash dog park why not Tibblits in Issaquah. It big enough. Thanks for asking.
at 22:27:19 on 4/28/2017 UTC

Justin Muir skatepark
at 22:41:32 on 4/28/2017 UTC

Dave Harmon  Forget putting more money in parks fix the traffic issues.
at 23:35:01 on 4/28/2017 UTC
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Sara Mularoni  Mark Mularoni
at 2:50:38 on 3/11/2017 UTC
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at 1:22:16 on 3/11/2017 UTC

Efren Rivera  Steven we should go
at 3:34:04 on 3/11/2017 UTC
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Julie Mendez Peters Issaquah needs an off leash dog Park. How about the park across the street from the Pancake house. Thanks for asking.
at 7:27:17 on 3/21/2017 UTC

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at 23:15:44 on 3/22/2017 UTC

Jere Julia Stille  I'd love to see Splash park for young and old put in!!!

at 20:32:34 on 3/24/2017 UTC

Cecily McDonald  And a pancake house!

at 22:09:57 on 3/24/2017 UTC

Julie Mendez Peters  Off Leash Dog Park.

at 22:16:06 on 3/24/2017 UTC

Jere Julia Stille

at 22:19:26 on 3/24/2017 UTC

Edwin Cornejo  Ihop and creek!!!! Next?!?! Idea? How about fix trafic n stop building more houses we dont need!!

at 17:15:45 on 3/25/2017 UTC

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What's your vision for Issaquah's parks and trails? As we work with our community to create the vision, your input is vital. Please take our brief survey to share your ideas. Dream big!

Survey: Share Your Ideas for Parks and Trails
peakdemocracy.com

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Matthew Feldman  Why?  

Linda Martin  We need gentle, level trails for slow moving folks without pets. Help people with disabilities, the elderly, young children and out of shape cubicle monkeys to get fresh air, exercise and commune with nature too! With plenty of benches for resting. Like a nature trail around a lake or something.

Toby Turlay  Love the trails we have around Issaquah. Still have many to discover. Definitely lacking a dog park, like Redmond has, but grateful for what we have. A bit hard to find where the trails are.

Michael Ingram  Nope

Wes Robinson  A covered rock climbing wall for people to practice on while Washington sheds it’s water weight.
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City of Issaquah at Confluence Park.
As we prepare for exciting additions to Confluence Park, we want to hear your ideas for future parks and trails improvements throughout our community. Please take a few moments to complete our survey: [http://bit.ly/2n91nRa](http://bit.ly/2n91nRa)

Share Your Ideas: Shape Your Parks, Your Future

at 1:30:37 on 3/29/2017 UTC

Michael Still  Thank the good Lord Ed Murray is not your Mayor, or piles of garbage, human feces, used needles would be on your menu.
at 1:47:57 on 3/29/2017 UTC

Jere Julia Stille  For Goodness sake... can you Please put a Splash Pad, Fountain spray splash wall for the millions of families that live in this community!? Thank for your consideration!
at 3:25:58 on 3/29/2017 UTC
APPENDIX D

Phase 2 Public Engagement Summary

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Issaquah is undertaking a 2017 update of its Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan, hereafter referred to as the 2017 Parks Strategic Plan. A critical component of this Plan is identifying and articulating the community’s vision for its parks system. A key part of Issaquah’s 2017 Parks Strategic Plan is public engagement, to help identify and articulate the community’s vision for its park system. The public engagement strategy includes ongoing activities to communicate about the project, and two targeted outreach phases:

- **Phase 1**: Focused on generating ideas and vision for the parks plan. Goals include gathering ideas for subareas and gathering public input on major issues to be addressed. This outreach was conducted between February and April 2017.
- **Phase 2**: Gather public input on priorities for the Plan, and gather feedback on the final Plan. This outreach was conducted between October and November 2017.

This Public Engagement Summary provides a summary of all results received from **Phase 2** of the City of Issaquah’s public engagement activities related to the 2017 Parks Strategic Plan.
OVERVIEW

Survey Approach and Methodology

This online survey was administered between October 26th, 2017 and November 17th, 2017. Overall, 559 people responded partially or in full to the survey. The themes throughout were diverse, and represent a wide variety of priorities for future parks and trails development for the City of Issaquah. One of the overall themes was the attachment respondents feel to the overall feel and character to Issaquah, and place emphasis in conserving open space while providing more urban recreation experiences and trail access to outdoor recreation.

Areas of differences are found when looking at how to prioritize developed park space versus open space and trail development. Many are in favor of further developing parks in the Highlands. Many respondents noted their desire for more athletic fields and sports activities, while many others expressed their desire to keep athletic field development a lesser priority and rather conserve open space and further trail connections to the region. Other respondents felt Issaquah needs more dog parks or spray parks or other specific facilities. These variety of opinions and needs further reinforce some guiding principles of a balanced and diverse system.

Responses illustrate the amount of investment and passion respondents feel toward the City of Issaquah, its natural beauty, and its parks and trails system.

Analysis

This Public Engagement Phase 2 Summary includes key findings from the online survey given between October 26th and November 17th, 2017. The survey was hosted on the City’s Peak Democracy platform.

Data collected during Phase 2 is primarily quantitative, with some portion of qualitative, open-ended responses to questions. BERK Consulting conducted quantitative analysis to obtain trends related to community priorities for parks and trails in Issaquah. Theme analysis was used to generate key findings from the open-ended responses, and to display them in various ways, such as word clouds.

There are two main sections, beyond a few, optional demographic questions: The Priorities Exercise and the Budget Exercise. The priorities section has several multiple-choice questions related to determining priorities for future parks development. The budget section consists of an allocation exercise, where the participant is asked to allocate $100 in fictional money to five different categories.

The findings to the quantitative responses are shown in the below Survey Summary and Survey Results, with full responses to the two open ended questions found in the Appendix.

SURVEY RESULTS

Respondent Summary

In all 559 people respondents participated in the survey. Respondents were asked to provide limited demographic information about themselves to support survey analysis. This included age, gender, and location of residency. Because these questions were optional, many respondents didn’t respond to these questions or responded to only one or more of the questions. Findings related to respondents who participated in the survey, included:

- Of the 559 survey respondents, 192 indicated their gender. Of those 107 respondents indicated they were female and 85 respondents indicated that they were male.
- Of the 559 survey respondents, 180 indicated their age. Respondent age ranged from 15 to 85, with the majority of respondents
- Of the 559 survey respondents, 506 indicated their race and/or ethnicity, as shown in the chart below:

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- Roughly 83% of survey respondents listed their race/ethnicity at White. This is roughly 10% higher than U.S. Census, American Community Survey estimates for 2012-2016, which estimate Issaquah as ~71% White. This suggest an overrepresentation of white people in the survey data.
- Asians represented 13.1% of survey respondents, while the City of Issaquah is comprised of an estimated 19.4% Asians, suggesting an underrepresentation of Asians in the survey data.
- People of Hispanic / Latino origin comprised 3.6% of survey respondents, while Issaquah is comprised of roughly 7% people of Hispanic / Latino origin. Black or African Americans made up only 1.5% of survey respondents, which Issaquah is comprised of just over 3% Black or African Americans. (ACS, 2017)
- The above ratios suggest an overrepresentation of white respondents and an underrepresentation of racial/ethnic minority respondents.

- Of the 559 survey respondents, 505 indicated the number of children under the age of 18 living in their household. 86 respondents indicated that no children live in their household, while 419 indicated that one or more children live in their household. Most respondents (235) live in a household with 2 children.
- Of the 559 respondents, 301 indicated their residency. 116 respondents live outside of Issaquah neighborhoods and 185 respondents live within Issaquah neighborhoods.

Residents from “Inside Issaquah Neighborhoods” responded by indicated their neighborhood of residency from the list below:

- Inside Issaquah Highlands
- Inside Olde Town
- Inside Timber Lake Lane (South Cove)
- Inside Sammamish Beach Club (South Cove)
- Inside North Issaquah
- Inside Squak Mountain
- Inside Summerhill (Oakcrest)
- Inside Montreux
- Inside Sycamore
- Inside Central Issaquah
- Inside Providence Point
- Inside Greenwood Point (South Cove)
- Inside Meadows at Lake Sammamish (South Cove)
- Inside Atlas
- Inside The Woods At Issaquah
- Inside Talus
- Inside Timber Ridge
- Inside Tibbetts Creek Valley
- Inside Overdale
• Inside South Cove
• Inside Lindely Farm (Se 42nd St) (South Cove)
• Inside Meerwood (South Cove)
• Inside Newport

We did find that there were meaningful differences in the responses of respondents who indicated that they were from “Outside of Issaquah City Limits” and those that were from “Inside of Issaquah City Limits.” Because of those differences and the limitation that not every respondent indicated their residency, we have provided both overall results and results for respondents from both “Inside” and “Outside” Issaquah. Because not all respondents responded to every question in each exercise, we have provided a count of respondents (“n”) for each category within each question.
Priorities Exercise

Question: What are your top three choices from the following trail corridors? (map for reference)
Both overall respondents and Issaquah residents indicated a strong preference for the (b) Issaquah Greenway to be a priority for use and development with 68% of overall respondents and 72% of Issaquah residents putting the Issaquah Greenway in their top three choices. This shows the communities preference to first and foremost focus on local trail and recreating opportunities.

Additionally, 57% and 61%, respectively, listed the (a) Mountains to Sound Greenway Corridor Trail in their top three, showing that respondents also want to advance a regional trail system. This emphasizes the need for partnership with organizations outside of the City of Issaquah to achieve this goal.

Over half (56%) of overall survey respondents listed the (e) Central Park (Issaquah Highlands) to Valley trail connection in their top three, which shows a desire for connections within the City of Issaquah. However, Issaquah residents indicated a preference for a connection between Squak Mountain to Valley and Downtown.

Respondents from outside of Issaquah had the same general preferences as overall Issaquah respondents for trail priorities but with different preferences within the three categories, with 66% of respondents indicating a preference for the (e) Central Park (Issaquah Highlands) to Valley connection, 62% of respondents favoring the (b) Issaquah Greenway, and only 53% indicating a preference for the (a) Mountains to Sound Greenway Corridor Trail.

Question: Please select your top six choices from the following park reinvestments:
Nearly 70% of overall survey respondents listed (d) Central Park in their top six choices for reinvestment. This indicates there was a strong contingent of residents from the Issaquah Highlands participating in the survey, and that they desire more investment in that area of Issaquah. Both respondents from inside and outside Issaquah agreed that Central Park was the first priority for parks reinvestment.

(k) Front Street Park was the second most chosen park by overall respondents, with 46%, indicating the desire to have more investment in the parks serving central Issaquah. Residents from inside Issaquah agreed that Front Street Park (Issaquah Creek) should be the second priority for reinvestment.

Tied for the third most chosen parks are (i) Pickering Barn Park and (a) Tibbetts Valley Park, with 44% of respondents listing these parks in their top six. Residents from outside Issaquah felt that Pickering Barn Park should be second priority for reinvestment.
Question: What are your top two choices for the following athletic field improvements to serve current and future needs?

- **Lake Sammamish State Park** was picked by the most respondents (72% of overall, 59% of Issaquah residents, and 84% of respondents from outside Issaquah) as one of their top two choices for athletic field improvements. This represents a strong desire to have partnerships with the State Park System to better serve the community around Issaquah.

- Nearly half of respondents (46%) listed **Central Park Pad 2 Field Expansion** as one of their top two choices for athletic field expansion, again indicating and strong contingent of Issaquah Highland residents in the survey respondents. However, it should be noted, that most Issaquah residents actual favor athletic field improvements and partnerships with Issaquah School District, over Central Park Pad 2 Field Expansion.

- 41% of respondents showed an interest in leveraging resources within the **Issaquah School District**, and to invest in a partnership between the community and the district. This is a much higher priority for Issaquah residents than it is for those living outside of Issaquah.
Question: What are your top three choices from the following acquisition/preservation strategies?

- Over half of survey respondents (56%) chose Hillside Acquisitions as one of their top three choices for preservation strategies. Nearly tied as the second most chosen strategies are acquiring property for a Central Issaquah Urban Park (49%), and establishing the Mountains to Sound Greenway Corridor Trail (49%).

- In general, the results of overall respondents, Issaquah residents, and those from outside of Issaquah trend the same. That is, while there are some minimal differences in priorities, the top priorities are approximately the same.

Trends here show the community cares about the views/character of their community, and the desire to conserve views and character. It also shows the desire to have a developed urban park or plaza, and shows the importance of urban gathering spaces as well where there are limited opportunities to acquire land. The Mountain to Sound Greenway Corridor is a third most desired option for acquisition/preservation. These three choices show the variety of solutions to acquire and preserve land for different purposes serving different needs: open space, developed parks, and trails.
Question: What are your top five choices for new City parks and amenities that further expand and diversify our parks system?

- **Improving / Expanding Trailheads** was the most picked choice for a new City park, with 49% of respondents picking this option.
- Adding **Additional Park Amenities**, the **Central Issaquah Urban Park**, and creating a **Spray Park** were all nearly tied for the second most picked option, with roughly 45% of survey respondents each.
- The **least chosen** option was creating **Gateway Park / Newport Park**, with only 13% of respondents choosing this option.
- Again, the results of overall respondents, Issaquah residents, and those from outside of Issaquah trend the same.

The top responses to this question are very close, and shows the diverse opinions and priorities within the Issaquah community. The top choice of improved and expanded trailheads affirms the theme throughout the other questions in which trail-oriented recreation is shown as very important to survey respondents.
Do you have any additional comments related to your priorities for Issaquah’s future parks system? (n=199)

Below is a word cloud showing the top 20 words listed within the open-ended responses to this question. With 199 answers to this question, the words fields, park, Issaquah, need, parks, and sports all were some of the most mentioned words. Throughout many of the responses, people mentioned sports and athletic fields as something they strongly desired.

The top words below do not necessarily represent the stated goals above. Given the responses to the questions above, words/phrases like trail, central park, open space seem less represented below than in the non-open-ended questions.

**Budget Exercise**

**Question:** We’re giving you $100 in Parks Bucks to spend! How would you allocate the City of Issaquah’s limited dollars? (n=494)

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<th>Overall Respondents</th>
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<td>Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space</td>
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<td>Additional Athletic Field Capacity</td>
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<td>Connectivity</td>
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<td>Development of New City Parks and Amenities</td>
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- The budgeting exercise shows an overall preference for athletic field capacity, followed by reinvestment in existing parks, and acquisition of open space. However, once we break down the results to look at the responses of Issaquah residents versus those living outside of Issaquah, it is clear that those living outside of Issaquah have heavily skewed the results toward investment in Athletic Fields.
- Issaquah residents priorities for spending limited parks capital dollars are much more balanced toward investment in all areas, with a preference for athletic field capacity, followed by acquisition and preservation of natural areas and open space, and reinvestment in existing parks.
Question: Please elaborate on your allocation

Below is a word cloud showing the top 20 words listed within the open-ended responses to this question. The similarities in top words to the word cloud above are striking, with fields, park, Issaquah, need, parks, and sports all showing up in the top listed words of both word clouds. Full responses can be found in the appendix.
APPENDIX

Do you have any additional comments related to your priorities for Issaquah’s future parks system?

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<td>Please build many more multipurpose synthetic athletic fields. There aren’t nearly enough to meet the needs of the growing population of kids in Issaquah.</td>
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<td>The kids need more field space for organized sports! Especially the artificial turf that holds up during the rainy months. And the ISC Gunners club should not have to use one field for six different teams at one time. Sometimes I see one football team of very young kids on a full field at Central Park (taking up maybe a 30x30 space) while literally hundreds of ISC Gunners kids are using the other field! Something isn’t right here...</td>
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<td>Improve Lake Sammamish soccer fields so 12-month year use</td>
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<td>I would like to see more multi use turf fields to enable sports (soccer, football, lacrosse, etc.) year-round given the often wet &amp; soggy fields we play on.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Need more soccer fields.</td>
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<td>Honestly, the trail systems are fantastic in Issaquah and I love how much the city values them. I’m and avid user and I’m completely satisfied with the attention they receive. However, the athletic play field situation needs urgent attention. There is an urgent need for more field space and lighting for some existing field space. We travel to many other regions and and see what other cities have done to invest in their play fields, and this is where I think Issaquah is falling behind. Its definitely good here but due to the rapid growth the fields are over crowded causing limitations on the training options for our youth. Its causing Issaquah to be at a disadvantage.</td>
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<td>The parking lot at Lake Sammamish State Park soccer fields is in desperate need of attention. My daughter plays soccer there. The parking lot needs to be paved and the flow needs to be improved. There are hundreds of kids coming and going at all times which poses a safety concern. Also, lights should be installed on the field for practices after dark. Thank you.</td>
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<td>Building and improving parks will be a waste of money if people can't afford to live here and/or traffic is so bad that you can't get to the parks</td>
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<td>Connectivity of the regional trail system should be high on the list. Not only is this a great asset to the community, it will bring more spending from people outside our area who would come to enjoy it. We need more and improved athletic fields to support our youth and adult sports programs.</td>
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<td>Family tends to be soccer focused thus additional soccer developments desired.</td>
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<td>Please first think about logistics: parking options and easy maneuvering around parking lots. Situation to get to and from the IHOP fields is crazy. Same for Central Park: you are creating fantastic fields: but there is lack of parking and the road to get to Central Park will definitely create chaos as it is too small at certain points for 2 cars to pass each other. Why not making the road a little wider??!! And please don't let cars be parked alongside the road once the fields are ready. Frustrating already without cars being parked there.</td>
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<td>To maintain the Issaquah Greenland the park system must protect contiguous green views along our major arterials.</td>
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<td>More $ and space for soccer and other turf activities</td>
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<td>We need a large dog park and bike trails that connect the valley to Tiger Mountain.</td>
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<td>As a mom of four children who all play sports we are in desperate need of more adequate athletic fields</td>
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<td>I wish we had a better pool! I have been to the pool only once. It is so outdated, and parking is awful.</td>
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<td>Existing and new Play fields need to be more self-sustaining since large percentage are used by regional groups who do not pay Issaquah property taxes. City code need to be amended so that new development is providing more park and community spaces for their occupants as well as be paying more of there share with new parks. City, Developers creating HOA’s and property owners with open space / native growth easements and forest lands need to have on going management plans to insure on going sustainability of property.</td>
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<td>Issaquah's unique geography and natural treasures are priceless. Continue to connect and improve trails, parks, neighborhoods &amp; the city to enhance livability, recreation for the residents while serving as a destination for tourists.</td>
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<td>Thank you for soliciting and getting residents more involved in building a better park system.</td>
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<td>Putting more focus on sports helps our kids and teenagers develop a healthier life style and for this we need more sports fields or upgraded sports fields to attract more players.</td>
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<td>Thanks again and let's add more to our sports fields to accommodate more kids.</td>
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<td>Would love a Dog Park in the Issaquah community. Should not have to go to other cities to use their facilities to exercise and walk our dog. Thank you!</td>
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<td>Turf fields that are LIGHTED are an excellent revenue stream for the city. More playing space is badly needed, and if you look to the example of Preston Fields, you can see what a money maker this could be for the city. It's a win-win!</td>
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<td>I like the idea of combining an off-leash area with a commercial business venture.</td>
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<td>Continued development of new and enhancement of existing athletic fields should be a high (the highest) priority. Athletic fields are the most in-demand spaces and we need to continue to invest.</td>
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<td>Focus on the downtown historic area. Make sure we keep this space natural looking and improve the parking and walking/trail options so that all have access to and THROUGH this important area of our community.</td>
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<td>Obtain help to maintain existing and future parks by developing volunteer groups with a city-led volunteer coordinator. This would also help develop a public that really cares about our parks by learning while doing invasive plant removal, restoration with native plants, litter removal, and maintaining wildlife corridors.</td>
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<td>We need more soccer fields in Central Park!</td>
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<td>I would love to see more fields with lights for outdoor sports.</td>
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<td>Improvements in Additional Athletic Fields - both at the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands would be nice.</td>
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<td>I would love to see continued improvements to both the South Lake Sammamish State Park &amp; Issaquah Highlands soccer fields - more space, more fields, better parking.</td>
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<td>We need more sports fields with turf and lights for our children. They are over crowded and they have to play so late due to not enough space.</td>
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<td>More turf fields!!!!!!</td>
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<td>As our population increases and the number of children in activities increases, we need more play fields to support youth sports</td>
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<td>In great need of more athletic fields and amenities at those locations, like bathrooms, and more/better parking. Lake Sammamish field's parking is horrid. An off leash dog park would be great too.</td>
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We need to invest in more turf fields that can accommodate sports year round. Sports teams in the area are having trouble booking fields for football, soccer, lacrosse and baseball. We also need to look at building a bigger indoor facility that can handle these sports as well.

With the ever increasing number of kids playing soccer and the already extremely crowded fields, the city needs to add lighted turf fields as well as grass fields.

PLEASE pave the parking lots at the LSSP fields...if there's a way to also improve the entry/exit across the IHOP, that would be very helpful!

Priority of programs for children over programs for adults
Enhanced athletic fields
Expand turf athletic fields
Expanded Turf athletic fields
LSSP should be a top priority. The fields are insufficient through most of the months of the year and yet get the greatest use to the greatest number of people. The parking lot is insufficient.

Let’s provide more spaces for animals and worry less about amenity spaces for people. There are lots of parks but few remaining spaces for wildlife to exist with us.

We need improved fields for soccer programs
Requesting improvements to and Additional Athletic Fields - both at the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands

Need more turf fields and tennis courts for family/sports use, with lighting to allow all year around use.

more trails
I would love to see more running trails and upkeep on them in Issaquah!

Very interested in turf fields at LSSP. It will have a significant positive impact for our family and man others!

We need to work with the state and school district to get better playing fields for our kids. Athletics is very popular here and there is a lack of turf fields to support our PNW weather.

More year round turf fields. They are full.

Do consider Off leash parks in Downtown Issaquah.

Issaquah needs more sports fields. Especially soccer fields.

As a father of two kids playing Issaquah Baseball / Softball and soccer, and a member of the Issaquah Little League board. I’m keenly focused on making sure they have the best possible facilities to use as they develop their mind, bodies and character as athletes and members of the community. Turf fields with lighting expand opportunities for play and help deal with our unpredictable weather.

The amount of space for youth sports teams is lacking in the Issaquah area - especially during the winter when all sports must move to Turf. More turf fields with lights would ensure the safety of all players as right now many fields are over crowded and spaces are being shared amongst multiple sports. Lacrosse and soccer should not train side by side. It is a danger to players who are not wearing helmets/protective gear. I've seen adults and kids get hit with Lacrosse balls while at soccer practice training side-by-side with Lacrosse teams - it was no fault of the lacrosse players, they were just trying to train. Nevertheless, the lack of field space creates dangerous environments for young athletes. More turf fields in Issaquah would be a tremendous benefit for our children.

Tibbets Park could be a great regional destination for baseball and soccer tournaments with upgraded facilities and turf. Invest in upgrading existing parks first.

I would like to recommend more public volleyball courts, especially in the Issaquah highlands, with turf fields and sheds / cover, we have a very strong girls volleyball community and kids have no public access to play...
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<td>We need more connectivity. Issaquah needs to offer more walkable and connected paths.</td>
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<td>I am inspired by the City of Issaquah’s work to restore our creek areas and connect our citizens to nature.</td>
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<td>Please expand the turf fields at Central Park Issaquah.</td>
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<td>Please expand parking for poo poo point trailhead and create a safe bike path between issaquah and renton, partnered with king county / get trucks off if may valley rd.</td>
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<td>we need to stop building houses until the residents that already live here have adequate parks and recreation for children and others.</td>
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<td>Issaquah needs more quality options for sports fields. The current fields at Lake Sammamish State Park are in desperate need of an upgrade. The parking lot is a danger with all of the potholes and needs to be paved. Fields are overcrowded making quality play and practice impossible.</td>
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<td>We need more turf play surfaces. With organized sports growing in this area, multiple sports are in need of more field space. This would truly serve the greatest number of people - football, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, baseball. Turf is really the only solution in our climate. Thank you!</td>
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<td>Please contribute money and resources to Lake Sammamish State Park. In particular, the parking lot is awful and congested and would greatly be improved if it could be paved. Also, the addition of turf fields at Lake Sammamish State Park.</td>
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<td>facilities are archaic, planning has not kept up with demand, shocked that fields have no lights or proper restrooms, the park planning needs to be better and keep up with the growth.... you are 10 years behind..</td>
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<td>Sports complex and additional spaces for all sports activities should be a priority to support the local schools and programs.</td>
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<td>More sports and green open space less construction where roads already congested</td>
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<td>I actually want ALL the choices mentioned especially on the trails and a downtown park. That sort of investment in Issaquah will differentiate the city for generations to come</td>
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<td>The top priority should be to define the specific routing and acquisition/easement/dedication needs to ensure the completion of the Green Necklace Trail system within the CIP. Without a defined plan it won’t happen. Development Services must embrace and ensure these trail linkages happen. That trail system must integrate with and connect to existing trails such as Rainier Trail, E. Lk Samm Trail, Issaquah-Preston trail, I-90 trail. The goal must be to create an inner urban trail network that facilitates easy access to bus and future light rail transit as well as for recreation, that also connects to the outer ring of trail systems on surrounding County Park, State Park, and DNR lands, as well as creation of detailed maps that show the linkages of the entire trail network and promotes Issaquah as a hub for locals as well as visitors who will contribute to the local economy and businesses. Trails and open space provide Issaquah’s primary opportunity for economic development and tourism!! need to ensure adequate parking / traffic flow. Turf and multi sport locations promote Issaquah economic benefits (visitors for tournaments, games, competitions, etc.)</td>
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<td>Ensure that parks have handicap accessible restrooms.</td>
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<td>Splash pad with lots of cool features. Check out the splash pad in Coeur d’Alene, ID outside the resort at the base of tubs hill.</td>
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The ultimate goal should be a series of connected parks, where feasible, that can be accessed via walking or biking. Continue to emphasize and enhance access to the natural beauty of our wonderful mountains, valleys & streams.

Improve field access and quality.

With the Issaquah highlands softball/baseball field when Special Olympics is using the fields 2 and 3 in the summer and it rains the field has standing water and some of the base become loose on the field which is a tripping hazard. At times the sign that says field reserved is not up and other people are using the field which then sometimes goes into our practice in the summer.

Thanks for letting us voice our opinion online. I like it!!

No

It is difficult to drive in Central park and near impossible when cars are parked on the street. The turf field construction changes to the road has made this MUCH WORSE. I believe we are going to have safety issues and congestion because of the tight spaces created. The road needs to be at least three feet wider. Drivers who park on that street will be unable to safely exit their vehicles.

It would be nice if their were larger speed limit signs and additional warning signs for drivers of children at play.

Would WAY rather see an increase and parks and preserved lands than further development of commercial and residential real estate in Issaquah. Fully support the purchase of land for parks and open areas, and I would pay higher taxes to see this happen...as long as those taxes are dedicated to this purpose.

We would love a splash park. The updated downtown park in Bellevue is amazing and we would love some of those features like the water part here.

Athletic field improvements should be a high priority, as should trail/connectivity improvements and hillside/viewshed preservation.

Our ISC Gunners Club currently holds a 20 year lease on the Lake Sammamish State Park Soccer Fields, and have been in discussion with the City of Issaquah for many years now, about the possible improvements that could be made - with the possibilities of adding new Athletic Turf Fields, a new and improve Paved Parking Lot, and new and improved Road Way Accessibility options. If the city is looking for ways to improve, look no further than these fields, which not only provide connection trails to the Lake and the park, but provide excellent space for sports and activities especially during the warmer months of the PNW. Turfing these fields would only extend their use by sport programs throughout the year, and would negate the need for continual watering during the summer. If we want to encourage our kids to get outside and try new sports, why not first give them a proper space to play in first?

Would love to have some off-leash dog parks in the downtown Issaquah area!

I have been very impressed with Bellevue’s new city park and how accessible it is. I don't have a child with special needs but after seeing the new park and seeing kids with special needs actually using it, I think this is the direction we need to go to support all families.

More Turf Fields !!

We would adore a spray park in Issaquah, even a small one!!!

A outdoor swimming community pool in highlands.
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<td>Create areas along the creek for humans to enjoy, less bushes blocking the creek.</td>
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<td>Support the growing needs for youth soccer - space, lights, parking!</td>
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<td>We value our experience with the Issaquah Gunners and strongly support their continued use of the field at Lake Sammamish State Park and would like to see those fields improved along with the parking area.</td>
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<td>I am a senior in high school, and I play soccer for the ISC Gunners. I think it is very important for the fields at Central Park and Lake Sammamish State Park to continue to develop so that we can create a great experience for young athletes trying to involve themselves in a community sport.</td>
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<td>Please add a dog park in the downtown Issaquah area!</td>
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<td>Please turf LSSP and Costco fields with lights.</td>
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<td>We need more turf as our fields are too soggy to play any sports or just play with kids. I prefer bigger parks rather than the little tiny parks that you can’t do anything in but walk through.</td>
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<td>Confluence park needs a reason for people to visit - how about a playground? Sports court? Something??</td>
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<td>Lighted athletic fields (artificial turf) is far and away what Issaquah needs most...</td>
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<td>Additional Athletic Fields for Lake Sammamish State Park &amp; Soccer Fields and Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands.</td>
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<td>Please update parks LSSP and Central Park for Athletics practice for kids.</td>
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<td>We need more turf please so kids can play outside in all conditions!!</td>
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<td>With whatever changes are made, please have utmost respect for our watershed and the great diversity of plant, fish and animal life that depend upon it. It is essential that we preserve the health of our environment.</td>
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<td>Frisbee Golf, Tennis courts, Basketball courts.</td>
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<td>Please consider building more turf fields for year-round athletic sports. Thanks.</td>
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<td>Turf soccer fields at Lake Sammamish State Park would be the best for us.</td>
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<td>I am a huge fan of parks and trails. I can find plenty of both in our city. What is in short supply is athletic fields that can be used year around.</td>
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<td>We desperately need additional turf fields in the area to accommodate the growth in youth sports - soccer, lacrosse, football, etc.</td>
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<td>We definitely need more turf fields WITH LIGHTS for year round sports use. LSSP, or Tibbets, or expanding at Central Park.</td>
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<td>An important aspect of park accessibility is vehicle access. Issaquah is becoming highly congested by vehicle traffic. Work needs to be done to reduce the difficulty in getting to and from parks by car.</td>
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<td>I would like to see the city purchase the Bergsma property on Newport Way to either prevent private development or make it into a park.</td>
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<td>We have many community parks with in Issaquah. We need to develop more athletic fields, or turn grass fields into turf fields for year round use. The number of lighted turf fields in Issaquah compared to number of kids participating in outdoor sports is very poor.</td>
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<td>Increase the number of turf soccer fields for the rapid growing demand in youth soccer.</td>
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<td>add new Athletic Turf Fields, a new and improve Paved Parking Lot to LSSP fields</td>
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<td>Improve and increase capacity of sports fields.</td>
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<td>I think the parking lot at Lake Sammamish State Park that is used by the soccer families should be paved.</td>
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<td>Fix the roads, or remove street parking at Central Park in the highlands. Fix the round-about in Central Park. Seriously. Fix the traffic problems at LSSP especially the soccer fields. Put in turf soccer fields and a parking lot at LSSP create a new exit or put in a roundabout in front of LSSP main entrance so people will stop turning against traffic.</td>
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<td>The kids are suffering with not nearly enough athletic facilities based on the number of kids that want to play sports in the area. This includes a lack of baseball and soccer fields, and basketball gyms. We desperately need more!</td>
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<td>Improved parking and turf fields at soccer LSSP.</td>
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<td>We need more soccer fields! Practices get so congested which puts pressure on traffic. Also better parking (more options, easier to get in/out) at LSSP and Highlands area. Would love to add turf fields to LSSP.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Currently LSSP Athletic Fields are usable only a few months a year due to lighting and weather conditions affecting the grass fields. Allowing turf to replace two to three fields with lights will allow more fields to open up during peak fall, winter, and spring multisport seasons (football, lacrosse, soccer) and ease the heavy congestion issues local fields currently face. With an improvement to the LSSP fields' parking lot, we can ease congestion during use as well.</td>
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<td>Our children and families are served poorly with regard to the availability of athletic fields.</td>
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<td>I think Lake Sammamish State Park is a hidden resource that could prove to add a lot of value to the future of Issaquah</td>
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Your Budget

Alex Cunliffe outside Issaquah Neighborhoods

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$100 Click to see how I would allocate

As Director of Soccer Operations & Head Coach for the ISC Gunners Soccer Club (formerly Issaquah Soccer Club), with approx. 3000 players in our Club each and every year, it is imperative that Additional Athletic Fields are provided in the Issaquah/Sammamish area. I have do doubt there are other needs for the City of Issaquah, but please invest in youth sports, in our youth, and in the rapidly growing population, by providing the appropriate and required Athletic Fields. There are lots of options - not least - the development of the Lake Sammamish State Park Soccer Fields. Thank you for your consideration. Alex Cunliffe - alex.cunliffe@iscgunners.org

Issaquah Highlands pays a lot of property tax but has very few city amenities and really needs a swimming pool and community center
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<td>Put money into making a couple of playgrounds REALLY fantastic instead of a little money into a bunch of playgrounds that end up being marginal. Parents want to go to their own city, instead of traveling to Bellevue or Seattle, to have a really fun experience for a wide age range of kids. Lake Sammamish playground is a good start, let’s add to it. Tibbets, to me, seems like the next most obvious investment b/c of the space options, already available amenities and parking. The playground there is really basic and only viable for very young kids (under age 8). There are so many families there for other sports already and now the skatepark. Let’s stand out, Issaquah!</td>
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<td>An outdoor pool would be awesome!</td>
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<td>Yes‐ provide a safe bike path / trail for families to bike from South Cove area to the state park</td>
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<td>Timberlake park would be an ideal Adventure Playground <a href="http://www.mercergov.org/Page.asp?NavID=2768">http://www.mercergov.org/Page.asp?NavID=2768</a></td>
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<td>Leslie Banic 425-445-3476 <a href="mailto:mltbanic@gmail.com">mltbanic@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>As the roads become more and more impassable, trail corridors will be increasingly important.</td>
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<td>Please improve Tibbots ball fields, grass is not mowed regularly, dugouts are flooded constantly. Also, please help with Dodd Field, really need real restrooms there. Heavily used fields. Thanks.</td>
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<td>park, mountain biking area).</td>
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<td>Please make it safer for those of us Squak Mountain residents who don't live in The Woods/</td>
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<td>Morgan's Ridge to walk to all the amenities you're considering in this survey. Separate the</td>
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<td>shoulder (where we have to walk) from the winding road by installing curbs or sidewalks.</td>
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<td>trailheads and the ones I use are very well maintained and developed.</td>
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<td>Please give South Cove residents safe walk/bike access to the city.</td>
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<td>Please build a decent dog park that people want to go to, like Marymoor! It is long overdue</td>
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<td>and Issaquah’s dog-friendly residents will happily form a stewardship group like SODA to</td>
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<td>help with maintenance. Let it be big enough and with trees and trails so humans can get their</td>
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<td>exercise too. Please also provide water service with it.</td>
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<td>east/west corridors to interconnect the park system with a central hub urban park. Dog</td>
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<td>I'm sure you hear it a lot, but Bellevue's parks are awesome, they do a great job. It would</td>
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<td>be a great goal to match their level of park quality: well taken care of, signage, lots of</td>
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We DO NOT need to expand pad 2 in Central Park. There is enough athletic capacity there already. If the region needs yet more turf fields then put them in Tibbets or Lake Sammamish, areas more centrally located to all. Central Park is too far up the hill, has no facilities nearby and the roads and parking are woefully inadequate.

What you do need to do is finish the undeveloped eyesore that overlooks Grand Ridge Elementary School and restore the passive activity area that was taken from the city residents when you converted the grassed area open to all into turf fields accessible to just a select few sports players.

When will the drainage issues in Grand View and Black Nugget parks be fixed?

Finally, lets finish the existing projects, and raise the quality of our existing parks (cleanliness, bathrooms, benches, maintenance etc) before we embark upon more new park development.

Get all of our parks up to a base level first. Garbage can, bench and 75% weed free. Then move on to other things.

Please consider updating Blackberry Park!

As the population increases, we need to provide all residents with a variety of parks (green space), recreational facilities, and associated amenities.

A dog park would be so great! And I know it would be extremely popular.

I believe we need both to work on interconnectivity to other areas (like Bellevue/ Factoria) and also to be developing, in keeping with the initial central business district vision (which we seem to have abandoned if the current developments are an indication), a livable, walkable, ‘playable’ central core - which must include sufficient green space to afford people the chance to relax and play.

Wheelchair/walker accessible.

Please do something different. Acres if park space go unused. Disc golf is a growing sport that uses the natural forested landscape and is not considered developed land use. Put a course in, especially a good one and people of all ages will come and play daily. At least look into it. Please!!

We would like to see a playground a Technician hillside park.

Parks are extremely important, please build.

Please do not build an Elementary on the Hill, a park is way less dangerous to the kids and the Hospital.

#1 priority for our family is adding a off-leash dog park(s) for Issaquah. Providing safe trail systems that connects all corners of Issaquah.

I really like your approach and this aligns with the discussion I heard at the last Parks Board meeting. The dog park is #1 priority without a doubt, and please include Bernten Park in your plans. It’s a great space just sitting there with no one using it.
Do you have any additional comments related to your priorities for Issaquah’s future parks system?

None

I think more catering to older kids and teens. Plus adult fitness. We like to play too!

I very much support the expansion and enhancement of parks proposed/cited in this survey! Many questions reflect top 3/5/6 priorities, but the #1 priority from my point of view is establishing a West Highlands Park of significant size. Both for the multitude of walking-distance residences near by and because the unusual nature of a very large yet already deforested area of flat land in the city. To manage traffic and quality life issues, a park of significant size and NOT dominated by sports fields should be the top priority.

Put developers on the hook to provide more parks and green space; or at least fees to offset park development.

No

As just mentioned...would love to see construction acceleration of the trail system between the post office and the Costco area - it's a major "throughway" for walkers and cyclists.

Yes, thank you for your time. I really enjoy using our parks with my family and am very hopeful to see existing city lands improved and expanded especially near our rivers. Please connect properties and add additional lands now while still possible.

Please elaborate on your allocation. (Budget exercise)

It's great when trail systems can connect with each other. I love living somewhere I can walk with my kids so many places on safe trails, and far from cars.

There is always a need for more sports fields that can be used year round, I expect the need will only continue to grow.

I love sports courts near schools. For years my kids played sports every day after school on the Park Drive sports court near Grand Ridge. It's a great way for kids to connect and exercise after school.

The kids need more field space for organized sports! Especially the artificial turf that holds up during the rainy months. And the ISC Gunners club should not have to use one field for six different teams at one time. Sometimes I see one football team of very young kids on a full field at Central Park (taking up maybe a 30x30 space) while literally hundreds of ISC Gunners kids are using the other field! Something isn't right here...

Need more field space for sports

Please improve the soccer fields at Lake Sammamish State Park to turf. Also, add more turf fields at Central Park in the Issaquah Highlands - multi use for soccer, football, lacrosse, etc.

Your existing parks are great! Need more soccer fields!

Tired of development in and near our homes. Preserve the beauty of our community and the homes of our wildlife.

You already own park property and it is probably easier to expand at existing sites. The infrastructure is in place you just need to add on. Spending a majority of your money to expand access and capacity seems like the best use of money.

See more fields as highest priority (mostly focused on soccer)

Addition of a off leash dog park close in downtown or along Lake Sammamish.
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<td>We already have sent a lot of money on existing parks and development needs to be paying for new parks. We need to be buying forested hillside and more creek side buffers to save and preserve the nature of the Issaquah</td>
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<td>Partner to develop a year round multi-use athletic complex for soccer, etc, at Lake Sammamish State Park. The current facility is significantly underutilized due to our weather. Enhance and improve Lake Sammamish State Park to bring soccer tournaments, lacrosse tournaments, etc into the city of Issaquah instead of sending our community's children and parents to Tukwila, Redmond and other locations.</td>
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<td>I would like to see improvements to fields and parking lot at LSSP state park grass fields and additional turf fields at Central Park</td>
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<td>The field space is too crowded and in poor condition. There is an unfair allotment to some sports (i.e. football or lacrosse), which soccer players have to squeeze into tiny spaces risking injury to themselves, or be forced to play late into the night... practicing until 9 pm on a school night is way to late for children under age 12!</td>
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<td>Athletic fields can get so crowded! I'd love to see more fields added, including lighting.</td>
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<td>I agree with a broad based plan, addressing most/all of the areas you've mentioned. That said, field space is the most in-demand space and we need to continue to build/develop safe places for children (and adults) to participate in organized activities.</td>
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<td>We have a lovely growing sports culture in our area. Such an amazing way for youth to gain positive skills in team building, health, etc. We need to ensure there is space for all of these teams to have the necessary fields to play!</td>
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<td>ISC Gunners is over capacity in demand yet compared to other regional teams/cities, the fields have been underinvested in by the City of Issaquah. We need more fields!</td>
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<td>I would like to encourage the City to purchase Tract H on the south side of Park Hill. This would help provide legal access to the 12.26 acre open space, and enable the possibility of a future trail, if that were later deemed desirable. It would also help maintain part of a wildlife corridor between Issaquah Creek and the plateau.</td>
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<td>This is a difficult question to answer without knowing how much each option costs and how much total money is available. For example if $100 is required for &quot;Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space,&quot; then I'd allocate all $100 to that. Without knowing whether multiples goals can be achieved within a limited budget, it is difficult to know how to allocate dollars.</td>
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<td>As a soccer parent, I'd vote for increased investment in youth soccer fields, parking, etc.</td>
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<td>As a soccer dad and coach, and in a community filled with soccer players, our parks are insufficient for the needs. Essentially the entire fall and winter and some of the spring the fields are unusable. The children cannot effectively play the game, which puts them at a disadvantage to other districts and cities that have invested the resources. Lastly, money should go to the greatest need and per capita this impacts the most people.</td>
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<td>Our community benefits from athletic fields, places to foster community cohesion, healthy lifestyles, and reduce the need to travel distances for youth sports.</td>
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<td>I also love the existing open space, trails and want to fund to continue to Maintain and expand those.</td>
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<td>We desperately need more athletic fields to meet the growing demand from all sports - soccer, lacrosse, football, etc.</td>
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<td>As a parent of two children involved in the ISC Gunners and Issaquah Little League programs, I'm interested in more turf fields, so the kids can play on better fields in more weather conditions.</td>
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<td>There is a great need for new turf fields. There seem to be more users of existing turf fields each year. My daughters have been playing with Gunners for 4 1/2 years. The club is growing but each year they seem to be pushed into a smaller space. No doubt other sports clubs have had a similar experience. Additionally, there are new sports clubs that use existing facilities. Additionally allocating of existing fields needs to be more fair and based upon numbers - I've seen about 100 Gunners players crammed into 1/2 of Central Park while about 25 players from a different club have the same sized space. This is inequitable and not a good use of existing resources.</td>
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<td>Reinvestment is existing parks would center on making Tibbets Park baseball fields state of the art with turf infields and spectator amenities. We traveled to Boise for a 16U tournament last year and were in awe of their facilities. Every one of the families asked &quot;why can't we do this at Tibbets?&quot; That facility could be awesome.</td>
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<td>PLEASE find a way to connect the South Cove area to the rest of Issaquah with a safe path. It doesn't need to be fancy just SAFE. Separating people from cars with just a curb would be fine. This was promised many many years ago and never delivered.</td>
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<td>Would love to see Turf pads added to LSSP and improved parking.</td>
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<td>Issaquah can and should be a regional mountain biking destination. &quot;Connectivity&quot; needs to be inclusive of all trail users.</td>
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<td>Not enough parking, Not enough fields for sports.... HUGE youth sports participants in the area and fields are not adequate.</td>
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<td>This land is dark early ... add lights and bathrooms..... rudimentary structure in place for sports fields</td>
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Issaquah needs to provide and focus on additional field capacity for sports to build more community, opportunities and strategic growth.

