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Executive Summary

The City of Edmonds, the second largest city in Snohomish County, is located 14 miles north of Seattle, only minutes from Interstate 5, and is connected to the Kitsap Peninsula by ferry. Edmonds is known for its waterfront, flowers, art, and historic downtown, all of which make Edmonds a popular destination.

The Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department serves as the community's key resource for providing parks, open space, recreation programs, and cultural arts (the Park System) for the enjoyment of Edmonds citizens and visitors to the community.

The Department plays a vital role in many aspects of community life, with staff liaisons for the Edmonds Library Board, the Edmonds Memorial Cemetery Board, the City's international Sister City Commission programs, the Planning/ Parks Board and the Edmonds Arts Commission.

The Mission of the Department is: ***"To provide Edmonds' citizens with a balanced system of parks, recreation, open space and cultural services along with their support facilities to ensure quality of life."***

BENEFITS OF THE PARKS SYSTEM: ECONOMIC AND HEALTH

Unlike many towns and cities that are striving to create more attractive environments and a sense of place, Edmonds is a community that already has a strong and positive identity. Integral to what makes Edmonds both a memorable

and economically viable community is the Parks System.

Edmonds continues to build on existing assets in the Parks System which create a strong sense of place: an inviting pedestrian environment in the downtown; pedestrian and vehicular connections between parts of town and parks; walkability; a mixed use environment where people can live, work, shop and recreate; and a unique character reflected in streetscape, beautification and gathering spaces, public art and parks. Economic development strategies around the country utilize these same assets to build stronger communities.

In Edmonds the economic benefits of the Parks System elements include attracting tourism: the highlighting of cultural elements in the downtown shopping core, the accessibility and pedestrian friendly design of the waterfront parks and public art, and the development of cultural facilities combine to attract visitors. The walkability and mixed use nature of the community attracts retirees and other residents. When people want to live in a place it is attractive for businesses to locate there. Well kept parks and beautification programs attract visitors and contribute to real estate values, diverse recreation programs draw participants from the region who are introduced to the community, and cultural tourism draws from an even broader region as visitors come for festivals and arts events.

Healthy lifestyle benefits are another contribution of our Parks System. There is

growing recognition that encouraging healthy lifestyles helps prevent illness that must be treated through the expensive medical system. Edmonds encourages well-being and vitality through involvement in park, recreation and cultural services programs. The emphasis on connections and walkability in this plan focuses on recreational walking as a primary physical activity in the community, providing parks with diverse activities and a variety of recreational programming encourages mental, physical and social activity in people of all ages, and education about our natural environment and healthy practices, such as no smoking in the parks, all help promote healthy lifestyles for our residents and visitors.

THE 2008 UPDATE

The 2008 update to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan builds upon work completed through the previous comprehensive planning process.

The update incorporates input from an Advisory Group comprised of community members and city staff. The community members represented a wide range of special interests and community groups. The update also includes input from two public workshops and reviews at the Planning/Parks Board. Additional comments and priorities were received through a web survey and a telephone survey of Edmonds households.

THE VISION

Edmonds is a city that values community, sense of place, a vibrant downtown and the waterfront. Throughout the process three overarching concepts emerged on a consistent basis. These concepts drove the

direction of the plan update process and will drive the future of the Edmonds' Park System. The three concepts are:

- **Connectivity** – Improving multi-modal access to and within the Parks System, including visual and physical connections to the waterfront and downtown.
- **Diverse Activity** – Improving the system with different, new and enhanced types of activities and settings, such as an aquatics center.
- **Visibility** – Improving the accessibility of the system through stronger information systems and marketing.

See the table on the following page.

MOVING FORWARD

From the vision, general priorities for the Edmonds' park system were developed. In addition, City Council has expressed strong interest in pursuing the possibility of an aquatic center and in the acquisition and development of properties for public purposes in the Downtown Waterfront Activity Center.



CONNECTIVITY	Partnerships with schools for neighborhood park sites and park diversity.
	Connections to the waterfront and downtown.
	A multi-modal city by improving the walking and biking trail system.
DIVERSE ACTIVITY	New neighborhood and community parks to provide an even distribution of recreation elements in all parts of Edmonds.
	Protection and connection of natural areas.
	Flexible design to respond to new activities and diverse environments.
VISIBILITY	Improving the website and marketing materials for cultural and recreation programs and for existing and new park elements.
	Ensuring the value of the park system for the economic health of Edmonds and the physical well being of its citizens, which is recognized throughout the city planning processes.

Existing Plan

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1. City Park
2. Willow Creek Hatchery and Interpretive Center
3. Edmonds Marsh/Walkway
4. SR104 Wetlands (East)
5. SR104 Mini Park
6. Marina Beach Park
7. Fishing Pier
8. Olympic Beach Park/ Waterfront Walkway
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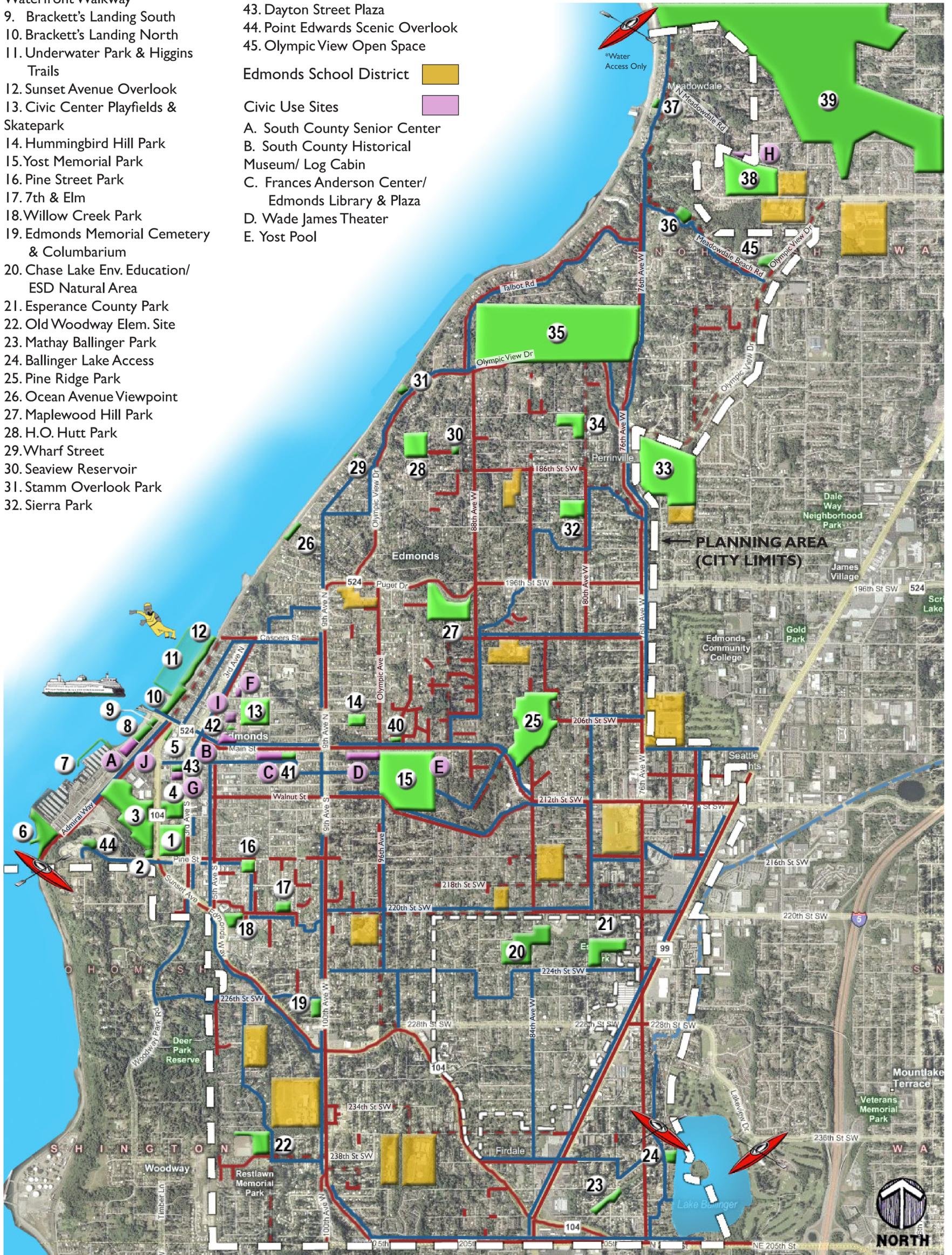
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43. Dayton Street Plaza
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Edmonds School District ■

