

## **Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element – Existing Goals and Policies**

*Existing adopted Goals and Policies without corresponding descriptive text.  
Here is a [link](#) to the full text of the adopted Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element in  
the Comprehensive Plan.*

***Goal PR-1: Acquire, develop, and renovate a system of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces that is attractive, safe, functional, and accessible to all segments of the population.***

Policy PR-1.1: Community Involvement. Encourage and support active and ongoing participation by diverse community members in the planning and decision-making for parks and recreation.

Policy PR-2.1: Park Acquisition. Acquire additional parklands necessary to adequately serve the City's current and future population based on level of service goals.

Policy PR-2.2: Park Improvement. Improve park sites to meet the active and passive recreational needs of Kirkland residents.

Policy PR-3.1: Waterfront Parks. Maintain and enhance Kirkland's waterfront parks to connect residents with the water, provide unique recreational experiences, and support tourism.

Policy PR-4.1: Trail System. Develop a network of shared-use pedestrian and bicycle trails to enable connections within parks and between parks, nearby neighborhoods, public amenities, and major pedestrian and bicycle routes identified in the Active Transportation Plan.

Policy PR-4.2: Signature Trails and Connections. Develop, enhance and maintain signature greenways and trails that stretch across the community and that connect residents to the City's many parks, natural areas, recreation facilities and other amenities.

Policy PR-8.1: Support Economic Development. Utilize strategic capital investments in parks, trails, open spaces, recreation and art to encourage and support economic development and revitalization.

***Goal PR-2: Enhance the quality of life in the community by providing services and programs that offer positive opportunities for building healthy, productive lives.***

Policy PR-5.1: Recreation Services. Provide a variety of recreational services and programs that promote the health and well-being of residents of all ages and abilities.

Policy PR-5.2: Community Centers. Maintain and enhance Kirkland's community centers to provide recreational opportunities, community services and opportunities for residents to connect, learn and play.

Policy PR-5.3: Aquatic Facilities and Programs. Provide opportunities for aquatic recreation through the City's pools and lakefront facilities.

Policy PR-5.5: Universal Access and Inclusion. Strive to reduce barriers to participation and provide universal access to facilities and programs.

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(TO BE REVISED WITH K2044 UPDATE)*

Policy PR-5.6: Specialized Recreation Facilities. Establish and operate specialized recreational facilities (e.g., action sports facilities, off-leash areas, skateparks, community gardens) to respond to identified public needs, as appropriate.

Policy PR-6.1: Field Sports. Provide a Citywide system of sports fields and programs to serve field sport needs of the community, in partnership with the Lake Washington School District, local sports organizations, and other regional providers.

Policy PR-6.2: Indoor and Outdoor Sports Courts. Provide and enable access to a Citywide system of indoor and outdoor sports courts, gymnasiums and programs for Kirkland residents.

***Goal PR-3: Protect, preserve, and restore publicly owned natural resource areas.***

Policy PR-7.1: Natural Area Preservation. Preserve significant natural areas to meet outdoor recreation needs, provide opportunities for residents to connect with nature, and meet habitat protection needs.

Policy PR-7.2: Natural Area Restoration and Management. Restore and manage City-owned or managed natural areas to protect and enhance their ecological health, sensitive habitats and native species.

Policy PR-7.3: Shoreline Restoration. Restore Kirkland's public shorelines on Lake Washington in accordance with the Shoreline Restoration Plan to improve habitat, hydrology and recreational opportunities.

Policy PR-7.4: Ecosystem Services. Protect and improve the City's natural systems or features for their value in providing ecosystem and infrastructure services.

Policy PR-7.5: Environmental Education. Promote environmental stewardship and education through informational signage, materials, programs and partnerships.

Policy PR-7.6: Conservation Partnerships. Work cooperatively with resource management agencies and citizens to care for streams, enhance and protect urban forests and wetlands, improve wildlife habitat, and provide limited public access.