Improve Lake Sammamish State Park by enhancing the current soccer fields with state of the art complex for soccer & other sports. Our youth need space to practice and play during the 9 months of rain & grass fields aren't up to the challenge. Increase the local tax revenue by hosting soccer tournaments at the new complex instead of shifting events to Tukwila.

Development of new turf fields at IHOP and improvements

I would really like to see a huge focus on improving and expanding sports fields for the kids in the area. We need more and more of a year round surface like turf so the kids can play in the winter. Maybe even more important is to acquire new land as fast as possible so the rapid development does take over all open land. Thank you for sending the survey.

Let's preserve some open space while we still can. I would like there to be more capacity and services at the pool and even a second pool.

We have a lot of space already that needs significant upgrades and maintenance. Quality not quantity.

Reinvestment in Existing Parks - These should be fixed and maintained. A splash pad somewhere in Issaquah would be amazing.

Additional Athletic Field Capacity - The lack of artificial grass sports fields in Issaquah is RIDICULOUS! The majority of other cities in King County have multiple public use fields with artificial grass. Here is a list of fields that are unusable for 75% of the year: Tibbetts Park, Lake Sammamish State Park, Depot Park/Veterans Memorial Field.

Acquisition Haven't we spent enough money buying up waterfront?

Development - Not sure I would even focus here since we haven't been able to upgrade the parks we have to usable space.

We can always create new parks but we won't always be able to get the land. I think its most important to preserve our open space for our communities future.

I would like a basketball court and an additional tennis court in central park near the tennis courts. The tennis courts are often full throughout the highlands.

It would also be nice if some of that reinvestment into parks went into traffic safety. Like larger speed limit signs, and warnings of children at play.
Please elaborate on your allocation. (Budget exercise)

I am a 18 year old girl who has grown up playing soccer for 10 years now on the fields of Lake Sammamish State Park (what we lovingly call the "IHOP Fields). In part of my experience, I have seen firsthand the rapidly growing need for additional Athletic Fields in the area - be it improvements on current Parks & Fields, be it the addition of new Parks & Fields, or the redevelopment of the Lake Sammamish State Park Fields. Especially during the fall and winter months (when soccer must go on), when the heavy rains and snow soak the ground and cleats churn up the fields into an unsafe and unusable hazard, too many teams from multiple sports and clubs are left fighting for the tiny amount of turf field space that is left in the Issaquah Highlands area. Our soccer club, the ISC Gunners, holds a 20 year lease on the Lake Sammamish State Park Soccer Fields, and have been in discussion with the City of Issaquah for many years now, about the possible improvements that could be made - with the possibilities of adding new Athletic Turf Fields, a new and improve Paved Parking Lot, and new and improved Road Way Accessibility options.

With the city so graciously opening the floor to comments from the residents of the area, I am here to say that firsthand what our growing residence of children interested in fall and winter sports needs is a complex where they can come together to celebrate their love of the sport without having to worry about deterrents like field space and weather conditions holding them back.

I put more in the update exiting parks for bathrooms.

I put more in the new parks budget for a new spray park!!!

With the growth of Issaquah, there are more kids playing sports then there ever has been and with the population explosion we need more facilities to accommodate all the groups.

I think that everything is important. However, I believe that additional athletic field capacity should take priority. I am a senior in high school that plays for the ISC Gunners. Every practice, I deal with the issues of over 6 teams cramming to fit on one field. This hurts our development as players, and gives a negative experience to younger players that are just trying soccer for the first time. With more fields, we can get more youth involved in sports to help our community remain physically active and involved.

We need balance growth and development with connectivity and protecting the environment around us that makes this city and area so unique and beautiful. Similarly, we need to meeting existing activity needs as well as plan for the future for our youth’s health and many generations to come; we need indoor aquatics center, popular sport field such as soccer and basketball with multipurpose fields that are open to the public. Please add more cage like small soccer fields within neighborhood and in parks, expand soccer fields in central park, develop LSSP (IHOP) and Costco field to accommodate all year round activities. Including soccer, jogging track and basketball courts with lights.

There is currently insufficient athletic field space in Issaquah. Please consider additional all-weather (turf) fields at Central Park and LSSP.

In need of a large scale re-development of the Lake Sammamish State Park and Soccer Fields!! Add new Athletic Turf Fields, a new and improve Paved Parking Lot, and new and improved Road Way Accessibility options!

Please build more turfed athletic fields. This demand will only become greater, and turf makes the most sense.

Please start with turfing LSSP and Costco fields, and go from there.

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<td>Thank you.</td>
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<td>Improvements in Additional Athletic Fields - both at the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands.</td>
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<td>Please allocate for the Lake Sammamish State Park Fields upgrade and the Central Park fields upgrade</td>
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<td>There is a dearth of available athletic field space for all sports especially considering the explosive growth of organized youth sports in our community and throughout the country. It is EQUALLY IMPORTANT to make the proper amount of field space available for each entity. Far too often an entire field is reserved for a very small and/or young team of one sport while literally hundreds of other youth sports athletes are crammed onto a second field. LIGHTING as many fields as possible for darker months could also go a long way.</td>
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<td>Maintain enough in the budgets to take care of our existing parks and open areas. If there are any funds left, make more! Don't forget off-leash dog parks. Issaquah should have a really good one for families/dogs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Need to turf a few more baseball fields, spring baseball in this area can be a challenge. More running paths and parking near where the paths can be accessed.</td>
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<td>More multi-use turf fields.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Issaquah has great parks and trails. What we have can be improved to provide greater benefits that are more cost effective than increasing the number of parks and trails.</td>
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<tr>
<td>I think the city has parks, a concentration on the increased need for athletic fields and the supporting structure around it is key to supporting families. This is either through new fields or continued improvement for for fields to year round.</td>
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<tr>
<td>By obtaining more open space, it will hopefully contribute to managing growth and maintaining character.</td>
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<tr>
<td>We've brought in so much housing development, without the infrastructure to support the population growth. One of the things Issaquah and Sammamish are known for is their amazing parks. But accessing them is proving to be quite a challenge! We need better parking areas adjacent to the sports fields and rec areas, especially at the LSSP ISC Gunners lot, and the LSSP park around the corner. Both have been so crowded it's dangerous to walk kids through them. And anything we can do to preserve the natural areas/open space in the city is VITAL to maintaining a balance between growth and air quality, wildlife habitat and respect for this beautiful land we were given in this part of the country.</td>
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<td>Please add more capacity for youth sports fields.</td>
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<td>Please build more parks so that our children can play sports.</td>
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<td>Preservation is most important. Issaquah is unlike any other place in the Seattle- metro area and we need to keep it that way. Trailhead City, USA.</td>
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<td>I don't think that we need to acquire additional park space but rather redevelop existing parks to add additional fields with year-round use capability.</td>
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<td>I have never had difficulty finding a trail or space in a park in our city. I do experience difficulty finding quality year around athletic fields.</td>
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<td>Thanks</td>
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<td>Please elaborate on your allocation. (Budget exercise)</td>
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<td><strong>The gunners are getting larger every year but lack the field space to be as competitive as they could be without having to travel. They need consistency. The club has 3000 kids, most of whom live in Issaquah. It's just as much for the community as it is the club.</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>We are sorely lacking in field space for outdoor activities. There are lots of options, let's get working on them!</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Would LOVE more turf fields so kids can play all sports year round!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Most locations seem well serviced; but there are parks and facilities in need of work. For example my kids play soccer at Lake Sammamish State Park with the Gunners. The fields are not in good shape. Drainage is a problem and the grass surface has degraded. It's difficult to host visiting teams of a high caliber on the grounds.</strong></td>
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<td>The expansion at Central Park in the highlands is welcomed; but I'm concerned about lighting being provided on only part of the new surface.</td>
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<td><strong>Additional Athletic Fields - both at the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands is our priority and updating the parking and road access to LSSP</strong></td>
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<td><strong>We are in desperate need of more athletic fields... specifically turf fields that can be used year round. The limitations on field availability makes practice times very late for the kids.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>We need a decent aquatic center with lazy river and slides. Boehm is OK for lap swimming but is not a very nice destination to hang out with friends. Build a first class water park with a large door that can be opened in the summer months to connect to the outdoors.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Having space for all of our kids to enjoy the outdoor sports is a must! The lessons the learn by playing sports is invaluable.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Athletic fields are the highest priority.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Would like to see improvement of Athletic Fields and additional capacity.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>As a parent of a soccer playing children, I'd like to see the parking situation at the LSSP soccer fields be improved drastically. Beyond the simply parking, the exiting of the parking lot by IHOP is problematic as folks, despite the existing no left turn sign, continue to attempt to turn left. Some sort of physical deterrent such as a concrete divider would help but the reality is there isn't a great place to turn around en masse even if everyone turns right to exit the parking lot. The parking situation at Issaquah Highlands fields is not great and will undoubtedly be worse when the new turf fields come online.</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Lake Sammamish fields and parking area are in desperate need of upgrades.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>There is nothing more important than investing in our youth - and our fields are not adequate. please please please improve and increase field space and and lighting!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Youth Sports is an important part of the heath of the community. Even with the two new turf fields in Central Park, we are still short of available lighted/turf fields in the area for the Fall/Winter/Spring seasons.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I think we'd get the most value out of providing a dog park. This could involve enhancing an existing park or creating a new park. Having a dedicated park would help dog owners and non-dog owners who have expressed concern about dogs being off- leash in common areas.</strong></td>
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Please elaborate on your allocation. (Budget exercise)

As Director of Soccer Operations & Head Coach for the ISC Gunners Soccer Club (formerly Issaquah Soccer Club), with approx. 3000 players in our Club each and every year, it is imperative that Additional Athletic Fields are provided in the Issaquah/Sammamish area. I have no doubt there are other needs for the City of Issaquah, but please invest in youth sports, in our youth, and in the rapidly growing population, by providing the appropriate and required Athletic Fields. There are lots of options - not least - the development of the Lake Sammamish State Park Soccer Fields. Thank you for your consideration. Alex Cunliffe

Issaquah continues to develop with more land being used for residential and commercial development. At the risk of becoming like a Renton, Burien or Redmond, the city should seek to moderate commercial and residential development outside of planned communities and use zoning and other resources to preserve more open public space. Climate control includes preservation of green space.

I would like to see the current parks we have better maintained. I see trash lying around on the ground, landscaping is covered in weeds and not being maintained, plants are overgrown or dead; grass is brown, or dead or has weeds in it and is not nicely mowed or maintained; drinking fountains are clogged or don't work at all; I could go on and on. If the city doesn't have the money or staff to keep our current parks in impeccable condition, I can't see spending money on new facilities.

No need for more athletics there is enough. No need for connectivity, guess that means WiFi. Disconnect and relax! Preserve the beautiful spaces we have, like confluence park! It is great!

My input on adding some of my allocated budget to the "Development of New City Parks and Amenities" is focused on the hope for an off leash dog park to be added to our city. I thought this was the most applicable spot to put money toward that cause. My priority, where I spent the bulk of my money, is to spend the money to improve that which Issaquah already owns. Build up a couple of GREAT playgrounds and parks instead of putting a little cash at a bunch of them.

Land is at a premium. Any available land must be purchased now or it will all be gone in 5-10 years. Development of park facilities can come later.

Off lease dog parks are needed. One should have been included during the recent Confluence Park improvements.

More garden plots are needed with several plots being designated for Issaquah Food Bank and FB volunteers could take care of those plots.

I would like my 100 to go to an indoor tennis facility/bubble!

Expand the Chirico Trail/Poo Poo Point parking to allow more vehicles.

establish green spaces

Please improve access to the parks! For example, walking on squawk to parks on main roads like 12th ave and Mt Olympus is not safe! Cars, no matter the speed, cross over into the bike/ walk path. We have seen so many close calls, where pedestrians have jumped out of the way of cars. Please put curbs to separate the road from the bike/ people lanes! this is an investment in the community.

Outdoor swimming pool, covered basketball courts or multipurpose courts for year round activities

It’s time to upgrade Pickering Barn, a valuable asset. The barn is showing its wear and tear. And PLEASE add acoustic tiles to the dairy barn! Also, let non-profit groups rent the barn once a year at a much reduced rate.

Next time there is a bond request, include funds to build a new museum.
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<td>Our neighborhood near the state park, though a part of Issaquah, feels totally disconnected, and we'd love to feel more connected through accessibility and a safe way to get kids on bikes, strollers and scooters to the state park and near by businesses. Issaquah is known for it's open spaces and trails, and I'd like to see those preserved, improved and highlighted. I don't feel informed enough to know if the access to sports fields is a problem in Issaquah, so if I were better informed my budget may look a bit different.</td>
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<td>Build a modern aquatics facility with 2 50m x 25y pools. Get Sammamish and Bellevue to pitch in, as well as all the school districts. Make it an Eastside attraction.</td>
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<td>Issaquah is growing, protect the open spaces and expand our community space for people to gather</td>
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<td>I think the first priority should be to acquire and preserve land to protect it from developers.</td>
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<td>I think Issaquah needs a dog park in the valley, confluence park has the space but acquiring new real estate also works.</td>
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<td>Would love to see Issaquah purchase more and more real estate along the Issaquah creek and east fork creek, eventually being able to connect Lake Sammamish to Squak and Tiger mountain.</td>
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<td>Suggestion: more advertising about existing parks. With the loss of the Issaquah Press, and the Parks quarterly flyer, how do folks know about park options? I know little about Confluence Park except when driving by and thinking we need to stop some day.</td>
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<td>Dog Park(s)</td>
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<td>With all the development happening in Issaquah there's a great need to preserve existing green spaces and add more. Becoming a walk-about &quot;city&quot; is great, but there needs to be room for folks to breathe and see more than concrete and strip-malls.</td>
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<td>We definitely need more tuff fields for the kids to play on. The fields we have in Issaquah are in desperate need of upgrades. The soccer fields and especially baseball fields get extremely muddy and are unplayable at times. My son plays on teams that travel to other areas and they have beautiful turf complexes. Tibbets Park could be one of the best complexes around if it was all turf. It could hold soccer and baseball tournaments all year round.</td>
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<td>I tend to be fair and equitable. Even though my kids are still at home and utilize the playing fields the most, I recognize that not everyone is in my stage of life. I believe that allocating the funds equally among the five categories would ensure all demographics are represented.</td>
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<td>I have two boys who are active and love to be outside, but often the weather in our area prevents this unless there is a fully turfed field that is available. With so much focus on both physical and mental health with our teens today, creating additional fields that allow kids to get outside and exercise is a great investment in supporting these young members of our community. Keeping kids engaged &amp; involved in sports, both organized and recreational is essential as they grow into adults and helps keep them out of negative influences. It also teaches them many life skills, like working together as a team, problem solving and the benefits of hard work.</td>
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<td>I do not believe we need new park areas in the city, but the existing ones need to be improved and maintained with more open areas are protected for conservation.</td>
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<td>Acquire the Bergsma Parcel.</td>
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<th><strong>We need to reinvest in our existing parks, adding turf to those areas that are not useable in winter. A cricket field in Klahanie that has such a broad impact and is not mixed use, is not a good use of our existing resources. Finally, with the expansive growth we are seeing, we need to protect our natural areas/open space for the benefit of future generations.</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Have commercial developers build the new parks and athletic fields. Reinvest in our existing parks, improve connectivity and acquire space for the future. Connectivity should be focused on urban trails that can support a broader segment of the community.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>We need more Baseball fields with turf in Issaquah. I highly recommend turfing all of the baseball fields at Tibbets park. It would be a fantastic facility that could be used year round!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Central Park baseball fields 2 and 3 should become turf fields. Fields do not drain well.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>They are only usable from May to August.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>We have some great parks currently. I think there can be major upgrades to further make them better.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Top priority... preserve our existing natural hillsides.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>With the price of land going up, I think we should invest in property NOW which can be used in the future.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Emphasis should be on taking good care of what we already have before moving on to new projects.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Dog park please</strong></td>
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<td><strong>What is really needed is a safe walking trail from South Cove to Costco. The 18&quot; is not sufficient.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Development in Issaquah will continue to be the major factor regarding open space and access to it. Our identity is based on our environment. Our icon is salmon and our Chinook are a federally-listed endangered species. Orcas, a regional icon also listed as an endangered species, are uniquely dependent on Chinook as their primary source of protein. Issaquah has a unique opportunity to be a role-model in long-term habitat enhancement that should be synonymous with trails and connectivity of public access. We must think long-term and be a leader when it comes to fundamental factors in the health of the Northwest environment. Public funds should be supplemented by more volunteer work to restore critical areas and Issaquah government should also be more forceful in securing county, state and federal funding for its environmental leadership. This strong leadership is mandatory to maintenance and further enhancement of our treasured reputation as a place that simultaneously addresses the needs of its wildlife, its human residents and its visitors all of whom inevitably contribute to our local economy.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>We need to preserve our hillsides and open spaces and aquire more land in the valley/ central Issaquah for open spaces/parks and an off leash dog park. We need to focus on walkabiliy and connection of open spaces.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Create an off leash dog park in the Squak Mtn or downtown Issaquah area.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>More open space and reinvest in what we have should be priorities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Make what we have better.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Much more parking needed at Poo Poo Point! Veteran's Memorial Field needs bathrooms by the playground, and the bathrooms at the end of the Preschool building are torn up and lived in by homeless at night. Make this area safer for residents.</strong></td>
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We need to preserve our remaining hills which makes Issaquah special and unique for an urban city. Focus attention on the Central Issaquah plan for future development and obtain necessary open space for additional parks in growth areas. Connectivity of the park system through interconnected corridors will provide enhanced usage and limited street travel. We need a couple dog parks in the central valley to accommodate all the current and future residents that don't have yards. Add more art and interpretive elements to provide environmental and cultural education. More community garden opportunities. Capitalize on partnerships with the state park and non-profits to leverage overall improvements. Provide diverse "low hanging fruit" improvements over the next few years with available funds while planning for larger accomplishments in the future.

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<th>We need to maintain our existing parks infrastructure and finish the existing projects before we embark on new projects</th>
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<td>We must protect our remaining hillsides from Development as a top priority. Connectivity must be Trails and sidewalks combined to make a system in which it is a pleasure to walk.</td>
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<td>We need a dog park.</td>
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<td>Continue focus on connectivity. Create pathways and greenbelts along rivers and tributaries, for pedestrians and bicycles, with occasion spots for sitting, viewing or exercising. A &quot;green&quot; necklace around the valley area.</td>
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<td>The trail system, or should I say, pedestrian access throughout the city, and specifically between Lake Sammamish Park and South Cove communities is is need of development as promised at the time of annexation.</td>
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<td>New parks means that parks will be less crowded</td>
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<td>I would like to walk the parks and trails but need to use a walker. I could not find online what parks and trails were accessible and parking.</td>
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<td>I would like to encourage the city to make it easy for residents to travel from park to park by foot, and we very much need 1-2 off leash dog parks in the Downtown/Gilman/Squak/Oldtown regions of the city. Continuing to acquire additional natural green space would also preserve the city's character.</td>
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<td>Continue to make the parks great that we have and preserve space for the future.</td>
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<td>our athletic fields are always booked out so we need more! Its a great sign of a healthy future generation and it's where families unite and communities get to know one another</td>
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<td>I'd like to see a decrease in athletic field as a precent of budget and move more toward a holistic approach to parks as community spaces. Emphasis would be toward improving existing parks while expanding park footprints with an eye toward linking together parks with trails. For instance I would like to see a trail linking lk sammamish park and squak mountain and eventually tiger mountain. This trail should be similar to burk gilman in the sense that it links different areas of the city together in a way that is both recreation and transportation.</td>
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Please tell us your priorities for the Parks Strategic Plan.

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What are your top three choices from the following trail corridors?

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<td>57.9%</td>
<td>318</td>
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<td>b. Issaquah Greenway</td>
<td>68.3%</td>
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<td>c. Talus to Tibbetts Valley Park Trail</td>
<td>14.6%</td>
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<td>d. Park Hill to East Lake Sammamish Boulevard / Valley Floor</td>
<td>18.8%</td>
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<td>e. Central Park (Issaquah Highlands) to Valley</td>
<td>56.8%</td>
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<td>f. Squak Mountain to Valley / Downtown</td>
<td>43.9%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>6.2%</td>
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Please select your top six choices from the following parks reinvestments.

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<td>a - Tibbetts Valley Park</td>
<td>43.9%</td>
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<td>b - Veterans Memorial Field / Depot Park / Pedestrian Park</td>
<td>40.9%</td>
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<td>c - Squak Valley Park / Squak Valley Park North</td>
<td>21.5%</td>
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<td>d - Central Park</td>
<td>68.8%</td>
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<td>e - Timberlake Park</td>
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<td>f - Hillside Park</td>
<td>9.5%</td>
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<td>g - Confluence Park</td>
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<td>j - Ingi Johnson Park</td>
<td>12.5%</td>
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<td>k - Front Street Park (Issaquah Creek)</td>
<td>45.5%</td>
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<td>l - Lake Tradition Plateau / Park</td>
<td>29.7%</td>
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| Other                                                                | 8.4%  | 46   | See Exhibit B 

**What are your top two choices for the following athletic field improvements to serve current and future needs?**

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<td>Tibbetts Valley Park – Turf / Multi-Use: Improve field functionality and maximize year-round playability for various sport use.</td>
<td>25.4%</td>
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<td>Central Park Pad 2 Field Expansion and Other Improvements: Improve and maximize the existing Pad #2 baseball/softball fields to accommodate more age groups and increased play.</td>
<td>46.4%</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish State Park – Field Use/Turf/Partnership: Seek partnership with Lake Sammamish State Park to improve field use and increase the capacity.</td>
<td>72.0%</td>
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<td>Issaquah School District – Field Use/Turf/Partnership: Seek partnerships with the Issaquah School District to create community sports fields that benefit school use and community use.</td>
<td>41.8%</td>
<td>227</td>
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| Other                                                                | 3.5%  | 19   | See Exhibit C

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### What are your top three choices from the following acquisition/preservation strategies?

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<td>Central Issaquah Urban Park:</td>
<td>49.4%</td>
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<td>Acquire property for a public scale urban park and/or plaza within Central Issaquah to promote community gathering and activities.</td>
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<td>West Issaquah Highlands Park:</td>
<td>42.6%</td>
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<td>Acquire park land to provide Issaquah residents (current and future) a City park located west of Highlands Drive in the Issaquah Highlands.</td>
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<td>Valley Trail / Creekside Acquisitions:</td>
<td>40.6%</td>
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<td>Acquire land and creekside properties to create a valley trail system and connect park properties.</td>
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<td>Mountains to Sound Greenway Corridor Trail:</td>
<td>48.9%</td>
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<td>Establish a primary east-west trail connection through Issaquah, connecting with the City of Bellevue and the Issaquah/Preston Trail.</td>
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<td>Hillside Acquisitions:</td>
<td>56.0%</td>
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<td>Acquire forested hillside land to preserve Issaquah's character, protect the native environment and provide recreational opportunities.</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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### What are your top five choices for new City parks and amenities that further expand and diversify our parks system?

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<td>Gateway Park / Newport Park:</td>
<td>Create/provide a City park for residents in this area with access to Newport Way.</td>
<td>12.6%</td>
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<td>Dog Park(s):</td>
<td>Create off-leash dog park areas either within existing parks or acquire new land for this specific use.</td>
<td>39.9%</td>
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<td>Spray Park:</td>
<td>Create a new outdoor spray/splash park for water play for persons of all ages and abilities.</td>
<td>43.8%</td>
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<td>Community Garden(s):</td>
<td>Create community garden(s) throughout our park system for rental and seasonal use.</td>
<td>23.1%</td>
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<td>West Issaquah Highlands Park:</td>
<td>Development of a new park to provide Issaquah residents (current and future) a City park located west of Highlands Drive in the Issaquah Highlands.</td>
<td>35.0%</td>
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<td>Central Issaquah Urban Park:</td>
<td>Development of a public scale urban park and/or plaza within Central Issaquah to promote community gathering and activities.</td>
<td>45.1%</td>
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<td>Additional Park Amenities:</td>
<td>Add picnic shelters, benches, tables, restrooms, and garbage cans throughout Issaquah’s park system.</td>
<td>46.2%</td>
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<td>New Play Areas (Diverse and Accessible):</td>
<td>Create new, diverse and modern play spaces throughout our park system which meet the needs of all people of various ages and abilities.</td>
<td>37.5%</td>
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## Parks Strategic Plan- Priorities Exercise

Please tell us your priorities for the Parks Strategic Plan.

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<td>Improved Park Signage / Trail Wayfinding: Standardize City park signage and wayfinding signage throughout Issaquah’s parks, trails and open spaces.</td>
<td>24.0%</td>
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<td>Improved / Expanded Trailheads throughout the City: Provide additional parking and trailhead access to natural open and neighboring public lands.</td>
<td>48.7%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>9.9%</td>
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**Do you have any additional comments related to your priorities for Issaquah’s future parks system?**

- all area athletic central community dog field fields from get highlands issaquah kids lake like lssp more need needs new park parking parks play please s sammamish see so soccer space sports state trail trails turf use very year

**How many children age 18 or younger live in your household?**

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<td>83.3%</td>
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<td>Black or African American</td>
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<td>Hispanic/Latino</td>
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<td>American Indian or Alaska Native</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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Parks Strategic Plan- Priorities Exercise
Please tell us your priorities for the Parks Strategic Plan.

All Responses sorted chronologically
As of November 20, 2017, 12:07 PM
http://www.peakdemocracy.com/5588
What are your top three choices from the following trail corridors? OTHER

<p>| Mountain bikers need to connect to Tiger trails from the valley floor. We don't want to drive to to the trail head on 18, we want to ride to the trails. |
| Park/trail over I 90 from Gateway to Lk Sam example is what the |
| There are over 3,000 players in the ISC Gunner soccer club. That's 3,000 - 6,000 parents who buy gas, lunch, dinner, and go shopping while the kids are at practice. Make sure they have enough quality fields to keep them |
| More turf fields for soccer |
| - with the possibilities of adding new Athletic Turf Fields, a new and improve Paved Parking Lot, and new and improved Road Way Accessibility options! |
| Connect transit center over 90 to provide walkable access to shopping and lake sammamish |
| Designated SAFE, WIDE &amp; CLEARLY DEFINED BIKE/WALKING PATCH FROM Sunset Elementary/Southcove to LSSP! It would take so many drivers to/from the soccer fields off the road if there was another option besides the car to get between these locations. thanks! |
| Gentle Grade bike path from Montreux/Lakemont to the Tibbetts Area |
| Issaquah to renton trail |
| Connect South Cove neighborhood to the rest of Issaquah with a SAFE path along West Lake Sammamish. Just a curb to separate people from traffic would be wonderful! |
| Fields be developed is most important |
| The CIP Green Necklace trail network |
| fousc on athletic field capacity vs trails |
| Improve trail system in Lake Sammamish state park |
| Trail from Creekside/Skyline/City Hall area down to E. Lk Sammamish Pkwy Trail |
| lake sammamish state park soccer field: parking lot is muddy when wet and dusty when dry. A public restroom is also in desperate need |
| Sammamish Lake Park Soccer Fields |
| Safe walkway between Timberlake and sammamish state park |
| Connect south cove to the state park |
| Connect the South Cove area to the state park so those residents can leave their cars at home when going to sporting events, farmers market, businesses or recreation |
| Timberlake Park |
| The only connectivity I'd like to see is from South Cove to the State Park and near by businesses |
| South Lake Samm area safety corridor or trail connecting to Lake Samm State Park |
| Live in South Cove. It is dangerous getting from our neighborhood to Lk. Samm. State Park. It's heavily used with many cars, bikes and walkers. I fear for children trying to bike to soccer fields/walk into town. Disappointed that we are forgotten again. |
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| Safe connection at East lake sammish and road at long floors corner |
| Trails connecting Talus to Cougar Mountain county park. |
| Safer Bike/walk trail from Sunset Elementary to Lake Sam State Park |</p>
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<th>Provide a trail from Squak Valley Park further South to POO POO Point trail</th>
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<td>SR900 trail along old railroad/powerlines along W side of Squak, connect Tibbets to Squak Mtn Trails.</td>
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<td>Cedar River to Sammamish corridor along west side of Squak. Monies were appropriated by bond in 1980s and all but a few properties in the center of the route are already acquired.</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish to Sunset Elementary North side of I-90</td>
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<td>Instead of 1 way linear connections I'd really love to see a trail loop that could connect all 4 corners of our city, using parks as way stations.</td>
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Please select your top six choices from the following parks reinvestments. OTHER

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<td>Lake Sammamish state park</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish State Park &amp; Soccer Fields</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lake Sammamish Soccer Field</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lake Sammamish State Park Soccer Fields and Parking Lots</td>
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<td>We need a dog park.</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish park</td>
<td>There are over 3,000 kids who play for ISC Gunners. That's 3,000 - 6,000 parents who come and buy gas, take their kids to lunch &amp; dinner, and go shopping while they are at practice. Make sure they have enough quality fields.</td>
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<td>Soccer fields at LSSP</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish State Park soccer field</td>
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<td>Ihop Fields</td>
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<td>LSSP</td>
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<td>Expand parkland at H or L to provide wetland reserve for animals not just humans</td>
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<td>A dog park</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish State Park</td>
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<td>Pine lake park</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish State Park Fields</td>
<td>There needs to be more fields for kids activities bc we have allowed the community to get so big that more fields are required. IF we plan to continue to build more houses YOU HAVE TO BUILD MORE FIELDS.</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish State Park</td>
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<td>New park space within the Central Issaquah Plan area</td>
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<td>LSSP needs development</td>
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<td>Harvey Manning Park</td>
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<td>Add new trailheads around the Central Park Fields so that Issaquah Highlands residents can be better connected to different trail systems</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish State Park Fields and Central Park fields</td>
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<td>Soccer psrks</td>
<td>I honestly don't use any of these parks so I couldn't possibly say which ones need to be prioritized.</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish State Park soccer fields</td>
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<td>LSSP</td>
<td>Sammamish Lake Park Soccer Fields Improvements</td>
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<td>Lake Sammamish State Park</td>
<td>Central Park only whoever designed the roadways in the highlands and at Central Park should buy a new etch-a-sketch.</td>
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We are feeling ignored for a safe trail to get from our neighborhood to downtown Issaquah. The Lake Sammamish Road between Timberlake Park and Lake Sammamish State Park is very dangerous for pedestrians and bike riders.

**more dog-free zones! too many dogs and too much dog poo everywhere!**

PLEASE, whatever you do, add an off-leash dog park to at least one of these parks. SO needed for Issaquah residents.

Amazingly Bernten Park isn’t listed here but is totally under-utilized currently. It’s a perfect place for the off leash dog park that residents have been asking for. It could be a great connector from Gilman Village to Confluence Park and Dodd Field.
**EXHIBIT C**

**What are your top two choices for the following athletic field improvements to serve current and future needs? Other**

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<td>Improve soccer field use and increase capacity in Central Park</td>
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<td>Improve parking options and logistics around parking lots</td>
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<tr>
<td>Central Park: More soccer fields!</td>
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<tr>
<td>Quit mowing the lawns and integrate to wildlife and mountain biking parkland instead</td>
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<tr>
<td>Build a swimming pool</td>
<td>Turning LSSP into a turf field complex will pay off in the long run as it can be used year-round now instead of just the summer months as our normal Washington weather usually renders the fields too easily torn up when wet for use of cleats.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Absolutely no turf. There are major health concerns.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Outdoor pool</td>
<td>All these venues need more parking and Central Park needs wider roads.</td>
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<td>NO money for sports fields</td>
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<tr>
<td>Indoor tennis facility</td>
<td>Timberlake Park needs to build a new Athletic Field</td>
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<tr>
<td>No more fields, we need an aquatics facility with 2 50 m x 25 y pools</td>
<td>Improve the open space in Central Park for passive use and PARKING</td>
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<tr>
<td>More and better quality soccer fields</td>
<td>Seek partnerships to provide an indoor tennis facility</td>
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<tr>
<td>A dog park</td>
<td>Instead of turf fields with crumb rubber (which may be cancer-causing, use cork which is 100% organic, environmentally-friendly and non-toxic.</td>
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<td>Soccer Fields at Tibbets</td>
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### EXHIBIT D

**What are your top three choices from the following acquisition/preservation strategies? Other**

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<td>No more building of residential areas</td>
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<td>Don’t need to buy land to preserve. Just quit awarding permits for 1000’s of apartments and condominiums!</td>
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<td>Upgrade and increase sports fields that bring people to Issaquah to spend money and increase the tax base!</td>
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<td>more mountain bike parks/trails</td>
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<td>Expanded athletic fields</td>
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<td>Acquire land by Conglusion park for a Dog Park</td>
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<td>Athletic fields</td>
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<td>increase athletic fields; replace elementary schools' dirt fields with grass</td>
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<td>coordinate with developers, prevent homeless from using existing preservation areas</td>
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<tr>
<td>Central Park In the Highlands</td>
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<tr>
<td>LSSP add turf fields fix the traffic problem by putting in a round-about in front if the LSSP main entrance.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Acquiring land to build a safe passage between Timberlake and sammamish state park</td>
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<tr>
<td>Please include sidewalks and curbs on main roads so that people can access parks. It is sad to keep hearing- no money for safety! If we want people to get out, we need to make access a priority!</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mountains to Sound on the other side of the freeway, not just Newport way</td>
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<td>use the money to build an aquatics facility.</td>
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<td>only these two</td>
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<td>a dog park</td>
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<td>Keep the land that we already own up in West Highlands for a park rather than selling it off...only having to buy land for a new park. Just use what we already own.</td>
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<td>Recognize the many informal woods trails on City, City open space, and private parcels within city limits, acquire needed private parcels, sign, improve, and maintain existing informal trails.</td>
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<td>How about putting in a disc golf course. Maple Valley put one in and it is considered undeveloped land still...very low cost, and a lot of people will actually use the space daily!! Issaquah Parks and Recreation needs to get with the program!!</td>
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**What are your top five choices for new City parks and amenities that further expand and diversify our parks system? Other**

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<td>We need more turf fields</td>
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<td>Additional soccer fields - turf!</td>
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<td>Improve parking availability and logistics around parks</td>
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<td>Add a mountain bike path that connects the valley floor to Tiger mountain mountain bike trails on the south side of the mountain. It can even be a dirt road, just make the connection!</td>
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<td>Partner with Metro to provide bus/van access to trail heads verse creating more parking lots. Build small gathering spaces along MTS trail along Newport Way for All the existing residences</td>
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<td>Add additional field space, lighting and paved parking lot</td>
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<td>more sports fields!</td>
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<td>Central Park: More soccer fields!</td>
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<td>More soccer and baseball fields!!!</td>
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<td>Update and improve sports fields to keep people coming to Issaquah and spending money!</td>
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<td>more athletic fields!</td>
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<td>space for sports-soccer especially!</td>
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<td>Expanded athletic fields</td>
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<td>More creek preserves to protect salmon and also wildlife corridor for animals around roads/hwy</td>
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<td>build a swimming pool and skateparks at Kirk Park</td>
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<td>Additional Turf Baseball and Soccer fields</td>
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<td>More field space</td>
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<td>Increase soccer turf fields</td>
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<td>More stream restoration and preservation</td>
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<td>large scale re-development of the Lake Sammmamish State Park &amp; Soccer Fields</td>
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<td>Development of a detailed plan/route to guide creation of the Green Necklace trail system within the Central Issaquah Plan area and connections to the outer ring trails on Cougar, Squak, Grand Ridge, and Tiger</td>
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<td>add turf / lighting for year-round usage</td>
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<td>New Pool indoor/outdoor</td>
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<td>Central park next to tennis courts needs an additional tennis court</td>
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<td>More lighted turf fields</td>
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<td>Turfed fields at LSSP and Costco.</td>
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<td>Additional Athletic Fields in Lake Sammmamish State Park &amp; Soccer Fields</td>
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<td>Improved and added athletic fields at Central Park and Lake Sammamish State Park</td>
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<td>Add soccer fields</td>
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<td>More turf fields</td>
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<td>build more community centers for group exercises/classes etc</td>
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<td>More turf soccer fields</td>
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<td>Make lask sammamish park usable for sport all year round</td>
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<td>Turf fields at LSSP</td>
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<td>Swimming pool in Issaquah Highlands</td>
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<td>Adventure Playground - A place for children and their caregivers to build together, learn new skills, let imagination soar, and provide maximum empowerment for almost no money or development funds. Just insurance coverage, lumber and tools.</td>
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<td>Indoor tennis facility</td>
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<td>Rather than increase parking- ensure that people can walk safely on all main roads in city ( ones with a yellow line). Then, need for parking will less. Please put curbs and sidewalks on these roads, not just additional trails!</td>
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<td>Outdoor aquatic facilities</td>
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<td>Build a 50 m x 25 y pool.</td>
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<td>Squawk Valley Parkark</td>
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<td>I would like to see calisthenics equipment - pullup bars, parallel bars, gymnastic stall bars, monkey bars installed in several existing park locations for outdoor strength training for all ages</td>
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<td>continue to improve sports fields</td>
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<td>create dog park only if dogs are permitted in fewer of the other parks. Most parks should not allow dogs at all.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mountain Biking Park/pump track in Issaquah Highlands</td>
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<td>Continue the sidewalk or install curbs up 12th Ave. NW/Mt. Olympus place so the majority of people who live on Squak Mt can safely walk to Tibbetts and to downtown Issaquah. It's dangerous to do so now, due to no curbs/sidewalks on winding streets.</td>
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<td>Improved walkability and bike-ability in the valley from Tibets Valley to Traditional Plateau</td>
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<td>Walk/bike trail to city from South Cove neighborhoods</td>
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<td>Signage &amp; trailhead parking are just the start. The City is not even aware of many informal trails already in use by residents.</td>
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<td>Put in a disc golf course.. do something different instead of same old things. Contact Maple Valley Parks and Rec for additional info</td>
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<td>Can't wait for the construction through I90 to be completed...18 month construction timeline is forever!</td>
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**EXHIBIT F**

**Do you have any additional comments related to your priorities for Issaquah's future parks system?**

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Existing and new Play fields need to be more self sustaining since large percentage are used by regional groups who do not pay Issaquah property taxes. City code need to be amended so that new development is providing more park and community spaces for their occupants as well as be paying more of there share with new parks. City, Developers creating HOA's and property owners with open space / native growth easements and forest lands need to have on going management plans to insure on going sustainability of property.

Issaquah’s unique geography and natural treasures are priceless. Continue to connect and improve trails, parks, neighborhoods & the city to enhance livability, recreation for the residents while serving as a destination for tourists.

Thank you for soliciting and getting residents more involved in building a better park system. Putting more focus on sports helps our kids and teenagers develop a healthier life style and for this we need more sports fields or upgraded sports fields to attract more players. Thanks again and let's add more to our sports fields to accommodate more kids.

Would love a Dog Park in the Issaquah community. Should not have to to to other cities to use their facilities to exercise and walk our dog. Thank you!

Turf fields that are LIGHTED are an excellent revenue stream for the city. More playing space is badly needed, and if you look to the example of Preston Fields, you can see what a money maker this could be for the city. It's a win-win!

I like the idea of combining an off-leash area with a commercial business venture.

Continued development of new and enhancement of existing athletic fields should be a high (the highest) priority. Athletic fields are the most in-demand spaces and we need to continue to invest.

Focus on the downtown historic area. Make sure we keep this space natural looking and improve the parking and walking/trail options so that all have access to and THROUGH this important area of our community.

Obtain help to maintain existing and future parks by developing volunteer groups with a city-led volunteer coordinator. This would also help develop a public that really cares about our parks by learning while doing invasive plant removal, restoration with native plants, litter removal, and maintaining wildlife corridors.

We need more soccer fields in Central Park!

I would love to see more fields with lights for outdoor sports.

Improvements in Additional Athletic Fields - both at the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands would be nice.

I would love to see continued improvements to both the South Lake Sammamish State Park & Issaquah Highlands soccer fields - more space, more fields, better parking.

We need more sports fields with turf and lights for our children. They are over crowded and they have to play so late due to not enough space.

More turf fields!!!!!

