

2024 Parks and Open Space Plan

City Council Parks, Public Utilities and Technology Committee

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Seattle Parks and Recreation



City of Seattle

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- Objectives:
 - ✓ Document and describe Seattle Parks & Recreation parks, open spaces and facilities
 - ✓ Review changes in city demographics, recreation participation and projected demand
 - ✓ Define Level of Service standard
 - ✓ Coordinate with Office of Planning and Community Development and One Seattle Plan
 - ✓ Define near-term capital spending priorities
- Park departments are required to develop Parks and Open Space Plans (POSPs) and submit them to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to maintain eligibility for state grants and funding programs
- RCO requires plan adoption by Council resolution



Parks and Open Space Plan (PSOP)

The PSOP was last approved in 2017

The POSP guides:

- Long-term facility planning
- Capital project development
- Asset management
- Land acquisition
- Prioritization of capital projects, maintenance and repairs, acquisition



Public Engagement

- City held One Seattle Comprehensive Plan meetings in 2022/2023 & SPR collected public comments for POSP
- Virtual POSP public meeting held May 18, 2023
- POSP online engagement hub opened online
- 6 in-person public meetings held Summer 2023
- Public comments included 60+ themes recorded in more than a dozen categories
- SPR presented plan to Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners in Feb. 2024, a process that included a public hearing and public comment period (more than 100 comments received)
- Board reviewed and recommended adoption of plan in March 2024



Public Engagement (continued)

Community outreach to identify and uplift voice of marginalized communities, including:

- Compensation provided for 5 community-based organizations outreach support
- Flyers and press releases translated into 7 languages (Amharic, Chinese, Korean, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese)
- Meeting announcements published in the NW Asian Weekly, South Seattle Emerald
- Interpreters provided at meetings for areas of the city with higher language diversity (Delridge, Yesler and Van Asselt community centers)



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Cập Nhật từ Seattle Parks and Recreation Kế Hoạch cho Công Viên và Không Gian Mở 2024 Khuyến Khích Cộng Đồng Tham Gia

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) kính mời cộng đồng tham gia xây dựng Kế Hoạch cho Công Viên và Không Gian Mở (Parks and Open Space Plan) 2024. Xin mời quý vị cùng chúng tôi tham gia sự kiện giới thiệu trực tuyến vào ngày 18 tháng 5, hoặc đích thân tham dự hội thảo được tổ chức tại một trong sáu cơ sở Community Center của SPR ở Seattle.

Bà AP Diaz, Tổng Giám Đốc của SPR, cho biết: "Đây là cơ hội để cộng đồng nêu rõ những ưu tiên của họ về công viên và không gian mở. Có được kế hoạch này, Seattle Parks and Recreation có thể tiếp tục ưu tiên nhân tài trợ tài trợ từ tiểu bang để cấp kinh phí cho các dự án phát triển và thu mua đất, hỗ trợ sức khỏe người dân, cải thiện môi trường và thúc đẩy những cộng đồng sôi động".



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Seattle Parks and Recreation actualiza el Plan de Parques y Espacios Abiertos 2024 Se alienta la participación de la comunidad

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) invita a la comunidad a participar en la elaboración del Plan de Parques y Espacios Abiertos 2024. Unase a una jornada de puertas abiertas virtual el 18 de mayo o a un taller presencial que se llevará a cabo en uno de los seis centros comunitarios de SPR en Seattle.

«Esta es una oportunidad para que la comunidad plantee sus prioridades en cuanto a los parques y espacios abiertos» dijo AP Diaz, superintendente de SPR. «Con la implementación de este plan, Seattle Parks and Recreation mantiene la elegibilidad para recibir subvenciones estatales que permiten financiar proyectos de desarrollo y adquisición que promueven la salud de las personas, un entorno favorable y comunidades dinámicas».



