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PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
2020-2025

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SECTION 01: OVERVIEW

Chapter 1: Executive Summary

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan is a state required document that needs to be updated every six years. The main priorities of the plan are to determine the community's parks and recreation needs, assess if those needs are currently being met, project future needs and determine a plan for any unmet needs.

The Parks, Culture and Recreation Department completed research to assess the community needs. Demographic information about Marysville, as well as national trends in parks and recreation, was examined. They also analyzed feedback received from a 19-question community survey completed by 690 individuals. A city-wide inventory of parks, trails and facilities open to the public was completed. Recreation and athletics programs available to the public was also compiled.

Service standards were established for each type of park and recreation facility. Existing inventory was then compared to these service standard needs for the Marysville population in 2020 and the projected population in 2035. For 2020, there were slight deficiencies for athletic fields and courts, as well as for pools and recreation centers. Larger deficiencies were seen in developed acreage for parks and open space. Those deficits obviously become larger by 2035.

Recommendations and strategies were then suggested for the following areas: neighborhood and community parks; open natural space; waterfront access; group picnic areas; restrooms; trails and pathways; recreational facilities; gymnasiums; swimming pools; baseball/softball fields; and soccer fields.

Chapter 2: Plan Overview

The Plan is the culmination of an extensive planning process designed to:

- Develop an understanding of the short- and long-term park and recreation needs of the City of Marysville and its service area.
- Identify and prioritize goals and policies for the effective and efficient management of park and recreation lands, facilities, and programs to meet the community's needs.
- Explore strategies for creatively blending the needs of the community with available resources to successfully accomplish the goals and policies.

Purpose

The focus of this Comprehensive Plan update is to provide direction for the Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation Department (MPCR) for the next six years. This plan establishes a sense of direction for Marysville to follow in serving the recreational needs of its residents. It helps to provide direction of MPCR in regards to property acquisition, park development, capital improvement planning, and programs for the next six years.

The update is a Growth Management Act (GMA) requirement and fulfills grant funding eligibility criteria required by the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office (RCO). The main priority of the plan update is to ensure the need for sufficient public facilities that maintain a suitable level of parks and recreational services and meet the needs of Marysville residents. Although challenges may force MPCR to deviate in some instances, the goal of providing satisfaction with recreational opportunities to Marysville residents will remain.

The parks plan includes a discussion of sources available to fund the maintenance and expansion of the City parks system; a system that must meet the growing needs of an increasingly urbanized area. These sources include a variety of tax revenues, user fees, mitigation fees, and grants and loans from state, federal, and private sources. While the plan makes general recommendations regarding specific funding options, it assumes that most existing sources will continue to be available.

The parks plan contains an inventory of City facilities: parks, recreation, trails, and related sites. The inventory is supplemented by a description of other facilities available to City residents; specifically, sites and facilities owned or controlled by County and school districts. Inventories primarily show facilities and speak very little about the condition of the facilities although recent surveys indicate the community feels park facilities are in good condition.

It is intended to lay the groundwork for the future of the City park system. The plan inventories existing parks and identifies current and future park needs. It explores potential park development and/or improvements, and prioritizes strategies to meet a level of service which fits the needs of residents. The plan also describes existing and potential funding sources that will be needed to maintain park facilities and recreation services.

Plan Structure

The key plan components are as follows:

- Overview
- Goals
- Needs
- Action
- Data

Community Engagement

Public participation in the development of the City's Parks, Culture and Recreation Plan is critical due to the variation in local needs and values local residents have for their community. Public participation in the development of the Parks, Culture and Recreation Plan consisted of several steps, including:

- An online survey developed to help the public communicate their recreational interests;
- Review at Parks Advisory Board to hear input; and
- Study Session with City Council and the Mayor to hear input received through the various council wards and political representatives.

Online Survey

An online survey was available to residents for over 30 days. The survey was completed by 690 people and results are available in Appendix D.

Meetings

The plan was reviewed in two public meetings where the public was able to access the document and comment on it.

Public Comments

MPCR have contact with their clientele on a daily basis. This contact provides a forum for staff to receive recurring advice, criticism, comments, assessment, analysis, and/or praise from park users. Letters, electronic mail, phone calls, and other types of correspondence come in regularly. This information is often presented and discussed at MPCR staff meetings. This informal type of feedback from the public is taken in earnest and was integrated into the public comment sections.

Site Planning Processes

Park sites with significant development opportunities are typically subjected to a master plan process. This process incorporates input from a variety of park users, neighbors, and the general public in developing the future vision for a given park. As such, it is a good vehicle for the public to express their opinions on their park needs. Recommendations from the Shoreline Master Plan and Downtown Master Plan are incorporated into this plan.

Chapter 3: About Marysville

Location

In the heart of Snohomish County, Marysville is located 35 miles north of Seattle along Interstate 5. Oriented north-south along Interstate 5, Marysville borders Everett to the south, Arlington to the north, Tulalip Tribes Reservation to the west and Lake Stevens to the east.

The City's topography runs from 5 feet along the banks of Ebey Slough to 160 feet near Smokey Point and over 465 feet in the eastern highlands. Marysville sits in the watershed of Quilceda Creek and Allen Creek, as well as approximately 70 minor streams that flow into Ebey Slough and Snohomish River. The skyline includes views of Mount Pilchuck, Cascade Mountains, Olympic Mountains, Mount Rainer and Mount Baker.

History

Marysville was established in 1872 as a trading post, which was then populated by other settlers in 1883. In 1891, Marysville was incorporated and the Great Northern Railway was completed. The area was known for its lumber and agrarian products. The timber industry was the largest active industry during the 1860s and 1870s. Cleared hillside areas were then used for dairy farms.
After the timber industry peaked in 1910, agriculture became the focus. By 1920, with more than 2,000 acres of strawberry fields, Marysville was nicknamed "Strawberry City". The annual Strawberry Festival began in 1932.

The City of Marysville owns two historic buildings that are managed by the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department. The Marysville Opera House was built in 1911 by the Independent Order of Oddfellows and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Gehl House at Jennings Park is another historic landmark. This pioneer-era wooden cabin was built in 1889 and restored with original furnishing with the help of the Marysville Historical Society.

Growth and Annexation

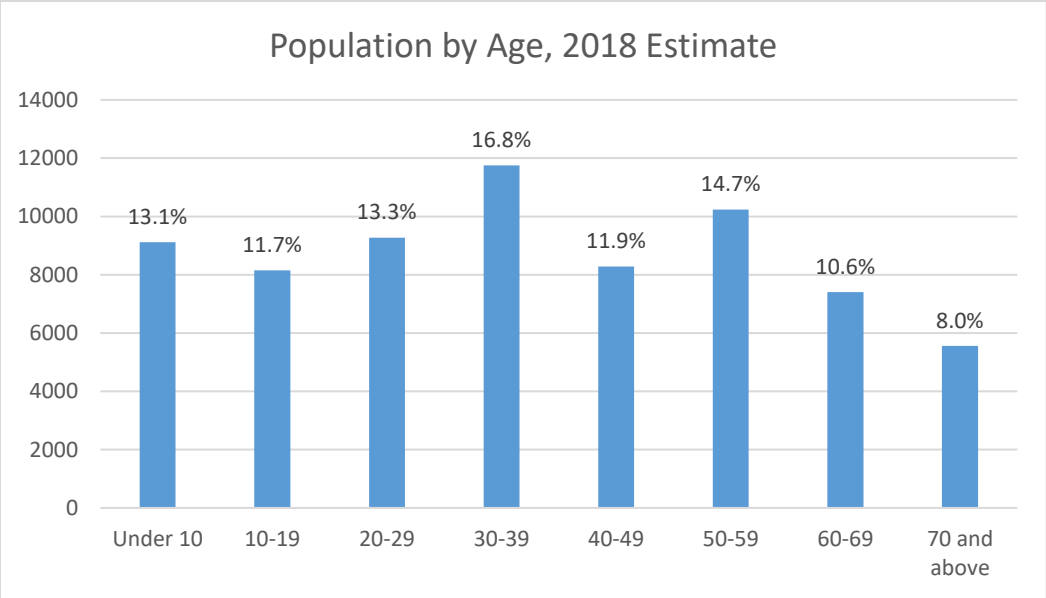
Marysville's first annexed area outside its original city limits in 1954 grew to over 2,500 residents. After the initial wave of suburbanization in 1980, population grew to 5,544 after homes were built in former strawberry fields in the north and east of Marysville. The population continued to grow in the 1980s and 1990s as more housing was built. By 2000, the population was 25,315.

From 2000 to 2006, the city annexed 23 areas totaling 1,416 acres. Then in 2009, the largest single annexation that comprised the majority of the Urban Growth Area added 20,000 residents and 2,847 acres to Marysville. The remaining urban growth boundary is 158 acres.

Population

By 2010, Marysville had grown to 60,020 according to the Census and became the second-largest city in Snohomish County. As of 2015, Marysville was the fastest-growing city in Washington State, growing at an annual rate of 2.5 percent. According to the World Population Review, the 2020 population estimate is 72,477.

According to the American Community Survey in 2018, the population is almost evenly split between males and females. The population breakdown down by age as 25 percent 19 and younger, 42 percent 20-49 years old and 33 percent 50 and older.



Race and Ethnicity

An estimated 70 percent of Marysville residents are “white alone” with 13 percent being Hispanic or Latino and 8 percent being Asian. The remaining 8 percent is divided up between black or African American, Native Hawaiian, American Indian, “some other race” and individuals who are two or more races. Eighty-four percent of the population speak English only with 6 percent reporting that they speak English less than “very well”. Within the Marysville School District, 13 percent of students are English language learners.

Household Characteristics

There are an estimated 24,483 households in Marysville in 2018 with 67 percent being owner-occupied and 33 percent being renter-occupied. The median mortgage is $1,774 and the median rent is $1,349. The average household size is 2.74 people. For the population 15 years and older, 53 percent are married with 28 percent having never been married. The divorced population is 12.5 percent, widowed is 5.5 percent and separated is 1 percent.

Of the households in Marysville, 69 percent are made up of families and 31 percent are individuals living alone or living with nonfamily members. For the households with children in

them, 54 percent are married-couples and 10 percent are have the only adult in the household being a female. For those 30 years old and older, 4 percent report living with their grandchildren and 1 percent of these are responsible for raising their grandchildren.

Income and Poverty

The median household income from 2014-2018 was $76,372. Eighty-seven percent of the population is estimated to be at or above 150 percent of the poverty level. Six percent fall at the 100-149 percent on the poverty level. Seven percent are below 100 percent of the poverty level.

2020 Federal Poverty Level (Gross Annual Income)		
People in Household	**100 percent**	**150 percent**
1	$12,760	$19,140
2	$17,240	$25,860
3	$21,720	$32,580
4	$26,200	$39,300
5	$30,680	$46,020
6	$35,160	$52,740
7	$36,640	$59,460
8	$44,120	$66,180
Add $4,480 for each person in household over 8 persons		

Within the Marysville School District, 52 percent of students qualify as low-income and are eligible for free or reduced lunches. Data from 2014-2018 reports that 94 percent of households have a computer and 88 percent have internet access at home.

Education and Employment

During the 2019-2020 school year, there were 11,001 students enrolled in the Marysville School District. Over the last six school years, the number of students enrolled averaged 11,282. On state administered tests, 49 percent of students met grade level standards in Language Arts, 35 percent in math and 38 percent in science. In 2019, 53 percent of ninth graders were on track to graduate and 77 percent were able to graduate within four years.

For the population 25 years and older, 41 percent report having some college or an associate's degree and 29.5 percent are high school graduates or have a GED. Looking at the total population, 20 percent of residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher with 9.5 percent not having a high school degree.

According to 2018 estimates, 67 percent of the population 16 and older were in the civilian labor force with 33 percent retired or not in the labor force. Of the 67 percent in the labor force, 62 percent are employed in civilian jobs, 4 percent are unemployed and 1 percent is in the armed forces.

Between 2014 and 2018, the mean travel time to work was 31 minutes which means that the majority of the work force works outside of Marysville. In 2017, it was estimated that only 10 percent of Marysville residents work in Marysville. The major employers in Marysville in 2018 include the Marysville School District, Zodiac Aerospace, City of Marysville, Walmart, Smokey Point Behavioral Hospital, The Everett Clinic and Fred Meyer.

Persons with Disabilities

Fourteen percent of Marysville residents report having a disability. Within the Marysville School District, 18 percent of students have a disability. Thirty-six percent of citizens 60 years and older report having a disability.

Chapter 4: Parks, Culture and Recreation Department

Mission, Vision, and Goals

The City of Marysville's mission statement is: "The City of Marysville partners with the community to provide quality, innovative and efficient municipal services which promote economic growth, thriving neighborhoods, healthful living and financial sustainability for our residents and business." The Parks, Culture and Recreation Department's mission statement, which follows, builds off of the City's mission statement: "Our focus is to enhance the quality of life of Marysville's citizens by providing beautiful parks, open spaces and exceptional recreational, cultural, and athletic programs."

The goals of the department are to:

- Successfully meet the needs and desires of Marysville's citizens;
- Provide programs and facilities accessible to citizens of Marysville;
- Work closely with other organizations and jurisdictions, providing quality parks and recreation services that are complementary, not duplicative;
- Enhance the public's understanding of environmentally sensitive parklands;
- Encourage health and exercise for all citizens by providing access to park facilities and recreation programs;
- Continue to provide a parks and recreation system that is efficiently administered and maintained; and
- Treat all people respectfully and in a courteous manner with dignity.

Department Structure

The Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation Department is comprised of three divisions: the Administration Division, the Parks Division, and the Recreation Division with guidance from a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. There are 8 full-time employees and approximately 30 part-time seasonal and program attendants. The Department is supported by 6 full-time employees and 5 summer seasonal staff in the Public Works Department that focus on parks maintenance.

Administration Division

The Administration Division is responsible for overseeing personnel, purchasing, contract administration, budget, and the management of the other divisions. This division is also involved with planning, acquisition, design, development, special projects, grant preparation, and coordination of capital projects. Each division within the Department operates relatively independently, yet the Administration Division is ultimately responsible for coordination between the divisions and with other City departments. The Administration Division and the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department are headed by the Parks and Recreation Director.

Parks Division

The Parks Division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of existing City parks and recreation facilities. The Parks Division is also responsible for the purchase and upkeep of

maintenance materials, equipment and park security. Many of the smaller "green" spaces throughout the City still fall under the responsibility of the Parks Division. The Parks Division also manages all volunteer programs within the City. Several annual projects are supported by thousands of hours from volunteers. This division is funded from the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department's budget but is managed by the Public Works Department.

Culture and Recreation Division

The Culture and Recreation Divisions bring cultural and recreational events, programs and classes to Marysville. These include classes and workshops for all ages; day camp; athletic lessons, leagues and tournaments; live music and performances; and community events. In many cases, Recreation Division staff contract with a community expert to run classes and workshops. The recreation programs, classes, and other activities that are managed by the Recreation Division are described in detail in Chapter 9: Recreation. The Culture and Recreation Divisions also manage the usage of the Jennings Park Barn, Ken Baxter Community Center, Marysville Opera House and Rotary Ranch at Jennings Park. This includes use for cultural and recreational programming, as well as City use and public rentals.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board guides the operations of the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department. This seven-member committee is appointed by the Mayor and includes a City Council representative. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meets bi-monthly to provide input on programs, capital projects and master plans. Over the next six years, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will continue to provide a sounding board for the public to provide input about a variety of park issues.

Operating Budget

For the 2019/2020 biennial budget, the City of Marysville allocated $6.4 million for Parks, Culture and Recreation Department expenditures. This is almost six percent of the City's general fund expenditures. The average percentage of parks and recreation expenditures from the general fund by other cities in Washington with similar population sizes is over double at 13.6 percent.

Organization	2020 Population Estimate	2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures	Parks and Recreation Expenditures	Parks and Recreation Percent of General Fund
City of Marysville	72,477	$108.6 M	$6.4 M	5.9 percent
City of Sammamish	67,969	$96.5 M	$10.1 M	10.5 percent
City of Redmond	71,838	$289.1 M	$33.1 M	11.5 percent
City of Kennewick	86,101	$107.2 M	$12.7 M	11.9 percent
City of Pasco	77,540	$119.0 M	$16.2 M	13.6 percent
City of Lakewood	61,676	$77.3 M	$11.0 M	14.2 percent
City of Auburn	87,135	$158.4 M	$26.1 M	16.5 percent
City of Richland	60,475	$147.6 M	$24.9 M	16.9 percent

Chapter 5: Benefits

Benefits of Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails

A strong parks and recreation system is essential for a thriving community. Recreation benefits the individual as well as the society as a whole – both mentally and physically. A number of studies noted that parks, recreation, open spaces and trails have benefits to overall health, as well as to the economy and environment.

Physical Activity Benefits

Residents in communities with increased access to parks, recreation, natural areas and trails have more opportunities for physical activity, both through recreation and active transportation. By participating in physical activity, residents can reduce their risk of being or becoming overweight or obese, decrease their likelihood of suffering from chronic diseases, such as heart disease and type-2 diabetes, and improve their levels of stress and anxiety. According to the County Health Rankings, 29 percent of adults are obese in Snohomish County[1].

Nearby access to parks has been shown to increase levels of physical activity. According to studies cited in a 2010 report by the National Park and Recreation Association, the majority of people of all ages who visit parks are physically active during their visit. Also, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that greater access to parks leads to 25 percent more people exercising three or more days per week.

The Trust for Public Land published a report in 2005 called The Benefits of Parks: Why America Needs More City Parks and Open Space. This report makes the following observations about the health, economic, environmental and social benefits of parks and open space:

- Physical activity makes people healthier.
- Physical activity increases with access to parks.
- Contact with the natural world improves physical and physiological health.
- Value is added to community and economic development sustainability.
- Benefits of tourism are enhanced.
- Trees are effective in improving air quality and assisting with stormwater control.
- Recreational opportunities for all ages are provided.

Social and Community Benefits

Park and recreation facilities provide opportunities to engage with family, friends, and neighbors, thereby increasing social capital and community cohesion, which can improve residents' mental health and overall well-being. People who feel that they are connected to their community and those who participate in recreational, community and other activities are more likely to have better mental and physical health and to live longer lives. Access to parks and recreational facilities has also been linked to reductions in crime, particularly juvenile delinquency.

Economic Benefits

Parks and recreation facilities can bring positive economic impacts through increased property values, increased attractiveness for businesses and workers (quality of life), and through direct increases in employment opportunities. In Washington, outdoor recreation generates $26.2 billion in consumer spending annually, $7.6 billion in wages and salaries and $2.3 billion in state and local tax revenue. Preserving access to outdoor recreation protects the economy, the businesses, the communities and the people who depend on the ability to play outside. According to the Outdoor Recreation Economy Report published by the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation can grow jobs and drive the economy through management and investment in parks, waters and trails as an interconnected system designed to sustain economic dividends for citizens.

SECTION 02: GOALS

Chapter 6: Goals and Policies

Goals

The goals and policies of the City of Marysville's parks and recreation system are statements of attitude, outlook, and orientation. They reflect the importance of parks and recreation facilities, services, and programs to the overall quality of life in the community.

- To acquire and develop a system of park, open space, and recreation facilities, both active and passive, that is attractive, safe, functional, and available to all segments of the population.
- To enhance the quality of life in the community by providing recreation programs that are creative, productive, and responsive to the needs of the public.
- To promote preservation of the natural environment; protect fish and wildlife habitat corridors; preserve and conserve open space; provide appropriate public access; and offer environmental education opportunities within the parks system.

Policies

The policies of the Marysville Parks and Recreation Department summarize the means by which the goals may be accomplished.

- **PK-1** Acquire, preserve, and develop land, water, and waterfront areas for public recreation (i.e. trails and parks) based on area demand, public support, and use potential.
- **PK-2** Maximize utilization of existing school district facilities, organizational, or other public facilities within each area whenever possible to supplement new and existing programming.
- **PK-3** Encourage citizen participation in the design and development of facilities and/or recreational areas.
- **PK-4** Encourage future development of school grounds to compliment the facilities planned in future park developments and maintain support of a recently revised interlocal agreement with the district to facilitate this goal.
- **PK-5** Encourage and promote cultural facilities and social services, compatible with recreational use to be developed on or contiguous to park areas and designated buffer zones.
- **PK-6** Develop an approach to project planning and increase standards of park planning and design by developing support with surrounding jurisdictions such as Tulalip Tribes, City of Everett, City of Arlington, and Snohomish County for a regional planning effort.
- **PK-7** Maintain interlocal agreements with Snohomish County to address parks and recreation deficiencies in unincorporated areas of the City's Urban Growth Area and to ensure that park impact fees collected for developments within the Urban Growth Area are used to address needs/impacts to the City's park and recreation system.
- **PK-8** Pursue the acquisition of new parklands and proceed with the planning and development of new and existing parklands and facilities. Acquire environmentally

sensitive areas to include streams, wetlands, creek, and river corridors, as well as highly sensitive natural archaeological areas. Ensure that publicly owned land suitable for recreation purposes is set aside for that purpose.

- **PK-9** Accommodate new residential, commercial, and industrial development only when required parks, recreation, and open space are available prior to or concurrent with development.
- **PK-10** Encourage development in areas where parks, recreation, and open space are already available before developing areas where new parks, recreation, and open space would be required. Provide urban level parks, recreation, and open space only in Urban Growth Area.
- **PK-11** Reduce per unit cost of public parks, recreation, and open space by encouraging urban density development within Urban Growth Area, and rural densities outside the Urban Growth Area.
- **PK-12** Provide park and recreation facilities within or adjacent to residential developments, and adjacent to or in conjunction with school district properties.
- **PK-13** Developers should have primary fiscal responsibility to satisfy park, recreation, and open space needs/impacts created by their developments either by actual provision of these improvements or by a fee in-lieu alternate at the City's option.
- **PK-14** As an integral part of neighborhoods and the larger community, establish and enhance healthy, safe, abundant and varied recreation resources (both public and private) to serve present and future population needs.
- **PK-15** Develop recreational facilities to provide accommodations for users of the area's recreational amenities.
- **PK-16** Develop a pedestrian and bike system throughout the greater Marysville area. As possible, use creek corridors and the slough dike for a portion of these trails. These trails should connect all the Planning Areas, activity centers, park facilities, and open space system.
- **PK-17** New or expanded residential developments should be within walking distance, preferably but not necessarily via paved sidewalk or improved trail, of a neighborhood park, public recreation area, or in some cases a school. Existing residential areas should, as possible, also be provided with a neighborhood park, public recreation area, or in some cases a school within walking distance, via paved sidewalk or improved trail.
- **PK-18** Buy, lease, or otherwise obtain additional lands and facilities for parks, recreation, and open space throughout the City/ Urban Growth Area and specifically in those areas of the City/ Urban Growth Area facing intense population growth and/or commercial development.
- **PK-19** Equitably distribute park and recreation opportunities by type throughout the City, Urban Growth Area, and Planning Areas.
- **PK-20** Coordinate park planning acquisition and development with other City projects and programs that implement the Comprehensive Plan.
- **PK-21** Develop parks and facilities in a quality manner to assure attractiveness, full utilization, and long-term efficiency.

- **PK-22** Develop a neighborhood and community park system that provides a variety of active and passive facilities.
- **PK-23** Incorporate utility, storm drainage, and public lands into the open space and linkage system through cooperative use agreements.
- **PK-24** Permit parks to be located in any part of the City by way of the conditional use process.
- **PK-25** Provide for an open space system within and between neighborhoods.
- **PK-26** An open space network should be developed to connect parks, environmental sensitive areas, preserved areas of trees and native vegetation suitable for wildlife use and habitat.
- **PK-27** Restore or enhance the natural environment on developed and undeveloped City park sites where appropriate.
- **PK-28** Jointly develop habitat stewardship plans, acquisition/restoration projects for Endangered Species Act (ESA) benefit, and demonstration management projects with the Surface Water Division of the Public Works Department.
- **PK-29** Develop habitat management plans for specific properties where habitat and public access issued require detailed review.
- **PK-30** Assign and map stewardship and management designations for selected City-owned parklands to outlined appropriate uses and identify management limitations.
- **PK-31** Explore techniques to manage and protect forest lands in City ownership.
- **PK-32** Provide appropriate public access to natural resource areas in order to promote understanding and support of natural areas.
- **PK-33** Provide interpretive facilities that make it possible for visitors to learn about natural resources through self-guided exploration.
- **PK-34** Provide outdoor classrooms and gathering places where appropriate in City parks to facilitate environmental learning programs.
- **PK-35** Explore the possibility of providing an environmental education summer camp through the existing summer recreation program.
- **PK-36** Acquire, preserve and responsibly steward natural areas on City parklands as a key component of the City's habitat preservation strategy.
- **PK-37** Coordinate public and private efforts to identify and acquire key habitat parcels that preserve critical corridors.
- **PK-38** Partner with public and private organizations to assist in habitat improvement implementation, monitoring and research on sensitive City park lands.
- **PK-39** Partner with local environmental education providers to provide environmental programs.
- **PK-40** Provide opportunities for Park staff to conduct environmental education activities and programs.