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 - B. South County Historical Museum/ Log Cabin
 - C. Frances Anderson Center/ Edmonds Library & Plaza
 - D. Wade James Theater
 - E. Yost Pool

- F. Edmonds Center for the Arts (ECA)
- G. Dayton Street Art Complex
- H. Meadowdale Clubhouse/Park
- I. Edmonds Conference Center (EdCC)
- J. Train Station

- Existing Walkways
- - - Proposed Walkways
- Existing Bicycle Routes
- - - Interurban Trail
- Existing Hand Carry Boat Launch



Recommended Plan • Facilities

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 - Multi-purpose where feasible
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Introduction



Introduction

This Plan discusses the findings and recommendations to provide parks, open spaces, recreation and cultural services in Edmonds, referred to collectively in the document as the “Park System”. The Plan in combination with the Community Cultural Plan Update provides policies for developing the Park System and suggests methods of financing improvements and services.

The Plan identifies and evaluates the existing park system, assesses the need for Park System facilities and programs, and recommends an approach to fund improvements, including operations and maintenance.

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

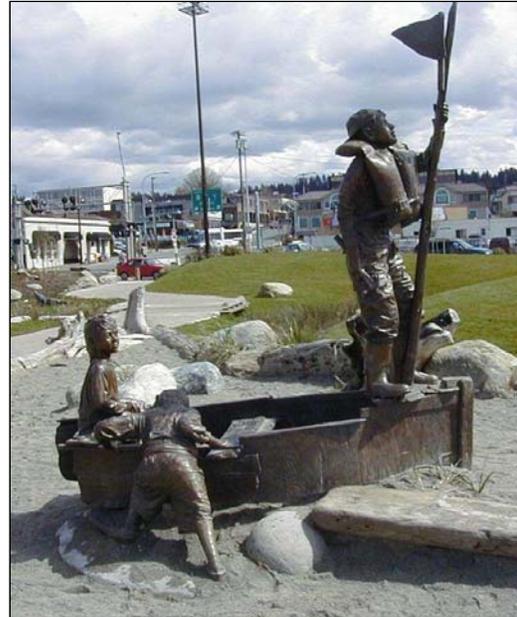
The purpose of this Plan is to identify the needs for the Park System in Edmonds and to establish policies and implement strategies to meet those needs. This Plan is an update of the city’s 2001 Plan and is consistent with the Growth Management Comprehensive Plan Guidelines. This revision provides an update to the Plan to coordinate with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

This Plan is also needed to qualify for state and federal grants. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) administers most state and federal recreation oriented grant programs through the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO). In order to qualify for these grants, Edmonds must maintain an updated Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan.

PLAN ORGANIZATION

The Plan is organized into an executive summary, seven chapters, and four appendices of technical information.

Summary of Contents



Chapter 1 – Introduction: A statement regarding the purpose of the Plan, an overview of the Plan organization, a summary of public involvement in the planning process, and a list of relevant planning documents.

Chapter 2 – Community Profile: A description of the planning area boundaries, the natural features, demographic characteristics, land use and cultural resources of Edmonds.

Chapter 3 – Facilities and Programs Inventory: A general description and inventory of existing parks, recreation, open space and cultural facilities and programs available in Edmonds.

Chapter 4 – Community Needs Assessment: A summary of existing conditions found in Edmonds today and what the community would like to see for the future of the Edmonds park system. Includes a summary of survey findings, public meetings, advisory group meetings, and recommended level of service standards.

Chapter 5 – Comprehensive Plan Framework: Goals and Objectives: For each service area of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

Chapter 6 – Action Plan: A summary of the assessed need and specific recommended actions related to the future of the Park System in Edmonds, improvements to existing facilities, changes in programs and services and/or new facilities proposed.

Chapter 7 – Funding Plan: A description of project priorities and funding sources for capital and non-capital projects.

Appendix A – Facility Inventory Worksheets

Appendix B – Community Survey Results: The telephone and web surveys with results for each question.

Appendix C – Park Descriptions: A one-page description of each facility within the park system owned or leased by the City of Edmonds. The description includes the park name, park type, size, location, list of elements, and a location map.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

In order to reflect the views of the community and build support for the Plan, public participation was an important part of the planning process. It included:

- Creation of a Parks Comprehensive Plan Advisory Group – The Advisory Group met throughout the planning process to test ideas and provide detailed feedback on the Plan. The committee included representatives from the Edmonds Arts Commission, Edmonds School District, Port of Edmonds, Adult Sports, Edmonds Library, Edmonds Planning/Parks Board, Cemetery Board, Youth Sports, South County Senior Center, Recreation Services, Cultural Services, Edmonds Bicycle Group, and citizens at large.
- Web Survey – Advertised heavily and distributed through the internet, the web survey sought to evaluate general public perception of the Park System.
- Telephone Survey – Members of randomly selected Edmonds households were asked to complete a detailed questionnaire about general recreation facilities and services, specific proposed elements and possible funding opportunities.
- Public Meetings – A public workshop and an open house were advertised and hosted by the Advisory Group and the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department. The purpose of the meetings was to invite citizens to participate in developing a plan for the future of the Edmonds Park System.

INTEGRATION WITH OTHER PLANNING DOCUMENTS

The planning documents and studies that influence park, recreation, open space and cultural facilities and services within the city were reviewed for policies, guidelines and information relevant to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan. These documents include:

- Park, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan, 2001
- City of Edmonds 2000 Bikeway Comprehensive Plan
- City of Edmonds 2002 Comprehensive Walkway Plan
- City of Edmonds Community Cultural Plan, August 2001 & updated in 2008
- City of Edmonds Comprehensive Plan, 2006

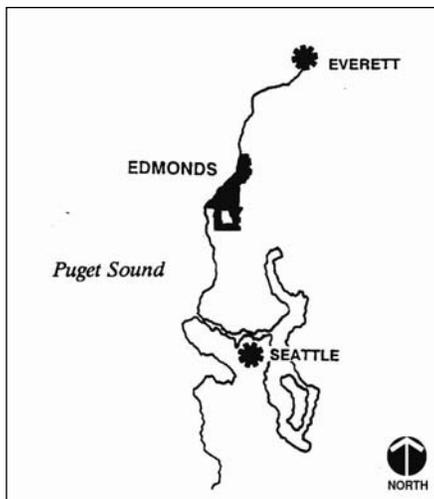
- City of Edmonds Streetscape Plan, 2006
- Community Youth Report, 2001
- US Census 2000
- Shoreline Master Plan
- Port of Edmonds Strategic Plan

Community Profile



Community Profile

The City of Edmonds is located in south Snohomish County. It is part of a highly developed region that includes north King County and south Snohomish County. Cities adjacent to Edmonds include Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood, Woodway and Shoreline. The community's location on the west-facing slopes of Puget Sound provides extensive access to beaches and waterfront parks.



State Routes 104, 524 and 99 provide links to neighboring cities, Interstate 5 and the Edmonds-Kingston Ferry. The Edmonds-Kingston Ferry connects south Snohomish County and north King County with the northern Kitsap Peninsula and points west on the Olympic Peninsula. Community Transit provides bus service with regular bus routes and peak period commuter routes. Metro transit provides direct services to the University of Washington and downtown Seattle.

