

A photograph of the Seattle skyline at sunset, with the city lights reflecting on the water and the sky transitioning from orange to blue. The Space Needle is visible on the left side of the skyline.

Managing Growth to Become an Equitable City 2015-2035

A circular logo with a dark red background. The word "Seattle" is written in a white, cursive font above a horizontal line, and the year "2035" is written in a white, sans-serif font below the line.

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Mayor's Recommended Plan
Parks and Open Space

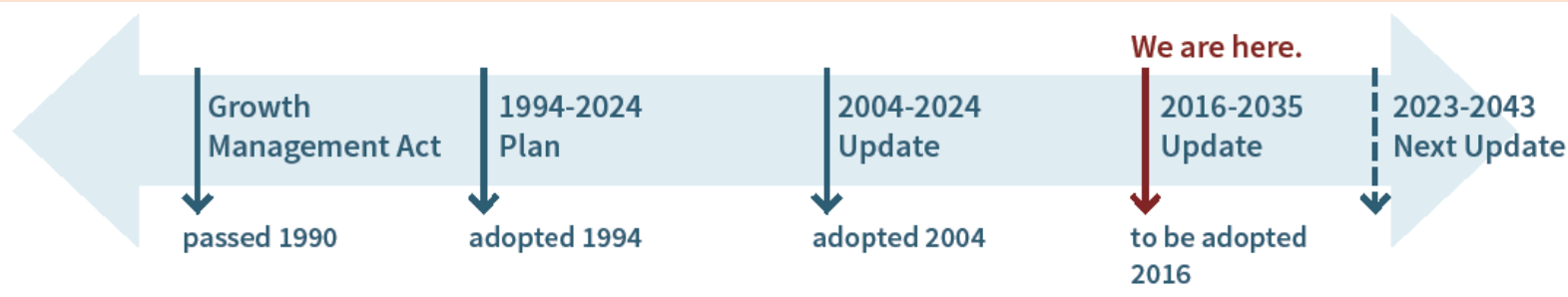
Council Review of Plan

Comp Plan Topic	Council Committee	Date
Community Outreach	PLUZ	April 17
Equity & Equitable Development	PLUZ	May 3
Overview	PLUZ	May 17
Growth Strategy and Land Use	PLUZ	June 7
Transportation	Sustainability and Transportation	June 21
Public Hearing	PLUZ	June 27
Housing Neighborhood Planning	Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance	July 6
Growth Strategy	PLUZ	July 8
Economic Development Arts & Culture	Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development & Arts	July 12
Community Well-Being	Human Services and Public Health	July 13
Schools and Growth	Education, Equity and Governance	July 20
Parks and Open Space	Parks	July 21
Environmental implications and Utilities	Energy and Environment	July 26



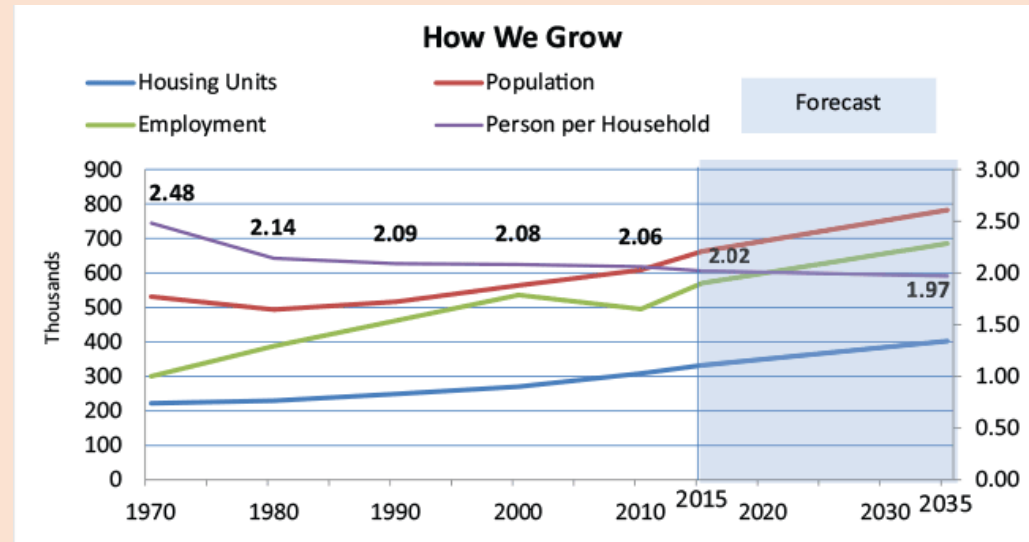
Planning Context

- Comp Plan is policy document
- Vision for how we will manage growth over the next 20 years
- Growth Projections
- Urban Village Strategy