POSP Approach

- 2024 POSP is a “light update”
- POSP and Seattle Park District planning periods were not in sync
- As a result:
 - ✓ SPR will begin preparation of major revision of POSP in late 2025
 - ✓ Goal is to reduce duplicative, time-intensive processes to a single, more comprehensive process

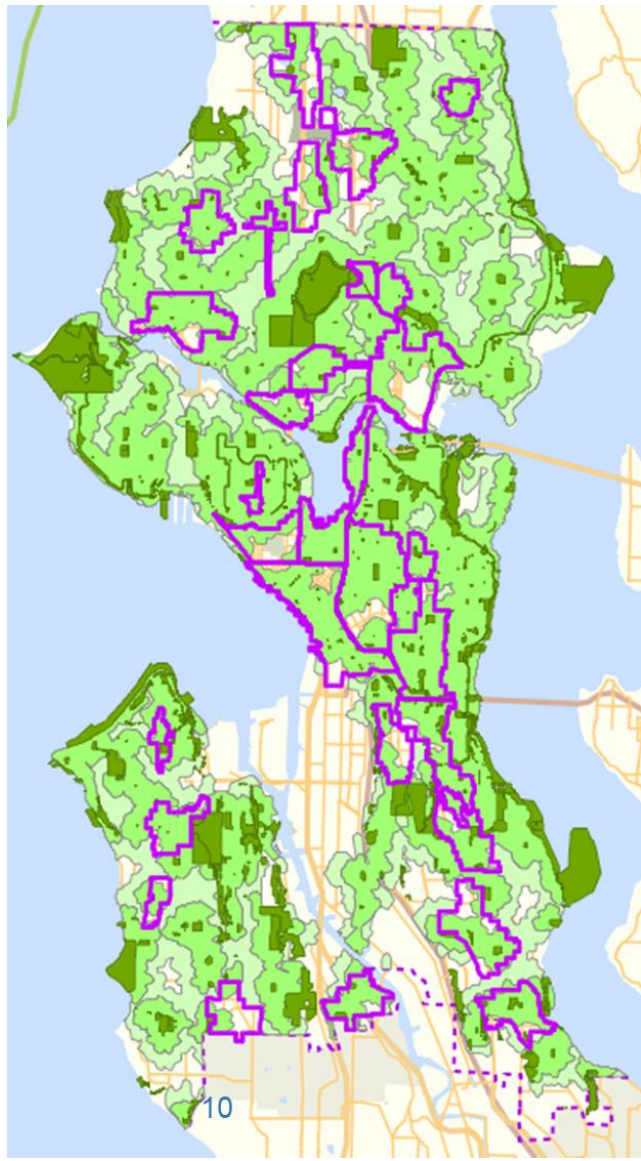
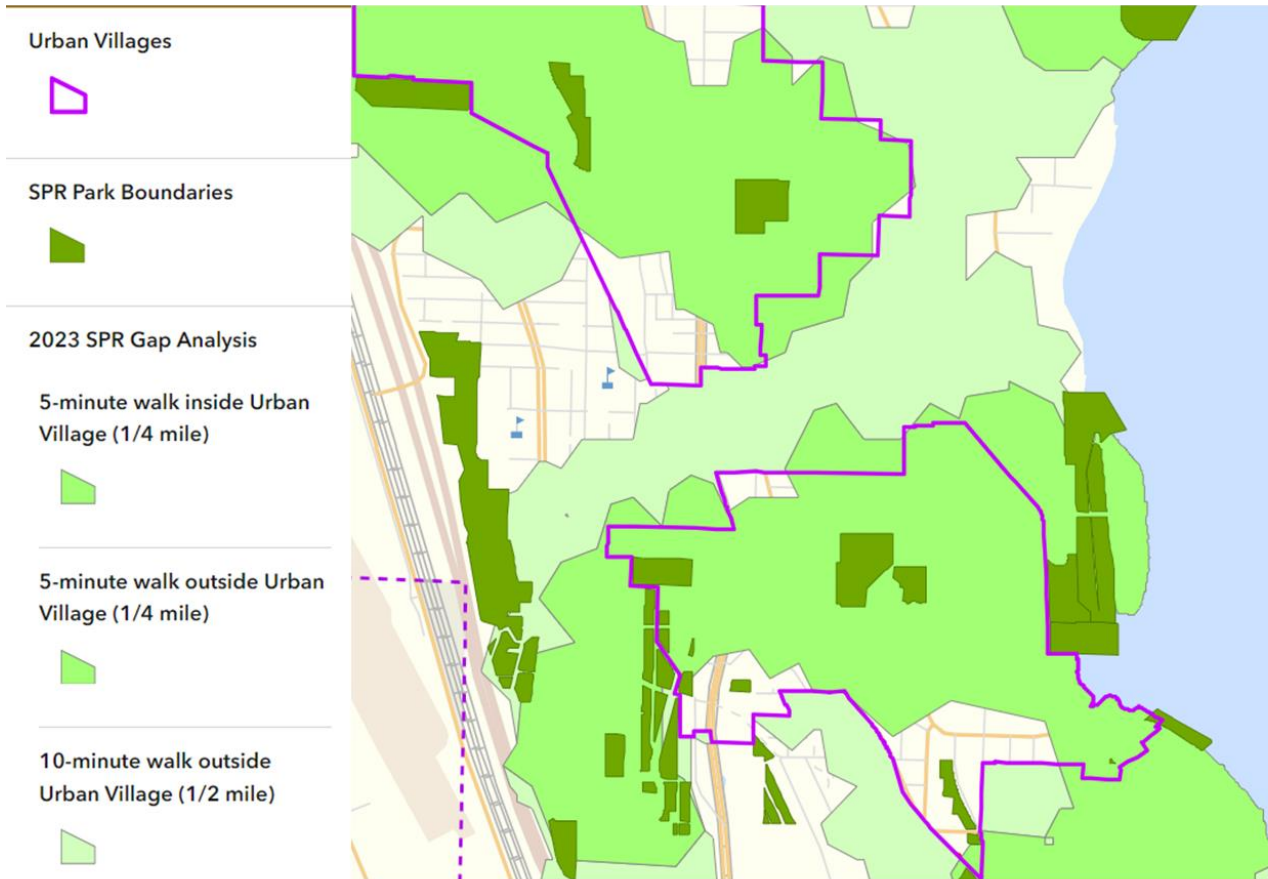