BNSF Railroad tracks run along the Sound and support freight, AMTRAK passenger and Sound Transit rail service. With frequent train travel, the railroad is a

significant element in the character of the shoreline and an impediment to movement between downtown Edmonds and the Sound. The potential relocation of the ferry terminal also plays a significant role in the future of Edmonds' waterfront, including Marina Beach Park.

PLANNING AREA

The planning area includes the 8.9 square miles within the Edmonds city limits and 1.2 square miles of unincorporated neighborhoods within the overall limits of the city's boundary. The boundaries of the planning area are formed by Puget Sound on the west, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace city limits on the east, Woodway city limits and King-Snohomish County line on the south and Meadowdale Beach Park (Lund's Gulch) on the north.



Edmonds has over five miles of saltwater shoreline, fully developed. Of these five miles, less than one mile is available for public use.

The City is primarily a residential community that provides many amenities for residents and visitors. An active arts and cultural community contributes to the strong sense of civic pride widely shared in the community. There are numerous well-kept residential neighborhoods, a viable economic base and an active, involved citizenry.

The Edmonds-Kingston Ferry has had a major impact in Edmonds since the terminal was built in 1923. During summer months thousands of visitors and tourists drive to Edmonds to take the ferry to Kingston and other parts of Kitsap County. At busy times, traffic is backed up for more than a mile on SR 104.

A feasibility study, *The Edmonds Crossing*, examined alternative locations for the ferry terminal. Relocating the terminal site to Point Edwards would help resolve existing traffic conflicts and congestion while providing increased terminal capacity. A future multimodal facility is expected to incorporate terminals for rail and bus service, park and ride lots and pedestrian access, with a new ferry terminal. The proposed site is about one mile south of the existing ferry terminal.

NATURAL FEATURES

Topography/ Terrain

Edmonds has two distinct topographic districts. The western two-thirds is a gentle to steeply sloping hillside known locally as “the bowl”. This area overlooks the Sound and affords spectacular views of the water and the Olympic Mountains. The hillside is braided with ravines and streams, some extending a mile inland. The remaining

one-third of Edmonds is flat to gently rolling plateau.

As Edmonds has urbanized, the natural vegetation has become increasingly scarce. The city’s woodlands, marshes and other areas containing natural vegetation provide an important resource, which should be preserved.

Many of the remaining undeveloped areas of the city are located on hillsides or in ravines where steep slopes have discouraged, but not stopped, development. These are frequently areas where natural drainage ways exist and where the second growth forest is still undisturbed. In some areas, soil conditions exist that severely limit urban development.

Rivers, Streams, Wetlands and Drainageways

The land area of Edmonds drains directly to Puget Sound via pipes and open streams and is part of the Cedar River Drainage Basin Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA 8). Open water bodies include Northstream, Shell Creek, Hindley Creek, Good Hope Pond, Willow Creek, Shellabarger Creek and Edmonds Marsh. The marsh is fed from Shellabarger and Willow Creeks and connects to the Sound through a 1300-foot long pipe that parallels the railroad track south of the Edmonds Marina. It is a designated wildlife sanctuary.

Edmonds beaches, breakwaters and pilings represent unique habitats for marine organisms. Streams, lakes and saltwater areas offer habitats for many species of migrating and resident bird life. Undeveloped wooded areas and parks provide habitats for birds and mammals.

Many species utilize both upland and beach areas.

The Puget Sound waterfront is one of the most scenic areas of the city and establishes the visual identity of Edmonds.

Climate

The climate in Edmonds is heavily influenced by its location on Puget Sound. The abundance of moist marine air keeps the temperature mild all year. Average summer temperatures are in the low 60’s. Winter temperatures are generally in the upper 30’s. Winds are often strong and are typically from the southwest in winter and from the northwest in summer.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Current census data had not yet been released at the time of this Plan update. Demographics are therefore still based on 2000 census information.

Age

	Snohomish County	City of Edmonds
Under 19	30%	22.8%
20-44	38.8%	32.3%
45-64	22%	28.3%
Over 65	9.1%	16.6%
Median Age	34.7	42

Young families in Edmonds have increased substantially from 1990. Youth population has risen from 20% to 22.8% in 2000. Edmonds has a growing number of 20-44 age citizens. This reflects the increase of young couples with children and an average median age of 42 years. The elderly population (over 65) has remained

constant between 1990 and 2000 at 16%. 87.7% of the community is Caucasian, 5.6% are Asian, 3.3% are Hispanic or Latino and 1.3% are black or African American. 68.1% of the homes are owner-occupied units with 31.9% renter occupied.

Ethnicity

Ethnicity is important from a recreation participation standpoint. Some ethnic groups have a higher participation level in specific types of recreational activities, which would increase the demand for certain types of facilities.

The population is predominantly Caucasian, yet Edmonds is becoming more diverse each year. According to the 2000 census Edmonds is still less diverse than the State as a whole, where 18.2% of the population is an ethnicity other than Caucasian.

Income

Income levels are used to reveal important demographic characteristics. In general, the higher income groups tend to be more active and participate in more expensive types of activities.

Edmonds is an upper-middle income residential community. According to 2001 estimates provided by Puget Sound Regional Council based on traffic analysis zones (TAZ), 31% of Edmonds households are classified as upper income. Upper-middle income households make up 26.2% of the total, 24.3% are in the low-middle range and 18.5% are in the low-income range.

Due to the absence of a large industrial and commercial base, the city is heavily dependent on property taxes as the main

funding mechanism to provide services for residents. Property taxes comprise 40% of the city's General Fund Revenues.

LAND USE

Land use plays an important role in the location, distribution and availability of park, open space, recreation and cultural facilities.

According to the Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2006, the total land area of the City of Edmonds encompasses 8.9 square miles (5,700 acres). In 2006, approximately 96% of the city was developed.

Commercial activity is concentrated in two major areas – the downtown/waterfront and the Highway 99 corridor. Other vital commercial areas include Westgate, Perrinville, 5 Corners and Firdale Village.

Housing

The city is primarily residential with single-family and multi-family residential units comprising approximately 59.6% of the total land in the city. In 2007, the median home value was \$435,000.

Vacant Land

Approximately 240 acres within the Edmonds city limits are undeveloped. Of this, approximately 170 acres are zoned for single-family residential development.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Edmonds has a strong and long-lived reputation as a cultural community. In 1975 the Edmonds Arts Commission was established "to promote the arts as an integral part of community life."

Edmonds is home to the Edmonds Center for the Arts, a regional symphony, a ballet

company, an artist's cooperative, theater groups, a major arts festival, an historical museum, a sculptor's workshop, Edmonds Community College ArtsNow program, writer's groups, galleries, a significant public art collection and ArtWorks a space for artists. The beautiful natural environment of Edmonds has attracted many artists and writers to this area.

Since the first Community Cultural Plan was adopted in 1995 and subsequent updates in 2001 and 2008, the City of Edmonds has become even stronger in fostering its cultural resources.

POPULATION FORECAST

The population of Edmonds was 40,560 in April 2007. The rate of growth has been relatively stable at about 1% per year with major increases occurring primarily as a result of annexations in the 1960s, 1970s and 1990s. Based on forecasted continued growth at 1% per year, the population in 2012 is projected to be 42,629.

The moderate rate of growth reflects Edmonds' status as a mature community with a small supply of vacant, developable land.



Facility and Program Inventory



Facility and Programs Inventory

This chapter includes an inventory of resources located within Edmonds. It addresses:

- Parks and Open Space
- Recreation Facilities and Programs
- Cultural Services Facilities and Programs
- Operations and Maintenance
- Administration

The *Existing Conditions Map* found in this plan illustrates the parks, recreation, open space and cultural resources available today.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

The most effective and efficient Park System to manage is one made up of different types of parks, each designed to provide a specific type of recreation experience or opportunity. When classified and used properly they are easier to maintain, create less conflicts between user groups, and have less impact on adjoining neighbors.

In order to assess the Park System in Edmonds and to address specific park system needs, the parks have been classified as follows.

- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Regional Parks
- Special Use Areas
- Open Space
- Gateways/Entrances
- Connections

Beautification Areas

Today, almost 450 acres of parkland are available to residents and visitors. They include parks and open space owned by the City of Edmonds as well as parks and open space owned and managed by Snohomish County, Edmonds School District, and other public agencies.

A detailed description of each park and open space site is contained in Appendix C. Summary tables of existing facilities is shown on pages 3-17 and 3-18 at the end of this chapter.



Properties Owned/Managed by Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Neighborhood parks are designed for both informal and formal recreation activities. They are generally small in size (one to five acres) and serve an area of approximately a one-half mile radius, or within a typical walking distance.

Typically, facilities found in a neighborhood park include a children's playground, picnic areas, trails, open grass areas for passive use, outdoor

basketball courts and multi-use sport fields for soccer, and youth baseball.

COMMUNITY PARKS

Community parks are designed to provide specialized facilities to serve the entire community. Their service area is roughly a 2-mile to 5-mile radius. The optimum size is between 20 acres and 50 acres.

Community parks typically have sports fields, open space or similar dedicated uses as the central focus of the park. Because community parks are designed to accommodate large numbers of people, they often require support facilities such as parking and restrooms.



REGIONAL PARKS

Regional parks are recreational areas serving the city and beyond. They are usually large in size and often include one specific use or feature that makes them special. Typically, they feature unique types of recreational activities, such as swimming, camping, hiking, fishing, boating, picnicking and golfing. Regional parks within urban areas sometimes offer a wider range of facilities and activities. These parks may also include special facilities such as waterfront features,

stadiums, cemeteries, zoos, concert halls, and aquariums.

SPECIAL USE AREAS

Special Use Areas are public recreation facilities used for a special purpose such as cultural activities, educational activities, gathering places and other specialized recreation. They include, for example, Centennial Plaza, the Historic Museum and the SR104 Mini Park.

OPEN SPACE

Open space is undeveloped land left primarily in its natural state with recreation uses as a secondary objective. It is usually owned or managed by a governmental agency and may or may not have public access. This type of land often includes wetlands, steep hillsides, or other similar areas. In some cases, environmentally sensitive areas are considered as open space and can include wildlife habitats, stream and creek corridors.

GATEWAYS / ENTRANCES

These are landscaped areas with signage marking both perceived entry “nodes” and actual political boundaries of the community. Edmonds currently has three developed gateways and additional locations and design parameters are outlined in the City of Edmonds Streetscape Plan.

One small gateway is located on Edmonds Way at Westgate. Another more prominent gateway at the entrance to downtown Edmonds is on property owned by the Washington Department of Transportation at SR 104 and Fifth Avenue South (.20 acres). Brackett’s Landing is a regional park and the sign at Main and Sunset serves as the western waterway

entrance and gateway into Edmonds. The City of Edmonds Streetscape Plan suggests additional gateway / entrance intersections that could be enhanced.

CONNECTIONS

Connections include pedestrian, bicycle routes and visual connections through identification markers, scenic corridors, overlooks, beautification areas and linear parks. Pedestrian and bike routes can be a shared roadway without bike lanes, marked bicycle lanes or a shared use, non-motorized path. Connections should be designated with signage and on park maps.

Linear parks are part of an overall non-motorized transportation system that provides connectivity throughout the community. They are developed landscaped areas and other lands that follow linear corridors. This type of park often contains trails, walkways, landscaped areas, viewpoints and seating areas. Linear parks contribute to the City’s ability to preserve and protect natural areas, ecological features and cultural assets including historic and public art features.

BEAUTIFICATION AREAS

Beautification areas include landscaped features located along street right-of-ways, intersections, and medians. One hundred fifty hanging flower baskets are also included in beautification areas. They are as much a part of Edmonds’ identity as its location overlooking Puget Sound and its reputation as a cultural community. The importance of beautification areas, their contribution to creating a pedestrian friendly community, and the potential for integration of public art elements is also

addressed in the Streetscape Plan and in the Community Cultural Plan. The following table 3.1 lists the beautification area inventory.

Table 3.1

**Beautification Areas
City of Edmonds**

Beautification Areas	Acres
Street Trees on 220 th St.	.2
5th & Main Intersection	.1
9 th and Casper	.1
9 th and Puget	.1
Corner Parks	1.0
Dayton Avenue & SR 104	.1
Downtown Street Trees	1.0
Edmonds Historical Museum	0.2
Edmonds Treatment Plant	2.7
Public Safety Civic Complex	4.0
SR 104 / Paradise Lane Medians and Westgate Entry sign	.3
Flower Baskets (150)	--
TOTAL	9.8

Snohomish County Recreation Resources

Snohomish County is also a provider of open space area and trails. The County owns and manages parks within the Edmonds planning area. The parks include Esperance County Park, Meadowdale Beach Park, Southwest County Park, and Chase Lake Environmental Education Site.

Both Meadowdale Beach Park and Southwest County Park are intended for passive recreation and, therefore, are relatively undeveloped and included as open space in the overall inventory. Esperance County Park is considered a

neighborhood park and the Chase Lake Environmental Education Site is considered a Special Use area.

School Recreation Lands

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Edmonds School District currently serves 22,089 (2007-08) students from an area of 36 square miles that includes four cities, one town, and unincorporated areas in southwest Snohomish County.

The district offers sport fields, playground areas, outdoor basketball courts, and gymnasium space. Public access is limited to times when school is not in session and when there are no competing demands from school related activities.

The Edmonds School District, Edmonds Community College, the City of Edmonds, and other cities in the southwest county area have formed a coordinating focus team that meets regularly to discuss scheduling, partnership projects, and capital improvement projects. The result has been more efficient use of public facilities, receipt of matching grants for capital improvements and improved working relationships with site staff.

The City has developed neighborhood or community park elements in partnership with Edmonds Elementary, Madrona K-8, Sherwood Elementary, Edmonds Woodway High School and the Former Woodway High School. A Conceptual plan has been developed by the School District for a regional athletic facility at the Former Woodway High School site and a committee of District, City and community organizations is exploring funding strategies.

COLLEGES

Edmonds Community College owns and operates the Edmonds Conference Center in downtown Edmonds. The structure, built by a private investor and donated to the college for public benefit, provides space for arts events, community gatherings and private rentals.

Edmonds Community College offers a wide range of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities. These include basketball/volleyball courts, fitness area and baseball fields. In general, the College's facilities are well designed and have been developed to a very high level, but are not easily accessible to the general public.

Central Washington University has a satellite campus at Edmonds Community College. It utilizes the recreational resources owned and managed by other public entities.

Other Public Recreation Resources

Other public recreation resources include parks or facilities owned by a public agency other than those already mentioned.

PORT OF EDMONDS

The Port of Edmonds has an extensive marina that provides dry and in-water boat moorage, and public sling boat launching for motorized boats. An additional restroom facility is planned for 2009. A public walkway along the marina connects Olympic Beach and Marina Beach. The Port has an interactive weather station and developed a popular pedestrian plaza at the waterfront. Each year on the first weekend in June, the Port is the site of the *Waterfront Festival*. The Port and City have

partnered on several joint ventures including the Public Fishing Pier, Marsh boardwalk and sign program, Marina Beach Parking, and Olympic Beach Parking.

below. The Cities of Lynnwood, Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace publish the recreational/facilities program brochure jointly. The coordinated cooperation of the three municipalities benefits all the citizens in southwest Snohomish County.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES (WSF)

The Edmonds-Kingston Ferry terminal is one of the major ports for the Washington State Ferry system. In addition to transporting commuters and commercial traffic, WSF provides access to recreation resources on the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas for tourists and other visitors. The route began in 1923 with an automobile ferry named “The City of Edmonds.”

The potential relocation of the ferry terminal plays a significant role in the future of Edmonds’ waterfront.



EDMONDS PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT

The Edmonds Public Facilities District Center for the Arts includes a large gymnasium that is a rental facility for recreation activities.