Changes in Seattle since the last major update

- Added 51,000 housing units and 58,000 jobs since 2004
- Expanded transit (light rail and more bus hours)
- Ride sharing
- City's commitment to be carbon neutral
- Updated Vision 2040 and Countywide Planning Policies
- New growth assumptions
- Affordable housing crisis
- City's increased emphasis on race and social equity



What's in the Plan

Growth Strategy

(previously Urban Village)

Land Use

Transportation

Housing

Capital Facilities

Utilities

Economic Development

Environment

Parks and Open Space

Arts and Culture

(previously Cultural Resources)

Community Well-Being

(previously Human Development)

Neighborhood Planning

(previously Neighborhood Planning A)

Container Port

(no changes)

Shoreline Areas

(no changes)

Neighborhood Plans

(previously Neighborhood Planning B, no changes)

What we heard

- Metrics
 - Level of service
 - Amount of open space
 - Goals focused on public access to parks
- Strategies for expanding open space
 - Smaller open spaces for dense areas
 - Private open space that reduces need for public parks
 - Work with other public agencies (e.g. schools) to create more public open space
- Acquisition
 - Add parks in urban villages, places that are growing
 - Equity – places that are not growing or prospering
 - Limited opportunities for open space puts more pressure on natural areas

Background

- NEW element
- Not required by Growth Management Act
- Align with Capital Facilities element
- Speak broadly about open space, not only SPR parks
- Environmental Impact Statement
 - Additional 1,400 acres of breathing room open space to satisfy current goal 1 acre per 100 residents

Outline

Parks and Open Space

Current Plan

Urban Village

Open Space
Network

Mayor's Recommended Plan

Parks and Open Space

Access to Open
Space

Parks and
Recreation
Activities

Maintaining Park
and Recreation
Facilities

Major Open
Space Attractions

Key Direction #1:

Access to Open Space

- Continue to expand parks and open space
- Consistent with City's Park Development Plan
- Connections: trails, greenways, boulevards, transit, etc.
- Variety: natural areas, shorelines, plazas, temporary, right-of-way, active/passive
- Partnerships: schools, other public agencies
- Leverage private development: privately-owned public space, impact fees
- Priorities:
 - Marginalized populations
 - Urban centers and villages

Key Direction #2:

Parks and Recreation Activities

- Long-term strategic plan
- Leverage private development: impact fees
- Partnerships: public and private organizations, race and social justice organizations
- Activities to meet the needs of specific communities, cultural groups, ages, disabled, teens, LGBTQ
- Program themes: environment, nature, culture

Key Direction #3:

Maintaining Park and Recreation Facilities

- Guided by long-term strategic plan
- Enhance habitat, increase canopy
- Education and interpretation
- Clean contaminated sites
- Ensure continued access

Key Direction #4:

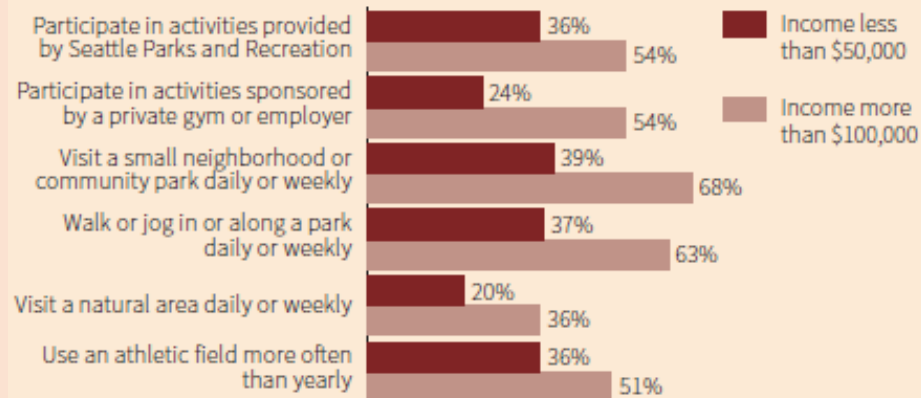
Major Open Space Attractions

- Planning for regional and special use parks
- Safe and welcoming downtown parks
- Limit visitor impacts on neighborhoods

Equity: Parks and Open Space

Seattle Residents' Participation in Recreational Activities

Percentage of residents who participate



Source: City of Seattle Parks Legacy Plan Survey, conducted in 2012

- **P 1.4** Reduce health disparities by making investments that provide access to open space and recreation activities for marginalized communities.
- **P 3.8** Leverage capital and program investments and agreements with private vendors to provide training, apprenticeships, youth employment, and living wage job opportunities for marginalized populations.

Questions?

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