



Staff Report
City of Lake Stevens
Park & Recreation Planning Board

Park Board Briefing
Date: **March 26, 2013**

Subject: **2013 Parks & Recreation Element Update**
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SUMMARY: Staff will present an overview of the current parks inventory and level of service options.

Discussion Item A – 2013 Parks & Recreation Element Update

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to discuss the current park inventory, park typologies and level of service options.

The city currently has approximately 146 acres of public parks, 10 acres devoted to special uses, and 122 acres of open space in its parks and recreation inventory – these numbers includes city parks, county parks, trails, undeveloped property and Native Growth Protection Areas readily accessible to city residents. The Lake Stevens School District facilities compliment the city inventory with athletic facilities and playground throughout the city. In addition to public facilities, there are approximately 165 acres of private open space or other recreational properties within or near the city. Private open spaces and recreational properties include small neighborhood playgrounds, sports courts, trails, undeveloped properties, NGPAs and some utility tracts attached to subdivisions. Private facilities may also include larger athletic fields, such as Bond Field, the Boys and Girls Club, and community clubhouses. Staff has prepared an inventory of public facilities that includes park locations, park type, and existing amenities.

As discussed at previous meetings, city staff is recommending revisions to the Level of Service (LOS) for parks that are more dynamic than the current population based method. The current LOS is 7.5 acres per 1,000 people. This method is helpful for setting goals, but may not define a community's true need and may not be attainable for communities to keep expanding an inventory without improving its existing facilities. Based on our current Level of Service the city has a deficit of approximately 63 acres of parkland when evaluating the city's 2011 population estimate (28,210). The city's current model does not distinguish types of parks and the different functions provided. Staff recommends developing targets that focus on access to different facilities and the quality of facilities and amenities available. Staff has prepared a table that compares the methodology used by other jurisdictions for comparison.

Staff is looking for direction from the Park Board and refining inventory reporting and setting new LOS targets.

Attached:

Public Parks and Open Space Inventory
LOS Comparison

Park Typologies

| Proposed Park Typologies | | | |
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| Type | Size | Typical Amenities | Area Served |
| Mini-Park | ≤ 1 acre | Playgrounds, Landscaping, Picnic Benches | Residential areas w/in 1/2 mile |
| Neighborhood Park | ≤ 10 acres | Informal, active, and passive recreation Playgrounds, Landscaping, Picnic Areas, Trails, single or small fields, Parking, Restrooms, etc | Residential areas w/in 1-1/2 miles |
| Community Park | > 10 acres | Informal, formal, active, and passive recreation amenities to serve the community Playgrounds, Landscaping, Picnic Areas, Trails, Multiple Fields, Structures, Parking, Permanent Restrooms, etc | Residential areas w/in 3 miles |
| Special Use | | any park type or facility that provides a unique experience may include boat launch, cultural facilities, or public art | Community |
| Open Space | | Undeveloped or low intensity uses that may include passive recreation areas, trails, or NGPAs | varies |

| Facility | Location | Owner | Area (acres) | Designation | Picnic Shelter/Benches | Playground | Trail/Pathway | Basketball | Track | Tennis | Athletic Fields/Football/Soccer | Beach / Swimming | Softball/Baseball | Dock | Boat Launch | Swimming Pool | View Corridor | Gymnasium | Restrooms | Community Center | Open Space | Native Growth Protection Area | Landscaping | Other |
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| Special Use | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bonneville Field | 1530 N Machias Road | Snohomish County | 7.32 | Special Use | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| City Boat Launch | North Drive | WA Department of Fish & Wildlife | 0.89 | Special Use | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | X |
| Community Center/ City Hall | 1805 Main Street | City of Lake Stevens | 0.58 | Special Use | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Grimm House | 1804 Main Street | City of Lake Stevens | 0.60 | Special Use | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Library / Historic Society | 1804 Main Street | City of Lake Stevens | 0.25 | Special Use | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Special Use Parks Total Acres | | | 9.64 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trail | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CENTENNIAL TRAIL | | Snohomish County | 90.62 | Trails | | X | | | | | | | | | | | X | | X | | | X | | |
| RHODODENDRON TRAILHEAD | 10911 54TH PL NE | Snohomish County | 20.36 | Trails | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | |
| SR 92 TRAILHEAD | 36TH ST NE & OLD HARTFORD | City of Lake Stevens | 0.01 | Trails | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | |
| Trails Total Acres | | | 110.99 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16th Street Open Space | 16TH ST NE & MAIN ST | City of Lake Stevens | 1.77 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | |
| 18th Street Open Space | 125th Ave NE & 18th St NE | City of Lake Stevens | 1.87 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | |
| 4th St NE Open Space | 4th St SE | Snohomish County | 9.83 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | |
| Baker Vista | 34TH ST NE & 116TH AVE NE | City of Lake Stevens | 2.77 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |

