

GRESHAM PARKS 2035



PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS PLAN

PLAN PURPOSE

Gresham Parks 2035 represents a multi-year effort by the City of Gresham to establish a renewed vision to guide development, improvements, and management of parks, recreation, and trails for the next 10 years and beyond. The Plan provides priorities to guide the City and the Parks Program in making sound decisions regarding the investment, management, and operations of its park and recreation system.

Through a robust community engagement process, Gresham Parks 2035 identifies new key directions for parks, recreation, and trails along with an investment strategy to improve existing parks and develop existing undeveloped park properties as well as new parks and facilities to serve community needs and future growth.

CORE VALUES

Gresham Parks 2035 is centered around three core values that will guide Gresham's delivery of parks, recreation, and trails for the next 10 years and beyond.

ACCESSIBILITY

"Capable of being used or accessed. Often in parks and recreation, accessibility means at its basic level, legally accessible to people as determined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Accessible is not the same as inclusive."

EQUITY

"As a function of fairness, equity implies ensuring that people have what they need to participate. Equity ensures that essential programs, services, activities, and technologies are accessible to all. Equity treatment involves eliminating barriers that prevent the full participation of all individuals."

SAFETY

"The physical characteristics which park users associate with high-risk environments. Some of which include poor lighting, confusing layout, areas of concealment, poor maintenance, no access to help, vandalism, physical and aural isolation, and the presence of illegal activities."

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

2

Targeted Outreach Meetings
in Multiple Languages

300+

Community Online
Questionnaire Respondents

3

Parks Task Force and
Technical Advisory Team
Meetings

8

City Council and
Neighborhood Coalition
Briefings

300

Pop-Up Event Interactions
at City Events

80

Community Online
Prioritization Questionnaire
Respondents



KEY DIRECTIONS

In addition to directly informing recommendations for specific improvements, the Core Values also support the following seven Key Directions that will further 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.

1. Provide safe, welcoming, and well-maintained parks and trails.
2. Develop undeveloped neighborhood and community parks.
3. Ensure equitable park access and distribution.
4. Improve existing parks and trails.
5. Strengthen programming, engagement, communication, and coordination efforts with partners, volunteers, and community groups.
6. Identify sustainable funding sources.
7. Promote a sustainable and resilient system.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Gresham Parks 2035 provides a clear and prioritized action plan for investments in the park system over the next decade. Projects range from capital maintenance projects to improvements of aging amenities or equipment to new ideas generated during the planning process. Gresham Parks 2035 includes a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that provides a comprehensive list of capital projects that support future needs.

Given the extent of projects recommended in the Plan, not all of the CIP projects will be completed over the Plan's 10-year period, given limited capital, maintenance, and operational funding and capacity available or reasonably projected during this period. As a result, the Plan also includes a prioritized list of projects anticipated to be achievable over the next 10 years. Priorities are based on community engagement priorities, discussions with City staff, current CIP priorities, availability of state and regional funding, and the core values developed by the City's Parks & Recreation Community Advisory Group. **A total of 41 projects are prioritized for implementation by 2035 if funding is available. The total estimated capital cost for these priority projects is approximately \$28.7 million.**

Park Classification	Total Projects	Total Approximate Costs
Existing Parks and Facilities		
Community Parks	19	\$9,178,020
Neighborhood Parks	15	\$7,023,920
Undeveloped Parks	4	\$6,750,000
Proposed New Parks and Facilities		
New Park & Facility Development	3	\$5,710,000
TOTAL	41	\$28,661,940

PRIORITY PROJECT EXAMPLES

- » Development of two existing **undeveloped parks** (Southeast Community Park and Southwest Community Park) and new amenities at Columbia View Neighborhood Park
- » **ADA enhancements** at 8 sites
- » New or improved **restrooms** at 7 sites
- » New or improved **playgrounds** at 7 sites
- » Development of three new parks in the **Pleasant Valley Plan Area** funded by system development charges (SDCs)



GRESHAM PARKS 2035 PRIORITY PROJECTS

Priority Project Site*



Priority Project(s)

Gresham Parks and Facilities

- Community Park
- Nature Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Special Use Area
- Undeveloped Park
- Trail Corridor

Base Map Features

- City Boundary
- County Boundary
- Urban Services Boundary
- Non-City Owned Park
- Other Green Space
- School
- Water Body
- Major Arterial

*Identifies sites that have projects prioritized for implementation over the 10-year planning horizon. Some sites may have multiple priority projects.