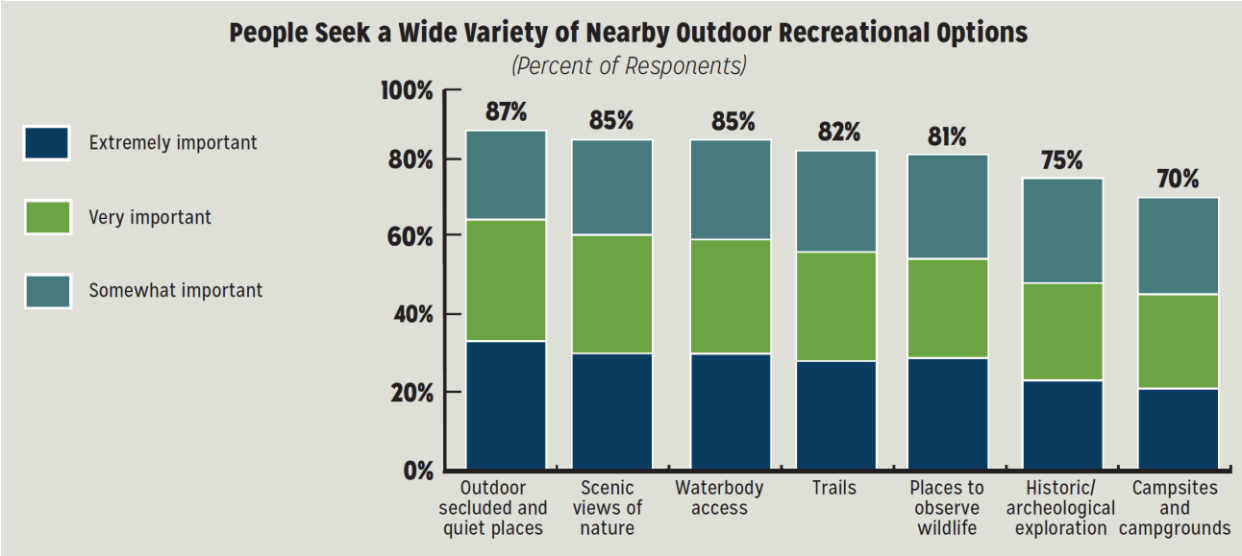
SECTION 03: NEEDS

Chapter 7: Parks

Current Trends & Perspectives

National and Regional Trends

Often local communities find it of value to take into account information about parks and recreation developments on a regional or even national level. Several sources of information outside of the local community were reviewed in the preparation of this report. Nationally, people visit their local parks and recreation facilities twice a month on average (National Recreation and Parks Association, 2019). The most cited reason people gather at their local parks is to be with family and friends. Half of regular park visitors report to do so as a way to connect with nature.

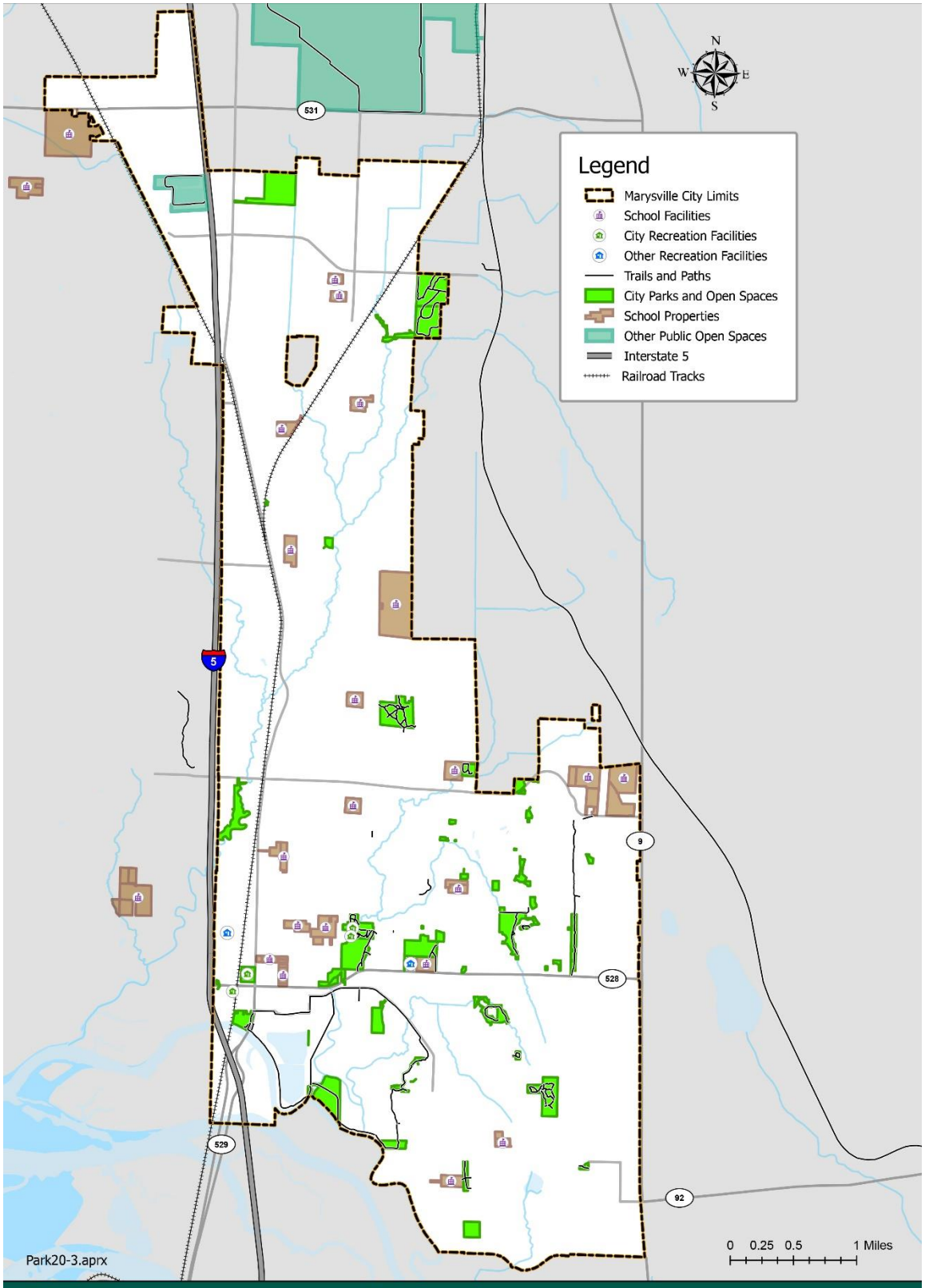


Local Trends and Community Feedback

City of Marysville parks and facilities are regularly used. During our public survey, 60 percent of responders reported visiting a Marysville park at least two times a month or more with 36 percent of those reporting visiting once a week or more (Appendix D). The top visited parks according to this survey were Jennings Memorial and Nature Parks, Ebey Waterfront Park and Comeford Park.

MPCR Parks

The City of Marysville currently owns 45 parklands totaling 522 acres, which break down to 349 acres of developed parklands, 101 acres of undeveloped parklands, and close to 72 acres of open space parklands. A full MPCR system inventory spreadsheet available in Appendix B and Appendix C includes more detailed information of each park, including address, inventory, management issues, and recommended improvements.



Existing Parks, Natural Areas & Facilities

Mini Parks

Pocket park sites are small parcels of land that the parks maintenance crew maintains. The City maintains three such sites that total a little more than half an acre.

Site	Acreage
66th Drive and 73rd Street	0.08
Community Information Site	0.26
Freeway Park	0.21

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are usually smaller sized open spaces up to five acres. These spaces are intended more for neighborhood usage with a regular service area of 0.75 mile radius. The City of Marysville owns 15 neighborhood parks that total 82 acres.

Site	Acreage
Cedarcrest Vista Park	1.87
Doleshel Park	6.27
Foothills Park	12.02
Harborview Park	14.58
Hickok Park	0.80
Kiwanis Park	5.05
Northpointe East Park	3.15
Northpointe Park	28.97
Parkside Way Park	1.50
Serenity Park	0.31
Shasta Ridge Park	1.56
Tuscany Ridge Park	1.20
Verda Ridge Park	1.80
Whiskey Ridge Park	1.50
Youth Peace Park	1.48

Community Parks

Community parks are generally around 5 to 20 acres with a service area up to three miles. Typically, these parks will include a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities. The City of Marysville's three community parks total close to 67 acres. While Comeford Park's size might categorize it as a neighborhood park, its amenities pull from a service area much larger than three miles. Residents and visitors regularly travel to Comeford Park because it is home to the only spray park in Marysville.

Site	Acreage
Comeford Park	2.09
Deering Wildflower	30.32
Jennings Nature Park	34.25

Regional Parks

Regional parks are similar to community parks in that they offer a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities. The difference is that regional parks serve people up to an hour drive and are usually much larger. These parks typically include unique features that draw people to them from outside of the area. The City of Marysville has two such parks that total close to 25 acres.

Site	Acreage
Ebey Waterfront Park	5.72
Jennings Memorial Park	18.94

Special Use Areas

Special use areas exist for a specific recreational reason. The City of Marysville has five multiple special use areas totaling 175 acres.

Site	Acreage
Cedar Field/Rudy Wright Memorial Field	1.20
Cedarcrest Golf Course	99.40
Marysville Skate Park	0.79
Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex	71.09
Strawberry Fields for Rover	3.00

Undeveloped Park Property

The City owns six properties totaling 101 acres that are currently undeveloped. The intent in with purchasing these properties is to develop them into parks as funding becomes available.

Site	Acreage
Cedarcrest Reservoir	2.26
Frontier Fields	25.00
King property	9.74
Mother Nature's Window	34.57
Olympic View Park (under construction; projected competition December 2020)	7.64
Rainier Vista	22.03

Open Space

Another important type of parkland is open space. These parklands usually have little to no development and serve to preserve natural spaces within the city. Marysville's open spaces include six sites that total almost 72 acres.

Site	Acreage
Bayview Trail Open Area	20.00
Heather Glen-Timberbrook	6.87
Holman Nature Park	20.84
Quilane Park	20.87
Sherwood Forest	2.78
Walter's Manor	0.33

Other Public Lands

Federal

There are no federally owned forests, parks, or recreational lands in the Marysville Service Area.

State

There are also no State-owned recreational lands within the City but there are a couple that you can drive to in about an hour. Mount Pilchuck State Park is a 1,903-acre day-use park with mountainous alpine terrain. Wallace Falls State Park is a 1,380-acre camping park, shorelines on a river and three lakes, a 265-foot waterfall, old-growth coniferous forests, swimming areas, and rock-climbing wall. Both of these state parks though are best known for their trails and will be discussed more in the next chapter.

Snohomish County

Snohomish County operates one park, Gissberg Twin Lakes, within the City of Marysville. This 44-acre site featuring two naturally spring fed lakes, sandy beaches, and a walking track. The park is used for fishing, model boat racing, wading and walking.

Snohomish County also operates a number of regional and special use parks that can be driven to from Marysville in 30-minute or less:

- Bob Heirman Wildlife Park at Thomas' Eddy
    - Nature preserve with vast open spaces, two pristine lakes, fragile wetlands and extensive river environment with boat access, fishing and 3-mile hiking trails
- Cavalero Hill Park
    - Off-leash dog park on almost a fourth of an acre
- Field's Riffle
    - 62-acre property on the Snohomish River with 3,500 feet of river frontage with fishing access, interior bay and wooded wildlife habitat

- Flowing Lake Park at Leckie's Beach
    - 40-acre park with amphitheater, picnic shelter, boat launch, playground, wading area, fishing dock, nature trail and 40 campsites/cabins
- Kayak Point Golf Course Property
    - 260-acre property that used to be an operating golf course. The golf course was closed in October 2018 and since then Snohomish County has been seeking a vendor to operate recreational opportunities on the property.
- Kayak Point Regional County Park
    - 428-acre saltwater beach park with 3,300 feet of shoreline with beach access, boat launch, 30 campsites, picnic shelter, forested/bayside hiking trails, playground, vacation house, wading area, yurts, evergreen forest, 300 foot fishing pier
    - Working to open up approximately 350-acres of undeveloped park area and add a day-use space with the first phase of construction scheduled for 2021
- Lake Goodwin Community Park
    - 14.26-acre park that includes lake access, picnic shelter, and play areas
- McCollum Pioneer Park
    - 78-acre park with open space, wetland, and woodlands that offers a BMX track, picnic shelter, playground, outdoor pool, trails, ball fields and half-mile walking path
- Narbeck Wetland Sanctuary Park
    - 43-acre park with 2 walking trails with overlooks to open water habitat for waterfowl
- Portage Creek Wildlife Area
    - 157-area wildlife reserve
- River Meadows Park
    - 150-acres of large open meadows and forests along the Stillaguamish River with campsites, fishing, picnic shelters, trails and yurts
- Spencer Island
    - Part of the Snohomish River Estuary, Spencer Island is co-owned by Snohomish County and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and offers passive recreational options, as well as a trail system with scenic views of wetlands, sloughs and mountains
- Twin Rivers Park
    - Disc golf, open fields, soccer fields and baseball fields
- Wenberg County Park
    - 45-acres with 1,140 feet of freshwater shoreline on Lake Goodwin with a 70-site campground, swim beach, boat ramps, picnic shelters, hiking, and boat launch

Tulalip Tribes of Washington

Within the City of Marysville, the Tulalip Tribes of Washington manage the Poortinga Property, a 347-acre parcel with extensive frontage along Ebey Slough. It was purchased in 1997 through an agency trust representing a collective of federal, state and city governments. The site is

protected by conservation easements to preserve the area for natural uses. The Tribes worked with State and Federal agencies to flood the property to restore a tidally influenced wetland and estuary system. This restoration project has been identified as the Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration Project and took place in 2015. This is the second largest man-made estuary in Washington State.

The Tulalip Tribes of Washington also operate the Battle Creek Golf Course just west of Marysville. This 175-acre golf course has a regulation-length 18-hole course, as well as a nine-hole par three course.

Marysville School District

There are four school districts that serve the Marysville Urban Growth Area: Marysville School District No. 25, Lakewood School District No. 306, Lake Stevens School District No. 4, and Arlington School District No.16. However, Arlington's School District serves only industrial lands inside the City's Urban Growth Area and Lake Stevens School District schools are presently all located outside of the Urban Growth Area. Therefore, Marysville and Lakewood School Districts are the only school districts which presently own and operate recreation facilities and lands that are used by Marysville residents.

The Marysville School District owns 16 schools sites located within in Marysville. The Lakewood School District owns five school sites and four within the Urban Growth Area. The portion of the school districts' properties that are recorded as public recreational lands consists primarily of athletic fields and playgrounds.

Chapter 8: Trails

Current Trends & Perspectives

National and Regional Trends

People who live near trails are 50 percent more likely to get enough physical activity to help keep them stay healthy. People who live in walkable neighborhoods are twice as likely to get enough physical activity as people who don't (Huston, S., Evenson, K., Bors, P., et al. 2003). If people reduce automobile use by 1 percent and instead walk to nearby appointments or errands, they could lower obesity rates and save millions of dollars in medical expenses (Samimi, A, Mohammadian, A. & Madanizadeh, S. 2009).

Local Trends and Community Feedback

Trails continue to be the most requested basic need in Marysville and the use that generates the highest level of community interest. City residents are interested in a loop and linear types of trails, as well as wide and connected sidewalks. While several trails exist throughout the City, residents like trail systems within walking distances of their homes. Even though trails are prevalent throughout many of the neighborhoods, the number and mileage is inadequately inventoried that makes an accurate comparison difficult.

The 2020 parks community survey consistently showed the importance of trails to city residents. When asked what they would like to see added with walking and driving distance from their home, walking trails was rated the highest for both questions with biking trails with open natural areas and biking trails being close behind. When asked to rate the need for facilities and spaces for passive recreation, 60 percent of respondents rated a high need for nature trails with a high need also being reported for paved walking and jogging trails (58 percent) and paved bike trails (51 percent). A majority also reported a high need for unpaved trails for walking and jogging (43 percent) and designated bike lanes along streets and roads (41 percent). The top two projects rated the most important out of the eight projects outlined were a trail connection to Centennial Trail and Ebey Waterfront Trail Phase III.

These results are higher than previous survey results. In a 2012 Marysville survey that asked respondents to rank trail needs using a "high", "moderate", or "low" system, respondents cited trails for walking, jogging, and skating as the highest priority (58 percent), followed by nature trails (38 percent), and bike lanes (32 percent). Nature trails and bikes lanes also scored highest in the "moderate" category at 51 and 49 percent, respectively, in addition to bike trails (49 percent). In a 2004 Marysville survey, walking/cycling trails in urban neighborhoods was the third most frequently cited important facilities overall. (Marysville, 2004)

MPCR Trails

MPCR maintains close to 23 miles of trails. There are 18 miles of trails located within 17 City of Marysville Parks. The remaining almost five miles are located in two dedicated trails: Bayview Trail and Ebey Waterfront Trail. A full MPCR system inventory spreadsheet available in Appendix B. More detailed information of each trail, including trailhead addresses, inventory,

management issues, and recommended improvements in Appendix C. The City of Marysville has also developed almost 25 miles of striped bicycle lanes.

Site	Miles
Cedarcrest Golf Course	3.00
Deering Wildflower Acres	1.20
Doleshel Park	0.60
Ebey Waterfront Park	0.50
Foothills Park	1.25
Heather Glen-Timberbrook	0.75
Holman Nature Park	0.25
Jennings Memorial Park	1.50
Jennings Nature Park	1.00
King property	0.50
Kiwanis Park	0.50
Mother Nature's Window	1.50
Northpointe Park	2.00
Shasta Ridge Park	0.50
Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex	2.25
Tuscany Ridge Park	0.25
Verda Ridge Park	0.50

Bayview Trail

This 1.25 mile trail is located in the Bayview-Whiskey Ridge utility corridor. An asphalt trail with soft hills and exceptional views is good for walking, cycling and skating. This trail will eventually connect to Snohomish County's Centennial Trail.

Ebey Waterfront Trail

The Ebey Waterfront Trail takes you along the shore of the Ebey Slough and Qwuloolt Estuary with beautiful vistas and abundant wildlife. The full trail system will loop almost all the way around the Qwuloolt Estuary. Three construction phases have led to the completion of two sections of the trail. From the Ebey Waterfront Park to the end of the Qwuloolt Wetland Reserve is a mile and a half long trail. The second section runs from Olympic View Park north through Harborview Park to Rainier Vista Park and is two miles long. When completed, the two current sections will connect and provide a connection from downtown and multiple neighborhoods. The trail travels around the newly restored Qwuloolt Estuary.

Other Public Trails

There are no other trails with public access in the Marysville Service Area but there are a number of trails owned and operated by Washington State Parks and Snohomish County that are located in a 30-minute or less drive from Marysville.

Centennial Trail

Owned by Snohomish County, Centennial Trail spans 30 miles from Snohomish to Skagit County Line. The trail includes a 10-foot wide, multi-purpose paved trail for walking, bicycling, and hiking that is accessible to persons of all physical abilities. An adjacent 6-foot wide natural surface equestrian trail runs parallel to the paved trail for approximately 19 miles. Picnic tables, benches, and restroom facilities as well as shelter facilities at the Machias Trailhead are other

amenities along the trail. The trail also serves as a conservation corridor protecting sensitive and important natural and cultural resources, as well as provides a safe alternative transportation route. There are currently 12 trailheads located in Arlington, Lake Stevens, and Snohomish.

Lime Kiln Trail

Located in Granite Falls and about 13-miles from Marysville, Lime Kiln Trail offers a 7-mile roundtrip hike through a heavily forested area. This trail used to connect to the Robe Canyon Trail but the bridge that connected the trails does not exist anymore. This is a Snohomish County property.

Lord Hill Regional Park

This regional park is owned by Snohomish County and offers 32 miles of trails for horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking through a 1,480-acre upland nature preserve with a vast evergreen forest.

Mount Pilchuck Trail

Located roughly 30 miles from the City of Marysville in Mount Pilchuck State Park, this 2.7-mile trail goes from forest to fields of shale before reaching a chunky white rock wall and winding around the back of the peak for a steep approach to the lookout. This is a strenuous hike that involves a 2,300 foot vertical ascent over uneven terrain. The trail is usually covered in snow until early to midsummer.

Wallace Falls Trail

Twelve miles of foot trails are located in Wallace Falls State Park, which is about 35 miles from Marysville. Walk from Wallace River to the powerful Wallace Falls with its three tiers of water rushing over rock and timber. Longer hikes are available down old logging roads and connecting to the Greg Ball Trail with junctures to Wallace and Jay Lakes.

Chapter 9: Facilities

Current Trends and Perspectives

National and Regional Trends

In their 2020 Agency Performance Review, the National Parks and Recreation found that a typical agency with a community center has one for every 28,939 residents and those with a recreation center have one for every 31,141 residents (National Recreation and Parks Association, 2020). Two out of every five agencies offer a senior center with one facility for every 60,513 residents.

The following shows the prevalence and population per facility for indoor parks and recreation facilities in the United States:

Type of Facility	Percentage of Agencies	Average Residents per Facility for Agencies Serving Populations of 50,000 to 99,999
Recreation Centers	61.0	40,899
Community Centers	59.7	42,491
Senior Centers	40.9	68,701
Performance Amphitheaters	35.0	57,304
Nature Centers	29.3	65,000
Stadiums	17.9	59,074
Ice Rinks	14.8	56,847
Teen Centers	13.8	60,268
Arenas	7.5	61,556

The benefits of public facilities has been well documented over the years. Community centers appear to improve health and well-being through building positive social relationships by an exchange of resources, information, and emotional support (Colistra 2017). Community centers may also increase community engagement and participates' sense of citizenship (CDC-Health equity guide 2013, Glover 2004). Participation in senior centers offers potential for increase well-being and supportive networks to older adults (Aday 2019, Rhynes 2013).

Local Trends and Community Feedback

In the parks community survey, 28 parks, facilities, and trails were listed for respondents to mark which ones were visited by someone in their household in 2019. All four of the City's facilities were included within the top twelve most visited properties with Jennings Park Barn and the Marysville Opera House being reported the most often.

MPCR Facilities

A full MPCR system inventory spreadsheet is available in Appendix B. More detailed information of each facility, including addresses, inventory, management issues, and recommended improvements are in Appendix C.

Jennings Park Barn

The Jennings Park Barn is used for recreational classes and as a community rental space for events 50 people and less. The total square footage of the Barn is 3,456. The main floor is 1,984 and includes a large open room, kitchen, and restrooms that are opened to the public. The attic is 1,472 square feet and is accessed by a steep staircase. This area is used for storage.

Ken Baxter Community Center

Built in 1949, this 5,671 square foot building was formerly the City Hall, as well as acting as a police station and jail. A $226,000 remodel updated the facility to accommodate recreational programs so that the facility could be opened as the Ken Baxter Senior Center in 1997. The main floor of the facility is 4,504 square feet that includes three rooms for recreational programming, a kitchen, office area, and five storage closets. The top floor is 782 square feet and serves as storage. The basement is 385 square feet and contains the hot water heater.

In 2010, the facility transitioned from a senior center to the Ken Baxter Community Center to expanded programming to all ages. In early 2015, the City pursued a structural and interior remodel of the facility. The facility is staffed by a full-time Community Center Supervisor with part-time staff and volunteer assistance. In addition to hosting recreation programs for all ages, the Ken Baxter Community Center provides meeting and event space for gatherings under 100 people.

Marysville Opera House

Originally built by the Independent Order of Oddfellows in 1911, the Marysville Opera House has been the site for many memorable events, from world class musicians to New York productions to grade-school talent shows. The Opera House was an enriching addition to the simple lives of the early 1900s. During the Great Depression and later during World War II, the theatre became a center of support for the community. Thanks to a group of local artisans, the Marysville Opera House was placed on the National Register of Historic places in 1982, citing both its architectural uniqueness and historic significance.

The City of Marysville leased the facility in 2016 and then purchased it in 2018 for $1.44 million. Prior to the purchase, the Marysville Opera House was privately owned and used as a rental facility. The city continues to make the facility available for private rentals but also hosts multiple community events throughout the year.

The Marysville Opera House has four floors and totals 16,990 square feet. The main floor is 5,000 square feet and includes a large main area, as well as a lobby, small room, ticket booth, small office area, restroom, concession stand, and stage with green rooms. The lower floor is

also 5,000 square feet which is divided up between a room that can be used during an event or rental, kitchen, and large storage area. The second floor is a balcony that overlooks the main floor and stage. This floor is 1,990 square feet and includes a seating area, women's restroom, and men's restroom. The top floor is 5,000 square feet with multiple rooms and spaces but is unused at this time due to limited accessibility.

Rotary Ranch in Jennings Park

The Rotary Ranch in Jennings Park was built in 1987 and then rebuilt after a fire in 1993. The facility housed a petting zoo until 2006 and then sat fairly unused until a remodel in 2015. Community Development Block Grant funding, in addition to Marysville Rotary help with both labor and funding, converted the facility into a community use building. Rotary Ranch is primarily used for recreational classes and the occasional special event or City meeting. The Ranch is 1,800 square feet and is primarily a large open room. There is a restroom and small storage closet.

Other Public Facilities

School District Facilities

As discussed in Chapter 6, there are 20 schools located within the City of Marysville. These are owned and operated by the Marysville and Lakewood School Districts. The districts offer classrooms, meeting facilities, and gymnasium access to the public during non-school times. The Marysville-Pilchuck High School also offers a swimming pool with lessons and open swim times available for residents.

MPCR has a strong relationship with both districts and interlocal agreements are in place with both districts to assist with cooperative efforts. This allows MPCR to access school facilities for recreational programming during non-school times at a reduced rate to what the general public would pay to use school facilities.

Other Private Facilities

Non-Profit

The Marysville/North County Family YMCA includes a full-size gym with surrounding indoor running track, fitness studio, weight room, racquetball/handball/sports courts, meeting rooms, a six lane instructional / lap pool, a child care center, teen recreation and technology center, dry sauna, whirlpool, and meeting rooms. The Marysville Boys and Girls Club was established in 2009 and is located at 1010 Beach Avenue. There are several churches in the Marysville Service Area that allow for facility and space rentals.