Parks & Recreation Level of Service (LOS) Standard

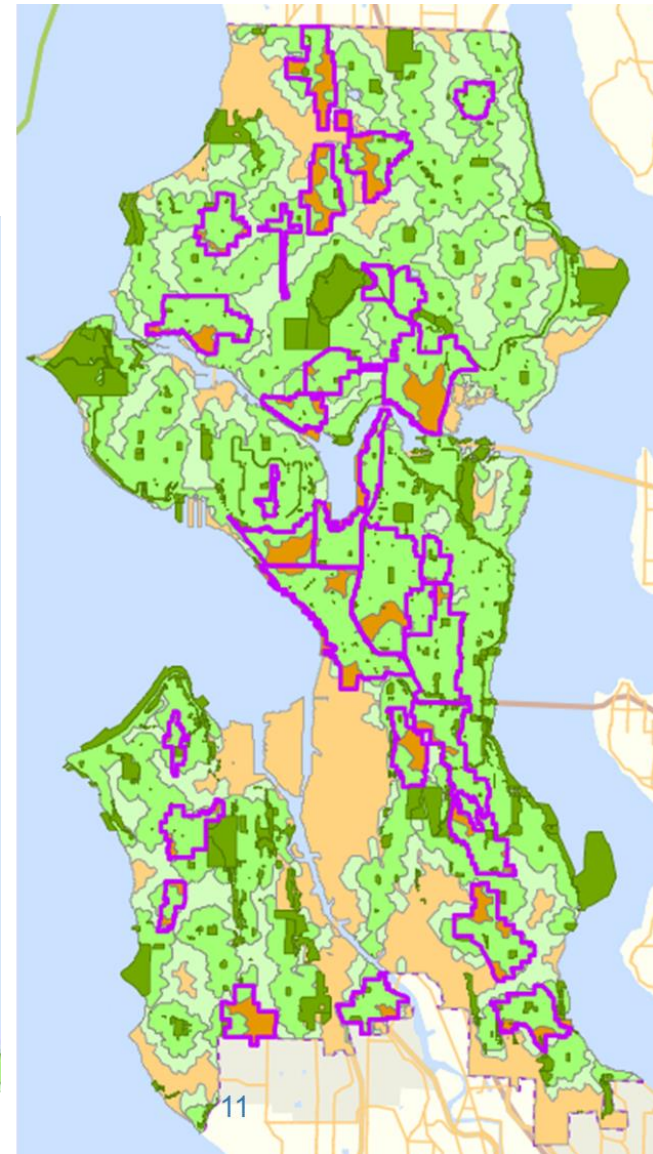
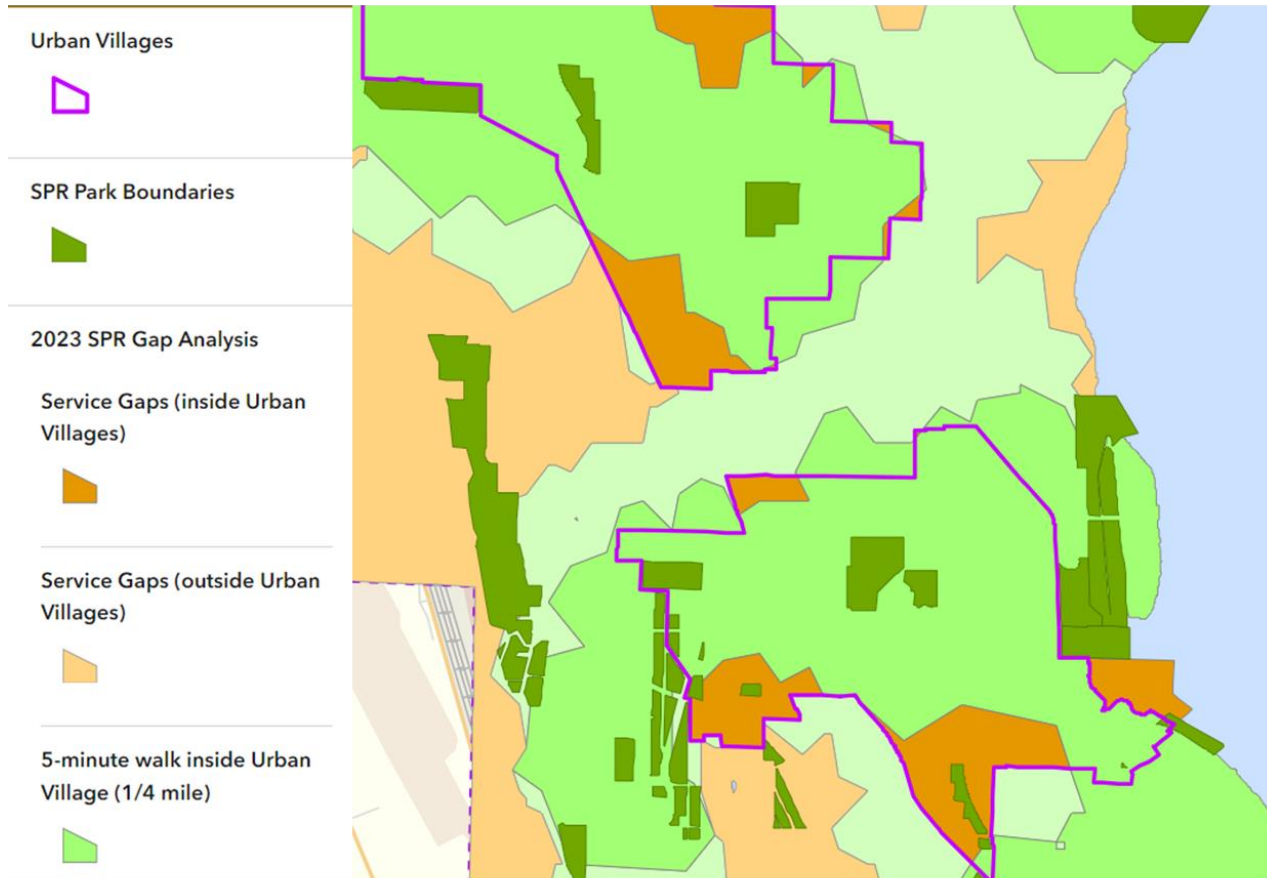
- New citywide Level of Service (LOS) standard developed for 2024 POSP
- New LOS measures distance people need to walk to a park or open space – **walkshed** (or walkability)
- A walkshed is a more meaningful measure based on user experience, translates into minutes of walking distance to an SPR park or facility
- Walkshed aligns with approaches of other city departments (Office of Planning and Community Development, SDOT, etc.)
- 5-minute walkshed is applied within the Urban Center boundaries
- 10-minute walkshed is applied outside of the Urban Center boundaries



