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COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Approval of the February 8, 2024 meeting
2. 2024 - 2030 Parks & Trails Plan Update - Draft
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PARKS, TRAILS, & OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE



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SUMMARY

Sumner updates this plan every six years to assess changes in community needs, track changes in recreational preferences and ensure goals outlined in the City's Comprehensive Plan are being sought through efforts to maintain, grow and evolve Sumner's parks/trail system.

This plan covers the period of 2024-2030 and will help the City of Sumner seek funding and prioritize projects over this period. It has been prepared in compliance with the State of Washington Growth Management Act requirements and developed in compliance with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) guidelines.

This plan provides an inventory and analysis of the City's existing assets. It examines the City's parks and recreation service levels in comparison to its current and future projected demographics as well as other cities and national recreational standards. Sumner has a lower-than-average ratio of park acres to population with less than 5% of the city's overall land area being used for parks and recreation. The national average is three times this number. While residents show satisfaction with the City's amenities, they often rely on neighboring communities and travel outside Sumner to meet their interests or access specific recreational facilities.

For this plan's current update, Sumner engaged residents through a variety of tools including an on-line survey, a series of park "pop up events," open houses and a project webpage with opportunities to map suggestions. Although the City's current level of service falls short, the public holds a high level of enthusiasm for the system and were very interested in specific additions and improvements.



INTRODUCTION

Parks, trails and open space are critical to a community's quality of life as well as the physical and mental wellbeing of its residents, businesses and visitors. Whether you use Sumner's recreational amenities to walk your dog or to enjoy a lunch break on a sunny day, these are the spaces that help connect you to nature, to other people and to the community. We thank all the people who helped update this plan.



PURPOSE

This plan assesses how well the City of Sumner's parks, open spaces, and trails serve the community now and into the future. This plan is a dynamic and fluid strategic guide for managing and enhancing the City of Sumner's parks, trails, open space, and recreation services. It updates the framework to prioritize projects and seek funding so that enhancements made over these years serve the community's desired quality of life.



This plan provides a vision for the City's parks and trail system, proposes updates to level-of-service standards for park and facility classifications, and ensures these efforts align with Sumner's mission, vision, strategic priorities and comprehensive plan.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT

The State of Washington RCW 36.70A.070 outlines the components that each city's Comprehensive Plan must include. The items specific to parks and recreation are as follows:

A park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to park and recreation facilities. The element shall include:

- a) Estimates of park and recreation demand for at least a ten-year period;*
- b) an evaluation of facilities and service needs; and*
- c) an evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting park and recreational demand.*

RCO

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is a state agency that “manages several grant programs to create outdoor recreation opportunities, protect the best of the state’s wildlife habitat and farmland, and help return salmon from near extinction.” The agency awards approximately 270 grants, many of which the City of Sumner is eligible, totaling \$78M each year. To apply for grant funding, a municipality or agency must have adopted a recreation or conservation plan before applying for a grant, and plans must meet specified requirements. The methodology, organization, and content of this plan address RCO eligibility guidelines.

CITY OF SUMNER

This 2024-2030 Parks & Trails Plan is incorporated into the City of Sumner’s Comprehensive Plan by reference. It also aligns with existing Municipal Code.

This plan establishes the City’s 6-year and 20-year Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) with regard to parks, trails, and open space, which assists the City in seeking grant funding and informs the City’s own processes for budgeting, procurement, and construction needs. This plan leaves enough flexibility to allow the City to adapt to unforeseen opportunities that may present themselves during this plan’s performance period.

This document does not dictate nor promise any specific future park development, acquisition, or maintenance needs that the City will undertake over the next six years. Rather, it provides insight into how potential programs could be developed to best align with the community’s needs and wishes.

PROCESS

This update was conducted following the six minimum elements identified in *RCO Manual 2, Planning Policies & Guidelines*.

Existing Conditions (Systems Inventory)

A description of the planning or service area, including physical setting, historic context, community profile, planning/zoning, and an inventory of each existing asset or program with a summary of conditions.

Public Involvement

A description of how the process gave the public ample opportunity to be involved in plan development and adoption.

Demand & Needs Analysis

An analysis that balances public demand with current capacity and future expectations.

Goals and Objectives

Broad statements of intent that capture a community's desired outdoor resources.

Capital Improvement Program

The capital improvements or facility programs desired/needed for at least 6 years that prioritizes land acquisition, development, renovation, and restoration projects.

Plan Adoption & Approvals

A resolution, ordinance, or other adoption instrument showing formal approval of the plan and planning process by the governing entity.



SECTION I

EXISTING CONDITIONS

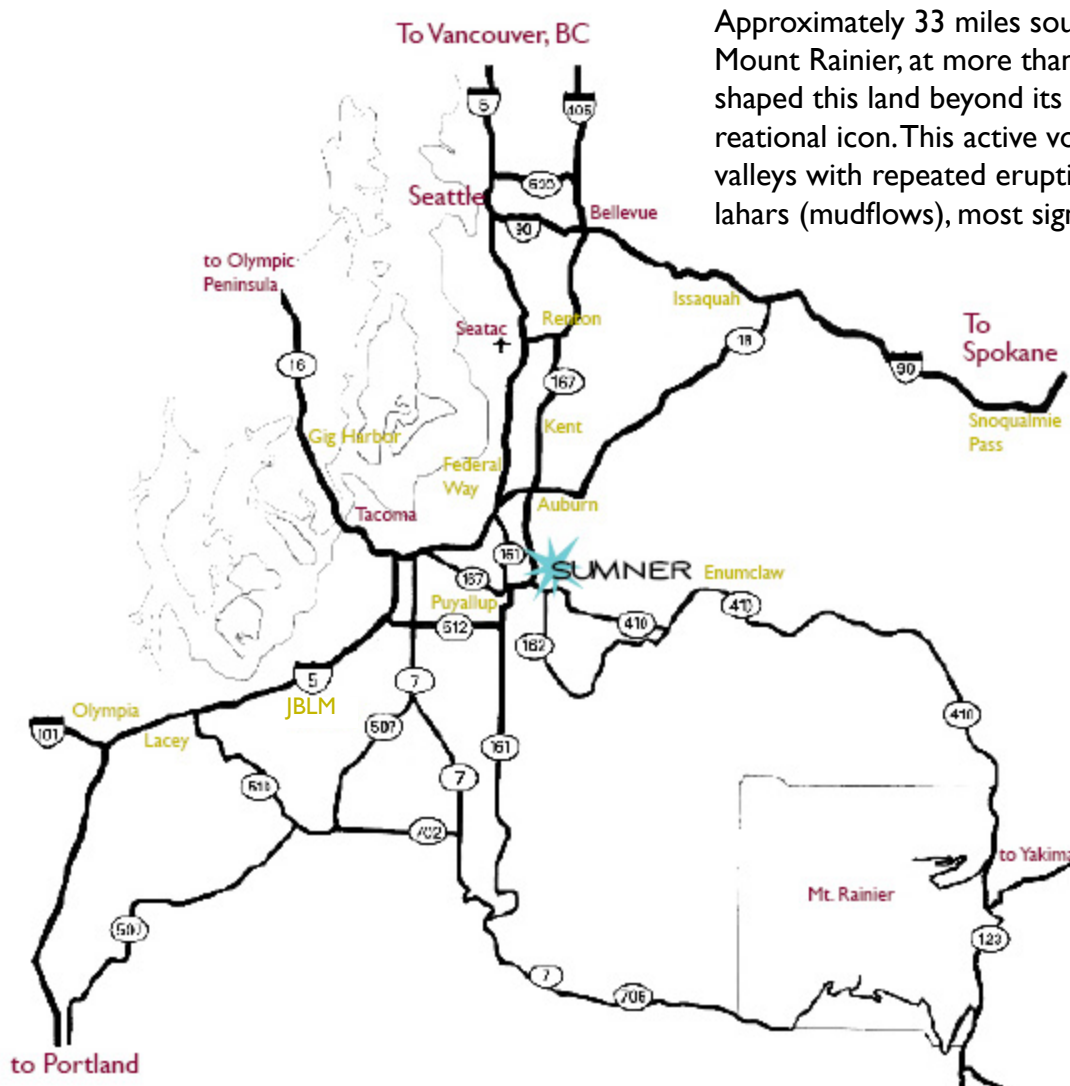


This chapter evaluates the current conditions of Sumner's parks, recreation, opens space and trails. It analyzes the population that the parks are serving while providing regional context for recreation. Currently, the City manages six named parks, one large trail system and two land-banked properties anticipated for additional parks.

PHYSICAL CONTEXT

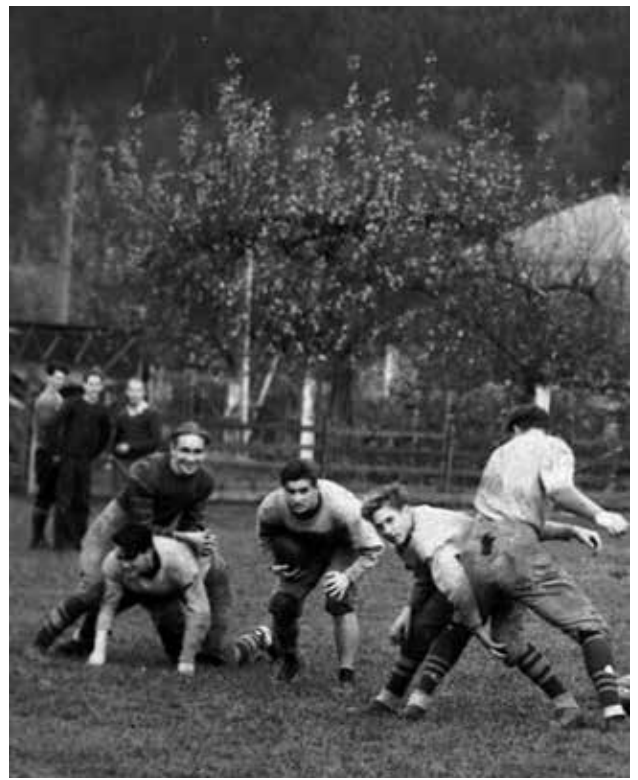
Sumner is located in north central Pierce County, Washington, approximately 40 miles south of Seattle, and 10 miles east of Tacoma, at the confluence of the Puyallup and White Rivers. The City encompasses 4,870 acres or 7.6 square miles with an additional designated urban growth area of approximately 925 acres or 1.44 square miles.

Below Sumner are many feet of Pleistocene Epoch glacial deposits of sands, gravels and clay lenses. After repeated glacial retreats and melts, the valley in which Sumner sits became an open water fjord, reaching to present-day Orting.



Approximately 33 miles southeast of Sumner, Mount Rainier, at more than 14,410 feet, shaped this land beyond its role as a recreational icon. This active volcano filled the valleys with repeated eruptions and resulting lahars (mudflows), most significantly the Osceola Mudflow.

These lahars, still a possibility today, deposited silt into the valleys. Today, Sumner is framed by steep slopes with elevations rising sharply from 70 feet at the valley floor to 500+ feet to the west of Sumner and 600-700 feet on the east side.



HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT

This land was home to the Coast Salish tribes with this area the traditional homeland of the Puyallup Tribe and the Muckleshoot Tribe. The silt from lahars formed fertile farmland that attracted European settlers across the Oregon Trail. Agricultural industries over the years have grown hops, berries, daffodils and rhubarb.

The city began developing around Main Street in the historic downtown core in the 1880s. The Northern Pacific railway was finally convinced to stop in Sumner and commercial and residential development radiated from the station. Sumner remained quite small for a number of years, growing with residential to the east of Valley Avenue and later, commercial industrial to the north. While some farmland remains south of the City, within the city limits, most of the land is developed with limited availability remaining for additional parks and trails.

CLIMATE PROFILE

The Puget Sound region, including Sumner, experiences weather often called “Modified Mediterranean.” This pattern is a maritime climate of mild, wet winters and relatively cool, dry summers. The rainy season runs late October through late February with a second, shorter rainy season from early May to early June. Drier weather dominates the summer until September brings cooler temperatures until November when winter arrives.

The average precipitation is 38.3 inches/year and the average temperature is 50.8 degrees F. As with other areas, Sumner is experiencing more extreme weather patterns over time. Traditionally threatened by flooding and lahars, wildfire has now become a more common threat.

DEMOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

Incorporated in 1891, Sumner had 531 residents in the 1900 Census. According to the 2022 Census, the population has grown to 10,585 residents, making Sumner the 124th most populated city in Washington. All statistics below are based on the 2022 Census data. For more up-to-date statistics, visit www.sumnerwa.gov/statistics.

RACE AND ETHNICITY

In 2022, 79.9% of Sumner was White, 18% Hispanic, 10.9% two or more races, 1.6% American Indian, 1.1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 1% Asian and 0.8% Black.

AGE AND GENDER

In Sumner, 56.4% of residents are between the ages of 19 and 64. The median age is 35.8 years while Washington State's median is 37.7. Gender in Sumner is 48.7% male and 51.4% female.

HOUSING & HOUSEHOLDS

Half of the housing units are owner-occupied with a median value of \$442,800. With 4,413 households, the average household contains 2.39 persons.

INCOME

In 2021, the median household income was \$77,601, which is less than the average in Pierce County (\$85,823) and King County (\$99,158). Approximately 6.5% of Sumner families live in poverty, based on the 2021 American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

EDUCATION

Most residents (91.3%) have a high school diploma with 24.2% having a bachelor's degree or higher.

COMMUTERS

A variety of commuters pass through Sumner each day. People who live in Sumner typically commute out of the city for jobs in Seattle, Tacoma and other areas in Puget Sound. Conversely, Sumner's Manufacturing Industrial Center (MIC) houses over 17,000 jobs with most employees commuting into the city.

The original Northern Pacific railway station in downtown Sumner is now a Sound Transit station. Residents from Bonney Lake, Orting, Buckley, Tehaleh, unincorporated Pierce County, and even portions of Puyallup drive through Sumner, either to catch a commuter train or to continue to other areas of employment.

Ridership at the Sumner Sounder Station includes residents from Bonney Lake, Orting, Buckley, and unincorporated Pierce County. As of 2022, average annual daily traffic counts on SR 167 through Sumner were over 91,000. In addition, the nature of the MIC means thousands of long-haul and short-haul deliveries come through Sumner, often seeking amenities to rest, relax and take a break.

LAND-USE CONTEXT

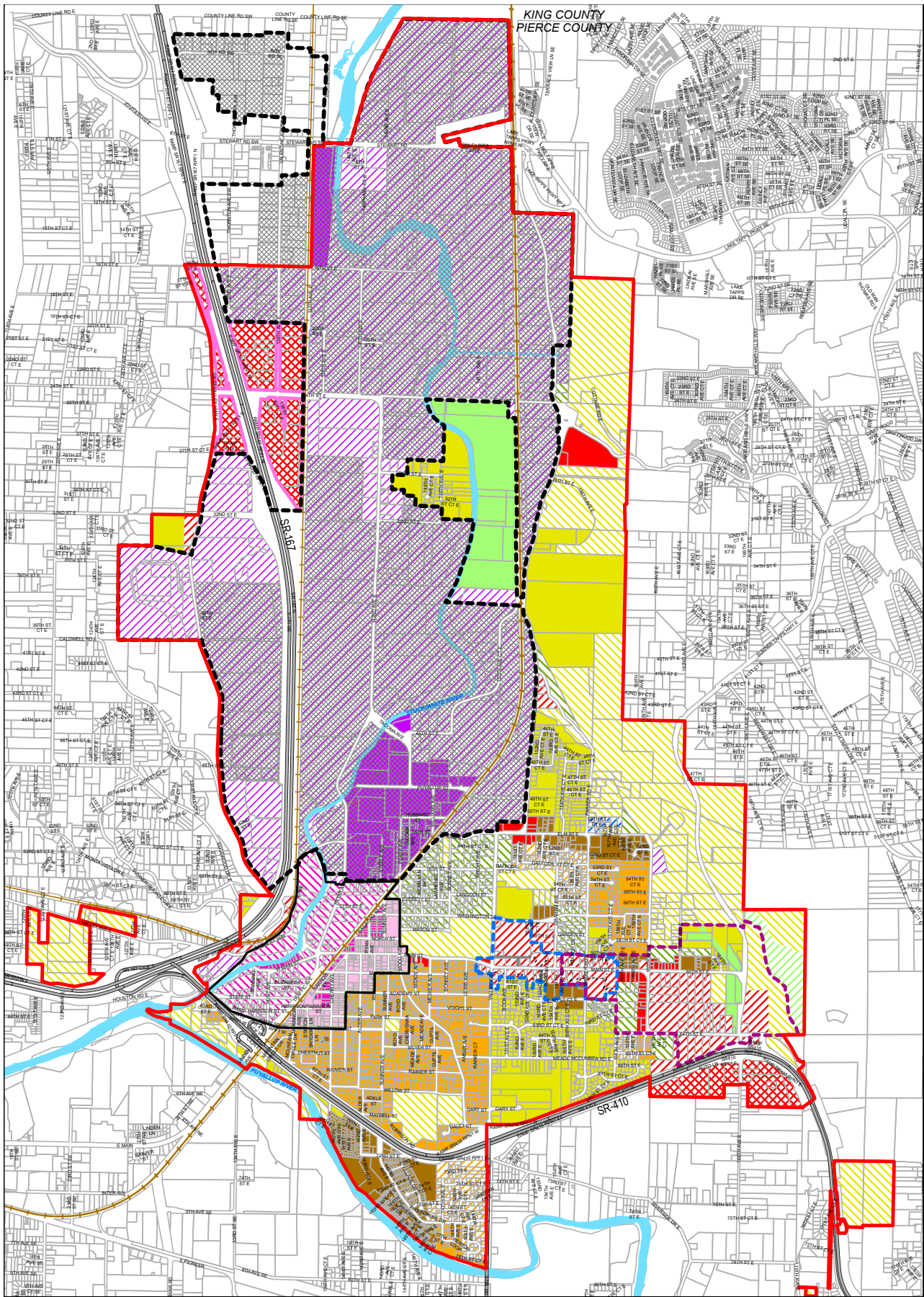
Residential neighborhoods dominate the southern portion of the city with a classic downtown surrounding Main Street and neighborhoods with housing, churches and schools radiating from there. Sumner's Housing Action Plan further outlines housing options which were dominated by single-family homes and are now transitioning to more multi-family options.

The northern portion of the City is the largest Manufacturing Industrial Center in Pierce County with major manufacturing and distribution for companies including Amazon.com, Helly Hansen, REI, Dillanos Coffee, Belmont Cabinets, Costco and more with an estimated 17,000 employees working in that area and an estimated 6,000 trucks accessing the warehouses daily. In Sumner, State highways SR 167, SR 512, SR 162 and SR 410 meet, carrying large amount of vehicles on each route as well as on Sumner's surface streets as "cut-through" traffic. The City also includes regional services such as the Gordon Family YMCA, the largest in the state, and the Sound Transit commuter rail station. Sumner's Urban Growth Area (UGA) includes 925 acres of land that could be incorporated into Sumner in the future, most of it residential.

ZONING DISTRICTS AND SUBAREA PLANS

The City of Sumner is made up of a variety of land use and zoning classifications and includes three subarea plans in the Manufacturing/Industrial Area, Town Center and East Sumner. The Industrial Zone is the largest in the City with almost half of the total area within that zone. The next largest are residentially zoned properties, with about 1/3 of the city in Low Density Residential which is primarily single-family homes. Finally, the commercial zones, that are further divided between interchange and freeway commercial zones, general commercial zones, and "mixed-use" zones which are a combination of commercial on the ground floor and residential on floors above.

Zone Type	Acres	Percent
Low Density Residential	1418	34.0%
Medium Density Residential	117	2.8%
High Density Residential	109	2.6%
Commercial/Mixed Use	440	10.6%
Industrial	1985	47.7%
Resource Protection	97	2.3%
Total	4165	





City of Sumner
Zoning Map

Adopted: 02-15-2023
 Ordinance: #2832
 Plotted: 06-01-2023

Source: City of Sumner Community Development Department, 2023

Disclaimer:
 Map features are approximate only. The City of Sumner does not guarantee the accuracy of this map nor assume any liability from the use of or reliance on the information herein.

Scale:
 0 0.25 0.5 Miles

ZONING AMENDMENTS/OVERLAYS:

- Cross-Access Corridors/Combined Driveways (dedeeds)
- Cross-Access Corridors/Combined Driveways (not dedeeds)
- East Main St Design Strategy Area
- East Sumner Neighborhood
- MIC Zone
- MIC Core Overlay
- Town Center Area
- Truck Parking Overlay

TOWN CENTER ZONING:

- 3 Stories, Single Family/Multi-Family
- 4 Stories, Multi-Family/Commercial
- 5 Stories, Multi-Family/Commercial
- 6 Stories, Multi-Family/Commercial

ZONING DESIGNATIONS:

- General Commercial
- Interchange Commercial
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Heavy Industrial
- Light Industrial
- Resource Protection
- Residential Protection
- High Density Residential
- Medium Density Residential
- Low Density Residential 12000
- Low Density Residential 8500
- Low Density Residential 7200
- Low Density Residential 6000
- Low Density Residential 4000

Sumner City Limits

Parcels

The following are more detailed descriptions of specific areas of the City and the Urban Growth Area (UGA).

NORTH PORTION

The North Portion of the city is mostly comprised of the Sumner-Pacific MIC, which is zoned predominantly Light Industrial with some areas of Heavy Industrial. Areas of the North Portion outside of the MIC are zoned Light Industrial, Interchange Commercial, Low Density Residential, and Resource Protection.



EAST PORTION

In the East Sumner neighborhood, zoning is predominantly General Commercial and Medium Density Residential. Outside of the East Sumner neighborhood in the East Portion are mostly Low Density Residential, with some areas of Medium and High Density Residential, Neighborhood Commercial, and General Commercial. In the area immediately south of East Sumner and south of 410, there is also Interchange Commercial zoning.



SOUTH PORTION

The South Portion is zoned Low Density Residential and Medium Density Residential.

WEST PORTION

The West Portion includes the Town Center, which is zoned for mixed residential and commercial zoning from up to three to six stories. Outside of Town Center, the West Portion includes mostly Low Density Residential zoning with some areas of Medium Density Residential and General Commercial.

SUMNER UGA

Unincorporated UGA zoning is determined by Pierce County. The portion of the UGA to the east of the City (towards Lake Tapps) is zoned Moderate Density Single Family, with a small area of Public Institutional zoning where there is Puget Sound Energy utilities infrastructure. The portion of the UGA to the south off of 166th Avenue East is zoned Community Center. The portion to the west is zoned Employment Center and Moderate Density Single Family.



PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

The general term “park” includes a wide array of purposes, audiences and styles. A classification system helps organize and define parks based on their size, ecological importance, recreational opportunities, historical or cultural significance, placemaking potential, economic development and conservation/climate resiliency goals. The criteria used here are built on the same premise used by Washington State Parks and RCO. Classifications help a community identify and provide the best mix of built and natural environments to serve multiple needs.

The following six classifications are typical for municipalities of Sumner’s size.

NEIGHBORHOOD OR LOCAL PARK

**In Sumner: Loyalty Park, Seibenthaler Park, Rainier View Park
Bennett Property and Qunell Family Park (currently undeveloped)**

This classification captures the traditional “park” of 2-5 acres within neighborhoods that are designed for unstructured play, limited active and passive recreation.

COMMUNITY PARK

In Sumner: Bill Heath Sports Complex

These are larger sites focusing on organized play with a wider array of facilities that appeal to more diverse audiences. Generally 20-50 acres in size, they serve a broader geographic area.

NATURAL AREAS & GREENSPACES

In Sumner: Two-Rivers Point, shoreline areas along rivers

These areas preserved to protect native habitat and biodiversity, including riparian corridors and wetlands. Low-impact activities are allowed including walking, bird-watching and fishing (if appropriate).

Please note: this does not include the 200+ acres of the White River Restoration Projects since those areas will be closed to public access.

TRAILS, BIKEWAYS & PATHWAYS

In Sumner: Sumner Link Trail, Academy Street

This classification includes trails as a non-motorized network that may be used for transportation and/or recreation. Typically, a 5’ wide separated path offers options for walking, jogging, running, bicycling and horse-back riding. Bikeways are slightly different in that their focus is on safe non-motorized transportation, such as a bike lane adjacent to a roadway. Pathways are smaller paths that usually connect to the more formal trail system.