For-Profit

Privately-owned recreational facilities in Marysville include:

- Altitude Trampoline Park
- Marysville Performing Arts Centre
- Marysville Skate Inn
- Northwest Dance and Acro

- Regal Marysville 14 Cinemas
- Rising Star Gymnastics
- Several Martial Arts and Self-Defense Academies
- Strawberry Lanes

Chapter 10: Recreation

Current Trends and Perspectives

National and Regional Trends

The State of Washington 2017 Assessment of Outdoor Recreation Demand Report outlined the following ten outdoor recreation activities for the highest participation rate in the North Cascades Region which includes Snohomish County (Dr. Jostad, Dr. Schultz, & Dr. Chase, 2017):

1. Walking in a park or trail setting
2. Visiting rivers or streams
3. Visiting beaches or tide pools
4. Attend an outdoor concert or event
5. Day hiking
6. Swimming or wading at a freshwater beach
7. Gathering or collecting things in a natural setting
8. Sightseeing in a scenic or wildness area
9. Playing at a park
10. Viewing wildlife or nature

The Report also reported the following top ten activities as those completed the most amount of times.

1. Walking with a pet
2. Technology-based games (e.g., geocaching, Pokémon Go)
3. Bicycling for transportation purposes
4. Running on roads or streets without sidewalks
5. Bicycling on roads or streets
6. Stock or horseback riding in open air stables or grounds
7. Outdoor photography, painting or drawing
8. Wildlife or nature viewing
9. Visiting a dog park
10. Mountain biking on paved or gravel trails

Local Feedback and Trends

The 2020 Parks and Recreation Community Survey shows 52 percent of those polled rated parks, culture and recreational opportunities in Marysville as “excellent” and “good” across all age groups. Ages 5-12 were seen to have the most opportunities with 70 percent “excellent” and “good” ratings while ages 13-17 had the least opportunities with only 38 percent “excellent” and “good” ratings.

When asked to rate the need for facilities or spaces to accommodate active recreational opportunities, the top ten activities that rate as the most high and moderate needs included walking/hiking, swimming, playgrounds, musical performances, biking, spray parks, cultural performances, aerobics/fitness, art classes and music lessons. Almost half of respondents reported that they are very likely or likely to attend a community event offered by the City of Marysville in 2021 with outdoor entertainment being rated the highest with 63 percent.

MPCR Programs

In March 1989, the City made a commitment toward recreational services by hiring its first recreation coordinator. The City now employs four full-time Recreation Supervisors to manage a diversified menu of exceptional recreational programs. Administrative costs are paid through the general fund while operating costs are recovered through fees. Any net revenues are directed back to recreational programs. Many classes are taught by contract instructors.

Youth

Youth recreational opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Arts and Crafts
    - Instructional classes, camps, and workshops focusing on a variety of mediums: painting, clay, ceramics, fused class, drawing, pastels, colored pencils and textiles
- Dance and Music
    - Ballet classes, camps and showcases
    - Creative dance classes and showcases
    - Kindermusik
    - Singing
    - Tap classes, camps and showcases
    - Tumbling
- Special Interests
    - Babysitting class and certification
    - Day camps
    - Geocaching
    - Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) classes and camps

Adult

Adult recreational opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Arts and Crafts
    - Instructional classes and workshops focusing on a variety of mediums: painting, clay, ceramics, fused class, drawing, pastels, colored pencils, driftwood, watercolor, wire wrapping, paper, photography, and textiles
    - Open art studios for gourd carving and woodcarving
- Dance and Music
    - Ballet classes and showcases
    - Belly dancing classes and showcases
    - Guitar
    - Singing
    - Tap classes and showcases
- Fitness and Wellness
    - Yoga
    - Pound Fit
    - Running
    - Circuit Training

    - Kettlebell Workouts
    - Hula-Hooping
- Special Interests
    - Card and tile games like bridge, canasta and mahjong
    - Cooking, dessert decorating and canning
    - Genealogy
    - Geocaching
    - Herbal remedies
    - Mindfulness and meditation
    - Organizational classes
    - Safety classes for boating, CPR, first aid, AED and self-defense
    - Support and social groups like caring for the caregiver and book club
    - Toddler playgroups

City of Marysville Special Events

The following community events were offered between 2015 and 2019:

Outdoor Entertainment

- Children's Concerts
- Outdoor Concerts
- Outdoor Movies

Specialty Events for Kids

- Engineering with LEGO materials
- Fishing Derby
- Live Children's Entertainers
- Princess & Pixie Dust
- Touch a Truck

Family-Focused Event

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Father-Daughter Valentine Dance
- Fishing Derby
- Healthy Communities Challenge Day
- Interactive Movies
- Marysville 4th of July
- Merrysville for the Holidays
- Mother-Son Superhero Dance
- Popcorn in the Parks Outdoor Movies
- Tour of Lights
- Touch A Truck

Specialty Events for Adults

- Dueling Pianos
- Ladies LOL Comedy Show
- Monster Mash Halloween Ball

Cultural Events

- Outdoor Speaker Series
- Live Music
- Cultural Speakers
- Showcases for music and dance from other cultures
- Movies

Vendor Events

- Marysville Wedding Show
- Treat Your Self Women's Expo
- Mother Lovin' Market
- Healthy Communities Challenge Day
- Junk in the Truck
- Early Bird Holiday Gift Show

Other Programs and Events

School District Facilities

The Marysville-Pilchuck High School offers a swimming pool with lessons and open swim times.

Non-Profit

Programs at the YMCA include family activities, fitness classes, swimming lessons and youth and teen programs. The YMCA also provides licensed before and after school child care and summer camps.

The Marysville Boys and Girls Club provides before and after school programs to assist youth ranging in age from first to twelfth grade. Their programs focus on character and leadership, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness, and recreation.

Chapter 11: Athletics

Current Trends and Perspectives

National and Regional Trends

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services outlined the following guidelines for physical activity (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2018):

- Preschoolers (3 to 5 year olds)
  - Physically active throughout the day
  - Access to a variety of activities
- Children and Adolescents (6 to 17 year olds)
  - 60 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity daily
  - At least 3 days a week of moderate-to-vigorous intensity aerobic activity
  - At least 3 days a week of muscle-strengthening physical activity
  - At least 3 days a week of bone-strengthening physical activity
- Adults
  - Some physical activity is better than none so move more and sit less throughout the day
  - 150 to 300 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity for substantial health benefits
  - Additional health benefits gained in physical activity beyond 300 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity a week
  - 2 or more days a week of muscle-strengthening activities
- Older Adults
  - In addition to the key guidelines for adult, older adults also benefit from multicomponent physical activities that includes balance training, as well as aerobic and muscle-strengthening activities
  - Level of effort should be relative to current level of fitness
  - When older adults cannot do 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity a week due to chronic conditions, focus on physical activity that fits with ability level and condition

Those participating in team sports are more likely to get their recommended levels of aerobic exercise than those participating in individual sports (Pharr 2019). Team sport participants report playing for enjoyment, social interactions with teammates, and to reach fitness and weight loss goals (RWJF-Sports and health 2015).

Local Feedback and Trends

In our 2020 parks community survey, the need for gymnasiums, athletic fields, and sports courts within a 15 minute walk or drive from respondent's homes was rated low. When asked about the need for facilities or spaces to accommodate active recreational opportunities, the twelve activities with the least amount of high to moderate ratings were ice skating, golf, football, weight room, archery/rifle range, pickleball, skateboarding, climbing, soccer, volleyball, baseball/softball, and basketball.

While the survey results are showing that the general public does not see the need for more fields, courts, or gym space, our local athletic groups continue to report a shortage of space to run their programs. What the MPCR observes is that the physical number of fields, courts, and gymnasiums in Marysville may be adequate, however there is a large deficiency in spaces that can accommodate youth premiere sports and adult athletics. The quality of a number of the fields, courts, and gymnasiums is also questionable with many needing updates and improvements.

MPCR Athletics

MPCR's athletic focus is on fitness programs, recreational leagues and instructional classes. Youth classes and camps focus on the fundamentals, skills, sportsmanship, and fun that prepare young athletes to participate in youth leagues. With a wide array of youth leagues offered throughout the county, the City focuses on the youngest users with recreational leagues for soccer and basketball. Youth baseball, football, fall soccer and select basketball leagues are provided by private groups or associations.

Aerobics

- MPCR offers adult aerobic classes
- Marysville YMCA

Baseball/Softball

- MPCR offers an adult softball league for men's and co-ed teams in the spring and summer
- Marysville Little League
- Middle and high school teams at Marysville and Lakewood School Districts

Basketball

- MPCR offers a recreation league, instructional classes and camps for youth
- Marysville YMCA runs a youth league
- Marysville Boys and Girls Club runs a youth league
- Middle and high school teams at Marysville and Lakewood School Districts
- Various select teams

Bowling

- MPCR offers bowling classes
- Strawberry Lanes offers bowling leagues for families, adults, seniors, and youth

Cheerleading

- Marysville Youth Cheer
- All Stars Cheer
- High school teams at Marysville and Lakewood School Districts

Football

- Marysville Youth Football
- Middle and high school teams at Marysville and Lakewood School Districts

Golf

- MPCR offers lessons through the Cedarcrest Golf Course
- High school teams at Marysville and Lakewood School Districts

Gymnastics

- Multiple private organizations

Lacrosse

- Snohomish Boys Lacrosse Club

Martial Arts

- MPCR offers Kung Fu/Tae Kwon Do classes and camps
- Marysville YMCA
- Kung Fu for Kids

Pickleball

- MPCR offers lessons, leagues and tournaments
- Marysville YCMA offers gym space for pickleball

Soccer

- MPCR offers a spring league for 7 to 14 year olds, instructional classes and camps
- Pilchuck Soccer Alliance offers 3 leagues: Micros for 4-6 year olds, Recreational for 7-19 year olds in the fall, and Force (Select)
- Middle and high school teams at Marysville and Lakewood School Districts

Swim and Dive

- High school teams at Marysville School Districts

Tennis

- MPCR offers classes, camps and competitions for youth, as well as classes for adults
- High school teams at Marysville and Lakewood School Districts

Track, Field, and Cross County

- MPRC offers track and field camps for youth, as well as track meets for youth and adults
- Middle and high school teams at Marysville and Lakewood School Districts

Volleyball

- MPCR offers volleyball camps for youth
- Marysville Boys and Girls Club runs a youth league
- Middle and high school teams at Marysville and Lakewood School Districts

Wrestling

- Middle and high school teams at Marysville and Lakewood School Districts

Yoga

- MPCR offers youth and adult yoga classes
- Marysville YMCA

SECTION 04: ACTIONS

Chapter 12: Service Guidelines

Application of Standards

For years, the nationally accepted standard called for 10 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents. But by the 1990s, the National Recreation and Parks Association suggested each city establish its own standard based on its growth patterns. The table below outlines Marysville standards per 1,000 people, the existing inventory, and the needs and deficiencies in 2020 and 2035. The 2020 needs is using an estimated population of 72,477 and for 2035 the estimated population is 87,589.

Type	Standards *(per 1,000 people)*	Existing Inventory			2020		2035	
		City	Non-City	Total	Need	Deficiency	Need	Deficiency
Parks (acres) – Developed								
Neighborhood & Community[1]	3.00	149	30	179	217	38	263	84
Regional & Special Use	3.00	200	44	244	217	0	263	19
Open Space[2]	3.00	72	87	159	217	58	263	104
Trails (miles)								
Bicycle Lanes	0.50	25	0	25	36	11	44	19
Park Trails	0.50	23	0	23	36	13	44	21
Athletic Fields & Courts (count)								
Baseball/ Softball	0.35	2	20	22	25	3	31	9
Football	0.10	0	5	5	7	2	9	4
Gymnasiums	0.30	0	17	17	22	5	26	9
Pickleball	0.10	0	4	4	7	3	9	5
Soccer	0.35	4	20	24	25	1	31	7
Sports	0.30	8	13	21	22	1	26	5
Tennis	0.10	0	8	8	7	0	9	1
Facilities (count)								
Pool	0.05	0	2	2	4	2	4	2
Recreation Center	0.05	1	2	3	4	1	4	1

[1] *Non-city neighborhood and community park inventory total is an estimate to capture Marysville School District public play areas and HOA parks.*

[2] *The Tulalip Tribes of Washington manage a 347-acre of protected wetland that is tidally influenced. This land is used an as estuary and the majority of it is not accessible to humans. Therefore, only one-fourth of these acres are listed in the non-city inventory as open land.*

Use Patterns

Use patterns can be analyzed in a variety of ways. Lack of facility space, a shortage of ball fields, or an overrun trail system may lead MPCR or City Council to easily conclude needs are not being met. In other cases, the analysis may be more ambiguous or complex. For example, the fact that a facility is being used under capacity may lead some to believe that needs are not being sufficiently met. Whereas, the real reason the facility is being underutilized may be due to maintenance needs at the facility, expansion needs, needed upgrades, or some other inadequacy.

Due to the many variables, it becomes necessary to look at each facility and/or program "site specifically" to determine if the needs of the community are in fact being met. MPCR staff oversees facility use, have a current knowledge of the inadequacies and/or deficiencies of these facilities, and are positioned well for making this determination. In addition, there are users in the community that are extremely knowledgeable and focused on various types of recreation. This process invited these users to participate the types of recreation that they are knowledgeable on and interested in.

Attendance

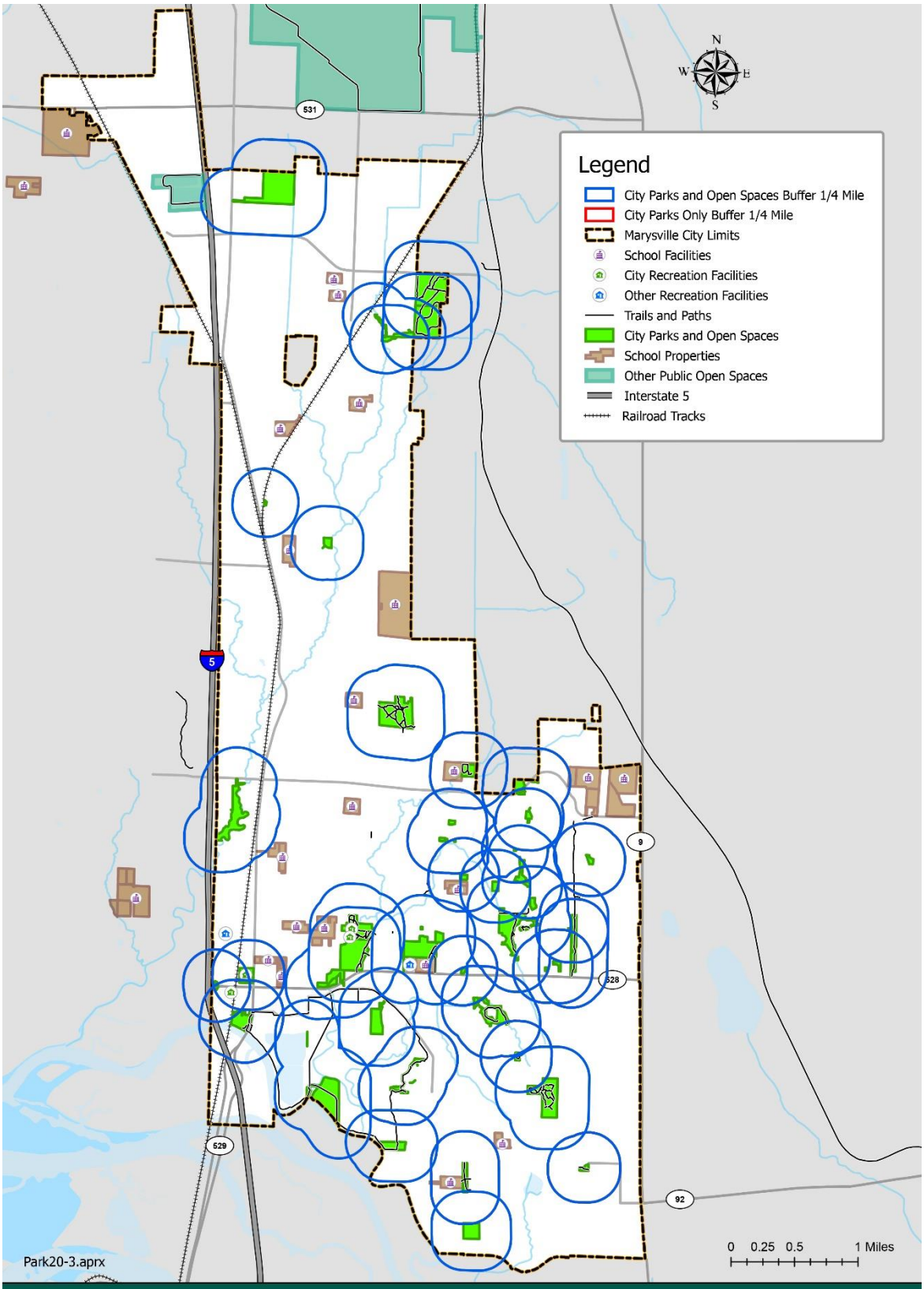
Attendance is used as an indicator if the program or event being offered is meeting the needs of the community. Low attendance can indicate a lack of interest but it can also be an indicator that the program or event is offered at the wrong time.

Feedback

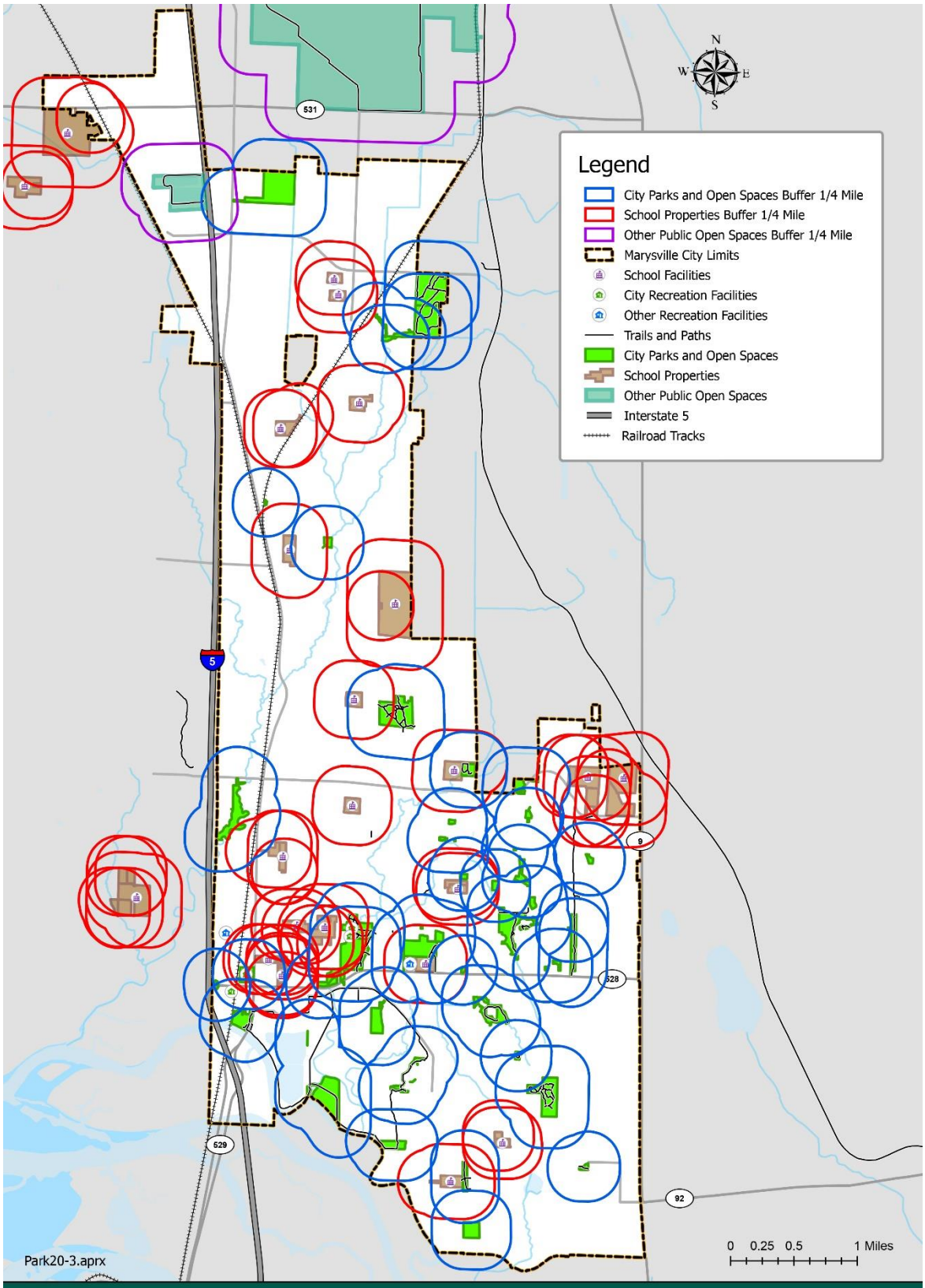
Listening to residents is an important way to find out if MPCR is meeting the public's needs. It was through feedback that MPCR realized there was a need for swings that better accommodated individuals with disabilities. Feedback also prompted MPCR to offer preschool dance classes in the evenings so working parents would be able to sign their child up and to add dance classes for elementary school aged children.

Location

In addition to standards, it is also important to be aware of parkland locations and where there might be parkland gaps. The following maps help show parkland gaps. The first map creates buffers a quarter of a mile around all City of Marysville owed parks and open spaces where clearly shows that the majority of parkland is located in the southern half of Marysville. The second map shows all the public parks and open space in Marysville with the same quarter mile buffer around each. It is clear that there are still less parkland in northern Marysville.



Parkland Gap Areas 1/4 Mile Buffer



Parkland Gap Areas 1/4 Mile Buffer

Chapter 13: Recommendations

Major Needs

Several major areas of need were identified through feedback from the public and review of parks standards. These needs include:

- Neighborhood & community parks
- Open natural space
- Waterfront access
- Group picnic areas
- Restrooms
- Trails and pathways
- Recreational facilities
- Gymnasiums
- Swimming pools
- Baseball/softball fields
- Soccer fields

Neighborhood and Community Parks

In Marysville, there are 149 acres of developed neighborhood and community parklands owned by the City of Marysville and approximately 30 acres owned by the Marysville School District and homeowners associations. With a standard of 3 acres per 1,000 people, there is currently a 38 acre deficiency that increases to 84 acres in 2035. The City owns multiple undeveloped parklands that, if developed, would correct this deficiency.

Public Input

In a 2004 Marysville survey, neighborhood parks were the fifth most frequently cited important facilities (Marysville, 2004). There is interest in providing playgrounds that are close to where people live. Time walking in a park was one of the most consistently requested and appreciated activities. Although Marysville has a good quantity of parks and open space, this focus group was most cognizant of the importance of continuing to acquire more park space as the population continues to expand and sites continue toward greater density. Larger tracts should be prioritized over smaller tracts. Tracts that connect to existing parks should be priorities as well.

Open Natural Spaces

The City of Marysville owns six open natural spaces totaling 71.69 acres. Some of these are accessible to the public but a number have not been developed with clear parking, access points or restrooms.

Public Input

Over 45 percent of respondents to the 2020 parks' community survey rates there to be a high need for wildlife viewing areas. In a 2012 Marysville survey, the community rated the need for protection of natural/open space areas, two thirds of respondents believe streams need the

highest protection among natural areas within the City, followed by wildlife habitat (59 percent) and wooded areas (58 percent). Natural areas/greenways ranked highest in the moderate category at 47 percent.

Waterfront Access

Public shoreline in Marysville is located on the shores of the Ebey Slough, which is part of the Snohomish River Estuary system that feeds into Port Gardner Bay. This resource and waterway system characterize Snohomish County as a unique and beautiful place. The enjoyment of the Snohomish River and Ebey Slough is highly valued to our residents. Public Access is available at Ebey Waterfront Park and boat launch facility. However, this access is limited to 900 feet of the shoreline. The opening of the Ebey Waterfront Trail from Ebey Waterfront Park to the east side of the Qwuloolt Wetland Reserve allowed an additional mile and a half of viewing access to the Ebey Slough.

As Marysville continues along its redevelopment plan for the area around the waterfront, the pressure on these facilities is expected to increase. With the addition of the Geddes Marina to the inventory of public lands, the City may have an opportunity to increase both shoreline access and car-top boating access to the Slough.

Public Input

In a 2012 Marysville survey, evaluating possible future water access and property uses along the downtown Ebey Slough waterfront, 62 percent of respondents rated walking trails/paths as the highest need with shoreline access (52 percent) and picnic areas (50 percent) earning high rankings.

Group Picnic Areas

Group picnic areas are needed throughout our community. Marysville has added covered picnic shelters at Jennings Park, Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex, and Comeford Park. One unimproved shelter exists at Harborview Park and would be a suitable facility if supported. Overall condition of local group picnic areas is fair.

Public Input

The public has stressed a need for covered facilities with cooking capabilities. Most parks would be improved with a simple shelter.

Restrooms

Additional restrooms should be considered for the following projects:

- Jennings Memorial Park near BBQ shelter
- Harborview Park
- Mother Nature’s Window
- Rainier Vista

Public Input

The 2020 park's community survey had restrooms rates as the second most important parks factor. In a 2004 Marysville survey, restrooms were the most frequently cited important facilities. Additional public restrooms remain a high priority within the City of Marysville.

Trails and Pathways

According to the State of Washington Assessment of Outdoor Recreation, walking and cycling are the highest participation recreation activities (October, 2002). Currently, Marysville has 22.80 miles of walking trails, most of which are located within existing parks. Dedicated trails, however, are limited to Ebey Waterfront and Bayview Trails.

City sidewalks and bicycle lanes located along several city arterials have provided a variety of uses for citizens. Many sidewalk systems in Marysville have missing links and some right-of-way acquisition will be necessary to complete connections. Recent development projects in Marysville are creating a large and growing residential population with a need to connect to these large linear trails and the rest of the City.

Within the City and throughout most of the service area, there are limited designated bike lanes along streets and roads. The County has developed bike lanes along a few roads in the north portion of the service area. The City of Marysville has developed almost 25 miles of striped bicycle lanes.