As our population increases and the number of children in activities increases, we need more play fields to support youth sports

n/a

In great need of more athletic fields and amenities at those locations, like bathrooms, and more/better parking. Lake Sammamish field's parking is horrid. An off leash dog park would be great too.

We need to invest in more turf fields that can accommodate sports year round. Sports teams in the area are having trouble booking fields for football, soccer, lacrosse and baseball. We also need to look at building a bigger indoor facility that can handle these sports as well.
With the ever increasing number of kids playing soccer and the already extremely crowded fields, the city needs to add lighted turf fields as well as grass fields.

PLEASE pave the parking lots at the LSSP fields...if there's a way to also improve the entry/exit across the IHOP, that would be very helpful!

Priority of programs for children over programs for adults

Enhanced athletic fields

Expand turf athletic fields

Expanded Turf athletic fields

LSSP should be a top priority. The fields are insufficient through most of the months of the year and yet get the greatest use to the greatest number of people. The parking lot is insufficient.

Let’s provide more spaces for animals and worry less about amenity spaces for people. There are lots of parks but few remaining spaces for wildlife to exist with us.

We need improved fields for soccer programs

Requesting improvements to and Additional Athletic Fields - both at the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands

Need more turf fields and tennis courts for family/sports use, with lighting to allow all year around use.

more trails

I would love to see more running trails and upkeep on them in Issaquah!

Very interested in turf fields at LSSP. It will have a significant positive impact for our family and man others!

We need to work with the state and school district to get better playing fields for our kids. Athletics is very popular here and there is a lack of turf fields to support our PNW weather.

More year round turf fields. They are full.

Do consider Off leash parks in Downtown Issaquah.

Issaquah needs more sports fields. Especially soccer fields.

As a father of two kids playing Issaquah Baseball / Softball and soccer, and a member of the Issaquah Little League board. I'm keenly focused on making sure they have the best possible facilities to use as they develop their mind, bodies and character as athletes and members of the community. Turf fields with lighting expand opportunities for play and help deal with our unpredictable weather.

The amount of space for youth sports teams is lacking in the Issaquah area - especially during the winter when all sports must move to Turf. More turf fields with lights would ensure the safety of all players as right now many fields are over crowded and spaces are being shared amongst multiple sports. Lacrosse and soccer should not train side by side. It is a danger to players who are not wearing helmets/protective gear. I've seen adults and kids get hit with Lacrosse balls while at soccer practice training side-by-side with Lacrosse teams - it was no fault of the lacrosse players, they were just trying to train. Nevertheless, the lack of field space creates dangerous environments for young athletes. More turf fields in Issaquah would be a tremendous benefit for our children.

Tibbets Park could be a great regional destination for baseball and soccer tournaments with upgraded factilities and turf. Invest in upgrading existing parks first.

I would like to recommend more public volleyball courts, especially in the Issaquah highlands, with turf fields and sheds / cover, we have a very strong girls volleyball community and kids have no public access to play...

Please provide lights and turf fields in lake sammamish state park.

We need more connectivity. Issaquah needs to offer more walkable and connected paths.
I am inspired by the City of Issaquah’s work to restore our creek areas and connect our citizens to nature.

Please expand the turf fields at Central Park Issaquah.

No

Please expand parking for poo poo point trailhead and create a safe bike path between issaquah and renton, partnered with king county / get trucks off if may valley rd.

we need to stop building houses until the residents that already live here have adequate parks and recreation for children and others.

Issaquah needs more quality options for sports fields. The current fields at Lake Sammamish State Park are in desperate need of an upgrade. The parking lot is a danger with all of the potholes and needs to be paved. Fields are overcrowded making quality play and practice impossible.

We need more turf play surfaces. With organized sports growing in this area, multiple sports are in need of more field space. This would truly serve the greatest number of people - football, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, baseball. Turf is really the only solution in our climate. Thank you!

No

Please contribute money and resources to Lake Sammamish State Park. In particular, the parking lot is awful and congested and would greatly be improved if it could be paved. Also, the addition of turf fields at Lake Sammamish State Park.

facilities are archaic, planning has not kept up with demand, shocked that fields have no lights or proper restrooms, the park planning needs to be better and keep up with the growth.... you are 10 years behind..

Sports complex and additional spaces for all sports activities should be a priority to support the local schools and programs.

More sports and green open space less construction where roads already congested

I actually want ALL the choices mentioned especially on the trails and a downtown park. That sort of investment in Issaquah will differentiate the city for generations to come

The top priority should be to define the specific routing and acquisition/easement/dedication needs to ensure the completion of the Green Necklace Trail system within the CIP. Without a defined plan it won't happen.

Development Services must embrace and ensure these trail linkages happen. That trail system must integrate with and connect to existing trails such as Rainier Trail, E. Lk Samm Trail, Issaquah-Preston trail, I-90 trail. The goal must be to create an inner urban trail network that facilitates easy access to bus and future light rail transit as well as for recreation, that also connects to the outer ring of trail systems on surrounding County Park, State Park, and DNR lands, as well as creation of detailed maps that show the linkages of the entire trail network and promotes Issaquah as a hub for locals as well as visitors who will contribute to the local economy and businesses. Trails and open space provide Issaquah’s primary opportunity for economic development and tourism!!

need to ensure adequate parking / traffic flow. Turf and multi sport locations promote Issaquah economic benefits (visitors for tournaments, games, competitions, etc.)

Ensure that parks have handicap accessible restrooms.

Splash pad with lots of cool features. Check out the splash pad in Coeur d'Alene, ID outside the resort at the base of tubs hill.

The ultimate goal should be a series of connected parks, where feasible, that can be accessed via walking or biking. Continue to emphasize and enhance access to the natural beauty of our wonderful mountains, valleys & streams.

Improve field access and quality.
With the Issaquah Highlands softball/baseball field when Special Olympics is using fields 2 and 3 in the summer and it rains, the field has standing water and some of the bases become loose on the field which is a tripping hazard. At times the sign that says field reserved is not up and other people are using the field which then sometimes goes into our practice in the summer.

Thanks for letting us voice our opinion online. I like it!!

No

It is difficult to drive in Central Park and near impossible when cars are parked on the street. The turf field construction changes to the road has made this MUCH WORSE. I believe we are going to have safety issues and congestion because of the tight spaces created. The road needs to be at least three feet wider. Drivers who park on that street will be unable to safely exit their vehicles.

It would be nice if there were larger speed limit signs and additional warning signs for drivers of children at play.

Would WAY rather see an increase and parks and preserved lands than further development of commercial and residential real estate in Issaquah. Fully support the purchase of land for parks and open areas, and I would pay higher taxes to see this happen...as long as those taxes are dedicated to this purpose.

We would love a splash park. The updated downtown park in Bellevue is amazing and we would love some of those features like the water part here.

Athletic field improvements should be a high priority, as should trail/connectivity improvements and hillside/viewshed preservation.

Our ISC Gunners Club currently holds a 20 year lease on the Lake Sammamish State Park Soccer Fields, and have been in discussion with the City of Issaquah for many years now, about the possible improvements that could be made - with the possibilities of adding new Athletic Turf Fields, a new and improve Paved Parking Lot, and new and improved Road Way Accessibility options. If the city is looking for ways to improve, look no further than these fields, which not only provide connection trails to the lake and the park, but provide excellent space for sports and activities especially during the warmer months of the PNW. Turfing these fields would only extend their use by sport programs throughout the year, and would negate the need for continual watering during the summer. If we want to encourage our kids to get outside and try new sports, why not first give them a proper space to play in first?

Would love to have some off-leash dog parks in the downtown Issaquah area!

I have been very impressed with Bellevue’s new city park and how accessible it is. I don't have a child with special needs but after seeing the new park and seeing kids with special needs actually using it, I think this is the direction we need to go to support all families.

More Turf Fields!!

We would adore a spray park in Issaquah, even a small one!!!

A outdoor swimming community pool in highlands.

Invest in security at trailheads

Create areas along the creek for humans to enjoy, less bushes blocking the creek.

Support the growing needs for youth soccer - space, lights, parking!

We value our experience with the Issaquah Gunners and strongly support their continued use of the field at Lake Sammamish State Park and would like to see those fields improved along with the parking area.
I am a senior in high school, and I play soccer for the ISC Gunners. I think it is very important for the fields at Central Park and Lake Sammamish State Park to continue to develop so that we can create a great experience for young athletes trying to involve themselves in a community sport.

Please add a dog park in the downtown Issaquah area!

Please turf LSSP and Costco fields with lights.

We need more turf as our fields are too soggy to play any sports or just play with kids. I prefer bigger parks rather than the little tiny parks that you can’t do anything in but walk through.

Confluence park needs a reason for people to visit - how about a playground? Sports court? Something???

Lighted athletic fields (artificial turf) is far and away what Issaquah needs most...

Additional Athletic Fields for Lake Sammamish State Park & Soccer Fields and Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands.

Please update parks LSSP and Central Park for Athletics practice for kids.

We need more turf please so kids can play outside in all conditions!!

With whatever changes are made, please have utmost respect for our watershed and the great diversity of plant, fish and animal life that depend upon it. It is essential that we preserve the health of our environment.

Frisbee Golf, Tennis courts, Basketball courts.

Please consider building more turf fields for year-round athletic sports. Thanks.

Turf soccer fields at Lake Sammamish State Park would be the best for us.

I am a huge fan of parks and trails. I can find plenty of both in our city. What is in short supply is athletic fields that can be used year around.

We desperately need additional turf fields in the area to accommodate the growth in youth sports - soccer, lacrosse, football, etc.

We definitely need more turf fields WITH LIGHTS for year round sports use. LSSP, or Tibbets, or expanding at Central Park.

An important aspect of park accessibility is vehicle access. Issaquah is becoming highly congested by vehicle traffic. Work needs to be done to reduce the difficulty in getting to and from parks by car.

I would like to see the city purchase the Bergsma property on Newport Way to either prevent private development or make it into a park.

Additional Athletic Fields - both at the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands.

We have many community parks with in Issaquah. We need to develop more athletic fields, or turn grass fields into turf fields for year round use. The number of lighted turf fields in Issaquah compared to number of kids participating in outdoor sports is very poor.

Increase the number of turf soccer fields for the rapid growing demand in youth soccer.

add new Athletic Turf Fields, a new and improve Paved Parking Lot to LSSP fields

Improve and increase capacity of sports fields.

I think the parking lot at Lake Sammamish State Park that is used by the soccer families should be paved.

Fix the roads, or remove street parking at Central Park in the highlands. Fix the round-about in Central Park.

Seriously. Fix the traffic problems at LSSP especially the soccer fields. Put in turf soccer fields and a parking lot at LSSP create a new exit or put in a roundabout in front of LSSP main entrance so people will stop turning against traffic.
The kids are suffering with not nearly enough athletic facilities based on the number of kids that want to play sports in the area. This includes a lack of baseball and soccer fields, and basketball gyms. We desperately need more!

**Improved parking and turf fields at soccer LSSP.**

We need more soccer fields! Practices get so congested which puts pressure on traffic. Also better parking (more options, easier to get in/out) at LSSP and Highlands area. Would love to add turf fields to LSSP.

Currently LSSP Athletic Fields are usable only a few months a year due to lighting and weather conditions affecting the grass fields. Allowing turf to replace two to three fields with lights will allow more fields to open up during peak fall, winter, and spring multisport seasons (football, lacrosse, soccer) and ease the heavy congestion issues local fields currently face. With an improvement to the LSSP fields' parking lot, we can ease congestion during use as well.

Our children and families are served poorly with regard to the availability of athletic fields.

I think Lake Sammamish State Park is a hidden resource that could prove to add a lot of value to the future of Issaquah

As Director of Soccer Operations & Head Coach for the ISC Gunners Soccer Club (formerly Issaquah Soccer Club), with approx. 3000 players in our Club each and every year, it is imperative that Additional Athletic Fields are provided in the Issaquah/Sammamish area. I have do doubt there are other needs for the City of Issaquah, but please invest in youth sports, in our youth, and in the rapidly growing population, by providing the appropriate and required Athletic Fields. There are lots of options - not least - the development of the Lake Sammamish State Park Soccer Fields. Thank you for your consideration. Alex Cunliffe - alex.cunliffe@iscgunners.org

Issaquah Highlands pays a lot of property tax but has very few city amenities and really needs a swimming pool and community center

The city needs a public indoor tennis facility

Would love additional access to horse trails

Put money into making a couple of playgrounds REALLY fantastic instead of a little money into a bunch of playgrounds that end up being marginal. Parents want to go to their own city, instead of traveling to Bellevue or Seattle, to have a really fun experience for a wide age range of kids. Lake Sammamish playground is a good start, let's add to it. Tibbets, to me, seems like the next most obvious investment b/c of the space options, already available amenities and parking. The playground there is really basic and only viable for very young kids (under age 8). There are so many families there for other sports already and now the skatepark. Let's stand out, Issaquah!

An outdoor pool would be awesome!

Issaquah needs an outdoor pool.

Yes- provide a safe bike path / trail for families to bike from South Cove area to the state park

Timberlake park would be an ideal Adventure Playground http://www.mercergov.org/Page.asp?NavID=2768

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As the roads become more and more impassable, trail corridors will be increasingly important.

Wish Tibbetts valley park was turf with soccer fields.

Na

We need improved bike lanes or sidewalks on West Lake Sammamish Road near South Cove...heavily used but dangerous...too narrow.
Think about access beyond trails... sidewalks, curbs, bike paths... it seems like plans are based on car driving to locations. It is sad that we have parks in our community, within a mile from our house, but we can only drive to them as the main roads are not safe! Cars, no matter the speed, consistently cross over into the bike lanes on 12th NW and Mt Olympus! Please increase safe access!

Aquatic facility and covered multi sport courts

Improve Pickering Barn, including acoustics.

We would really like to have a dog park in the valley. It would be better to not locate it next to any streams, creeks or sensitive areas due to the potential fecal contamination. But, there are still plenty of areas to choose from. We live on Squak Mt. and drive up to the amazing Iss Highlands dog park and wonder why we can't have one closer to us. Our neighborhood on Squak has zero sidewalks which makes walking our dogs extremely dangerous especially during the dark days of fall and winter. Please prioritize placing a dog park in the valley.

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The South Lake Sammamish neighborhoods really want to be connected to Issaquah. It's so dangerous walking/biking with kids from our neighborhoods to the state park/businesses and we'd love to have a safe way to travel on foot or wheel to those destinations. Riding our bikes to the farmer's markets in the summer would be such a fun family tradition. Please don't leave us hanging!

More public tennis courts, please!

Yes, we need a modern aquatics facility in the eastside. The area of activity hasn't been updated since the 60's

There are plenty of playgrounds, let's also not forget gathering places for families with older children

Additional turf fields are needed - already over capacity, and more needed for outdoor play during wet winter months.

We do need safer, better access between the south Lake Samm neighborhoods and LSSP. The road is unacceptable dangerous for biking, walking, running between this populous neighborhood and LSSP. We could use barriers on the existing roadway making a lane for these activities, or development of a trail off the road or a combination of the two.

We have magnificent parks here, and increasing safe access is hopefully a priority.

Please consider adding a trail or safe way to get from our neighborhood, South Cove/Beach Club, into downtown Issaquah. The road is too narrow between Timberlake Park and Lake Sammamish State Park. I fear it will be the next fatality.

Save/acquire open spaces for the physical and spiritual well-being of residents.

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Preserve Tiger and Squak mountains and trail systems from development

Dog Park(s)

It would be nice to have an adventure playground somewhere in Issaquah same as what Mercer Island has where kids can use tools and building supplies to let their imagination and ingenuity run wild.

More swing sets please! Need at least one regular and one baby swing per park.
We definitely need more turf fields. The fields are terribly outdated and when you go to other areas to play sports they have beautiful turf complexes. Our fields are in extremely poor condition and in many cases are unplayable in the fall and winter.

Additional turf fields serve each and every member of our community and allow the current parks to be utilized more frequently and for more months of each year. In addition, a centrally located dog park is greatly needed.

Please improve Tibbots ball fields, grass is not mowed regularly, dugouts are flooded constantly. Also, please help with Dodd Field, really need real restrooms there. Heavily used fields. Thanks.

We have a high demand for sports fields in this community. These fields are used by more people than any other parks in the community. We have to continue upgrading these spaces to keep kids active in sports.

need improved baseball fields.

Issaquah 10U baseball team just won state championship in 2017. Issaquah baseball community is going to be very strong. Would love to see Central Park #2 and #3 become turf fields to increase usage in spring.

We REALLY need at least one if not more dog parks in the downtown Issaquah area. More and more people are living here and there are dogs everywhere!! Give them a place to run!

Parks need more bike racks.

Dog Park, Dog Park, Dog Park

One thing that makes Issaquah unique is it's location between forested mountains and with natural streams running through. These primary features should be preserved and accessible by all residents. Nature is what's fast disappearing everywhere. So far, we are hanging onto some of it. Let's not degrade it any more.

Trails. Connecting neighborhoods to trails better. Keeping dogs out of the parks.

Please think of the "tweens" and teenagers when you make these plans. This will soon be a HUGE population in the Issaquah Highlands and they need somewhere to congregate and stay out of trouble. It needs to be accessible, free, active, and safe (ie pump track, skate park, mountain biking area).

Please make it safer for those of us Squak Mountain residents who don't live in The Woods/Morgan's Ridge to walk to all the amenities you're considering in this survey. Separate the shoulder (where we have to walk) from the winding road by installing curbs or sidewalks.

Dog park that isn't a mud pit!

Please support an off lease dog area large enough for practical use by larger breeds.

Squak Mtn area off leash dog park please

We really need an offleash dog park in Issaquah!

My main priority at the moment is for a dog park is the Issaquah area. I enjoy the local trailheads and the ones I use are very well maintained and developed.

When considering any options, the issue of traffic, parking and access via public transportation should be considered.

Please give South Cove residents safe walk/bike access to the city.

Please build a decent dog park that people want to go to, like Marymoor! It is long overdue and Issaquah's dog-friendly residents will happily form a stewardship group like SODA to help with maintenance. Let it be big enough and with trees and trails so humans can get their exercise too. Please also provide water service with it.
Preserve the hillsides which are the unique character of Issaquah. Develop north/south and east/west corridors to interconnect the park system with a central hub urban park. Dog parks are a must for the valley floor to accommodate continued density. Focus available funds to improve current park and trail amenities while developing long-range plans for larger accomplishments.

I'm sure you hear it a lot, but Bellevue's parks are awesome, they do a great job. It would be a great goal to match their level of park quality: well taken care of, signage, lots of small trails connecting many different areas.

NEED A DOG PARK WITH OFF LEASH AREA

We DO NOT need to expand pad 2 in Central Park. There is enough athletic capacity there already. If the region needs yet more turf fields then put them in Tibbets or Lake Sammamish, areas more centrally located to all. Central Park is too far up the hill, has no facilities nearby and the roads and parking are woefully inadequate.

What you do need to do is finish the undeveloped eyesore that overlooks Grand Ridge Elementary School and restore the passive activity area that was taken from the city residents when you converted the grassed area open to all into turf fields accessible to just a select few sports players.

When will the drainage issues in Grand View and Black Nugget parks be fixed?

Finally, lets finish the existing projects, and raise the quality of our existing parks (cleanliness, bathrooms, benches, maintenance etc) before we embark upon more new park development.

Get all of our parks up to a base level first. Garbage can, bench and 75% weed free. Then move on to other things.

Please consider updating Blackberry Park!

As the population increases, we need to provide all residents with a variety of parks (green space), recreational facilities, and associated amenities.

A dog park would be so great! And I know it would be extremely popular.

I believe we need both to work on interconnectivity to other areas (like Bellevue/Factoria) and also to be developing, in keeping with the initial central business district vision (which we seem to have abandoned if the current developments are an indication), a livable, walkable, 'playable' central core - which must include sufficient green space to afford people the chance to relax and play.

Wheelchair/walker accessible.

Please do something different. Acres if park space go unused. Disc golf is a growing sport that uses the natural forested landscape and is not considered developed land use. Put a course in, especially a good one and people of all ages will come and play daily. At least look into it. Please!!

We would like to see a playground a Technician hillside park.

Parks are extremely important, please build.

Please do not build an Elementary on the Hill, a park is way less dangerous to the kids and the Hospital.

#1 priority for our family is adding a off-leash dog park(s) for Issaquah. Providing safe trail systems that connects all corners of Issaquah.

I really like your approach and this aligns with the discussion I heard at the last Parks Board meeting. The dog park is #1 priority without a doubt, and please include Berntsen Park in your plans. It's a great space just sitting there with no one using it.
I think more catering to older kids and teens. Plus adult fitness. We like to play too!

I very much support the expansion and enhancement of parks proposed/cited in this survey! Many questions reflect top 3/5/6 priorities, but the #1 priority from my point of view is establishing a West Highlands Park of significant size. Both for the multitude of walking-distance residences near by and because the unusual nature of a very large yet already deforested area of flat land in the city. To manage traffic and quality life issues, a park of significant size and NOT dominated by sports fields should be the top priority.

Put developers on the hook to provide more parks and green space; or at least fees to offset park development.

As just mentioned...would love to see construction acceleration of the trail system between the post office and the Costco area - it's a major "throughway" for walkers and cyclists.

Yes, thank you for your time. I really enjoy using our parks with my family and am very hopeful to see existing city lands improved and expanded especially near our rivers. Please connect properties and add additional lands now while still possible.
Parks Strategic Plan- Budget Exercise
We’re giving you $100 in Parks Bucks to spend! How would you allocate the City of Issaquah’s limited dollars?

All Budgets sorted chronologically

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It's great when trail systems can connect with each other. I love living somewhere I can walk with my kids so many places on safe trails, and far from cars.

There is always a need for more sports fields that can be used year round, I expect the need will only continue to grow.

I love sports courts near schools. For years my kids played sports every day after school on the Park Drive sports court near Grand Ridge. It's a great way for kids to connect and exercise after school.

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- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $0
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $50
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $0
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities: $0

The kids need more field space for organized sports! Especially the artificial turf that holds up during the rainy months. And the ISC Gunners club should not have to use one field for six different teams at one time.

Sometimes I see one football team of very young kids on a full field at Central Park (taking up maybe a 30x30 space) while literally hundreds of ISC Gunners kids are using the other field! Something isn't right here...

**My Priorities**

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Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $40

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Please improve the soccer fields at Lake Sammamish State Park to turf. Also, add more turf fields at Central Park in the Issaquah Highlands - multi use for soccer, football, lacrosse, etc.

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Your existing parks are great! Need more soccer fields!

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You already own park property and it is probably easier to expand at existing sites. The infrastructure is in place you just need to add on. Spending a majority of your money to expand access and capacity seems like the best use of money.

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My Priorities
Connectivity $5
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $50
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $10
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

Name not shown inside SQUAK MOUNTAIN (registered) November 15, 2017, 7:34 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity $15
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $35
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $35

Olivia Franklin outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 15, 2017, 7:31 PM
We definitely need adequate athletic fields to keep our children busy and safe while they play for example the grass soccer fields that we have now do not help keep us competitive with other leagues in the area

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) November 15, 2017, 7:23 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity $15
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $40
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November 15, 2017, 5:28 PM

We already have sent alot of money on existing parks and development needs to be paying for new parks. We need to be buying forested hillside and more creek side buffers to save and preserve the nature of the Issaquah

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Partner to develop a year round multi-use athletic complex for soccer, etc, at Lake Sammamish State Park. The current facility is significantly underutilized due to our weather. Enhance and improve Lake Sammamish State Park to bring soccer tournaments, lacrosse tournaments, etc into the city of Issaquah instead of sending our community’s children and parents to Tukwila, Redmond and other locations.

**My Priorities**

Connectivity $30  
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10  
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $5  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $5

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November 15, 2017, 9:28 AM

**My Priorities**

Connectivity $25  
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25  
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

scott morris outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (unverified)  
November 14, 2017, 9:36 PM

**My Priorities**

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0  
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November 14, 2017, 7:53 PM

I would like to see improvements to fields and parking lot at LSSP state park grass fields and additional turf fields at Central Park
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The field space is too crowded and in poor condition. There is an unfair allotment to some sports (i.e. football or lacrosse), which soccer players have to squeeze into tiny spaces risking injury to themselves, or be forced to play late into the night... practicing until 9 pm on a school night is way too late for children under age 12!

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $20  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

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**My Priorities**

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Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25  
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

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November 13, 2017, 10:15 PM

Athletic fields can get so crowded! I'd love to see more fields added, including lighting.

**My Priorities**

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Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10  
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $70  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

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I agree with a broad based plan, addressing most/all of the areas you've mentioned. That said, field space is the most in-demand space and we need to continue to build/develop safe places for children (and adults) to participate in organized activities.

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We have a lovely growing sports culture in our area. Such an amazing way for youth to gain positive skills in team building, health, etc. We need to ensure there is space for all of these teams to have the necessary fields to play!

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ISC Gunners is over capacity in demand yet compared to other regional teams/cities, the fields have been underinvested in by the City of Issaquah. We need more fields!
My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

2 Supporters

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I would like to encourage the City to purchase Tract H on the south side of Park Hill. This would help provide legal access to the 12.26 acre open space, and enable the possibility of a future trail, if that were later deemed desirable. It would also help maintain part of a wildlife corridor between Issaquah Creek and the plateau.

My Priorities

Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $10

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My Priorities

Connectivity $0
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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $60
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

Jerry Hall outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 13, 2017, 3:12 PM

This is a difficult question to answer without knowing how much each option costs and how much total money is available. For example if $100 is required for "Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space," then I'd allocate all $100 to that. Without knowing whether multiples goals can be achieved within a limited budget, it is difficult to know how to allocate dollars.

My Priorities
As a soccer parent, I'd vote for increased investment in youth soccer fields, parking, etc.

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
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1 Supporter

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All Budgets sorted chronologically

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## My Priorities

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| Reinvestment in Existing Parks | $20 |
| Additional Athletic Field Capacity | $60 |
| Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space | $5 |
| Development of New City Parks and Amenities | $10 |

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Frank Souliere outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  
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**My Priorities**

- Connectivity $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity $25
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities $45

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Turf for Lake Sammamish State Park soccer fields

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks $100
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
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Need additional athletic fields (turf and lighting)

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

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Please add/improve fields at the LSSP and PLEASE pave the parking lots!!

**My Priorities**

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
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4 Supporters

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**My Priorities**

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Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
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1 Supporter

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As a soccer dad and coach, and in a community filled with soccer players, our parks are insufficient for the needs. Essentially the entire fall and winter and some of the spring the fields are unusable. The children cannot effectively play the game, which puts them at a disadvantage to other districts and cities that have invested the resources. Lastly, money should go to the greatest need and per capita this impacts the most people.

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We will have less ability tomorrow to define parks than we do today, as land is more developed and boundaries solidify. Creating green spaces is pivotal to preserving the novelty and beauty of Issaquah

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I'm requesting improvements in the form of Additional Athletic Fields - both at the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands.
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Build a outdoor pool. Build skatepark. Improve mountain biking trails

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $75
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) November 10, 2017, 10:35 PM

Our community benefits from athletic fields, places to foster community cohesion, healthy lifestyles, and reduce the need to travel distances for youth sports.

I also love the existing open space, trails and want to fund to continue to Maintain and expand those.

My Priorities

Connectivity $20
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $20
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

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My Priorities

Connectivity $5
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $65
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0
2 Supporters

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My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
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### My Priorities

- **Connectivity**: $5
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $0
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $10
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $75
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $0

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**My Priorities**

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- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $100
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**Name not available (unclaimed)**

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**Ray Oen outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)**

We desperately need more athletic fields to meet the growing demand from all sports - soccer, lacrosse, football, etc.
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Kenneth Craw outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (unverified)  
November 10, 2017, 3:42 PM

As a parent of two children involved in the ISC Gunners and Issaquah Little League programs, I'm interested in more turf fields, so the kids can play on better fields in more weather conditions.

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There is a great need for new turf fields. There seem to be more users of existing turf fields each year. My daughters have been playing with Gunners for 4 1/2 years. The club is growing but each year they seem to be pushed into a smaller space. No doubt other sports clubs have had a similar experience. Additionally, there are new sports clubs that use existing facilities. Additionally, allocating of existing fields needs to be more fair and based upon numbers - I've seen about 100 Gunners players crammed into 1/2 of Central Park while about 25 players from a different club have the same sized space. This is inequitable and not a good use of existing resources.

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Brian S inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 10, 2017, 3:05 PM

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My Priorities

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $55
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $15
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $15

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Reinvestment is existing parks would center on making Tibbets Park baseball fields state of the art with turf infield and spectator amenities. We traveled to Boise for a 16U tournament last year and were in awe of their facilities. Every one of the families asked “why can’t we do this at Tibbets?” That facility could be awesome.

My Priorities

Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $30
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $75
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
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We need more athletic field space!

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Name not shown inside WATERFORD TERRACE (SOUTH COVE) (registered) November 10, 2017, 10:14 AM
My Priorities

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $35
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $15
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $15

Name not available (unclaimed) November 10, 2017, 10:07 AM

seems like the fields in the highlands are so overcrowded and used by many Issaquah citizens.

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) November 10, 2017, 9:45 AM

There are rapidly growing need for Additional Athletic Fields in the area so would like to budget goes to the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands.

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $40
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $40
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) November 10, 2017, 9:35 AM
Issaquah is in desperate need of more sports fields. The current Lake Sammamish State Park Fields need an upgrade along with a paved parking lot.

**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity**: $0
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $20
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $80
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $0
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $0

3 Supporters

Beth Collins inside SAMMAMISH BEACH CLUB (SOUTH COVE) (registered) November 10, 2017, 9:16 AM

PLEASE find a way to connect the South Cove area to the rest of Issaquah with a safe path. It doesn’t need to be fancy just SAFE. Separating people from cars with just a curb would be fine. This was promised many many years ago and never delivered.

**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity**: $50
  - Expand Issaquah’s trail system with new or improved trails, trailheads, parking and oth... $0
  - Connect South Cove Area to the rest of Issaquah with a SAFE walking/biking path. It cou... $50
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $0
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $50
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $0
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $0

1 Supporter

Name not shown inside NORTH ISSAQUAH (registered) November 10, 2017, 9:15 AM

**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity**: $25
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $20
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My Priorities

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Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Judd Boone inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (unverified)  November 10, 2017, 8:56 AM

Would love to see Turf pads added to LSSP and improved parking.

Name not available (unclaimed)  November 10, 2017, 8:46 AM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
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My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $20
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $60
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

brad nakashima outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 10, 2017, 7:55 AM

My Priorities

Connectivity $30
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $70
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 10, 2017, 7:46 AM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0
1 Supporter

Name not available (unclaimed) November 10, 2017, 7:31 AM

My Priorities

Connectivity $20
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $40
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $15
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $15

Name not available (unclaimed) November 10, 2017, 7:25 AM
My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 10, 2017, 7:25 AM

My Priorities

Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $65
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 10, 2017, 7:23 AM

My Priorities

Connectivity $25
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) November 10, 2017, 7:22 AM

Issaquah can and should be a regional mountain biking destination. "Connectivity" needs to be inclusive of all trail users.

Additional Athletic Field Capacity should begin with turf and improved parking at the "IHOP" fields.

My Priorities

Connectivity $35
Expand Issaquah's trail system with new or improved trails, trailheads, parking and oth... $15
More trails on Grand Ridge. Create mountain bike access/connectivity between Issaquah ... $20

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http://www.peakdemocracy.com/5587
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $20
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $35
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $5
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $5

Name not available (unclaimed) November 10, 2017, 7:14 AM
Not enough parking, Not enough fields for sports.... HUGE youth sports participants in the area and fields are not adequate.
This land is dark early ... add lights and bathrooms.... rudimentary structure in place for sports fields

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $40
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $40

Name not available (unclaimed) November 10, 2017, 7:06 AM

My Priorities
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Name not available (unclaimed) November 10, 2017, 7:03 AM
Make lake sammamish fields turf

My Priorities
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Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 10, 2017, 6:14 AM
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Jake Civitts inside THE WOODS AT ISSAQUAH (registered)  
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Lisa Vipond inside CENTRAL ISSAQUAH (registered) November 9, 2017, 11:09 AM

Issaquah needs to provide and focus on additional field capacity for sports to build more community, opportunities and strategic growth.

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Name not available (unclaimed) November 9, 2017, 11:02 AM

Improve Lake Sammamish State Park by enhancing the current soccer fields with state of the art complex for soccer & other sports. Our youth need space to practice and play during the 9 months of rain & grass fields aren't up to the challenge. Increase the local tax revenue by hosting soccer tournaments at the new complex instead of shifting events to Tukwila.

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#### Comment by Jennifer Civitts

Development of new turf fields at IHOP and improvements

#### Comment by Teresa Ostle

My Priorities:
- Connectivity: $0
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- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $10
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $60
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities: $20

#### Comment by Name not available (unclaimed)

My Priorities:
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#### Comment by Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods

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I would really like to see a huge focus on improving and expanding sports fields for the kids in the area. We need more and more of a year round surface like turf so the kids can play in the winter. Maybe even more important is to acquire new land as fast as possible so the rapid development does take over all open land. Thank you for sending the survey.

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Name not available (unclaimed) November 9, 2017, 8:22 AM

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erin stephens inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 8, 2017, 3:14 PM

Let's preserve some open space while we still can. I would like there to be more capacity and services at the pool and even a second pool.

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November 8, 2017, 12:15 PM
We have a lot of space already that needs significant upgrades and maintenance. Quality not quantity.

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $25
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $75
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $0
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $0
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**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $0
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**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $30
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $10
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $15
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $30
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities: $15

Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered)  November 8, 2017, 11:59 AM

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $0
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $100
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $0
chris Pachuilo inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 8, 2017, 11:55 AM

Reinvestment in Existing Parks - These should be fixed and maintained. A splash pad somewhere in Issaquah would be amazing.
Additional Athletic Field Capacity - The lack of artificial grass sports fields in Issaquah is REDICULOUS! The majority of other cities in King County have multiple public use fields with artificial grass. Here is a list of fields that are unusable for 75% of the year: Tibbetts Park, Lake Sammamish State Park, Depot Park/Veterans Memorial Field.
Acquisition – Haven’t we spent enough money buying up waterfront?
Development – Not sure I would even focus here since we haven’t been able to upgrade the parks we have to usable space.

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $75
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $10

Name not available (unclaimed) November 8, 2017, 11:31 AM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $50
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $25
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $30
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $70

Name not available (unclaimed) November 8, 2017, 11:30 AM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $25
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### Doug Crandall inside SQUAK MOUNTAIN (unverified)

**November 8, 2017, 11:27 AM**

**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity** $10
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks** $20
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity** $30
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** $40
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities** $0

### Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered)

**November 8, 2017, 11:25 AM**

**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity** $0
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks** $50
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity** $50
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** $0
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### Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered)

**November 8, 2017, 11:17 AM**

We can always create new parks but we won't always be able to get the land. I think it's most important to preserve our open space for our communities future.

I would like a basketball court and an additional tennis court in central park near the tennis courts. The tennis courts are often full throughout the highlands.

It would also be nice if some of that reinvestment into parks went into traffic safety. Like larger speed limit signs, and warnings of children at play.

**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity** $0
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks** $25
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity** $25
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** $50

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#### My Priorities

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- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $0
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $0

Kim Eng inside SQUAK MOUNTAIN (unverified)  
November 8, 2017, 11:11 AM

#### My Priorities

- **Connectivity**: $0
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $40
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $0
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $20
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $40

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November 8, 2017, 11:10 AM

#### My Priorities

- **Connectivity**: $0
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $0
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $0
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $20
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $40

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November 8, 2017, 8:45 AM

#### My Priorities

- **Connectivity**: $25
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- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $0
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $0
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities: $0

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  
November 8, 2017, 6:14 AM

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $0
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November 7, 2017, 8:54 PM

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $20
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- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $25
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $20
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities: $20

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  
November 7, 2017, 7:47 PM

I am a 18 year old girl who has grown up playing soccer for 10 years now on the fields of Lake Sammamish.
State Park (what we lovingly call the "IHOP Fields). In part of my experience, I have seen firsthand the rapidly growing need for additional Athletic Fields in the area - be it improvements on current Parks & Fields, be it the addition of new Parks & Fields, or the redevelopment of the Lake Sammamish State Park Fields. Especially during the fall and winter months (when soccer must go on), when the heavy rains and snow soak the ground and cleats churn up the fields into an unsafe and unusable hazard, too many teams from multiple sports and clubs are left fighting for the tiny amount of turf field space that is left in the Issaquah Highlands area. Our soccer club, the ISC Gunners, holds a 20 year lease on the Lake Sammamish State Park Soccer Fields, and have been in discussion with the City of Issaquah for many years now, about the possible improvements that could be made - with the possibilities of adding new Athletic Turf Fields, a new and improve Paved Parking Lot, and new and improved Road Way Accessibility options.

With the city so graciously opening the floor to comments from the residents of the area, I am here to say that firsthand what our growing residence of children interested in fall and winter sports needs is a complex where they can come together to celebrate their love of the sport without having to worry about deterrents like field space and weather conditions holding them back.

My Priorities

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Reinvestment in Existing Parks $2
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $90
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $4
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $4

1 Supporter

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 7, 2017, 6:38 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
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Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

1 Supporter

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Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 7, 2017, 8:08 AM
I put more in the update exiting parks for bathrooms.

I put more in the new parks budget for a new spray park!!!

My Priorities

Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $10
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 7, 2017, 7:07 AM

With the growth of Issaquah, there are more kids playing sports then there ever has been and with the population explosion we need more facilities to accommodate all the groups.

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

1 Supporter

Name not shown inside OLDE TOWN (registered) November 6, 2017, 11:27 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $40
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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $5
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $15

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I think that everything is important. However, I believe that additional athletic field capacity should take priority. I am a senior in high school that plays for the ISC Gunners. Every practice, I deal with the issues of over 6 teams cramming to fit on one field. This hurts our development as players, and gives a negative experience to younger players that are just trying soccer for the first time. With more fields, we can get more youth involved in sports to help our community remain physically active and involved.

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Name not available (unclaimed) November 6, 2017, 7:14 PM

### My Priorities
We need balance growth and development with connectivity and protecting the environment around us that makes this city and area so unique and beautiful. Similarly, we need to meeting existing activity needs as well as plan for the future for our youth's health and many generations to come; we need indoor aquatics center, popular sport field such as soccer and basketball with multipurpose fields that are open to the public. Please add more cage like small soccer fields within neighborhood and in parks, expand soccer fields in central park, develop LSSP (IHOP) and Costco field to accommodate all year round activities. Including soccer, jogging track and basketball courts with lights.

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $10
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $30
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $20
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $20
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities: $20

There is currently insufficient athletic field space in Issaquah. Please consider additional all-weather (turf) fields at Central Park and LSSP.

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $0
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $95
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $0
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities: $5

In need of a large scale re-development of the Lake Sammamish State Park and Soccer Fields!! Add new Athletic Turf Fields, a new and improve Paved Parking Lot, and new and improved Road Way Accessibility options!
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Michele McFarland outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  
November 6, 2017, 5:13 PM

Please build more turfed athletic fields. This demand will only become greater, and turf makes the most sense. Please start with turfing LSSP and Costco fields, and go from there.

Thank you.

Name not shown inside THE WOODS AT ISSAQUAH (registered)  
November 6, 2017, 5:04 PM

You have great spaces. I love the new addition of the skatepark. We live in an area that rains all the time. We need more turf fields so that we can use our parks. Thank you!

Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered)  
November 6, 2017, 5:03 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity | $25
Reinvestment in Existing Parks | $25
Steve McFarland outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  
November 6, 2017, 4:51 PM

Issaquah desperately needs more athletic field to support all sports, including soccer. Turfing the LSSP and Costco fields would help greatly. Thank you.

Name not available (unclaimed)  
November 6, 2017, 3:26 PM

Improvements in Additional Athletic Fields - both at the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands.

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  
November 6, 2017, 3:06 PM

Please allocate for the Lake Sammamish State Park Fields upgrade and the Central Park fields upgrade.

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November 6, 2017, 12:40 PM

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Keith Bleyer outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 6, 2017, 9:56 AM

There is a dearth of available athletic field space for all sports especially considering the explosive growth of organized youth sports in our community and throughout the country. It is EQUALLY IMPORTANT to make the proper amount of field space available for each entity. Far too often an entire field is reserved for a very small and/or young team of one sport while literally hundreds of other youth sports athletes are crammed onto a second field. LIGHTING as many fields as possible for darker months could also go a long way.

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1 Supporter
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Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

CRAIG KAGETSU outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 6, 2017, 9:33 AM

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
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Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 6, 2017, 5:55 AM

My Priorities
Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $30
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 5, 2017, 6:29 PM

Maintain enough in the budgets to take care of our existing parks and open areas. If there are any funds left,
make more! Don't forget off-leash dog parks. Issaquah should have a really good one for families/dogs.

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $70
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $30
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Mark Jones inside TALUS (registered) November 5, 2017, 6:01 PM
Need to turf a few more baseball fields, spring baseball in this area can be a challenge. More running paths and parking near where the paths can be accessed.

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $60
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

Name not available (unclaimed) November 5, 2017, 5:17 PM
More multi-use turf fields.

My Priorities
Connectivity $10
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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $30
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
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Issaquah has great parks and trails. What we have can be improved to provide greater benefits that are more
cost effective than increasing the number of parks and trails.

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $50
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  November 5, 2017, 9:30 AM
I think the city has parks, a concentration on the inceased need for athletic fields and the supporting structure
around it is key to supporting families. This is either through new fields or continued improvement for for fields
to year round.

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

Name not shown inside SYCAMORE (registered)  November 5, 2017, 8:56 AM

My Priorities
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November 5, 2017, 8:51 AM

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Name not available (unclaimed)  
November 5, 2017, 6:37 AM

My Priorities
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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $10
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $40
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $10

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  
November 5, 2017, 12:43 AM

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $25

By obtaining more open space, it will hopefully contribute to managing growth and maintaining character.