SPECIAL FACILITIES

In Sumner: Reuben Knoblach Heritage Park, Lucy V. Ryan Park

This classification captures a wide range of facilities designed for very specific purposes, whether a display garden, aquatic center, public plaza or community center. Depending on design and purpose, these facilities may be focused on a specific role or take on more of an event space/tourism development aspect, especially in a historical or cultural context.

POCKET PARKS, MINI-PARKS, TOT LOTS

In Sumner: Rhubarb Alley, Dining Parklet, Pocket Park off 45th St (currently unnamed), Hops Alley (undeveloped)

This classification captures smaller green spaces designed for visual appeal or a very limited purpose such as seating or child play. Under 1 acre in size, they are often more of an enhancement than a destination, adding greenery and outdoor space where it's least expected.



While these six classifications focus on a park's size and purpose, any system should assess how each park provides a unique mix of the following values:

- Physical & Mental Health
- Ecological Diversity
- Cultural & Historic Significance
- Tourism/Placemaking
- Educational and Interpretive Benefits
- Research and Conservation Planning

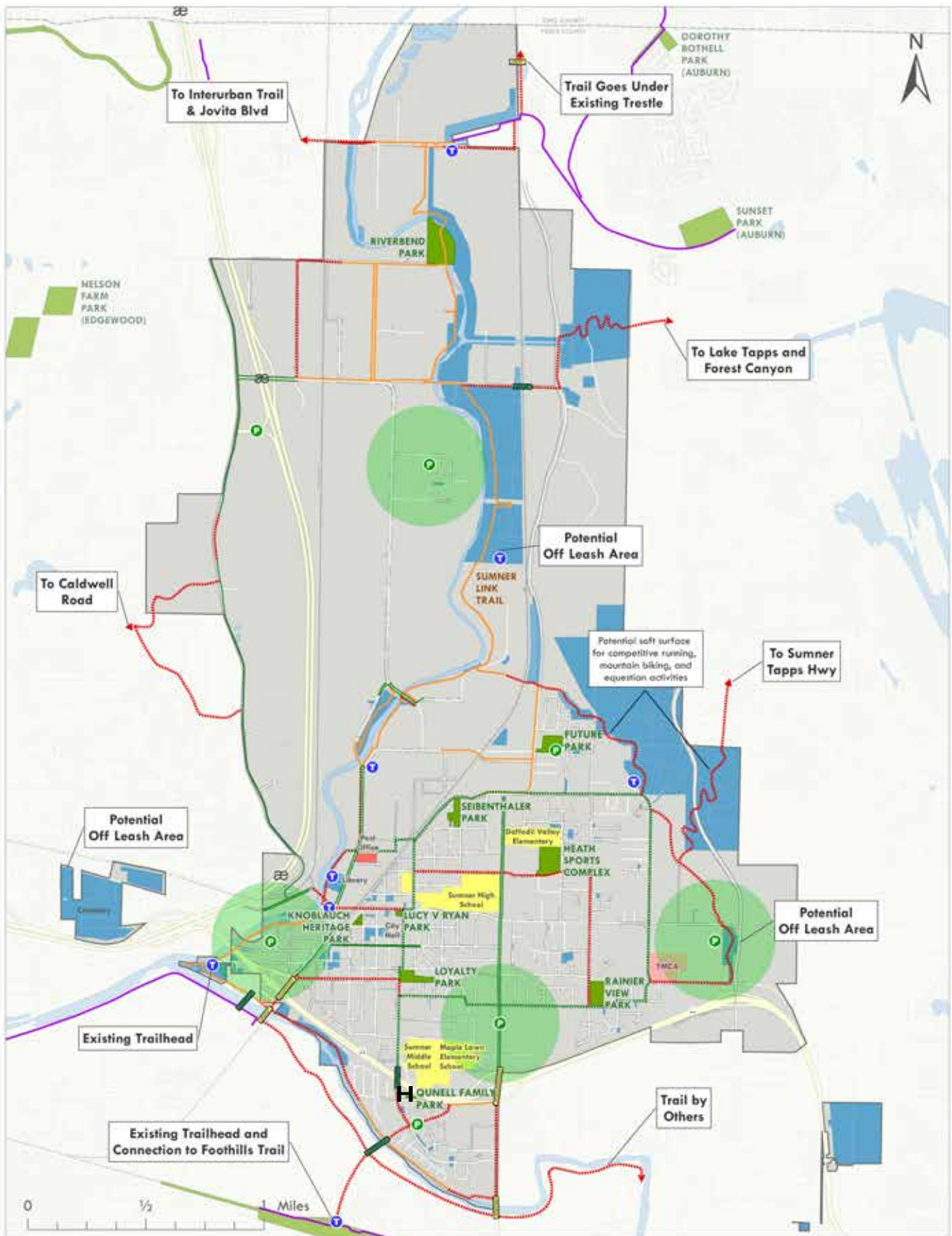
RECREATION PROGRAMS

Currently, the City of Bonney Lake operates recreation programs for residents within the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District. The Gordon Family YMCA offers a wide range of recreational programs, some of which are confined to paid membership and some of which are open to the public. The City of Sumner contracts with Stafford Suites to operate the Sumner Senior Center, which offers services, meals, activities and events.

EXISTING PLAN REVIEW

This plan is an update to the City of Sumner Parks & Trails plan adopted in 2018. Other plans and goal-setting documents that inform/coincide with topics in this plan include

- City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan
- City of Sumner Transportation Management Plan
- City of Sumner & City of Bonney Lake Housing Action Plan
- City of Sumner Biennial Budget
- Main Street Vision
- Sumner Tourism Master Plan
- Master Plan: Seibenthaler Park & Bennett Property
- Master Plan: Heritage Park Redesign and Hops Alley Activation



LEGEND

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Proposed Trailhead | Proposed Bike Trail | Other Park or Open Space | Interstate / Highway |
| Proposed Park | Existing Trail | School Land | Railroad |
| 1/4 Mile Park Buffer | Existing Bike Lane | Federal | Waterbody |
| Existing Connection | Existing Trail (Other Agency) | Other Recreation | |
| New Connection | Existing Park | Summer City Limits | |
| Proposed Trail | Local Ownership | Sidewalks | |



Note: Trail and bridge locations are preliminary and subject to environmental and engineering setting, and the locations may change.



RAINIER VIEW PARK

Fun, varied local park often used by many in the community including unique areas with mosaic artwork, views of Mount Rainier, and lots of fun amenities for all ages.

Opened in 2007, this park used the input from over 200 participants from Maple Lawn Elementary, Senior Center, Community Summit, and residents to inspire its design.

Address	15603 Meade McCumber Rd	Key Features	• Mosaic artwork • Inclusive playground • Covered picnic shelter • Walking path
Classification	Local Park		
Size	3.9 acres		
Status	Existing		
Assessment Rating	4.5		
Recent Changes	2024 – Install covered court (RCO funds, LCP funds, City funds) 2024—Install Portland Loo (City ARPA funds) 2024—Install inclusive playground with dual ziplines (Parks Impact Fees & Playground Replacement Fund)		



LOYALTY PARK

Sumner's oldest park is still its most popular. This park's tree canopy and casual nature make it a hit for book clubs, birthday parties, or simply a dry day.

Once part of the L. F. Thompson farm, after the hops blight, Thompson donated the land to the City. "City Park" sat undeveloped until 1914, when the Women's Civic Club of Sumner organized to make the park a reality. Its name was changed to "Loyalty Park" in 1970.

Address	1300 Park Street	Key Features	• Inclusive playground • Tree canopy • Basketball/pickleball court • Horseshoes
Classification	Local Park		
Size	3.3 acres		
Status	Existing		
Assessment Rating	4.75		
Recent Changes	2021—Install inclusive playground (Parks impact fees & Playground Replacement Fund) 2022—Install Henry mural, technically adjacent to park (City/Arts Commission funds) 2023—Install Portland Loo (City ARPA funds)		



REUBEN A. KNOBLAUCH HERITAGE PARK

Called “Heritage Park” for short, this downtown park serves as the town center. State Senator Knoblauch willed funds to start this park while donations from individuals, families and businesses helped build the park in 1995-96.

The space is primarily used only during festivals and programmed events, leaving room for improvement as an ongoing gathering place that better serves residents, visitors and surrounding businesses. Part of the Main Street Vision, the developing redesign builds in more intentional daily uses including seating, a small playground and a pavilion.

Address	914 Kincaid Avenue	Key Features	• Central location • Built-in sound system • Amphitheater-style hill
Classification	Special Facility		
Size	0.74 acres		
Status	Existing, renovations pending		
Assessment Rating	3.5		
Recent Changes	2020-21 Main Street Vision process (City General Fund) 2021 Purchase of 902 Kincaid completes block for park 2023 Paving of woonerf plaza (Sumner Utilities, Pierce Co ARPA) 2023 Initial concept redesign (Sumner Lodging Tax) 2024 Complete redesign (Pierce Co Lodging Tax)		



LUCY V. RYAN PARK

The Ryan Family donated this land to the City in 1926 in honor of their mother, who loved plants, gardens and horticulture. The house served as the library for 50 years and the historic museum another 40+ years. In 2023, a planned renovation found the house to be lacking major structural support with rebuilding outstripping funding. The City is following the original deed to redevelop as a full park. A form of artwork/signage will commemorate Lucy V. Ryan and the house.

Address	1228 Main Street	Key Features	• Central location • Deed restrictions
Classification	Special Facility		
Size	0.4 acres		
Status	Existing, changes pending		
Assessment Rating	3.25		
Recent Changes	2019-2023 Anticipated house rehabilitation 2023 Major structural issues found in house, unsafe structure 2024 Demolition of house and initial park design		



BILL HEATH SPORTS COMPLEX

Dedicated in 1998, Bill Heath spearheaded a 10-year campaign that was led by Sumner Rotary and included over 1800 contributors from the region. What most view as one complex is actually adjacent land with the north portion owned and managed by the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District (SBLSD) and the south portion managed by the City of Sumner.

Address	5604 Graham Ave.	Key Features	• Sk8 Park • Ball fields • Volleyball courts • Tennis/pickleball • Concession stand
Classification	Regional		
Size	7 acres		
Status	Existing		
Assessment Rating	4.75		
Recent Changes	Tennis courts restriped to include pickleball		



SEIBENTHALER PARK

Established in 1945, this neighborhood park was named in honor of a local Boy Scout leader and developed for \$6000. This large park remains underused due to some original design challenges including lack of shade and poor field drainage. An updated master plan outlines new and improved features sought by the surrounding community and users as soon as funding is available.

Address	1602 Bonney Avenue	Key Features	• Playground • Large field • Pop-up dog park (temporary)
Classification	Local Park		
Size	2.62 acres		
Status	Existing		
Assessment Rating	4.25		
Recent Changes	2022 – Master redesign finished		



BENNETT PROPERTY

The 2018 Parks and Trail Plan update identified the lack of park facilities for residents on Sumner’s northern-most areas. The City bought this parcel of land from then owners Christopher and Gloria Bennett. Funding from Pierce County Conveservation Futures allowed the City to purchase the land in 2020. The City has developed an initial plan for development that includes two additional points of entry from recently acquired properties. .

Address	4811 East Valley Hwy	Key Features	• None yet
Classification	Local Park		
Size	4.21 acres		
Status	Undeveloped		
Assessment Rating	I		
Recent Changes	This park awaits funding for final design and development. An additional parcel added future access points/better pedestrian access.		



QUNELL FAMILY PARK

With nearly 1,000 residents, or 10% of the population, living in the Rivergrove neighborhood, the City realized these neighborhoods were cut off from easily accessing services, including parks, by SR 410 freeway. While the City pursues a pedestrian bridge over SR 410, it also sought a way to include a park within the Rivergrove area itself. In 2021, the Qunell family generously donated this parcel for a local park.

