

Kirkland 2044 Comprehensive Plan Update
Parks Element
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Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element Goal and Policy Updates			
EXISTING PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES	PROPOSED GOAL AND POLICY REVISIONS <small>Deleted text shown in strikethrough. Added text shown in underline.</small>	NOTES FOR PLANNING COMMISSION	REVISION REQUIRED PER: <small>(State, Regional, County, Equity Review etc.)</small>
Figure PR-1: Kirkland Parks		Update to reflect the current parklands.	
<i>No existing figure</i>	New Figure PR-2: Walkable Access to Outdoor Recreation	Adding figure from the PROS Plan to show which parts of the City have walkable access to outdoor recreation (10 minutes) and which areas are underserved.	
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.	Goal PR-1: Acquire, develop, and renovate a system of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces that is attractive, safe, functional, <u>sustainable</u> , 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-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.	<i>Deleted the topic from the beginning of <u>all Parks policies</u> to be consistent with the formatting of the other elements and because the topic is already clear in the policy itself (e.g., for PR-1.1, I deleted Community Involvement from the beginning)</i>	
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-2.1: Park Acquisition. Acquire additional parklands necessary to adequately serve the City's current and future population based on the <u>PROS Plan</u> level of service goals. <u>Prioritize underserved areas to provide parks that are within walking distance to ensure that parks are equitably distributed throughout the City.</u>	Consistent with the PROS Plan	King County Countywide Planning Policy (CPP); PSRC Vision 2050 Multicounty Planning Policy (MPP); Equity Review
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Identify innovative methods to provide publicly accessible urban parks and related amenities such as linear parks, playgrounds, plazas, or exercise stations in Kirkland's Urban Growth Centers.</u>	PROS Plan discusses urban parks in more detail.	
Policy PR-2.2: Park Improvement. Improve park sites to meet the active and passive recreational needs of Kirkland residents.	Policy PR-2.2: Park Improvement. Improve park sites to meet the active and passive recreational needs of <u>community members</u> Kirkland residents. <u>Prioritize underserved areas.</u>		Equity Review
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-3.1: <u>Waterfront Parks</u>. Maintain and enhance Kirkland's waterfront parks to connect residents <u>community members</u> with the water, provide unique recreational experiences, and support tourism.		Equity Review

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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-4.1: 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.	Revised shared-use to shared to simplify/reduce "planner-speak"	
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-4.2: Signature Trails and Connections. Develop, enhance and maintain signature greenways and trails that stretch across the community and that connects <u>community members</u> residents to the City's many parks, natural areas, recreation facilities and other amenities.		Equity Review
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.	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.	Economic development could be interpreted to include revitalization so the redundant word was deleted.	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Further activate City parks, spur economic development, and foster ten-minute neighborhoods by exploring opportunities for new uses in City parks and recreation spaces as appropriate.</u>		
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Support and improve access to parks and recreation facilities, especially walking, biking, and public transportation.</u>	Consistent with the PROS Plan	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Increase the resiliency of Kirkland's parks, recreation facilities, open spaces, and natural areas to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing climate.</u>	Consistent with the Sustainability Strategic Plan	Per PC/City Council study issue for Parks Element.
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Improve and enhance the Parks and Community Services Department's sustainability initiatives, in alignment with the City's sustainability planning.</u>	Consistent with the PROS Plan and Sustainability Strategic Plan	
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.	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.	Productive does not seem necessary here	
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-2.1: Recreation Services. Provide a variety of recreational services and programs that promote the health and well-being of <u>residents</u> community members of all ages and abilities.		Equity review
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-5.2: Community Centers. Maintain and enhance Kirkland's community centers to provide recreational opportunities, community services and opportunities for <u>residents</u> community members to connect, learn and play.		Equity review
Policy PR-5.3: Aquatic Facilities and Programs. Provide opportunities for aquatic recreation through the City's pools and lakefront facilities.	Policy PR-5.3: Aquatic Facilities and Programs. Provide opportunities for aquatic recreation through the City's pools and lakefront facilities. <u>Continue to provide scholarships for programs, such as swim lessons, based on income.</u>	Consistent with the PROS Plan	Equity review

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Policy PR-5.4: Recreation Programs for All Ages. Provide programming and services that support recreation and learning for target populations, including youth, teens, adults and older adults.	Policy PR-5.4: Recreation Programs for All Ages. Provide programming and services that support recreation and learning for target populations, including youth, teens, adults and older adults. <u>Policy PR-5.4: Recreation Programs for All Ages. Provide programming and services that support recreation, healthy lifestyles and learning for community members of all ages target populations, including youth, teens, adults and older adults.</u>		
Policy PR-5.5: Universal Access and Inclusion. Strive to reduce barriers to participation and provide universal access to facilities and programs.	Policy PR-5.5: Universal Access and Inclusion. Strive to r Reduce barriers to participation and provide universal access to facilities and programs. <u>Implement the ADA Transition Plan.</u>	Consistent with the PROS Plan	
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-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-6.1: 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.	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 <u>community members residents.</u>		Equity review
Goal PR-3: Protect, preserve, and restore publicly owned natural resource areas.	Goal PR-3: Protect, preserve, and restore publicly owned the natural environment for future generations <u>resource areas.</u>	Consistent with the Sustainability Strategic Plan	
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-7.1: Natural Area Preservation. Preserve significant natural areas to meet outdoor recreation needs, provide opportunities for <u>community members residents</u> to connect with nature, and meet habitat <u>and wildlife corridor</u> protection needs.		PSRC Vision 2050 MPP
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-7.2: 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-7.3: Shoreline Restoration. Restore Kirkland’s public shorelines on Lake Washington in accordance with the Shoreline Master Program Restoration Plan to improve habitat, hydrology and recreational opportunities. <u>Create new public access to the Lake Washington shoreline, including on private property.</u>	Revision from "Shoreline Restoration Plan" to "Shoreline Master Program" is consistent with Kirkland Zoning Code	

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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-7.4: Protect and improve the City’s natural systems or features for their value in providing ecosystem and infrastructure services <u>and integrate green infrastructure at City parks.</u>	Consistent with the Sustainability Strategic Plan	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Protect and enhance Kirkland's tree canopy to provide wildlife habitat, support community resilience, mitigate urban heat, provide shade, manage stormwater, conserve energy, improve mental and physical health, and support sustainability goals. Prioritize historically underserved communities.</u>	Consistent with the Sustainability Strategic Plan	Per PC/City Council study issue for Parks Element.
Policy PR-7.5: Environmental Education. Promote environmental stewardship and education through informational signage, materials, programs and partnerships.	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.	Policy PR-7.6: Conservation Partnerships. Work cooperatively with resource management and conservation agencies/organizations and citizens <u>community members</u> to care for streams, enhance and protect urban forests and wetlands, improve <u>fish and</u> wildlife habitat, and provide limited public access.	Aligns with the SCE Element	