We've brought in so much housing development, without the infrastructure to support the population growth. One of the things Issaquah and Sammamish are known for is their amazing parks. But accessing them is proving to be quite a challenge! We need better parking areas adjacent to the sports fields and rec areas, especially at the LSSP ISC Gunners lot, and the LSSP park around the corner. Both have been so crowded it's dangerous to walk kids through them. And anything we can do to preserve the natural areas/open space in the city is VITAL to maintaining a balance between growth and air quality, wildlife habitat and respect for this beautiful land we were given in this part of the country.
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November 4, 2017, 10:17 PM

Please add more capacity for youth sports fields.

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  
November 4, 2017, 9:57 PM

Please build more parks so that our children can play sports.

Name not available (unclaimed)  
November 4, 2017, 5:52 PM

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Name not shown inside OLDE TOWN (registered) November 4, 2017, 11:58 AM
Preservation is most important. Issaquah is unlike any other place in the Seattle-metro area and we need to keep it that way. Trailhead City, USA.

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Colleen Fodness inside TIMBERS AT ISSAQUAH RIDGE (registered)  
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I don't think that we need to acquire additional park space but rather redevelop existing parks to add additional fields with year-round use capability.

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**My Priorities**

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**Reinvestment in Existing Parks** | $30  
**Additional Athletic Field Capacity** | $30  
**Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** | $20  
**Development of New City Parks and Amenities** | $10  

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**My Priorities**

**Connectivity** | $0  
**Reinvestment in Existing Parks** | $0  
**Additional Athletic Field Capacity** | $40  
**Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** | $0  
**Development of New City Parks and Amenities** | $40  

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**Chad Bentsen inside SYCAMORE (registered)**

November 4, 2017, 9:03 AM

I have never had difficulty finding a trail or space in a park in our city. I do experience difficulty finding quality year around athletic fields.

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**My Priorities**

**Connectivity** | $0  
**Reinvestment in Existing Parks** | $0  
**Additional Athletic Field Capacity** | $100  
**Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** | $0  
**Development of New City Parks and Amenities** | $0  

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**Name not available (unclaimed)**

November 4, 2017, 8:35 AM
The gunners are getting larger every year but lack the field space to be as competitive as they could be without having to travel. They need consistency. The club has 3000 kids, most of whom live in Issaquah. It’s just as much for the community as it is the club.
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Reinvestment in Existing Parks $20
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $80
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

1 Supporter

Name not available (unclaimed) November 4, 2017, 12:34 AM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $40

Name not available (unclaimed) November 3, 2017, 11:07 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $50
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

Name not shown inside MEADOWS AT LAKE SAMMAMISH (SOUTH COVE) (registered) November 3, 2017, 10:58 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $60
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

Name not shown inside MEADOWS AT LAKE SAMMAMISH (SOUTH COVE) (registered) November 3, 2017, 9:51 PM
We are sorely lacking in field space for outdoor activities. There are lots of options, let's get working on them!

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities

Name not available (unclaimed) November 3, 2017, 9:19 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $25
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) November 3, 2017, 8:59 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $20
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $25
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Kate Long inside THE WOODS AT ISSAQUAH (registered) November 3, 2017, 8:57 PM
Would LOVE more turf fields so kids can play all sports year round!

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $20
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
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- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** $40
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities** $40

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 3, 2017, 8:32 PM

My Priorities

- **Connectivity** $10
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks** $5
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity** $60
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** $10
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities** $15

Name not available (unclaimed) November 3, 2017, 8:30 PM

Most locations seem well serviced; but there are parks and facilities in need of work. For example my kids play soccer at Lake Sammamish State Park with the Gunners. The fields are not in good shape. Drainage is a problem and the grass surface has degraded. It’s difficult to host visiting teams of a high caliber on the grounds.

The expansion at Central Park in the highlands is welcomed; but I'm concerned about lighting being provided on only part of the new surface.

My Priorities

- **Connectivity** $15
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks** $30
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity** $30
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** $25
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities** $0

Name not available (unclaimed) November 3, 2017, 8:25 PM
Additional Athletic Fields - both at the LSSP Grass Fields, and the Central Park Fields in the Issaquah Highlands is our priority and updating the parking and road access to LSSP

**My Priorities**

Connectivity $20  
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $20  
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $40  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $10

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November 3, 2017, 8:23 PM

**My Priorities**

Connectivity $0  
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0  
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $75  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Lynda Baker outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  
November 3, 2017, 7:52 PM

We are in desperate need of more athletic fields... specifically turf fields that can be used year round. The limitations on field availability makes practice times very late for the kids.

**My Priorities**

Connectivity $0  
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0  
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0  
1 Supporter

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We need a decent aquatic center with lazy river and slides. Boehm is OK for lap swimming but is not a very nice destination to hang out with friends. Build a first class water park with a large door that can be opened in the summer months to connect to the outdoors.

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Having space for all of our kids to enjoy the outdoor sports is a must! The lessons they learn by playing sports is invaluable.

My Priorities

Connectivity  $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks  $20
Additional Athletic Field Capacity  $50
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space  $5
Development of New City Parks and Amenities  $15

My Priorities

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Reinvestment in Existing Parks  $20
Additional Athletic Field Capacity  $20
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Athletic fields are the highest priority.
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Would like to see improvement of Athletic Fields and additional capacity.

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As a parent of a soccer playing children, I'd like to see the parking situation at the LSSP soccer fields be improved drastically. Beyond the simply parking, the exiting of the parking lot by IHOP is problematic as folks, despite the existing no left turn sign, continue to attempt to turn left. Some sort of physical deterrent such as a concrete divider would help but the reality is there isn't a great place to turn around en masse even if everyone turns right to exit the parking lot. The parking situation at Issaquah Highlands fields is not great and will undoubtedly be worse when the new turf fields come online.

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
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Development of New City Parks and Amenities $4

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My Priorities
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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
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Jeff Colchamiro inside OLDE TOWN (registered) November 3, 2017, 4:12 PM
Lake Sammamish fields and parking area are in desperate need of upgrades.

My Priorities
Connectivity $15
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $5
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $15

Name not available (unclaimed) November 3, 2017, 4:10 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
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My Priorities

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
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Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) November 3, 2017, 3:59 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $5
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $70
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $5
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $10

Neimeh Shalash outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 3, 2017, 3:53 PM

There is nothing more important than investing in our youth - and our fields are not adequate. please please please improve and increase field space and and lighting!

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0
Youth Sports is an important part of the health of the community. Even with the two new turf fields in Central Park, we are still short of available lighted/turf fields in the area for the Fall/Winter/Spring seasons.

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $95
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $5

Kimberly Clarke inside LINDELY FARM (SE 42ND ST) (SOUTH COVE) (registered) November 3, 2017, 3:24 PM
I think we’d get the most value out of providing a dog park. This could involve enhancing an existing park or creating a new park. Having a dedicated park would help dog owners and non-dog owners who have expressed concern about dogs being off-leash in common areas.

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
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Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $80

Name not available (unclaimed) November 3, 2017, 3:24 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity $5
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $10
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $50

Alex Cunliffe outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 3, 2017, 3:16 PM
As Director of Soccer Operations & Head Coach for the ISC Gunners Soccer Club (formerly Issaquah Soccer Club), with approx. 3000 players in our Club each and every year, it is imperative that Additional Athletic Fields are provided in the Issaquah/Sammamish area. I have no doubt there are other needs for the City of Issaquah, but please invest in youth sports, in our youth, and in the rapidly growing population, by providing the appropriate and required Athletic Fields. There are lots of options - not least - the development of the Lake Sammamish State Park Soccer Fields. Thank you for your consideration. Alex Cunliffe - alex.cunliffe@iscgunners.org

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $100
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0
5 Supporters

Name not shown inside TALUS (registered) November 3, 2017, 2:48 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

Bob Landers inside NORTH ISSAQUAH (registered) November 3, 2017, 11:18 AM

Issaquah continues to develop with more land being used for residential and commercial development. At the risk of becoming like a Renton, Burien or Redmond, the city should seek to moderate commercial and residential development outside of planned communities and use zoning and other resources to preserve more open public space. Climate control includes preservation of green space.

My Priorities

Connectivity $12
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $12
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $41
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $35

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Karen Richardson inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered)  
November 3, 2017, 10:55 AM

I would like to see the current parks we have better maintained. I see trash lying around on the ground, landscaping is covered in weeds and not being maintained, plants are overgrown or dead; grass is brown, or dead or has weeds in it and is not nicely mowed or maintained; drinking fountains are clogged or don't work at all; I could go on and on. If the city doesn't have the money or staff to keep our current parks in impeccable condition, I can't see spending money on new facilities.

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November 3, 2017, 9:24 AM

My Priorities

- Connectivity $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities $50

Name not available (unclaimed)  
November 3, 2017, 8:43 AM

My Priorities

No need for more athletics there is enough. No need for connectivity, guess that means WiFi. Disconnect and relax! Preserve the beautiful spaces we have, like confluence park! It is great!
My input on adding some of my allocated budget to the "Development of New City Parks and Amenities" is focused on the hope for an offleash dog park to be added to our city. I thought this was the most applicable spot to put money toward that cause. My priority, where I spent the bulk of my money, is to spend the money to improve that which Issaquah already owns. Build up a couple of GREAT playgrounds and parks instead of putting a little cash at a bunch of them.
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**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity**: $15
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $15
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $30
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $25
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $15

Name not available (unclaimed)  
November 3, 2017, 5:10 AM

**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity**: $30
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $10
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $0
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $30
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $30

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered)  
November 2, 2017, 10:39 PM

**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity**: $10
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $20
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $30
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $30
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $10

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November 2, 2017, 10:23 PM

Land is at a premium. Any available land must be purchased now or it will all be gone in 5-10 years. Development of park facilities can come later.
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November 2, 2017, 8:48 PM
Off lease dog parks are needed. One should have been included during the recent Confluence Park improvements.

More garden plots are needed with several plots being designated for Issaquah Food Bank and FB volunteers could take care of those plots.

**My Priorities**

Connectivity  
Reinvestment in Existing Parks  
Additional Athletic Field Capacity  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities

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Name not available (unclaimed)  
November 2, 2017, 8:31 PM

**My Priorities**

Connectivity  
Reinvestment in Existing Parks  
Additional Athletic Field Capacity  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities

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Name not shown inside SQUAK MOUNTAIN (registered)  
November 2, 2017, 6:24 PM

**My Priorities**

Connectivity  
Reinvestment in Existing Parks  
Additional Athletic Field Capacity  
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space  
Development of New City Parks and Amenities

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November 2, 2017, 6:22 PM

**My Priorities**

Connectivity
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Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $40
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 2, 2017, 6:21 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $5
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $80
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $5

Name not available (unclaimed) November 2, 2017, 6:15 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $100
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Michelle Leonatti outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 2, 2017, 6:12 PM
I would like my 100 to go to an indoor tennis facility/bubble!

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
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Name not available (unclaimed) November 2, 2017, 5:48 PM
My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $50
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 2, 2017, 5:38 PM

Expand the Chirico Trail/Poo Poo Point parking to allow more vehicles.

My Priorities

Connectivity $50
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
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Name not available (unclaimed) November 2, 2017, 5:36 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $50
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $10

Name not available (unclaimed) November 2, 2017, 5:30 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $20
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $50
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $10
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $10

Name not available (unclaimed) November 2, 2017, 5:19 PM
establish green spaces

My Priorities

Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $35
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

Name not available (unclaimed) November 2, 2017, 5:14 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $15
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $75
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not shown inside SQUAK MOUNTAIN (registered) November 2, 2017, 5:10 PM

Please improve access to the parks! For example, walking on squawk to parks on main roads like 12th ave and Mt Olympus is not safe! Cars, no matter the speed, cross over into the bike/ walk path. We have seen so many close calls, where pedestrians have jumped out of the way of cars. Please put curbs to separate the road from the bike/ people lanes! this is an investment in the community.

My Priorities

Connectivity $100
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Jim Fullmer inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 2, 2017, 4:55 PM

Outdoor swimming pool, covered basketball courts or multipurpose courts for year round activities

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November 2, 2017, 4:50 PM

It's time to upgrade Pickering Barn, a valuable asset. The barn is showing its wear and tear. And PLEASE add acoustic tiles to the dairy barn! Also, let non-profit groups rent the barn once a year at a much reduced rate.

Next time there is a bond request, include funds to build a new museum.

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Dan Tylutki inside LINDELY FARM (SE 42ND ST) (SOUTH COVE) (registered)  
November 2, 2017, 4:16 PM

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November 2, 2017, 3:24 PM
Our neighborhood near the state park, though a part of Issaquah, feels totally disconnected, and we'd love to feel more connected through accessibility and a safe way to get kids on bikes, strollers and scooters to the state park and near by businesses. Issaquah is known for it’s open spaces and trails, and I’d like to see those preserved, improved and highlighted. I don't feel informed enough to know if the access to sports fields is a problem in Issaquah, so if I were better informed my budget may look a bit different.

My Priorities

Connectivity $40
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $10
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $15

Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 2, 2017, 3:11 PM

My Priorities

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Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $45
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $10

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My Priorities

Connectivity $10

Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $25
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 2, 2017, 2:22 PM

My Priorities
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Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $25
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Bob Bakh inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 2, 2017, 1:57 PM
Build a modern aquatics facility with 2 50m x 25y pools. Get Sammamish and Bellevue to pitch in, as well as all the school districts. Make it an Eastside attraction.

My Priorities
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Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $100

Name not shown outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 2, 2017, 1:14 PM
Issaquah is growing, protect the open spaces and expand our community space for people to gather

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $20
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

Name not shown inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 2, 2017, 1:06 PM
I think the first priority should be to acquire and preserve land to protect it from developers.

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Chris Bruner inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered)  
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My Priorities

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $30
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Ryan Roeter inside OLDE TOWN (registered) November 2, 2017, 9:42 AM

I think Issaquah needs a dog park in the valley, confluence park has the space but acquiring new real estate also works.
Would love to see Issaquah purchase more and more real estate along the Issaquah creek and east fork creek, eventually being able to connect Lake Sammamish to Squak and Tiger mountain.

My Priorities

Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $40
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $40

Loretta Jancoski outside Issaquah Neighborhoods (registered) November 2, 2017, 9:27 AM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
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My Priorities

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Jean Sillers inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) November 2, 2017, 7:19 AM

Suggestion: more advertising about existing parks. With the loss of the Issaquah Press, and the Parks quarterly flyer, how do folks know about park options? I know little about Confluence Park except when driving by and thinking we need to stop some day.

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $100
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

1 Supporter

Brian Tallarico inside SQUAK MOUNTAIN (registered) November 2, 2017, 7:02 AM

Dog Park(s)

My Priorities

Connectivity $50
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $50
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) November 1, 2017, 1:48 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $15
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
With all the development happening in Issaquah there's a great need to preserve existing green spaces and add more. Becoming a walk-about "city" is great, but there needs to be room for folks to breathe and see more than concrete and strip-malls.

**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity**
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**

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Name not available (unclaimed)  
November 1, 2017, 6:34 AM

**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity**  
  - $50
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**  
  - $30
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**  
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- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**  
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- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**  
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**My Priorities**

- **Connectivity**  
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- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**  
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- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**  
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- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**  
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We definitely need more turf fields for the kids to play on. The fields we have in Issaquah are in desperate need of upgrades. The soccer fields and especially baseball fields get extremely muddy and are unplayable at times. My son plays on teams that travel to other areas and they have beautiful turf complexes. Tibbets Park could be one of the best complexes around if it was all turf. It could hold soccer and baseball tournaments all year round.

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I tend to be fair and equitable. Even though my kids are still at home and utilize the playing fields the most, I recognize that not everyone is in my stage of life. I believe that allocating the funds equally among the five categories would ensure all demographics are represented.

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I have two boys who are active and love to be outside, but often the weather in our area prevents this unless there is a fully turfed field that is available. With so much focus on both physical and mental health with our teens today, creating additional fields that allow kids to get outside and exercise is a great investment in supporting these young members of our community. Keeping kids engaged & involved in sports, both organized and recreational is essential as they grow into adults and helps keep them out of negative influences. It also teaches them many life skills, like working together as a team, problem solving and the benefits of hard work.

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $0
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $100
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $0
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities: $0

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I do not believe we need new park areas in the city, but the existing ones need to be improved and maintained with more open areas are protected for conservation.

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $20
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $50
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $10
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Acquire the Bergsma Parcel.

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October 30, 2017, 10:39 AM
We need to reinvest in our existing parks, adding turf to those areas that are not useable in winter. A cricket field in Klahanie that has such a broad impact and is not mixed use, is not a good use of our existing resources. Finally, with the expansive growth we are seeing, we need to protect our natural areas/open space for the benefit of future generations.

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $50
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $0
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space: $50
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Have commercial developers build the new parks and athletic fields. Reinvest in our existing parks, improve connectivity and acquire space for the future. Connectivity should be focused on urban trails that can support a broader segment of the community.

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $25
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $50
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity: $0
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**My Priorities**

- Connectivity: $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks: $20
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My Priorities

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My Priorities

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $30
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Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

Brandon Long inside THE WOODS AT ISSAQUAH (registered) October 30, 2017, 9:40 AM
We need more Baseball fields with turf in Issaquah. I highly recommend turfing all of the baseball fields at Tibbets park. It would be a fantastic facility that could be used year round!

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Central Park baseball fields 2 and 3 should become turf fields. Fields do not drain well. They are only usable from May to August.

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We have some great parks currently. I think there can be major upgrades to further make them better.

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Top priority... preserve our existing natural hillsides.

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Marci Meyering inside OLDE TOWN (registered)  
October 29, 2017, 1:28 PM
We're giving you $100 in Parks Bucks to spend! How would you allocate the City of Issaquah’s limited dollars?

### My Priorities

- **Connectivity**: $20
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $40
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $10
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $20
  - Acquire additional creekside and/or hillside properties - and other natural areas - for...
  - Additional Bike Racks at Parks
  - Development of New City Parks and Amenities
- **Acquire additional creekside and/or hillside properties - and other natural areas - for...**: $10
- **Additional Bike Racks at Parks**: $10
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $10

Name not shown inside SQUAK MOUNTAIN (registered)  
October 29, 2017, 10:19 AM

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### My Priorities

- **Connectivity**: $20
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $20
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $20
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $20
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $20

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October 28, 2017, 9:26 PM

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### My Priorities

- **Connectivity**: $20
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $50
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $5
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $20
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $20

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October 28, 2017, 8:28 PM

Emphasis should be on taking good care of what we already have before moving on to new projects.

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### My Priorities

- **Connectivity**: $15
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $50
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $5
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $20
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#### My Priorities

- **Connectivity** $0
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks** $0
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity** $0
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** $45
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities** $55

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#### My Priorities

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- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks** $20
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity** $0
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** $0
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities** $30

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#### My Priorities

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- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space** $40
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#### My Priorities

All Budgets sorted chronologically

As of November 20, 2017, 12:06 PM
What is really needed is a safe walking trail from South Cove to Costco. The 18" is not sufficient.

My Priorities

Connectivity $15
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $40
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $15
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $15
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $15

Randy Harrison inside SQUAK MOUNTAIN (registered) October 28, 2017, 12:08 PM

Development in Issaquah will continue to be the major factor regarding open space and access to it. Our identity is based on our environment. Our icon is salmon and our Chinook are a federally-listed endangered species. Orcas, a regional icon also listed as an endangered species, are uniquely dependent on Chinook as their primary source of protein. Issaquah has a unique opportunity to be a role-model in long-term habitat enhancement that should be synonymous with trails and connectivity of public access. We must think long-term and be a leader when it comes to fundamental factors in the health of the Northwest environment. Public funds should be supplemented by more volunteer work to restore critical areas and Issaquah government should also be more forceful in securing county, state and federal funding for its environmental leadership. This strong leadership is mandatory to maintenance and further enhancement of our treasured reputation as a place that simultaneously addresses the needs of its wildlife, its human residents and its visitors all of whom inevitably contribute to our local economy.

My Priorities

Connectivity $25
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

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Emily Freet inside NEWPORT (registered)  
October 28, 2017, 10:32 AM

We need to preserve our hillsides and open spaces and acquire more land in the valley/central Issaquah for open spaces/parks and an off leash dog park. We need to focus on walkability and connection of open spaces.

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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $30
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

Name not available (unclaimed) October 28, 2017, 10:16 AM

My Priorities
Connectivity $25
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

Name not available (unclaimed) October 28, 2017, 9:59 AM

My Priorities
Connectivity $25
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Additional Athletic Field Capacity $10
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

Name not available (unclaimed) October 28, 2017, 9:53 AM

My Priorities
Connectivity $25
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $50
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $10
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

Steve Johnson inside SQUAK MOUNTAIN (registered) October 28, 2017, 8:53 AM
Create an off leash dog park in the Squak Mtn or downtown Issaquah area.

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity $10
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks $25
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity $25
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $15
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

Name not shown inside TALUS (registered) October 28, 2017, 8:24 AM

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity $0
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
  - Acquire additional creekside and/or hillside properties - and other natural areas - for... $0
  - Off leash dog park $50
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities $50
  - Acquire new land and develop new parks and amenities to further grow and diversify the ... $0
  - Off leash dog park $50

1 Supporter

Name not available (unclaimed) October 28, 2017, 8:16 AM

**My Priorities**

- Connectivity $20
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity $10
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $40
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

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Eileen Hotchkiss inside SAMMAMISH BEACH CLUB (SOUTH COVE) (registered)  
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October 28, 2017, 7:13 AM

More open space and reinvest in what we have should be priorities

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October 28, 2017, 7:00 AM

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My Priorities

Connectivity $30
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $20
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Kevin Koski inside THE WOODS AT ISSAQUAH (registered) October 28, 2017, 4:20 AM
Make what we have better.

My Priorities

Connectivity $5
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $50
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $15
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

Name not shown inside OLDE TOWN (registered) October 28, 2017, 2:42 AM
Much more parking needed at Poo Poo Point! Veteran's Memorial Field needs bathrooms by the playground, and the bathrooms at the end of the Preschool building are torn up and lived in by homeless at night. Make this area safer for residents.

My Priorities

Connectivity $60
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $40
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) October 27, 2017, 10:39 PM
We need to preserve our remaining hills which makes Issaquah special and unique for an urban city. Focus attention on the Central Issaquah plan for future development and obtain necessary open space for additional parks in growth areas. Connectivity of the park system through interconnected corridors will provide enhanced usage and limited street travel. We need a couple dog parks in the central valley to accommodate all the current and future residents that don't have yards. Add more art and interpretive elements to provide environmental and cultural education. More community garden opportunities. Capitalize on partnerships with the state park and non-profits to leverage overall improvements. Provide diverse "low hanging fruit" improvements over the next few years with available funds while planning for larger accomplishments in the future.

My Priorities

Connectivity $25
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $10
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
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Name not shown inside TALUS (registered) October 27, 2017, 8:41 PM

We need to maintain our existing parks infrastructure and finish the existing projects before we embark on new projects.

My Priorities

- Connectivity $20
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks $40
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

Connie Marsh inside CENTRAL ISSAQUAH (registered) October 27, 2017, 8:40 PM

We must protect our remaining hillsides from Development as a top priority. Connectivity must be Trails and sidewalks combined to make a system in which it is a pleasure to walk.

My Priorities

- Connectivity $20
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks $30
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $35
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities $15

2 Supporters

Name not available (unclaimed) October 27, 2017, 8:37 PM

My Priorities

- Connectivity $25
- Reinvestment in Existing Parks $50
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
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- Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) October 27, 2017, 7:36 PM
My Priorities

Connectivity $30
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $35
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $15
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $10

Name not available (unclaimed) October 27, 2017, 7:26 PM

My Priorities

Connectivity $0
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Development of New City Parks and Amenities $50

Name not available (unclaimed) October 27, 2017, 7:04 PM
We need a dog park.

My Priorities

Connectivity $20
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $15
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

Name not shown inside SUMMERHILL (OAKCREST) (registered) October 27, 2017, 6:21 PM
Continue focus on connectivity. Create pathways and greenbelts along rivers and tributaries, for pedestrians and bicycles, with occasion spots for sitting, viewing or exercising. A "green" necklace around the valley area.

My Priorities

Connectivity $50
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $25

Lindsey Walsh inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered) October 27, 2017, 5:08 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $10
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $30
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $20
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $30

Name not shown inside MEERWOOD (SOUTH COVE) (registered) October 27, 2017, 5:03 PM

The trail system, or should I say, pedestrian access throughout the city, and specifically between Lake Sammamish Park and South Cove communities is in need of development as promised at the time of annexation.

My Priorities
Connectivity $75
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $0
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $25
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $0

Name not available (unclaimed) October 27, 2017, 4:48 PM

My Priorities
Connectivity $0
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $40
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
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Ahmed Elnably inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered)  
October 27, 2017, 4:42 PM  
New parks means that parks will be less crowded

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I would like to walk the parks and trails but need to use a walker. I could not find online what parks and trails were accessible and parking.

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### Development of New City Parks and Amenities
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### Name not shown inside THE WOODS AT ISSAQUAH (registered)  
**October 27, 2017, 4:10 PM**

**My Priorities**
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- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $50
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $0
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $0
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $0

### Kelly Bleiweis inside ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS (registered)  
**October 27, 2017, 4:04 PM**

**My Priorities**
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- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $0
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- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $50
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $30

### Name not available (unclaimed)  
**October 27, 2017, 2:58 PM**

**My Priorities**
- **Connectivity**: $10
- **Reinvestment in Existing Parks**: $10
- **Additional Athletic Field Capacity**: $30
- **Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space**: $40
- **Development of New City Parks and Amenities**: $10

### David Remer inside THE WOODS AT ISSAQUAH (registered)  
**October 27, 2017, 2:56 PM**

I would like to encourage the city to make it easy for residents to travel from park to park by foot, and we very much need 1-2 off leash dog parks in the Downtown/Gilman/Squak/Oldtown regions of the city. Continuing to acquire additional natural green space would also preserve the city's character.
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<td>Acquire new land and develop new parks and amenities to further grow and diversify the city's park system</td>
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#### 2 Supporters

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Parks Strategic Plan- Budget Exercise

We’re giving you $100 in Parks Bucks to spend! How would you allocate the City of Issaquah’s limited dollars?

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**My Priorities**

Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $15
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $5
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $50
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

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**My Priorities**

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Reinvestment in Existing Parks $40
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $0
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $0
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $40

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**My Priorities**

Connectivity $10
Reinvestment in Existing Parks $20
Additional Athletic Field Capacity $40
Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space $10
Development of New City Parks and Amenities $20

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Continue to make the parks great that we have and preserve space for the future.
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our athletic fields are always booked out so we need more! It's a great sign of a healthy future generation and it's where families unite and communities get to know one another

My Priorities

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I'd like to see a decrease in athletic field as a percent of budget and move more toward a holistic approach to parks as community spaces. Emphasis would be toward improving existing parks while expanding park footprints with an eye toward linking together parks with trails. For instance I would like to see a trail linking ike sammamish park and squak mountain and eventually tiger mountain. This trail should be similar to burk gilman in the sense that it links different areas of the city together in a way that is both recreation and transportation.

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APPENDIX E

EMC Research: Statistically Valid Survey 2015
Methodology

- Live telephone survey, including landlines and cellphones, of 304 registered voters in the City of Issaquah
- Survey conducted March 24\textsuperscript{th} – 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2015 using trained, professional interviewers calling from a central, monitored location
- Margin of error ± 5.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence interval

Please note that due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.
Key Findings

- City of Issaquah parks are highly used with more than three quarters of respondents saying they have visited an Issaquah city park in the last 12 months. Over a third of respondents say they are regular users of parks, trails or natural spaces in the City of Issaquah.

- 4 in 5 respondents say the City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation plays some role in their overall health and fitness and the overwhelming majority have high satisfaction ratings for the quality of parks and recreational activities available in the City of Issaquah.

- Respondents give high marks for the job the parks and recreation department is doing overall.

- When asked about projects and issues the City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department should address over the next six to ten years, “acquiring properties along creeks and preserving open space” is seen as a top priority, as is “expanding the community center to offer more programs and services”.

Demographics

Demographics of survey respondents.

- Male: 46%
- Female: 54%
- Have Kids: 37%
- No Kids: 63%
- No Answer: 1%

Age Distribution:
- 18-29: 11%
- 30-39: 19%
- 40-49: 22%
- 50-64: 26%
- 65+: 22%

ZIP Codes:
- 98027: 59%
- 98029: 41%
Visiting a Issaquah City Park

Most respondents say they have visited an Issaquah city park in the last 12 months. Top reasons mentioned for visiting city parks are to walk, play or watch sports, or take children somewhere to play.

Q8. In the past 12 months have you or someone in your household visited any of Issaquah’s city parks?
Yes 78%
No 21%
Don't know 2%

Q9. For what reason did you or someone in your household visit a city park? (1st Response)

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<th>Reason</th>
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<td>Walking/walking trails/walking my dog</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Playing/watching sports (soccer, tennis, baseball etc.)</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Take children/grandchildren to play/play at playground</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<tr>
<td>To play (unspecified)</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Recreation/Fun/Games</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Gathering with friends/family</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Have a picnic/lunch/BBQ</td>
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<td>To be outside/enjoy the sun/good weather/change of scenery</td>
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<td>To enjoy the park/nature/beauty/open spaces</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exercising</td>
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<td>Relaxing/quiet time</td>
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<td>Biking</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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Role In Health And Fitness

City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation plays some role in the health and fitness for most respondents.

Q10. Would you say Issaquah Parks and Recreation plays a large role in your overall health and fitness, a moderate role, a small role or no role at all?

- Some Role 82%
  - Small 23%
  - Moderate 35%
  - Large 23%

- No Role 17%

- DK/Und 1%
Facilities Usage

Parks and trails/natural spaces are the most frequently used facilities by a wide margin. There is lower usage for the community center, natural/artificial turf sports fields, and the pool.

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<th>Facility</th>
<th>Regularly</th>
<th>Occasionally</th>
<th>Rarely</th>
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<td>Parks in Issaquah (Q3)</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trails or natural spaces in Issaquah (Q4)</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>11%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Issaquah Community center (Q5)</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Natural or artificial turf sports fields in Issaquah (Q7)</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Julius Boehm pool, prior to its temporary closure (Q6)</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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Q3-7. I’m going to read you a list of some different facilities and services offered in the City of Issaquah. For each, I’d like you to tell me if you or someone in your household uses that facility or service regularly, occasionally, rarely, or never.
Among users, net satisfaction is high for all but the pool, however dissatisfaction is still negligible.

Q11-14, 16. Thinking about life in Issaquah, please rate your satisfaction from very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat unsatisfied, or very unsatisfied, for each of the following. If you don’t know or it doesn’t apply to you, please just say so.
Most all residents are satisfied with the job the Parks and Recreation department is doing overall. Almost half say they are very satisfied.

Satisfied
86%

Somewhat
41%

Very
45%

Dissatisfied
3%

Don't Know
11%

Q15. Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with: The job the Parks and Recreation department is doing overall
Ranking of Priorities

“Acquiring properties along creeks and preserving open spaces” is a top priority, both overall and in intensity. Expanding the community center is also a high priority.

Q17-26. For the next few questions, please tell me how important each of the following projects and issues are for the Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department to address over the next six to ten years. For each, please tell me if it is essential, very important, somewhat important, or not important for that project or issue to be addressed by the Parks and Recreation Department.
Ranking of Priorities, Cont.

All projects – with the exception of an outdoor spray park – are majority important.

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<th>Very Important</th>
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<td>Additional natural and artificial turf sports fields for year-round play (Q19)</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>39%</td>
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<tr>
<td>A dog park (Q25)</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<tr>
<td>A recreational pool including water slides and spray features (Q24)</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>An outdoor spray park (Q23)</td>
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## Favorite Parks and Recreation Activity

*Walking and hiking are most often mentioned favorite parks and recreation activity.*

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<th>Favorite Parks and Recreation activity</th>
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<td>Walking/walking trails/walking my dog</td>
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<td>Hiking</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Playing/watching sports (soccer, tennis, baseball etc.)</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>Take children/grandchildren/playing at playground</td>
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<td>To enjoy the park/open spaces/lake/nature</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Swimming/swimming in the lake</td>
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<td>Have a picnic/lunch/BBQ</td>
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<td>Biking/cycling</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Running/jogging</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Shopping at the farmers market</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Don't know/Nothing</td>
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Q27. *What is your favorite Parks and Recreation activity? (1st Response)*
The majority of trail users primarily use trails for walking and hiking.

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<td>Jogging or running</td>
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<td>Dog walking</td>
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Q28. What is the **main** reason you use trails in Issaquah? Is it for walking, jogging or running, biking, hiking, skating or rollerblading, dog walking, commuting, running errands, or something else?
Paved or Gravel and Natural Soil Trails

A strong majority of trail users prefer gravel or natural trails to paved trails.

Q29. Do you prefer paved trails, or gravel and natural soil trails?

- Paved: 27%
- Gravel and natural soil: 68%
- Other: 1%
- DK/Refused: 4%
### Pool Users - Use of Pool Activities

Quantitative data showing the top uses for the pool, among pool users, are as follows:

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<td>Water Exercise classes</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Lap Swimming</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Swim team</td>
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<td>Birthday Parties</td>
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<td>Summer Day Camp</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Arthritis class</td>
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Q30. What activities, programs, or events at the Julius Boehm pool do you or does a member of your household use? (First Response) (n=128)
Use of Community Center Activities, Programs

General exercise activities account for a fifth of community center activities. Youth basketball is the top mentioned single use.

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<td>Adult exercise programs</td>
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<td>Indoor walking, track/weight room at the community center</td>
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<td>Other general exercise</td>
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<td><strong>Youth Sports Activity</strong></td>
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<td>Youth basketball</td>
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<td>Youth soccer</td>
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<td><strong>Non-sports Youth Activity</strong></td>
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<td>Day camp</td>
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<td>Youth/Teen center</td>
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<td>Middle school dances</td>
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<td><strong>Special Event</strong></td>
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<td>Concerts on the Green</td>
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<td>Birthday parties</td>
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<td>Salmon Days</td>
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<td>Adult basketball</td>
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<td><strong>Family Programs</strong></td>
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<td>Family Friday’s</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Don’t know/Nothing</strong></td>
<td>21%</td>
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Q31. What activities, programs or events at the Issaquah Community Center do you or does a member of your household attend or participate in? (1st Response, n=190)
Walking Children to Parks

Of respondents with children in the household, only a third say they would walk a mile or more with their child to a park.

33. How many children under the age of eighteen live in your household?
34. How far would you walk with your child to a park?
Regular vs. Occasional Parks Users

Regular parks users are more likely to have children, be less than age 50, and live in the 98027 Zip code than occasional users.

Occasional Park User (36%)  Regular Park User (42%)

- **Male (46%)**: 44% (Occasional) vs. 46% (Regular)
- **Female (54%)**: 56% (Occasional) vs. 54% (Regular)
- **Have Kids (37%)**: 28% (Occasional) vs. 60% (Regular)
- **No Kids (62%)**: 70% (Occasional) vs. 40% (Regular)
- **<50 (52%)**: 42% (Occasional) vs. 69% (Regular)
- **50+ (48%)**: 58% (Occasional) vs. 31% (Regular)
- **98027 (59%)**: 69% (Occasional) vs. 52% (Regular)
- **98029 (41%)**: 31% (Occasional) vs. 48% (Regular)
Regular Vs. Occasional Trail Users

Regular trail users are more likely to be male, have children, than occasional trail users.

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>Regular Trails User (42%)</th>
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Julius Boehm Pool Users vs. Non Users

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APPENDIX F

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About

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS) report is about the “livability” of Issaquah. The phrase “livable community” is used here to evoke a place that is not simply habitable, but that is desirable. It is not only where people do live, but where they want to live.

Great communities are partnerships of the government, private sector, community-based organizations and residents, all geographically connected. The NCS captures residents’ opinions within the three pillars of a community (Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation) across eight central facets of community (Safety, Mobility, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Economy, Recreation and Wellness, Education and Enrichment and Community Engagement).

The Community Livability Report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 274 residents of the City of Issaquah. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 6% for the entire sample. The full description of methods used to garner these opinions can be found in the Technical Appendices provided under separate cover.
Quality of Life in Issaquah

Most residents rated the quality of life in Issaquah as excellent or good. This rating was similar to the national benchmark (see Appendix B of the Technical Appendices provided under separate cover).

Shown below are the eight facets of community. The color of each community facet summarizes how residents rated it across the three sections of the survey that represent the pillars of a community – Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation. When most ratings across the three pillars were higher than the benchmark, the color for that facet is the darkest shade; when most ratings were lower than the benchmark, the color is the lightest shade. A mix of ratings (higher and lower than the benchmark) results in a color between the extremes.

In addition to a summary of ratings, the image below includes one or more stars to indicate which community facets were the most important focus areas for the community. Residents identified Mobility, Economy and Safety as priorities for the Issaquah community in the coming two years. It is noteworthy that Issaquah residents gave favorable ratings to these facets of community; ratings for these and almost all other facets of community livability were positive and similar to other communities. Natural Environment was also rated positively and was rated higher than other communities in the nation. This overview of the key aspects of community quality provides a quick summary of where residents see exceptionally strong performance and where performance offers the greatest opportunity for improvement. Linking quality to importance offers community members and leaders a view into the characteristics of the community that matter most and that seem to be working best.

Details that support these findings are contained in the remainder of this Livability Report, starting with the ratings for Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation and ending with results for Issaquah’s unique questions.
Community Characteristics

What makes a community livable, attractive and a place where people want to be?

Overall quality of community life represents the natural ambience, services and amenities that make for an attractive community. How residents rate their overall quality of life is an indicator of the overall health of a community. In the case of Issaquah, 91% rated the City as an excellent or good place to live. Respondents’ ratings of Issaquah as a place to live were similar to ratings in other communities across the nation.

In addition to rating the City as a place to live, respondents rated several aspects of community quality including Issaquah as a place to raise children and to retire, their neighborhood as a place to live, the overall image or reputation of Issaquah and its overall appearance. About 9 in 10 respondents gave positive ratings to their neighborhoods, Issaquah as a place to raise children, Issaquah’s image and the overall appearance of Issaquah; all of these were rated higher than the national benchmark, with the exception of neighborhoods, which was rated similarly to the national benchmark. About two-thirds of residents rated Issaquah as a place to retire positively and this was rated similar to the national benchmark.

Delving deeper into Community Characteristics, survey respondents rated over 40 features of the community within the eight facets of Community Livability. Almost all residents gave positive ratings for Safety and Natural Environment, and all features of Natural Environment were rated higher than the benchmark. A majority of respondents gave positive ratings to all features of Recreation and Wellness and Community Engagement; of these, more than half of the features of Recreation and Wellness were rated higher than the benchmark while the rest were rated similar to the benchmark. Ratings varied within the facet of Mobility: about three-quarters of residents rated paths and walking trails and ease of walking favorably, 6 in 10 rated overall ease of travel and travel by bicycle favorably and half rated travel by public transportation, travel by car and public parking favorably. Around 24% of participants gave positive ratings to traffic flow; this was the only aspect of Mobility and Community Characteristics that was rated lower than the benchmark. Within the facet of Built Environment, all features were rated positively by a majority of respondents except the availability of affordable quality housing, which had a positive rating of 34%. All aspects of Built Environment were rated similar to the benchmark. Within Economy, results were generally favorable; all features were rated positively by a majority of respondents with the exception of cost of living and employment opportunities, which were rated positively by less than half of respondents. All features of Economy were rated similar to the benchmark with the exception of overall economic health, which was rated favorably by 8 in 10 participants and was higher than the national benchmark. In Education and Enrichment, almost 9 in 10 rated K-12 education positively; this rating was higher than the national benchmark. The remaining features of Education and Enrichment were all rated similar to the benchmark and were given a favorable rating by a majority of respondents with the exception of adult education, which was rated positively by nearly half of participants.
### Figure 1: Aspects of Community Characteristics

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Governance

How well does the government of Issaquah meet the needs and expectations of its residents?

The overall quality of the services provided by Issaquah as well as the manner in which these services are provided are a key component of how residents rate their quality of life. More than 8 in 10 participants gave positive ratings for the overall quality of City services, whereas less than half of participants gave positive ratings for the Federal Government. Both the City of Issaquah and the Federal Government’s ratings were similar to the benchmark.

Survey respondents also rated various aspects of Issaquah’s leadership and governance. More than 8 in 10 rated customer service positively, while about three-quarters rated treating all residents fairly and being honest positively and about two-thirds gave positive ratings to overall direction, confidence in City government, value of services for taxes paid and acting in the best interest of Issaquah. About 58% gave the City a positive rating for welcoming citizen involvement.

Respondents evaluated over 30 individual services and amenities available in Issaquah. Most residents rated the facets of Safety, Education and Enrichment and Community Engagement favorably and all of these were rated similar to the national benchmark. Mobility, Natural Environment and Recreation and Wellness were also rated positively by a majority of participants and all features were rated similar to the benchmark with the exception of street repair, bus or transit services, yard waste pick-up, drinking water and health services, which were all rated higher than the benchmark. Within Built Environment, 8 in 10 residents gave a favorable rating to storm drainage (higher than the benchmark), sewer services and power utility (both similar to the benchmark). About two-thirds rated utility billing positively and about half rated cable television, code enforcement and land use, planning and zoning positively, all of which were similar to the benchmark. Economic development within the facet of Economy was rated positively by more than 7 in 10 respondents and was rated higher than the national benchmark.

Overall Quality of City Services

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Comparison to national benchmark

- Value of services for taxes paid: 63%
- Overall direction: 64%
- Welcoming citizen involvement: 58%
- Confidence in City government: 64%
- Acting in the best interest of Issaquah: 63%
- Being honest: 71%
- Treating all residents fairly: 73%
- Customer service: 84%
- Services provided by the Federal Government: 44%
Figure 2: Aspects of Governance

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Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)

Comparison to national benchmark

Higher
Similar
Lower

SAFETY
Police
Fire
Ambulance/EMS
Crime prevention
Fire prevention
Animal control
Emergency preparedness

MOBILITY
Traffic enforcement
Street repair
Street cleaning
Street lighting
Snow removal
Sidewalk maintenance
Traffic signal timing
Bus or transit services

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
Garbage collection
Recycling
Yard waste pick-up
Drinking water
Natural areas preservation
Open space

BUILT ENVIRONMENT
Storm drainage
Sewer services
Power utility
Utility billing
Land use, planning and zoning
Code enforcement
Cable television

ECONOMY
Economic development

RECREATION AND WELLNESS
City parks
Recreation programs
Recreation centers
Health services

EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT
Public libraries
Special events

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Public information

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)

Comparison to national benchmark

Higher
Similar
Lower
Participation

Are the residents of Issaquah connected to the community and each other?

