

# Phase 1: Draft PARCC Policies

This document contains the first draft of the revised Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture, and Conservation (PARCC) Element policies as part of the Redmond 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update.

## Background

Publication of the first draft of the PARCC policies is a major milestone in Redmond 2050. This is the last element of Redmond 2050 – Phase 1 to be published. In conjunction with the update of the PARCC Plan, it also represents the culmination of multiple rounds of community and stakeholder engagement, beginning with a November 18, 2020 community workshop on Redmond's future.

A Parks and Recreation element of a city's comprehensive plan is required under the WA Growth Management Act, and must be consistent with the city's capital facilities plan as it relates to park and recreation facilities. The element must also include:

- Estimates of demand;
- An evaluation of facilities and service needs; and
- An evaluation of intergovernmental coordination for regional approaches to meet demand.

Through the PARCC Element, these requirements are met in the PARCC Plan, which provides specific implementation strategies to carry out the PARCC Element requirements and policies.

This draft represents a major refresh of the PARCC Element. The current adopted PARCC Element contains two framework policies supporting ten sub-sections consisting of 65 policies.

The draft has been revised into four framework policies, which contain 14 supporting policies. The draft also maintains Shoreline Master Program policies.

## Reference Documents

- [Existing PARCC Element | adopted 2017](#)

# Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation (PARCC) Element draft 1.0 – Policy Guide

## Build Strong Communities

Policy #	Policy text	Existing, Updated, or New, with existing policy number if applicable	Purpose/Impact
FW-PR-1	Build strong communities by providing accessible and resilient parks, trails, and community centers that meet current and future community needs.	New framework policy based on PR-1	Framework Policy focused focus on community building, health, and quality of life
PR-1	Develop distinctive parks and community centers that respond to the unique needs of the community it serves.	New policy based on PR-10 & 19	Community Centers, Innovation
PR-2	Prioritize Parks and Recreation investments in underserved communities to improve equitable access to public amenities.	New policy based on PR-24, 34 (SMP), 61 & PR-A, D, G	Equitable allocation of resources and development
PR-3	Increase connectivity and resiliency by developing safe trails and pathways that are easily accessed by a variety of trail users.	New Policy based on PR-43, 47, and 54	Access, Connections
PR-4	Expand access to Parks & Recreation opportunities through partnerships with public, private, and non-profits that will pursue innovative approaches in acquisition, development, programming, and joint maintenance.	New policy based on PR-18, 25, 26, 27, 32, 37, 48, 59, PR-E	Partnerships
PR-5	Encourage development of publicly accessible open space amenities within public and private developments in the Urban Centers.	Updated PR-17	Urban Shared Space

## Recreation and Cultural Enrichment

Policy #	Policy text	Existing, Updated, or New, with existing policy number if applicable	Purpose/Impact
FW-PR-2	Provide all community members with diverse recreational and cultural arts opportunities that reflect community needs.	Updated FW-30	Framework policy on programmatic elements
PR-6	Support the growth of Redmond's creative economy, create opportunities for the local arts and culture community, champion equitable access to the arts for all residents and a more vibrant city.	New policy based on PR-5, 15, 59, 60 & 61	Cultural Arts
PR-7	Provide inclusive, comprehensive, and quality events, arts, enrichment activities, and recreational programs that accommodate the needs and interests of all community members.	New Policy based on PR-35, 40, PR-F and I	Diverse programming and spaces
PR-8	Provide opportunities to improve physical and mental health by encouraging use of parks and recreation facilities and participation in recreational and enrichment programs.	Updated PR-3	Health

## Promote Conservation and Natural Areas

Policy #	Policy text	Existing, Updated, or New, with existing policy number if applicable	Purpose/Impact
FW-PR-3	Maintain and promote a vibrant system of parks and trails that are sustainably designed, preserve various types of habitat, and protect the natural beauty of Redmond.	Updated FW-29	Framework policy focused on the natural resource component
PR-9	Preserve and enhance natural areas within parks to protect wildlife habitat and corridors, enhance urban forest canopy, and support climate action goals.	New policy based on PR-11, PR-56, DP-43 (KC CPP) & PR-H	Urban Forestry, Canopy, Conservation
PR-10	Encourage the public's connection to the natural world by providing access to natural areas and waterways in ways that will not compromise the environmental integrity of the area.	New policy based on PR-14,46 & 55	Natural Areas, Waterways, Conservation, Recreation
PR-11	Preserve and enhance the historic resources within the park and recreation system.	New policy based on PR 22, 23 & 38	Historic Preservation

## Ensure Sound Management and Maintenance

Policy #	Policy text	Existing, Updated, or New, with existing policy number if applicable	Purpose/Impact
FW-PR-4	Target investments that allow for affordable, fair, and equitable delivery of services that provide a safe, resilient, efficient, and functional system.	New FW	Framework policy focused on maintenance, operations, and financing
PR-12	Proactively manage and maintain park assets in a way that results in replacement or renovation in advance of need.	New policy based on PR 63, 63 & 65	Management & Maintenance
PR-13	Prepare, as part of the functional plan, a long-term financial strategy that funds capital projects for current and future needs of the parks and recreation system that is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and complies with state and regional regulations.	New Policy based on PR-2, 30 & 31	GMA and Capital Facilities
PR-14	Develop and maintain level of service standards to monitor equitable access to opportunities that improve quality of life and address current and past inequities.	New Policy based on PR-6, 7,9, PR-C & MPP-RC-2	Level of Service

Policies incorporated as part of the Shoreline Master Program

These are referenced in the 2009 SMP [Ordinance 2486](#) and shall be maintained.

Policy #	Policy text	Existing, Updated, or New, with existing policy number if applicable	Purpose/Impact
PR-15	Encourage the acquisition of property which will provide access to shorelines and local streams, with emphasis on areas where current and anticipated development patterns are unlikely to provide access or where there are significant access needs. Promote the creation of open space corridors along these water resources to provide for passive recreation and wildlife habitat. (SMP).	Existing PR-34	Required per Ord. 2486, Shoreline Master Program
PR-16	As a complement to the citywide pedestrian pathway system, the City should develop a visual system for enhancing connections to the shoreline and identifying shoreline areas, considering such elements as street graphics, landscaping, street furniture or artwork. (SMP)	Existing PR-53	Required per Ord. 2486, Shoreline Master Program