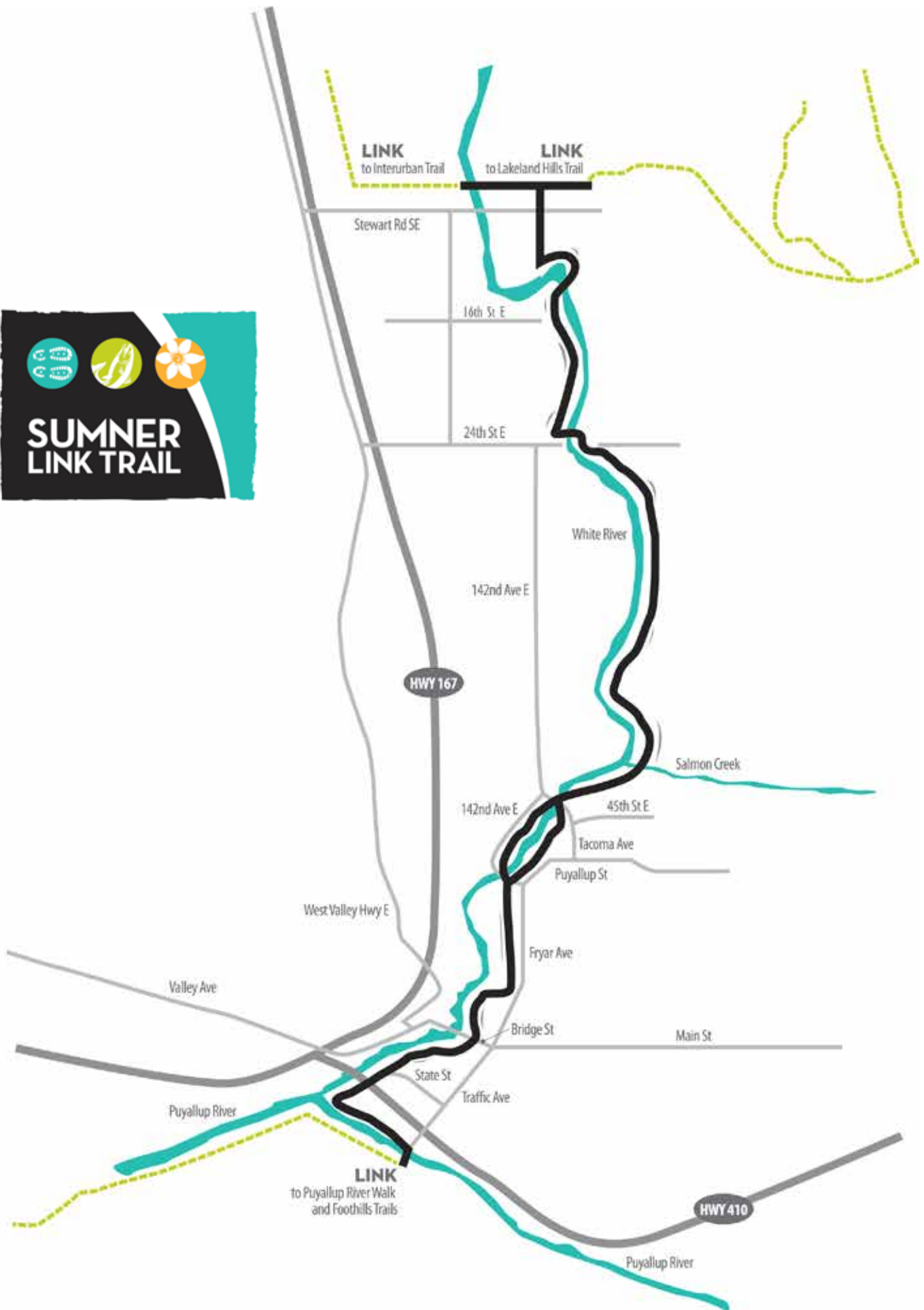
Address	14324 72nd St E (Adjacent Property)	Key Features	• None yet
Classification	Local Park		
Size	0.25 acres		
Status	Undeveloped		
Assessment Rating	I		
Recent Changes	This park awaits funding for final design and development.		



SUMNER LINK TRAIL

Officially opened in 2014, the Sumner Link Trail provides a beautiful, paved walking, biking trail that is used for both commuting and recreation. Largely following the White River, it offers views of Mt Rainier, streams with spawning salmon and surprisingly natural overlooks tucked behind residential and industrial areas. The section along Fryar Avenue is funded for a fully separated trail. Future sections outside the City of Sumner to the north and south will connect this trail regionally to the Interurban and Lakeland Hills trails as well as to the Foothills trail.

Address	N/A	Key Features	• Trailheads with restrooms • Gateway arches • Natural views • Access to fishing (Puyallup River only)
Classification	Trails, Bikeways & Pathways		
Size	5.1 miles		
Status	Existing		
Assessment Rating	4		
Recent Changes	2024 – Complete separated trail on Fryar Ave (State funding) 2024-25—Move northern section of trail for White River Restoration habitat project		



SECTION 2

PUBLIC INPUT



With every plan update, the City takes this opportunity to listen to residents, businesses, park users, and any other stakeholders who care about Sumner's parks and amenities.

ENGAGEMENT GOALS

1. Reach a diverse audience and balance feedback.

Diversity includes people representing a wide range of demographics as well as residential location and kind of park user, including people who don't currently use the system at all. No one person will see "their" ideas specifically reflected here because this plan encompasses the needs and wishes of thousands of stakeholders and potential users. Feedback and outreach are done at the beginning in order to balance and synthesize various and sometimes even competing needs.

2. Respect people's time.

The best way to reach a wide range of people is to make the feedback convenient to give. This means using a variety of tools, ranging from online mapping comments to pop-ups in the park to QR codes at each park, allowing people to add comments when convenient to them.

3. Give options for both broad and specific feedback.

To get accurate feedback, some people need very specific questions to which they respond. Others need very general questions. Feedback for this updated plan used both methods.

PARKS PLAN UPDATE PROJECT PAGE

TOTAL VISITS	TOTAL VISITORS	INFORMED VISITORS	ENGAGED VISITORS
975	684	478	300
		69.9%	43.9%

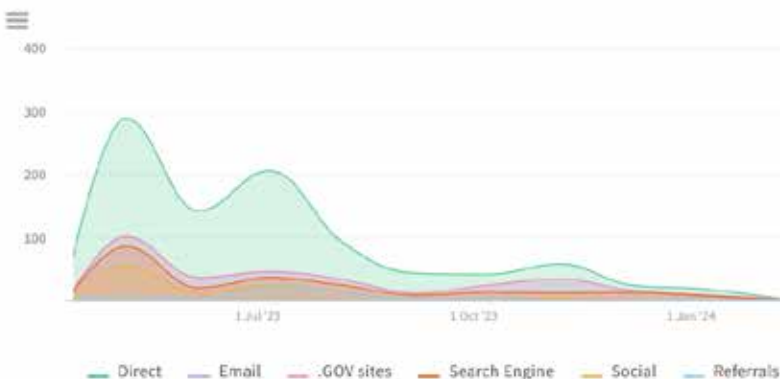
Total visits means clicks on webpage, may be from repeat visitors.

Total visitors means unique visitors to page who are at least aware of the project.

Informed visitors are a fraction (% shown) of total who read a document, opened a map, etc.

Engaged visitors are a fraction (% shown) of total who gave feedback i.e. took a survey, asked a question.

Visits by Channel



TRAFFIC CHANNEL	AWARE VISITS	INFORMED VISITS(%)	ENGAGED VISITS(%)
DIRECT	656	396 (60.4%)	260 (39.6%)
EMAIL	3	2 (66.7%)	2 (66.7%)
.GOV SITES	93	67 (72%)	4 (4.3%)
SEARCH ENGINE	113	81 (71.7%)	19 (16.8%)
SOCIAL	61	29 (47.5%)	16 (26.2%)
REFERRALS	49	18 (36.7%)	6 (12.2%)

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS & OPPORTUNITIES

SUMNER CONNECTS PROJECT PAGE with documents, events, surveys, mapping surveys & a space to ask questions*



FORMAL KICK-OFF SURVEY shared on-line, on social media and via signs in parks with a QR code*

A. What is your household size? *

☐ 1-2 People
☐ 3-4 People
☐ 5-6 People
☐ 7+ People

B. How frequently do you use the City of Sumner Parks and Trails? *

Locals Only
☐ Daily
☐ Weekly
☐ Monthly
☐ Semi-annually
☐ Yearly
☐ Never
☐ Other

Non-local Visits
☐ Daily
☐ Weekly
☐ Monthly
☐ Semi-annually
☐ Yearly
☐ Never
☐ Other

BOOTH AT TWO OPEN HOUSES where staff/consultants shared information and gained feedback



JULY "POP-UPS IN THE PARK" offered users popsicles and ice-cream bars plus casual, direct feedback



IN THE CITY'S PRINT NEWSLETTER that drops in every mailbox with copies at the library, food bank & visitor center



IN WEEKLY E-MAILED NEWSLETTER that goes to over 1,000 subscribers with an average 50% open rate each week



SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA including X (formerly Twitter), Instagram and Facebook*



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS included reminders, airing on Pierce County TV and streaming live/archived on YouTube



SIGNS IN EACH PARK with a QR code for open feedback specifically for each particular park & the trail



GENERAL FEEDBACK provided at the Senior Center, Youth Forums (students), and Community Summit



MAPPING SURVEY on project page that encouraged open suggestions by location*



***TRANSLATIONS:** online project page & mapping survey offers translation into multiple languages. Social media and other web-based surveys can be used in other languages based on the user's settings.



FEEDBACK

KICK-OFF SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

100 responses

Full report of responses/demographics in the appendix.

Most used parks/amenities in Sumner:

1. Loyalty Park
2. Rainier View Park
3. Sumner Link Trail
4. Heath Sports Complex
5. Heritage Park
6. Seibenthaler Park
7. Lucy V. Ryan Park (then “Ryan House”)
8. Sk8 Park (closed at the time of the surveys)

Type of facilities most used in Sumner:

1. Walking/biking path (79%)
2. Nature/Open Space (58%)
3. Play structures (48%)
4. Picnic/shade shelters (25%)
5. Jogging/Running (25%)

Type of facilities sought outside Sumner:

1. Walking/biking path (69%)
2. Spray park/swimming pool (49%)
3. Off-leash dog park (31%)
4. Climbing wall (27%)
5. Indoor recreation (23%)

Barriers for using Sumner facilities:

1. Needs restrooms (34%)
2. Security/safety (30%)
3. Lack of pedestrian connectivity (29%)
4. Lack of amenities (24%)
5. Unsure what’s available (23%)

Sumner needs more (top answers):

1. Splash/spray park (71)
2. Picnic area/shade structures (70)
3. Lighting (69)
4. Urban trails/sidewalks (64)
5. Indoor recreation (62)
6. Natural areas/open space (62)



MAPPING SURVEY 1

103 visitors viewed the map, 12 contributor submitted 44 comments.

Map shown here for illustrative purpose. See appendix for all comments submitted.

City of Sumner

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the map and pins. On the left of this message you can select the circle with the "+" symbol to drag and drop the pin on the location you'd like to make a comment on. We have limited the location to the urban growth area of Sumner (red outline). Park facilities are outlined in green (current & future) and trails/bike lanes are purple lines.

Options include:

Why I like this park

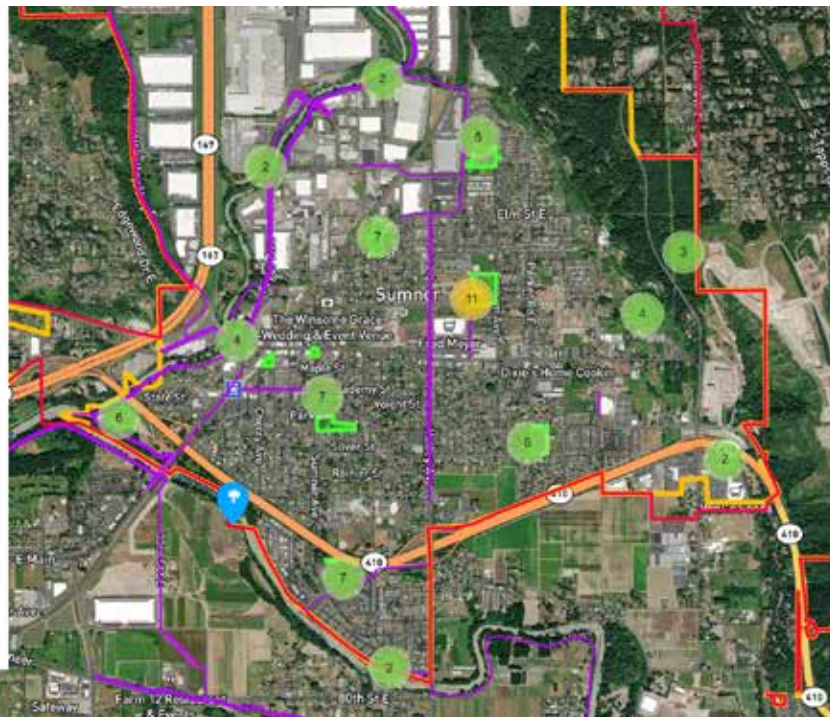
Why I like this trail

What this park is missing

What this trail is missing

A new park should go here

A new trail should go here



MAPPING SURVEY 2

141 visitors viewed the map, 13 contributor submitted 75 comments.