Public Input

Trails for walking rated as the top type of infrastructure 2020 survey responders wanted to see added within a 15-minute walk and 15-minute drive from their house. Trails for biking was rated third. This continues to be a large priority for residents. In a 2012 Marysville survey, when asked to rate the need for different types of future water access and property uses along the downtown Ebey Slough Waterfront, 62 percent of respondents rated walking trails/paths as the highest need. This reaffirms the findings of a 2004 Marysville survey in which walking/cycling trails along the shoreline of the Ebey Slough Waterfront were the second most frequently cited important recreational facilities within the City (Marysville, 2004).

Connections of existing trails and sidewalks are the single most requested improvement to trails in Marysville. Citizens continue to ask for trails that connect to other trails, the waterfront, other parks, and areas of importance like shopping, downtown, and schools. Connections and access to Ebey Slough was requested on numerous occasions. The interest in expanding access to the Snohomish County Centennial trail system, connecting to the community in a non-motorized fashion came up repeatedly. Loop trails that serve as amenities to neighborhoods were seen as highly desirable. The neighborhood of Jennings Park was highlighted as a positive example.

Recreational Facilities

MPCR facilitates the delivery of recreational services using the Marysville Opera House, Ken Baxter Community Center, Rotary Ranch and Jennings Park Barn. Additional programs are coordinated at school district facilities, as well as private businesses. There is a shortage of facilities which limits the number recreational programs the MPCR can offer to the public.

Public Input

In a 2012 Marysville survey rating community needs for a variety of types of recreation facilities, children's play areas were cited as the highest need (52 percent), while opportunities to exercise drew a 43 percent rating.

Gymnasiums

MPCR lacks an indoor gymnasium facility. Currently, all gym use is coordinated through the school districts. While there is a great relationship between the City and both school districts, gym usage is contingent on availability. As schools are evaluating safety procedures after the coronavirus pandemic, it is unclear if schools will be able to continue to be available for public use during non-school times.

Public Input

In general, it is seen that Marysville has enough sports facilities, but they are not as available as needed; primarily due to school district use policies, field condition, and weather related impacts. Open and unstructured gym time is seen as a need. The need for more basketball courts ranked highest in the "moderate" category at 57 percent.

Swimming Pools

Marysville is deficient in pools for its residents. There are currently two pools in Marysville. The Marysville Pilchuck High School pool is for students with limited public access and is restricted to evenings and weekends during most of the year. The second pool is at the Marysville YMCA and requires a Y membership to access.

Public Input

There is a need for a pool to accommodate the people of Marysville. A warm water aquatic facility or recreational pool is also seen as a need.

Baseball/Softball Fields

In Marysville, there are four baseball fields for senior play with 90 foot base paths. These are located at the Marysville-Pilchuck High School and owned by the Marysville School District. MPCR facilities tournaments at these fields, as well as adult softball leagues. The City has invested in the school district facilities providing an irrigation system, facility dugout improvements, and annually re-conditions the infields to provide for safe play. In general, the fields are considered sub-standard and contribute to a loss of participation.

The City of Marysville owns only one regulation youth field at Rudy Wright Memorial Field and leases that site to the Marysville Little League organization. The facility is not generally available for pickup games due to the relationship with MLL and need to keep the park in excellent condition for league play.

Public Input

The 2020 community survey had baseball/softball fields with 25 percent high need and 45 percent moderate need. This is up from the 2012 survey where baseball/softball fields were evaluated as a high need by 25 percent of respondents and a moderate need by 37 percent of respondents. Marysville has no dedicated softball facilities that would cater to both senior, adult, or girls fast pitch softball programs. Both staff and community input point to the need to address the development of one tournament quality softball facility. Survey respondents are in support of additional softball fields for tournament play.

Soccer Fields

Currently, there are sufficient infrastructure /facilities to meet the demand in Marysville. The majority of soccer fields are owned by the Marysville School District. MPCR owns the Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex. The challenge to Marysville leagues and tournament are a lack of all-weather turf facilities and related costs associated with managing grass fields during extremely wet seasons.

MPCR has explored replacing the grass fields at Strawberry Fields with field turf. While there is an initial turf installation cost, the returns from field rental, tournament activities, and related economic benefits, as well as the significant reduction of maintenance, would result in a positive project.

Public Input

In general, it is seen that Marysville has enough sports facilities, but they are not as available as needed. This is primarily due to school district use policies, field condition, and weather related impacts.

Chapter 14: Capital Facilities Plan

Site	Project	Approximate Cost
Bayview Trail	Connection to Centennial Trail	$2,000,000
Cedar Field	Install replacement playground	$80,000
Cedarcrest Golf Course	Cart storage facility and cart path renovations	$200,000
Cedarcrest Vista Park	Replacement playground, picnic tables and benches, as well as signage, landscaping and basketball court improvements	$30,000
Comeford Park	Remodel in conjunction with Civic Center construction	$150,000
Deering Wildflower Acres	Upgrades to onsite facilities and additional fencing	$25,000
Ebey Waterfront Park	Tidally influenced pond evaluation; Construction on 3 acres of new parkland	$20,000,000
Ebey Waterfront Park	Boat launch replacement	$1,200,000
Ebey Waterfront Trail	Complete trail system	$1,500,000
Harborview Park	Replacement playground, site furnishings and irrigation to soccer field	$80,000
Hickok Park	Renovate landscaping, fencing and retaining wall	$12,000
Jennings Memorial Park	Restrooms in east ball field, pave east parking lot, pave main trail, add pickleball courts	$200,000
Jennings Nature Park	Replacement playground and irrigation system	$30,000
Jennings Park Barn	Attic improvements	$10,000
Kiwanis Park	New site furnishings and pave parking lot	$10,000
Marysville Opera House	Add sprinkler system, elevator and additional parking	$1,400,000
Mother Nature's Window	Fencing and parking design	$200,000
Mother Nature’s Window	Develop for passive recreational usage	$1,500,000
Northpointe East Park	Replacement playground	$16,000
Northpointe Park	Pave trail system	$65,000
Property acquisition	Future trail system	$200,000

Property acquisition	Future park in northern section of Marysville	$500,000
Rainier Vista	Restroom, parking, and trail connections	$95,000
Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex	Convert to synthetic turf	$2,700,000
Strawberry Fields for Rover	Replace fencing and culvert	$15,000
Verda Ridge Park	Add site furnishings and new surfacing to basketball court	$18,000
Youth Peace Park	Irrigation upgrades	$5,000

Chapter 15: Implementation

The following are implementation strategies for each recommended major need area.

Neighborhood Parks

- Initiate equipment replacement program for existing parks that have non-standard or aged equipment.
- Evaluate existing park sites for potential enhancements development.
- Identify and prioritize future neighborhood park needs within each planning area.
- Continue to place emphasis on maintaining existing facilities at a higher level through funding support.
- Continue to work with the development community in acquiring suitable land dedications and park construction through mitigation programs and policies.

Community Parks

- Dredge youth fishing pond and install new drainage weir for improved water quality issues.

Open Natural Spaces

- Designate wetlands as Habitat Conservation Area.
- Continue to study impacts of surface water management through Allen Creek corridor and pursue independent funding assistance for reed canary grass management.
- Create public access to Mother Nature's Window Park to provide the community with 35 acres of exceptional open natural space.
- Add additional parking opportunities at Deering Wildflower Acres to encourage exploration of this open natural space.
- Enhancements to the Jennings Memorial and Nature Park systems will support opportunities for enhanced access to wetlands, streams and wildlife viewing for residents.

Waterfront Access

- Continue to upgrade boating access to Ebey Slough through dock/launch upgrades for both motorized and non-motorized watercrafts.
- Develop pedestrian access to shoreline and increase shoreline access through development of trails and community park trail connections and outlooks. Recommendations are noted within the Downtown Master Plans providing a twelve foot wide trail corridor for community uses.
- Pursue grant funding to support capital improvement plans and master plan elements dedicated to waterfront access.
- Consider utilization of Geddes Marina property for additional shoreline access and focus on retail opportunities for kayak, paddle board rentals in combination with retail and residential development. The current lagoon could be restored or filled in providing

additional recreational and gathering space.

- Pursue funding opportunities to identify the Ebey Slough system through interpretative signage and way finding to enhance statewide interest in the area as a tourism opportunity.
- The access to boat launch at Ebey Waterfront Park is currently free. Introducing a basic competitive fee would help support improvements to the facility.

Group Picnic Areas

- Continue to upgrade existing facilities to keep up with growing demand.
- Develop additional group picnic areas at Ebey Waterfront Park.
- Future group picnic areas should be planned for Mother Nature's Window and Rainier Vista.

Restrooms

- Dedicate additional funds for maintenance and operations of additional restroom facilities.
- Identify locations of potential public restrooms facilities that could be developed by and for the community.
- Explore partnerships with local business to establish restroom facilities in highly traveled business centers or recreational corridors.
- Explore restroom facilities in and along any future trails systems.
- Expand uses of portable restroom facilities and sani-can type fixtures when possible.
- Explore installation of restroom facilities on school district facilities utilized for recreational and athletic programming.

Trails and Pathways

- Develop a Master plan recognizing all existing transportation corridors, collectors, arterials for dedicated installation of bicycle trail markings, and designating bike lanes on streets and roads throughout the community.
- Renovate the existing nature trail through Jennings Memorial and Nature parks.
- Consider trails as an integral part of future building construction by recommending a policy which requires that all new development include appropriate bike lanes, on through streets, to complement existing bike/walk corridors.
- Explore the potential to use utility right-of-way corridors for trail development with potential connection to Centennial Trail.
- Coordinate a trails bond issue.
- Work with Snohomish County to establish a water trail along Ebey Slough and Snohomish River Estuary system.
- Complete construction of planned trail system identified for Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex.
- Publish a trail guide for community information.
- Maintain paths and trails fund within City of Marysville budget by supporting dedicated

proceeds from gasoline excise funds.

- Many of Marysville's existing streets limit potential for dedicated or joint use as a bicycle trail corridor. New construction, however, may be an opportune time to require appropriate widths and conditions for new trail and pathway opportunities.
- Designate all future trails corridors as joint-use for both walking and bicycling whenever possible and utilize design standards appropriate for each application.
- Develop an extension of the Ebey Slough trail to Sunnyside Blvd and Centennial Trail.

Recreational Facilities

- Develop a Master Plan identifying potential deficiencies for indoor athletics, recreational programming, and special events within the next decade.
- The city relies heavily on school district facilities which are only available in the evenings, weekends, and summer. This means that there is no access for general public use/access during the school day. City should continue to seek alternative spaces that could be accessed during weekdays for families with young children or are homeschooling, as well as adults who do not work during the day like shift workers or individuals who are retired or disabled. These spaces could include vacant commercial properties.
- Coordinate materials and data for publication of a direct market survey associated with acquisition and development of a new community center facility.
- Investigate the potential of formation of a Capital Facilities Improvement District to finance the development of a community recreation center.
- Explore appropriate sites for a community center.
- Potentially acquire land.

Gymnasium

- Explore development of covered outdoor facilities in public spaces to provide a gymnasium-like environment for year-round uses. Lighting these areas should be considered, as well as partnering with Marysville School District in the renovation or new construction of recreational facilities.
- Explore a shared indoor gymnasium center that could provide MPCR and its partners with the ability to better provide basketball leagues, volleyball leagues, pickleball courts, tournament facilities, and a variety of other recreational opportunities.

Swimming Pools

- Although local and State surveys have indicated a strong need for a multi-purpose swimming facility, the cost of maintaining such a facility would require strong partnerships and dedicated funds. Future aquatic facility needs should be approached as a regional benefit and requires partnerships.
- A new facility will be needed within the next 10 years and should be designed to accommodate recreational, competitive, and therapeutic recreation.
- A community wide bond issue would be recommended for such a facility if supported.

Baseball/Softball Fields

- Identify locations of potential ball fields that would support a tournament configuration that would be supported regionally by both youth and adults.
- Explore partnerships with both the Marysville School District and Tulalip Tribes to develop a full service site to include a minimum of four youth baseball/softball fields that would be capable of hosting large tournaments.

Soccer Fields

- Develop and finance plan to replace grass fields at Strawberry Fields to increase utilization and revenue and reduce significant labor costs.
- Continue development of Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex Phase IV plans for additional soccer, baseball and softball fields within the remainder of the site. Add a parking area to support additional uses.
- Partner with Marysville School District in efforts to improved school facilities for practice and tournament opportunities.

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Appendix B: Park System Inventory

Name	Type	Park Acres	Trail Miles	Square Feet
66th Drive and 73rd Street	Pocket	0.08		
Bayview Trail	Trail		1.25	
Bayview Trail Open Area	Open Space	20.00		
Cedar Field (Rudy Wright Memorial)	Special Use	1.20		
Cedarcrest Golf Course	Special Use	99.40	3.00	
Cedarcrest Reservoir	Undeveloped	2.26		
Cedarcrest Vista Park	Neighborhood	1.87		
Comeford Park	Community	2.09		
Community Information Site (Caboose)	Pocket	0.26		
Deering Wildflower Acres	Community	30.32	1.20	
Doleshel Park	Neighborhood	6.27	0.60	
Ebey Waterfront Park	Regional	5.72	0.50	
Ebey Waterfront Trail	Trail		3.50	
Foothills Park	Neighborhood	12.02	1.25	
Freeway Park	Pocket	0.21		
Frontier Fields	Undeveloped	25.00		
Harborview Park	Neighborhood	14.58		
Heather Glen-Timberbrook	Open Space	6.87	0.75	
Hickok Park	Neighborhood	0.80		
Holman Nature Park	Open Space	20.84	0.25	
Jennings Memorial Park	Regional	18.94	1.50	
Jennings Nature Park	Community	34.25	1.00	
Jennings Park Barn	Facility			3,456
Ken Baxter Community Center	Facility			5,671
King property	Undeveloped	9.74	0.50	
Kiwanis Park	Neighborhood	5.05	0.50	
Marysville Opera House	Facility			16,990
Marysville Skate Park	Special Use	0.79		
Mother Nature's Window	Undeveloped	34.57	1.50	
Northpointe East Park	Neighborhood	3.15		
Northpointe Park	Neighborhood	28.97	2.00	
Olympic View Park	Undeveloped	7.64		
Parkside Way Park	Neighborhood	1.50		
Quilane Park	Open Space	20.87		
Rainier Vista (Crane and Rose)	Undeveloped	22.03		

Rotary Ranch in Jennings Park	Facility			1,800
Serenity Park	Neighborhood	0.31		
Shasta Ridge Park	Neighborhood	1.56	0.50	
Sherwood Forest	Open Space	2.78		
Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex	Special Use	71.09	2.25	
Strawberry Fields for Rover	Special Use	3.00		
Tuscany Ridge Park	Neighborhood	1.20	0.25	
Verda Ridge Park	Neighborhood	1.80	0.50	
Walter's Manor	Open Space	0.33		
Whiskey Ridge Park	Neighborhood	1.50		
Youth Peace Park	Neighborhood	1.48		
	Total	**522.34**	**22.78**	**27,917**

Appendix C: Park System Descriptions

Below is detailed information about each park, trail, and facility owned by the City of Marysville, including an inventory, management issues, and improvement recommendations.

66th Drive and 73rd Street

Northwest corner of 66th Drive and 73rd Street

This small area that is just 0.08 acres of maintained lawn and evergreen shrubs.

Inventory

- Lawn and evergreen shrubs

Management Issues

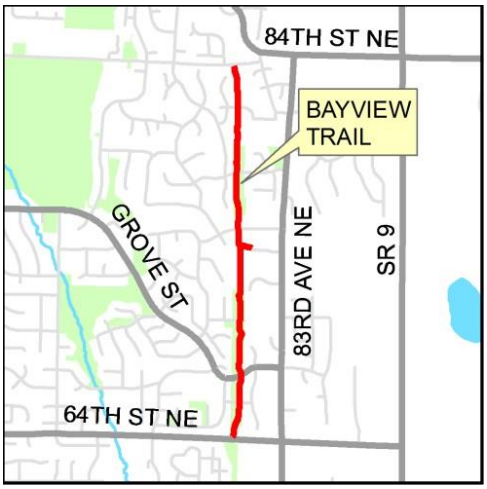
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Consider selling property to homeowner next door

Bayview Trail & Open Area

Running west of 83rd Avenue NE between 62th Street NE and 84th Street NE west of Getchel High School



This 1.25 mile long trail located in the Whiskey Ridge utility corridor, spanning from Getchell Hill (84th Street NE) to SR 528 (64th Street) is designed to accommodate pedestrian, cycling, and skating activities. The City has acquired several properties and easements throughout the Whiskey Ridge Utility Corridor. Construction of the initial portion of the trail occurred in 2011 followed by Phase II in 2014. A third phase of construction was completed in 2018. There are 20-acres of natural area surrounding the trail with exceptional views of Marysville basin and Port Gardner Day.

Inventory

- Trail with asphalt surfacing
- Furnishings
- Bridge

Management Issues

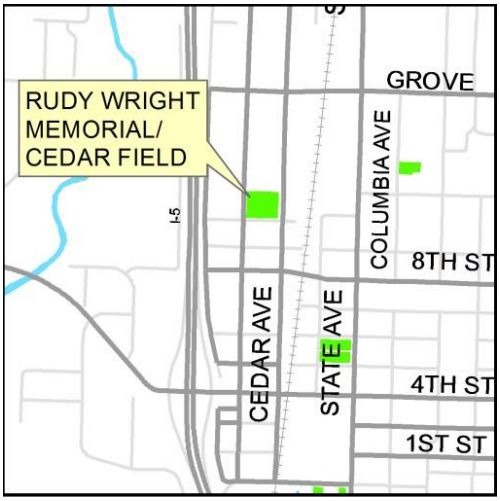
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Construction of future phases of the trail that would connect the trail to Snohomish County's Centennial Trail in planning/permit stage during 2020.

Cedar Field
(Rudy Wright Memorial Field)

1010 Cedar Avenue



Cedar Field/Rudy Wright Memorial is part of the City's purchase of the 2.48-acre 10th Street School property from the Marysville School District in 2009. The building adjacent to the field became the Marysville Boys and Girls Club and the field property reduced to 1.20-acres. The baseball field is used by Marysville Little League and is named after a Marysville firefighter and supporter of youth recreation who was killed in the line of duty in 1970. The field was converted from natural turf to artificial turf in 2020 thanks to a grant from Washington Recreation and Conservation Office and additional funding from Snohomish County and Marysville Little League.

Inventory

- Baseball field
- Boys and Girls Club building

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Install replacement playground. The foundation was installed during the turf conversation project in 2020. Funding for the playground is from Community Development Block Grant.
- Marysville Little League potentially adding batting cages.

Cedarcrest Golf Course

6810 84th Street NE

Established in 1927, this 18-hole, 99.4-acre golf course was purchased by the City from a private property owner in 1972 and includes three miles of trails. This acquisition was made possible with assistance from the State of Washington Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. The golf course was renovated in 1995 to include a new pro-shop, restaurant upgrades, and several green replacements and fairway enhancements. The golf course operates as an enterprise fund and is intended to be self-supporting through green fees and pro-shop rental income.

Inventory

- Golf course grounds
- Pro-shop
- Restaurant
- Maintenance building
- Restrooms

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Cart storage facility for golf cart fleet
- Renovation of cart path

Cedarcrest Reservoir

Grove Street and 71st Avenue NE

A 2.26-acre undeveloped tract of land located at the southwest corner of Grove Street and 71st Avenue NE that includes an abandoned water reservoir on-site.

Inventory

- Reservoir

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Multi-use sports courts with possible lines for tennis, pickleball, and basketball
- Parking area
- Restroom

Cedarcrest Vista Park

6401 82nd Street NE

This 1.87 acres property was dedicated to the City for use as a neighborhood park. It is located immediately south of Cedarcrest Middle School

Inventory

- Basketball court, full-size
- Climbing apparatus
- Picnic area
- Paved walkways

Management Issues

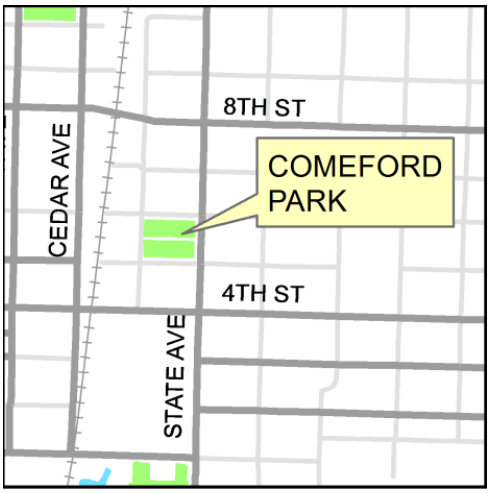
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Existing play structure is failing due to aging wood construction
- Signage needed to assist in defining appropriate uses and characteristics of the park for the public

Recommended Improvements

- New metal play structure
- Provision of new signage and landscape improvements
- New picnic tables and benches
- Re-striping basketball courts

Comeford Park

514 Delta Avenue



The City's oldest park is 2.09-acres and is named after City founders James and Mary Comeford. This park has historically functioned mainly as a formal setting for passive activities and community festivals, concerts, and special events such as the Marysville Strawberry Festival and Merrysville for the Holidays. In 2014, the City installed its first water spray park for children in Comeford Park, which has become a popular family draw during the summer months.

Inventory

- Ken Baxter Community center
- Spray park
- Rotary Pavilion
- Picnic shelter
- Picnic area
- Picnic tables
- Playground
- Restrooms

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Ensure water tower continues to be safe

Recommended Improvements

- Park remodel scheduled to happen in conjunction with Civic Campus construction

Community Information site (old caboose site)

Corner of 4th Street and Cedar Avenue

This small 0.26 acre site has a reader board on it that is updated with messages about upcoming community events and activities.

Inventory

- Reader board
- Landscaping

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

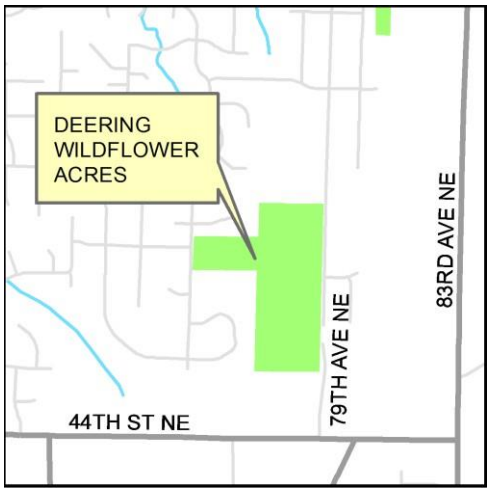
Recommended Improvements

- Future parking consideration for Marysville Opera House

Deering Wildflower Acres

4708 79th Avenue NE

This 30.32-acre forested, passive park is characterized by sensitive areas protected within it, and includes an extensive trail system that winds amid ponds and wetlands, and canopies of evergreen trees.



Inventory

- Sensitive areas
- Second growth forest
- Trail with dirt and mulch surface
- Caretaker's residence
- Student laboratory facility
- Parking

Management Issues

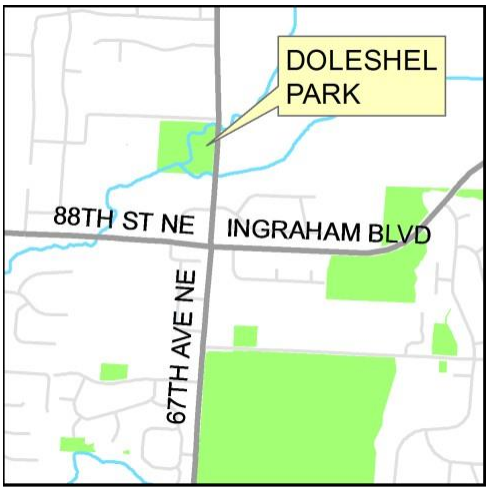
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Protection of the sensitive areas
- Unauthorized access to park when closed

Recommended Improvements

- Facility upgrades to the caretaker's residence, carport, on-site laboratory, access gate, and parking areas
- Additional fencing to support management of unauthorized access to park when closed
- Need roofs for all structures

Doleshel Park

9028 67th Avenue NE



Once a popular Christmas tree farm, this 6.27-acre park was acquired in 2007 through Snohomish County's Neighborhood Improvement Program and Conservation Futures Account. The park is adjacent to Kellogg Marsh Elementary School and Wilcox Farm Community Garden, and features 40- foot tall evergreen trees that remain from the former Christmas tree farm. Volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints contributed their time to help convert the former tree farm into a park. Amenities include a solid bridge spanning the meandering Allen Creek, built as an Eagle Scout project. Wildflower meadows on site provide added color.

Inventory

- Trails with mulch and gravel surfaces
- Bridge
- Parking
- Picnic areas
- Restroom facilities

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Ebey Waterfront Park

1404 First Street

This 5.72 acre, four million dollar intertidal marine park was opened in August 2005. Construction of the park was a 10-year effort from the drawing board to its grand opening, but had been in the imagination of City leaders since the 1940s. This park provides access to the Snohomish River Delta and Port Gardner Bay for pleasure boaters, anglers, and hunters. It also serves as an invaluable resource for economic development, downtown revitalization, and tourism along the City's southern gateway.

Inventory

- Restroom facilities
- Four-lane public boat launch
- Fishing pier/plaza
- Picnic pavilion facilities
- Transient moorage float
- Walking trails and landscaping
- Wetland restoration
- Wash down stations
- 46 car trailer combos
- 32 regular parking spaces

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Repair of extensive settling in areas for safety

Recommended Improvements

- Evaluation of filling the current tidally influenced pond into a water-oriented recreational site or filling of the pond and removing historic tide gates which are in disrepair and failing
- Potential for three acres of new parkland opportunities that can be created with lawn areas, amphitheater, trails, landscaping, site furnishings, and other public amenities

Ebey Waterfront Trail

Current trailheads at Ebey Waterfront Park, 1404 1st Street and Harborview Park, 4700 60th Ave NE

The Ebey Waterfront Trail takes you along the shores of the Ebey Slough and Qwuloolt Estuary with beautiful vistas and abundant wildlife. The full trail system will loop almost all the way around the Qwuloolt Estuary which is the second largest man-made estuary at 347 acres. Currently, three sections of the trail are complete.