An engaged community harnesses its most valuable resource, its residents. The connections and trust among residents, government, businesses and other organizations help to create a sense of community; a shared sense of membership, belonging and history. Similar to other communities, about two-thirds of participants rated the sense of community positively. About 9 in 10 participants plan on remaining in Issaquah and would recommend Issaquah to others.

The survey included over 30 activities and behaviors for which respondents indicated how often they participated in or performed each, if at all. A majority of respondents participated in all aspects of Safety, Mobility, Natural Environment, Built Environment and Recreation and Wellness; these facets tended to be similar to the benchmark with the exception of stocking supplies for an emergency, using public transportation instead of driving, carpooling instead of driving alone, recycling at home and NOT observing a code violation, which were higher than the benchmark. Within Economy, virtually all residents had purchased goods or services in Issaquah and one-third worked in Issaquah, which were similar ratings to the benchmark. Around 40% of respondents thought the economy would have a positive impact on their income, which was higher than the benchmark. Rates of participation varied in Education and Enrichment, with two-thirds of respondents having used public libraries and more than half having attended a City-sponsored event. Both of these rates were similar to the benchmark. Only about one-quarter of residents had participated in religious or spiritual activities, which was lower than the benchmark. Participation in Community Engagement was likewise varied: 8 in 10 residents had talked or visited with neighbors, read or watched local news and voted in local elections. Over one-third had volunteered and fewer than 2 in 10 had campaigned for an issue, cause or candidate, contacted Issaquah elected officials, participated in a club or attended or watched a local public meeting. Additionally, about 7 in 10 had done a favor for a neighbor a rate which was lower than the national benchmark. Seven of the 10 aspects of Community Engagement were rated similar to the benchmark, while the remaining three were rated lower than the benchmark.
Figure 3: Aspects of Participation

Percent rating positively (e.g., yes, more than once a month, always/sometimes)

Comparison to national benchmark
- Higher
- Similar
- Lower

SAFETY
- Stocked supplies for an emergency
  - 51%
- Did NOT report a crime
  - 83%
- Was NOT the victim of a crime
  - 91%

MOBILITY
- Used public transportation instead of driving
  - 48%
- Carpoled instead of driving alone
  - 60%
- Walked or biked instead of driving
  - 60%

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
- Conserved water
  - 85%
- Made home more energy efficient
  - 82%
- Recycled at home
  - 95%

BUILT ENVIRONMENT
- Did NOT observe a code violation
  - 74%
- NOT under housing cost stress
  - 70%

ECONOMY
- Purchased goods or services in Issaquah
  - 99%
- Economy will have positive impact on income
  - 41%
- Work in Issaquah
  - 33%

RECREATION AND WELLNESS
- Used Issaquah recreation centers
  - 51%
- Visited a City park
  - 86%
- Ate 5 portions of fruits and vegetables
  - 89%
- Participated in moderate or vigorous physical activity
  - 85%

EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT
- In very good to excellent health
  - 67%
- Used Issaquah public libraries
  - 66%
- Participated in religious or spiritual activities
  - 28%
- Attended a City-sponsored event
  - 55%

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- Campaigned for an issue, cause or candidate
  - 18%
- Contacted Issaquah elected officials
  - 13%
- Volunteered
  - 38%
- Participated in a club
  - 19%

MOBILITY
- Talked to or visited with neighbors
  - 85%
- Done a favor for a neighbor
  - 69%
- Attended a local public meeting
  - 15%
- Watched a local public meeting
  - 14%
- Read or watched local news
  - 80%
- Voted in local elections
  - 82%
The City of Issaquah included three questions of special interest on The NCS. Almost 9 in 10 residents thought conserving and protecting water was essential or very important to improving environment sustainability in Issaquah, and about 8 in 10 thought that conserving energy and increasing renewables, ease of access to walking/biking/public transportation and supporting local and healthy food production were essential or very important. Only two-thirds of respondents thought that including green building design in development projects was at least very important. A majority of respondents thought all listed strategies for improving environmental sustainability were at least very important.

Figure 4: Importance of Improving Environmental Sustainability

Please rate how important, if at all, each of the following strategies are to improving environmental sustainability in Issaquah:
When stating how much they agreed with statements describing Issaquah, almost all respondents strongly or somewhat agreed that Issaquah is a family-friendly city and a great place to raise a family and associated the City with the Salmon Hatchery and Salmon Days or outdoor recreation. More than three-quarters agreed that the Village Theatre/the Arts and the historic downtown best described Issaquah.

Figure 5: Statements Best Describing Issaquah

*Please indicate your level of agreement for the following statements: Issaquah is best known for...*

- **Being a family-friendly city and a great place to raise a family**
  - Strongly agree: 59%
  - Somewhat agree: 37%
- **Salmon Hatchery/Salmon Days**
  - Strongly agree: 70%
  - Somewhat agree: 26%
- **Outdoor recreation**
  - Strongly agree: 42%
  - Somewhat agree: 47%
- **Village Theatre/the Arts**
  - Strongly agree: 33%
  - Somewhat agree: 45%
- **Historic downtown**
  - Strongly agree: 29%
  - Somewhat agree: 48%
When asked to rate what information sources they use to obtain information about the City, nearly 9 in 10 residents indicated that the City website and word-of-mouth were at least a minor source of information, and about 8 in 10 found local media and email/social media to be a source. Less than half of respondents reported that the local government cable channel, City Council and other public meetings, and talking with City staff were sources of information to them.

Figure 6: Information Sources

How much of a source, if at all, do you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City and its activities, events and services:

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Conclusions

Issaquah residents enjoy a high quality of life.

Almost all residents rated their quality of life positively and think Issaquah is an excellent or good place to live. Around 9 in 10 participants gave positive ratings for their neighborhoods and for Issaquah as a place to raise children; a majority of residents also think that Issaquah is an excellent or good place to retire. Most residents rated the overall appearance and overall image of Issaquah favorably, and about 9 in 10 plan on remaining in Issaquah and would recommend Issaquah to others. Almost every single respondent (97%) agreed that Issaquah is best known for being a family-friendly city and a great place to raise a family.

Mobility is a priority for residents.

About 9 in 10 respondents thought that Mobility was “essential” or “very important” focus area over the next two years, and of the 8 facets of community livability, Mobility was rated the most important. Participants generally gave positive ratings for most aspects of Mobility; particularly, paths and walking trails, street repair and bus or transit services were all rated higher than the national benchmark. Issaquah residents also use public transportation and carpool more than residents in other communities across the nation. A potential opportunity in the area of Mobility is traffic flow, which was rated positively by fewer than one-quarter of respondents and was the only aspect of Mobility rated below the national benchmark. Finally, 4 in 5 residents in Issaquah also indicated that ease of access to walking/biking/public transportation was an important strategy for improving environmental sustainability.

Residents appreciate the Natural Environment and think conservation of natural resources is important.

Issaquah residents generally rated aspects of the Natural Environment positively and this facet tended to receive ratings higher than the national benchmark. Almost 9 in 10 gave favorable ratings to overall natural environment, cleanliness, air quality, garbage collection, recycling and yard waste pickup. Ninety-five percent of residents recycle at home, which is a rate higher than the national benchmark. When asked about strategies to improve environmental sustainability, about 9 in 10 residents thought conserving and protecting water was essential or very important and 8 in 10 thought conserving energy and increasing renewables was at least very important. Nearly all residents agreed that the Salmon Hatchery and Salmon Days as well as outdoor recreation are descriptive of Issaquah.
APPENDIX G

Inventory and System Maps

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ISSAQUAH PARK LAND AND FACILITIES

Parks

Exhibit 1. Issaquah Parkland Classification and Size

<table>
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<th>CLASSIFICATION</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
<th>AMOUNT</th>
<th>ASSETS / AMENITIES</th>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>Acres</td>
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Notes: Acres are rounded. Acres include Centennial Park / Rainier Trail Corridor at 3 acres; otherwise trails are reported in miles. Assets and amenities consist of any of the following: fields, courts, playgrounds, skateparks, picnic shelters and tables, community centers/gyms, roads, bathrooms, paths, and site furnishings. Sites have more than one feature.

Source: City of Issaquah, BERK Consulting 2017

Exhibit 2. Issaquah Parkland and Improvements

Source: City of Issaquah, BERK Consulting 2017
Facilities

Exhibit 3. Issaquah – Selected Scheduled and Unscheduled Facilities (See Appendix for More)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CLASSIFICATION</th>
<th>DIAMOND FIELDS</th>
<th>RECTANGULAR FIELDS AND TURF FIELDS</th>
<th>SPORT COURTS</th>
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Source: City of Issaquah, BERK Consulting 2017

- Community Parks contain the most league sports facilities as well as unscheduled picnic tables and playgrounds. Community Parks have diamond baseball/softball fields, and rectangular fields (multipurpose soccer, lacrosse/football) that are turfed. Community Parks have tennis and basketball courts.
- Neighborhood and Resource Parks have some sports, playground, or picnic facilities but less than Community Parks.

Trails

Exhibit 4. City and Other Provider Trails in Miles (Per Mapped Facilities)

<table>
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<th>TRAIL TYPE &amp; OWNER</th>
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<td>GRAND TOTAL</td>
<td>62</td>
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</table>
Note: Private includes homeowners’ associations, and private business properties, or investor utilities.
Source: City of Issaquah, BERK Consulting 2017

- Most trails are classified as Natural, either in the city limits or Greater Issaquah Area.
- The City of Issaquah is a primary provider of trails in city limits, followed by homeowners’ associations.
- The State of Washington is a primary provider of trails in the Greater Issaquah Area.

PROVIDERS, ROLES & NICHES

Exhibit 5. City and Other Provider Facilities

<table>
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Note: “Other City”: Represents a portion of Bellevue’s and Sammamish’s park systems. DNR = Department of Natural Resources
Source: City of Issaquah, BERK Consulting 2017

- The City of Issaquah provides a wide array or park types in the city limits. While its Natural Open Space category makes up the most of the City’s park acres, other providers of open space inside and outside of the city limits provide regional natural open spaces to the community.
- Issaquah residents to the west and northeast also have access to the facilities of the cities of Bellevue and Sammamish.
- All Issaquah residents benefit from the Issaquah School District open space associated with schools, and may use the formal fields and playgrounds after hours where allowed by School policies.
- Issaquah’s primary service area is within city limits. Issaquah’s secondary service area is within the Issaquah School District boundaries.
Exhibit 6. Park Sites with Facilities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parks with Features</th>
<th>Acreage</th>
<th>Flexible/Informal Spaces</th>
<th>Sport Courts</th>
<th>Fields</th>
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Notes: Represents a portion of Bellevue’s and Sammamish’s park systems.

Data Limitation: Some properties, mainly non-Issaquah facilities, have indication of a facility type but not a facility count.

Source: City of Issaquah, BERK Consulting 2017

The chart of roles illustrates:

- City of Issaquah facilities are more distributed geographically and more numerous than other providers.
- The City has a primary role in providing paths and a moderate role in providing, playgrounds, tennis courts, and sports fields.
- The School District has a primary role in providing sports courts and sports fields.

More information is needed on facility counts in non-City Parks where current data is based on whether the facility type is present or not. City information is based on facility counts.

Other facilities that are uniquely provided by Issaquah in the city limits include:

- Community Centers & Community Gathering Spaces
- Historic/Cultural Sites
- Public Pool
BENCHMARKING

Benchmarking compares population served by facilities in the city as a reference point. A partial review of selected sports facilities and playgrounds appears below.

Exhibit 7. Preliminary Comparison - Selected City Facilities and National Park Agencies’ Facilities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Diamond Fields: Baseball - Youth</th>
<th>Rectangular Fields: Soccer Field - Youth</th>
<th>Tennis Courts</th>
<th>Playgrounds</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Issaquah: 2017 Number of Residents Per Facility</td>
<td>3,275</td>
<td>5,147</td>
<td>4,003</td>
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<tr>
<td>2017 NRPA Agency Performance Review: Median Number of Residents per Facility</td>
<td>6,453</td>
<td>6,199</td>
<td>4,375</td>
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Source: BERK Consulting 2017

- The City serves its population with more diamond and rectangular fields serving youth than the national median.
- Compared to national medians, the City provides tennis at slightly better ratios than the national median.
- The City’s playground facilities serve more population than the national median.

ACCESS: PARKS AS DESTINATIONS

- Parks that are accessible within one-quarter mile by dedicated trails are in portions of Central Issaquah, but are otherwise not extensively available or connected. This means pedestrians rely on sidewalks, shoulders, and trails to reach parks.
- Factoring in both dedicated trails and King County pedestrian network data, there are more properties in the central, west, and Highlands area with access to improved parks (not Open Space or Native Growth Protection Easements (NGPE)). Northcentral Issaquah appears to have gaps in improved parks.
- There is generally good coverage of parks within ½ mile to 1 mile of homes to improved parks with trailheads and parking areas. There are still gaps in northcentral Issaquah.
- Including Public Open Space, there are more properties accessible to pedestrians. There are still gaps in northcentral Issaquah. If Open Space parks are improved with amenities and assets (consistent with environmental conditions), they could serve as recreation resources in proximity to the current and future population.
- There are moderate population densities in “gap” areas.
- There are natural barriers to accessing (or developing) parks such as slopes and streams, and physical barriers such as I-90. These factors would be considered in the Parks Strategic Plan and more so in park and trail master plans.
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Sum of Restrooms

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Sum of Road

3

Sum of Outdoor Light

Sum of Irrigation
System

Sum of Lawn Drainage
1

Sum of Parking Areas

10
2
4
1

3
9

Sum of Trash Cans

Sum of Drinking
Fountain

Sum of Benches

Sum of Art

Sum of Beach
(Swimming or
Waterfront Access)

Sum of Picnic Tables
2

3

5

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1
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9

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3
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7
1

Count of Fence: Split
Rail

1
1
1

1
2

1

10.27
44.6
62.7
0.23
4.64
170
7.46
40.2
13.26
101
19.65
15.12
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0.04
434.38
12.47
0
1360.19

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Sum of Fence: Chain
Link

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Sum of Recreation
Center

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Sum of Playgrounds

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10.68
14.4
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3
42.16

0.55
1.7
1.43
3.68

6

Sum of Picnic Shelters

4

Count of Gathering
Space / Patio

8

Sum of Pedestrian
bridge

4

Count of Path Lights

Sum of Fields with
Lights

4

Count of
Pathways/Trails:
Gravel

Sum of Soccer Goals

2
2

Count of
Pathways/Trails:
Paved

Sum of Rectangular
Fields + Turf Fields

1

Sum of Bleachers

Sum of Baseball Fields
with backstops

3
49.8
13.2
3
8.6
10
34
0
12.5
34
4.3
172.4

Sum of Skate Park

Sum of Paved Courts:
Tennis

City of Issaquah
Community Park
Black Nugget Park
Central Park
Confluence Park
Gibson Park
Grand View Park
Harvey Manning Park
Hillside Park
Skate Park
Squak Valley Park
Tibbetts Valley Park
Veterans' Memorial Field
Community Park Total
Facility
Depot Park / Rainier Trail
Hillside Cemetery
Issaquah Community Center
Issaquah Trails Center
Issaquah Valley Senior Center
Julius Boehm Pool
Memorial Park Center
Pickering Farm (Barn)
Tibbetts Creek Manor
Facility Total
Natural Open Space
Animal Hospital Open Space
East Lake Sammamish Overlook
Foothills at Issaquah Natural Area
Issaquah Creek East Fork Natural Area
Issaquah Creek Natural Areas
Issaquah Highlands Open Space (NGPA)
Lewis Creek Natural Area
McCarry Woods
Park Hill Open Space
Park Pointe
Sammamish Cove Park
South Issaquah Creek Greenway
Squak Mountain Natural Area
Talus Native Growth Protection Area (NGPA)
Tibbetts Creek Natural Area
Tradition Plateau Natural Resources Conservation Area
Issaquah Creek North Fork Natural Area
Pickering Raech (NGPE)
Natural Open Space Total
Neighborhood Park
Blackberry Park
Meerwood Park
Sena Park
Neighborhood Park Total
Resource Park
Berntsen Park
Emily Darst Park
Ingi Johnson Park
Mine Hill Park
Squak Valley Park - North
Timberlake Park
Salmon Run Nature Park
Resource Park Total
Undeveloped Park
Corra Park
Front Street Properties
Undeveloped Park Total
Undeveloped Park / Other
Cornick Park
Walen Hill Park
Undeveloped Park / Other Total
Urban Trail
Centennial Park / Rainier Trail Corridor
Central Park - Falls Drive Trail
Gilman Boulevard Parkway
Maple-Juniper Trail
Newport Way Trail
Pickering Trail
Sammamish Trail
Urban Trail Total
City of Issaquah Total

Sum of Paved Courts:
Basketball

Row Labels

Dec-17
Sum of Acreage (parks)

City of Issaquah Parks & Facilities

5

9

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18


Issaquah Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan

Issaquah Resource Parks
Issaquah Area
Public Open Space
HOA Property
Native Growth Protection Easement
City Limits
Trails

Date: December, 2017
Source: City of Issaquah, King County, BERK

Issaquah Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan
Issaquah Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan

2010 Population Density (Pop per Square Mile by Census Block)

- 25,001 or more people
- 10,001 to 25,000 people
- 7,501 to 10,000 people
- 5,001 to 7,500 people
- 2,501 to 5,000 people
- 1,001 to 2,500 people
- 501 to 1,000 people
- 101 to 500 people
- 100 or less people

Issaquah City Limits

Date: December, 2017
Source: City of Issaquah, King County, US Census, BERK
Issaquah Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan

Service Area
- Parcels Within 1/4 Mile Walk of Park - Trails Only

Issaquah Area Parks
- Issaquah Resource Park
- Issaquah Area Parks
- Public Open Space
- Native Growth Protection Easement
- HOA Property
- Issaquah City Limits
- Trails

Only Parks were used for this analysis.

Note: Distances from parks are calculated along the Issaquah Designated Trails layer. Any intersection where a trail crosses a park boundary is considered an access point for that given park, and is used as a point from which distance traveled is calculated.

Date: December, 2017
Source: City of Issaquah, King County, BERK

Issaquah Area Parks:
- Issaquah Resource Park
- Issaquah Area Parks
- Public Open Space
- Native Growth Protection Easement
- HOA Property
- Issaquah City Limits
- Trails

Only Parks were used for this analysis.

Note: Distances from parks are calculated along the Issaquah Designated Trails layer. Any intersection where a trail crosses a park boundary is considered an access point for that given park, and is used as a point from which distance traveled is calculated.

Date: December, 2017
Source: City of Issaquah, King County, BERK

Issaquah Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan

Service Area
- Parcels Within 1/4 Mile Walk of Park - Trails Only

Issaquah Area Parks
- Issaquah Resource Park
- Issaquah Area Parks
- Public Open Space
- Native Growth Protection Easement
- HOA Property
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Source: City of Issaquah, King County, BERK

Issaquah Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan

Service Area
- Parcels Within 1/4 Mile Walk of Park - Trails Only

Issaquah Area Parks
- Issaquah Resource Park
- Issaquah Area Parks
- Public Open Space
- Native Growth Protection Easement
- HOA Property
- Issaquah City Limits
- Trails

Only Parks were used for this analysis.

Note: Distances from parks are calculated along the Issaquah Designated Trails layer. Any intersection where a trail crosses a park boundary is considered an access point for that given park, and is used as a point from which distance traveled is calculated.

Date: December, 2017
Source: City of Issaquah, King County, BERK
Both Parks and Open Space were used for this analysis.

Note: Distances from parks are calculated along the Issaquah Designated Trails layer. Any intersection where a trail crosses a park boundary is considered an access point for that given park, and is used as a point from which distance traveled is calculated.
Date: December, 2017
Source: City of Issaquah, King County, BERK

Issaquah Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan

Service Area
- Parcels Within 1/4 Mile Walk of Park - Trails & Sidewalks

Issaquah Area Parks
- Issaquah Resource Park
- Issaquah Area
- Public Open Space
- Native Growth Protection Easement
- HOA Property
- Issaquah City Limits
- Trails

Only Parks were used for this analysis.

Note: Distances from parks are calculated along a combination of the King County Pedestrian Transportation Network and Issaquah Designated Trails layer. A 50 ft. buffer was used on the parks layer in order to ensure an intersection between the King County pedestrian transportation network and the park boundary. Any intersection where a trail or road with a sidewalk crosses a park boundary is considered an access point for that given park, and is used as a point from which distance traveled is calculated. It is noted that more accurate access points were not available in GIS format for the...
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APPENDIX H

2014 Rate Study for Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Facilities
Impact Fees

For full document refer to Ordinance No.2733

https://issaquah.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/33433?preview=33434
1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study is to establish the rates for impact fees in the City of Issaquah, Washington for parks, open space, and recreation facilities as authorized by RCW1 82.02.050-100. Throughout this study the term "parks" is used as the short name that means parks, open space, and recreation facilities.

Rates

Park impact fees are based on $2,464.13 per “equivalent person”². Impact fee rates for new development are based on, and vary according to the type of land use. The following table summarizes the impact fee rates for each land use category.

Table 1: Impact Fee Rates

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<th>Type of Development</th>
<th>Impact Fee per Unit</th>
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<td>Single-Family</td>
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Impact Fees vs. Other Developer Contributions

Impact fees are charges paid by new development to reimburse local governments for the capital cost of public facilities that are needed to serve new development and the people who occupy or use the new development. Throughout this study, the term "developer" is used as a shorthand expression to describe anyone who is obligated to pay impact fees, including builders, owners or developers.

The impact fees that are described in this study do not include any other forms of developer contributions or exactions, such as mitigation or voluntary payments authorized by SEPA (the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C); system development charges for water and sewer authorized for utilities (RCW 35.92 for municipalities, 56.16 for sewer districts, and 57.08 for water districts);

¹Revised Code of Washington (RCW) is the state law of the State of Washington.
²In residential development, such as houses and apartments, one person is the same as one “equivalent person”, but for non-residential development, employees, customers, and visitors are a fraction of one “equivalent person”. The details of these calculations are presented in this study.
local improvement districts or other special assessment districts; linkage fees; or land donations or fees in lieu of land.

**Adjustments for Other Sources of Revenue for Park Capital Improvements**

The impact fees in this study recognize the existence of other sources of revenue that are available to pay for the capital cost of parks. These other revenues are accounted for by reducing the cost of the investment needed for growth by the amount of other revenues that are estimated to be available for portions of park capital project costs that are eligible for the park impact fee.

**Credits for Contributions of Land or Improvements by Developer**

A developer who contributes land or improvements for the projects on the impact fee project list may receive a “credit” which reduces the amount of impact fee that is due. This credit is in addition to the adjustment for other revenues described in the preceding paragraph, and are determined on a case-by-case basis with individual developers.

**Who Pays Impact Fees**

Park impact fees are paid by all types of new development\(^3\). Park impact fee rates are based on, and vary according to the type of land use.

**Service Areas for Impact Fees**

Impact fees in some jurisdictions are collected and expended within service areas that are smaller than the jurisdiction that is collecting the fees. Impact fees are not required to use multiple service areas unless such “zones” are necessary to establish the relationship between the fee and the development. Park impact fees are collected and expended within a single service area throughout the boundaries of the City of Issaquah because of the compact size of the City and the accessibility of its park system to all property within the City.

**Timing of Payment of Impact Fees**

Impact fees are usually collected at the time the local government issues a permit or order allowing structures to be built (i.e., building permit).

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\(^3\) The impact fee ordinance may specify exemptions for low-income housing and/or “broad public purposes”, but such exemptions must be paid for by public money, not other impact fees. The ordinance may specify if impact fees apply to changes in use, remodeling, etc.
Uses of Impact Fee Revenue

Impact fee revenue can be used for the capital cost of public facilities. Impact fees cannot be used for operating or maintenance expenses. The cost of public facilities that can be paid for by impact fees include design studies, land surveys, land acquisition, engineering, permitting, financing, administrative expenses, construction, applicable mitigation costs, and capital equipment (i.e., recreational equipment) pertaining to park capital improvements.

The public facilities that can be paid for by impact fees are "system improvements" (which are typically outside the development), and "designed to provide service to service areas within the community at large" as provided in RCW 82.02.050(9)), as opposed to "project improvements" (which are typically provided by the developer on-site within the development or adjacent to the development), and "designed to provide service for a development project, and that are necessary for the use and convenience of the occupants or users of the project" as provided in RCW 82.02.050(6).

Expenditure Requirements for Impact Fees

Impact fees must be spent on capital projects contained in an adopted capital facilities plan (CFP), or they can be used to reimburse the government for the unused capacity of existing facilities. Impact fee payments that are not expended or obligated within 10 years must be refunded unless the City Council makes a written finding that an extraordinary and compelling reason exists to hold the fees for longer than 10 years. In order to verify these two requirements, impact fee revenues must be deposited into separate accounts of the government, and annual reports must describe revenue and expenditures.

Developer Options

A developer who is liable for impact fees has several options regarding impact fees. First, the developer can pay the impact fee using the rate schedule in Table 11. The developer can submit data and or/analysis to demonstrate that the impacts of the proposed development are less than the impacts calculated in this rate study. The developer can appeal the impact fee calculation by the City of Issaquah. The developer can obtain a refund if the development does not proceed and no impacts are created. If the local government fails to expend the impact fee payments within 10 years of receipt of such payments, the developer (or subsequent owner of the property) can obtain a refund of the impact fees.
Organization of the Study

This impact fee rate study contains four chapters and two appendices:

- **Chapter 1 – Introduction**: provides a summary of impact fee rates for land use categories, and other introductory materials.

- **Chapter 2 – Statutory Basis and Methodology**: summarizes the statutory requirements for developing impact fees, and describes the compliance with each requirement.

- **Chapter 3 – Growth Estimates**: presents estimates of future growth of population and employment in Issaquah because impact fees are paid by growth to offset the cost of parks, open space and recreation facilities that will be needed to serve new development.

- **Chapter 4 – Park Impact Fees**: presents impact fees for parks. The chapter includes the methodology that is used to develop the fees, the formulas, variables and data that are the basis for the fees, and the calculation of the fees. The methodology is designed to comply with the requirements of Washington state law.

- **Appendix A – Equivalent Population Coefficients**: presents the use of equivalency methodology to develop park impact fees that apply to new commercial development as well as residential development.

- **Appendix B – Capital Facilities Plan**: presents capital improvements projects for parks for the years 2015 – 2020.
2. STATUTORY BASIS AND METHODOLOGY

Local governments charge impact fees for several reasons: 1) to obtain revenue to pay for some of the cost of new public facilities; 2) to implement a public policy that new development should pay a portion of the cost of facilities that it requires, and that existing development should not pay all of the cost of such facilities; and 3) to assure that adequate public facilities will be constructed to serve new development.

This study of park impact fees for Issaquah, Washington describes the methodology that is used to develop the fees, presents the formulas, variables and data that are the basis for the fees, and documents the calculation of the fees. The methodology is designed to comply with the requirements of Washington state law.

STATUTORY BASIS FOR IMPACT FEES

The Growth Management Act of 1990 (Chapter 17, Washington Laws, 1990, 1st Ex. Sess.) authorizes local governments in Washington to charge impact fees. RCW 82.02.050 - 82.02.100 contain the provisions of the Growth Management Act that authorize and describe the requirements for impact fees.

The following synopsis of the most significant requirements of the law includes citations to the Revised Code of Washington as an aid to readers who wish to review the exact language of the statutes.

Types of Public Facilities

Four types of public facilities can be the subject of impact fees: 1) public streets and roads; 2) publicly owned parks, open space and recreation facilities; 3) school facilities; and 4) fire protection facilities. RCW 82.02.050(2) and (4), and RCW 82.02.090(7)

Types of Improvements

Impact fees can be spent on "system improvements" (which are typically outside the development), as opposed to "project improvements" (which are typically provided by the developer on-site within the development). RCW 82.02.050(3)(a) and RCW 82.02.090(5) and (9)

Benefit to Development

Impact fees must be limited to system improvements that are reasonably related to, and which will benefit new development. RCW 82.02.050(3)(a) and (c). Local governments must establish reasonable service areas (one area, or more than one), and local governments must develop impact fee rate categories for various land uses. RCW 82.02.060(7)
Proportionate Share
Impact fees cannot exceed the development's proportionate share of system improvements that are reasonably related to the new development. The impact fee amount shall be based on a formula (or other method of calculating the fee) that determines the proportionate share. *RCW 82.02.050(3)(b)*, *RCW 82.02.060(1)*, and *RCW 82.02.090(6)*

Reductions of Impact Fee Amounts
Impact fees rates must be adjusted to account for other revenues that the development pays (if such payments are earmarked for or proratable to particular system improvements). *RCW 82.02.050(1)(c) and (2) and RCW 82.02.060(1)(b)* Impact fees may be credited for the value of dedicated land, improvements or construction provided by the developer (if such facilities are in the adopted CFP as system improvements eligible for impact fees and are required as a condition of development approval). *RCW 82.02.060(4)*

Exemptions from Impact Fees
Local governments have the discretion to provide exemptions from impact fees for low-income housing and other "broad public purpose" development. Exempt fees must be paid from public funds (other than impact fee accounts) for 100% of "broad public purpose" exemptions, and for portions of low-income housing exemptions that exceed 80% of the impact fee (the first 80% is exempt, but does not have to be repaid). Buildings or structures constructed by a regional transit authority are exempt by state law, and do not have to be repaid by the local government. *RCW 82.02.060(2)*

Developer Options
Developers who are liable for impact fees can submit data and or/analysis to demonstrate that the impacts of the proposed development are less than the impacts calculated in this rate study. *RCW 82.02.060(6)*. Developers can pay impact fees under protest and appeal impact fee calculations. *RCW 82.02.070(4) and (5)*. The developer can obtain a refund of the impact fees if the local government fails to expend or obligate the impact fee payments within 10 years, or terminates the impact fee requirement, or the developer does not proceed with the development (and creates no impacts). *RCW 82.02.080*

Capital Facilities Plans
Impact fees must be expended on public facilities in a capital facilities plan (CFP) element of the Comprehensive Plan or used to reimburse the government for the unused capacity of existing facilities. The CFP must conform to the Growth Management Act of 1990, and must identify existing deficiencies in facility capacity for current development, capacity of existing facilities available for new development, and additional facility capacity needed for new development. *RCW 82.02.050(4), RCW 82.02.060(8), and RCW 82.02.070(2)*
New Versus Existing Facilities
Impact fees can be charged for new public facilities RCW 82.02.060(1)(a) and for the unused capacity of existing public facilities RCW 82.02.060(8) subject to the proportionate share limitation described above.

Accounting Requirements
The local government must separate the impact fees from other monies, expend or obligate the money on CFP projects within 10 years, and prepare annual reports of collections and expenditures. RCW 82.02.070(1)-(3)

OTHER TOPICS RELATING TO IMPACT FEES
Prior to calculating impact fee rates, several other topics will be addressed in order to determine the need for, and validity of such fees: responsibility for public facilities, the need for additional park capacity, and the benefit of parks to new development.

Responsibility for Public Facilities
In general, local governments that are authorized to charge impact fees are responsible for specific public facilities for which they may charge such fees. The City of Issaquah is legally and financially responsible for the parks facilities it owns and operates within its jurisdiction. In no case may a local government charge impact fees for private facilities, but it may charge impact fees for some public facilities that it does not administer if such facilities are "owned or operated by government entities" RCW 82.02.090 (7).

Need for Additional Park Capacity
The need for additional park capacity is determined by using the current investment in parks per person and projections of future development. New development is required to match the same investment per person in order to maintain the same ratio as existed before the new development.

The park investment needed for growth is calculated by multiplying the current investment per capita times the population growth from 2015 through 2020. The cost of capacity projects in the City’s CFP must equal or exceed the investment needed for growth in order to provide at least the amount for which growth is paying impact fees. If the CFP amounts are greater than the amount needed for growth, the City pays for the additional amounts, and growth pays only for the amount that it needs.

This analysis of needed parks complies with the statutory requirements of identifying existing deficiency (none), reserve capacity (none) and new capacity requirements for facilities (the investment needed for growth). Details of this analysis are provided later in the study.
Determining the Benefit to Development

The law imposes three tests of the benefit provided to development by impact fees: 1) proportionate share, 2) reasonably related to need, and 3) reasonably related to expenditure RCW 80.20.050(3). In addition, the law requires the designation of one or more service areas RCW 82.02.060(7)

1. Proportionate Share.

First, the "proportionate share" requirement means that impact fees can be charged only for the portion of the cost of public facilities that is "reasonably related" to new development. In other words, impact fees cannot be charged to pay for the cost of reducing or eliminating deficiencies in existing facilities.

Second, there are several important implications of the proportionate share requirement that are not specifically addressed in the law, but which follow directly from the law:

• Costs of facilities that will benefit new development and existing users must be apportioned between the two groups in determining the amount of the fee. This can be accomplished in either of two ways: (1) by allocating the total cost between new and existing users, or (2) calculating the cost per unit and applying the cost only to new development when calculating impact fees.

• Impact fees that recover the costs of existing unused capacity should be based on the government's actual cost. Carrying costs may be added to reflect the government's actual or imputed interest expense.

The third aspect of the proportionate share requirement is its relationship to the requirement to provide adjustments and credits to impact fees, where appropriate. These requirements ensure that the amount of the impact fee does not exceed the proportionate share.

• The "adjustments" requirement reduces the impact fee to account for past and future payments of other revenues (if such payments are earmarked for, or proratable to, the system improvements that are needed to serve new growth).

• The "credit" requirement reduces impact fees by the value of dedicated land, improvements or construction provided by the developer (if such facilities are in the adopted CFP, identified as the projects for which impact fees are collected, and are required as a condition of development approval). The law does not prohibit a local government from establishing reasonable constraints on determining credits. For example, the location of dedicated land and the quality and design of donated land or recreation facilities can be required to
be acceptable to the local government.

2. Reasonably Related to Need.

There are many ways to fulfill the requirement that impact fees be "reasonably related" to the development's need for public facilities, including personal use and use by others in the family or business enterprise (direct benefit), use by persons or organizations who provide goods or services to the fee-paying property or are customers or visitors at the fee paying property (indirect benefit), and geographical proximity (presumed benefit). These measures of relatedness are implemented by the following techniques:

- Impact fees are charged to properties that need (i.e., benefit from) new public facilities. The City of Issaquah provides its infrastructure to all kinds of property throughout the City, therefore impact fees have been calculated for all types of property.

- The relative needs of different types of growth are considered in establishing fee amounts (i.e., different impact values for different types of land use). Chapter 3 uses different numbers of persons per dwelling unit for residential development, and the number of employees and visitors for non-residential development.

- Fee payers can pay a smaller fee if they demonstrate that their development will have less impact than is presumed in the impact fee schedule calculation for their property classification. Such reduced needs must be permanent and enforceable (i.e., via land use restrictions).

3. Reasonably Related to Expenditures.

Two provisions of State law and Issaquah’ impact fee ordinance reinforce the requirement that expenditures be "reasonably related" to the development that paid the impact fee. First, the requirement that fee revenue must be earmarked for specific uses related to public facilities ensures that expenditures are on specific projects, the benefit of which has been demonstrated in determining the need for the projects. Second, impact fee revenue must be expended or obligated within 10 years, thus requiring the impact fees to be used to benefit the fee payer and not held by the City.

4. Service Areas.

Issaquah’s parks serve the entire City, therefore the impact fees for parks are based on a single service area which encompasses the City.
IMPACT FEE TOPICS ADDRESSED BY ORDINANCE AND CODE

There are several topics pertaining to impact fees that are addressed by ordinance and City code, rather than in this rate study, because they are issues of law or policy rather than technical issues about calculating the impact fee.

Exemptions

As noted above in the summary of impact fee statutes, local governments have the discretion to provide exemptions from impact fees for low-income housing and other "broad public purpose" development, but many exempt fees must be paid from public funds (other than impact fee accounts). The impact fee ordinance specifies whether or not such exemptions are to be granted, and how to pay for any exempt fees. In addition, buildings or structures constructed by a regional transit authority are exempt by state law, and do not have to be repaid by the local government.

Updating Impact Fees

The impact fee ordinance specifies how often the impact fee rates are updated.

Process for Challenging Impact Fees

State statutes require that the impact fee ordinance provide for an appeals procedure. The procedure can be the same as for other land development challenges (i.e., the hearing examiner), or it can be a different procedure.

Data Sources

The data in this study of impact fees in Issaquah, Washington was provided by the City of Issaquah, unless a different source is specifically cited.

Data Rounding

The data in this study was prepared using computer spreadsheet software. In some tables in this study, there may be very small variations from the results that would be obtained using a calculator to compute the same data because the spreadsheet software was allowed to calculate results to more places after the decimal. This increases the accuracy of the end results, but causes occasional minor differences due to rounding of data that appears in this study.
3. GROWTH ESTIMATES

Impact fees are meant to have “growth pay for growth” so the first step in developing an impact fee is to quantify future growth in the City of Issaquah. Growth estimates have been prepared for population and employment.

Table 2 lists Issaquah’s 2013 population, projected population in the year 2020, and the difference between the two which is the estimated growth in residential population.

Table 2: Population

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2013</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>41,089</td>
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<td>Growth</td>
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In addition to residential population growth, Issaquah expects businesses to grow. Business development is included in this study because businesses and their employees and customers benefit from Issaquah’ parks. For example, City parks provide places for employees and customers to take breaks from work and shopping, including restful breaks and/or active exercise to promote healthy living.

The Puget Sound Regional Council monitors “covered employment” which is employment tracked by the Washington State Employment Security Department. The data is tracked for eight different major sectors of employment, such as manufacturing, retail, and services.

Table 3 lists employment in Issaquah businesses from 2000 to 2013, and growth that is projected to the year 2020.
It is clear from Tables 2 and 3 that Issaquah expects growth of population and businesses in the future, so there is a rational basis for park impact fees that would have future growth pay for parks, open space and recreation facilities that are needed to provide appropriate levels of service to new development.

Population and employment are both expected to grow, but they should not be counted equally because employees and visitors spend less time in Issaquah than residents, therefore they have less benefit from Issaquah’ parks. There is a well-established and widely-used technique for accounting for these differences in impact, and it involves “equivalency.” Appendix A to this study describes equivalency, and explains how the “equivalent population coefficients” were developed for this study of park impact fees for the City of Issaquah. The result allows business to pay its proportionate share of parks for growth based on the “equivalent population” that non-residential development generates.

Table 4 multiplies the equivalent population coefficients (from Appendix A) times the actual population and employment data from Tables 2 and 3 to calculate the “equivalent” population for the base year (2013), the horizon year (2020) and the growth between 2013 and 2020.

Cons/Res = Construction & Resources; FIRE = Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate; Mfg. = Manufacturing; Svces. = Services; WTU = Wholesale Trade, Transportation and Utilities; Govt. = Government; Educ. = Education
### Table 4: Growth of Equivalent Population and Employment

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<th>Land-Use Category</th>
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**Adjust to 2014-2020**

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|                  | 12,191 |

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Source: Appendix A - Equivalent Population Coefficients.
Sources: Tables 2 and 3.
Equivalent Population = Equivalent Population Coefficient x Full Population.

The totals in Table 4 provide the equivalent population for the purpose of developing park impact fees for Issaquah. The total equivalent population for the base year (2013) is 48,509, for the horizon year (2020) is 62,732, therefore the growth between 2013 and 2020 is 14,223. This study uses a slightly different time horizon of 2014 – 2020. Growth between 2013 and 2020 equals 7 years, and growth between 2014 and 2020 equals 6 years. Therefore, the adjustment is 6/7 = 85.71%, and the 7-year growth of 4,223 x 85.71% = 12,191 for the 6 years between 2014 and 2020.
4. PARK IMPACT FEES

Overview

Impact fees for parks, open space, and recreation facilities use an inventory and valuation of the existing assets in order to calculate the current investment per person (i.e., equivalent population or equivalent person). The current investment per person is multiplied times the future population to identify the value of additional assets needed to provide growth with the same level of investment as the City owns for the current population. The future investment is reduced by the amount of specific other revenues that are available and the result is the net investment needed to be paid by growth. Dividing the net investment by the growth of the equivalent population results in the investment per person that can be charged as impact fees. The amount of the impact fee is determined by charging each fee-paying development for impact fee cost per person multiplied times the equivalent population coefficient for each type of development.

These steps are described below in the formulas, descriptions of variables, tables of data, and explanation of calculations of park impact fees. Throughout this chapter the term “person” means equivalent population or equivalent person.

Formula 1: Parks Capital Value Per Person

The capital investment per person is calculated by dividing the value of the asset inventory by the current equivalent population.

\[ \text{Value of Parks Inventory} \div \text{Current Equivalent Population} = \text{Capital Value Per Person} \]

Equivalent population was described in Chapter 3 and explained in the Appendix A. There is one new variable that requires explanation: 1.1 value of parks inventory.

Variable 1.1: Value of Parks Inventory

The value of the existing inventory of parks, open space and recreation facilities is calculated by determining the land value of each park and the replacement cost of each type of improvement. The sum of all of the values equals the current value of the City’s park and recreation system. The values of land in this study come from King County’s tax assessment data base, and the values of improvements are based on the replacement cost of each type of recreational facility.
The values of parks in this rate study do not include any costs for interest or other financing. If borrowing is used to “front fund” the costs that will be paid by impact fees, the carrying costs for financing can be added to the costs, and the impact fee can be recalculated to include such costs.

Table 5 lists in alphabetical order the inventory of park land and improvements that make up the City of Issaquah’s existing park system. Each listing includes the name, unit of measure, acreage or number of recreation facilities, cost per unit, and total value. The total value of park land and improvements currently owned by the City of Issaquah is $187.9 million.