10-Minute Walkshed



Walkshed Service Gaps



POSP Goals and Policies

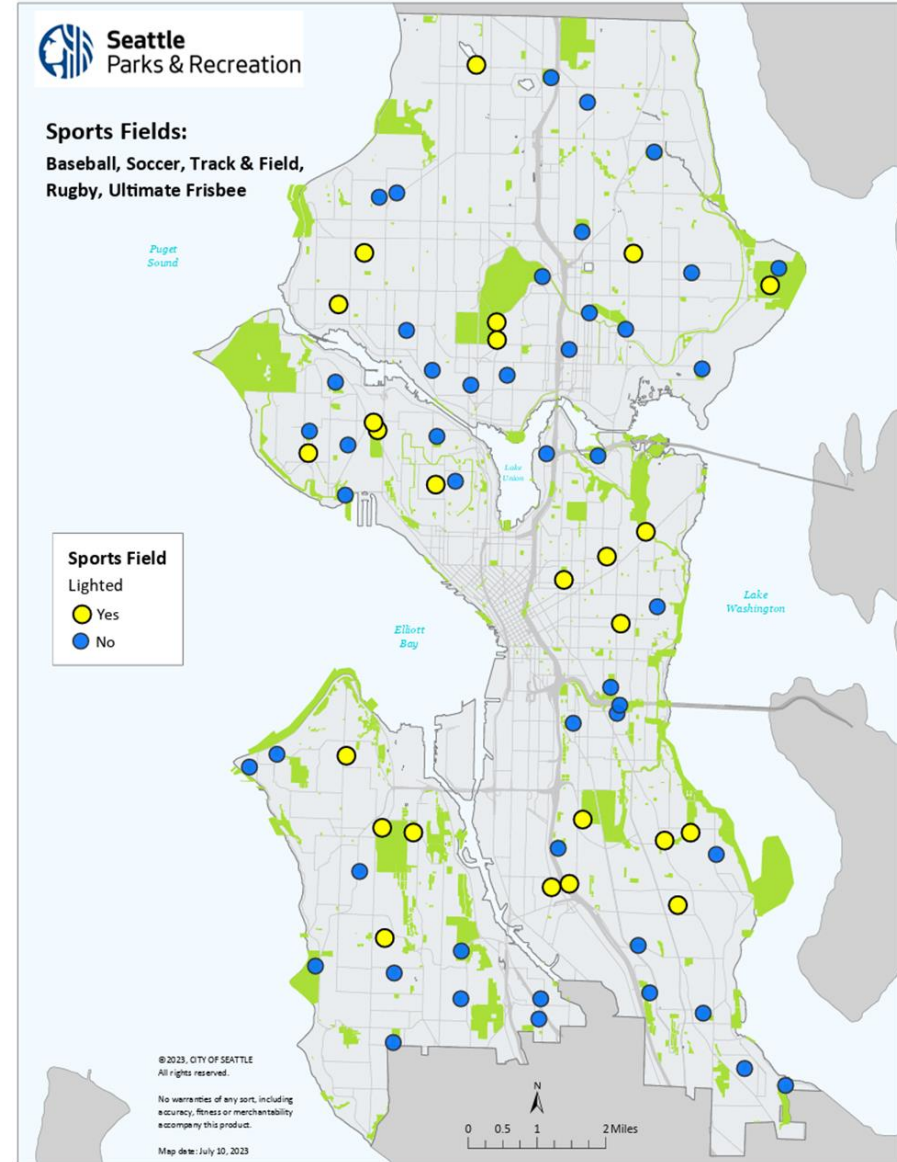
Same policies as in 2017 POSP:

- Provide a variety of outdoor and indoor spaces throughout the city
- Continue to provide opportunities for all people across Seattle to participate in a variety of recreational activities
- Manage the City's park and recreation facilities to provide safe and welcoming places
- Plan and maintain parks and facilities to attract additional park users and visitors
- Engage with community members to design and develop parks and facilities that are based on the specific needs and cultures of the communities that the park is intended to serve