The west side of the trail is a mile and a half long. The trailhead is at Ebey Waterfront Park and includes access to picnic areas, drinking fountains, public restrooms, parking, and a playground. This trail continues to the east side the Qwuloolt Wetland Reserve.

The east side of the trail starts at the future Olympic View Park and travels north to Harborview Park then continues west to Rainier Vista Park. Trailheads are located in each park. This section is two miles long.

Inventory

- Trails with asphalt surface
- Benches
- Trash cans

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

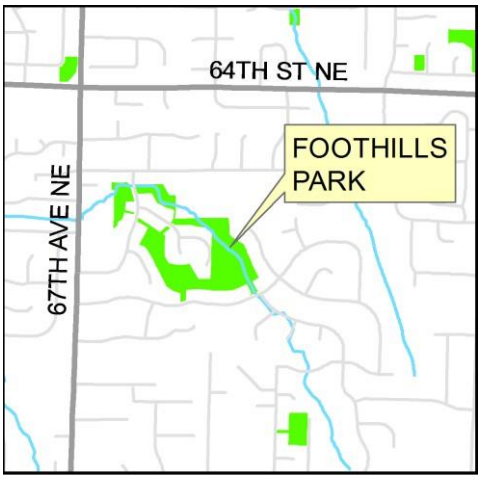
Recommended Improvements

- Completion of the trail system to connect the current sections of the Ebey Waterfront Trail
- Future trailhead at Olympic View Park

Foothills Park

7201 59th Street NE

A 12.02-acre park that features rolling topography, natural trails, a tiered and landscaped detention pond, playground equipment and picnic tables. This park was donated to the City in 1994. In 2014, the playground equipment was replaced.



Inventory

- Trail with a mix of surfaces: mulch, asphalt and gravel
- Playground
- Picnic tables

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Utility road to retention pond needs root pruning and overlay

Freeway Park

Corner of 4th St and I-5 north onramp

This small 0.21 acre parcel contains a "Welcome to Marysville" sign.

Inventory

- Marysville sign
- Irrigation system
- Landscaping

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Frontier Fields

East of Smokey Point Boulevard and 162nd Street NE

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Harborview Park

4700 60th Avenue NE

Adjacent to intertidal lands within the Qwuloolt Estuary, this 14.58-acre park has gained in popularity with the new Ebey Trail connecting it to Olympic View Park and Rainier Vista.

Inventory

- Playground
- Sports court
- Trail with asphalt and concrete surfaces
- Picnic tables
- Open field

Management Issues

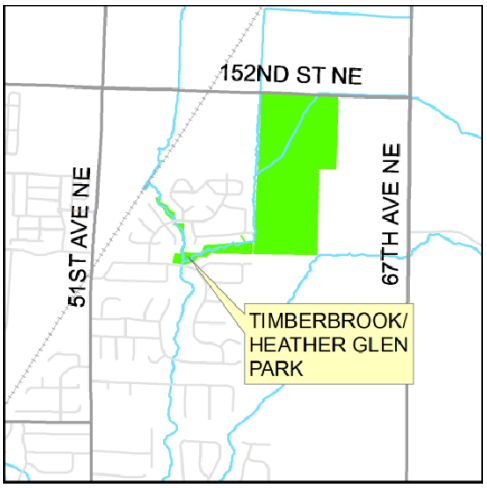
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Repair of facilities due to vandalism

Recommended Improvements

- Add site furnishings to complement community gatherings or potential shelter rental
- Add irrigation to soccer field
- New playground to replace aging equipment

Heather Glen-Timberbrook

Along Quil Ceda Creek between 143rd Place NE and 145th Place NE generally east of 54th Drive NE, and along Edgecomb Creek between 54th Drive NE and 55th Avenue NE adjacent to Timberbrook Drive.



Presently undeveloped, this 6.87-acre site consists of public park tracts which were dedicated to Snohomish County with the platting of the Heather Glen (May 6, 1968) and Timberbrook (September 29, 1969) subdivisions. The tracts were assumed by the City of Marysville after the Central Marysville Annexation was finalized on December 30, 2009. The site is located along the convergence of Edgecomb and Quil Ceda Creeks in the Heather Glen and Timberbrook neighborhoods. Accessible by foot traffic only. The park serves as wildlife habitat.

Inventory

- Environmentally sensitive areas and wildlife habitat

Management Issues

- Protection of inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Hickok Park

SR 528 and 67th Avenue NE

A 0.8-acre park that was originally retained for a satellite fire station. This park was developed through the financial assistance of two private developers, a Snohomish County Parks grant and City of Marysville growth management funding. The park features a children's play area, picnic table, and grassy areas. Renovations in 2011 included a new climbing feature and other site improvements.

Inventory

- Picnic table
- Play areas
- Lawn
- Climbing feature
- Fencing
- Retaining wall

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Complete renovation of landscaping, fencing, and retaining wall

Holman Nature Park with Allen Creek Trail

East side of 60th Drive NE behind Allen Creek Elementary School and near Marysville YMCA

Acquired by the City in 1993, this 20.84 acre natural area includes a pedestrian trail system that connects the Allen Creek Elementary School with adjoining neighborhoods.

Inventory

- Environmentally sensitive natural areas
- Trail with asphalt surface
- Wetlands

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Protection of sensitive areas

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Jennings Memorial Park

6915 Armar Road

This 18.94-acre park is the centerpiece of the Marysville Parks System. Numerous events are held at the park including the Sounds of Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park Series, Fishing Derby, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Inventory

- Picnic facilities and barbecue shelter
- Multi-purpose play field with baseball backstop
- Children's play areas
- WSU Extension Master Garden
- Dinosaur Playground
- Playground between Barn and Ranch
- Compost demonstration site
- Forested and environmentally sensitive areas
- Fishing pond
- Multi-purpose barn and plaza
- Lions Centennial Pavilion
- Rotary Ranch facility
- Basketball half-court
- Restrooms
- Nature walking trail
- Parks & Recreation Administrative Offices
- Gehl Home Museum

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Coordination and management of rental facilities and special events
- Portable restroom facilities are leased on an annual basis and have been subject to vandalism and high replacement costs
- Unpaved areas result in annual maintenance problems that make certain areas inaccessible during the rainy season

Recommended Improvements

- New public restroom in the east ball field, paving of the main trail, and connecting trail system from east to west
- Add pickleball courts
- Pave parking lot by play field (scheduled for 2020)

Jennings Nature Park

SR 528 and 53rd Avenue NE

Added to the Marysville Parks system in 1993, this 34.25-acre park is an extension of Jennings Memorial Park and was donated to the City by Centex, Inc. In order to provide adequate land for parking and access, the City acquired a quarter acre of privately owned land. A $201,255 State of Washington Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) grant was used to construct restrooms, a playground, picnic tables, trails, a wetland overlook, parking facilities, a large open space area, and a bridge to connect the park to Jennings Memorial Park.

Inventory

- Restrooms
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- Trail which includes a bridge
- Wetland overlook
- Parking facilities
- Open space area

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- New playground
- Irrigation system replacement

Jennings Park Barn

6915 Armar Road

The Jennings Park Barn is used for recreational classes and as a community rental space for events 50 people and less. The total square footage of the Barn is 3,456. The main floor is 1,984 and includes a large open room, kitchen, and restrooms that are opened to the public. The attic is 1,472 square feet used for storage with accessed by a steep staircase.

Inventory

- Tables
- Chairs
- Kitchen
- Restrooms
- Hardwood floor
- Attic

Management Issues

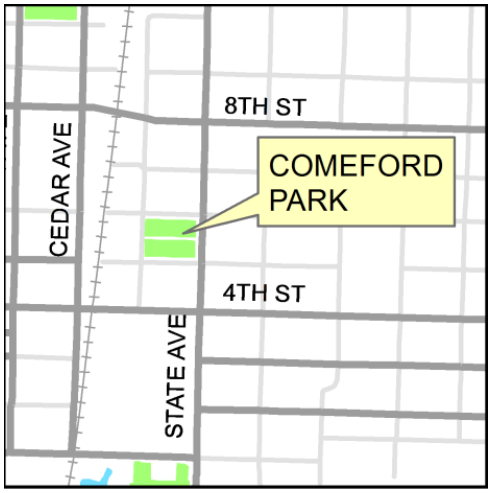
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Attic improvements/usage plan

Ken Baxter Community Center

514 Delta Avenue



Built in 1949, this 5,671 square foot building was formerly the City Hall, as well as a police station and jail. A $226,000 remodeled updated the facility to accommodate recreational programs so that the facility could be opened as the Ken Baxter Senior Center in 1997. In 2010, the facility transitioned to the Ken Baxter Community Center to expanded programming to all ages. In early 2015, the City pursued a structural and interior remodel of the facility.

Inventory

- Main floor (4,504 square feet)
    - Fireside, Garden and Comeford rooms
    - Kitchen
    - Office
    - Storage closets (5)
- Attic (782 square feet)
- Basement (385 square feet)
- Tables and chairs
- Couch and armchairs
- Televisions

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Window repair and replacement
- LED lighting
- ADA rea entrance access
- New tear off roof
- HVAC – replace wall heaters in half of building
- Update upstairs and make room B usable
- New sump pump
- New flooring
- Corroded plumbing

Recommended Improvements

- With the construction of the Marysville Civic Campus, Ken Baxter Community Center will need to be replaced.

King property

Located due east of 3113 Sunnyside Boulevard

This 9.74-acre parcel was acquired by Snohomish County with Conservation Futures Funding. The property was transferred to the City of Marysville in 2007. Property has an easement from 66th Ave NE.

The property is considered open space and may be utilized as a passive recreational opportunity with future development. The eastern two-thirds of the property is fairly wet and contains wooded wetlands with various types of wetland undergrowth and vegetation.

Inventory

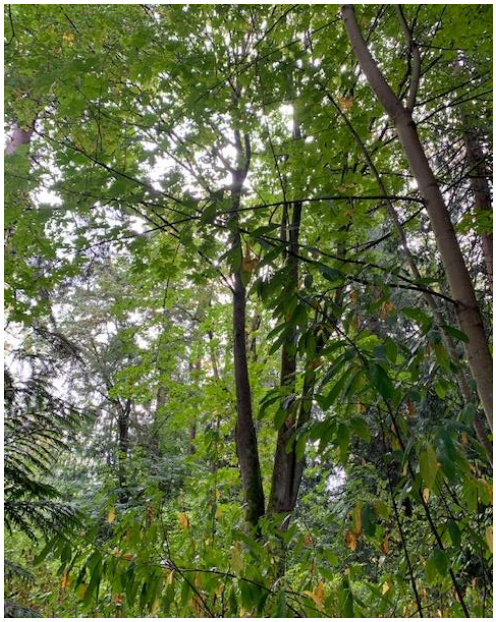
- Sensitive areas

Management Issues

- Protection to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Add easement/trail access from Kiwanis Park
- Add trail system



Kiwanis Park

6714 40th Street NE

A 5.05-acre nature park located adjacent to Sunnyside Elementary. This nature park consists of a narrow grassy swath with a walking trail. This property was donated to the City by the Marysville Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis Club planted memorial trees near the park entrance. The parking area and primary entrance have been improved through an Eagle Scout project.

Inventory

- Walking trails
- Picnic facilities

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- New furnishings
    - Donation of furnishing through an Eagle Scout project scheduled in 2020
- Paving of graveled parking area

Marysville Opera House

1225 3rd Street

Built in 1911, the Marysville Opera House has been the home to many organizations and businesses, as well as the site for many memorable events. Thanks to a group of local artisans, the Marysville Opera House was placed on the National Register of Historic places in 1982, citing both its architectural uniqueness and historic significance. The City of Marysville leased the facility in 2016 and then purchased it in 2018 for $1.44 million. The Marysville Opera House has four floors and totals 16,990 square feet.

Inventory

- Main floor (5,000 square feet)
  - Large main area
  - Lobby
  - Small room
  - Ticket booth
  - Small office area
  - Restroom
  - Concession stand
  - Stage
  - Rooms off of stage (2)
- Lower floor (5,000 square feet)
  - Main area
  - Kitchen
  - Large storage area
- Balcony on 2nd floor (1,990 square feet)
  - Seating area that overlooks the main floor
  - Restroom (Men's)
  - Restroom (Women's)
- Top floor (5,000 square feet)
  - Multiple rooms and spaces but is unused at this time due to limited accessibility
- Cottage
- Garden

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Sprinkler System
- Historic Downtown Green Retrofit
- Elevator
- Crosswalk on Cedar
- Purchase property nearby for additional parking

Marysville Skate Park

1050 Columbia Avenue

Opened in August 2002, the 0.79-acre skate park offers 10,000 square feet of concrete, a "street-style course" design that includes bowls, ramps, pyramids, numerous handrails, ledges, and steps. A spectator area provides excellent viewing and places to take a break.

Inventory

- Concrete skateboarding area
- Skateboarding course

Management Issues

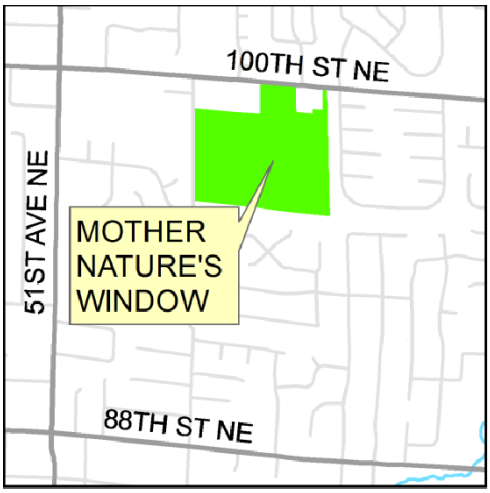
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Significant maintenance required due to vandalism and graffiti activity which are part of the skate culture

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Mother Nature's Window

55th Avenue and 100th Street NE



This 34.57-acre passive park is characterized by a thickly wooded environment with meandering hiking trails.

Inventory

- Trails
- Forest

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Securing the park until developed for public use
- Preventing vandalism and illegal activities

Recommended Improvements

- Development of unimproved property for passive recreational uses with amenities that include public access, interpretive areas, programming areas that may be utilized as rental facilities, public restroom facilities, parking, site furnishings, trails, utilities, lighting, and irrigation and drainage systems. Funding is needed for these improvements.
- An off-leash dog park is another potential use for the site
- Neighbors of the property recommend a playground be included in any improvement

Northpointe East Park

Along 70th Street NE, east of 79th Drive NE

Located up the hill from Northpointe Park, this 3.15-acre neighborhood park was added to the Marysville Parks system in 1994 and features a basketball court, a ball field, a playground and picnic tables. Bayview Trail bypasses the east side of the park.

Inventory

- Basketball court
- Play field with soccer backstop
- Playground equipment
- Picnic tables

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Existing play equipment was designed for children ages 2 to 5 and is being damaged by older children since the equipment is undersized

Recommended Improvements

- Purchase new swing set and play equipment for children ages 5 to 12

Northpointe Park

70th Street NE and 75th Drive NE

A 28.97-acre park which was added to the Marysville parks system in 1994. This park is comprised of 24-½ acres of environmentally sensitive areas and 4-½ acres featuring recreational amenities that include a 2-mile walking trail and forested bike path, playground and picnic areas shaded by towering evergreens. In 2010, the park was refurbished with new play equipment and a series of fitness stations. The Northpointe Park walking trail nearby offers additional exercise opportunities. This trail connects three subdivisions to the park.

Inventory

- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Walking trail
- Bike path
- Playground equipment
- Fitness stations
- Picnic facilities

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Protection of the environmentally sensitive areas
- Removal of hazardous trees, as necessary

Recommended Improvements

- Paving of the park's significant trail system to enhance use of the park and reduce ongoing maintenance costs

Olympic View Park

Sunnyside area south of 44th Place NE and accessible from 59th Drive NE

Located at the southeasterly corner of the proposed Harborview Trail extension, this 7.64 acres property will add an additional trailhead for Ebey Waterfront Trail. The site is currently under construction with anticipated completion December 2020.

Inventory (when 2020 construction completes)

- 7.64 acres
- Parking
- Restroom facilities
- ADA access
- Car-top boating capabilities

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Parkside Way Park

7729 64th Place NE

This 1.5-acre park includes an open space play area, basketball court, skate park fixtures, picnic tables and parking facilities.

Inventory

- Open space play area
- Basketball court
- Skate park fixtures
- Picnic tables
- Parking facilities
- Swing set

Management Issues

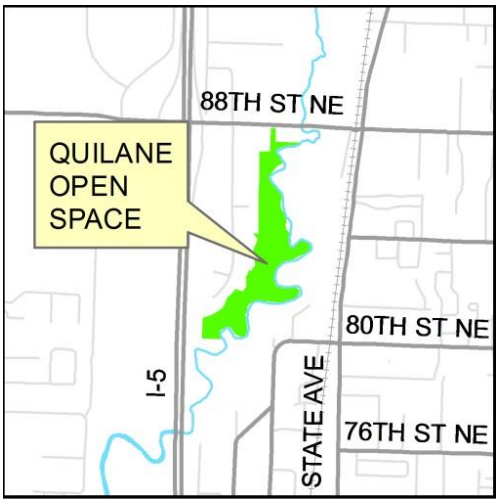
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Quilane Park

80th Street NE & Beach Avenue



Presently undeveloped, this 20.87-acre site, which was donated to the City in 1989, is accessible by foot traffic only and does not offer any amenities. The park serves as wildlife habitat for deer, heron, river otter, salmon, and muskrat.

Inventory

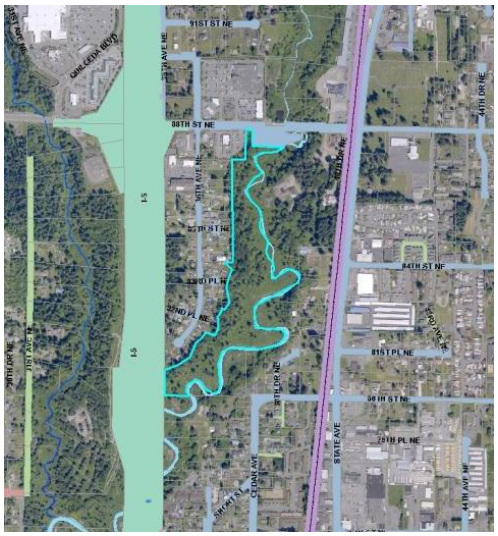
- Environmentally sensitive areas and wildlife habitat

Management Issues

- Protection to inventory items listed above

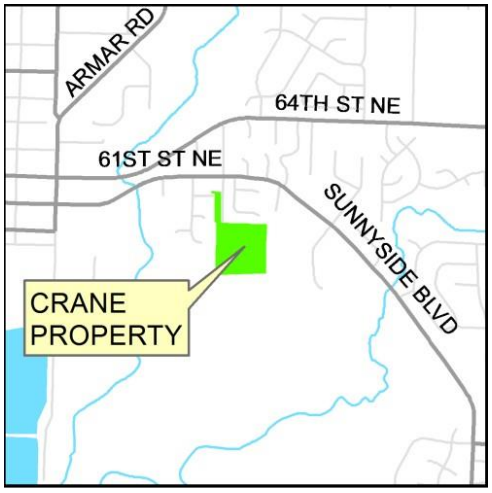
Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

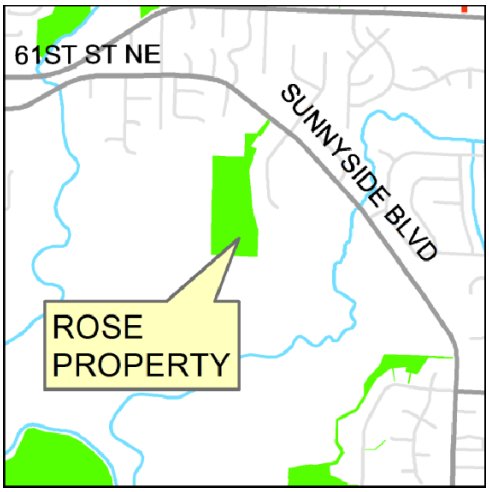


Rainier Vista
(formerly Crane and Rose properties)

5222 60th Place NE and 5626 61st Street NE



This 22.03-acre undeveloped park space is comprised through the purchase of two properties. The Crane property was acquired with Conservation Futures Funding in 2015 in partnership with Snohomish County Park. The Rose property was acquired through Sound Transit for project mitigation associated with the Qwuloolt Trail project. The plan is for these properties to become a future park that contains a continuation of the Ebey Waterfront Trail and a connection to the trail system in Jennings Park.



Inventory

- Parking area

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Current residence on the Rose property is a rental under an annual lease. Utilities on site are sound but access road is minimal width.
- Barn is in need of significant repair or removal

Recommended Improvements

- Demolition of all structures deemed necessary
- Convert a house into a public restroom
- Parking area can be developed to accommodate up to 20 vehicles
- Trail opportunities to connect with Ebey Waterfront and Jennings Park trails
- Recommendations awaiting status of property and traffic/street improvements

Rotary Ranch in Jennings Park

6915 Armar Road

The Rotary Ranch in Jennings Park was built in 1987 and then rebuilt after a fire in 1993. The facility housed a petting zoo until 2006 and then sat fairly unused until a remodel in 2015. Community Development Block Grant funding, in addition to Marysville Rotary help with both labor and funding, converted the facility into a community use building. Rotary Ranch is primarily used for recreational classes and the occasional special event or City meeting. The Ranch is 1,800 square feet.

Inventory

- Large open room
- Restroom
- Storage closet
- Tables
- Chairs
- Piano
- Televisions

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Serenity Park

7900 block of 72nd Drive NE

This 0.31-acre park was accepted by the City as a dual use recreational facility and storm water retention facility. Recreational amenities consist of a basketball court and swing set.

Inventory

- Basketball court
- Swing set
- Benches

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

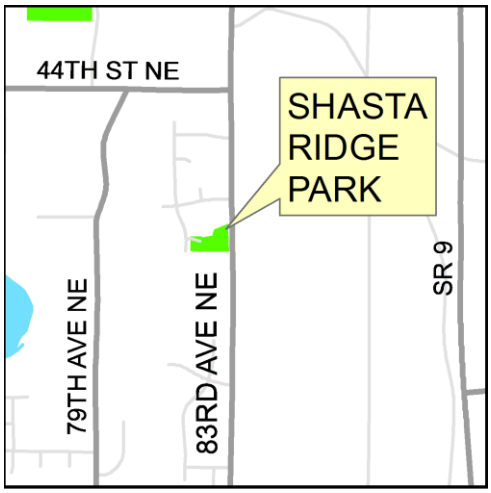
Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Shasta Ridge Park

3907 82nd Avenue NE

This 1.56-acre park features a playground, fitness station, full-sized outdoor basketball court, picnic tables, benches and open space with panoramic views overlooking Puget Sound.



Inventory

- Full-sized basketball court
- Outdoor fitness stations
- Picnic areas
- Playground
- Open space

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Sherwood Forest

East side of 47th Avenue NE, north of 118th Street in the Sherwood Forest neighborhood

This 2.78-acre park is a natural area along Quil Ceda Creek and provides habitat for wildlife and protection to the creek.

Inventory

- Environmentally sensitive areas and wildlife habitat

Management Issues

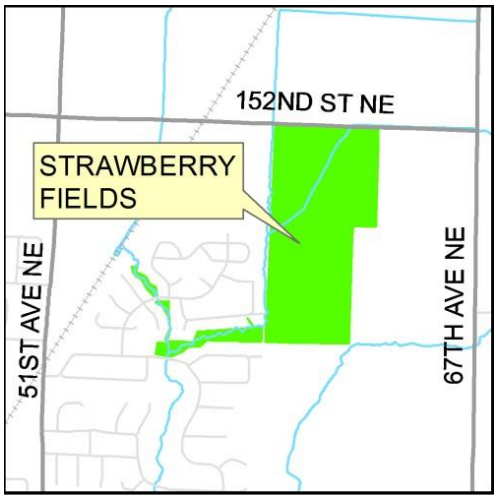
- Protection to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex

6100 152nd Street NE



This premier 71.09-acre regional sports field facility provides a natural setting among open space, trails, and the Quil Ceda Creek system. Total cost for acquisition and development of the park was $1.9 million. The Strawberry Fields project was made possible by funds from the City's Growth Management Fund; State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC); National Land, Water, and Conservation Fund; Pilchuck Soccer Alliance (named Marysville Youth Soccer Club at the time of construction); and Homestreet Bank.

Inventory

- Open space/environmentally sensitive areas
- Trails
- Three full-size lighted soccer fields
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Picnic areas
- Ball field
- Barbecue shelter

Management Issues

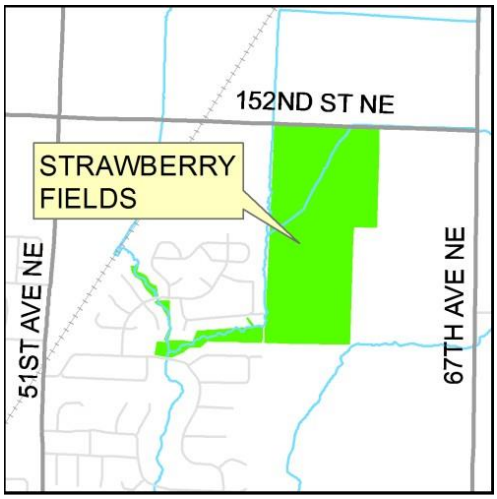
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above
- Soccer fields require extensive maintenance including mowing and fertilizing

Recommended Improvements

- Replace grass fields with synthetic Field Turf product on the three full-size soccer fields

Strawberry Fields for Rover

6100 152nd Street NE



Opened in the winter of 2009, this three-acre features an off-leash dog park. In April 2010, Puget Sound Energy donated 13 shade trees to spruce up the park assisted by the Marysville Dog Owners Group and Camp Fire USA.