Table 5: Asset Inventory and Capital Value

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Recreational Facility</th>
<th>Unit of Measurement</th>
<th>Inventory</th>
<th>Cost per Unit</th>
<th>Total Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Artificial Turf Fields</td>
<td>turf field</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>$1,250,000</td>
<td>$2,500,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baseball / Softball Field</td>
<td>field</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>9,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Basketball Court (O.D.)</td>
<td>court</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>50,000</td>
<td>200,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bridges - Pedestrian</td>
<td>bridge (linear feet)</td>
<td>225</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>225,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Center</td>
<td>square foot</td>
<td>33,000</td>
<td>399</td>
<td>13,167,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Concession Stand</td>
<td>concession facility each</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>333,000</td>
<td>333,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gazebo (Pickering)</td>
<td>gazebo</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>25,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Land - Active</td>
<td>acres</td>
<td>246</td>
<td>assessor value</td>
<td>72,337,934</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land - Passive/Natural</td>
<td>acres</td>
<td>1,353</td>
<td>assessor value</td>
<td>63,162,200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Land - Unstructured Recreation</td>
<td>acres</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>assessor value</td>
<td>4,770,600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parking Lots (parks)</td>
<td>square foot</td>
<td>184,000</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>1,472,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Picnic Shelters</td>
<td>picnic shelter per unit</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>628,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Play Lot/Tot Lot</td>
<td>lot</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>105,000</td>
<td>630,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Restrooms</td>
<td>restroom (CXT)</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>140,000</td>
<td>1,260,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skateboard Park</td>
<td>park</td>
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<td>350,000</td>
<td>350,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Soccer Field</td>
<td>field</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>200,000</td>
<td>600,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Swimming Pool - Indoor</td>
<td>square foot</td>
<td>17,220</td>
<td>641</td>
<td>11,038,020</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tennis Court</td>
<td>court</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>50,000</td>
<td>350,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trails - Recreation</td>
<td>mile (unpaved)</td>
<td>10.5</td>
<td>56,000</td>
<td>588,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trails - Urban</td>
<td>mile (paved-multi use)</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>5,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trailheads</td>
<td>trailhead (unpaved) sq ft</td>
<td>65,000</td>
<td>4.20</td>
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<td>Viewing Platform</td>
<td>viewing platform</td>
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<td>20,000</td>
<td>40,000</td>
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</table>

Total Value 187,949,754

Source of land values: King County tax assessment files.
Source of recreational facility values: replacement costs researched by Issaquah Planning Department.

Table 6 lists the total value of $187,949,754 (from Table 5) and divides it by the current equivalent population of 48,509 (from Table 3) to calculate the capital value of $3,874.51 per equivalent population.
Table 6: Value of Parks per Equivalent Population

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total Value of Issaquah Parks</th>
<th>Current (2011) Equivalent Population</th>
<th>Capital Value per Equivalent Population</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$187,949,754</td>
<td>48,509</td>
<td>$3,874.51</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Formula 2: Value Needed for Growth

Impact fees must be related to the needs of growth, as explained in Chapter 2. The first step in determining growth’s needs is to calculate the total value of parks that are needed for growth. The calculation is accomplished by multiplying the capital value per person times the number of new persons that are forecast for the City’s growth.

\[
2. \text{ Capital Value per Person} \times \text{Equivalent Population Growth} = \text{Value Needed for Growth}
\]

Table 7 shows the calculation of the value of parks needed for growth. The current capital value per person is from Table 6. The growth in equivalent population is from Table 4. The result is that Issaquah needs to add parks valued at $47.2 million in order to serve the growth of 12,191 additional people who are expected to be added to the City’s existing equivalent population.

Table 7: Value of Parks Needed for Growth

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Capital Value per Equivalent Population</th>
<th>Growth of Equivalent Population</th>
<th>Value Needed for Growth</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$3,874.51</td>
<td>12,191</td>
<td>$47,235,558</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Formula 3. Investment Needed for Growth

The investment needed for growth is calculated by subtracting the value of any existing reserve capacity from the total value of parks needed to serve the growth.

\[
3. \text{Value Needed for Growth} - \text{Value of Existing Reserve Capacity} = \text{Investment Needed for Growth}
\]
There is one new variable used in formula 3 that require explanation: 3.1 value of existing reserve capacity of parks.

**Variable 3.1: Value of Existing Reserve Capacity**

The value of reserve capacity is the difference between the value of the City’s existing inventory of parks, and the value of those assets that are needed to provide the level of service standard for the existing population. Because the level of service standard (i.e., the capital value per person) is based on the current assets and the current population, there is no reserve capacity (i.e., no unused value that can be used to serve future population growth).

Table 8 shows the calculation of the investment in parks that is needed for growth. The value of parks needed to serve growth (from Table 7) is reduced by the value of existing reserve capacity, in this case zero, and the result shows that Issaquah needs to invest $47.2 million in additional parks in order to serve future growth.

**Table 8: Investment Needed in Parks for Growth**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value Needed for Growth</th>
<th>Value of Existing Reserve Capacity</th>
<th>Investment Needed for Growth</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$47,235,558</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$47,235,558</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Formula 4. Investment to be Paid by Growth**

The future investment in parks that needs to be paid by growth may be reduced if the City has other revenues it invests in its parks. The investment to be paid by growth is calculated by subtracting the amount of any revenues the City invests in infrastructure for growth from the total investment in parks needed to serve growth.

\[
4. \quad \text{Investment Needed for Growth} - \text{City Investment for Growth} = \text{Investment to be Paid by Growth}
\]

There is one new variable used in formula 4 that requires explanation: 4.1 revenues used to fund the City’s investment in projects that serve growth.

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4 Also, the use of the current assets and the current population means there is no existing deficiency. This approach satisfies the requirements of RCW 82.02.050(4) to determine whether or not there are any existing deficiencies in order to ensure that impact fees are not charged for any deficiencies.
Variable 4.1: City Investment of Non-Impact Fee Revenues

The City of Issaquah has historically used a combination of state grants and local revenues, such as real estate excise taxes, to pay for part of the cost of park and recreation capital facilities. The City’s plan for the future is to continue using grant revenue and some local revenues to pay part of the cost of parks needed for growth.

Revenues that are used for repair, maintenance or operating costs are not used to reduce impact fees because they are not used, earmarked or prorated for the system improvements that are the basis of the impact fees. Revenues from past taxes paid on vacant land prior to development are not included because new capital projects do not have prior costs, therefore prior taxes did not contribute to such projects.

The other potential credits that reduce capacity costs (and subsequent impact fees) are donations of land or other assets by developers or builders. Those reductions depend upon specific arrangements between the developer and the City of Issaquah. Reductions in impact fees for donations are calculated on a case-by-case basis at the time impact fees are to be paid.

A detailed analysis was made of the City’s 2006-12 historical patterns of investment in parks from local sources and grants, including Real Estate Excise Taxes, interlocal agreements, sale of land, sale of timber, and King County Parks Levy. The annual average during the 7 years was $1.7 million. Assuming that pattern will continue for the 2015-2020 period covered by this study, Issaquah will invest $10.2 million in projects that add land and recreational facilities to the park system. In addition, at the beginning of the 2015-2020 period there are two other significant sources of money available for park capacity: $4.6 million from the 2013 park bond, and $2.4 million fund balance in the City’s park impact fee account. The total of these resources is $17,194,447.

Table 9 shows the calculation of the investment in parks that needs to be paid by growth. The investment in parks needed to serve growth ($47.2 million from Table 8), is reduced by the City’s investment of $17.4 million (described in the previous paragraph). The result is that growth in Issaquah needs the remaining $30.0 million to be paid by growth.

Table 9: Investment in Parks to be Paid by Growth

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Investment Needed for Growth</th>
<th>City Investment for Growth</th>
<th>Investment to be Paid by Growth</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$47,235,558</td>
<td>$17,194,447</td>
<td>$30,041,111</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Formula 5: Growth Cost Per Person**

The growth cost per person is calculated by dividing the investment in parks that is to be paid by growth by the amount of population growth.

\[
5. \quad \text{Investment to be Paid by Growth} \div \text{Growth of Equivalent Population} = \text{Growth Cost per Person}
\]

There are no new variables used in formula 5. Both variables were developed in previous formulas.

Table 10 shows the calculation of the cost per person of parks that needs to be paid by growth. The investment in parks needed to be paid by growth (from Table 9), is divided by the growth population (from Table 4), and the result shows that cost for parks to be paid by growth is $2,464.13 per person.

**Table 10: Growth Cost per Person**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Investment to be Paid by Growth</th>
<th>Growth of Equivalent Population</th>
<th>Growth Cost per Equivalent Population</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$30,041,111</td>
<td>12,191</td>
<td>$2,464.13</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Formula 6: Impact Fee per Unit of Development**

The amount to be paid by each new development unit depends on the equivalent population coefficient. The cost per unit of development is calculated by multiplying the growth cost per person by the equivalent population coefficient for each type of development.

\[
6. \quad \text{Growth Cost per Person} \times \text{Equivalent Population Coefficient} = \text{Cost per Unit of Development}
\]

There are no new variables used in formula 6. Both variables were developed in previous formulas. However, the population coefficient is calculated for standard increments of 1,000 square feet, but the impact fee is charged per square foot, therefore the equivalent population coefficient for non-residential development is divided by 1,000 and that result is used in Table 11.

Table 11 on the next page, shows the calculation of the parks impact fee per unit of development. The growth cost of $2,464.13 per person from Table 10 is multiplied times the equivalent population coefficient (from Table 4, divided by 1,000) to calculate the impact fee per unit of development.
Table 11: Impact Fee per Unit

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type Of Development</th>
<th>Growth Cost per Equivalent Person</th>
<th>Equivalent Population Coefficient</th>
<th>Unit of Development</th>
<th>Impact Fee Per Unit of Development</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Residential - single family</td>
<td>$2,464.13</td>
<td>2.2968750</td>
<td>dwelling unit</td>
<td>$5,659.81</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Residential - multi family</td>
<td>2,464.13</td>
<td>1.9781250</td>
<td>dwelling unit</td>
<td>4,874.36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retail</td>
<td>2,464.13</td>
<td>0.0020038</td>
<td>square foot</td>
<td>4.94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office</td>
<td>2,464.13</td>
<td>0.0005056</td>
<td>square foot</td>
<td>1.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>2,464.13</td>
<td>0.0005814</td>
<td>square foot</td>
<td>1.43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>2,464.13</td>
<td>0.0001986</td>
<td>square foot</td>
<td>0.49</td>
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</table>
APPENDIX A: EQUIVALENT POPULATION COEFFICIENTS

What is “Equivalency”?

When governments analyze things that are different than each other, but which have something in common, they sometimes use “equivalency” as the basis for their analysis.

For example, many water and sewer utilities calculate fees based on an average residential unit, then they calculate fees for business users on the basis of how many residential units would be equivalent to the water or sewer service used by the business. This well-established and widely practiced method uses “equivalent residential units” (ERUs) as the multiplier that uses the rate for one residence to calculate rates for businesses. If a business needs a water connection that is double the size of an average house, that business is 2.0 ERUs, and would pay fees that are 2.0 times the fee for an average residential unit.

Another use of “equivalency” that is used in public sector organizations is “full time equivalent” (FTE) employees. One employee who works full-time is 1.0 FTE. A half-time employee is 0.5 FTE. By adding up the FTE coefficients of all part-time employees, the total is the FTE (full-time equivalent) of all the part-time employees. For example, the cities of Renton and Redmond charge business licenses on the basis of the number of employees in each business. In order to be fair to businesses with part-time employees, they convert the part-time employee count to FTE, and then pay the fee per FTE.

Equivalency and Park Impact Fees

The use of equivalency can be used to develop park impact fees that apply to new commercial development as well as residential development. Equivalent population coefficients for park impact fees use the same principles as ERUs or FTEs to measure differences among residential population and different kinds of businesses in their availability to benefit from Issaquah’s parks. They document the nexus between parks and development by quantifying the differences among different categories of park users.

The analysis that calculates equivalent population coefficients takes into account several factors and reports the result as a statistic that allows each category of business to include its share of growth based on the “equivalent population” that it generates. The “equivalency” calculation recognizes that employees and visitors have less time in Issaquah to benefit from Issaquah’s parks (in the same way that part-time employees spend less time on the job than full-time employees).

The equivalent population coefficients are used multiplied times the number of employees in different types of businesses in Issaquah to count employees and visitors to businesses as “equivalent population” in Issaquah. This provides a total population of residents, employees and visitors that will be used to calculate the
park value per equivalent population. Second, the adjusted park growth cost per equivalent population is multiplied times the equivalent population coefficient for all businesses to calculate the impact fee rate for each type of non-residential development.

**Calculation of Equivalent Population Coefficients for Park Impact Fees**

There are two parts to the equivalent population coefficient: (1) employees, and (2) visitors.

Table A-1 presents the data for the following factors used in analyzing employees: the number of days per week and hours per day that employees are typically at the business location, the percent of hours that the employees are at different types of businesses, the number of visitors per employee at different types of business, and the resulting number of visitor hours per employee that visitors are in the business location in Issaquah and therefore proximate to Issaquah’s parks.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Land-Use Category</th>
<th>Days per Week at Location</th>
<th>Hours per Day at Location</th>
<th>Percent of Time At Location</th>
<th>Hours in Location per Employee</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>9.0</td>
<td>25.0%</td>
<td>11.2500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FIRE</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>9.0</td>
<td>80.0%</td>
<td>36.0000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>9.0</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
<td>45.0000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retail Trade</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>9.0</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
<td>63.0000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Services</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>9.0</td>
<td>80.0%</td>
<td>36.0000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WTU</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>9.0</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
<td>45.0000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Government</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>9.0</td>
<td>80.0%</td>
<td>36.0000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>9.0</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
<td>45.0000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FIRE = Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate
WTU = Wholesale Trade, Transportation and Utilities

Table A-2 presents the data for the following factors used in analyzing visitors: the number of days per week that different types of businesses are typically open, the number of hours that visitors are typically at the business location, the number of visitors per employee at different types of business, and the resulting number of visitor hours per employee that visitors are in the business location in Issaquah and therefore proximate to Issaquah’s parks.

5 The original version of Tables A-1 through A-3 was developed by Dr. Arthur C. Nelson, a leading scholar and researcher in the field of impact fees. The table appeared in Nelson’s 2004 Planner’s Estimating Guide. The underlying employee data has been updated to the most recent edition of Trip Generation by the Institute of Transportation Engineers.
Table A-2: Visitor Hours in Location (per Employee)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Land-Use Category</th>
<th>Days per Week at Location</th>
<th>Hours per Day at Location</th>
<th>Visitors Per Employee</th>
<th>Visitor Hours in Location per Employee</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>1.0872</td>
<td>5.4360</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FIRE</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>1.2948</td>
<td>6.4740</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>0.7668</td>
<td>3.8340</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retail Trade</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>15.0461</td>
<td>105.3227</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Services</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>1.2948</td>
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<tr>
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<td>4.6605</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>na</td>
<td>na</td>
<td>0.0000</td>
</tr>
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</table>

1 Assumptions from Planner's Estimating Guide.
3 Visitors per Employee from Planner's Estimating Guide. Does not include tourists, which are important to Issaquah, but for which no data is available that measures tourists per employee by type of business.
4 Visitor Hours in Location per Employee = (#days/week x # hours/day x visitors/employee)

Table A-3 (on the next page) presents the last step in calculating the equivalent population coefficient for different types of businesses. Employee hours are added to visitor hours per employee for each type of business. The total is divided by 84 hours per week. Parks are considered a “daytime” public facility that is assumed to be available 12 hours per day, 7 days per week, for a total of 84 hours6. The result of this calculation is the daytime equivalent population coefficient for each type of business.

Table A-3: Equivalent Population Coefficients

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Land-Use Category</th>
<th>Total Hours in Location per Employee 6</th>
<th>Daytime Equivalent Population Coefficient@84</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>16.6860</td>
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</tr>
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<td>FIRE</td>
<td>42.4740</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>48.8340</td>
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<td>Retail Trade</td>
<td>168.3227</td>
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<td>0.6004</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>45.0000</td>
<td>0.5357</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5 Total Hours in Location per Employee = Employee Hours + Visitor Hours

The equivalent population coefficient for residential development is based on

6 By way of comparison, police and fire facilities are considered to be “24-hour” public facilities, therefore 24 x 7 = 168 hours for their equivalent population coefficient calculations.
the same methodology, but without a separate factor for visitors because residences do not have regular visitors that can be quantified like a business. The residential coefficient assumes 7 days a week, 15 hours per day, 75% at the location, for a total of 78.75 hours in location. Dividing 78.75 by 84 hours for daytime facilities (described above) produces an equivalent population coefficient of 0.9375 for residential development. When calculating the impact fee, the coefficient is multiplied times the average number of persons per housing unit. A single family home has an average of 2.36 persons per house, so the equivalent population coefficient is 0.9375 x 2.36 = 2.2125. A multi-family unit, such as an apartment or condominium, has an average of 2.02 persons per house, so the equivalent population coefficient is 0.9375 x 2.02 = 1.89375.

As noted previously, the equivalent population coefficients are multiplied times the number of employees in each type of business and the residential population to calculate the total equivalent population in Issaquah. They are also used to calculate the impact fee rates for different types of land uses by multiplying the equivalent population coefficients times the growth cost per person.


**APPENDIX B: CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN**

RCW 82.02.050(4) requires impact fees to be based on the City's Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). Table B is a summary of projects listed in Issaquah’s CFP that add capacity to the park system for the years 2015 – 2020.

**Table B-1: Park Capital Projects Adding Capacity to Park System 2015-20 and Later**

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**Total Cost of Projects Adding Capacity to Park System** | **101,420,000** | **101,245,000**
Comparing the Need for Additional Park Capacity to the CFP

As noted in the study, the cost of capacity projects in the City’s CFP must equal or exceed the investment needed for growth in order to provide at least the amount for which growth is paying impact fees. If the CFP amounts are greater than the amount needed for growth, the City pays for the additional amounts, and growth pays only for the amount that it needs.

The cost of the investment needed for growth is $47.2 million (from Table 7). The cost of CFP projects that add capacity to the park system is $101.2 million (from Table B-1). Therefore, the City has plans for all the investment needed to support the park impact fee in this rate study.
APPENDIX I

Habitat Conservation Account

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HABITAT CONSERVATION ACCOUNT
(HCA) AND NATURAL OPEN SPACE

CHAPTER 14

1 HABITAT CONSERVATION ACCOUNT

The City of Issaquah is a growing suburban city located on the eastside of the Puget Sound metropolitan area. Issaquah is nestled on the valley floor between two main creeks and their tributaries, Issaquah and Tibbetts Creeks, which flow into Lake Sammamish. The creek systems form the Issaquah Creek Basin, which is a sub-basin of the WRIA #8 Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed. Low mountains, Cougar, Squak, Tiger, Taylor Mountains and Grand Ridge (known as the “Issaquah Alps”), surround the City. Above the city and valley floor, these mountains contain a mix of residential and commercial development, and approximately 25,500 acres of public natural open space.

1.1 Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

Starting in 1994, all agencies that apply for grant funding through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) – Critical Habitat (CH), Urban Wildlife Habitat (UWH), and, Riparian Protection (RP) categories must meet specific planning requirements. The City is including the Open Space and Habitat Conservation Account (HCA) as a chapter of its Parks, Recreation and Open Space and Trails Plan (a.k.a. Park Plan) to meet these planning requirements as mandated by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

The RCO administers the WWRP grants, which support five types of habitat-oriented categories: critical habitat, natural areas, state lands restoration and enhancement, urban wildlife habitat and riparian protection. Local agencies can submit grant applications through the Critical Habitat, Urban Wildlife Habitat and Riparian Protection WWRP grant categories. Statue RCW 79A.15.010 provides the following definitions for:

- "Natural areas" means areas that have, to a significant degree, retained their natural character and are important in preserving rare or vanishing flora, fauna, geological, natural historical, or similar features of scientific or educational value.
- "Riparian habitat" means land adjacent to water bodies, as well as submerged land such as streambeds, which can provide functional habitat for salmonids and other fish and wildlife species. Riparian habitat includes, but is not limited to, shorelines and near-shore marine habitat, estuaries, lakes, wetlands, streams, and rivers.
- "Urban wildlife habitat" means lands that provide habitat important to wildlife in proximity to a metropolitan area.

In these categories, recreational or facility development is limited to items such as fencing, interpretive or observation trails, interpretive signs or kiosks, restrooms, parking, and creation or enhancement of habitat.
Because these public open space lands and their natural characteristics influence the quality of life for residents, the City of Issaquah recognizes that protection and preservation of the City’s natural resources is an important public value. Additionally, through protection of these natural open space areas, these areas also provide significant wildlife habitat areas, aquifer recharge and watershed protection, and low-impact recreational opportunities. Private groups and organizations, and public agencies continue to work cooperatively to best preserve these natural resources and provide appropriate levels of recreational use.

1.2 Natural Open Space Strategies

The City of Issaquah actively promotes the protection and stewardship of open space and wildlife habitat. The following strategies are intended to help implement the open space and wildlife habitat objectives and policies of Issaquah’s Comprehensive Plan (included in Chapter 5 | Goals and Policies of this document).

Moreover these strategies complement and provide guidance for the implementation of the objectives and policies for the protection and stewardship of open space and wildlife habitat areas. With these strategies in mind, the natural resources that are found within the City’s recreation service area are a resource of regional magnitude. The freshwater, including wetlands and riparian zones, and forest habitat areas are part of the Issaquah Creek Basin and greater WRIA#8 Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed. These areas provide important wildlife habitat areas and they provide the opportunity for public passive or low impact recreational use and environmental education.

The following strategies further ensure natural open space and wildlife habitat protection and preservation:

A. Natural Open Space and Natural Riparian Corridor Preservation

1. Preserve, protect and, where possible, enhance habitat through the acquisition of additional open space in the freshwater and forest habitat areas.
2. Protect and preserve the riparian corridors and greenways of Issaquah Creek (east, north and main stem) and Tibbetts Creek through property acquisition or conservation easement.
3. Implement a combined passive and active stewardship/management program to ensure protection and preservation of the habitat types and areas.
4. Coordinate with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure consistent management of the open space lands in accordance with the Priority Habitat and Species Program.
5. Coordinate with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, and King County Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks to ensure that there is a continued ecosystem or landscape management approach for the publicly owned natural open space lands located within the Grand Ridge, Cougar, Squak, Tiger and Taylor Mountains area (also known as the “Issaquah Alps”).
6. Preserve the quality of the City’s scenic viewshed, areas and vistas.
7. Preserve and protect historical and cultural resources and artifacts.

**B. Recreational Opportunities**
1. Provide passive recreational opportunities that are consistent with the preservation and protection of the underlying habitat areas.
2. Provide trail connections to local, regional and statewide trail systems.

**C. Educational and Interpretive Opportunities**
1. Institute an educational and interpretive program that promotes the preservation, protection, conservation and stewardship of habitat areas and types.
2. Provide educational and interpretive opportunities through the City and other regional interpretive facilities that illustrate the natural and cultural importance of the natural open space and wildlife habitat areas.
3. Provide information on the appropriate use of or behavior (i.e., wildlife viewing and trail etiquette) within these natural and cultural areas in order to minimize public impacts on the natural resources and habitat areas (e.g., “Take only pictures, leave only footprints” or “Tread lightly on the land”).
4. Provide public safety information for passive recreational use within the natural open space areas.

## 2 HABITAT TYPES AND SPECIES

The Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) have developed the Priority Habitats and Species Program to identify those species and habitats that are of greatest concern to WDFW. The program was developed as a response to help city and county planners comply with the Washington State Dept. of Ecology (WDOE) Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements. Habitat types were identified in four main categories: marine, estuarine, freshwater, and terrestrial. Within the City’s service area two categories are found: freshwater and terrestrial.

These two categories are interrelated for the City of Issaquah because the City is traversed by Issaquah and Tibbetts Creeks and is surrounded by the “Issaquah Alps” (i.e., Cougar, Squak, Tiger, Taylor Mountains and Grand Ridge). The City is situated in the lower portion of the Issaquah Creek Basin. The basin encompasses approximately 61 square miles and is drained by Issaquah and Tibbetts Creeks and their tributaries. The creeks flow from their headwaters, which are located with the surrounding “Issaquah Alps” into Lake Sammamish. The Issaquah Creek Basin is one of the three most significant basins in King County, exhibits high quality habitat and diversity of fish and wildlife populations and produces one of the largest salmon populations in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed.
2.1 Freshwater Habitat (Riparian Zones and Freshwater Wetlands)

Freshwater habitats include aquatic and riparian zones that contain open water areas and wetland and riparian associated vegetation. Although the riparian zone contains vegetation species that characterize or are specific to the zone, it also functions as a transitional zone between the aquatic and upland or terrestrial zones, and it can contain species that are also normally associated with either zone.

Vegetation: Vegetation found in freshwater habitats performs several key functions in wetland and riparian zones. The vegetation defines the number and type of wildlife habitats for many different faunal species (terrestrial and aquatic wildlife), stabilizes soil and watercourse (creek) banks, and provides nutrients to the soil. Other elements such as topography, surface water, soil and local climate also have a profound effect on the characteristics of the wetland and riparian zones. Moreover, riparian zones provide important wildlife corridors for wildlife in both urban and rural areas. Riparian vegetation that provides a rich habitat value in the Issaquah recreational service areas include red alder, black cottonwood, big-leaf maple, willows, Oregon ash, western red cedar, Douglas fir, western hemlock, salmonberry, red-osier dogwood, Indian plum, vine maple, skunk cabbage, red huckleberry, red elderberry and wild rose.

The composition of the vegetation, type and abundance of plant species, is controlled by various elements, including the soil type, local climate, topography, and amount of surface water. In addition to these natural factors, vegetation composition is influenced by adjacent developmental land uses. The structure of the vegetation relates to how available space is occupied by the different species and the sizes of the plants. Habitat diversity is controlled by the stratification of the vegetation. Natural succession changes the structure and plant composition and can be influenced by both infrequent or catastrophic events, such as large scale flooding and scouring, and by frequent events that occur on an “everyday” basis, such as channel deposition, blow down or death of individual plants. The pattern of plant succession depends on the frequency and severity of the disruption to plant growth. This in turn affects the quality and quantity of habitat available to wildlife.

Wildlife: Because the City’s recreational service areas encompass freshwater habitats from marshes, wetlands, creek corridors, ponds and lakes, many resident and migratory waterfowl inhabit the area. Round and Tradition Lakes, located within the Tradition Plateau/West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) provide habitat for the bald eagle, osprey, eared grebe, Canada goose, ruddy duck, mallard duck, wood duck, American coot, double crested cormorant, pied-billed grebe, western grebe, belted kingfisher, horned grebe, great blue heron, spotted sandpiper, northern pintail, American widgeon, northern shoveler, green-winged teal, common merganser, and bufflehead. In addition to the species listed above, riparian creek corridors in Issaquah also provide habitat for water ouzels/dippers and killdeer. Also species not normally associated with riparian areas, such as deer and bear, make use of such areas for cover and food.
Habitat: The Issaquah Basin was historically a productive fish-bearing region and still produces one of the largest salmon populations in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed. Anadromous fish populations throughout the Northwest have dropped dramatically during the last several decades, most likely due to a combination of factors, such as loss of habitat including timber harvests, fish harvests, hydropower, hatcheries, sedimentation from past coal mining activities, conversion of lands to agriculture, and increased residential and commercial development.

However, as one positive, water quality in the creek improved when the City converted from individual septic systems to a sewer system. Despite the decrease in habitat values, several species of salmon utilize the Issaquah Creek for spawning and rearing. Chinook and Coho salmon are considered the predominate salmonid species to inhabit Issaquah Creek. Additional species include sockeye salmon, kokanee, cutthroat and steelhead trout. Resident fish species include rainbow trout, bull trout (Dolly Varden) and mountain whitefish.

Several species of exotic (non-native) fish species utilize the lower portions of Issaquah Creek. These species were most likely introduced into Lake Sammamish and Issaquah Creek during the 1920’s to create additional recreational fishing opportunities. These species include smallmouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed and brown bullhead.

Additionally, the Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) operates the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery on Issaquah Creek in Olde Town Issaquah. The hatchery intercepts Chinook and Coho salmon for artificial propagation, but allows the other species of salmon to bypass the hatchery and pass upstream to spawn naturally. Also, when the hatchery has reached their quota for Chinook and Coho salmon eggs, the hatchery allows the remaining salmon to pass upstream to spawn.

There are natural and man-made barriers to fish passage on Issaquah and Tibbetts Creeks. Over the past ten years, the City, King County, WDFW, Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and other agencies and organizations have worked jointly or individually to remove the man-made barriers or construct improved structures in which fish can bypass the man-made barriers. In addition to the barriers, there are other threats to the freshwater habitat areas that include residential and commercial development pressure. Developments can increase the potential for sedimentation, contaminants and the removal of streamside vegetation. Also because of existing development and development demand, there is pressure to control flood flows.

The upland state forest area located on Tiger Mountain is a “working” forestland. The timber harvests are regulated by the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources (WDNR) through the Forests Practices Rules and Regulations, which have decreased the adverse impacts that were once associated with timber harvests. The WDNR now requires adequate buffers to streams and creeks and requires a certain number of “leave” trees as part of the harvest plan.
2.2 Terrestrial Habitat

Terrestrial habitat consists of the upland zone or areas that are located above the water or aquatic zones. The Issaquah area is located within the designated western hemlock zone, which includes the majority of the Puget Sound Lowlands and is the most extensive vegetation zone west of the Cascade Mountains. Due to the logging and agricultural practices in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, there are no “old-growth” or climax vegetation/forest communities located within the Issaquah area.

Northwest Forests: Terrestrial habitat or upland zone vegetation located within the Issaquah’s secondary service area generally consists of a mix of coniferous and deciduous forests, and scrub/shrub plant communities. Douglas fir, western red cedar and western hemlock with an associated under-story dominated by salal, vine maple, elderberry, bracken fern, and swordfern, characterizes coniferous forests in the Issaquah area.

Deciduous forests are found within the natural open space areas of the Issaquah service area and are characterized by red-alder, big-leaf maple and black cottonwood. There are three different under-story communities associated with deciduous forests. In drier areas, the deciduous forest under-story is similar to the coniferous forest under-story. A deciduous forest that is dominated by red alder has an under-story that is typically composed of swordfern, salal, Oregon grape, and Pacific bleeding hearts. Mixed coniferous/deciduous and vice versa forest stands consist of a mix of coniferous and deciduous trees. The name of the mix depends on the dominant type of tree (i.e., conifer or deciduous). The under-story of a mixed forest is also a mix of the under-story for coniferous and deciduous dominated forests.

Scrub/shrub-land plants are often considered a transitional plant association that occurs in areas cleared of forest vegetation and left to revegetate naturally. These species are considered the pioneer species that grow rapidly after the initial clearing and before the more typical species of the upland or forest plant community can re-establish itself. Shrub-land plants are often non-native species, or exotics, that are considered “opportunists” that can take advantage of a non-natural event, such as an electrical transmission corridor or other clearing of a forested area, more successfully than the native species. Usually the exotics are easily spread through wind and animal dispersal of their seeds or by sending root rhizomes. Scot’s broom and Himalayan blackberry are examples of the highly successful non-native species that occur in disturbed areas of the upland forest habitat area.

Terrestrial Wildlife: Wildlife that is affiliated with the upland or terrestrial habitat includes insects, amphibians, reptiles, and small to large mammals. Wildlife sightings within the Issaquah secondary service area range from the occasional sightings of black bear, cougar, bobcat, porcupine, river otter, or black-tailed deer to the smaller more commonly observed mammals such as coyotes, striped skunk, weasel, raccoons, opossum, squirrels, voles and shrews. With continued development
encroachment into the surrounding open space areas and loss of habitat values, the larger mammals that were once abundant to the Issaquah area are now rare visitors.

Sightings of avian species include the more common passerine forest species such as flycatchers, jays, swallows, chickadees, kinglets, wrens, thrushes, warblers, sparrows and finches. Less common species that have been observed in the area include the bald eagle, osprey and pileated woodpecker.

The public lands that surround Issaquah, the “Issaquah Alps,” provide a significant amount of wildlife habitat. Wildlife requires and utilizes refuge areas that are not subject to human disturbance and which are not fragmented from foraging and resting areas. Although public land ownership connects Cougar, Squak, Tiger, Taylor Mountains and Grand Ridge, major roadways, highways and a freeway bisect the habitat areas. Cougar and Squak are separated by State Route 900 (Renton-Issaquah Road); the Issaquah-Hobart Road separates Squak and Tiger; and Grand Ridge is separated from Tiger Mountain by Interstate-90. These highways and freeway impede and present hazards for wildlife movement between the mountains.

Destruction of upland or terrestrial habitat not only destroys foraging areas and cover for wildlife but can also have an adverse impact on the adjoining freshwater habitat. One of the largest threats to terrestrial habitat is conversion of this habitat type to urban and suburban uses. Active forest management also affects upland areas including timber harvesting, suppression of wildfires and road building. Roads allow for increase public access to previously little used areas and the potential of recreational overuse and the loss of habitat value due to development and other human related activities. If active forest management is not conducted properly, or is mismanaged, it can have a significant and adverse effect on adjacent freshwater habitat areas (i.e., wetland and riparian areas).

2.3 Priority Habitats and Species

The Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) have developed the Priority Habitats and Species Program. The program identifies those species and habitats that are of greatest concern to the WDFW and is used by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to evaluate critical habitat and proposed urban wildlife habitat projects.

Species that are listed in the inventory are either identified as state monitor, candidate, sensitive, threatened, endangered or federally threatened or endangered species. Also, priority habitats are identified as those habitat types that support these species or are valuable for the diversity of species present. The program also includes management recommendations and strategies for providing suitable habitat for the listed priority species. Issaquah’s priority habitats and species are:
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3 CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

3.1 Natural Open Space

Issaquah’s primary and secondary recreation service areas contain significant open space and habitat areas. The surrounding “Issaquah Alps” contain over 25,500 acres of natural open space lands that are in public ownership. Approximately 15,000 acres of Tiger Mountain State Forest is under the jurisdiction of the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources (WDNR) with approximately 450 acres of the Tradition Plateau of West Tiger Mountain in the City’s ownership. Together, the City and WDNR have designated approximately a total of 4,400 acres as the West Tiger Mountain/Tradition Plateau Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA).

The NRCA is designed to protect outstanding examples of native ecosystems, habitat for endangered, threatened and sensitive species (flora and fauna) and scenic landscapes. In addition to the NRCA designation, the City and WDNR entered into a management agreement of the designated NRCA lands where WDNR has agreed to develop and manage public recreational facilities within the NRCA. Over the past fifteen years, the WDNR has developed the High Point Trailhead and the recreational trail system for the NRCA. The WDNR and City have also implemented stewardship projects to increase habitat values for Round and Tradition Lakes.

Squak Mountain State Park encompasses approximately 1,545 acres of naturally forested land. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission manage the park as a “wilderness” park. Over
the past 15 years, the park has increased in size from approximately 590 acres, the original Bullitt Family donation, to its current size. Other public lands located on Squak Mountain include approximately 90 acres in City ownership and designated open space with an overlying Native Growth Protection Area (NGPA). King County also owns about an additional 1,000 acres on the east and west flanks of the mountain. There are a total of approximately 2,600 acres of Squak Mountain in public ownership.

The majority of public lands located on Cougar Mountain, Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, are managed by the King County Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks. However, the City of Issaquah owns approximately 385 acres on the east flank of Cougar Mountain, which was dedicated as natural open space land with a Native Growth Protection Area overlay, to the City as part of the Talus Development Project. Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park is now approximately 3,100 acres in size.

King County’s Taylor Mountain Forest, consisting of approximately 1,800 acres, is located to the east of Tiger Mountain State Forest and contains the headwaters to Issaquah Creek. King County manages the forest as a working forest for multiple benefits including forest/timber management, protection of ecological resources and low-impact recreation.

Grand Ridge Park is also owned and managed by King County Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks. The park covers about 1,200 acres of natural open space land between the Issaquah Highlands Development and the Mitchell Hill-Preston area. In addition, the park is an open space habitat connector to Tiger Mountain State Forest to the south. King County prepared the Grand Ridge Park Plan, which provides the management objectives for the park’s natural open space and the provision of a multiple use trail. The trail will connect to the proposed Soaring Eagle Park to the north and to the Issaquah-Preston Regional Trail to the south.

A unique aspect of the “Issaquah Alps” is the interagency cooperation or partnership the four local and state agencies have formed for management of this natural open space land. The City of Issaquah, King County Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources have formed an interagency partnership known as the “Issaquah Alps” and Upper Snoqualmie River Valley Interagency Committee. Originally, the interagency partnership was formed just for the management of the public lands located within the “Issaquah Alps” and was known as the Squak, Cougar and Tiger Mountains Interagency Committee (“SCAT” Committee). However, with similar land management and public use issues located on the public lands from Cougar Mountain to Snoqualmie Pass, the interagency committee was expanded to include the public lands located along the I-90 or Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor.

Through this interagency partnership’s land acquisition, recreational facilities development and ongoing operation and maintenance, more public benefit has been generated than had the agencies not cooperated with one another. Additionally, the collaborating agencies have formed partnerships with non-governmental organizations, such as the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, to reach a
common land management vision for the inter-jurisdictional public lands located within the I-90 corridor/Mountains to Sound Greenway.

In addition, not only have the partner agencies been in the process of acquiring additional open space lands to provide substantial wildlife areas and refuge sites, the agencies have worked cooperatively to acquire wildlife corridors to connect the "Issaquah Alps" with other public lands located to the east and south. The City supported King County’s acquisition of Taylor Mountain Forest, which protected the headwaters of Issaquah Creek. Additionally, the City supported King County’s and the state Dept. of Natural Resources acquisition of Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area. By increasing these wildlife habitat areas, providing public open space land connectors and decreasing habitat fragmentation, the “Issaquah Alps” is again considered part of the Cascade biosphere.

3.2 Lake Sammamish/Issaquah Creek WaterWays Program (WaterWays Program)

The Issaquah Creek/Lake Sammamish WaterWays Program (WaterWays Program) is a cooperative City of Issaquah and King County program that represents a commitment to preserving the waterways located within the Issaquah Creek Basin. The two major creek systems located within the basin are Issaquah and Tibbetts Creeks, including all forks and tributaries to the two creeks. The Issaquah Creek Basin was selected as a WaterWays Basin by King County in 1994. The Issaquah Creek/Lake Sammamish WaterWays Program builds upon the level of information and analysis of the County’s basin selection.

The WaterWays Program includes protection and preservation strategies along the Issaquah Creek corridor from its headwaters in the Taylor Mountain Forest to its mouth at Lake Sammamish State Park, and along the Tibbetts Creek corridor from its headwaters at the former Sunset Quarry site to Lake Sammamish State and Sammamish Cove Parks. The program’s goals are to protect major fish runs, provide passive or low-impact recreational opportunities, protect high quality habitat lands and scenic resources, enhance water quality, and preserve properties of cultural and historic importance.

The WaterWays Program focuses on the use of a variety of acquisition tools to achieve its goals. These include acquisition of fee simple property rights, conservation easements and donations, as well as other methods, such as conservation under the King County current use taxation program for a 10-year period. Community education and stewardship efforts are also critical to achieving widespread program goals. The WaterWays Program currently does not include funds for restoration or stewardship projects, although program stewardship goals have been achieved through grants and funding.

The City and County have also worked cooperatively on issues affecting waterways resources and this cooperative effort included the coordination of joint planning efforts, including the preparation of the Issaquah Creek Basin and Non-Point Action Plan.
The WaterWays Program is to acquire or protect resource properties, either fee or less-than-fee acquisitions that have significant aquatic and terrestrial resources in the Issaquah Creek Basin. Both the City and County have made major strides in the protection of creek resources in the basin through acquisitions of the Taylor Mountain Forest at the creek’s headwaters, at the confluence of the east fork and main stem of Issaquah Creek, at significant reaches of the creeks, at the headwaters of Tibbetts Creek located at the former Sunset Quarry site, and setting aside a major natural open space area as part of the Talus Development on Squak and Cougar Mountains.

These acquisitions complement properties that were already in public ownership located within the “Issaquah Alps” – Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, Squak Mountain State Park, Lake Sammamish State Park, and Tiger Mountain State Forest. With these major land areas in public ownership, the upland watershed has improved water quality to the creeks.

Even though major strides have occurred in the protection and preserving of creek resources, there are still significant in-stream and riparian corridor sites that require protection. Additionally, the respondents of the EMC Research Inc. March 2015 Parks and Recreation Survey (see Appendix B) noted that the protection of creek resources and provision of limited passive recreation access was an important priority for the community. The Waterways Program provides steps to carry forward the community’s desires and vision.

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3.3 WRIA #8 Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed

The Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA #8) encompasses 692 square miles, is located in western Washington, east of Puget Sound, and contains three distinct Chinook salmon populations. These three populations are found in the Cedar River, North Lake Washington and Issaquah Creek. In 1999, the federal government listed the Puget Sound Chinook salmon as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

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1 EMC Research Inc. March 2015 Public Survey (see Appendix B).
The health of salmon populations is indicative of the health of the watershed. Multiple federal, state and local jurisdictions, plus business and non-profit organizations, formed a Steering Committee in order to develop a collaborative approach for the restoration and protection of the salmon populations found within the watershed. Out of this effort, the local and state jurisdictions developed the WRIA #8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan.

The WRIA #8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan focuses on conservation of Chinook salmon habitat because local governments have the ability to protect and preserve aquatic/in-stream/riparian habitat through either fee-simple acquisitions or through ordinances. Other measures local governments can implement are through improved land use and stormwater management policies and programs. The Conservation Plan provides actions to protect, preserve and restore habitat in order to prevent a further decline in the Chinook salmon populations. These actions cite site specific restoration and acquisition projects throughout the watershed, including the Issaquah Creek Basin.

The City has implemented many of the site specific actions, but still needs to move forward with additional acquisitions and restoration projects in order to meet the objectives to protect the salmon as outlined in the WRIA #8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan.