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| Open Space (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bridgeport at the Crossing 1 | Catherine Dr & 124th Ave NE | City of Lake Stevens | 9.72 | Open Space | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| Bridgeport at the Crossing 2 | 124th Ave NE & 30th Pl NE | City of Lake Stevens | 0.26 | Open Space | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | X | |
| CASTLE DWELLERS SHORT PLAT | 24th St NE | City of Lake Stevens | 0.04 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| Cedar Road | 29TH ST NE & CEDAR RD | City of Lake Stevens | 2.30 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| Grade Road | 25XX Grade Rd | City of Lake Stevens | 25.94 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | |
| Greenwood Village | 4th St SE | City of Lake Stevens | 19.26 | Open Space | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | X |
| Lake Forest | 25th St NE | City of Lake Stevens | 1.01 | Open Space | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | |
| Lake Pointe | 9th Pl NE & 122rd Ave NE | City of Lake Stevens | 0.48 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | |
| Lake Stevens Woods Div1 | Catherine Dr & 125th Ave NE | City of Lake Stevens | 4.09 | Open Space | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| Lake Stevens Woods Div2 | BRYCE DR NE & 125TH AVE NE | City of Lake Stevens | 7.04 | Open Space | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| Lake Stevens Woods Div3 | CATHERINE DR & 32ND ST NE | City of Lake Stevens | 1.70 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| Lake Stitch | Lake Stitch | Snohomish County | 0.31 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | |
| Lake Villa | 126XX - 16th St NE | City of Lake Stevens | 2.35 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| Lakeview Park | Meridian Place NE | City of Lake Stevens | 1.02 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| Lifrig Short Plat | 36th St NE & Bryce Dr | City of Lake Stevens | 0.28 | Open Space | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |

LOS Comparison

| Jurisdiction | Park Types | LOS |
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| Arlington | Specialized Parks Mini-Parks Neighborhood Park Community Park Linear/Trail Parks School Facilities Open Space Programs | City Parks - 6 acres/1,000 population Trails - 0 miles/1,000 population Open Space - 5% of the total area |
| Bellevue | Neighborhood Parks Community Parks Active Recreation Facilities | <p>Individual Active Participation – measured by the percent of population that participates in one or more active outdoor activities.</p> <p>Public Satisfaction – measured by the percent of population satisfied with the condition of existing park and recreation facilities.</p> <p>Service Area – measured by the percent of households within 1/3 mile of a park or trail access point.</p> <p>Recreational Guidelines</p> Pedestrian trails - 1.1 miles / 1,000 population Biking trails - 0.7 miles / 1,000 population Community Center - 1 center/25,000 population Tennis courts - 1 court/2,000 population Gymnasium, 1 gym/25,000 population |
| Bellingham | Neighborhood Parks Community Parks Special Use Sites (cultural facilities, indoor facilities, unique sites) Open Space Trails | <p>Acres / 1,00 Standards</p> Overall - 43.4 acres / 1,000 population Neighborhood Park - 1 / 1,000 population Community Park - 19.4 acres / 1,000 population Special Use - 4.1 acres / 1,000 population Open Space/Trails - 18.9 acres / 1,000 population <p>Service Area Standard</p> Neighborhood Park - 1/2 mile Community Park - 1 mile Open Space/Trails - 1/2 mile |