Inventory

- Off-leash area
- Dog waste bag dispensers
- A fenced, gated concrete area
- Internal fenced small-dog area
- Drinking fountain for dogs and people
- Trees
- Benches

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

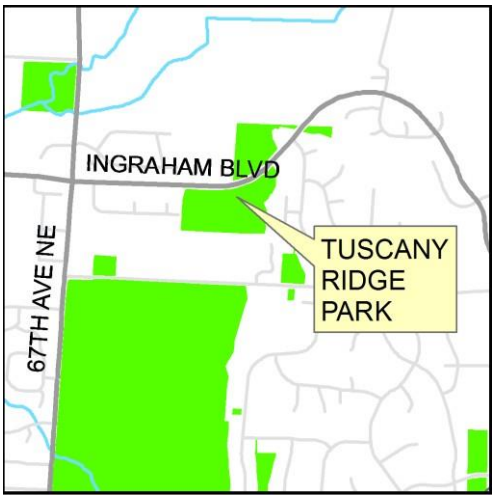
Recommended Improvements

- Replace fencing
- Culvert replacement along Quil-Ceda Creek for improvement access
    - Funding secured from FEMA and project is scheduled for 2020

Tuscany Ridge Park

8512 Getchell Hill Road

This hillside 1.2-acre park located near Cedarcrest Golf Course and Marysville Getchell High School was added to the Marysville parks system in 1996. This park provides several recreational opportunities with an open space play area, playground equipment and a half-court basketball court.



Inventory

- Open space play area
- Half-court basketball court
- Playground equipment

Management Issues

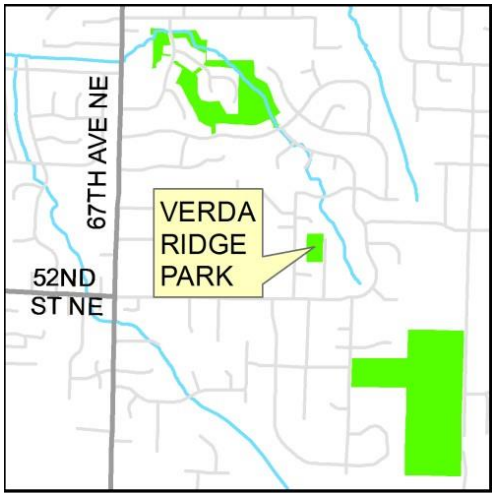
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Verda Ridge Park

5321 73rd Avenue NE



Added to the Marysville parks system in 1995 as a 1.8-acre park.

Inventory

- Basketball court
- Swing set (replaced in 2016)
- Trails

Management Issues

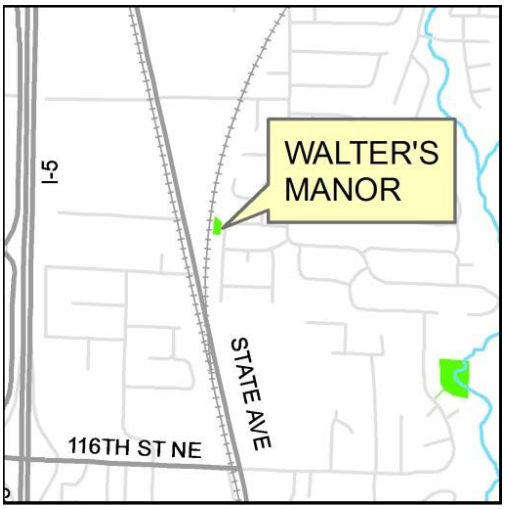
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- Basketball courts need new surfacing
- Add new picnic tables and benches
- Barbeque on pad

Walter's Manor

East of 41st Avenue generally south of 124th Place NE



This 0.33-acre park was dedicated to Snohomish County on June 7, 1978 with the platting of the Walter's Manor subdivision and was inherited by the City of Marysville with the Central Marysville Annexation which was finalized on December 30, 2009. The park features an open space area.

Inventory

- Open space area

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Whiskey Ridge Park

Adjacent property next to 8103 81st Drive NE

A 1.5 acre neighborhood park.

Inventory

- Trail
- Basketball, half-court
- Benches

Management Issues

- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

- No improvements are presently recommended

Youth Peace Park

Grove Street and 67th Avenue NE

This 1.48-acre park was dedicated to the City by residents in the adjacent Cedarcrest Manor neighborhood. It was built in 2003 in a single day by more than 100 volunteers and based on a park plan developed by students from the Marysville Middle School Leadership/Life Skills class. The park features a swing set and the City's first outdoor wall climbing system and picnic tables. A key attraction is a crescent-shaped memorial wall with inlaid decorative tiles and a garden that remembers loved ones, celebrates youth and serves as a reminder of the dangers of substance abuse and violence.

Inventory

- Swing set
- Wall climbing system
- Decorative memorial wall
- Picnic tables

Management Issues

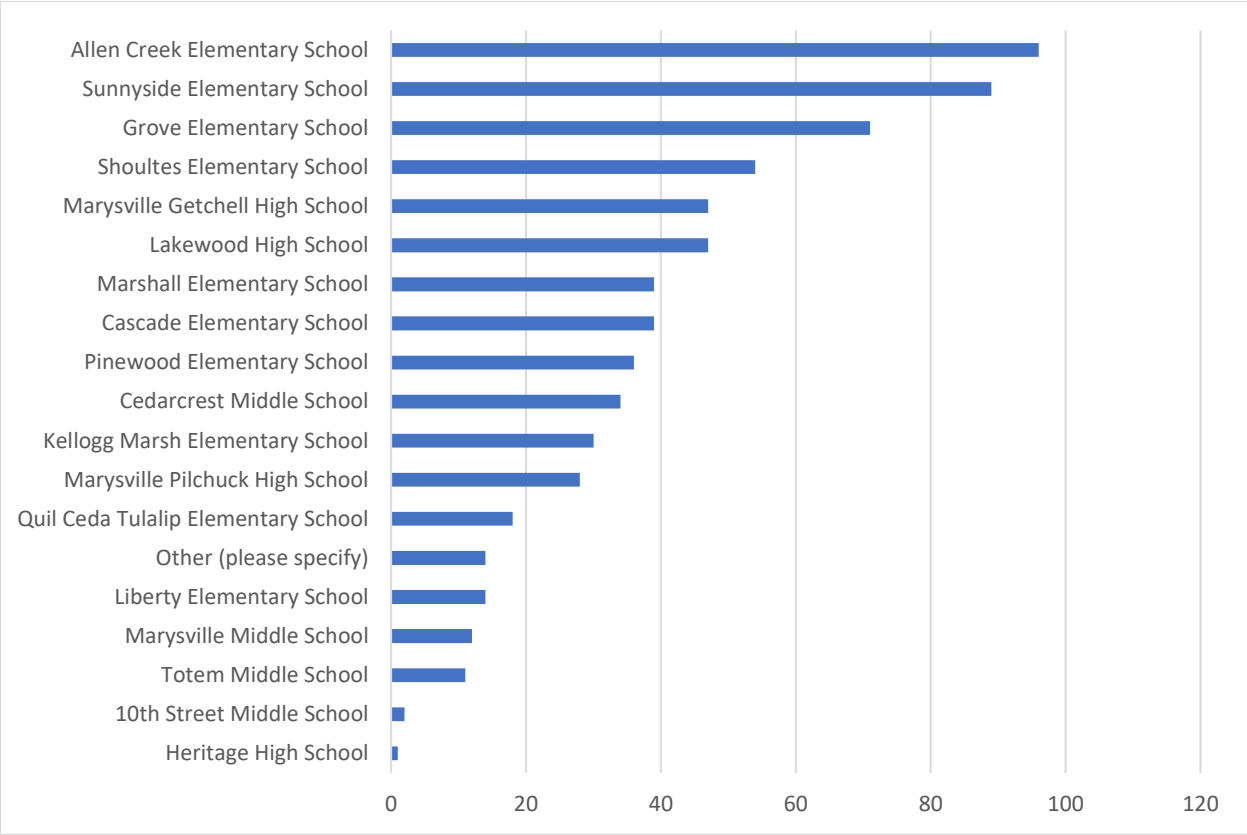
- Maintenance to inventory items listed above

Recommended Improvements

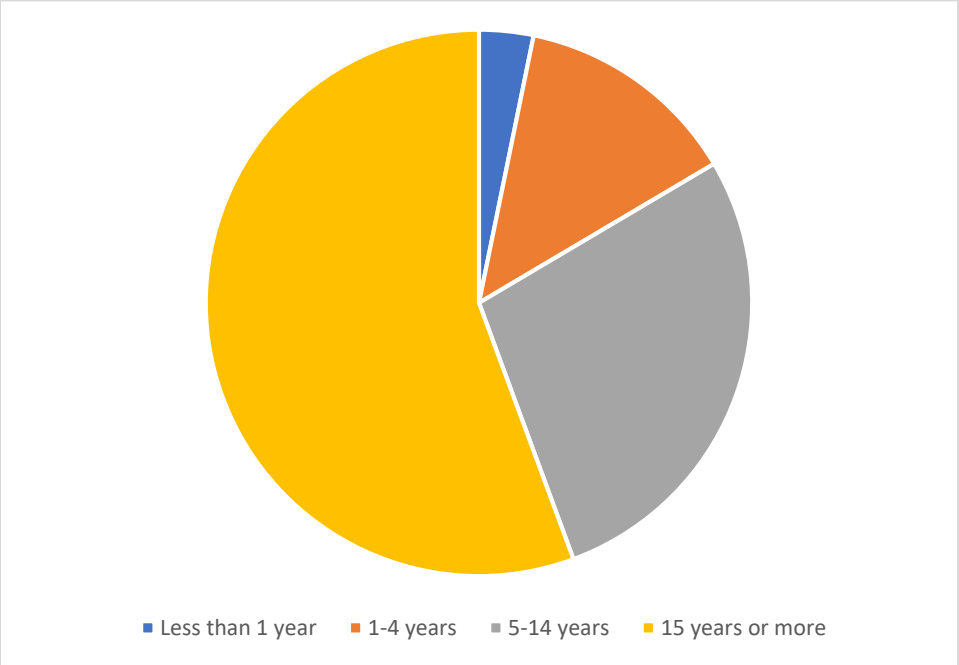
- Irrigation upgrades needed

Appendix D: Community Survey Results

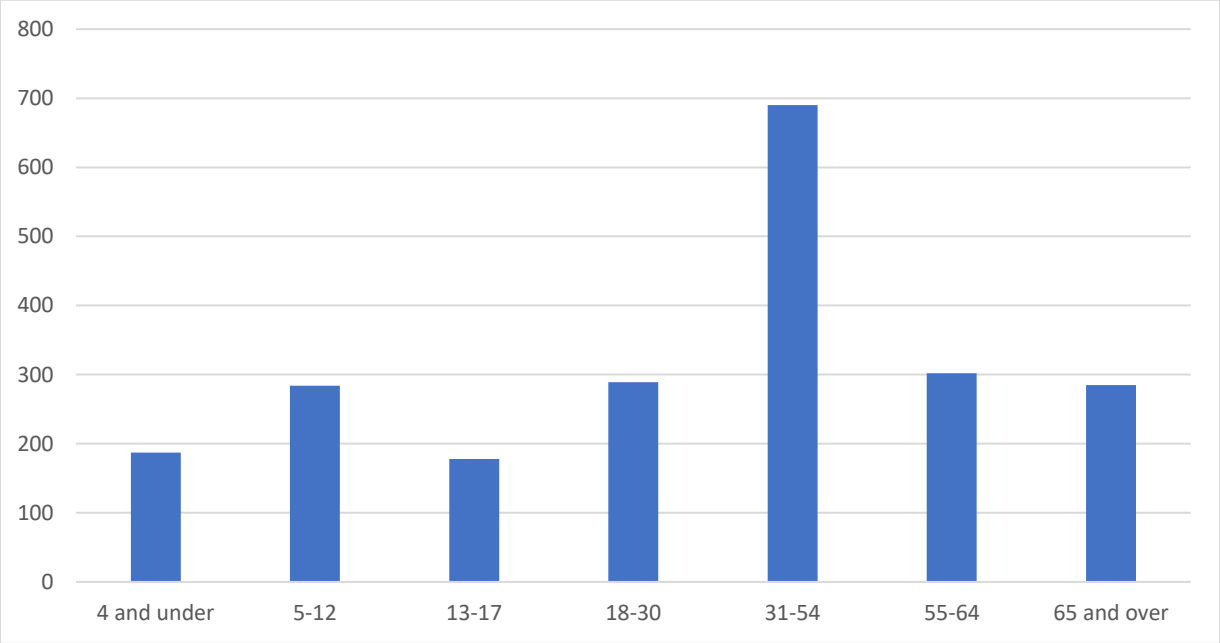
1. Which of the following schools is closest to your home?



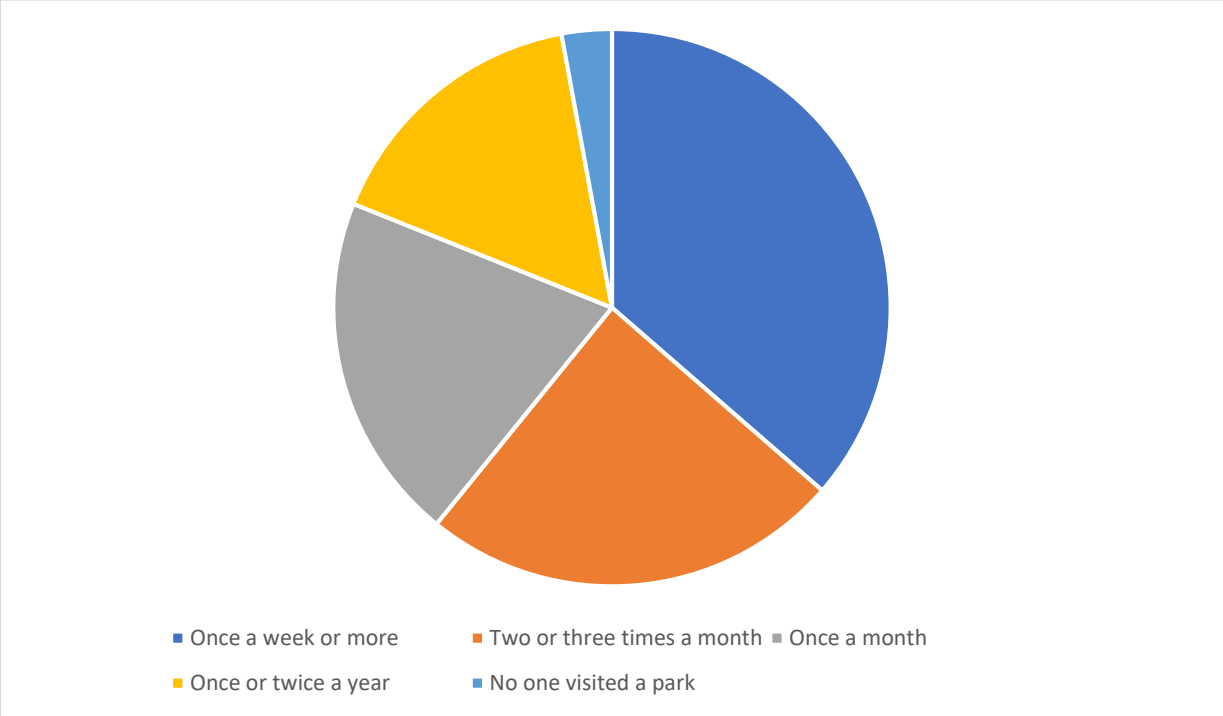
2. How long have you lived in Marysville?



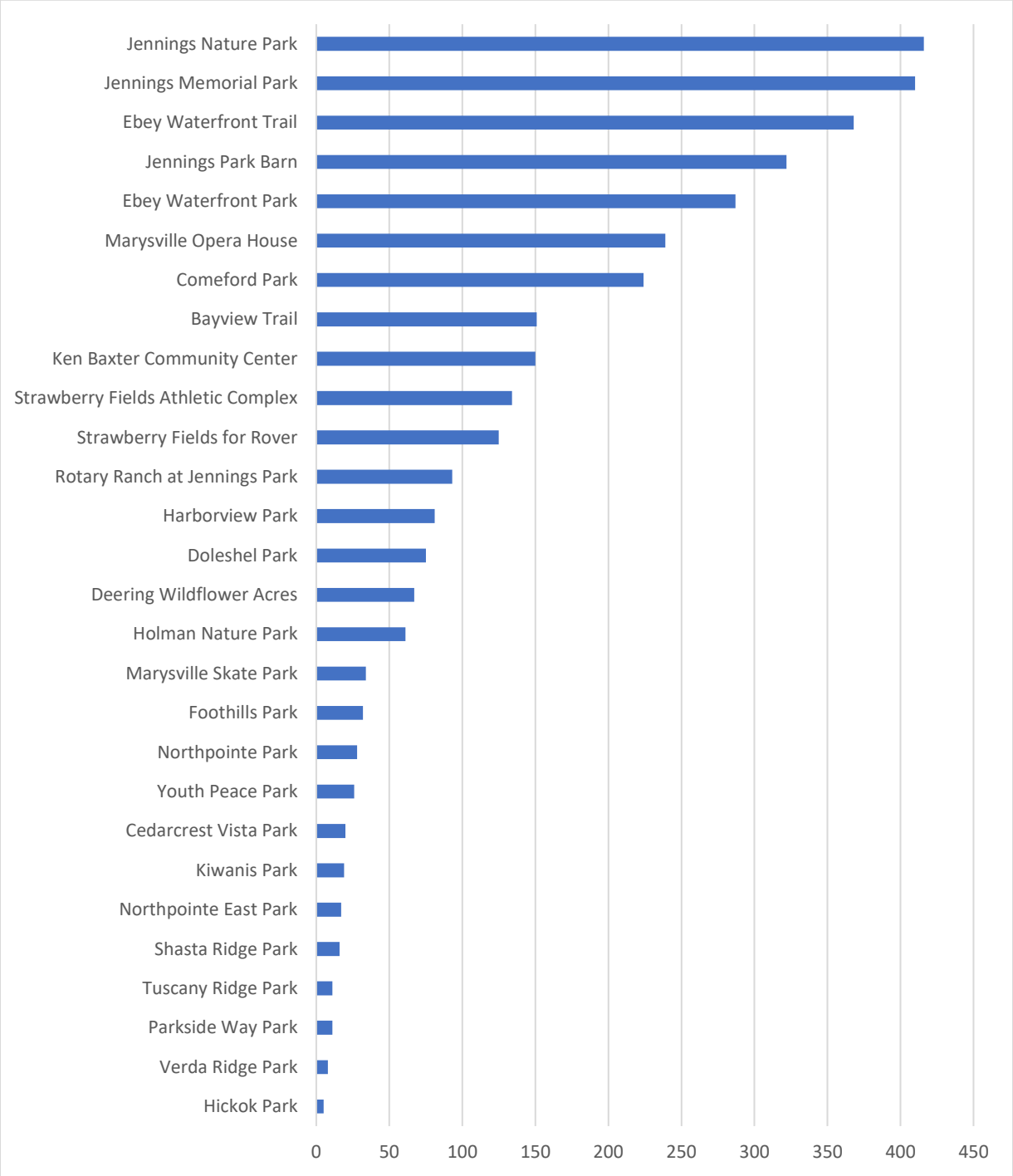
3. Please indicate the number of household members in each of the following age groups.



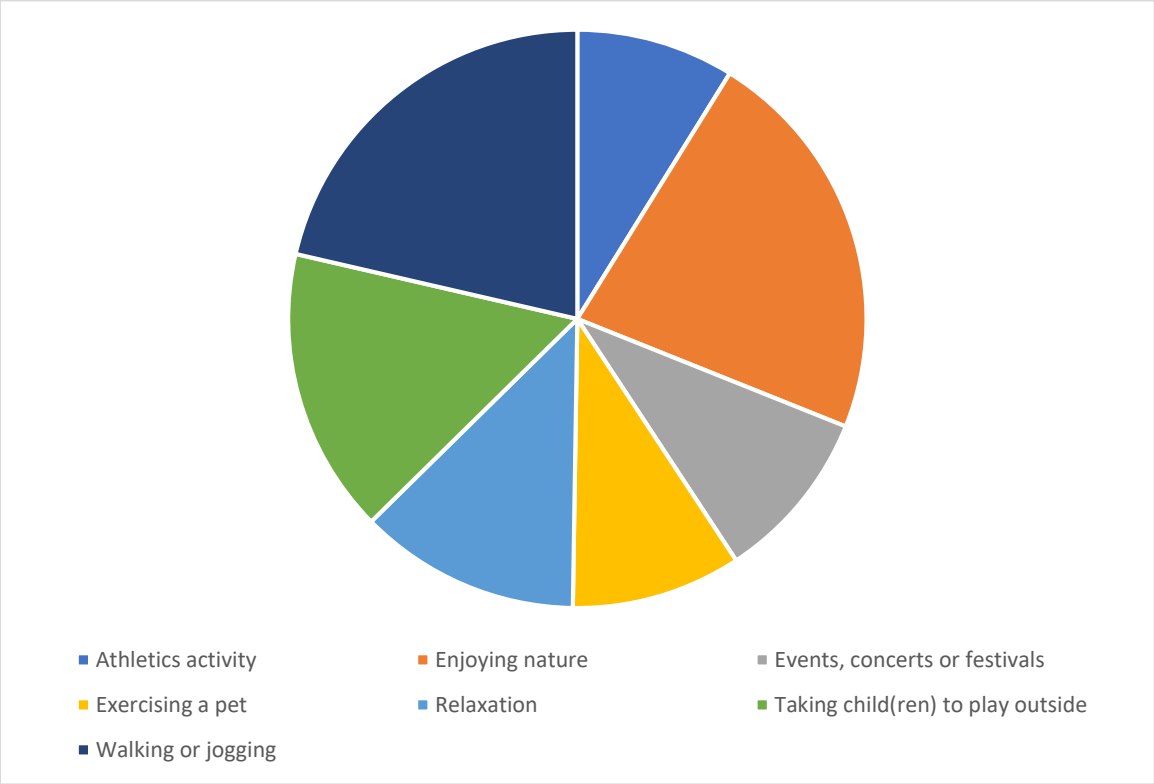
4. On average in 2019, how often did someone from your household visit a Marysville city park?



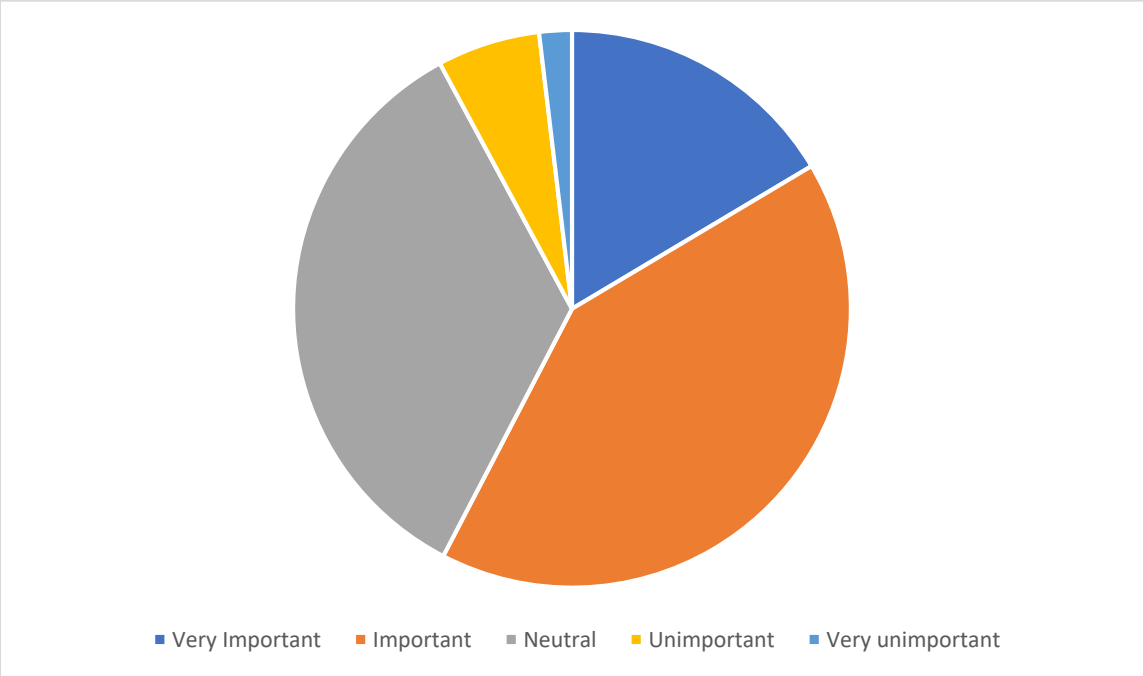
5. Which City of Marysville parks, facilities and trails were visited by someone from your household in 2019?