MUNICIPAL RECREATION RESOURCES

Parks or facilities owned by a neighboring municipality, and known to be used by Edmonds residents are listed in the table

**Table 3.2
Municipal Recreation Resources
Edmonds Vicinity**

Municipal Recreation Resources
City of Lynnwood
Interurban Trail Corridor
Lynndale Park
Lynnwood Golf Course
City of Mountlake Terrace
Ballinger Park
Evergreen Playfields
Interurban Trail Corridor
Ballinger Lake Boat/Fish Access
City of Shoreline
Interurban Trail Corridor
Town of Woodway
Woodway Reserve

Private Recreation Resources

Privately owned facilities and private programs that are open to the general public for admission and membership contribute to the recreational opportunities in the Edmonds planning area and are listed for reference only. They are not otherwise addressed in this Plan, however they provide important resources benefiting the recreation system.

**Table 3.3
Private Recreation Resources
Edmonds Planning Area**

Private Recreation Resources
Edmonds Boys and Girls Club ⁴
Edmonds Center for the Arts Gymnasium
Edmonds Historical Museum ⁴
Mieko’s Fitness - Edmonds
Edmonds Theater
Funtasia Fun Park
Harbor Square Athletic Club
Log Cabin Visitor Center ⁴
Robin Hood Lanes
Sno-King Youth Club ⁴
South County Senior Center ⁴
Maplewood Rock and Gem Club
Klahaya Swim and Tennis Club
Model Railroad Club/ Amtrak Train Station
Nile Golf Course (18-hole)
Lynnwood Municipal Golf Course (18-hole)
Ballinger Lake Golf Course (9-hole)

⁴City facilities that are leased for recreation programs by private non-profit groups.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS/CHURCHES

Private schools and churches offer limited recreation facilities. Most often these include gymnasium space, playgrounds,

outdoor basketball courts and sometimes ball fields. Typically, the facilities of private schools and churches are available only to their patrons, members or students.

RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

Within the Edmonds planning area there are many sport fields and other recreation facilities. They are managed by the City of Edmonds, the Edmonds School District, private schools, and commercial/private clubs. See Parks Inventory Worksheet for a complete inventory.

Yost Pool

Yost Pool was built in 1972. The facility is a handicap accessible seasonal pool with a holding capacity of 250,000 gallons of water. The 25 meter x 25 yard pool is L-shaped and has a spa that can accommodate 10 people. The capacity of the City for aquatic programming is limited due to the lack of indoor facilities. Yost Pool is currently open three months/year, Memorial Day through Labor Day. A feasibility study for expanding, covering or replacing the pool is scheduled to begin in 2008. Any further consideration of pool resources in Edmonds is deferred until that study is complete.

Frances Anderson Center

The Frances Anderson Center is the “home” of the majority of Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services programming. The Center has classroom space, a drop-in weight room, a gymnasium (77’ x 53’), and dedicated gymnastics space.

FRANCES ANDERSON CENTER TENANTS

The Frances Anderson Center also houses seven tenants who provide a wide range of activities that augment and enhance the Department's mission.

Olympic Ballet Theatre and School is a highly respected regional company providing lessons for all ages and high-caliber performances throughout Puget Sound.

Sno-King Youth Club organizes baseball/softball, basketball, soccer, and volleyball for thousands of children annually.

Edmonds Montessori has been an excellent starting point for thousands of our community's children.

Sculptors' Workshop is a 60-member cooperative studio.

The *Edmonds Arts Festival Museum* provides regional artists a venue for monthly exhibits.

Main Street Kids is a full-service daycare/preschool serving more than 75 families.

Frances Anderson Center tenants are longtime partners in providing cultural and recreational activities in our community. In addition, revenue from leases contributes more than \$140,000 annually to the Department's budget.

Programs and Activities

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department offers a full range of programs for all ages. The Frances Anderson Center is the focus for many of the programs. More than 1,000 people use the center daily.

In addition, Edmonds Community College, Edmonds School District facilities, and the City and County parks all provide venues for public recreation programming in the community.

Major Programs

Recreation participation by major programs is summarized in Table 3.4. The major categories include:

- Aquatics
- Environmental Education
- General Recreation
- Athletics
- Fitness
- Gymnastics/Youth Fitness
- Preschool
- Day Camps
- Special Events

AQUATICS

During the summer months, Yost Pool offers a full schedule of public swim, lap swim, deep water aerobics and special events, including teen nights and the Cannonball/Bellyflop contest. The pool is also available for rent. The Champs Swim Meet rotates every three years between the cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood and Kirkland. The pool provides summer jobs for more than 30 staff.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Environmental education is a learning process that increases knowledge and awareness about the environment. Environmental education enables individuals to weigh various sides of an environmental issue and make responsible

decisions about human impacts to the environment.

Edmonds Discovery Programs began in the 1980's as the Beach Ranger Program. The mission is "to provide interpretive and environmental education opportunities for the citizens of Edmonds, our school-age children, and visitors to our parks and beaches; and to promote stewardship of Puget Sound, its shorelines, and the surrounding watershed."

Various environmental education activities and programs are offered to schools, scout groups, community organizations and the general public through the Discovery Programs Office. Programs include Ranger-Naturalist visits to classrooms and low-tide beach walks, Discover the Forest at Yost Park, Earth Day programs, beach cleanups, seasonal nature day camps, and special events such as the Watershed Fun Fair and Puget Sound Bird Fest.

Edmonds Discovery Programs are staffed by an environmental education coordinator, one interpretive specialist, and four to six seasonal ranger-naturalists.

The Olympic Beach Ranger Station serves more than 100 visitors a day during summer weekends. It is staffed by trained volunteers, and supervised by Ranger-Naturalists who also patrol the beaches daily during the summer.

GENERAL RECREATION

General Recreation programs include art, special interest, children's and outdoor recreation classes.

Ample recreation opportunities for preschoolers on up are available in the broad range of programs offered. All recreation programs are advertised in the

CRAZE, a collaborative publication by the cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace.

A sampling of programs in each program area includes:

Art: painting, calligraphy, writing, photography, mosaics;

Special Interest: belly dance, hula, Irish dance, dog obedience;

Children's: Fun Factory, Wiggles & Giggles, Tune Tales Music, soccer, etiquette, Spanish;

Outdoor Recreation: hiking, kayaking, rafting, whale watching.

ATHLETICS

A variety of interests are served in our athletic programs. Adult leagues include pickleball, volleyball, basketball and softball. A volleyball skills class and tennis lessons give adults an opportunity to improve their skills. Bowling, golf and tennis are offered for children and Skyhawks Sports Academy offers summer sports camps for ages 3-14.

FITNESS

A variety of fitness programs are offered and include yoga, tai chi, qigong, taekwon do, pilates, jazzercise®, baby boot camp® and prenatal fitness classes.

More than 4,700 individuals used the weight room and open gym in 2006. These drop-in facilities give patrons the opportunity to work out at a time convenient to their busy schedule.

GYMNASTICS/YOUTH FITNESS

All of the classes in the Gymnastics/Youth Fitness Program provide positive social and physical experiences with emphasis

on major motor skills development. Children progress at their own pace through step-by-step methods in a safe, fun and fit environment.

Gymnastic classes for children from two years of age into their teens are offered. The competitive team, "Edmonds Illusions", competes successfully throughout the region. In sport classes, basic skills are taught in soccer, basketball, kickball, volleyball and T-ball. Drop-in play experience is offered with lots of climbing, jumping and assorted games to give children a good dose of fitness and fun on Friday afternoons and Friday nights. Birthday parties continue to be popular with gymnastics instruction, games and party time.

The annual "Spring Show" highlights the children's achievements and provides great photo opportunities for the 1,300 spectators.

PRESCHOOL

The Meadowdale Preschool, which began in 1992, is based in North Edmonds at the Meadowdale Community Clubhouse and offers programs for ages 3 to 5. In the Pre-K program children enjoy hands-on curriculum in math, science, art, reading and storytelling, writing, music and large motor activities. They also learn social and emotional skills in preparation for kindergarten. In the 3-year old program, children interact with peers and materials to enhance this period of growth in their lives.