3.4 Regulations and Programs

There are various local, county, state and federal rules, regulations and programs that relate to habitat protections and these are:
- City and County Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements for designating Critical Areas;
- King County Basin Plans – Issaquah Creek Basin and Nonpoint Action Plan;
- WDFW Priority Habitats and Species Program;
- Washington Endangered Species Program;
- Federal Endangered Species Program;
- Shoreline Management Act;
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA);
- Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE); and,
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules and regulations governing wetland and riparian areas.

These rules, regulations, and programs form a basis of protecting designated sensitive habitat areas and species on both private and public lands. However, to fully ensure the protection of some of the more significant habitat areas, land acquisition or placement of conservation easements has occurred within the City and on adjacent agency lands. The agencies continue to target additional acquisitions, which will provide further protection of significant habitat resources.
APPENDIX J

Citywide Plan Review
2018 PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN

Citywide Plan Review
FINAL: July 2017

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to summarize plans and initiatives that Issaquah has adopted or developed that are relevant to consider in the Issaquah Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan Update. This document summarizes key elements of the following plans:

- Downtown Streetscape
- Walk + Roll Issaquah
- Sustainable Building Action Strategy
- Old Town Plan
- Healthy Community Strategy
- Central Issaquah Plan
- Issaquah Community Needs Assessment
- Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program
- Arts & Culture in Issaquah

KEY FINDINGS

Proposed Connections

- Sunset Way to Alder (Downtown Streetscape)
- Alder to NE Dogwood Street (Downtown Streetscape)
- NE Dogwood St to NE Gilman Blvd (Downtown Streetscape)
- Connection to Train Depot and Fish Hatchery (Downtown Streetscape)
- Alder as Festival Street (Downtown Streetscape)
- Connections to Lake Sammamish State Park, East Lake Sammamish Trail, and Lake Sammamish Parkway (Walk + Roll Issaquah Plan)
- Create connections to Old Town (Old Towne Plan)
- Three Trails Crossing Improvements (Six-year Transportation Improvement Program)
- Sammamish Trail Grade Separation at SE 56th St. (Six-year Transportation Improvement Program)
- NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized Crossing I-90 (Six-year Transportation Improvement Program)
- West School Trail (Six-year Transportation Improvement Program)
- Dodd Field Trail Connection (Six-year Transportation Improvement Program)
Proposed Parks and Improvements

Proposed Parks

- A public/private partnership in creating a creek overlook pocket park in the underutilized Darigold parking lot to the north of the creek. (Downtown Streetscape)
- A parklet outside the Mercantile Building; This would be a collaborative effort between private property owners and the city. (Downtown Streetscape)

Proposed Improvements

- Western Gateway Neighborhood Park (Central Issaquah Plan)
- Tibbets Creek Greenway Park (Central Issaquah Plan)
- Overlake Neighborhood Park (Central Issaquah Plan)
- North Fork Issaquah Creek/High Point Trail Park (Central Issaquah Plan)
- Confluence Park (Central Issaquah Plan)

PLAN SUMMARIES

Downtown Streetscape Concept Plan (April 2017)

Objectives:

Front Street is not just about moving vehicles. It could also better serve pedestrians.

- Front Street is an outdoor living space and should reflect the values of the community
- Front Street contributes to Issaquah’s unique character and sense of place
- Front Street serves as “front door” to businesses

Existing Conditions:

Street and sidewalk improvements executed in 2016 necessitated removal of several mature street trees. The community has expressed a strong desire to replace those trees and retain as many remaining trees as possible. (pg. 5)

Streetscape Concept Plans – Parks elements:

Sunset Way to Alder – Higher cost improvements that need additional funding and design work: Install street trees and plantings (pg. 8)

Alder to NE Dogwood Street – Higher cost improvements that need additional funding and design work: Install street trees and plantings (pg. 10)

NE Dogwood St to NE Gilman Blvd - In order to make the pedestrian route between downtown and neighborhoods to the north safe and inviting, this plan proposes widening the sidewalk on the east side of the street and introducing a landscaped buffer between the sidewalk and the street.
In addition, there is potential for a public/private partnership in creating a creek overlook pocket park in the underutilized Darigold parking lot to the north of the creek.

A parklet is proposed outside the Mercantile Building. This would be a collaborative effort between private property owners and the city. (pg. 12)

**Connections to Train Depot and Fish Hatchery** - The pedestrian connection to the Fish Hatchery is enhanced with street trees, salmon-friendly planting, and seating clusters. The existing chain link fence is replaced with a more decorative fence with a clear opening indicating the pedestrian entrance to the Fish Hatchery. (pg. 14)

**Alder Festival Street** - The community has expressed strong support for making Alder Street into a festival street. A festival street is a public street that has been designated for recurring temporary closure to vehicular traffic for the purpose of pedestrian-oriented special events. Having an outdoor gathering space in the heart of downtown Issaquah will be an asset for nurturing community connections, and additional pedestrian traffic generated by the festival street will benefit local businesses.

The Alder festival street is set apart from the adjacent streets with a distinctive paving material. Street trees, plantings, and sculptural light poles emphasize the boundary between pedestrian and vehicular space. (pg. 16)

Standards for planters, street trees and plantings are found on pages 20 and 21

**Walk + Roll Issaquah (September 2014)**

**Vision:**
- A seamless, safe, and convenient pedestrian and bicycle network that enhances livability and access for all by enabling easy nonmotorized access to recreation, work, transit stops and major transit facilities, and the larger, regional trail system.
- An aesthetically pleasing and attractive pedestrian and bicycle experience.
- Enhanced nonmotorized facilities and programs that compliment tourism and economic development.
- A connection to funding for nonmotorized facilities. (pg. 7)

**Public Input:**

Lake Sammamish: Connections to Lake Sammamish State Park, East Lake Sammamish Trail, and Lake Sammamish Parkway was very important to participants. (pg.27)

Sidewalks, Trails, Bike (lanes), and Walk: There is a need for safe places to walk + roll. We need dedicated facilities (not sharing the road with motor vehicles). Surfaces that are accessible to wheel chairs and people with mobility challenges are necessary for increased access for all. (pg.27)

**Work Program:**

Responsibilities of City departments include:

**Parks and Recreation Department:** Implement trails and other off-street facilities, and maintenance and operations. (pg. 12)

**Potential Next Steps from Objectives:** (pg. 11)
- Establish an annual maintenance program and ensure the maintenance of facilities in priority corridors.
- Continue to evolve the corridor-wide Complete Street approach—refining drainage, motor vehicle access, lighting, utility, adjacent land use set backs, and more through the comprehensive planning and transportation master planning efforts in 2014/2015.
• Support the adoption of a corridor look and feel concept. This would require future enhancement, vetting, and adoption of City policies.

Priority Programs: (pg. 20)
• Recreation and Trail Access Plan: This plan would identify and recommend project and programs to promote access to trails and hiking areas. It would also integrate with the current Parks Master Plan.
  o Evaluate access points to local and regional trails, such as Squak and Cougar Mountain trails; features could include parking, signage, and other amenities.
  o Wayfinding + Signage would also direct people to these locations and could increase use.
• Encouragement: This program would provide a framework for facilitating and fostering a walking + rolling culture in Issaquah
  o Develop program for encouraging walking + rolling such as employer incentives, multimodal access guides, walk + bike to work/school events, and more. (pg.20)

Street Closures (pg. 32)

The Issaquah Neighborhood Walk Series, organized by the City with help from Feet First, will involve the community and encourage walking in Issaquah. (pg. 34)

2013 Plangineering Exercise Recommended Policies (pg. 39)
• NONMOTORIZED AS A PHILOSOPHY: Ensure all facilities are accessible to people of all ages and abilities.
• MAINTENANCE: Formalize nonmotorized route maintenance and funding.
• PUBLIC GATHERING SPACES: Enable and encourage creative gathering spaces in corridors.

Walking + Rolling Program Recommendations (pgs. 40-41)
• Explore solutions to allow bicyclists on trails beyond current hours of operation.
• Encourage bicycling as a form of transportation and exercise.
  o Incentivize bicycle commuting to City employees.
  o Incentivize bicycle commuting for the region’s employers.
  o Analyze student transportation options when building new schools.
  o Implement a citywide social marketing program.

Sustainable Building Action Strategy (May 2017)

Vision:
Taken together, the strategies outlined in the Sustainable Building Action Strategy provide an action-oriented roadmap that positions Issaquah to benefit from well designed, high-performing buildings that improve health and livability, use resources efficiently, and reduce community impacts through each stage of design, construction and occupancy. (pg.2)

Strategy Themes. **Connect to the Outdoors:** A consistent City goal is protection and promotion of the natural environment through responsible building, development, land use, and transportation practices and policies. (pg. 7)

Work Program:
Action Steps with Parks as a Participating Department:
1.1 **City Sustainable Building Policy:** Update the City’s Sustainable Building & Infrastructure Policy (2004) to LEED Platinum, and incorporate other approaches for parks and infrastructure. Applies to new construction and major remodels.

Building Typology: New Municipal; Existing Municipal; **Infrastructure & Parks**, Affordable Housing (pg.18)

1.5 **Integrative Design:** Capital design process improvement to incorporate integrated design principles and practices (multi-stakeholder engagement, sustainable design project goals, early sustainable design charrette, etc.).

Building Typology: New Municipal; Infrastructure & Parks (pg. 26)

1.6 **Organizational Capacity Building:** Increased knowledge, awareness and capacity for implementation through dedicated internal skill-building related to sustainable building, and enhanced communication and coordination with developers and builders (pg. 28)

**Old Town Plan (1999; amended 2009 and 2017)**

**Vision:**

Old Town is the heart of our City, an inviting, comfortable and walkable place that inspires community engagement and interaction. The built and natural environments blend to create an authentic sense of place for residents, employees and visitors year-round. This Old Town Subarea Plan aims to preserve the small town character of Old Town while enhancing the vitality as a livable, sustainable and balanced community serving everyday essentials to residents, employees and visitors. (pg. 5)

A Green Necklace linking community and neighborhood parks, riparian corridors, tree lined streets, active and passive plazas and other shared spaces, is fundamental to Old Town’s livability. Connectivity will be achieved by increasing easy, safe and enjoyable pedestrian and vehicle connections to retail shopping, major public facilities, open space and other neighborhoods. A vibrant cultural and business district core and strong residential community can be sustained and enhanced by making pedestrian and bicycle circulation a priority and doing our best to focus on traffic congestion solutions for Old Town. (pg. 5)

New amenities such as extension of the Green Necklace and capital investments in parks and transportation will encourage and support the redevelopment of Old Town. (pg. 6)

**The Future.** By 2037, Old Town will continue as an existing yet even more lively and sustainable compact, mixed use, community center. This evolution consistent with the State Growth Management Act, the Cascade Agenda and the Mountains to Sound Greenway, manages to balance the growth while maintaining and enhancing the natural environment so precious to Issaquah. (pg. 8)

**Connectivity and Mobility:** Improve multimodal connections within and adjacent to Old Town. Take advantage of the flat geography by completing the pedestrian and bike amenities such as sidewalks, urban trails, bike lanes and wayfinding signage and making the streets desirable for pedestrians and cyclists alike. Make more efficient use of existing parking, add parking where possible, improve wayfinding signage, and provide ample transit opportunities.

**Environment:** Improve the visibility and access to the natural environment like Issaquah Creek and the East Fork. Continue to minimize flooding and manage storm water runoff. Preserve the existing forested hillsides within Old Town. Frame and enhance views from public spaces of the Issaquah Alps and Mt. Rainier. Enhance the abundant amenities found in the open space, park and greenway network in Old Town. (pg.10)
Goals and Policies:

**Old Town Community Goal B.** Continue the Green Necklace through Old Town by way of a concentrated and connected park, green space and nonmotorized system that serves the needs of Old Town and is complemented by the outer necklace of the Issaquah Alps and the regional parks, open space and trail system contained within the Alps that serve the broader community. (pg. 15)

**Discussion.** The Green Necklace is a concept that was developed during the Central Issaquah Plan process. It is the idea that the developing urban environment will be saturated with an array of green elements including community and neighborhood parks, riparian corridors, tree lined streets, active and passive plazas and other shared urban spaces all connected by on and off road trails and sidewalks. Natural features, like those found within Confluence Park, will be used as key design elements to create a unique sense of place and enhance the values and functions of the natural environment. Such features include controlled creek access using boardwalks, overlooks and pedestrian bridges, and using native riparian landscape throughout the site to soften the transition between the natural and built environment.

Connectivity will be achieved by designing the buildings, streetscapes and open space corridors for pedestrians; providing pedestrian and vehicle connections within and between Old Town and integrating the natural and built environment.

**OTC Policy B1.** Acquire creek-side parcels to enhance and restore Issaquah’s creeks, increase accessibility and expand on the Green Necklace.

**OTC Policy B2.** Prioritize park, open space and trail projects to ensure annual investments in the Green Necklace.

**OTC Policy B3.** Add to and enhance the park system within Old Town in a way that implements the Old Town vision and best reflects the activities and needs of those living in and visiting Old Town.

**OTC Policy B4.** Preserve views of the Issaquah Alps and hillsides from public spaces, such as circulation facilities, while allowing development along East Sunset Way and Front Street.

**Connectivity and Mobility Goal A.** Develop and improve the transportation system that supports the land use and transportation vision in Old Town. (pg. 20)

**Discussion.** This goal emphasizes community connectivity. Better connections for all modes within Old Town are needed to tie the neighborhood and commercial areas together. In general, improved connectivity within the local street network represents better investment than widening streets.

**C&M Policy A1.** Develop a transportation system that improves connectivity and supports all modes of travel including:

a. Sidewalks that are safe, comfortable and connected.

b. Bicycle facilities that are continuous, logical and connected;

c. Provide sufficient curb space to support existing and, future bus stops;

d. Always provide as much on-street parking as is feasible; and

**C&M Policy A2.** Design Gateway features to mark entrances to Old Town when public and private redevelopment opportunities occur.

**C&M Policy A3.** Implement public improvements, including the 2017 Downtown Streetscape Concept Plan, to develop inviting pedestrian places that supports Old Town.

**Connectivity & Mobility Goal C.** Develop a balanced transportation system that integrates pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and street plans into a system that addresses multimodal access and circulation needs while reflecting Old Town character.
Discussion: The community has stressed the need to create a balanced transportation system in Issaquah. The system must provide mobility for walking, bicycling, transit, and motor vehicles. Transportation improvements such as transit stops and bike facilities should be designed to reflect the Old Town traditional character.

Nonmotorized Policies

C&M Policy C1. Expand and connect the system of pedestrian and bicycle facilities consistent with the Comprehensive Plan’s Nonmotorized Routes and Parks Map.

C&M Policy C2. Look for opportunities to implement low cost techniques such as restriping and signage to adapt existing streets to support cyclists.

C&M Policy C3. Make it easier, safer, and more comfortable to walk and cycle through Old Town by implementing actions such as:

a. Funding and implementing a City-wide non-motorized master plan;
b. Funding bike infrastructure such as secure bike racks, bike rails and bike stations;
c. Requiring weather protection over sidewalks along pedestrian oriented streets;
d. Provide Wayfinding signage;
e. Designing intersections along pedestrian-oriented streets with pedestrians and cyclists as the priority.
f. Complete gaps and enhancing existing incomplete connections throughout Old Town.

Environment Goal A. Improve stormwater management over current conditions. (pg. 23)

E Policy A2. Plant street trees and trees within open spaces to aid in stormwater management in Old Town.

Environment Goal B. Enhance the riparian corridors of Issaquah Creek and the East Fork of Issaquah Creek, and wetlands, to improve environmental functions and fish and wildlife habitat.

Discussion: Two creeks frame Old Town and flow through many developed, mostly residential properties, many with existing nonconforming creek buffer conditions. The creeks and wetlands provide natural amenities literally in the backyard of Old Town. A challenge is to improve public access to these natural amenities.

E Policy B1. Encourage and promote public views and access to natural amenities such as Issaquah Creek, the East Fork of Issaquah Creek, and wetlands.

E Policy B2. Connect natural areas to stream corridors and open spaces.

E Policy B3. Enhance riparian corridors and wetlands to integrate the views and open space they provide into the redevelopment of Old Town.

Environment Goal C. Take steps unique to Old Town, to create a sustainable community, consistent with the City’s Sustainability Indicators and Comprehensive Plan Sustainability Policies.

E Policy C6. Retain existing trees in critical areas and their buffers, along designated pedestrian corridors and in other urban green spaces. Preserve wooded hillside parcels as available and retain as permanent green hillside. Plant new trees consistent with Old Town and Comprehensive Plan policies and standards recognizing their microclimate, urban design and livability benefits.

Environment Goal D. Protect and contribute to the enhancement of, and connections to, the wooded hillsides surrounding Old Town and the Issaquah Alps.

Discussion: The identity of the eastern and southern boundaries of the residential neighborhood south of East Sunset Way is characterized by wooded hillsides. Most of this land is privately owned and subject to development
that will threaten this wooded hillside character. Old Town also serves as a gateway to the trails of the Issaquah Alps.

**E Policy D1.** Protect healthy stands of trees within open spaces to improve the tree canopy. Work with state, nonprofit, and other partners to preserve wooded hillsides to support the identity of Old Town’s character as a compact village surrounded by wooded hillsides.

**E Policy D2.** Encourage the integration and connection of Issaquah trails to the preserved wooded hillsides and surrounding Issaquah Alps as well as to the nonmotorized system throughout Issaquah.

**E Policy D3.** Work with WSDOT and Mountains to Sound Greenway to implement the Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trail System.

**Economic Vitality Goal A.** Continue investing in Old Town to maintain it as the community’s arts and cultural center for residents, the business community, and visitors. (pg. 27)

**EV Policy A5.** Promote Historic Downtown Issaquah regionally as a historic center and unique natural setting to increase tourism throughout the year.

**Healthy Community Strategy White Paper (January 2016)**

**Vision/Definition:**

Broadly, a Healthy Community is a place where all systems work in accord such that all citizens enjoy a good quality of life. (pg.1)

Central to the idea of Healthy Communities is the recognition that health issues are interrelated with socioeconomic equity, social connectedness, and a sense of personal efficacy. Because of this interconnectedness of systems, the social determinants of health (life-enhancing resources such as economic prosperity and access to fresh food and education) are just as important to overall community wellbeing as maintaining an active lifestyle and eating right is important to individual wellbeing.

**Issaquah References:**

The City of Issaquah is well positioned to develop community health-related initiatives and strategies. The 2014 City Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles offers support for key elements of community health, including:

- sharing in the responsibility of meeting basic needs
- developing successful neighborhoods
- ensuring a safe community
- encouraging sustainable living
- pursuing affordable housing
- providing well-functioning, multi-modal transportation system
- preserving natural areas
- providing recreational opportunities
- committing to a level of service responsive to community needs

Issaquah’s commitment to sustainability and meeting basic needs is echoed in the vision for the Human Services Element of the City’s 2015 Comprehensive Plan:

“**Issaquah strives to be a sustainable and healthy community where every person is important, and where meeting basic human needs is a shared responsibility between individuals and the community**”
Also included in the Comprehensive Plan are goals and policies that strive to maintain progress on issues such as food access and security; parks and open space; quality of life for the elderly, disabled, and non-English speaking; access to community resources and services including transportation and homeless shelters; and the availability of affordable housing.

Parks Relevant Findings:
Meanwhile, Issaquah residents fall abysmally short of meeting national standards for physical activity and fruit and vegetable consumption. Although this is true for the County as a whole, it is nevertheless a concern. Lastly, nearly one quarter of Issaquah’s population is obese, a figure that has likely increased over the past few decades along with the State of Washington’s obesity rate. (pg. 14)

Recommendations:
1. Marry Healthy Community and related Human Services Initiatives and situate them within a larger City-wide strategic plan. (pg. 15)

The most effective strategies are rarely stand-alone efforts, and instead tend to have explicit support from city policy makers and community leaders. Because the definition of “community health” is necessarily broad, grounding Issaquah’s initiative in one or two specific mid-term goals will help focus resources to where they can have the biggest impact. Such goals are perhaps best developed as part of a City-wide strategic plan, where they can be prioritized with respect to other City goals and provide direction for the development of a healthy community initiative. Situating a healthy community initiative within a larger strategic plan has the additional benefit of enhancing opportunities for community engagement and performance analysis - providing a strong framework to support the work, provide accountability, and regularly revisit and update priority issues.

Healthy community and human services initiatives should be nested within a Social Sustainability Strategy of a City-wide strategic plan. This structure reflects the ultimate goals of health and livability, the “stream” or pathway for healthy community outcomes, and the interrelated nature of the work that is necessary to achieve a sustainable community.

2. Develop a broad scope that focuses on inequities and addresses a variety of health and human services outcomes by targeting causal factors at multiple levels (i.e. from individual behaviors to community-wide issues). (pg. 15)

In order to achieve a high quality of life and health for all members of the community, the work of a healthy community initiative must focus on the inequities at the root of health and human services outcome disparities. This focus will further support the City’s work toward creating more vibrant neighborhoods and a resilient community.

Healthy community initiatives that recognize and address causal factors such as poverty, homelessness, lack of insurance, and isolation are likely to produce better, more sustainable results. This is because developing policies and programs to enhance “upstream” social and economic factors produces broader, farther reaching impacts than simply making resources available to the public to encourage healthy behaviors or directing policies to incentivize individuals. This is not to say that a healthy community initiative should not aim to address specific issues such as healthy eating and physical fitness—just that this kind of focus should be adopted if relevant and impactful for reducing or eliminating priority health or human services disparities.

Policies, programs, and resources directed toward eliminating disparities must be complemented by work to break down structural barriers that perpetuate health disparities. These barriers include social, economic, and environmental system barriers like adequate housing and walkable neighborhoods. This “upstream” work will also help to broaden the impact of the initiative.
Central Issaquah Plan Task Force Recommendations (November 2010)

Opportunities:
Invest significantly more in transit, sidewalks, bike lanes and trail connections to improve non-motorized mobility and significantly less in new road. (letter)
Surround Central Issaquah with Green Open Space (letter)

Visions:
4. A district of vibrant natural and public amenity spaces with organically spaced development comprised of commercial and residential uses at a medium to low scale. District character is strongly determined by a “central” park for Issaquah and the extensive connections to adjoining districts. (pg.1)
7. Naturally connected neighborhoods, transitioning between the neighborhoods on the hillside to the urban core. Natural connections include trails, paths, and parks. (pg.1)

Green Necklace – Proposed Parks and Shared Use Routes (pg.4) includes development standards for: (pgs. 5-10)
- Western Gateway Neighborhood Park
- Tibbets Creek Greenway Park
- Overlake Neighborhood Park
- North Fork Issaquah Creek/High Point Trail Park
- Confluence Park

Central Issaquah Plan Development and Design Standards (2013 original; amended most recently September 2016)

Purpose. The purpose of these standards is to implement the Central Issaquah Plan, inspiring an animated and connected urban community where pedestrians are priority, requiring buildings and open space that are openly inter-related, designing sites that make a positive contribution to the Public Realm, attracting and retaining businesses that complement the Central Issaquah vision, and ultimately, creating a place where people of all income levels and diversities are drawn to live, work and play. These standards promote the construction of developments that will have an appealing and visually engaging Public Realm in order to encourage social interaction, outdoor activity and a pedestrian orientation, and encourage redevelopment of Central Issaquah to a more sustainable, compact, mixed use area.

4.0 Zoning Districts, Uses and Standards Summary

4.1 Intent
The intent of this Chapter is to establish zoning districts to:
A. Allow for a livable, sustainable, mixed-use, urban community;
B. Balance environmental concerns with development pressures;
C. Provide a consistent development pattern with strong streetwall;
D. Provide for a general form of development that includes a variety of building forms;
E. Incentivize structured parking;
F. Provide a pattern of linked green spaces;
G. Promote transit with a pedestrian and bicycle emphasis while accommodating vehicles; and,
H. Ensure the health, welfare and safety of those who work, live and play in Central Issaquah.

**Community Facility District** (4.0 pg. 3 of 15) The primary purpose of this district is to provide for public benefit uses on publicly owned property, and to further specify which uses are appropriate for specific properties through the creation of the Community Facilities Open Space (CF-OS), Recreation (CF-R) and Facilities (CF-F) zones. Public lands are a limited resource and all administrative departments, the Council and Boards and Commissions should work collaboratively to determine the best use of public lands for the benefit of the community. Health, safety, public amenity, economic vitality and environmental protection concerns should be balanced in determining use. Multiple public uses are encouraged. The Community Facilities District will separate public land (City, county, school district, special district, state, and federal) that is being utilized or planned for public benefit uses into separate zoning categories.

**5.0 Density Bonus Program**

The intent of the Density Bonus Program is to:

C. Create a connected system of open space and urban parks that provide a unique sense of place and enhance the values and functions of the natural environment;

**5.6 Public Benefit Requirements – Open Space** (5.0 pg. 3 of 5)

A. Projects providing public open space to fulfill the elective public benefit requirement for the density bonus may:

1. Provide one additional square foot of on-site open space above the district standard, outside of critical areas for each square foot of bonus density.
2. Acquire TDRs, in accordance with IMC.18.10 Transfer of Development Rights, from authorized sending sites within the City;
3. Acquire TDRs from the Issaquah Creek and Tibbetts Creek Watersheds in accordance with the City’s Interlocal Agreement with King County.

B. The applicant shall demonstrate to the Director that the value of the on-site open space and/or TDR purchase equals or exceeds the required density bonus fee.

C. The purchase of pre-sale TDRs from the City may not be used to satisfy the public benefit open space requirements of the density bonus program.

**7.0 Community Space**

**Intent:** Central Issaquah will be comprised of a series of compact developments and redevelopments that will become connected by the Green Necklace. This Chapter creates two types of Community Spaces, depending on the use: public Community Spaces serving the District, and semi-private or private Community Spaces serving the specific buildings and users. These Development standards support the Design standards found in Chapter 13 Community Space. The intent of this Chapter is to establish standards and requirements for the provision of Community Spaces that will inspire an animated and connected urban Community Space where:

A. Building design and Community Space are connected and related;
B. Livability, public life and community health are promoted and improved;
C. People who bike and walk are welcome and comfortable;
D. The site and design make a positive contribution to an active Public Realm;
E. Significant Community Space is located within each District, or adjacent to Districts, if necessary.
F. Safe, comfortable places are produced that, through design, use, lighting, and other amenities;
G. Each Community Space is multi-functional; and
H. There is visual and recreational variety and interest. (7.0 pg. 1 of 11)

7.2 Green Necklace The intent of the Green Necklace (Figure 7A) is to saturate the developing urban environment with an array of publically accessible green elements including Community and Neighborhood parks, riparian corridors, tree lined streets, active and passive plazas and other shared urban spaces all connected by Shared Use Routes and Through Block Passages. Natural features will be used as key design elements to create a unique sense of place and enhance the values and functions of the natural environment. Elements that are required to be publically accessible to the community as a whole, such as Neighborhood Parks, Significant Community Spaces and other facilities designated on Figure 7B in this Chapter, shall remain as part of the public realm and, if private, shall function as if publically owned while acknowledging private property rights. (7.0 pg. 1 of 11)

10.0 Landscape

The intent of this Chapter is to establish minimum standards for landscaping and trees within Central Issaquah that draw nature into this developing urban community. Adding green elements to soften the urban form provides opportunities for transitions from the natural edges into the built environment and ensures a livable, verdant, attractive Public Realm that restores both nature and human activity and contributes to the success of the establishment of the Green Necklace. These Development standards support the Design standards found in the Chapter 16, Landscape. (10.0 pg. 1 of 18)

Minimum requirements and standards are established to:

A. Create a Public Realm that helps to define the character and image of Central Issaquah;
B. Promote safety as well as balancing privacy of residents and employees while establishing a Public Realm that accommodates, and even encourages, sociable, outgoing conviviality.
C. Support a pedestrian and bicycle oriented environment;
D. Provide safety to pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic;
E. Promote wise and efficient use of potable water resources;
F. Protect water quality; and
G. Ensure appropriate plant material selection and spacing for proposed locations and uses.

11.0 Site Design

To achieve the vibrant, mixed use Neighborhoods which are Pedestrian Friendly and have a Public Realm, requires thoughtful urban design decisions. Decisions cannot be made based only on functionality, but must also consider how to make the Project memorable, identifiable, livable, and comprehensible. The intent of this Chapter is to establish site design standards that orient development so that it defines the Public Realm, reacts to and acknowledges the natural environment and improves the pedestrian and bicycle experience. These Site Design Standards support and weave the other Chapters of the Development and Design Standards together. (11.0 pg. 1 of 11)

11.2 General Standards

A. Integrate with Nature and the Surroundings. Sites should be designed to implement the Green Necklace vision (Urban Community Goal B) by integrating with the context of the surrounding natural environment including trees, creeks, and mountains as well as adjacent urban surroundings.

I. Universal Design. Site design should employ principles of Universal Design to create developments that are inherently accessible to people with and without disabilities.

11.3 Standards for all Uses

C. Emphasize Landscaping. (11.0 pg. 5 of 11)
D. Community Space and Site Design (11.0 pg. 5 of 11)

13.0 Community Space

The Community Space in an urban environment serves many functions: it is the center of a District’s activities, assists in orientation, it is an outdoor room for social interaction, and provides variety in recreation and the built environment. Its design should be Pedestrian Friendly, create meaningful Public Realm, which invites use. Adjacent buildings should engage with the Community Space, to ensure it is vibrant and lively. This Chapter provides standards for both required Community Spaces and encouraged activities. These Design standards support the Development standards found in Chapter 7.0, Community Space. (13.0 pg. 1 of 7)

Issaquah Community Needs Assessment DRAFT 2017

Descriptive findings on the health of the community

The needs and aligned recommendations referenced above provide potential directions for developing a healthy community strategy for Issaquah. A healthy Issaquah is one that builds on the strengths of the community to create an equitable physical, social, economic and natural environment for all community members. Moving forward, it would behoove the City to focus on health equity, “the attainment of the highest level of health for all people. Achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally with focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and health care disparities.” The City of Issaquah is well positioned to develop initiatives and strategies to address these. (pg. 8)

Natural Environment. The natural environment was discussed as one of Issaquah’s strengths in most of the focus groups and interviews conducted for this needs assessment. Many participants shared the perception that the high quality of the natural environment in and around Issaquah positively contributed to residents’ health and quality of life. Participants also contributed that they enjoyed the many hiking trails, public parks, and other opportunities to be active outside. This perception is supported by data from the National Citizens’ Survey – 85% of respondents rated the quality of overall natural environment in Issaquah as either excellent or good. Some participants expressed concerns about the impact of ongoing development on the natural environment. (pgs. 31-32)

Physical Activity. Many participants shared the perception that Issaquah residents have lots of opportunities in the natural and built environment for physical activity. Several participants shared that the community center offered a variety of physical activities and highlighted its scholarships available for low-income residents as a community strength. Quantitative data show that more than 3 out 4 adults in Issaquah were not meeting physical activity recommendations (150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week), the same as in King County (78.0% for both). The data were similar for youth – 77% of youth in Issaquah were not meeting physical activity recommendations (60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily). (pg. 33)

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) provides a list of multi-modal transportation projects indicating desired transportation investments over the short-term 6-year period. It is required under state law and is typically updated annually. It is drawn from the City’s longer-term strategies in the Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element and must be consistent with the Capital Facilities Plan.

The Issaquah PROST Plan Update will address trails and connectivity to parks and open space. The PROST Plan will also include a capital program and revenue analysis and would consider related improvement programs and shared revenue sources.

Some of the TIP proposals in Resolution 2016-13 that relate to the PROST Plan include, but are not limited to:
Complete Streets Program
Three Trails Crossing Improvements
Sammamish Trail Grade Separation at SE 56th St.
NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized Crossing I-90
West School Trail
Dodd Field Trail Connection
Squak Mountain Uphill Bike Lane and Sidewalk
Tibbetts Park Trail Connection
Laughing Jacobs Trail
Water Ditch Trail
Pickering Trail (Tributary 0170)

Arts & Culture in Issaquah

Vision
The Arts & Culture Plan was approved in 2016 and included a strategic 5-year vision:
- A Process for Consistent, Broad, Multicultural Engagement
- Interdisciplinary Space that supports World-Class Arts and Culture
- A Plan to Preserve & Adapt Significant Buildings
- Progressive, Sustained Leadership & Support
- Policies to Ensure “Art at the Start” of Development
- Collaborative, Coordinated Effort to Maximize Space
- Effective, Creative, Accessible Transit Solutions
- Unified, Strategic, Robust Marketing
- Purposeful Art Integrated Throughout our Environment
- Inclusive, Engaging & Innovative Programs
- Affordable Artist Live/Work Space

Connecting Arts Across Comprehensive Plan – Parks
The Arts Plan identifies the ways in which Parks contributes to art as well as new ideas to integrate art into parks and trails.
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<td>• Some trailhead art</td>
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<td>• Artists on design team for parks</td>
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APPENDIX K

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges Workshop Summary
WORKSHOP PURPOSE

The City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department convened an interdepartmental workshop to identify the City of Issaquah Parks System's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. Participants included:

- Jeff Watling, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
- Brian Berntsen, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department
- Jennifer Fink, Park Planner, Parks and Recreation Department
- Ross Hoover, Recreation Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department
- David Fugimoto, Director, Office of Sustainability
- Kurt Seemann, Transportation Manager, Public Works Engineering
- Bret Heath, Director, Public Works Operations
- Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager, Economic Development Department
- Christopher Wright, Project Oversight Manager, Permit Services

During the workshop, participants rotated through three facilitated stations to discussion:

1. Strengths and Opportunities
2. Weaknesses
3. Challenges

The data collected during that workshop was collected and synthesized into the summary, following.
| COMMUNITY | 
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| **Strengths and Opportunities** | **Weaknesses and Challenges** |
| • Historic downtown with heart and character | • Need to articulate overall community vision for parks |
| • Family-friendly | • Need to celebrate community multiculturalism |
| • Residents move here for a reason | • Strong neighborhood based expectations for facilities that sometimes conflict with the overall desires or best interest of the community |
| • Small town feel | • Anxiety around the quick change facing Issaquah |
| • Diverse community |   | • Uncertainty between maintaining current community character and realizing a future identify or vision |
| • Active older adults | • Community expectations are changing |
| • Multigenerational activity |   |   | • Need to address expectations around maintenance and level of service |
| • Issaquah parks are local and regional gathering places |   |   | • Understand demographic shifts and resultant shifts in needs and preferences |
### NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**Strengths and Opportunities**
- Forested hillsides and trails
- Diverse natural environment
- Unique integration of urban and natural space
- Opportunity for acquisition of additional open space, including existing private lands
- Opportunity to encourage private landowners to create trail connections

**Weaknesses and Challenges**
- Opportunity to acquire additional open space is time-limited and land is limited – this won’t be an opportunity forever
  - Available land is costly
- City-maintained street trees and landscaping level of maintenance is controversial
  - Also costly
- Need an urban forestry management plan
- Balance conflicting expectations around how “natural” or “manicured” spaces are

### ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

**Strengths and Opportunities**
- City hosts good athletic events like mountain bike and trail run events
- Active community

**Weaknesses and Challenges**
- Need more active spaces and amenities
  - Athletic fields do not meet current demand
- Need to integrate active and passive park uses to maximize facilities

### SAFETY AND HEALTH

**Strengths and Opportunities**
- Already feels like a safe community

**Weaknesses and Challenges**
- Need to manage unsanctioned park uses
## ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

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<td>• Many parks are accessible, proximate to neighborhoods and easy to get to</td>
<td>• Need to identify central trailhead(s) in City</td>
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<td>• Great “ring” of public land</td>
<td>• Challenging to connect North and South Issaquah because of 1-90 corridor</td>
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<td>• Unique geography</td>
<td>• Some neighborhoods (e.g., South Cove) are isolated</td>
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<td>• Good in-city transportation through trails</td>
<td>• There are limited connections between some parks</td>
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<td>o Robust valley trail system</td>
<td>• Parking can be a challenge at some parks</td>
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<td>• Opportunity to enhance wayfinding to parks and along trails</td>
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<td>• Need to enhance existing parks and park system</td>
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<td>• Opportunity to develop great undeveloped park spaces</td>
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### Strengths and Opportunities

- Opportunity to collaborate with and cater to business community
- Opportunity to leverage park system for broad City benefit
- Opportunity to promote parks
  - Parks are already well-loved
- Opportunity to stimulate tourism
- The City and residents believe in its park system
  - This is evident through passage of park bonds
- Strong willingness to listen to community
- Opportunity to increase citywide interdepartmental coordination
  - Parks Department is recognized as a team player with other City departments
  - Need to negotiate shared responsibilities with existing facilities and new projects, as they are developed

### Weaknesses and Challenges

- Need to strengthen relationships with the State and King County
  - Lack of intergovernmental coordination
  - Different managers
  - No shared vision or strategy
- Challenging to navigate multi-jurisdictional management of public space
- Need to identify and leverage public-private partnerships
- “Green Necklace” Vision is unclear
  - Too broad
- Many existing citywide plans don’t have a clear vision or articulate conflicting visions for parks
- Need to understand the City’s niche relative to other public and private providers
- Maintenance fund are not keeping pace with capital expansion
- Capital funding for parks is limited and competing with other citywide priorities like transportation and civic facilities
  - Total citywide capital funding is insufficient
  - There is an imbalance in operational and capital funding
- Need an integrated design process
  - Need more flexibility
- Need to understand cost recovery goals
- Need to assess the highest and best use of all city property
APPENDIX L

Interlocal Agreement regarding the Joint Use, Development and Maintenance of City and District Properties
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**Grantee(s) (Last name first, then first name and initials)**
1. ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 411
2. 

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INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE JOINT USE, DEVELOPMENT AND
MAINTENANCE OF CITY AND DISTRICT PROPERTIES

This Interlocal Agreement for the Joint Use, Development and Maintenance of
City and District Properties (the "Agreement"), dated this 28th day of May, 2003, is by and between the CITY OF ISSAQUAH, a municipal corporation of the State
of Washington, hereinafter called "City", and the ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.
411, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, hereinafter called "District".

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to maximize the use of both City and
District facilities; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable overlapping of interest in the operation of these
facilities by the City and District; and

WHEREAS, joint usage of facilities ensures better utilization of buildings,
athletic facilities, parks and open spaces, and avoids duplication of facilities, thereby
saving tax monies; and

WHEREAS, a joint City-District cooperation philosophy can provide for the
development, operation and maintenance of facilities for their better utilization by
recreational, athletic and other groups within the greater Issaquah community; and

WHEREAS, the State Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 39.34 RCW,
authorizes public agencies to enter into interlocal agreements to provide services and
facilities through the joint and cooperative exercise of powers, privilege, and authority; and
WHEREAS, Chapter 35.59 RCW, recognizes and authorizes local governments, including school districts, to make agreements for joint operation of multi-purpose facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the covenants herein contained, the parties hereby do agree as follows:

1. **Purpose.** It shall be the policy of the City and District to cooperate in the planning, development, operation and maintenance of the facilities identified in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, which are suitable for use in programs of both agencies, subject to the conditions and regulations of the local budget laws and subject to certain limitations as outlined in this Agreement.

2. **City of Sammamish.** If and when the City of Sammamish develops Parks & Recreation programs, the District will give the City of Sammamish priority use with regard to the school facilities located within the City of Sammamish jurisdiction. Until that time, priority use for such schools, as identified in Exhibit A, will be given to the City of Issaquah Parks & Recreation Department.

3. **Primary Use; Other Agreements.** The City or School District shall receive first consideration in the use of the other’s facilities, as identified in Exhibit A. Such use, however, shall be limited by and secondary to the primary activities and programs sponsored by each owner party and by previous agreements establishing preferential status for the use of any facilities as identified in Exhibit A.
4 **Scheduling.** The facilities of the other party should be scheduled only when there are definite plans for activities. If usage plans change during the year, unneeded dates should be cancelled at least one week in advance.

5. **Hold Harmless.** The City and the District, in the use of the other’s areas and facilities, shall hold and save harmless the other entities’ officers, agents, employees, guests, invitees or visitors from all loss, damage, liability, or expense (including expense of litigation), resulting from any actual or alleged injury to any person or firm or any actual or alleged loss of or damage to any “person’s or firm’s” property, which is caused by or resulting from any act or omission of the party using the areas or facilities of the other, except to the extent of any actual or alleged loss or damage is a result of the conduct or omission of the other party. Each shall observe the policies of the other when using the other’s facilities. The City and District will be responsible for making their policies known to the other.

6. **Repair and Replacement for Damage.** The City and District, in the use of the other’s areas and facilities, shall be responsible for the costs of repair or replacement to the other’s areas and facilities which is caused by any act or omission of the using party, its officers, agents, employees, guests, invitees or visitors, excluding normal wear and tear.

7. **Comprehensive Development Plans.** The City or District may propose comprehensive development plans for areas and/or facilities belonging to the other’s facilities after first consulting with the owner-party concerning the feasibility of such development proposal. The costs of preparing such development plans shall be borne
entirely by the initiating party unless a written agreement to share such costs is approved
by both parties prior to the incurring of any costs. Prior to the initiation of any
construction, improvement or installation of such development plans, the initiating party
must first gain written approval from the owner-party.

8. **Improvements by Owner.** No approval or consultation shall be required if the
owner-party seeks to make improvements or repairs to the owner-property; provided,
however, the owner shall be required to coordinate such improvements or repair with the
user-party in order to minimize interference with the user-party’s use and activities at the
site.

9. **Expendable Materials.** The City or District shall, at each entities’ own expense,
 furnish and supply all expendable materials necessary for carrying on its respective
activities at the facility of the other party.

10. **Supervision.** Each agency will provide on-site supervision for all of its scheduled
activities and will take full responsibility for any non-custodial cleaning required at the
conclusion of the scheduled activity.