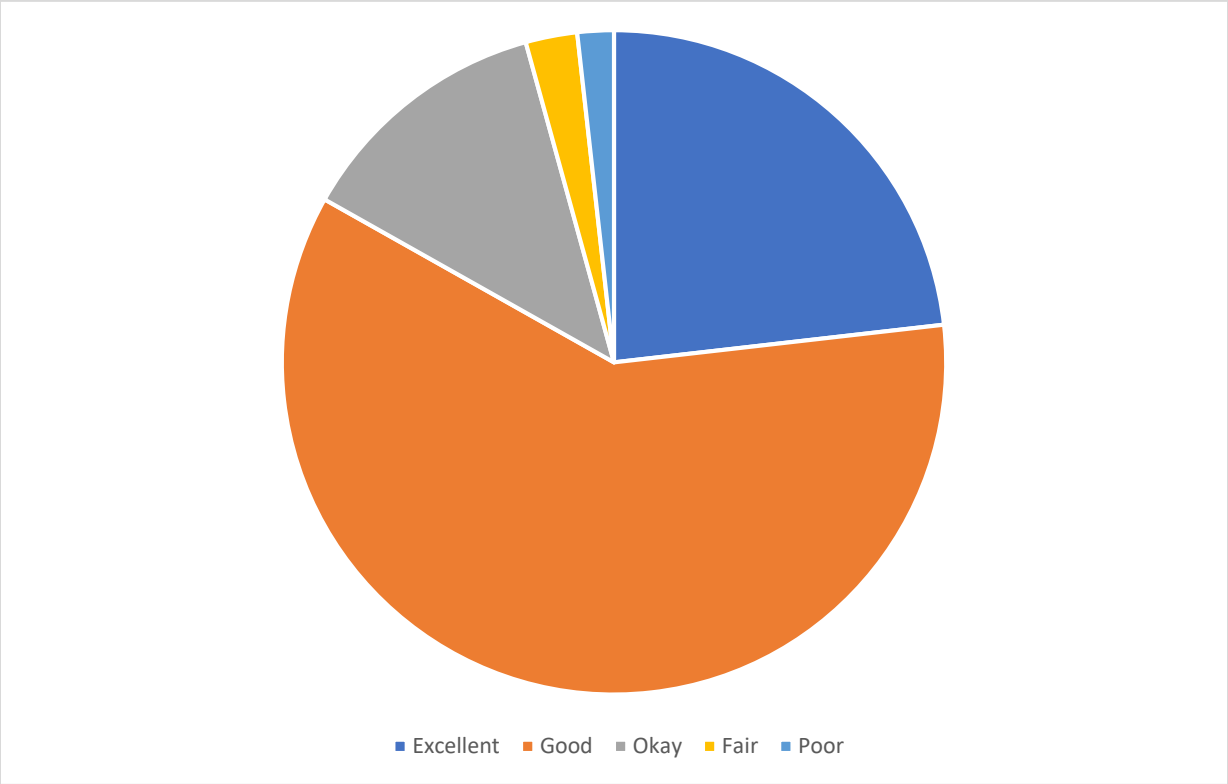
6. When you go to a park, what is usually the main reason?



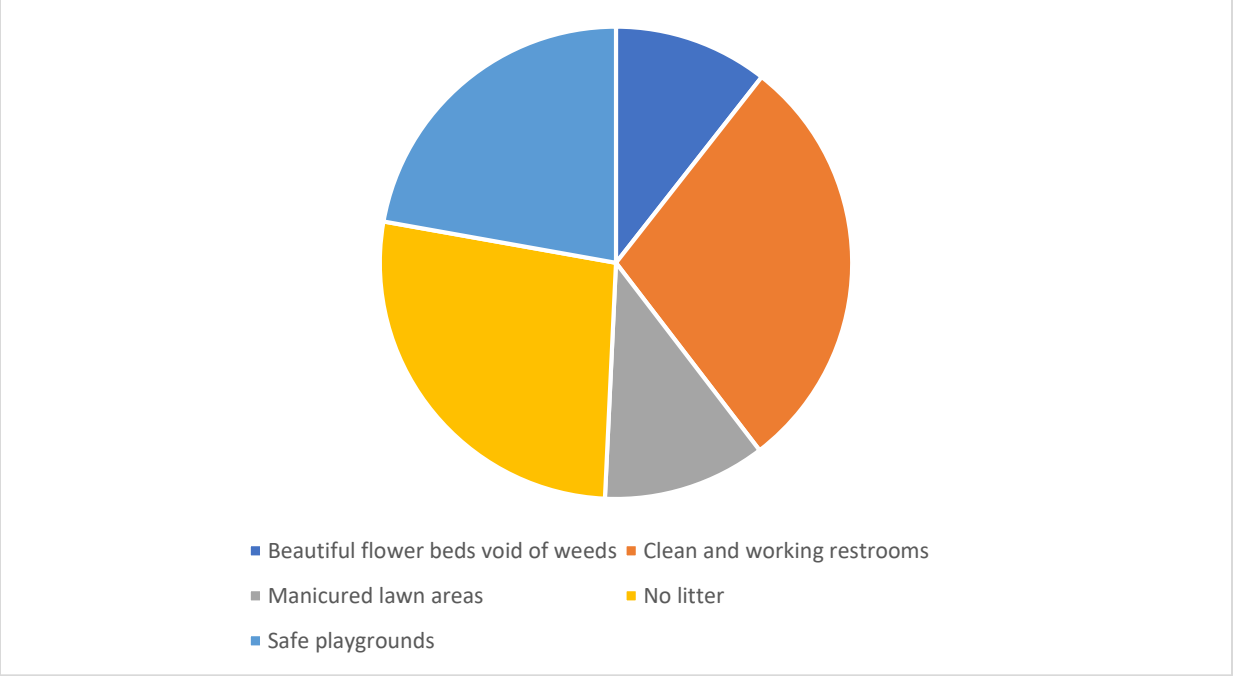
7. When you go to a park, how important is educational signage providing information about topics is geography, geologic, history, plants or animals?



8. How would you rate the general upkeep and maintenance of City of Marysville parks?



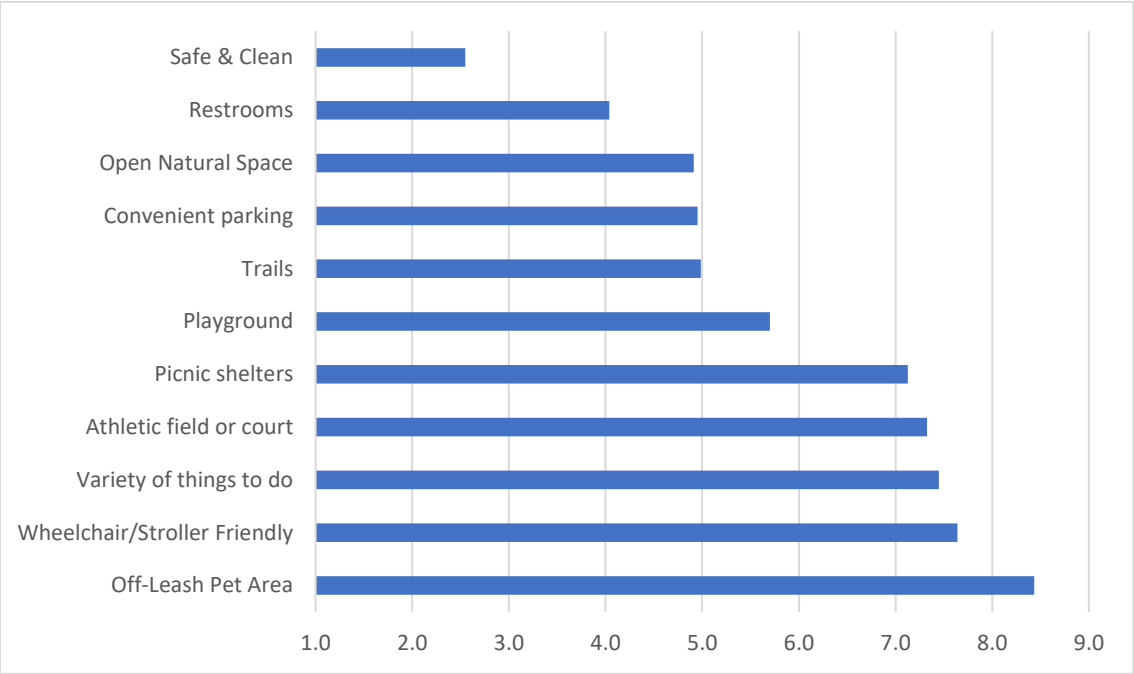
9. In terms of park upkeep and maintenance, what are top priorities?



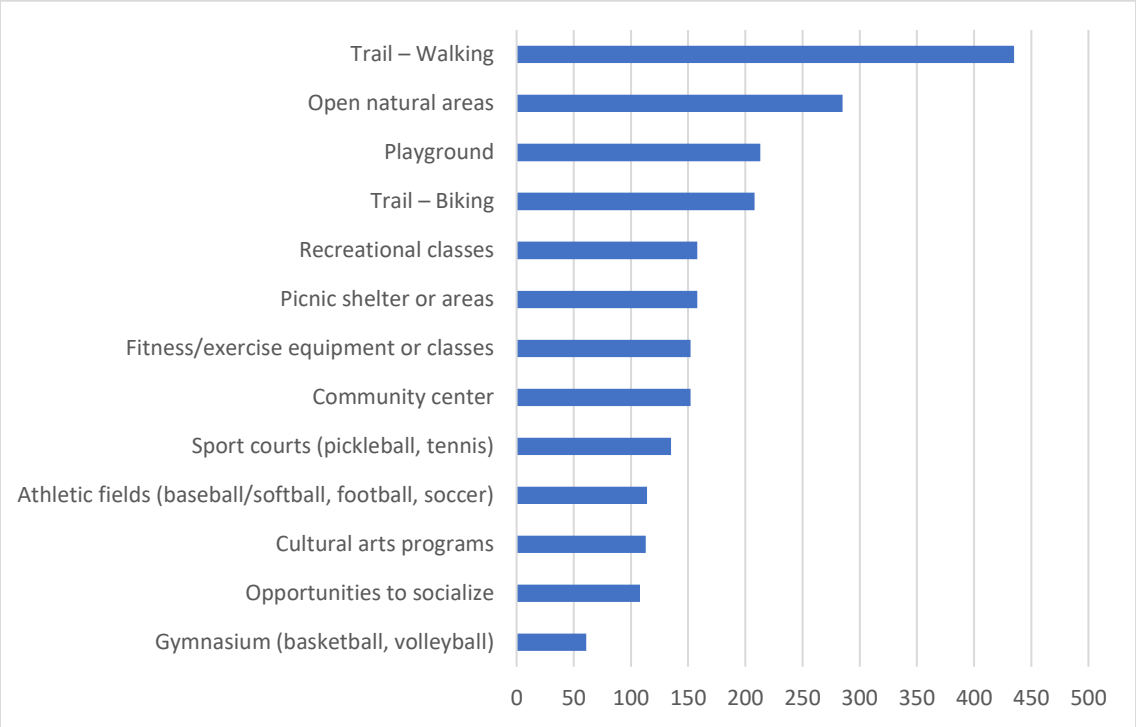
Other answers:

Frequency of Answer	Answer
20	No homeless/drug use/drug paraphernalia
16	Walking paths/trails (well maintained/not overgrown, possibly paved/smooth/no tripping hazards)
9	Beautiful vegetation/Native plants (no invasive)
9	Safety
6	Graffiti free
6	Sports courts/facilities (pickleball, well maintained)
3	Drinking fountains/water stations
3	Picnic tables/benches (clean, attractive)
3	No dogs/Fines for off-leash dogs/Reminders for pet owners to scoop the poop
2	Natural wooded areas
1	Cedarcrest Golf course repairs
1	Directly behind the barn in Jennings Park is an area by a wooden fence that should be cleared and made into an ADA accessible Viewpoint of the park.
1	Excellent spaces for children to grow and explore
1	Fences fixed
1	Healthy safe environment(s) that support our families and community to advance and grow in a sustainable earth friendly environment.
1	More off-leash areas
1	Outdoor areas for exercise
1	Put the swings back!! People can go to casinos-- who is looking out for kids?! Nervous people can choose to abstain.
1	Take down the idiotic barriers around the playground equipment. Put the swings back up. How about some signage advising Karen to leave me and my family alone. Enough of this lunacy!
1	Welcoming atmosphere
1	When waiting for the Opera House to open, I read all the little signs while I am waiting including future attractions. It is best to have these planned well in advance.

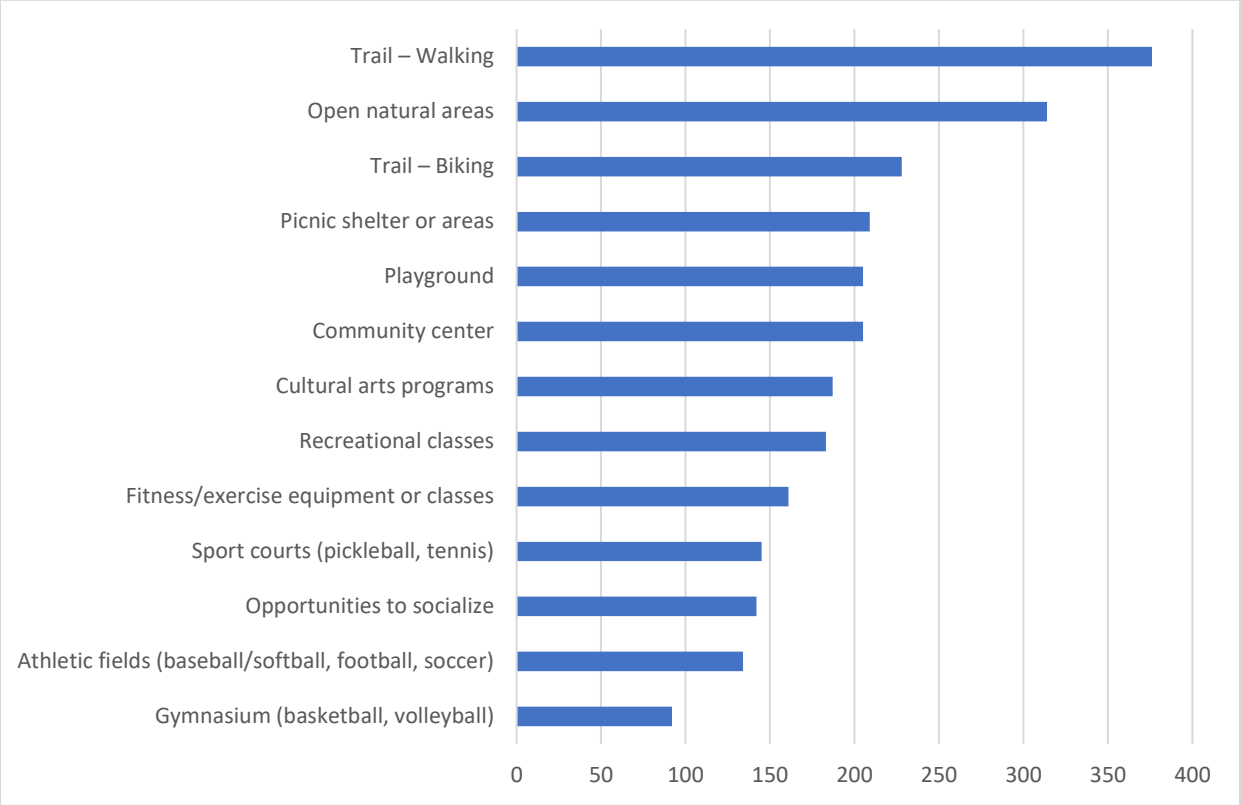
10. Please rank the following park factors in order of importance to you with 1 being most important and 11 being least important.



11. What would you most like to see added within a 15-minute walking distance of your home. (Select all that apply.)



12. What would you most like to see added within a 15-minute drive of your home. (Select all that apply.)



13. Using the scale below, rate the current level of parks, culture and recreation opportunities in Marysville available in for each of the following groups.

	Excellent		Good		Okay		Fair		Poor	
4 and under	61	14.0%	211	48.3%	101	23.1%	42	9.6%	22	5.0%
Ages 5-12	83	17.6%	247	52.4%	97	20.6%	33	7.0%	11	2.3%
Ages 13-17	21	5.1%	136	32.8%	128	30.8%	74	17.8%	56	13.5%
Ages 18-30	24	5.5%	165	37.9%	140	32.2%	70	16.1%	36	8.3%
Ages 31-54	38	7.7%	198	40.0%	176	35.6%	53	10.7%	30	6.1%
Ages 55-64	38	9.0%	179	42.5%	125	29.7%	53	12.6%	26	6.2%
Ages 65+	40	10.0%	157	39.3%	107	26.8%	57	14.3%	38	9.5%
TOTAL	305	9.9%	1293	42.1%	874	28.4%	382	12.4%	219	7.1%

14. Using the scale below, rate the likelihood of someone from your household attending the following events in 2021.

	Very Likely		Likely		Unsure		Unlikely		Very Unlikely	
Family Dances	68	10.1%	58	8.6%	69	10.2%	108	16.0%	372	55.1%
Outdoor Entertainment	164	24.0%	267	39.0%	118	17.3%	65	9.5%	70	10.2%
Specialty Events for Kids	145	21.4%	129	19.1%	69	10.2%	107	15.8%	226	33.4%
Specialty Events for Adults	110	16.2%	173	25.4%	197	29.0%	114	16.8%	86	12.6%
Specialty Events for Families	174	25.6%	222	32.7%	117	17.2%	85	12.5%	81	11.9%
Opera House Events	171	24.9%	242	35.3%	152	22.2%	73	10.6%	48	7.0%
Vendor Events	151	22.2%	238	34.9%	153	22.5%	86	12.6%	53	7.8%

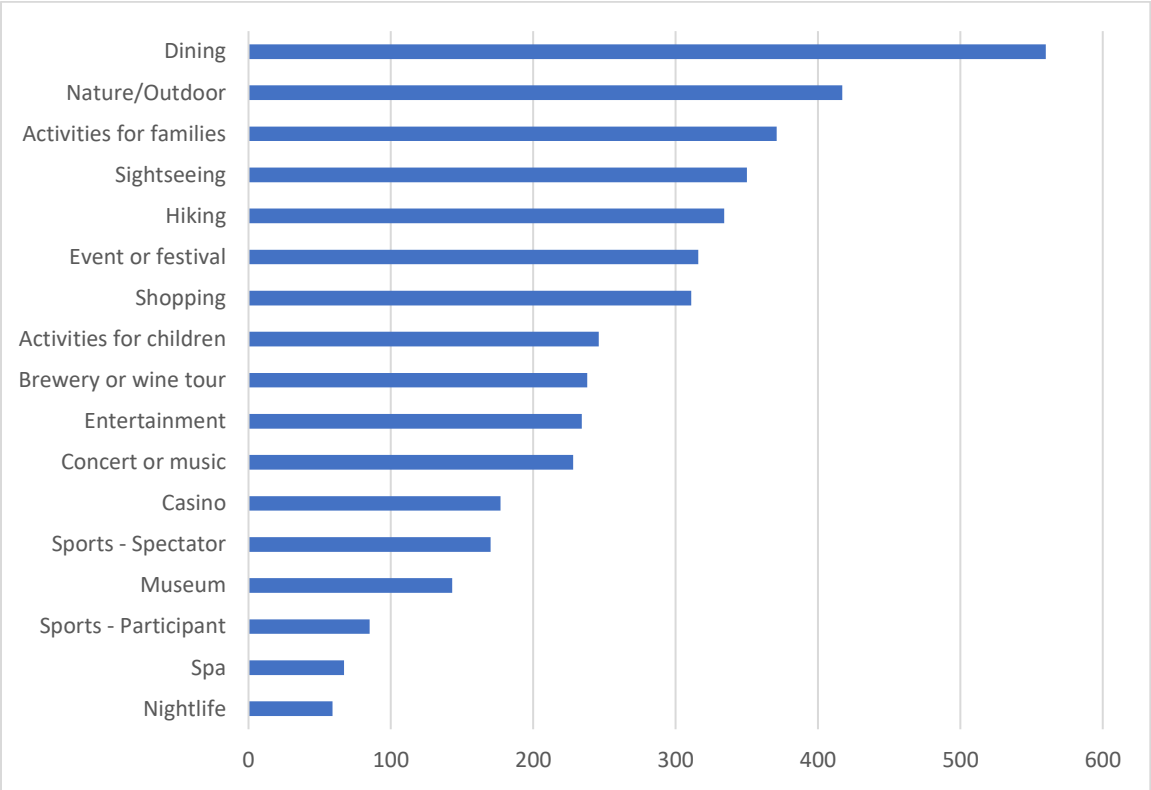
15. How would you rate Marysville's need for facilities or spaces to accommodate the following types of active recreational uses?

	High Need		Moderate Need		Low Need	
Walking/Hiking	422	66.0%	175	27.4%	42	6.6%
Swimming	321	51.7%	222	35.7%	78	12.6%
Play Areas – Playgrounds	288	47.2%	243	39.8%	79	13.0%
Musical performances	233	37.6%	296	47.7%	91	14.7%
Biking	240	39.0%	285	46.3%	91	14.8%
Play Areas – Spray Parks	271	42.3%	270	42.2%	99	15.5%
Cultural performances	204	33.1%	306	49.6%	107	17.3%
Aerobics/Fitness	183	29.4%	314	50.4%	126	20.2%
Art Classes	164	26.5%	317	51.2%	138	22.3%
Music Lessons	150	25.0%	293	48.9%	156	26.0%
Tennis	135	22.4%	299	49.6%	169	28.0%
Dance	111	18.3%	320	52.7%	176	29.0%
Basketball	140	23.9%	273	46.6%	173	29.5%
Baseball/Softball	148	24.9%	269	45.3%	177	29.8%
Volleyball	100	16.9%	305	51.7%	185	31.4%
Soccer	143	23.8%	244	40.7%	213	35.5%
Climbing	118	19.7%	261	43.6%	219	36.6%
Skateboarding	89	15.0%	282	47.4%	224	37.6%
Pickleball	120	19.8%	249	41.1%	237	39.1%
Ranges (archery, rifle)	145	23.8%	211	34.6%	253	41.5%
Weight room	89	14.9%	258	43.3%	249	41.8%
Football	78	13.2%	260	44.0%	253	42.8%
Golf	96	15.8%	224	37.0%	286	47.2%
Ice skating	105	17.5%	201	33.4%	295	49.1%

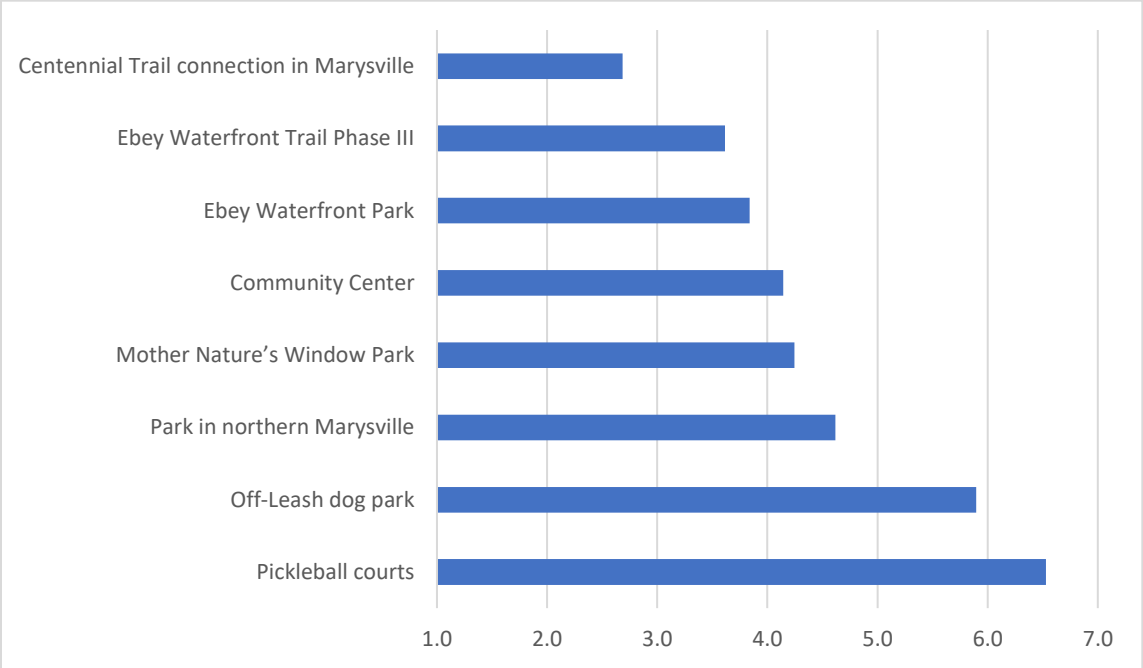
16. How would you rate Marysville's need for facilities or spaces to accommodate the following types of passive recreational uses?