DAY CAMPS

These programs pride themselves on providing traditional summer experiences with crafts, games, swimming, field trips and positive role models every summer.

Some of the day campers are third generation. As the world around us continues its trend to high tech, these camps are an oasis of pipe cleaner and egg carton creations, and duck-duck-goose. The programs also provide excellent summer jobs for more than 20 staff, and training for 35 Junior Counselors.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Department and City supported or hosted the following special events in 2007:

- 40th Annual Children's Carnival
- Sister City Celebrations
- Youth Fishing Derby
- Spring Gymnastics Show
- Christmas Ship Sing-a-Long
- Annual Egg Hunt
- Starlight Beach Walk
- Twilight Trail Walk
- Sand Sculpting Contest
- Puget Sound Bird Fest
- Watershed Fun Fair
- Moonlight Beach Adventure
- Outdoor Movie Nights
- Edmonds Idol and Edmonds Junior Idol
- Write on the Sound Writer's Conference
- Best Book Poster Contest Reception
- Edmonds Arts Festival
- Sculptor's Workshop Sales
- Friends of the Edmonds Library Annual Book Sale
- Summer Concerts in the Park

4th of July Celebrations (Chamber of Commerce)

Edmonds Arts Festival (Association)

Taste of Edmonds (Chamber of Commerce)

Old Oldsmobile Show

Hot Autumn Nites Car Show (Chamber)

Edmonds Night Out (Police Foundation)

Summer Markets (Edmonds-S City Hist. Society)

Wenatchee Youth Circus (Exchange Club)

CULTURAL SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

Cultural facilities are supported by the City in a variety of ways. The largest facility, the Edmonds Center for the Arts, owned by the Edmonds Public Facilities District, was purchased and renovated with financial assistance from the City.

The 223-seat Wade James Theatre was built by the Driftwood Players on City land and is owned and maintained by the City. The Edmonds South County Historical Society operates the Edmonds Museum located in the City owned former Carnegie Library building. The South County Senior Center leases a City building and provides a range of cultural programs for seniors. The Edmonds Arts Festival and Arts Festival Foundation lease space from the City for the Gallery in the Frances Anderson Center and for ArtWorks, a space for visual arts, in the former Public Works building. As noted earlier other arts organizations lease space in the Frances Anderson Center.

There are two outdoor park venues: Frances Anderson Center has an outdoor amphitheater which is used for a variety of performances in the summer, and City Park has the Rotary Pavilion where the

summer Concerts in the Park are performed.

Programs

In addition to cultural arts programming through the Recreation Division, a number of special programs and events in literary, visual and performing arts are presented by the Edmonds Arts Commission (EAC) through the Cultural Services Division. The Arts Commission is a group of seven volunteers appointed by the Mayor. Programs serve people of all ages and include programs which work with artists in the schools. Revenues and expenses for Cultural Services programming are administered through the 117 and 123 special funds.

VISUAL ARTS

The EAC curates four exhibit spaces which provide opportunities for regional visual artists: the Frances Anderson Display Case, the Young Artists Display Case, Edmonds Public Library Exhibit, and the Brackett Room Exhibit space in City Hall. An estimated 700 people view these exhibits each month and EAC hosts several receptions and artist talks a year in partnership with the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation.

The Public Art Collection includes over 30 permanently sited works in public areas and over 100 portable works on display in City buildings. Cultural Services implements the One Percent for Art program, facilitating the process of public art selection/installation, and ongoing maintenance of the collection. The collection includes pieces funded through the One Percent for Art Ordinance, works of art funded through donations, and gifts from donors. The Edmonds Arts

Commission makes final recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding purchase or acceptance of gifts of artwork..

The EAC and the Friends of the Edmonds Library partner to promote visual and literary arts through the annual "Best Book Poster Contest" for third graders.

PERFORMING ARTS

The EAC presents a series of eight free Concerts in the Park on Sundays in July and August, co-sponsored by community businesses. Other performing arts events are presented in partnership with non-profit arts organizations such as Edmonds Center for the Arts. Overall these performing arts events serve over 3,500 people annually.

LITERARY ARTS

Write on the Sound is a two day writers' conference attended by approximately 200 people from all over the country. A half day Pre-conference is presented in partnership with Edmonds Community College.

EAC presents an annual Youth Writing Contest for Middle and High School students in the Edmonds School District.

Other Cultural Services programs include the quarterly Arts Bulletin newsletter; Tourism Promotion Awards for local cultural organizations; sale of Edmonds History books and posters; and Technical Assistance workshops for local cultural organizations.

Table 3.4
Major Recreation Program Types - City of Edmonds

Major Recreation Programs	Registrants/ Participants	Classes/ Events Offered	Fees	% of Revenue
Aquatics	24,899	724	\$129,455	15.4%
Swim Classes	1,365	244	\$37,200	
Swim Team	190	11	\$22,800	
Open Swims	18,016	339	\$54,050	
Rentals	5,328	130	\$14,700	
Lockers			\$705	
Environmental Education	7,539	308	\$18,100	2.1%
General Recreation	2,885	361	\$158,121	18.8%
Arts	339	59	\$22,467	
Special Interest	788	98	\$34,500	
Children	1,573	159	\$96,002	
Outdoor Recreation	185	45	\$5,152	
Athletics	947	1,594	\$146,869	17.5%
Adult Team Registrations	242	1,539	\$90,730	
Youth	705	55	\$56,139	
Fitness	2,006	209	\$94,060	11.2%
Gymnastics/Youth Fitness	1,180	282	\$133,008	15.8%
Meadowdale Preschool	78	23	\$33,967	4%
Summer Day Camps*	832	39 days	\$127,560	15.2%
Special Events	6,670	21	<i>Free</i>	
Total Recreation Programs & Services	47,036		\$841,140	
Rentals/Leases/Other			\$283,929	
Leases			\$122,071	
Field Rentals (7 youth org; 13 individuals)	1,790		\$31,000	
Other Rentals			\$117,707	
Weight Room/Drop-in Gym)	4,876		\$13,151	
Cultural Services Programs	12,285	48	\$22,100	117 & 123 Funds
Concerts in the Park (series of 8 concerts)	3,000	8	<i>Free</i>	
Exhibits – 4 venues (145,000- total traffic per year, 8,400 art viewers)	8,400 ¹	350 days, 32 exhibits	<i>Free</i>	
Special receptions and events	500	6 - 8	<i>Free</i>	
Sale of Edmonds History books			\$300	117 Fund
Writer's Conference (2 ½ - day conference plus keynote lecture)	235	2	\$21,500	117 Fund
Best Book Poster Reception	150	1	<i>free</i>	
Poster Sales			\$300	123 Fund

¹ Estimate based on 28 people per day specifically viewing art exhibits at the four venues.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships are an essential element in the success of programs provided by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. They reduce expenses by pooling resources. Through partnerships, different viewpoints and ideas are infused into programs and events. Partnerships also expand the appeal of programs.

In addition to all City Department and Division partnerships, Public and Private partners currently include:

Adopt-a-Beach
 Brackett's Landing Foundation
 City of Lynnwood
 City of Mountlake Terrace
 Edmonds Arts Festival
 Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation
 Edmonds Bicycle Club
 Edmonds Boys & Girls Club
 Edmonds Chamber of Commerce
 Edmonds Community College
 Edmonds Daybreakers Rotary Club
 Edmonds Exchange Club
 Edmonds Historical Museum
 Edmonds In Bloom Association
 Edmonds Police Foundation
 Edmonds Public Library
 Edmonds School District
 Friends of the Edmonds Library
 Historic Preservation Commission
 Hubbard Family Foundation
 Lynnwood Arts Commission

Madrona Corps Volunteers
 National Wildlife Federation.
 pARTners Coalition – EdCC
 Pilchuck Audubon Society
 Rotary Club of Edmonds
 Snohomish/Camano Nearshore Cooperative
 Snohomish County Marine Resources
 Sno-King Youth Club
 South County Historical Society
 South County Senior Center
 Wade James Theatre – Driftwood Players
 Washington State Arts Commission
 Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Washington Dept. of Transportation
 Washington Water Weeks
 Willow Creek Hatchery
 WSU Snohomish County Beach Watchers

Cultural Services Partners

The Edmonds Arts Commission (EAC) partners with a wide variety of organizations to further its mission of ensuring that the arts are integral to our community's quality of life, economic vitality, and central identity. Partnerships include direct sponsorship, joint event planning, and other forms of collaboration to promote the arts and cultural tourism.