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| Bothell | Mini Parks Neighborhood Parks Community Parks Athletic Fields Regional Facilities Trails & Walking routes Opens Space Program Facilities Programs | Total - 4.5 acres / 1,000 population Mini Parks - 0.1 acres / 1,000 population Neighborhood Parks - 1.1 acres / 1,000 population Community Parks - 1.2 acres / 1,000 population Athletic Fields - 0.8 acres / 1,000 population Regional Facilities - .2acres / 1,000 population Opens Space -1.2 acres / 1,000 population |
| Edmonds | Neighborhood Parks Regional Parks Special Use Areas Open Space Gateway/Entrances Connections | Neighborhood Park - 0.58 acres / 1,000 population Community Park - 2.43 acres/1,000 population Regional Park - 0.99 acres / 1,000 population Special Use - 0.55 acres / 1,000 population Open Space - 6.89 acres / 1,000 population |
| Kirkland | Neighborhood Parks Community Parks Waterfront Parks Open Space/Natural Park Areas | Parks Neighborhood Park - 2.06 acres / 1,000 population Community Park - 2.095 acres/1,000 population Waterfront Park - no standard Open Space/Natural Park - 5.7 acres / 1,000 population Indoor Recreation - non athletic 700 sq ft / 1,000 population Indoor Recreation - athletic 500 sq ft / 1,000 population Facilities Baseball fields - 1 / 5,000 population Softball fields - 1/10,000 population Soccer/football - 1/7,500 population Tennis courts - 1 / 2,000 population Skate parks - 1/20,000 population Outdoor pool - 1 /35,000 population Indoor pool - 1/20,000 population |
| Lake Stevens | | 7.5 acres - 1,000 population |

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| Lynwood | <p>Mini Parks Neighborhood Parks Community Parks Opens Space Special Facilities</p> | <p>Core Parks (mini, neighborhood & community parks - 5 acres /1,000 population Other Park Land (open space and special use facilities) - 5 acres /1,000 population</p> |
| Marysville | <p>Neighborhood Park Community Park Regional Park Open Space</p> | <p>Parks Neighborhood Park - 1.5 acres / 1,000 population Community Park - 1.5 acres/1,000 population Regional Park - 15-20 acres/1,000 population Facilities Baseball/softball fields - 1 / 1,000 population Soccer fields - 1/1,500 population Football - 1/6,330 population Sports courts - 1 / 800 population Skate parks - 1/20,000 population Outdoor pool - 1 /35,000 population Indoor pool - 1/20,000 population</p> |
| Mill Creek | <p>Community Parks Neighborhood Parks Open Space - Greenway Public/Private Mini-parks Pedestrian Facilities</p> | <p>Community Parks - 3 acres / 1,000 population Neighborhood Parks - 2 acres / 1,000 population Open Space - Greenway Public/Private Mini-parks Pedestrian Facilities</p> |
| Monroe | <p>Mini Park Neighborhood Park Community Park Special Use Park School Park</p> | <p>Parks - 3.7 acres / 1,000 population Trails - 1 acre / 1,000 population</p> |

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| Mukilteo | Mini-park <1/4 acre (1/4 mile radius) Neighborhood Park/Elementary School 5 -10 acres (1/2 mile radius) Community Park/Middle & High School Fields > 15 acres (1 mile radius) | LOS Community Park - 3.5 acres / 1,000 population Pedestrian Trails - 0.4 miles / 1,000 population Bike/Pedestrian Paths - 0.5 miles / 1,000 population Open Space - 10% of the land area Guidelines Community Center - 1 center / 25,000 population Baseball fields - 1 field / 12,000 population Softball fields - 1 field / 6,000 population Soccer fields - 1 field / 12,000 population Tennis Courts - 1 court / 2,000 population Gymnasium/Sports Court - 1 gym/court / 3,000 population |
| Olympia | Neighborhood Parks Community Parks Open Space | <u>Value based approach (target outcome ratios - TOR)</u> Neighborhood Park - 0.75 acres / 1,000 population Community Parks - 3 acres / 1,000 population Open Space - 11.19 acres / 1,000 population |
| Sammamish | Community Park Neighborhood Park Min-Park Special-use Park School/City partnership park Open space/natural area Trail | Impact Fee Model Capital investment based on population growth multiplied by impact fee Geographic Equity Neighborhood Park - 0.5 mile radius Community Park - 2 mile radius |
| Snohomish County | | Community Park - 1 park / 21,000 new population Regional Park - 1 park / per 10, 700 population |

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| <p>Snohomish</p> | <p>Pocket Park Neighborhood Park Community Park Trails Open Space</p> | <p>Parks Pocket Park - as opportunity arises Neighborhood Park - 75% of population w/in 0.5 miles Community Park - 90% of population w/in 1.5 miles Trails - 90% of population w/in 0.5 miles Open Space - 10% of city</p> <p>Facilities Softball - 1 / 1,000 population Baseball - 1 / 3,000 population Little League - 1 / 5,000 population Tennis courts - 1 / 2,000 population Basketball - 1 / 2,000 population Soccer/football - 1 / 2,000 population Swimming pool - 1 / 20,000 population Community Center - 1 / 15,000 population</p> |
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