

PROJECT OVERVIEW & BACKGROUND

PLAN PURPOSE

Gresham Parks 2035: Parks, Recreation and Trails Plan (Gresham Parks 2035 or the Plan) represents a multi-year effort to establish a renewed vision to maintain, enhance, and invest in Gresham's parks, trails, and recreation spaces over the next 10 years and beyond.

PLANNING PROCESS

Gresham Parks 2035 was developed through a nearly two-year planning process organized around four phases that combined extensive community engagement with data-driven technical analysis:



ENGAGE

-  Parks Task Force Meeting
-  Targeted Community Member Meeting
-  Project Webpage / Social Media
-  Online Questionnaire
-  Pop-Up Event or Community Event
-  Decision-Maker Meeting

WHO HAVE WE HEARD FROM SO FAR?

The Gresham Parks 2035 engagement process provided numerous opportunities for community members to provide their ideas for the future of Gresham's parks, trails, and recreation spaces.



2 Rounds of Targeted Outreach Meetings in Multiple Languages



Parks Task Force and Technical Advisory Team Meetings



2 Online Questionnaires



Multiple Pop-Ups & Neighborhood Coalition Meetings



Scan for the Gresham Parks 2035 website & more about the Plan's engagement

PLAN INPUTS

Development of Gresham Parks 2035 was driven by a wide range of inputs ranging from qualitative community outreach findings to information from other citywide and site-specific planning efforts to data from multiple different technical analyses.



PLAN ORGANIZATION

Gresham Parks 2035 is organized into seven chapters with additional supporting appendices.

- Chapter 1. Introduction
- Chapter 2. Community and System Overview
- Chapter 3. Community Needs
- Chapter 4. Systemwide Key Directions
- Chapter 5. Site Recommendations
- Chapter 6. Capital Improvement Plan
- Chapter 7. Action Plan and Funding Strategy



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Gresham Parks 2035 recommends seven Key Directions that will guide how the Gresham Parks Program manages, develops, and enhances parks, recreation facilities, and trails over the next 10 years and beyond. These Key Directions reflect the recommended focus areas for the strategic use of Gresham's resources.

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Provide safe, welcoming, and well-maintained parks and trails.

5

Strengthen programming, engagement, communication and coordination efforts with partners, volunteers, and community groups.

2

Develop undeveloped neighborhood and community parks.

6

Identify sustainable funding sources.

3

Ensure equitable park access and distribution.

7

Promote a sustainable and resilient system.

4

Improve existing parks and trails.

WHICH KEY DIRECTION DO YOU THINK WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF GRESHAM'S PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION SPACES?

Mark the box below.

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IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

SHORT-TERM IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

There are 10 priority actions that are recommended to implement the key elements of Gresham Parks 2035 in addition to the priority capital projects. These priority actions advance the Plan's core values and key directions and a number of capital projects that will require additional planning and coordination.

Expand the types and levels of available funding for park maintenance and operations.

Update land dedication requirements and fees to support new park development.

Develop a Park Safety Improvement Strategy and implement park improvements to enhance community safety at City parks.

Develop an asset management plan and replacement schedule with clear guidelines and timelines for facility lifecycles, repair, and replacement.

Develop a maintenance management plan with clear guidelines and timelines for routine maintenance activities, preventative inspections, and corrective interventions.

Begin implementation of the priority projects.

Develop Southeast Community Park and Southwest Community Park to improve park equity and access in underserved areas.

Coordinate with other City Departments and community partners to identify and implement projects that will support multiple community benefits within City parks such as climate resilience, stormwater management, ecological health, access, and regional trail connectivity.

Enhance existing partnerships and identify new partnership opportunities to expand park access and recreation programming, particularly in underserved areas.

Strengthen public engagement and communications regarding available resources and funding realities to manage community expectations and increase public awareness of funding challenges and needs.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER ACTIONS THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED FOR IMPLEMENTATION?

Share your ideas below.