For the Write on the Sound conference, EAC partners with about 10 community businesses who donate to the hospitality and support the writing contest awards and also partner with Edmonds Community College on the pre-conference. The Concert in the Parks series is partially

sponsored by Lynnwood Honda, Acura of Lynnwood, and John L. Scott. EAC works with the Edmonds Center for the Arts on a variety of co-sponsored events. Sponsors for other events include the Friends of the Edmonds Library for the Best Book I Ever Read poster contest. EAC works in partnership with the Edmonds School District on a variety of programs including, exhibits of student art in the Young Artists Display Case in the Frances Anderson Center, the Best Book I Ever Read poster contest for third graders, artist in residence programs, and a Youth Writing Contest. EAC partners with the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation on joint exhibits and artist receptions. The EAC curates a monthly Art Exhibit in the Edmonds Library. The EAC also works in collaboration with the Edmonds Sister City Commission and the Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission. Partnerships through grants include the support of the Washington State Arts Commission. The EAC partners with local arts related organizations to promote local events through their program of awarding City Lodging Tax Funds.

Local cultural organization partners work with the City in a variety of ways, from leasing space to working to present and/or promote events in the performing, literary and visual arts.

The Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation (EAFF) is a non-profit organization that leases gallery space from the City in the Frances Anderson Center for exhibits by regional artists. They also have a scholarship program in the visual arts and school and community grants programs, operate ArtWorks and with the Edmonds Arts Festival sponsor the Edmonds Art

Studio Tour. The Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation has been a major partner in the funding of public art for the City.

The 223-seat Wade James Theatre was built by volunteers on City land and donated to the City. It is leased from the City by the Driftwood Players, a community theater group that produces a full season of productions that vary from comedy to drama to mystery and musical.

Olympic Ballet Theatre and School is a tenant in the Frances Anderson Center and performs at the Edmonds Center for the Arts. The Cascade Symphony Orchestra also performs a full season at the Edmonds Center for the Arts. The Jazz Connection presented by Edmonds Daybreaker Rotary is an annual event utilizing a variety of community venues.

South County Historical Museum is a self-supporting non-profit organization (Edmonds South Snohomish County Historical Society) located in the City-owned former Carnegie Library building. There are four temporary exhibits per year, plus a permanent exhibit on the history of Edmonds. More than 7000 people visit the Museum per year, plus 12 school class tours. The Museum's major fundraiser is the Summer Market held on Saturdays from May through September. The Market averaged 36 vendors in May and June and 119 vendors from July through September in 2007.

South County Senior Center Partner

In south Snohomish County, the senior citizen population is estimated to reach 40,000 by 2010 (Snohomish County Human Services). Programming for the South County Senior Center responds to participant needs for social, intellectual,

cultural, economic, emotional, and physical services with an emphasis on wellness and prevention. This broad range of services and activities is in compliance with the National Council on Aging Standards of Operation for a multipurpose senior center. The Center and its programs provide a focal point for older adults in South County. The Center operates as a public non-profit with public and private funding to provide needed services.

The City of Edmonds through the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department contracts for annual recreation services to meet the needs of the senior citizen population through the South County Senior Center Board of Directors.

The City of Edmonds owns the building and leases it for recreational purposes through a twenty-year lease agreement.

The SCSC Board of Directors continues to discuss facility options to provide the greatest benefit to the senior population that they serve.

Sister City- Hekinan, Japan Partners

The Sister City program and the relationship with Hekinan, Japan began in 1987. The Sister City Commission was established in 1988 to promote international communication and understanding through exchanges of people, ideas and culture. To this end, the Commission and its membership have established annual programs of student home stay exchanges, physician and city official exchange visits, and citizen delegations which have totaled approximately 1,000 by the end of 2007. Two Assistant English Teachers (AET's) selected by the Commission live permanently in Hekinan., E-mail school exchanges, dedications and exchanges of

art, participation in parades and the exploration of other partnerships such as the ballet, library and marine resources engage a variety of citizen interests.

Youth Club Partners

Two major youth clubs exist in Edmonds.

Edmonds Boys & Girls Club. This youth club is located in the heart of downtown Edmonds and has been providing programming, sports, and drop-in activities for its 1000+ members since 1968. They are housed in what was the Old Edmonds High School Field House, where lack of space limits the availability to program for older teens. The club also provides on-site daycare at several local elementary schools.

Sno-King Youth Club. This club organizes the majority of children's team athletic activities in Edmonds including baseball/softball, basketball, soccer, and volleyball. It also sponsors special events. Hundreds of teams and thousands of players and families are organized annually through this non-profit organization.



OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Park Maintenance is responsible for 325 acres of parkland at 20 facilities. They maintain more than 3,400 feet of shoreline. In addition to caring for parks and recreation facilities, park maintenance tends all City grounds, flower baskets, and 20,000 square feet of plant beds.

ADMINISTRATION

The Department has six basic responsibilities (see *Department Organization Chart* below):

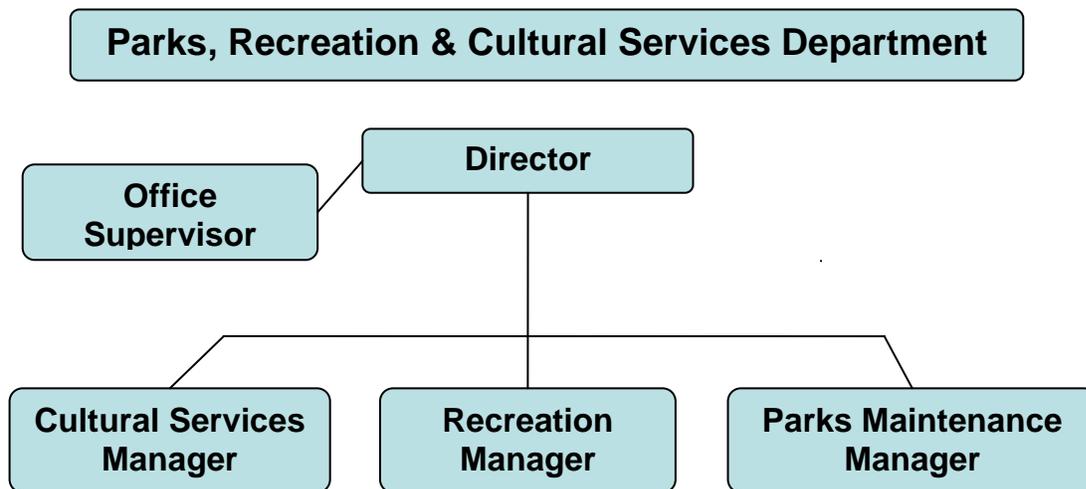
- Recreation Services
- Administrative Services
- Capital Projects
- Park Maintenance
- Cemetery Operations
- Cultural Services

In addition, the department serves as liaison to a number of City boards including:

- Edmonds Arts Commission
- Edmonds Cemetery Board
- Edmonds Planning/Parks Board
- Edmonds Library Board
- Edmonds Sister City Commission

The Parks department also takes an active role in promoting tourism and economic development. Brochures were developed to market the unique and varied public assets that Edmonds offers. They include:

- Historical Cemetery & Columbarium
- Discovery Programs
- Edmonds Flower Program
- Brackett’s Landing South
- Edmonds Public Art Walking Tour
- Cedar Dreams: Public Art and Community History
- Exploring Edmonds Parks



Annual Budget 2007

The total 2007 actual general fund budget for Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department was \$2,980,656. It accounts for approximately 10% of the City of Edmonds' total General Fund budget.

