

Council Comment	Staff Response
<p>What will we need to grow? Acreage, etc? (Fields)</p>	<p>Parks and Recreation staff look at overall acreage, number of amenities, quality of the parks, and where there are gaps in the system which identify where and how to grow. Maps in the PARCC Plan show these gaps by amenity and type of parks and trails, and the inventory also assesses the condition of the parks.</p> <p>The PARCC Plan prioritizes developing six undeveloped parks that the City currently owns to help prepare for growth.</p> <p>PARCC Plan also looks at partnerships for expansion, such as Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS) to help meet the demand the city will face, described in more detail below.</p>
<p>What does success look like at the end of six years? End of 20 years? (Stuart)</p>	<p>The Comprehensive Plan has a Vision Statement at the front of every chapter that explains what are we hoping to achieve. For the PARCC Plan, success will look at achievements such as: improving our level of service goals (i.e. more households within ½ mile of a park or trail), development of proposed projects in the CIP, and goals around tree canopy.</p>
<p>How do plans address mitigating urban heat island effects? (Fields)</p>	<p>This really will be a collaborative approach across departments, and working with the planning department with new developments in our urban areas, or with public works with street trees. Continue to look for ways to expand canopy and support the work of the ESAP.</p>
<p>Interest in design of trails for safety, such as use of delineators. See PARCC policy 2.2.B. (Forsythe)</p>	<p>Additional information on the design of trails based on classification is in Chapter 3D, although the level of detail on the use of delineators is not in the PARCC Plan. Delineators use would be dependent on the conditions of the trail being developed or renovated. Design details of bicycle facilities are further described in the City of Redmond's Bicycle Facility Design Manual Guidelines, where delineators are recommended for high comfort, on-street bike facilities. Feedback from council around trail delineators and design will be shared with the Transportation group for inclusion in the TMP.</p>

<p>Regional pool discussion does not note Kirkland's upcoming ballot measure for a pool.</p> <p>(Forsythe)</p>	<p>The upcoming ballot measure in Kirkland was put on the ballot in July 2023 after the PARCC Plan had been drafted. This ordinance is a levy lid lift proposal to expand aquatics, parks, and recreation facilities, operations, and programs. Pursuing a regional approach to aquatic facilities remains a recommended strategy for the City of Redmond, the details of which would be enumerated outside the PARCC Plan. Studying a similar levy lift for Redmond is a tool listed in the PARCC Plan, and other implementation tools are listed in Appendix K.</p>
<p>Would like to prioritize access to small watercraft, getting into the lake or river.</p> <p>(Forsythe)</p>	<p>Access to water was also a priority of the community during outreach. Projects and capital improvements for enhancements at Idylwood Park (Parking lot expansion, restroom and concession upgrade) were included in the project list. Recommendations such as studying opportunities for improved access to Sammamish River and streams along trails and in parks are a part of the PARCC Plan.</p>
<p>How does the department communicate about built out infrastructure?</p> <p>(Kritzer)</p>	<p>One of the main findings in the PARCC Plan was the need for more robust communications on facilities, recreation programming, and trails. Recommendations around communications are in the plan (Chapter 4) and are already being operationalized by the department.</p>
<p>Would love to see focus on interactive public art (e.g., could also be a play structure) (Forsythe)</p>	<p>The PARCC Plan proposed project list includes the development of a play feature in Downtown, which is envisioned as being a creative play feature or artistic feature. The Cultural Arts group is integrated with the Parks Planning and Operations division so these opportunities can be pursued and incorporated into CIP projects.</p>

<p>Project list doesn't have a cultural/ performing arts center. (Kritzer)</p>	<p>The City will pursue collaborations and partnerships to meet the need for cultural arts and events spaces, in addition to utilizing the space currently in inventory. New facilities will be built to provide multifunctional spaces, including performing arts. The City will remain open to the possibility of dedicated cultural arts space and has added the following recommendation to the PARCC Plan: "The City of Redmond should support community-based and private efforts to help meet cultural and performing arts needs in the community."</p>
<p>LWSD school sites can be amenities for those parts of city, but for Overlake - what can we do there? (Stuart)</p>	<p>The City will look for opportunities to collaborate with the Bellevue School District and other partners, such as through a joint use agreement. At this time, Bellevue School District policy is to have closed campuses after school hours.</p>
<p>Privately Owned Public Spaces:</p> <p>Why aren't POPS and in the 6-year project list in the PARCC Plan? (Anderson)</p> <p>How can we ensure that these POPS meet our needs and standards? (Fields)</p>	<p>Privately Owned Public Spaces will be initiated by the private side, not the city. The PARCC Plan project list is to support city-initiated projects for the CIP and budgeting process.</p> <p>As a POPS opportunity comes up, city staff negotiates with developer to have high priority amenities that were identified in the PARCC Plan incorporated into the space. These partnerships involve development agreements and negotiations and have heavy staff involvement. These negotiations allow for the development of high quality, needed amenities, as well as ensure high maintenance standards.</p> <p>Staff is also working as part of the Redmond Zoning Code Rewrite and Redmond 2050 incentive package to further define the design expectation of privately developed spaces like plazas and trail connections to support active lifestyles and livable communities.</p>

<p>Would like to see rooftop spaces included as public amenity (Anderson, Forsythe)</p>	<p>Publicly accessible rooftop spaces are being considered as part of the Overlake Incentive package. During negotiations for rooftop spaces, it would be established that these public spaces are easily accessible and clearly identified for public use.</p>
<p>What is the Parks Department philosophy with regard to the siting and distribution of playground and family-focused amenities in Redmond Parks? (Kritzer)</p>	<p>The PARCC Plan will prioritize investments of amenities like playgrounds in gap areas to help improve our level of service and in areas that are expected to grow the most in the next 20 years.</p> <p>The gap analysis modeling assessed the distribution of playgrounds including school district facilities which are open to the public during non-school hours. Not included were playgrounds in private developments or neighborhoods. The map of those results is below.</p> <p>According to the Redmond 2050 growth projections, the Overlake neighborhood is expected to accommodate the most residential growth and should be a target for expanded recreational opportunities, including playgrounds. From the community outreach, staff also heard that a playground in the downtown neighborhood was needed, and that is included as a near-term potential project in the CIP list. The site of that playground has not yet been identified.</p> <p>Further, playgrounds are listed as a 'typical amenity' in all the park classifications, except for Natural Resource Parks, meaning they could be sited at any community, neighborhood, or urban park. Future and renovated playgrounds will be ADA accessible and follow principles of inclusive design. Efforts to expand the types of play available in the park system would also be considered in any new investments.</p> <p>PARCC Plan Goals will guide our prioritization of projects and be flexible as new opportunities arise. However, generally will follow the goals of the plan.</p> <p>Expand Access: does a new or renovated facility improve our level of service? Does it offer something new or different? Does it serve an underserved community?</p>

	<p>Innovate for the Future: will it help us proactively prepare for growth or is it in an area expected to have high demand? Can a creative partnership help us get there faster or further?</p> <p>Protect the Natural Environment: will it help address issues in the ESAP or in tree canopy strategic plan?</p>
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