

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

2024 Parks and Open Space Plan (POSP)

- In Washington state, park departments are required to develop Parks and Open Space Plans (POSPs) and submit them to the State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to maintain eligibility for state grants and funding
- RCO requires plan adoption by City Council
- POSP objectives:
 - ✓ Document and describe 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 Comprehensive Plan
 - ✓ Define near-term capital spending priorities



POSP Approach & Public Engagement

- 2024 POSP is a “light update” (last plan completed in 2017)
- POSP and Seattle Park District planning periods were not in sync
- Public engagement for plan included:
 - ✓ Seattle Comprehensive Plan meetings in 2022/2023
 - ✓ SPR in-person meetings in 2023
 - ✓ Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners public hearing and public comment period in early 2024



Recent RCO Grant Applications / Status (2022/2023)

| Site/Project | Type | Program | Request | Match | RCO Status |
|--|--|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Colman Pool (District 1) | Renovation of Existing Asset | WWRP | \$500K | \$3.4M | Other |
| Colman Pool | Renovation of Existing Asset | YAF | \$350K | \$3.4M | In progress |
| Rainier Beach Skate Park (District 2) | Development of new recreational asset | LWCF | \$1M | \$1.5M | Proposed |
| Rainier Beach Skate Park | Development of new recreational asset | WWRP | \$500K | \$2M | In progress |
| Carkeek Rail Overpass (District 5) | Replacement of Existing Asset (past useful life) | WWRP | \$1.8M | \$1.3M | In progress |
| Carkeek Rail Overpass | Replacement of Existing Asset (past useful life) | ALEA | \$500K | \$3.1M | Other |
| Little Brook Park (District 5) | Redesign of Existing Park | LWCF | \$800K | \$1M | Proposed |
| Little Brook Park | Redesign of Existing Park | WWRP | \$500K | \$1.3M | In progress |
| Soundview Playfield (District 5) | Conversion of playfield to synthetic turf | LWCF | \$2M | \$2M | Other |
| Soundview Playfield | Conversion of playfield to synthetic turf | WWRP | \$500K | \$3.5M | Other |
| Soundview Playfield | Conversion of playfield to synthetic turf | YAF | \$350K | \$3.65M | In progress |
| Discovery - South Beach Trail (District 6) | Renovation of Existing Asset | RTP | \$150K | \$270K | Other |
| Discovery - South Beach Trail | Renovation of Existing Asset | NOVA-Trails | \$118K | \$238K | Other |
| Stan Sayres Boat Launch (District 2) | Renovation of Existing Asset | BFP | \$820K | 1M | In progress |
| South Leschi Transient Moorage (District 3) | Renovation of Existing Asset | BFP | \$1M | 4.2M | In progress |



Potential Applications for RCO - 2024



SPR will return to Council later this year requesting a resolution authorizing SPR 2024 grant applications

SPR is exploring alignment between this year's RCO grant programs and current projects. Some under consideration include:

- Hutchinson Park
- Dr. Jose Rizal Park
- Smith Cove
- Lake City Floodplain Park
- Walt Hundley Playfield
- Herrings House Park

Timeline/Next Steps

- 2022–2024 POSP development and public comment
- March 14, 2024 POSP approved by Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners
- March 27 Parks, Public Utilities and Technology Committee - briefing
- April 24 Parks, Public Utilities and Technology Committee - possible vote
- April 30 Full Council vote on POSP resolution
- May 1 POSP submission due to State RCO



Questions?