Map shown here for illustrative purpose. See appendix for all comments submitted.

Visioning Map Survey

Thank you for your input on the kickoff survey.

Major themes we noticed were:

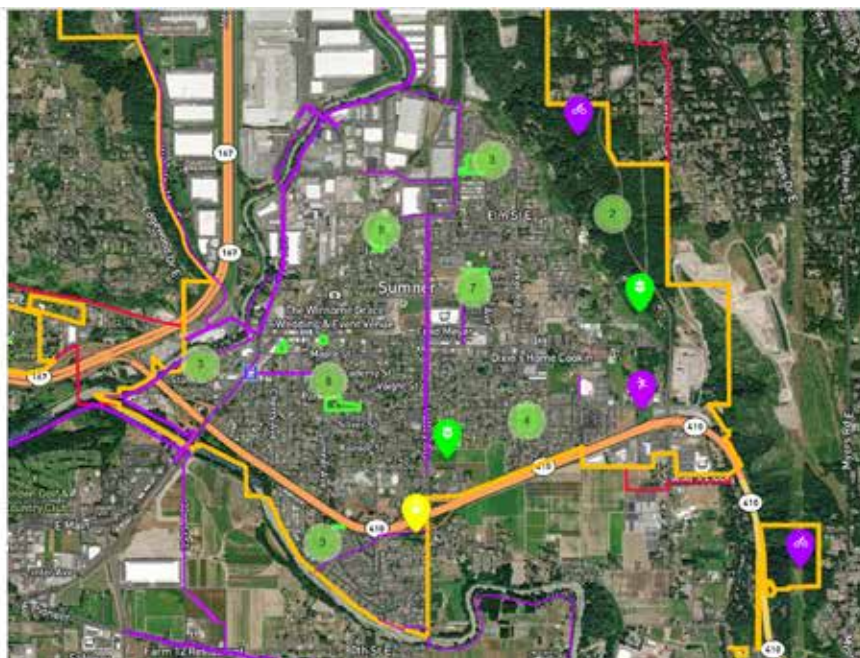
Wanting additional park amenities such as shade shelters, picnic areas, benches, resting areas, etc.

Wanting additional urban trails and sidewalk connections, either in the parks or between your neighborhood and the parks

Wanting additional site lighting in the existing parks to make them safer and more useable

Wanting to preserve existing undeveloped natural areas and open space?

For this next phase of the survey, we would like your ideas on where these improvements could happen. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the map and add your comments/suggestions.



INDIVIDUAL PARK FEEDBACK

Each park and the trail, had a short survey that simply asked

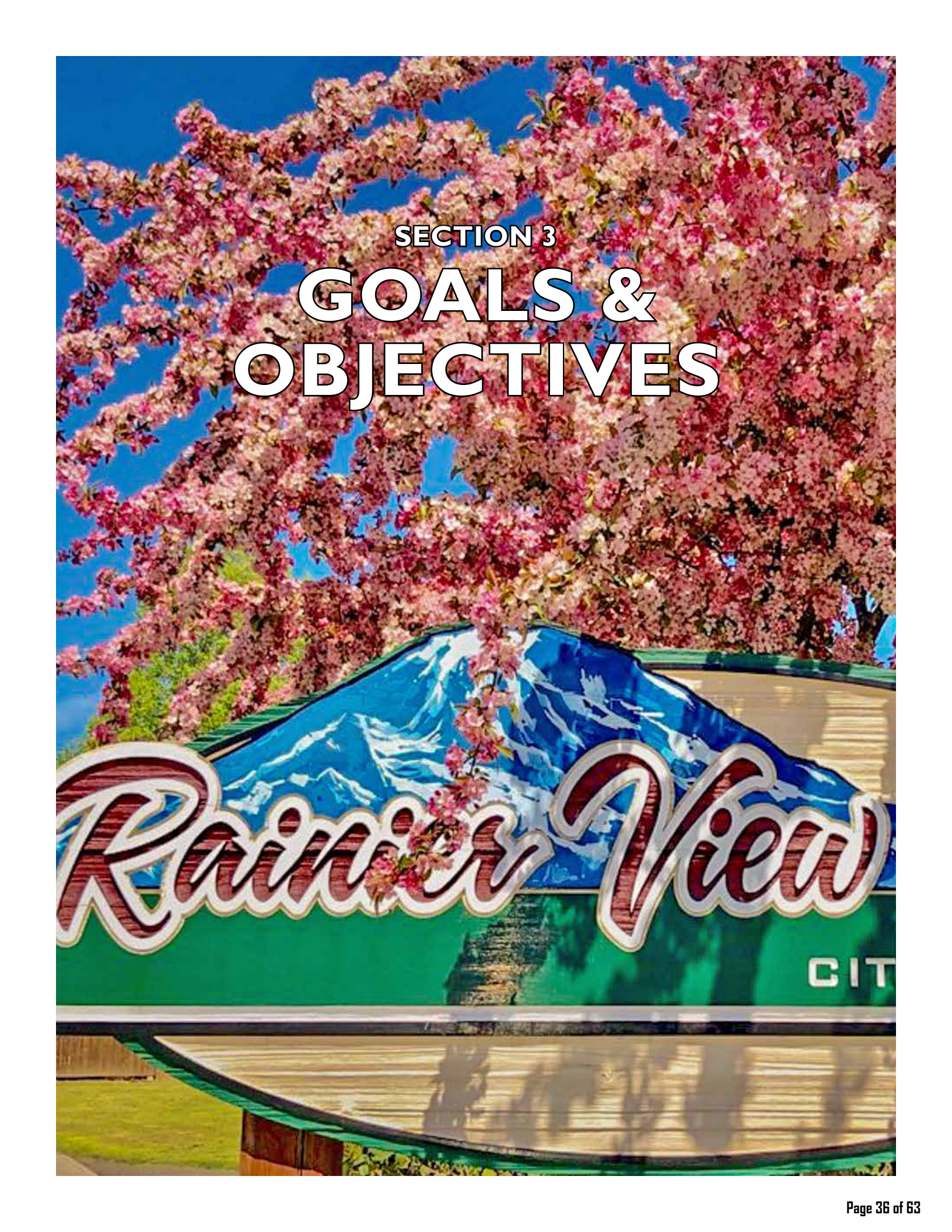
“I love this park because...”

“What this park really needs is...”

All responses are in the appendix.

Park	Visitors to Page	Contributions
Heath Sports Complex	33	15
Heritage Park	12	6
Loyalty Park	57	39
Rainier View Park	61	44
Seibenthaler Park	22	18
Sumner Link Trail	82	74
	267	196



A vibrant photograph of a large, colorful sign for 'Rainier View City'. The sign features a stylized blue and white mountain peak above the words 'Rainier View' in a large, red, cursive font with a white outline. Below this, the word 'CITY' is partially visible in a white, sans-serif font. The sign is set against a backdrop of dense, pink cherry blossoms and a clear blue sky. The sign itself is mounted on a wooden structure, and its reflection is visible in a pool of water in the foreground.

SECTION 3

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

From history, analysis of current facilities and feedback, this plan next establishes broad goals for the next six years. These goals and objectives carry across all parks, trails and open space and speak to ongoing service rather than construction projects, although there is some natural overlap. Later, the plan will further explore specific capital needs within each park.

GOAL I

Ensure facilities are safe and comfortable for a wide range of users.

OBJECTIVE 1.1 – PROVIDE AMENITIES PEOPLE NEED

1.1.1 Restrooms

1.1.2 Parking

- Further develop trailheads
- Add parking improvements, including ADA options
- EV charging/parking

1.1.3 Accessibility

- Inclusive playgrounds and amenities

1.1.4 Weather

- Covered court & shade structures
- Spray park

OBJECTIVE 1.2 – MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR SAFETY

1.2.1 Playgrounds

1.2.2 Vandalism prevention

1.2.3 Industry safety standards

OBJECTIVE 1.3 – KEEP SPACES COMFORTABLE & INVITING

1.3.1 Lighting

1.3.2 Landscape features

1.3.3 Maintenance levels of service/standards

1.3.4 Develop consistent and sufficient placemaking and wayfinding signage (Tourism Plan)

GOAL 2

Foster spaces that are attractive and inviting, balancing a variety of needs and uses.

OBJECTIVE 2.1-PROVIDE SPACES FOR EXERCISE AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

- 2.1.1 Paths/trails for walking/jogging
- 2.1.2 Diversify courts for basketball, volleyball, pickleball and tennis.
- 2.1.3 Fix drainage issues to increase availability of fields for soccer, football, lacrosse & other sports as well as passive use.

OBJECTIVE 2.2-PROVIDE SPACES FOR PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE NATURE

- 2.2.1 Construction/maintenance of Sumner Link Trail
- 2.2.2 Find places in new park designs to incorporate nature, potential Tribal horticulture.
- 2.2.3 Continue nursery to replace lost trees with mature trees.
- 2.2.4 Find strategies to protect White River Restoration habitat areas from unauthorized use.

OBJECTIVE 2.3-PROVIDE SPACES TO BUILD COMMUNITY

- 2.3.1 Strategies to foster individuals using spaces together
 - New seating
 - Create informal yard game areas
 - Off-leash dog park
- 2.3.2 Strategies to foster personal meetings/celebrations (i.e. birthday parties)
 - Move gazebo to...
 - Possible purchase of Rotary Scout Hall
 - Heritage Park building
 - Evaluate reservation system
 - Update Senior Center fixtures/explore expanded use
- 2.3.3 Strategies to foster/support community events
 - Resign Heritage Park—new stage area & building
 - Activate Hops Alley

OBJECTIVE 2.4-PROVIDE SPACES THAT FOSTER ART AND CULTURE

- 2.4.1 Develop unique pocket parks and plazas with Sumner-specific murals and programming (Tourism Plan)
- 2.4.2 Redesign Heritage Park stage for better entertainment options
- 2.4.3 Include acoustical design in new event spaces for maximum uses

GOAL 3

Integrate and connect parks, trails and open spaces with various users for easy access.

OBJECTIVE 3.1—BIKING ROUTES FOR RECREATION/TRANSPORTATION

- 3.1.1 Develop bike lanes to encourage non-vehicular transportation and links (TMP, Tourism Plan)
- 3.1.2 Promote bike trails linking downtown and industrial area (Tourism Plan)
- 3.1.3 Complete Rivergrove Pedetrian Bridge to reconnect Rivergrove to amenities (TMP)
- 3.1.4 Complete bridge over Puyallup River to connect Sumner/Rivergrove to regional system
- 3.1.5 Work with region to further connect and promote regional trail system