	High Need		Moderate Need		Low Need	
Bike lanes along streets	259	40.7%	227	35.7%	150	23.6%
Bike trails – Paved	325	50.6%	241	37.5%	76	11.8%
Bike trails – Unpaved	152	24.4%	280	44.9%	192	30.8%
Boating – Hand launch	137	22.5%	275	45.2%	197	32.3%
Boating – Docks	142	23.4%	278	45.7%	188	30.9%
Community gardens	214	34.0%	285	45.3%	130	20.7%
Cultural/historic sites	201	32.5%	269	43.5%	149	24.1%
Nature trails	388	60.2%	221	34.3%	35	5.4%
Off-leash dog areas	170	27.1%	275	43.8%	183	29.1%
Picnic areas (shelters, tables)	215	34.4%	325	52.0%	85	13.6%
Walking and jogging trails – Paved	370	57.5%	219	34.0%	55	8.5%
Walking and jogging trails – Unpaved	271	42.7%	254	40.1%	109	17.2%
Wildlife viewing	299	46.7%	244	38.1%	97	15.2%

17. When you have guests visiting you in town, what are things you go do with them?



18. Prioritize the following future projects in order from 1 being most important to 7 being least important?



19. Is there anything else you would like to share about parks, culture and recreation in Marysville?

- A dedicated sports facility is needed. Is the community center going to be replaced with more sports activities with active classes instead of meeting rooms?
- A huge need for Pickleball courts
- Add several horseshoe pits at Jennings Park.
- Adding parks and recreation space will only be utilized if people feel safe. Many existing parks and trails go unused because of safety concerns. I also find it ironic that you ask my opinion on “nature and natural resources” when the City just torn down 5 acres of forest that could easily had been made into a park but put in 30 homes instead. I understand that is out of your control as the Parks Dept. but it’s frustrating to me as a 30 year resident of Marysville.
- After seeing the community pull together for an all-city graduation parade has it been mention that having more community involvement for graduation parties and other forms of celebration for the four schools would be appreciated.
- An expanded, more active community center would go a long way to removing the bedroom commuter feel of the town. Also, more trails for purposeful travel as well as recreation would be valuable.
- An Ice Rink and/or street hockey rink similar to the one at Forest Park an Everett would be amazing. The rinks all across Snohomish/King county are usually pretty busy
- Any group activities for the next year will be a probable no/unknown for the next year
- Appreciate all the hard work, effort, planning and thoughtfulness put in to your work each day to make this community a safe and fun place to grow up. Your commitment to bringing important cultural events to broaden the perspectives of our diverse community do not go unnoticed. Thank you for all of your hard work to meet the needs of our community.
- Appreciate being asked for feedback
- As I said, I do live in Arlington however I go to Marysville at least several days a week and I do most all of my shopping in Marysville. I wish you could bring back Senior Dances at the Opera House! Wish our present health concerns - when our state is in safer level - I wish we could have line dancing (no physical touch) and I'd wear a mask - wish for that at the Opera House. Thank you! I am a low-income senior, however I am very active.
- At Doleshel Park, it seems there could be a fenced in area for dogs. It's fenced on 2 sides already.
- Because schools are the used like parks it would be nice if these areas were coordinated with the parks Dept. to upgrade, beautify and maintain them.
- Been waiting for Mother Nature's Window to be (lightly) developed for some years now. It is a rare resource and one that will be cherished by families of all ages. Please move it forward.
- Being able to walk near nature and away from traffic has improved our health. Thank you for growing the trail system! Also, your parks and rec programs have been excellent.

We've enjoyed them for over 20 years.

- Better availability of fitness classes such as yoga and exercise for older adults. Session schedules typically don't accommodate those of us who still work.
- Better selection of music in the park. Hold it near the barn, so it can be easier to get to for our elders.
- Bring back Music in the Park with Social Distancing
- build some Pickleball courts, please
- Check out BlueZones.com
- City of Marysville does a great job with parks. Thank you for all that you do.
- Clean restrooms needed in the dinosaur park side at Jennings... Too far to walk with toddlers from dinosaur park to restroom near barn. Also, dirty bathrooms at Jennings in general. Great park besides that!!! Maybe a park ranger presence at Ebey and Jennings... Uncomfortable sometimes with people lurking around children's areas...
- Community center with a maker space
- Concert venues, disc golf, miniature golf, indoor public pool,
- Connecting Ebey waterfront trail to centennial trail #1
- Connect existing events with other organization for comprehensive community planned events
- Covered tennis courts?
- doing a very good job at present
- Don’t like bums at Ebey, don't feel very safe there, so I wouldn’t use any further improvements. Too many dogs in general, I would be more open to dog parks if dogs were restricted in other parks, its gotten ridiculous, I love pets in general, but there is just no place to go where there's not dog feces or someone who has a dog they can’t control or?
- Due to safety, “No off leash dog park” at Parkside Way Park due to the private residents directly adjacent
- Ebey trail has been a lifesaver during the Covid epidemic. My family is so grateful for that beautiful trail that we have been walking almost every day.
- Ebey waterfront Trail is one of the best features of its type in Puget Sound. I'd sure like to see it completed. The City of Marysville must work to protect the world class views from that area. I would like to see a north south bike – pedestrian path through the area known as the MIC connecting to the Centennial Trail. A park celebrating the astounding views from that area would be a nice addition before it fills up with industrial facilities.
- Ensure each playground has swings.
- Ensure Kindermusik continues!
- Especially enjoy opera house programs. Fees for individual classes are sometimes too high.
- Events that start at 5 pm on a weeknight exclude many working adults.
- Excellent classes
- Existing parks need to be maintained better! And keep the homeless druggies out!!
- Fun playground equipment like zip-lines and climbing structures would be great along with traditional slide and swings etc.

- Good job so far
- good list of things
- Help promote historical museum signs in town
- historical museums
- Hope you keep the adult dance classes! They are great.
- However much I would like to see the completion of the Ebey trails and parks, I think making sure that what the city currently has can be properly maintained. This concern arises from my awareness that budgets may have to be reduced due to the financial impact of the pandemic and I think at this juncture maintaining and/or expanding social services has a higher priority than new or expanded parks.
- I am a wheelchair using. There needs to be more truly accessories trails and parks
- I appreciate all of the walking trails! Also the things like the Easter egg hunt.
- I appreciate how much hard work, time and thought is put into our community by parks and rec, thank you!
- I appreciate music programs at the Opera House. And enjoy nature walking hiking and biking.
- I appreciate the different ways they get the word out about their events. Social media, Signs and Banners, Flyers, print advertising, using the Chamber to help promote events. Awesome job!
- I appreciate the survey and a chance to respond
- I appreciate the work Marysville puts into the upkeep of the parks and program they offer.
- I appreciate your website with all the activities posted.
- I believe Marysville has a great opportunity to continue growing and being a friendly and safe city to live in. The parks are many and they require a heavy work crew to maintain. Consider adding more staff to fill this need.
- I believe there is a huge need for are pre teen, teen and young adults
- I enjoy Marysville's classes, parks and trails. Thank you for wanting to continue to improve the program.
- I enjoy most of the parks that Marysville offers. Homeless is a problem for the enjoyment of the parks though.
- I have really enjoyed the friendliness of all the staff.
- I like our parks dept. You are all doing a great job! :)
- I like what you do. Good job.
- I live in the Shasta Ridge development in South Marysville. The playground we currently have at Shasta Ridge Park is not very accommodating for children under the age of seven. Considering how many kids we have in this neighborhood that are young, several families would like a play structure better suited for a younger age group.
- I love Marysville, I love the parks. What a dreamy place to raise our family. Please continue to make the parks safe for moms with littles by having police patrol on bikes. I would love police on the Bayview trail, that trail can feel unsafe at times. Love how well maintained the parks are, thank you Marysville!
- I love the Opera House & have attended dozens of events there. The staff is amazing!

- I love the variety of activities offered and the ease of signing up/registering for activities. The office staff are very friendly and knowledgeable.
- I miss kickball. Mr. Dave Hall and his staff have done a fantastic job through the entirety of the time I coached youth soccer. A beneficial class/program might be a coach the coach program. Moreover, insuring that we invest in our park(s) staff in training and resources to promote and protect our environment and all of its inhabitants in order to secure an earth first habit for future generations. We are but borrowing these communal assets. We must be the best of stewards.
- I really enjoy when there is a historical place or information about the area to read and learn more posted.
- I think having more bike friendly areas would be great!!
- I think it would be a good idea to have a drive-in theater in Marysville
- I think it would be of benefit to the community to include art pieces from native and local artists to beautify and diversify our parks.
- I think the Parks department has done a good job adjusting to the growing community. Please continue to grow opportunities to recreate in Marysville with events at the Opera house, more classes for adults and connecting trails. We could really use both additional gym space and a community pool (whether in partnership with SD or on our own) that is reflective of the size of our community.
- I would like a nice park, trees, park benches, and a walking trail.
- I would like better paved areas where we can bike without having such deep steeps to connect to the new walking trail off of 4th
- I would like to add a Little Free Library at Comeford Park.
- I would like to attend the Opera House speaker series every month. However I have a 4-H commitment also on the 2nd Tues of the month. Could you please consider changing the Opera House series to another day of the month? I usually leave Lynnwood by 2PM to avoid traffic, and have a nice meal in Marysville, before arriving at the Opera House. Your Opera House is bringing new revenue to your businesses.
- I would like to see nonprofit Marysville area performing arts groups given free or low cost access to performance venues
- I would like to see Morse parks North of Marysville city limits.
- I would like to see safe bike/walk trail access to Everett
- I would love an aquatics center! Maybe as part of a community center?
- I would love to get a paved pump track for bikes. Some cities have done this and it's brining in lots of people and if done right can host actual races and events year round.
- I would love to see an outdoor pool or some type of water park. The spray parks are great for kids, but I'm an adult that loves swimming outdoors in the sun
- I would love to see some teen-friendly options other than skate parks.
- I would love to see someplace to play cornhole
- I would love to see the east and west sides of the Ebey Waterfront Trail connected via a pedestrian bridge on the south end!
- I would love to see the playgrounds cleaned and maintained more often, especially with covid 19. It would be great to be able to take our kids out and know they are safe

- I would really love to have community gardens.
- I've always appreciated how well kept our parks are. Thank you!
- Ice rink or swimming pool would be an amazing addition! Or just more walking trails. I see people on the Bayview trail everyday year round
- I'd love to see the opera house used more for presentations and the sharing of outdoor activities the community is involved in. Everybody to be engaged and somewhat active.
- I'm looking forward to the upcoming projects in Marysville! I'd love to have more running trails and bike lanes throughout town, as well as some community gardens :) Thank you!
- Invest in youth arts. Theatre, art, music
- It is great to see the demand for pickleball lessons and leagues. I tried to get into both but they were already filled. COVID is limiting but there are also a lot of players not trying to sign up since they are concerned about becoming infected. So demand is likely much higher in better times.
- It is very frustrating how bike lanes abruptly end along streets and roads. Make the city more bike friendly and safer for bike users. I'd do much more shopping on my bike.
- It's a very important part of the community for all ages.
- It's a beautiful place and so much that would make it more inviting for the future
- I've heard that Marysville is getting 2 Pickleball courts...where will they be located and when will they be ready...huge sincere thx
- Just keep the parks clean form graffiti homeless people drug use drug paraphernalia alcohol abuse smoking and maintained properly policed by the police regularly.
- Just to add that the park at Shasta ridge needs to be updated for all the families who live here. It has absolutely no function. Please, please update our park!
- Keep Mother Nature's Window as is... allow a place for the wildlife to live in Marysville without being outrun by people and actives.
- Keep the small traditional festivals, walking, and playing areas for all ages
- keep them free to users
- Keep up the good work
- Keep up the good work and thanks for thinking of future generations to have access to nature/parks
- Linking the Bayview Trail to Centennial Trail would give the city many miles of safe recreation.
- Looking forward to the community center reopening and continuing my dance classes
- Love all the great parks especially Deering Wildflower Trail.
- Love the events at the Opera House
- Love the flowers on state street
- Love the kids fishing at Jennings pond!
- Love the parks and trails and use them often. Looking forward to improvements and more open areas in the future. Our city is doing an awesome job!!!!
- Love the programs. Lots for young seniors to do
- Love them. Want more!! Especially North!
- maintain lawn at Shasta ridge

- Many cities have walking trails in their golf courses. Is the feasible for Marysville?
- Marysville has a great Parks and Recreation Department which gives Marysville a great image and sense of community. When we moved to Marysville we jumped right in on all of the program offerings we could. Please focus on another community center and waterfront development like other growing cities.
- Marysville has lots of parks for families. Thank you.
- Marysville has some nice trails but they are disconnected from each other. Connecting them would be really nice. Also, it is really difficult to bike around town because none of the east/west routes are safe especially with young children.
- Marysville has the best parks and recreation department. Kudos to you!!!
- Marysville Library a parks maintenance responsibility? It is our primary community resource. Last year the grounds were unkempt, littered and uninviting. The golf course has repair needs, especially a drainage problem near the 9th green creating a lake across the cart path!
- Marysville parks and rec softball league is played on embarrassingly bad field surfaces. I understand that they are owned by the school district, but they are going to cause a serious injury.
- Maybe an indoor water park or some sort of amusement park
- Maybe focus money on homelessness resources so they won't try to live in parks. People definitely use drugs in the park so I don't know. How often do you sanitize play equipment? Kids have so many germs. More trash cans on trails so people don't ditch dog bags and trash on the side.
- Maybe more for teens
- Miss the petting zoo
- More access to waterways in Marysville
- More adult sports and fitness classes including dance lessons. I only look at parks and rec because I don't want to join a gym. More outdoor choices please!
- More basketball and volleyball courts
- More classes like Qi Gong and Tai Chi and Mindfulness for seniors would be lovely
- More concerts in the park
- More large off leash dog parks
- more meditation, essential oils and cooking classes
- More music events.
- More opportunities for community involvement, particularly for all ages.
- More park benches on trails would be nice.
- More safe bike options, Please!
- More seating and tables in the sun and shade in parks and trails
- More things for adults, the kids have plenty!
- More trails for walking/biking safely even for elderly and disabled.
- More trees, less people
- Mother Nature's window should be preserved as the old growth forests that it is
- multi-cultural night

- My family is into gardening and crafts, I wish you had kept the farmers market for next year. I wish you had a plant/seed sale this year, or the next coming years.
- My family lives close to Shasta Ridge Park. There is a lot of kids in this area of 83rd Ave, especially with all the new housing. The "playground" at Shasta ridge is just horrible. I see my kids and other kids trying their best to have fun there but there's no slide, no swings. I have never seen someone working out on the work out playground.
- My family loves walking trails, nature, and going to the park. I have two boys that are 6 and 7 that love going to the park. We would like a park that had more than just a kiddie swing and slide. Something to boost their imagination or to climb on. A park with taller slides, climbing structures, and more playground structures to choose from. Please keep the family activities coming! We enjoy outdoor movies, the Christmas activities, egg hunts, kids' day at Asbery Park, etc.
- Need a good disc (Frisbee) golf course
- Need a pool. We swim at Marysville Pilchuck pool but there are no family changing rooms and no locking lockers so it doesn't feel very safe.
- Need better parking and safety - too many break ins at Centennial Trail parking areas
- Need center just for seniors. I now use Lake Stevens. Need better public pool than YMCA and not in HS.
- Need for Pickleball courts and play for all ages
- Need more clogging opportunities.
- Need more disabled children activities!
- Need more garbage cans on trails
- Need more, keep up the good work and give the community more to do.
- Need safe play structures for children and those that are adaptive to children with special needs. Need a community center and a teen center.
- Need Sidewalk
- need to develop picnic (with covered areas) along Ebey trail
- Neighbor/citizen meeting/input to update before finalizing plans for Mother Nature's Window
- Nice work! Thanks for all you do :)
- Now I will make it a project to visit every one! You've got me curious!
- Obviously more off leash parks and places to walk your dogs. So many people have dogs that eves fenced in yard is not enough. It also is good for dogs and owners to socialize. If there was a way to create an off leas park for when it rains. (dreaming I know) The parks could use more equipment for younger children and places to sit for older folks.
- Offer online classes- exercise, some of the art classes
- Open Lakewood High School to pickleball. Develop a decent size archery range in the north end.
- Open the playgrounds. Little kid's need to have a place to play!
- Outdoor volleyball court would be nice.
- Overall I think that the Park Dept. does a great job maintaining the facilities. We were involved in Scouting for many years and the staff was very accommodating and provided a great place to support that program.

- Overall we have great parks. The walking trails are great. We need a better offering of community gyms for basketball and volleyball
- Overall, we think you do a pretty good job. We love Marysville!
- Parking close to trails are very limited to parking in private developments in front of private houses. True it's a public space but homeowners frown when you park there & if you're a minority it makes you uneasy.
- Parks are important for being outside and our well-being.
- Partner with Red Curtain Foundation to support the performing arts in the community.
- Perhaps thinking about Zoom or online fitness or cultural programs or even classes. It might be awhile before we are able to participate in large groups due to Civid19.
- Playground behind Blvd. market on Sunnyside
- Please build permanent pickleball courts. Thanks
- Please consider having baby/toddler classes on weekends or evening times during the week.
- Please give the skate park some attention. The kids love it but it is not kept up well at all, encouraging certain unsavory types to hang out there and scare the kids away.
- Please keep as many trees as possible, and plant more when some are cut! It would be WONDERFUL to have more bike lanes connecting parks.
- PLEASE open playgrounds!!! If people are worried they can choose to stay away. Children are being horribly punished by you. We are forced FORCED to pay incredibly huge salaries to teachers and librarians who are doing nothing and yet the children cannot play on playgrounds!!!! Horrible!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Please open the playgrounds and put the swings back up. If we can all share a filthy porta-potty we can share playground equipment
- Please provide table tennis facilities. Such great exercise and fun for kids, adults and especially seniors! It's indoors, can maintain social distance easily, fun and a good workout, easy to maintain. Ping pong please!!
- Please reopen playgrounds! Covid 19 outdoor transmission rates are incredibly low!
- Please work harder to preserve native vegetation and open space, and reduce invasive plants in parks. Do NOT cut any trees in Mother Nature's Window! Allow citizens to help with invasive plant removal such as ivy pulls in Deering and Jennings Parks & MNW. As much as possible, leave natural areas intact to provide wildlife habitat, protect water quality, and enhance wildlife viewing opportunities.
- Please. Please. Please keep the homeless out of the parks! Please patrol the parks for illegal drug use and keep those people out. Nothing's worse than a child finding used needles
- Pride Parade
- Protecting the natural ecosystems is very important.
- Public restrooms at Comeford Park are awful. Drug use, homeless, loitering.
- Really good job overall! Would love to see continued good maintenance, safety.
- Really need better spaces for exercise classes and we need a POOL!!
- Really need large, ac facilities for Zumba/dance/yoga classes
- Really wish there were tennis courts open and kayak launch spots

- reopening Mother Nature's Window soon and a park in north Marysville
- Restore Pilchuck tennis courts. Partner with Arlington to make the ultimate park (disc golf, mountain bike trails, picnic, walking trails) behind SAC at Arlington airport.
- Revamp downtown into a town center
- Safety is a number one priority for any parks projects.
- Sand volleyball courts
- Senior center
- Shasta Ridge Park needs to be updated with a much bigger and more accessible playground for all ages.
- Skate Park needs security. Sadly I won't take my kids there due to drug use. So scary
- Spray parks not on concrete!!!!!
- State of the art pump track that would attract sponsored events. Tourist money!
- STEM outdoor and indoor activities to each kids to be innovative with nature and technology
- Stop rampant construction, stop cutting trees!
- summer music in parks, walking areas
- Take over the Boys and Girls Club
- Tell the city that a side walk the full length of 60th drive between Grove ST and 88th ST NE is important for walking and for wheelchairs.
- Tennis is a sport that people of all ages can play. The only courts in Marysville are on school property, and are not as accessible as city parks are.
- Thank you for all that we do have.
- Thank you for all the hard work you do for our community!
- Thank you for all you do for our community!
- Thank you for everything you do! We have recently moved to Lake Stevens but still prefer your parks and rec dept. we will continue utilizing your parks and activities. THANK YOU!
- Thank you for having them!
- Thank you for soliciting our opinions!
- Thank you for the work you all do. Please focus on walkable solutions (open space, maintained small parks, places to unwind)
- Thank you!
- Thank you!
- Thank you!
- Thank you!
- Thank you!!
- Thank you.
- Thanks for all you do
- Thanks for asking
- Thanks for keeping parks open during Covid!
- Thanks for the survey, Marysville has definitely grown and the things available to the people who live here also needs to grow!

- Thanks for trying your best and asking the public for their view.
- Thanks you for increased biking trails & lanes connections on roads for safe connections to trails) walking and biking trails REALLY need more that are in nature but NOT ISOLATED. As a woman that enjoys outdoors activities I have to go to Burke-Gilman trails for biking and Green Lake to exercise safely. Thank you for the opportunity to have input
- The city is doing an amazing job. Marysville looks great and has grown into an active community. Thank you
- The Department's policy over the last 3 months, with regard to playgrounds, is one of the single most demented things I've witnessed in this town. I'm disgusted.
- The need for pickle ball courts is growing every year.
- The overall maintenance of the parks as far as detail needs to be upped as far as I am concerned. If you go to the parks in Bellevue, Redmond, and Kirkland, they have a much higher standard landscaping than in this town. Things like weed eating around fences, e t c...
- The people of Marysville want more wooded and natural places to go. With woods being taken down everywhere, it seems like there is nowhere to go to feel away from the city.
- The streams that run through parks in Marysville need more help to maintain the salmon spawning habitat. Invasive plant removal, planting native riparian plants, Beaver control and stream blockage being the main issues.
- The survey could have been structured so I could have rated more items in the scale. It would only let me do a couple
- There are no good restaurants. There needs to be a maintained Disc golf course. Strawberry field is a joke and always was. Disc golf is a rapidly growing sport, it can be done by families. It’s relatively inexpensive to get into buy a disc or two. It provides a walk in the park and exercise and competitive sport.
- There are too many homeless people out on the streets
- There is a good variety of athletic classes, but need more art related activities
- There should be an off leash dog park in or near Jennings Park
- They're an important quality of life.
- To bring back its natural habitat and a place for people to walk, bike, do water sports and gather.
- Too many unleashed dogs in Jennings Park currently.
- Trails and Opera House are wonderful new additions
- Want another splash park like Arlington please. Please open the community center without precautions. This is getting ridiculous and we all know it.
- Way more public art around Marysville, more interconnected network of paved bike lanes (and shoulders) to better and more safely intertie key spaces around Marysville, development of Mother Nature’s Window, and opening up Ebey Waterfront Park for large public events when it won’t conflict with boating/dock access. Having said that, Marysville has an outstanding parks department and staff that are keeping pace with the ever-changing recreational and cultural needs of residents and visitors. Bravo!

- We are in need of senior outdoor activities, especially Pickleball
- We have lived in a lot of places. Marysville has the best community feel and activity/events by far! Thank you for all the hard work!
- We haven't visited much because we didn't feel safe at Jennings Nature or Ebey Waterfront. People on drugs, needles and trash there. We didn't feel safe for ourselves or grandkids.
- We live in Granite, are 65+, moving to Sequim. No kids, no sports. Luv festivals, markets, we have 2 dogs. Wish luck on improvements, additions.
- We live in north Marysville. The closest park we know of is Jennings Park. It would be nice if there was a park closer for us to take our 5 year old.
- We need an all-family park in N. Marysville, not another sports park!
- We need disc golf
- We need more are that celebrated Black History and how Black People have made positive contributions to American Society.
- We need more pickleball courts as it is such a growing sport and is a great opportunity for senior participation
- We need quality tennis courts please!!! I currently drive to Lakewood or Arlington high schools. For covered courts I have to drive to Skagit College. There is a huge lack of courts. Thanks for asking
- We NEED some QUALITY tennis courts in Marysville BIG TIME!!
- WE NEED TO HAVE KEN BAXSTER ACTIVIES SET UP IN PARKS. SENIORS NEED TO SOCIALIZE.
- We take a lot of classes
- We think Marysville Parks have done a great job and look forward to more growth in the future!
- We used to go to popcorn in the park, but after 2nd time having equipment problems we stopped going, hopefully they got that fixed, we enjoyed going
- We want beach volleyball courts! Marysville schools have some of the worst volleyball teams. PNW is booming in the sport for men and women and we are dismally trailing. We have to drive 40 minutes North or South to get to a Beach Court in other communities. If we have 4 or more courts, it could generate income via Volleyball tournaments and rentals. Arlington Lake Stevens and Northern Everett would use our courts.
- We would like to be able to have a community table top tennis league & open play
- We would love to see rock climbing walls for the youth or a place they could go to develop these skills and learn. also a place to practice and learn gymnastics would be fabulous thank you for all you do for the community
- We'd love to see a disc golf course in Marysville! The ones around us are always busy so people are using!
- When meeting moms for mom park play dates I often suggest going to other towns parks. Parks that are more up to date as well as safer in terms of who hangs out at them. I would love to see Marysville update their playgrounds and parks!
- Would like turf Fields for soccer and Baseball at Strawberry.

- Would love a local Pump Track
- Would love the Ebey trails connected ASAP👍
- Would love to have more parks and space In north Marysville the high school is not safe for young children to walk and track is often closed
- Would love to have some designated pickleball courts, as it is a popular sport for all ages.
- Would love to have some mountain bike trails
- Would love to see a pump track in Marysville
- Would love to see Powerline Trail completed faster (Marysville to Lake Stevens and Arlington) to Centennial Trail connector
- Would really like to see Jennings south part of there park safer and better maintained
- Would really like to see more walking trails. There are barely any and mostly along busy roads
- Yes there is zero environments in North Marysville
- Yes we need flag football, dance, soccer, basketball, baseball, swimming lesson, Spray Park open, city of Marysville classes for kids open. Healthy minds and body's kids learn from other children best. Please re think the mask for children and adults when wearing mask you breathe carbon monoxide from breathing your own air over and over not good for healthy lungs.
- Yes, I have been trying to rent the Baxter Center for a Family Party on December 19th and have no idea how to find out what your plans are for renting it out Teresa 206-406-9026
- Yes, the city put in those garden pits at the roundabout on 3rd St. There are weeds in them that the city is not maintaining. So when they go to seed the city is allowing them to spread weed seeds in the neighbor's yards. Besides being unattractive, they are a nuisance. If I lived in that area & my yard was manicured nicely, I be upset that the city has ignored those pits! If the city intended for those to be beautiful, they missed the mark! Gone by the wayside. I'm surprised no one has fallen or been injured in them.
- You are WASTING our tax $ on those STUPID bike lanes! And all those ridiculous roundabouts and landscaping n 2nd and 3rd??? I've lived here 64 years and have never witnessed such IDIOTIC mismanagement!
- You do a great job maintaining the parks. Thanks for the great work you do!
- You do a great job of creating opportunities for community engagement! We are on Bayview Ridge Trail at least twice a week. We use our neighborhood Tuscany Park as much. Wish you would let the kids play at the park now and get rid of the orange plastic around the structures.
- You guys are doing a great job. Please keep pushing for more, Marysville needs it! (Overall, especially adults.)
- You've done a good job expanding the trails, bicycle lanes, and small neighborhood parks as the city has grown. Also, a growing & varied selection of activities, events and class offerings. Kudos!
- You're doing a great job!