11. **Security.** The District will provide the City with appropriate keys, security cards,
and training to use school security systems during non-school hours; provided that, the
City represents and warrants that such keys and security cards shall only be used for
previously scheduled community uses.
12. Both agencies agree to recognize and abide by all scheduled uses, as agreed to in written rental agreements. The owner-party shall only cancel a scheduled activity in the case of emergency or mutual agreement. On behalf of the District, the Building Principal of each school site or the District Superintendent shall determine what constitutes an emergency for purposes of this Agreement. On behalf of the City, the City’s Director of Parks & Recreation, his or her designee, shall determine what constitutes an emergency for purposes of this Agreement. City recreation programs held at District sites will be subject to and shall adhere to the District weather closure policies.

13. Insurance. Each party shall maintain commercial general liability insurance or other similar liability coverage acceptable to the other party covering injuries to persons and damage to property, with the other party added as named additional insureds covering all of the activities pertaining to this Agreement. By requiring such insurance coverage, neither party shall be deemed to, or construed to, have assessed the risks that may be applicable to the other party under this Agreement.

14. Scheduling. The District will provide the City a schedule of school-sponsored events at least once each quarter. The City’s Parks and Recreation Department will only schedule events after the school staff has determined school district usage. Each party will provide the other with at least one (1) week notification of any schedule changes, barring unforeseen circumstances or emergencies. The intent of notification is to ensure the reservation is not cancelled unless mutually agreed to thereby maximizing use of the space.

15. Custodial Services. A District custodian is required to be present at all activities, unless both the City and District have agreed that a custodian can be provided by the
City. Custodians provided by the District are required to be on-site one-half (1/2) hour before the activity and one (1) hour after the activity, with a minimum of three (3) hours. The District will invoice the City once a month for custodial services.

16. **Direct Costs.** The City will invoice the District for “direct” costs of usage at the Issaquah Pool, Community Center, Tibbetts Creek Manor and other City-owned facilities used by the District. The District will invoice the City for the “direct” costs of usage at District sites used by the City. Example of “direct” costs includes the salaries and benefits of lifeguards, events managers, instructors, custodians, or other agency personnel directly involved in facilitating the other agency’s programs. Neither the City nor District will invoice the other for “indirect” expenses such as water, heat or lights.

17. **Central Facility Scheduler.** The District will employ at least one (1) facility scheduler. The City will pay for one half the cost of one (1) full-time central facility scheduler. The Issaquah School District will invoice the City of Issaquah Parks & Recreation Department once per month for this service. The City and School District will collaborate on the supervision and performance evaluation of the Central Facility Scheduler. The District will provide the Central Facility Scheduler with access to scheduling software in order to maintain efficiency and accuracy in the scheduling process.

18. **Coordination of Uses.** District and City shall each designate representatives (the “Designated Representatives”) to meet regularly to resolve facility use issues. The Designated Representatives, who shall be denoted in writing by the District Superintendent and the Director of Parks and Recreation, will meet at least twice a year to consider staffing issues, problems, planned programs, disputes and conflicts, changes
in design, development, operation, maintenance, scheduling, and other policy issues resulting from the joint use of facilities. If the Designated Representatives are unable to reach a solution on a particular matter, it will be referred to the District’s Superintendent and to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or their designees, for resolution.

19. This Agreement between the City and the District supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may only be amended by a written, signed agreement by both the City and District.

20. No Other Rights. It is understood that this Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and conveys no right to any other party.

21. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon the filing of one year’s advance written notice to the other party; provided that, the parties may jointly agree to terminate this Agreement at any time. The obligations under Section 5, Hold Harmless, shall be continuing and shall not be diminished or extinguished by the termination of this Agreement.

22. Designated Representatives:

The City's representative for purposes of administering this Agreement is the Director of Parks and Recreation or his/her designee whose address is City of Issaquah, P.O. Box 1307, Issaquah, Washington 98027 - 1307.

The District's representative for purposes of administering this Agreement is the Superintendent or his/her designee whose address is 565 N.W. Holly Street, Issaquah, Washington 98027.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement on the
date and year set forth below.

Ava Frisinger
Ava Frisinger, Mayor

Janet Barry
Janet Barry, Superintendent

Wayne Tanaka
Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney

School District Attorney
EXHIBIT A

The City and the District agree to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for community use for the following facilities:

**ISD:**
- Beaver Lake Middle School
- Cascade Ridge Elementary*
- Challenger Elementary
- Clark Elementary
- Endeavor Elementary
- Issaquah High School
- Issaquah Middle School
- Issaquah Valley Elementary
- Pine Lake Middle School*
- Sunset Elementary**
- Skyline High School*
- Sunny Hills Elementary *
- Discovery Elementary*
- Cougar Ridge Elementary**
- Maple Hills Elementary***
- Liberty High School***
- Maywood Middle School***
- Briarwood Elementary***
- Apollo Elementary***

**City of Issaquah:**
- Memorial Park Field
- Issaquah Pool
- Community Center
- Tibbetts Creek Manor
- Tibbetts Valley Park (all facilities)
- Memorial Park Center

*City of Sammamish has first claim on the use of these schools

**City of Bellevue has first claim on the use of these schools

***Five Star Athletic has first claim on the use of these schools
2006
Issaquah Middle School PTSA
Salmon Days Fundraising Committee 2006
Attn: Lynne Langseth

Dear Lynne,

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21 parking spaces x $5/space x 2 days = $210.00

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For the Issaquah School District:

For the IMS PTSA:

For the City of Issaquah:

Ava Frisinger, Mayor

Print Name: Corrine DeRosa
Title: Principal

Lynne Langseth
Salmon Days Fundraising 2006

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Salmon Days Fundraising Committee 2007
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Carrine DeRosa

For the IMS PTSA:

Susan Hegdev, PRESIDENT 9/16/08
IMS PTSA Officer

For the City of Issaquah:

Anne McGill, Director of Parks & Recreation

For the IMS PTSA:

Kim B. O'Dell, Treasurer 9/16/08
IMS PTSA Officer
APPENDIX M

Financial Capacity Analysis
INTRODUCTION

In early 2016, the City of Issaquah adopted the 2015 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan. During the adoption of that document, it was identified that the Plan, while comprehensive and accurate, did not clearly articulate the community’s vision for its Parks system. To meet this need, the City is undertaking a 2017 update of the Plan, hereafter referred to as the Parks Strategic Plan. One component of this plan is a financial capacity analysis which analyzes the historical revenues available for the operations of the Parks and Recreation Department and the historical revenues available to support parks capital projects. The capacity analysis also reviews the tools available to support increased investment in parks operations and parks capital projects.

METHODOLOGY AND ASSUMPTIONS

Budget assumptions were based on seven years (2011 to 2017) of financial data provided by the City of Issaquah, as well as the City’s current financial policies. Historical financial data is presented as year of expenditure dollars (YOE$), so that figures match the historical record.

FUNDING CAPACITY

Historical Parks and Recreation Department Revenues and Expenditures

Operating Revenues

The City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department is primarily funded by the City General Fund. Primary general fund revenues include property taxes, sales taxes, and utility taxes. Most general fund revenues are also available to pay for capital projects, if chosen to do so by the City. General fund revenues include:

- Taxes
  - Property Tax
  - Retail Sales and Use Tax
  - Business and Occupation Taxes on Utilities
  - Utility Consumer Tax
  - Gambling Tax
  - Admissions Tax
  - Penalties & Interest on Delinquent Taxes

- Licenses and Permits

- Intergovernmental Revenues
  - Grants
    - King County Parks Levy

- Charges for Goods and Services
- Fines and Penalties
- Miscellaneous Revenue
- Interest and Other Earnings
- **Rents and Leases**
- **Contributions and Donations from Nongovernmental Sources**
- **Other Miscellaneous Revenues**

Some of these General Fund revenues are dedicated to Parks and Recreation; these include:

- **King County Parks Levy.** In 2013, King County voters renewed the King County Parks Levy (which replaced the previous King County Parks Levy and the Open Space and Trails Levy). Between 2014 and 2019 this levy will generate an estimated $66 million per year through a Consumer Price Index (CPI)-indexed property tax levy lid lift (paid by property owners at $0.1877 per $1,000 assessed value). 7% of the monies collected through this levy are distributed to cities through a funding formula by which 50% is distributed on a per capita basis and 50% is distributed based on the assessed value of the parcels within the City. In 2017, Issaquah received $97,305 in distributions from this levy. These funds can be used for parks and recreation capital purposes, including as a match for local, state, and federal grants.

- **Grants.** The Parks and Recreation Department seeks competitive grants to support Parks capital projects. These grants include potential grants from the King County Conservation District, which manages Conservation Futures funds from a dedicated property tax levy. These grants support acquisition and preservation of open space for passive use.

Over the last seven years, the City has allocated between 4.4 and 12.5% of its total annual revenues to Parks and Recreation Department operations. This is shown in Exhibit 1, following.

**Exhibit 1: Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department Operating Revenues as Share of City General Fund, 2011 to 2017**

![Bar chart showing Park and Recreation Department operating revenues as share of City General Fund from 2011 to 2017.]


The actual allocation has ranged from a low of $7,360,742 in 2013 to a high of $9,744,421 in 2012. These values are provided in Exhibit 2.
Exhibit 2: Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department Operating Revenues, 2011 to 2017


It is worth noting that revenues peaked in 2012, and have yet to recover significantly.

Capital Revenues

Between 2011 and 2017, the City of Issaquah dedicated an average 20% of its capital improvement program resources to parks and Recreation projects, ranging from total value of $3,024,000 to $8,067,300 as shown in Exhibit 3, following.

Exhibit 3: Issaquah Capital Improvement Program Revenues, 2011 to 2017


Funding Priorities

It is expected that cost of implementing the Issaquah’s Parks Strategic Plan may exceed the current revenues available to fund it, and that residents’ aspirational desires for their parks system may be more ambitious than
what can be delivered at any given time. As such, the Parks and Recreation department may need to prioritize it’s use of capital funds. To do this, the City may choose to set targets to prioritize allocation of future capital funding based on resident priorities. This can be done by setting a “share” of total capital revenues that should fund each priority area. As part of this Parks Strategic Plan, the Parks and Recreation Department has identified five key priority areas for investment, described following:

- Acquisition and Preservation of Natural Areas/Open Space
- Additional Athletic Field Capacity
- Connectivity
- Development of New City Parks and Amenities
- "Reinvestment in Existing Parks"

**City of Issaquah Capital Improvement Program, 2018-22**

The City of Issaquah published an updated Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in September 2017. This CIP identifies five years of expected capital improvements and the revenues available to fund them. First, it provides the expected investment by asset category, reproduced in this document as Exhibit 4.
### Exhibit 4: Projects by Asset Category, 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan

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The overall CIP presumes that over the 5-year planning horizon, approximately 14% of CIP projects will be for Parks and Recreation purposes and less than 0.1% will be for trails projects. In sum, this is less than the previous share of CIP projects in these categories (which between 2011 and 2017 made up approximately 20% of CIP projects).

Items included to support Parks and Recreation are primarily for park site acquisition, completing the “Green Necklace,” improvements to existing facilities or fields, and park master planning efforts in the future. Items included to support Trails will fund both paved and unpaved pathways. The projects are shown in Exhibit 5 and Exhibit 6, following.
### Exhibit 5: Parks and Recreation Projects, 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan

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### Exhibit 6: Trails Projects, 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan

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Maintenance and operation costs for these projects are not included in the information shown below, only the estimated cost for development. Maintenance and operation costs are considered during the City's budget process.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND FINANCING OPTIONS FOR ISSAQUAH PARKS OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL NEEDS

There are many funding sources and methods available for capital improvements within the City's park system. These vary based on what is being funded (for example, many revenue sources may be more appropriate for funding operations or capital projects), the order of magnitude of potential revenue generation, political considerations and feasibility, and implementation needs (for example, vote requirements). Further, it is unlikely that any single source will be able to address the challenges of funding the needs identified in this Parks Strategic Plan. As such, it is important to consider all of the potential funding and financing options available to Issaquah in funding its parks operations and capital needs.

Increase or Reallocate Existing Revenues

Increase General Fund Revenues or Share of General Fund Revenues to Parks through Reallocation

Between 2011 and 2017, the City of Issaquah allocated an average 7.4% of its general fund to parks operations, including parks planning and administration, recreation, aquatics, facility rentals, city facility services, parks facilities, and senior services. The City of Issaquah could increase its general revenues to support additional funding for Parks and Trails operations, and for capital projects.

The City of Issaquah has several options for increasing its general fund revenues, however, none of these options are specific to parks. Some major options include:

- **Increasing Existing Business and Occupations (B&O) Tax.** A B&O tax is levied on businesses operating in or with a physical presence in the city, as described in Chapter 82.04 RCW. The tax can be levied three ways:
  - Percentage of gross business income (GBI)
  - Per employee tax
  - Per square foot tax

  The City of Issaquah currently levies a B&O Tax on all businesses with gross quarterly business income (GBI) in excess of $25,000. The tax rate varies from 0.12% to 0.15% depending on the business classification. This is significantly lower than the tax rates levied in other jurisdictions. Increasing rates commensurate with peer jurisdictions could bring in significant additional tax dollars. Additionally, the City does not levy a per employee tax, which is generally used to generate income on businesses headquartering in the jurisdiction; Issaquah is fast becoming a destination for Washington businesses looking for a site for their headquarters, so this could also be a significant tax draw. It is expected that any change to the B&O tax could be politically challenging. The magnitude of potential funding that could be generated by a B&O Tax varies based on the increase in tax rate and any additional changes to how the tax is levied.

- **Property Tax Levy Lid Lift.** The City currently has a 2017 property tax rate of $1.123 per $1,000 assessed value. This includes a general levy of 0.945 per $1,000 of assessed value and a special levy to refund Unlimited Tax General Obligation (UTGO) bonds of $0.179 per $1,000 of assessed value. This rate will increase to $1.0438 per $1,000 assessed value in 2018. Cities are currently limited to an increase in property tax revenues equal to 1% plus the revenues based on that rate from any new development,
public vote. A property tax levy lid lift occurs when taxing jurisdictions with a tax rate less than their statutory maximum rate ask voters to increase their tax rate to an amount equal to or less than the statutory maximum rate, effectively lifting the lid on the levy rate. The taxing jurisdiction then collects more revenues because of the higher levy rate. The City could increase property taxes in the City to pay for parks capital projects through a voted levy lid lift.

- **Transportation Benefit District.** As per Chapter 36.73 RCW, cities can create a transportation benefit district (TBD) through their legislative authority. TBDs can include other counties, cities, port districts, or transit districts through interlocal agreements. TBDs do not have to include the entire jurisdiction of the establishing entity. A TBD is an independent taxing district that can impose fees to fund transportation improvements. These taxes are not restricted to capital construction projects, but can also be used for maintenance and preservation. Likewise, they are unrestricted against non-motorized projects.
  - **$20 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) levied via a TBD.** TBDs can impose a MVET of up to $100, with a public vote. Initially, a $20 MVET can be imposed without a vote of the people. After 24 months, this value can be increased to $40 without a vote, and 24 months after that, in can be increased to $50 without a vote, however any fee greater than $40 is subject to potential referendum.
  - **0.02% Sales and Use Tax (SUT) levied via a TBD.** TBD’s can impose a sales and use tax of up to 0.02%, with a public vote.

  While these funds are restricted to transportation purposes, the City of Issaquah could use the revenues generated to take pressure off existing general funds, reallocating them to parks and trails operations.

**Increase Share of Capital Asset Funds for Parks and Trails through Reallocation**

Similarly, one of the main strategies the City of Issaquah could use to increase capital funding for parks and trails is reallocation of capital assets from the Capital Projects Fund to parks and trail purposes. This could be done through dedication of one or more of the revenue sources funding the Capital Projects Fund or through a general increase in the overall allocation to parks and trails projects from the fund.

**Generate Dedicated Revenues for Parks and Trails Capital Projects**

There are very few dedicated revenue sources for parks capital. Options for additional revenues include:

- **Dedicated Parks Property Tax Levy.** The City currently has significant overall property tax capacity, which could be levied through a dedicated parks levy at the will of Issaquah voters.

- **Parks Impact Fees.** The City of Issaquah currently collects a parks impact fee of $5,977.49 per single family residential dwelling unit and a fee of $5,147.95 per multifamily residential dwelling unit. Further, the City levies a per square foot impact fee for commercial development, with different rates based on the type of facility ($5.22 per square foot for retail, $1.32 per square foot for office, $1.51 per square foot for manufacturing, and $0.52 per square foot for construction). Revenues collected from Parks Impact Fees between 2011 and 2017 are presented in Exhibit 7, following.
Exhibit 7: Issaquah Parks Impact Fee Revenues, 2011 to 2017

In comparison to other nearby jurisdictions, Issaquah’s current fee is quite high, however the yields from this impact fee, despite the significant growth and development occurring in Issaquah are lower than expected. There is evidence to suggest that this is in part due to the fact that so much of the development within the City is bypassing the traditional impact fee and, instead, paying for impacts through negotiated development agreements being negotiated by the Development Services Department without the input of the Parks and Recreation Department.

While there may be some reasons for the smaller than expected magnitude of impact fee collections, it is also important to remember that impact fees are highly volatile as they are driven by the rate of development in the City. The City of Issaquah had a development moratorium for much of 2017, which may dampen the revenues expected in 2018.

The City of Issaquah is currently under contract to revise its impact fee rates through an updated rate study in 2018. This process could include revisiting how development agreements are being negotiated to allow for inclusion of the Parks and Recreation Department in that decision-making process. It is possible that such a change could lead to increased impact fee revenues.

- **Implement Cost Recovery Policies.** The City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department could consider implementing more formal cost recovery policies related to its parks facilities, that establish a rate of return expected from each kind of facility or from individual facilities. This may be especially relevant for some of the City’s more unique assets like Pickering Barn, Tibbets Creek Manor, and athletic fields. Cost recovery is the direct offset of expenditures related to specific goods or services. Cost recovery is therefore best expressed as a ratio of the offset to the total expenditure, with a ratio of 0 being no cost recovery, a ratio of 1 being complete cost recovery, and a ratio greater than 1 implying full cost recovery and revenue generation, as shown in the Cost Recovery Continuum below.
Exhibit 8: Balance of Individual-specific and Communitywide Benefits and Level of Cost Recovery

Cost recovery can be implemented on discrete services or globally, to support a preferred share of the department budget funded through fee-for-service activities (department-wide cost recovery target), and through a range of fee collection mechanisms. These mechanisms can be calibrated based on specific cost recovery targets based on the cost revenue amount desired and the proportional share of activities and individual benefits.

Access Additional State and Federal Competitive Grants

The City of Issaquah has been successful in funding some of its parks capital project through competitive grants. State and federal grant programs can provide some funding from outside the region. These programs are extremely competitive; however, any grant funding that could be made available would significantly improve the funding feasibility of the Issaquah Parks Strategic Plan, since these funds would reduce the amount needed from local public sources. Grant funding sources include:

**Federal Level**

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grants.** To fund preparedness and other programs that support developing and sustaining capabilities to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

- **Federal Highway Administration (FHA) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program.** To support surface transportation projects and other related efforts that contribute air quality improvements and provide congestion relief.

- **Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Community Forestry Assistance Grant.** Funded through USDA Forest Service to assist communities to develop urban forest planning and programming tools and activities.
  - Grant cap of $15,000 per community.
  - 1:1 match (in-kind or financial) required.

- **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).** To preserve and develop outdoor recreation resources, including parks, trails, and wildlife lands.
  - Approximately $1.6 million available for 2019-21 cycle.
50% match required. For local agencies and special purpose districts, 10% of total project cost must be from non-state, non-federal contribution.

- **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program.** To fund buying or developing public lands for outdoor recreation in areas with over 50,000 people, or in areas with too few parks and significant populations of people who are poor, minorities, or young.
  - Up to $15 million available for 2019-21 cycle. Grant cap of $720,323 for Legacy Program.

- **Salmon Recovery Funding Board Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP).** To protect and restore Puget Sound near-shore ecosystem processes and functions.
  - Approximately $10 million available for 2019-21 biennium cycle. No grant cap.
  - 30% match required, some of which must be non-state funds.

**State Level**

- **Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Complete Streets Award.** To any city or county in the state who has an adopted complete streets ordinance and shows an ethic of planning and building streets that use context sensitive solutions to accommodate all users, including pedestrians, transit users, cyclists, and motorists.
  - Approximately $10 million available during the 2016-17 biennium cycle. Funding for 2018-19 cycle has not been announced. Awards range from $250,000 to $500,000, targeting $250,000 for cities in counties early in the Complete Streets adoption process and $500,000 for cities and counties with highly-integrated policies and a track record of complete street project design and development.
  - Cities must expend funds within three years of payment.

- **Rails to Trails Conservancy Doppelt Fund Grants.** To support communities that are building and improving their multi-use trails, helping to kick-start trail development projects and make significant improvements to existing trails.
  - Six projects totaling $102,500 were funded in 2017.
  - Funds can be used to match existing federal or state awards and for major trail maintenance projects.

- **Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grants.** To fund the acquisition, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes, or to provide or improve public access to the waterfront.
  - Approximately $5.3 million available in 2019-21 cycle, in increments of up to $1 million for acquisition projects, $500,000 for restoration or improvement projects, $500,000 for development projects, or $1 million for combination (no more than $500,000 for development or restoration).
  - 50% match required. For local agencies, 10% of total project cost must be from non-state, non-federal contribution.

- **Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP).** To fund land protection and outdoor recreation, including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation, farmland and forestland preservation, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities.
Approximately $94 million available in 2019-21 cycle. As part of the Outdoor Recreation Account, local parks can receive up to $1 million in acquisition, $500,000 in development, or $1 million for combination projects (no more than $500,000 for development).

50% match required. 10% of total project cost must be from non-state, non-federal contribution.

State Legislative Allocations
In addition to the grant programs, some infrastructure funding is allocated through the state budget process. As with grants, these discretionary funds are limited, subject to state appropriation, and highly competitive.

Private Sources and Fundraising
The City can also consider opportunities for private funding through in-kind donations from volunteers and community partners, private donations, and crowdsourcing. It is expected that these are nominal sources in the context of the overall Parks and Trails Plan, but could be useful for specific projects or purposes.

Financing Options for Issaquah Parks and Trails
The City manages long-term debt in a way that utilizes its credit to optimize City services while balancing overall debt levels and annual debt service obligations. According to the City of Issaquah’s recently passed financial policies, long-term debt may be used primarily to fund one-time costs and may not be used to fund operating expenses, the policies further state: “The policy of the City is to manage its long-term debt in a manner designed to utilize its credit to optimize City services while balancing overall debt levels and annual debt service obligations. The City recognizes that prudent use of its credit can both facilitate construction of essential capital improvements and serve as a method for sharing the costs of those improvements between current and future beneficiaries.”

The City understands that incurring additional long-term debt can potentially affect its credit rating, which is currently a AA- rating with Standard & Poors and an A1 rating from Moody’s. We cannot estimate how a specific bond issuance will specifically affect the City’s credit rating; however, it is a factor to consider in the amount of debt issued to support parks capital projects plan.

City of Issaquah’s debt capacity for non-voted LTGO bonds is limited to 1.5% of the City’s assessed value. Based on the City’s 2017 assessed value of $9,012,789,772, the City has a total debt capacity of $225,319,744, 60% ($135,191,847) of which can be accessed councilmanically through LTGO.

The City stipulates that it will, at a minimum, retain at least 10% of its legal limit for LTGO indebtedness as a reserve for emergencies, which means that the City’s actual debt capacity is less than the statutory debt capacity listed above.

The City can levy additional debt through two main financing tools:

- **Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bonds.** Councilmanic bonds that must be repaid from existing resources, as there is no dedicated source of new revenue for debt service. These bonds can be issued by the City Council without going out to residents for a public vote.

- **Unlimited Tax General Obligation (UTGO) Bonds.** Voted bonds that must be approved by a vote of the City’s residents, and are paid off by a new city property tax levy. This type of bond issue is usually reserved for municipal improvements that are of general benefit to the public, such as arterial streets, bridges, lighting, municipal buildings, firefighting equipment, and parks. As the money is raised by an assessment levied on property values, the business community also provides a fair share of the funds to pay off such bonds. Historically, the City of Issaquah has used UTGO debt to fund capital improvements. This occurred most recently with the $10 million Park bond passed in 2013. The bond supported improvements at eight sites, listed below:
- Meerwood Park, $100,000
- Gibson Park, $100,000
- Tibbett's Valley Park/Community Green Drainage, $200,000
- Julius Boehm Pool, $5,000,000
- Creekside Property & Open Space, $2,000,000
- Central Park Artificial Turf/Lighting, $1,550,000
- Confluence Area Park, $900,000
- Bond Fees, $150,000

These funds were leveraged by the Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department, with staff generating an additional $3.3 million in grants, $2.5 million in other City appropriations, and $5,000 in private donations to support an additional $5,837,480 in capital improvements for a total of $15,837,480 in projects completed through the bond.

NEXT STEPS

It is expected that the cost of implementing the Issaquah’s Parks Strategic Plan may exceed the current revenues available to fund it. Both the operating costs and the capital project costs for implementing the Plan will need to be prioritized among the City’s existing operating and capital priorities, and it is likely that existing city revenues will be insufficient to support all citywide priorities.

To assess the revenues needed to fully implement the Plan, the City will need to establish the cost of the prioritized project list; as many of these projects will require master planning, it is expected that this cost assessment may occur in phases. Once the expected costs of implementing the Plan are identified, the broad list of funding options presented in this document; can be used to establish a recommended strategy for implementing the capital improvements. It is expected that not all potential revenue sources provided in this Plan will be appropriate, feasible, or desirable for implementing parks projects.
APPENDIX N

SEPA Determination
CITY OF ISSAQUAH
FINAL DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Description of Proposal: The City of Issaquah is proposing a non-project action for the 2018 Parks Strategic Plan, an update of the adopted 2015 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan, Resolution 2016-01 and is the product of a comprehensive review of parks, trails and open space for the City of Issaquah. The proposal adds current information to comply with requirements of the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office Manual 2 planning guidelines. Since the proposal is a non-project action, specific project-related impacts would be evaluated with subsequent project applications.

Proponent: City of Issaquah
1775 – 12th Avenue NW
Issaquah, WA. 98027

Public Hearing before the Planning Policy Commission: 14 June 2018

Permit Number: SEP18-00008

Location of Proposal: Citywide

Lead Agency: City of Issaquah

Determination: The lead agency for this non-project proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. Prior to issuing the Final Decision, the City observed a 14-day comment period and received no comments.

Appeal Period: Any person aggrieved by this determination may appeal by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City of Issaquah Permit Center prior to 29 June 2018. Appellants should prepare specific factual objections. Copies of the environmental determination and other project application materials are available from the Issaquah Development Services Department, 1775 12th Avenue NW.

SEPA Responsible Official: Keith Niven, AICP, CEd

Position/Title: Economic Development & Development Services Director

Address/Phone: P.O. Box 1307, Issaquah, WA 98027-1307, (425)837-3430.

Date: 18 June 2018

Signature: [Signature]

cc: Washington State Department of Ecology
    Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
    U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
    Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
    Issaquah Development Services Department
    Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DaHP)
    Parties of Record
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

A. BACKGROUND

1. **Name of proposed project:** 2018 Parks Strategic Plan
2. **Name of applicant:** City of Issaquah
3. **Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**
   
   City of Issaquah  
   Parks and Recreation Department  
   P.O. Box 1307  
   Issaquah, Washington 98027

   Contact Person: Jennifer Fink, Park Planner  
   Phone: (425) 837-3322  
   Fax: (425) 837-3089

4. **Date checklist prepared:** 5/17/18

5. **Agency requesting checklist:** City of Issaquah

6. **Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**
   
   It is anticipated that the proposed 2018 Parks Strategic Plan will be adopted in June/July 2018. The proposal has been through the following City of Issaquah meeting and public input process:
   
   - **Prior Engagement**
     - Impact Fees - 2014
     - EMC Survey - 2015
     - Park Element of the Comprehensive Plan – 2015
     - Phase 1 Public Engagement – Feb – April 2017
     - City Council Workshop – August 2017
     - Phase 2 Public Engagement – Oct-Nov 2017 (online and meetings) 2017
     - Park Board – Monthly Jan 2017 through May 2018
   
   - **Future Engagement**
     - SEPA Non-Project Checklist and Determination May/June 2018
     - Planning Policy Commission – June 2018
     - City Council Services and Safety Committee June 2018 with referral to full Council for adoption.

   An adopted plan is due to the State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office by March 1, 2022.

7. **Plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal:**
   
   The proposal is a non-project action. Implementation projects are evaluated at the project level. The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan is updated every 6 years to remain eligible for grant funding through the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office.
8. Environmental information that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal:
This checklist. The proposed amendments are non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on the environment. Any specific project impacts would be evaluated at the project level.

9. Applications that are pending for governmental approvals or other proposals directly affecting the property covered by the proposal:
Not applicable. Implementation projects are evaluated at the project level.

10. List of government approvals or permits that will be needed for the proposal:
The 2018 Parks Strategic Plan received unanimous recommendation by the Park Board 5/17/18 and will be followed by Planning Policy Commission and City Council review and adoption.

11. Brief, complete description of the proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site:
The proposal, the 2018 Parks Strategic Plan, is a non-project action update of the adopted 2015 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan, Resolution 2016-01 and is the product of a comprehensive review of parks, trails and open space for the City of Issaquah. The proposal adds current information to comply with requirements of the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office Manual 2 planning guidelines. The proposed changes to the plan are: an update the City’s parks, recreation, trails and open space inventory as of December 31, 2017; documentation of the public involvement process (including a public survey); an updated needs assessment and evaluation; strategic projects to be identified in an adopted capital facilities plan, and includes a planning tool for future parks projects. Updated goals and policies stated within the proposal remain consistent with the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan Park Element, Ordinance #2741 and is consistent with other planning documents. The current capital value per person of $3,874.51 was determined by the Rate Study, Parks, Open Space and Recreation Facilities Impact Fees (December 10, 2014), Ordinance #2733. Since the proposal is a non-project action, specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

12. Location of the proposal, including street address if any, and section, township, and range; a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available:
The proposed 2018 Parks Strategic Plan covers the City of Issaquah (primary service area) and the extended park service area which matches the boundary of the Issaquah School District (the secondary service area).

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth
   a. General description of the site (underline one): flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other
      The City of Issaquah is generally located within and around a valley at the south end of Lake Sammamish. The downtown area is located primarily on the valley floor with the more suburban sections of the City located upon the surrounding hillsides. The terrain ranges from flat to rolling, hilly and steep slopes within the City limits.

   b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
      The downtown area of the City is generally flat while the surrounding hillsides may have sloped up to and/or exceeding 100%. Specific project impacts would be evaluated at the project level.
c. **What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? Specify the classification of agricultural soils, and note any prime farmland.**

Although the City of Issaquah has many different general types of soils both on the valley floor and the surrounding hillsides, the proposed 2018 Parks Strategic Plan will not disturb any of these soils. The City is an urban environment with no large scale agricultural activity. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications. Subsequent projects may require geotechnical surveys depending upon location.

d. **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**

Yes, in limited hillside areas. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

e. **Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

No grading is proposed at this time. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

f. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

g. **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

2. **Air**

   a. **What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities, if known.**

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

   b. **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

No. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

   c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

3. **Water**

   a. **Surface:**
1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.
There are several streams, ponds and wetlands within the vicinity of the City and three lakes. The streams include Issaquah Creek main stem, Tibbetts Creek, the North Fork of Issaquah Creek, the East Fork of Issaquah Creek, Mine Hill Creek and Cabin Creek. Mine Hill Creek, Cabin Creek, East Fork of Issaquah Creek and the North Fork of Issaquah Creek all flow into the main stem of Issaquah Creek; from there, the Issaquah Creek flows into Lake Sammamish. The other lakes within the City are Round Lake and Tradition Lake. The streams and wetlands range from class one to class three wetlands depending upon the location and improvements. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.
No. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that could be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.
Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.
The City of Issaquah has several areas that lie within the 100-year floodplain. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.
No. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

b. Ground:
1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
Not applicable.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.
Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):
1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (including quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. 
   Not applicable.
2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. 
   Not applicable.
3) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any: 
   None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

4. Plants
   a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site: 
      (Answers note plants in the City as a whole. The proposal is a non-project action.) 
      x  deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, poplar, black cottonwood, Oregon ash, other 
      x  coniferous tree: Douglas-fir, western red cedar, pine, western hemlock, other 
      x  shrubs: willow, Himalayan blackberry, Japanese knotweed, snowberry, salal, western sword fern, currant, other 
      x  grass 
      x  pasture 
      x  crops 
      x  wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, reed canary grass, other 
      x  water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, sedges, other 
      x  other types of vegetation: cherry, hazelnut, locust, various ornamentals, other 
   b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? 
      None.
   c. List threatened or endangered species or critical habitat known to be on or near the site:
      Puget Sound Chinook Salmon were listed as a “threatened” species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in May 1999. Chinook are present in the main stem of Issaquah Creek and the East Fork. Bald eagles, an ESA listed threatened species, are known to nest near Lake Sammamish. However, the proposed amendments are non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.
   d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: 
      The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

5. Animals
   a. Circle any birds or animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site? (Answers note wildlife in the City as a whole. Proposal is a non-project action.) 
      invertebrates: aquatic and terrestrial insects, other 
      fish: salmon, trout, bass, other 
      amphibians: frogs, salamanders, other 
      birds: bald eagles, owls, hawks, woodpecker, kingfisher, mallards, other 
      mammals: elk, deer, bobcat, beaver, bear, other 
   b. List any threatened or endangered species or critical habitat known to be on or near the site:
      Puget Sound Chinook Salmon were listed as a “threatened” species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in May 1999. Chinook are present in the main stem of Issaquah Creek and the East Fork. Bald eagles are nesting on the shores of Lake Sammamish. The proposed amendments are non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.
   c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.
The Issaquah basin is part of the Pacific flyway and migratory bird species, including waterfowl use Issaquah Creek seasonally. Issaquah Creek is host to returning salmonids each year including sockeye, coho, chinook, kokanee, and cutthroat. However, the proposed amendments are non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

d. **Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:**
The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications. The proposal itself promotes the preservation of wildlife habitat.

e. **List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site:**
   Invertebrates: aquatic and terrestrial insects, other
   Fish: salmon, trout, bass, other
   Amphibians: American bullfrog, salamander, other
   Birds: European starling, other
   Mammals: Nutria

6. **Energy and Natural Resources**
   a. **What kinds of energy (electricity, natural gas, oil, wood, solar) will be used to meet the completed project’s energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**
      None.
   b. **Would your project affect potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**
      No.
   c. **What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:**
      Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

7. **Environmental Health**
   a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, which could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.**
      No.
      (1) **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**
          Not applicable.
      (2) **Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**
          Not applicable.
      (3) **Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**
          Not applicable.
      (4) **Describe special emergency services that might be required:**
          Not applicable.
      (5) **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:**
          The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.
   b. **Noise**
      (1) **What types of noise exist in the area that may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment operation, other)?**
Not applicable.

(2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.
Not applicable.

(3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:
None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.
The uses within the City of Issaquah and Parks secondary service area vary from low density residential to multifamily residential to retail/office to commercial to urban village. To the north is the City of Sammamish; to the south of the City are Squak Mountain and Cougar Mountain State Parks. The City of Bellevue borders Issaquah on the west and Tiger Mountain State Forest and unincorporated King County borders Issaquah on the east.

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe? How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?
Historically, there were agricultural uses in the valley floor along Issaquah Creek, consisting mostly of pastures and animal keeping. Most of these uses ceased within Issaquah by the 1950s.

(1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?
Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment.

c. Describe any structures on the site.
Structures within the City include, but are not limited to, office buildings, retail shops, single-family homes, multifamily developments, retail, auto dealerships, and City offices.

d. Will any structures be demolished?
No. The proposal is a non-project action, any implementation projects are evaluated at the project level. No structures or buildings are proposed for removal or alteration as a part of the proposal.

e. What are the current zoning classifications of the site?
The City of Issaquah currently has 23 zoning categories. The zoning categories are: TP-NRCA (Tradition Plateau – Natural Resource Conservation Area); C-Rec (Conservancy Recreation); CF-F (Community Facilities – Facilities); CF-R (Community Facilities Recreation); CF-OS (Community Facilities Open Space); C-Res (Conservancy Residential); SF-E (Single Family Estates); SF-S (Single Family Suburban); SF-SL (Single Family Small Lot); SF-D (Single Family Duplex); MF-M (Multifamily – Medium); MF-H (Multifamily – High); MUR (Mixed Use Residential); VR (Village Residential); MU (Mixed Use); UC (Urban Core); DR (Destination Retail); PO (Professional Office); CBD (Cultural and Business district); R (Retail); IC (Intensive Commercial); M (Mineral Resources); and U-V (Urban Village) Zoning Districts. Note that the R (Retail) zone is not presently in use but remains a zoning classification.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
The City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan land use designations are consistent with the adopted zoning map designations. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
The City of Issaquah Shoreline Master Program lists seven different shoreline environment designations, including: Shoreline Commercial/Mixed Use, High Intensity Transportation, Lake Sammamish Shoreline Residential, Issaquah Creek Shoreline Residential, Lake Sammamish Urban Conservancy, Issaquah Creek Urban Conservancy, and Natural. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an “environmentally sensitive” area?
Issaquah Creek has been classified by the City of Issaquah Critical Areas Ordinance as a Class 1 stream. Additional critical areas are present as well.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
As of 2017, approximately 36,030 people currently reside within the City limits (Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Element, Ord 2810 effective date: 10/25/2017). The current planning horizon for the 2018 Parks Strategic Plan anticipates a resident population of 41,089 and an equivalent population (including residents, employees and visitors) of 62,732 by the year 2020 as outlined in the Rate Study, Parks, Open Space and Recreation Facilities Impact Fees (December 10, 2014), Ordinance #2733.

However, current predictions estimate by year 2031, the City will have grown to 44,660 persons, living in 19,337 households (Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Element, Ord 2810 effective date: 10/25/2017 ) and provide 37,395 jobs (Puget Sound Regional Council Covered Employment Estimates pulled from Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Washington State Employment Security Department, 2014.)

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
None.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
None. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:
None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
Not applicable.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
Not applicable.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:
None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts. However, parks and recreational features are highly desirable in various housing environments to improve quality of life and community health. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?
Not applicable.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**
   None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

11. **Light and Glare**
   a. **What type of light or glare will proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**
      None.
   b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**
      Not applicable.
   c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**
      Not applicable.
   d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**
      None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

12. **Recreation**
   a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**
      There are several different parks within the City of Issaquah. These parks range in recreational use from passive hiking trails to ballparks to various public facilities (community center) and a building and a pool. Currently the City’s Park system inventory as of December 31, 2017 is: Community Facilities (46 acres), Community Parks (172 acres), Neighborhood Parks (4 acres), Resource Parks (68 acres), Natural Open Space (1,360 acres), Urban Park & Other Parks (5 acres), Urban Trails (7.4 miles) and Natural Trails (15.7 miles).
   b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**
      No.
   c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**
      The proposal is an update to 2015 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan update containing an inventory of all available public recreational opportunities. The proposal promotes park improvements, including connections not only within City parks but to adjacent regional lands for a greater and more diverse recreational experience.

13. **Historic and Cultural Preservation**
   a. **Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.**
      The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.
   b. **Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation?**
      This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.
      Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.
   c. **Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**
      Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.
   d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:**
14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on-site plans, if any.
Major public highways and/or streets serving the City of Issaquah include, but are not limited to, Interstate 90, State Route 900, Gilman Blvd., Front Street, Rainier Blvd., Sunset Way, Newport Way, East and West Lake Sammamish Parkways, Sammamish Road, 4th Avenue NW, SE 56th St, 228th Ave SE, SE 43rd Way, and Highlands Drive.

b. Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?
The City of Issaquah is served by two transit agencies: King County Metro and Sound Transit. A regional park and ride is located in the Issaquah Highlands. The Issaquah Transit Center is located along State Route 900 at Maple Street. These facilities serve both agencies with bus stops located along arterials throughout the City for Metro and Sound Transit routes. Issaquah is served by routes 554, 271, and 200 which provide all-day service within Issaquah, and to Seattle and Bellevue, and at peak commute times by express buses which provide additional service to/from Seattle, Redmond, Sammamish, North Bend, and Bellevue.

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?
None. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
Not directly. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
No. Water, rail, or air transportation facilities currently do not operate in the City of Issaquah.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?
Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.
No. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:
Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

15. Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.
The proposal is intended to ensure that adequate capital facilities and public services are provided in accordance with projected growth.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any:
The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

16. Utilities
   a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.
      The proposed amendments are non-project actions. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications. Water and sewer utilities are available throughout the City, depending on location, from the City of Issaquah, the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, and the City of Bellevue. Limited areas of septic service are located within the City. Other utility service providers include Puget Sound Energy (electricity and gas) and Century Link (telephone).
   b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity that might be needed.
      The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

C. SIGNATURE
The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Jennifer Fink
Title: Park Planner and Project Administrator
Date Submitted: 5/17/18
D. NON-PROJECT SUPPLEMENT

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

(Do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment. When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water, emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?
   The proposal is unlikely to cause significant changes in discharges to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise.

   Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: None. See above.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?
   The proposal is not likely to affect plants, fish, or marine life.

   Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:
   The 2018 Park Strategic Plan, contains goals, policies and strategies which address preservation and enhancement of natural resources and to protect wildlife habitat.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?
   The proposal is unlikely to deplete energy or natural resources.

   Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:
   The 2018 Park Strategic Plan contains goals, policies and strategies which address preservation and enhancement of natural resources and to protect wildlife habitat.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?
   The proposal is unlikely to deplete energy or natural resources.

   Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:
   The 2018 Park Strategic Plan provides goals and policies to preserve areas as natural open space, provide trails, and preserve wildlife habitat.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?
   There are no proposed changes that would affect land and shoreline use.

   Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:
   None. See above.
6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?
There are no proposed changes that would increase demand on transportation or public services and utilities.

Proposed measure to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:
None. See above.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.
The proposal is viewed as consistent with the Issaquah Comprehensive Plan, the Issaquah Municipal Code, the King County Countywide Planning Policies, and the Washington State Growth Management Act.
Resolution No. 2018-12

AB 7394

Subject: Adopting the 2018 Parks Strategic Plan and directing the same to be filed with the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office.

7/16/2018 Date passed by City Council

Signed by Mayor

Signed by Council President

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