OBJECTIVE 3.2—PARKING ACCESS

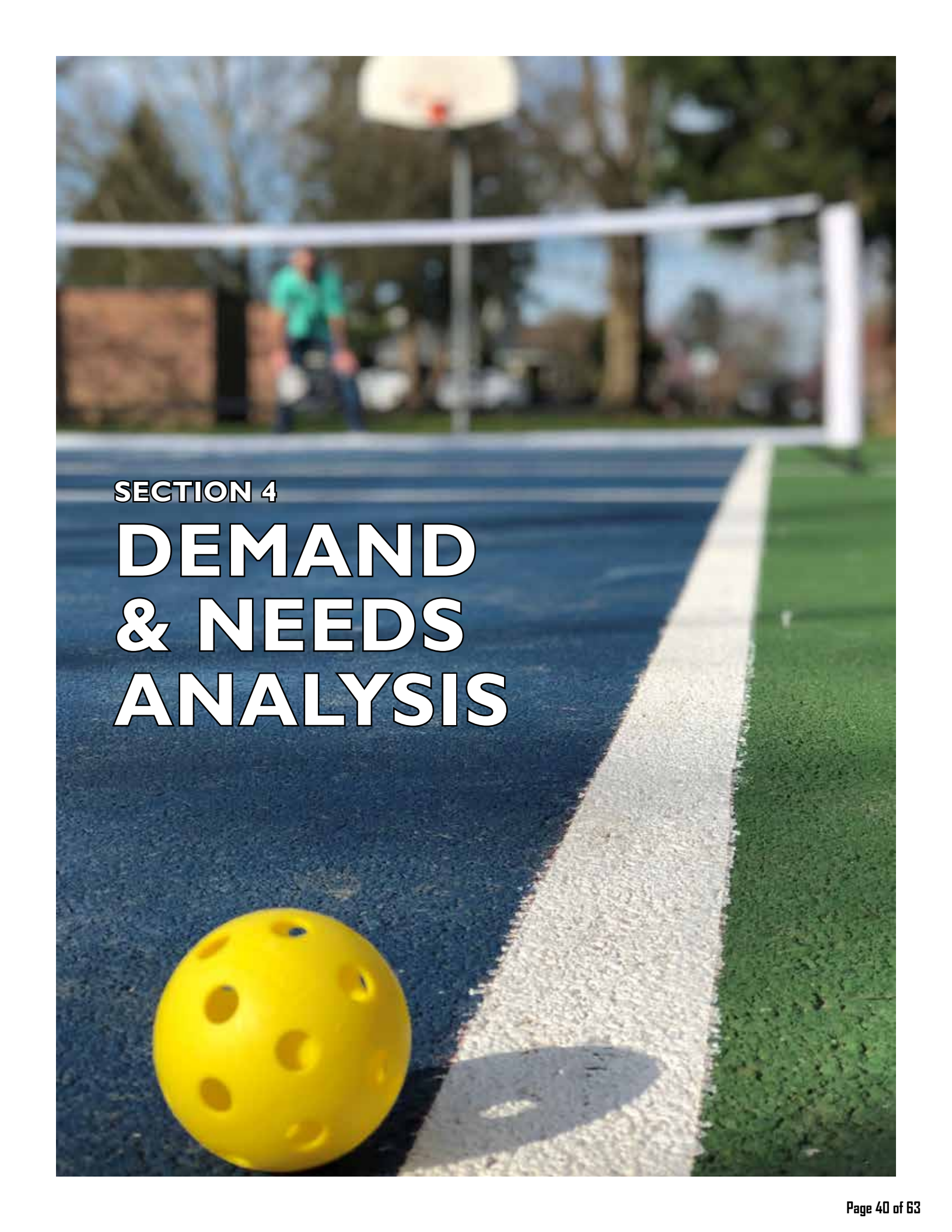
- 3.2.1 Explore the parking needs and options to access the trail and future trailhead locations
- 3.2.2 Improve parking access/safety
- 3.2.3 Continue alley activations to improve safety, experience of downtown parking.

OBJECTIVE 3.3—PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

- 3.3.1 Activate alleys to balance pedestrian access from Main Street.
- 3.3.2 Complete Rivergrove Pedetrian Bridge to reconnect Rivergrove to amenities (TIP)

OBJECTIVE 3.4—ADA, SENIOR ACCESS

- 3.4.1 Blend of improvements for ADA and senior access.

A photograph of an outdoor pickleball court. In the foreground, a yellow pickleball with multiple holes sits on the blue court surface. A white line runs diagonally from the bottom right towards the center. To the right of the line is green artificial turf. In the background, a white net is strung across the court. Behind the net, a person in a green shirt is visible, and a basketball hoop is mounted on a pole. The background is slightly out of focus, showing trees and a clear sky.

SECTION 4

DEMAND & NEEDS ANALYSIS

Now that this plan has explored feedback and established broad goals and objectives, this section analyzes current and future demand in order to assess the park system’s needs for the next 6-10 years while also looking ahead to the next 15-20 years. Needs include both preservation of existing assets while addressing population forecasts and shifting priorities.

QUANTIFICATION/QUALIFICATION

This section uses quantitative metrics including traditional levels-of-service metrics and information from the National Recreation and Park Association’s (NRPA) guidelines and online Park Metrics database. However, what is harder to capture in a report like this is the qualitative aspects of services and spaces. For example, feedback and experience show that Sumner’s Loyalty Park is one of the most loved and used parks in the system, yet it’s also the oldest with few “modern” amenities and attractions. When planning future improvements, the qualitative feedback shown in the simple answers to “I love this park because...” should be taken into account along with data metrics.

LEVEL-OF-SERVICE

NRPA sets national guidelines as a broad metric for comparison but encourages communities to set their own service level standards based on local goals, priorities and conditions. Sumner’s standards are listed below as well as Pierce County’s as established by the County’s similar parks plan.

Pierce County Levels of Service Standards	
Facility Type	Target (per 1,000 residents)
Developed Park	6.7 acres
Open Space Area	7.5 acres
Trail/Walking Path	0.11 miles
Sports Courts & Fields	0.2 facilities

City of Sumner Levels of Service Standards	
Facility Type	Target (per 1,000 residents)
Developed Park	5.8 acres
Open Space Area	4.1 acres
Max. walk to a park	10 minutes

RECREATION TRENDS

Residents and visitors highly value recreation on the state-wide level for a variety of reasons. From a long-haul trucker needing to stretch their legs to a work-from-home employee who seeks connection during a lunch break, recreation spaces promote mental and physical wellbeing, creativity, connection, community and artistry. Key spaces also drive tourism, further supporting local restaurants, stores and services.

Top 20 Recreation Activities in Washington State*	
Activity	% of participants
Walking or Using Mobility Device on Roads or Sidewalks	91%
Wildlife & Nature Viewing	90%
Scenic Driving (Sightseeing)	85%
Hanging Out	70%
Picnic, Barbecue or Cookout	68%
Community Garden or Farmer's Market	66%
Visiting Outdoor Cultural or Historic Facility	62%
Swimming in Natural Settings	61%
Paddle Sports (whitewater, canoes, kayaks, SUP, rowing)	52%
Outdoor Concert or Special Event	49%
Gathering or Collecting Anything in Nature	49%
Tent Camping (developed campground)	44%
Backpacking	42%
Playground	41%
Tent Camping (undeveloped area)	41%
Road cycling	40%
Yard games (beanbag toss, horseshoes, etc.)	38%
Volunteering (restoration projects, citizen science, etc.)	37%
Jogging or running on roads or sidewalks	35%
Snowshoeing	35%

Source: Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office, [2023 Recreation & Conservation Plan](#)

*This is a state-wide list. Not all activities are common in Sumner.

GAP ANALYSIS

SUMNER POPULATION PROJECTIONS

For the past few decades, Sumner has been growing at a modest pace of less than 1% per year. However, Sumner will see a significant population increase in the next five years given market demand plus recent changes prompted through Sumner's Town Center Plan, the East Sumner Neighborhood Plan and efforts to increase affordable and senior housing. More residents will be living in multi-family than ever before, driving an increased need for public outdoor and recreation spaces for gathering, exercise and connection to nature.

City of Sumner Population		
Year	Population	Persons per square mile
2020	10,621	1,475
2023	10,800	1,500
2044	15,519*	2,155

*Projection by Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)

The above lists only Sumner's residential populations. This report often references how Sumner's parks, trails and open spaces also serve people who work here, visit and commute/travel through here. Some estimated numbers include:

- 17,000 people work in Sumner's Manufacturing Industrial Center (2023 estimate)
- Over 91,000 people commute through Sumner either in vehicles or transit. (2022 Average Annual Daily Traffic Count for SR 167 in Sumner)
- Over 292,000 unique visitors to Downtown Sumner (2022 geodata)



CURRENT INVENTORY

Section 2 of this plan explored the detailed inventory and classification of Sumner's parks and open spaces. In order to assess standard level of service standards, this grid uses broader facility types for the same spaces. Any area classified as natural greenspace/open area is listed here as Open Space Area. All other classifications are included in Developed Park, whether currently developed or anticipated for future development.

City of Sumner Inventory			
Facility Type	Facility Type	Size	Change from 2018
Rainier View Park	Developed Park	3.9 acres	No change
Loyalty Park	Developed Park	3.3 acres	No change
Heritage Park	Developed Park	0.78 acres	Increased size
Ryan Park	Developed Park	0.4 acres	Increased open space
Heath Sports Complex	Developed Park	7.0 acres	No change
Seibenthaler Park	Developed Park	2.3 acres	Increased size
Bennett Property	Developed Park (future)	4.21 acres	Added
Qunell Park	Developed Park (future)	0.25 acres*	Added
Sumner Link Trail	Open Space Area	5.5 miles	No change
Riverbend Park	Open Space Area	11 acres	Changed to White River Restoration
Shops Loop Trail	Open Space Area		No change
Two Rivers Point	Open Space Area		No change
Total Developed Park:		28.99 acres	
Total Open Space Area:		33.45 acres	

*Includes ROW

SUMNER'S WHITE RIVER RESTORATION PROJECTS

Within this planning period, Sumner will have a unique situation regarding open space. The White River Restoration Projects will return an estimated 215 acres to undeveloped river habitat including braided river channels and setback levees. This space is open, natural space that will NOT be accessible to the public for any kind of recreation, even passive recreation, due to restrictions required for the safety of six endangered species of salmon.

For this reason, the land acreage is not included in the inventory for open space. However, this space will serve the public indirectly by improving natural experiences in adjacent recreation areas. Sumner is proud to partner with local Tribes to improve the overall natural experience in our region and make a significant land investment in conservation of endangered species.

LEVELS OF SERVICE COMPARISONS

Comparing Sumner's targets for various types of facilities versus current and projected population growth shows where gaps currently exist and where they'll develop if facilities do not keep pace with anticipated population growth. In addition to strict numbers, Sumner's parks amenities are predominantly located in the southern, residential portion of the city, leaving people who work or visit the industrial area even shorter on accessible amenities than indicated by the numbers here.

Facility Type	Levels of Service				
	2023 Population	2044 Population	Target (per 1,000)	2023 Gap	2044 Gap
Developed Park	2.03 acres	1.42 acres	5.8 acres	-3.77	-4.38
Open Space			4.1 acres		
Trail/Path	0.5 miles	0.35 miles	0.11 miles	+0.39	+0.24

THE 10-MINUTE WALK

In addition to having spaces, Sumner also has a goal of parks and facilities available within a 10-minute walk for all residents. On level ground (most of Sumner's terrain), a 10-minute walk typically covers 1/2 mile. This metric is used for a number of reasons including

- Age equity - keeping parks accessible to the widest range of users, especially youth who can't drive yet.
- Health - a 10-minute walk helps increase the health benefits of visiting a park, especially for those seeking more passive pursuits within the parks themselves.
- Environmental Impact - reducing vehicular trips/congestion aids the environment in general as well as the experience within each park space.
- Park Safety & Stewardship - having a park within easy access increases routine use, keeping parks a habitual part of life rather than a unique experience. Routine use increases park safety, building a sense of stewardship from users and neighbors.
- Economic Value - Easily accessible parks increase property value and reduce stress for neighboring residents and businesses.

Sumner's goal is to have 100% of residents within a 10-minute walk of a park, trail or open space amenity. Currently, gaps do exist. See the map on page 17 to review the gaps, shown in green circles. They can be reduced and eliminated by adding parks, improving transportation connections or both.

OTHER TRENDS & ISSUES

FUNDING

Currently, Sumner relies on the following funding for Parks:

- General Fund - funds staff, equipment and routine supplies. Washington's current 1% cap on revenue that can be collected from property tax will squeeze City budgets, putting parks in direct "competition" for limited dollars with other key services, including police. The City can ask voters for a levy lid lift to raise the rate, an effort that costs money up-front and competes with other jurisdictional levies (i.e. schools, fire).
- Park Impact Fees - collected from developers as part of the development process, this fee helps new development invest in the Parks at a level equivalent to the long-term investment others had been making through taxes.
- Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) - funds collected during the sale of a property, typically reserved for capital projects.
- Business & Occupation (B&O) Tax - a tax measured on the value of products, gross proceeds of sale, or gross income of a business. While there is a State B&O tax, cities have the option to add a local version, which Sumner has not done to date.
- Grants - Sumner continues to seek and successfully receive a variety of grants. However, as most cities in the region face the same growth and similar funding gaps, grants will remain highly competitive to receive and usually cover construction only, not ongoing maintenance.
- Private Donors - Private donors/sponsors may be an option for large development such as the building at Heritage Park. However, small-dollar fundraising drives create more maintenance challenges than funding solutions. Private donors typically respond to construction as well, not ongoing, routine maintenance.
- Parks District - Currently, Sumner does not have a parks district, but other pressures outlined above may make this the most viable funding option available in the future, providing a stable funding source not in competition with other services or cities.
- Traffic Cameras - Use in park areas could reduce speeds with revenue split to also support parks.

SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP

In general, governments are seeing a decline in residents' perception of investing in community-wide services including roads, utilities and parks. A feeling of "what's in it for me" focuses more on direct benefit as a transaction rather than a broader, community-level sense of stewardship.

SECTION 5

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



In addition to ongoing, routine care of the parks, there's also the capital investments needed over time to grow and expand parks, either geographically or with the amenities provided in each space. This section provides an overview of each park's anticipated capital needs over the next six years. The graph below offers an idea of how the needs could be spaced over the span of this plan. It offers a guide while staff continue to seek and capitalize on every opportunity provided to fund and grow Sumner's parks, trail and open space.

Note: estimates below do not include soft costs such as permits or escalation costs as those will fluctuate over time.

Site/Project	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031-2044
Rainier View								
Covered Court (Funded)	\$ 937,000							
Misc Site Improvements		\$ 100,000						
Heritage								
Alley		\$ 2,160,000						
Park & Playground				\$ 5,415,000				
Building					\$ 7,000,000			
Lucy V. Ryan								
Master Plan	\$ 25,000							
Demo	\$ 185,000							
Development		\$ 100,000						
Loyalty								
Drainage & Site Improvements		\$ 109,000						
Picnic/Shade Shelter		\$ 25,000						
Expansion & Parking		\$ 700,000						
Heath Sports								
Field			\$ 3,000,000					
Lighting			\$ 600,000					
Fencing			\$ 375,000					
Pump & Sk8								\$ 995,000
Picnic & Pathways				\$ 365,000				
Seibenthaler								
Site Improvements (phases)			\$ 3,750,000			\$ 3,750,000	\$ 2,910,529	
ROW Improvements				\$ 352,700				
Bennett								
Site Improvements (phases)			\$ 2,250,000			\$ 3,575,000	\$ 2,792,317	
Qunell								
Master Plan		\$ 35,000						
Site Improvements				\$ 1,090,000				
TOTALS	\$ 1,147,000	\$ 3,229,000	\$ 9,975,000	\$ 7,222,700	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,325,000	\$ 5,702,846	\$ 995,000



RAINIER VIEW PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Add Portland Loo restroom (2024)
- Complete covered court (2024)
- Replace playground with inclusive playground (2023-2024)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Add shaded picnic area and more benches
- Fix perimeter fence
- Improve drainage/renovate lawn
- Level for soccer field(s)
- Add trees

COST ESTIMATES

- Covered court - \$937,000 (Funded)
- Misc. improvements - \$100,000

EXPANDING PARKS:

Adding a “Portland Loo” restroom brings running water and improved facilities while the open design helps better prevent/repair vandalism and illegal use.





LOYALTY PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Restripe basketball court to add pickleball (2019)
- Replace playground with inclusive playground (2021)
- Add Portland Loo restroom (2023)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Add shaded picnic area (reuse Heritage gazebo?)
- Add gathering spaces (purchase Scout Hall?)
- Add entryway/formal gateway signage
- In expansion area, add loop path

COST ESTIMATES

- Drainage & site improvements - \$109,000
- Picnic/shade shelter - \$25,000
- Expansion & Parking - \$700,000

EXPANDING PARKS:

Although technically adjacent to the park (for now), the Henry mural on Scout Hall has quickly become a backdrop for concerts and selfies taken throughout the park for a signature piece of art.





REUBEN A. KNOBLAUCH HERITAGE PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Woonerf plaza (2023)
- Master Plan Design (2023-2024)
- Purchase/removal of 902-906 Kincaid for full block (2022-24)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

See Master Plan

- Move gazebo and replace with stage/seating
- Reconnect tip to interact with Main Street better
- Signature entry
- Building at south end for events, community space, offices
- Add small play area
- Integrate with Hops Alley activation

COST ESTIMATES

- Park & playground - \$5,415,000
- Building - \$7,000,000

EXPANDING PARKS:

With utility work already tearing up streets, repaving installed the woonerf plaza as directed by the Main Street Vision, making events flow better and drivers more cautious of pedestrians.





LUCY V. RYAN PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Resetting park as east “anchor” for downtown, to be used in tandem with Heritage Park for large events to encourage pedestrian flow through downtown
- House demolition (2024)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Needs immediate/intermediary improvements for use
- Incorporate required memorial to Lucy V. Ryan (deed) and house (SEPA)
- Develop master plan with engagement

COST ESTIMATES

- Master Plan - \$25,000
- Demolition - \$185,000
- Development - \$100,000

EXPANDING PARKS:

The original site plan assumed outdoor amenities augmenting the house. With the loss of the house, some elements may still direct future redevelopment of the site for expanded use.

Movable Seating



Raised Bed Kitchen Garden



Overhead Lighting



Image courtesy of the City of Seattle, Department of Parks and Recreation. Photo credit: City of Seattle, Department of Parks and Recreation. Photo credit: City of Seattle, Department of Parks and Recreation.



BILL HEATH SPORTS COMPLEX

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Restripe tennis courts for pickleball too

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Turf baseball field
- Convert lights to LEDs
- New restroom
- Remodel concession stand
- Add a pump track and/or street scape area

COST ESTIMATES

- Field - \$3,000,000
- Lighting - \$600,000
- Fencing - \$375,000
- Pump & Sk8 - \$995,000
- Picnic & Pathways - \$365,000

EXPANDING PARKS:

Over 1800 people & businesses donated to build this park over 20 years ago. This is a prime example of how up-front capital investment can be great in the first 5-10 years while also creating maintenance challenges after that.





SEIBENTHALER PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Developed master plan for redesign (2022)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

See Master Plan

- Fix drainage for useable open lawn
- Add dog park
- Add shade trees/wetland buffer
- Add walking path route
- Add shelter
- Change basketball court to multipurpose court
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COST ESTIMATES

- Site improvements (phases) - \$5,217,094
- ROW Improvements - \$352,700

EXPANDING PARKS:

In this park, Sumner tested its first pop-up off-leash dog park, which was a great success with users and added to the data that a more permanent option is needed.





BENNETT PROPERTY

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Purchase of property (2020)
- Addition of Hansen Hallway (2021)
- Master plan (2022)
- Addition of Robinson NW corner (2023)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

See Master Plan

- Build entries and parking
- Develop open lawn space
- Mitigate wetlands with buffer and planting
- Add picnic shelter and play area
- Build multipurpose court
- Develop plaza and walkways

COST ESTIMATES

- Site improvements (phases) - \$4,587,893
- Expansion & Parking - \$700,000

EXPANDING PARKS:

This property brings park space to a blend of residential and industrial neighbors who previously had no space within easy access.





QUNELL FAMILY PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Donation of property (2021)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Plan for development
- Add playground
- Build sport court
- Develop open space
- Improve access/amenities

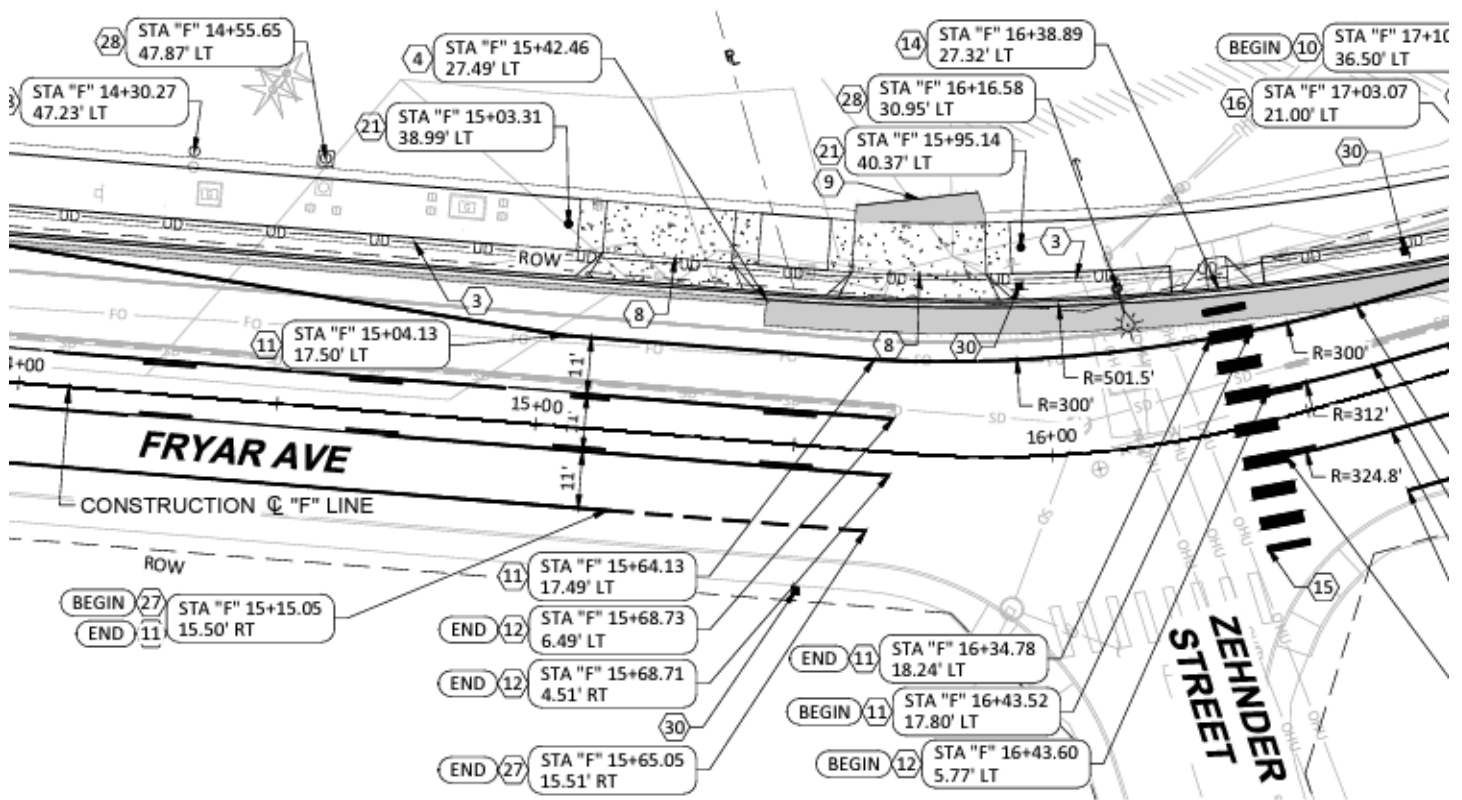
COST ESTIMATES

- Master Plan - \$35,000
- Site Improvements - \$1,090,000

EXPANDING PARKS:

This property brings park space to a neighborhood of roughly 1,000 people with no current park space.