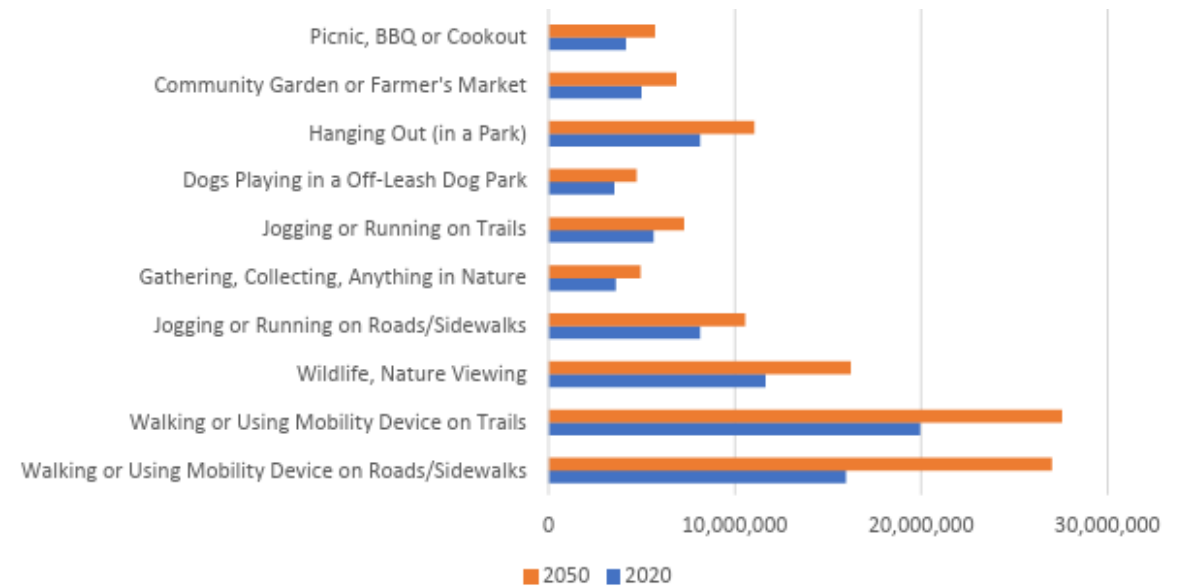
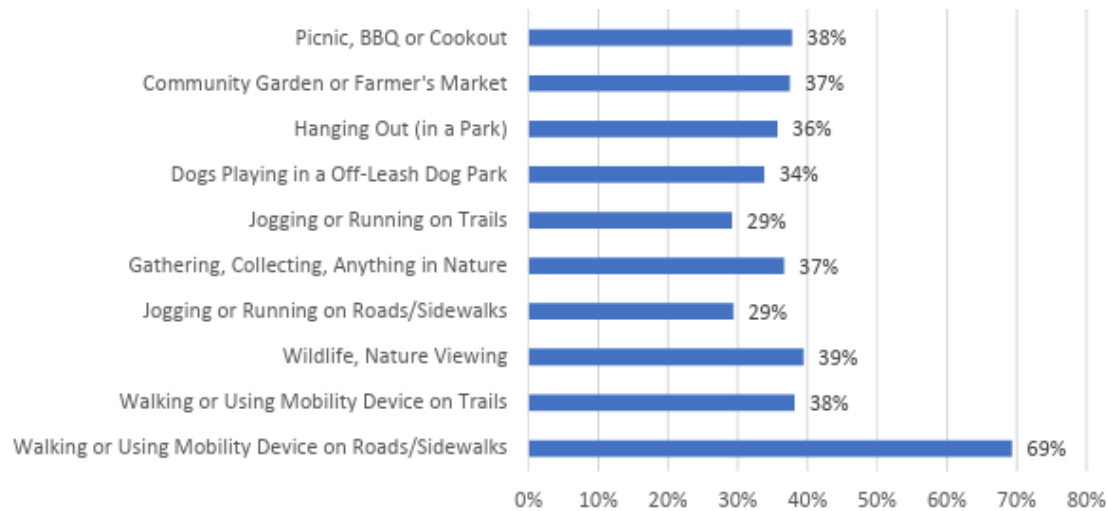
Parks Facility Inventory

| Number | Facility Type |
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| 62 | Aquatics – Boating/Fishing (Small Craft Centers, Boat Ramps, Piers) |
| 50 | Aquatics – Swimming (Indoor, Outdoor Pools, Swimming Beaches) |
| 35 | Community Centers, ELCs, Teen Life Centers |
| 14 | Dog Off-Leash Areas |
| 9 | Golf and Tennis Centers (Golf Courses, Driving Ranges, Indoor Tennis Centers) |
| 337+ | Outdoor Sports Courts (Basketball, Bocce, Pickleball, Volleyball) |
| 156 | Play Areas |
| 11 | Skateparks (District Parks, Skatespots, Skatedots) |
| 209 | Sports Fields (Synthetic Turf Surfaces-33, Lighted-66, Track and Field-2) |



Recreation Trends & Needs

- Collected state recreation statistics to identify participation rates and totals
- Identified current participation rates (left graph) and future amount of activity days (right graph)
- Statistics assist in identifying future park facility needs



Next Steps

- March 27 Council committee briefing
- April 24 Council recommendation and vote on resolution **to approve plan**
- May 1 Goal for submission to State RCO



Questions?