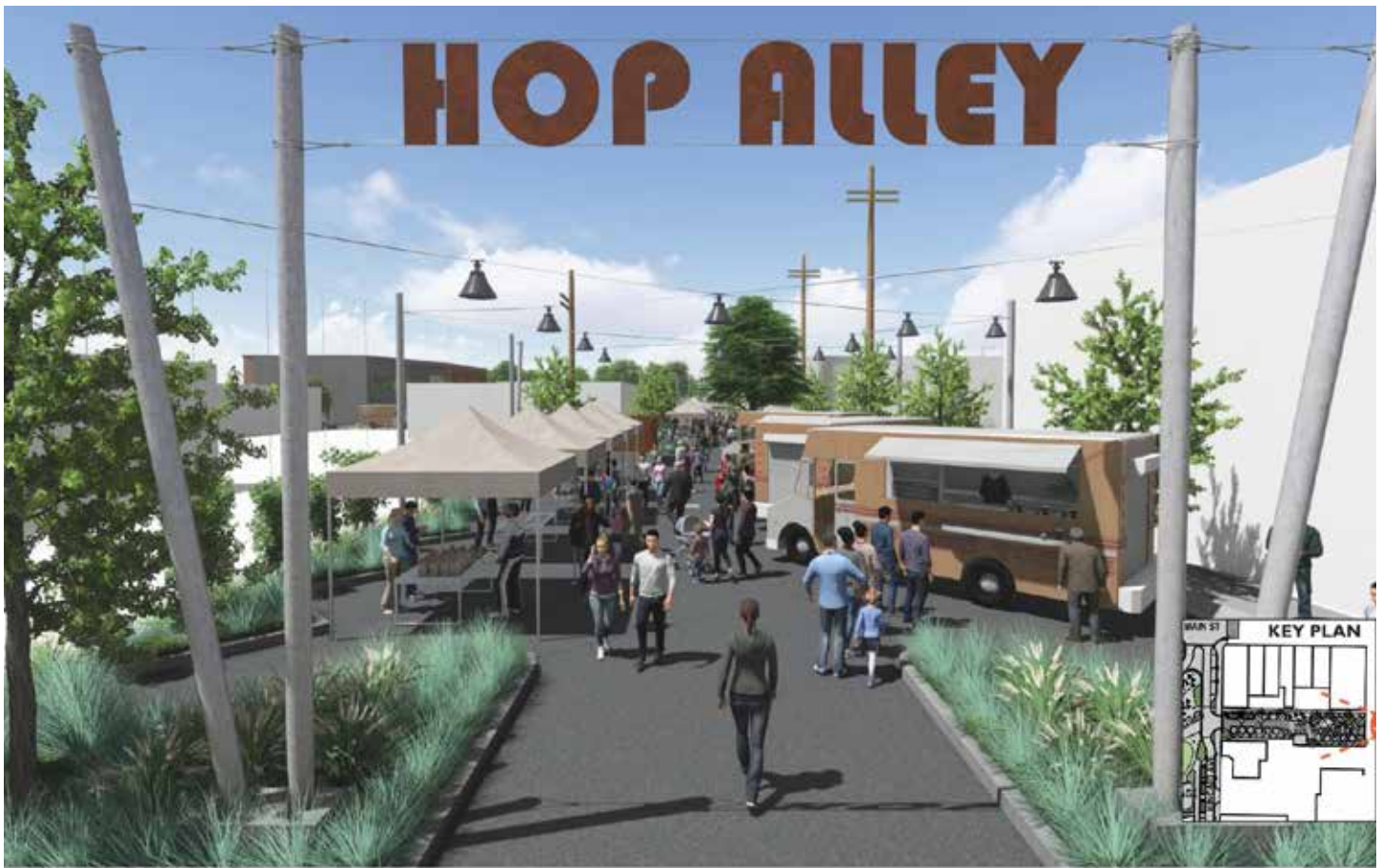
SUMNER LINK TRAIL

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Build missing separated trail at Fryar Ave (2024)
- Ongoing repairs/maintenance

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Move portion of trail for White River Restoration
- Improve trailhead amenities/options



ALLEY ACTIVATION

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Conceptual Design of Hops Alley (2023)
- Full Design of Hops Alley (2024)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

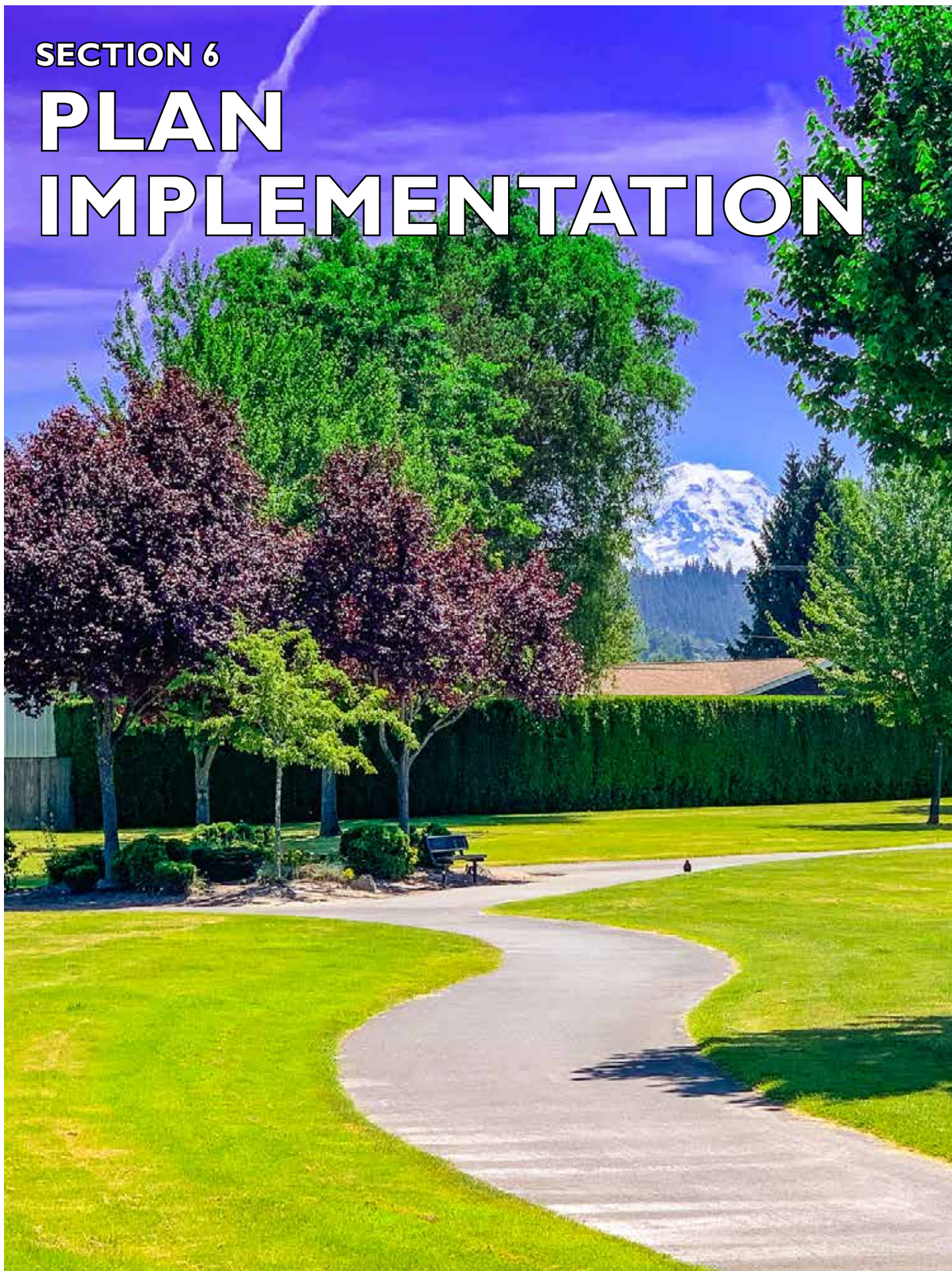
- Construct Hops Alley
- Plan extensions to other alleys for activation
- Partner to rework programming/events to activate alleys rather than shut down streets.
- Encourage businesses maximize alley exposure

COST ESTIMATES

- Alley - \$2,160,000

SECTION 6

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION



TIMELINE

DRAFTING THE PLAN

The last update of this plan was drafted by Berk Consulting, Inc. and HBB Landscape Architecture, passed by the City Council in February 2018. Elements of that draft are repeated as appropriate in this version.

This current update began in 2023 with extensive and various public outreach. The initial draft was started by SCJ Alliance with the final draft and design completed by the City of Sumner.

FORESTRY & PARKS COMMISSION

Review, edit & recommend final draft to Council - April 14, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL

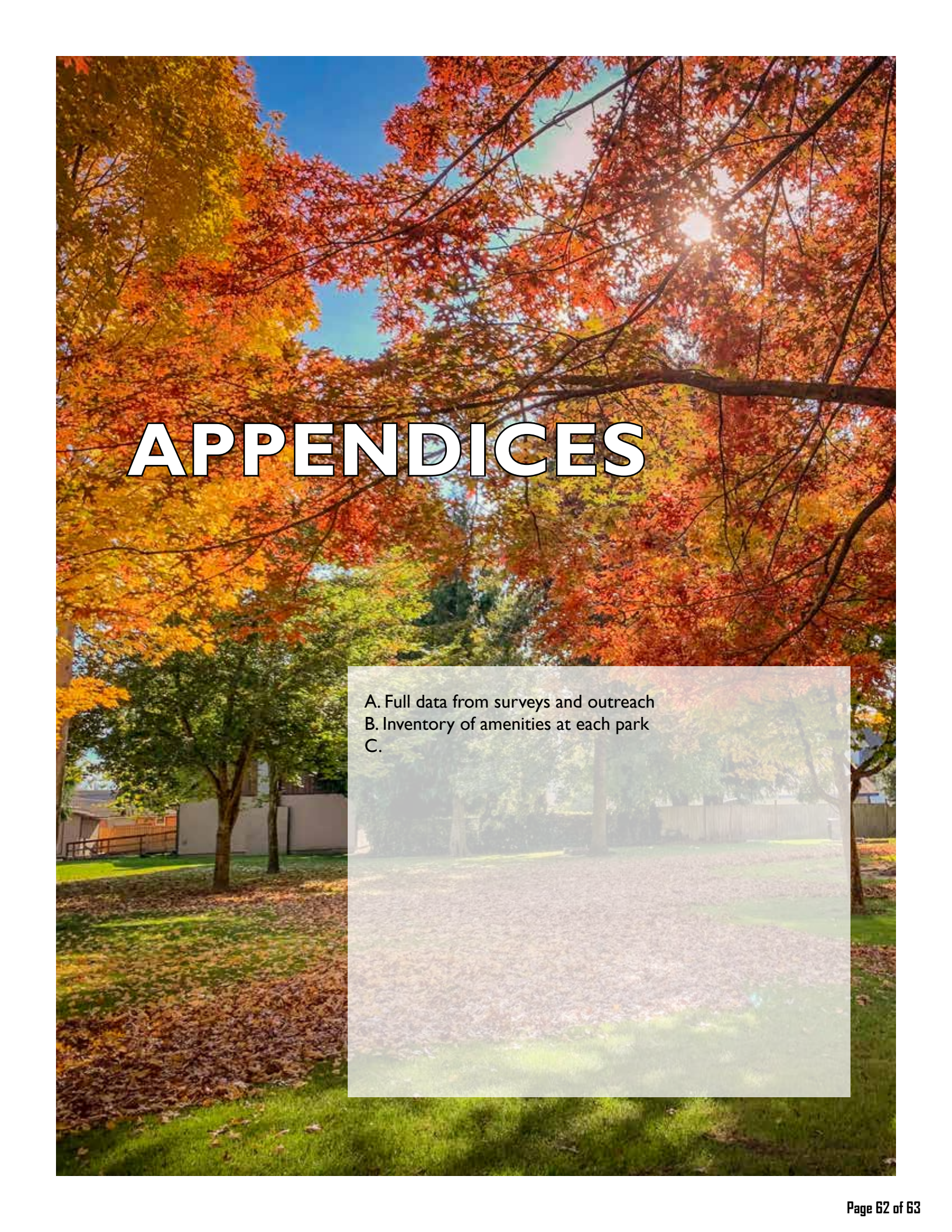
Review final draft - Study Session March 25, 2024

Approve & pass - City Council Meeting May 6, 2024

Once approved, a plan provides a roadmap of how the City can best expand and maintain its infrastructure. With each biennial budget during this plan's period, the Council will reassess its priorities and make choices about what projects and efforts to fund. City staff will also use this plan to prioritize time and energy, seeking funding sources and opportunities that complement the City's budget to complete projects and maintain programs.

While the public will have the opportunity to comment on the plan, outreach and feedback happened at the beginning of this process to incorporate many voices and perspectives. Once adopted, the public will continue to have extensive input in how this plan is executed with opportunities to comment on each biennial budget, on specific park master plans, on accepting grant awards, and depending on amount, on the selection of consultants and contractors.

ORDINANCE



APPENDICES

- A. Full data from surveys and outreach
- B. Inventory of amenities at each park
- C.

March 14, 2024

City of Sumner
City Council
1104 Maple Street
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The City of Sumner's Forestry & Parks Commission is proud to recommend the adoption of the 2024-2030 Parks and Trails Plan to the Sumner City Council.

The purpose of Forestry & Parks Commission is to have input to the supervision of all parks, recreational facilities, trails, trees in the city of Sumner. This volunteer commission values our parks, trails, and open spaces and, with the help of the community, aims to develop a system that effectively meets the current and future needs of the community.

This Plan Update included: a parks inventory and assessment of existing park facilities; public engagement to assess community needs and desires; and a level of service comparison based on local, regional, and national trends.

The commission understands that opportunities and funding can shift priorities. In general, we view the following as priorities:

1. Land acquisition, underserved areas then expansion of current sites
2. Development of vacant sites
3. Redevelopment of master planned sites
4. Redevelopment of sites

Sincerely

Theresa Haase
Forestry & Parks Commission Chair