One cost measure of providing services is to base it on a per capita basis. Using a City population of 40,460, the net gross cost per capita is **\$46.49** which includes all city provided parks, recreation and cultural arts services. This amount is below average for similar communities in the Seattle region which reflects positively for the operations of the department. The net cost per capita is the total cost after

revenue from fees and charges are deducted.

Of interest is the revenue rate the City produces from its recreation program services. For recreation programs the rate is **91.3%** which is higher than most area cities.

Table 3.5 illustrates the cost per capita for the department as a whole, and for parks and recreation, less maintenance and cemetery operations (the cemetery is operated as an Enterprise Fund). It also shows the rate of return from fees and charges.

**Table 3.5
Revenue and Fees Analysis**

2007 Budget	General Fund Budget	Revenue from Fees and Charges	Net Cost per Capita	% Return on Fees & Charges (fees/budget)
Administration	\$380,251		\$9.40	
Recreation Service (does not incl. CulturalServ. Admin)	\$1,202,912	\$1,098,960	\$2.57	91.3%
Park Maintenance	\$1,256,923		\$31.06	
Cultural Services Admin.	\$ 140,570		\$3.46	
Total	\$2,980,656	\$1,098,960	\$46.49	

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**Table 3.6
Existing Facilities
Total Planning Area**

(See following pages)

Existing Facilities in Planning Area	Land (acres)	Designation	Ownership	Picnic Shelters (ea)	Playground (ea)	Walking Trail / Pathway (mi)	Basketball (ea)	Volleyball - sand (ea)	Tennis (ea)	Football (ea) Youth	Soccer Adult (ea)	Soccer Youth (ea)	Baseball/Adult (ea)	Softball Adult(ea)	Youth Baseball/Softball (ea)	Skate Park (ea)	Hand Boat Launch (ramp)	Swimming Pool (S) / Wading Pool (W) (sf)	Indoor (Y/N)	View Corridor/Point (ea)	Gymnasium (ea)	Restrooms (ea)	Restrooms - Portable (ea)	Community Center (ea)
City Park	14.5	Community	CoE	3	2							1			1			1W n				2		
Yost Memorial Park & Pool	48	Community	CoE		1	1	1		2									1S n				1		
7th & Elm Site	1.5	Neighborhood	CoE																					
Frances Anderson Center Field	2.3	Neighborhood	CoE		1							1			1									
Hummingbird Hill Park	2	Neighborhood	CoE		1		1																1	
Mathay Ballinger Park	1.5	Neighborhood	CoE		1		2																	
Pine Street Park	1.5	Neighborhood	CoE		1										1									1
Seaview Park	5.5	Neighborhood	CoE		1	0.5	1		2			1			1							1		
Sierra Park	5.5	Neighborhood	CoE		1	0.5	1					1			1								1	
Beautification Areas (12 sites)	9.8	Open Space	CoE																					
Edmonds Marsh/Walkway	23.2	Open Space	CoE			0.5														1				
H.O. Hutt Park	4.7	Open Space	CoE			0.5																		
Maplewood Hill Park	12.7	Open Space	CoE		1	0.5																		
Meadowdale Natural Area	2	Open Space	CoE																					
Olympic View Open Space	0.5	Open Space	CoE																					
Pine Ridge Park	22	Open Space	CoE			1																		
Seaview Reservoir	3	Open Space	CoE																					
Shell Creek Open Space	1	Open Space	CoE																					
SR 104 Wetlands (east)	9	Open Space	CoE																					
Wharf Street	0.2	Open Space	CoE																	1				
Willow Creek Park	2.2	Open Space	CoE																					
144 Railroad Avenue Tidelands	1	Regional	CoE																					
Brackett's Landing North	2.7	Regional	CoE			0.5														1		1		
Brackett's Landing South	2	Regional	CoE			0.5														1				
Haines Tidelands	0.5	Regional	CoE																					
Marina Beach Park	4.5	Regional	CoE		1	0.5		1									1			1			3	
Olympic Beach Park/Waterfront Walkway	4.3	Regional	CoE			0.5														1		1		
South County Senior Center	1	Regional	CoE			0.5														1				
Ballinger Lake Access	0.1	Special Use	CoE														1							

Existing Facilities in Planning Area	Land (acres)	Designation	Ownership	Picnic Shelters (ea)	Playground (ea)	Walking Trail / Pathway (mi)	Basketball (ea)	Volleyball - sand (ea)	Tennis (ea)	Football (ea) Youth	Soccer Adult (ea)	Soccer Youth (ea)	Baseball/Adult(ea)	Softball Adult(ea)	Youth Baseball/Softball (ea)	Skate Park (ea)	Hand Boat Launch (ramp)	Swimming Pool (S) / Wading Pool (W) (sf) Indoor (Y/N)	View Corridor/Point (ea)	Gymnasium (ea)	Restrooms (ea)	Restrooms - Portable (ea)	Community Center (ea)
Centennial Plaza	0.1	Special Use	CoE																				
Dayton Street Plaza	0.1	Special Use	CoE																				
Edmonds Library & Plaza	2	Special Use	CoE																1		1		
Edmonds Memorial Cemetery and Columbarium	5.5	Special Use	CoE																		1		
Frances Anderson Center	1	Special Use	CoE																	1	8		1
Meadowdale Community Clubhouse	1.3	Special Use	CoE		1																1		1
Ocean Avenue Viewpoint	0.2	Special Use	CoE																1				
Point Edwards Scenic Overlooks	0.1	Special Use	CoE																1				
South County Historical Museum	0.4	Special Use	CoE																				
SR 104 Mini Park	0.3	Special Use	CoE																		1		
Stamm Overlook Park	0.4	Special Use	CoE																1				
Sunset Avenue Overlook	0.5	Special Use	CoE			0.5													1				
Wade James Theatre	0.7	Special Use	CoE																				
Willow Creek Hatchery & Interpretive Center	1	Special Use	CoE			0.02																	
Lynndale Skate Park	10	Community	CoL		1		1									1					1		
Edmonds Center for the Arts	3.2	Community	PFD																				
Edmonds Underwater Park & Higgins Trails	26.7	Regional	DNR																				
Civic Center Playfields & Skate Park	8.1	Community	ESD		1	.25	2		2	1	1	1				1						2	
Meadowdale Playfields	27	Community	ESD		1		1				1			1.5							1		
Chase Lake Environmental Ed./ESD Natural Area	7.48	Special Use	ESD/Sno Co			0.2																	
Esperance County Park	6	Neighborhood	Sno Co		1	0.2						1		1									
Meadowdale Beach County Park	95	Open Space	Sno Co			2																	
Southwest County Park	120	Open Space	Sno Co			2																	
Edmonds Fishing Pier	1	Regional	WDFW																		1		
Existing City-Owned Facility Subtotal	202.30			3	12	7.52	6	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	2	2	12	1	18	6	2
Existing Total Facility Subtotal	506.78			3	16	12.17	10	1	6	1	2	6	0	2.5	6	2	2	2	12	1	21	8	2

Community Needs Assessment



Community Needs Assessment

One of the most important elements of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan is the assessment of need within the parks system. Quantifying these needs is difficult because many different variables influence recreation needs. Personal values, participation patterns and willingness to pay for services and facilities vary widely from city to city. Consequently, what seems right for one community may not be appropriate for another. One of the problems associated with determining the needs is that overstating the demand can result in the development of underutilized facilities. Conversely, under-estimating the needs can result in overused facilities and a lack of available park systems.

This chapter discusses the need for Park System facilities, programs and services in the Edmonds Planning Area. This encompasses the area within the current city limits as well as the land within the City's Urban Growth Area.

The process to identify needs was to:

- Evaluate the existing park system
- Conduct a random household telephone survey and web survey of Edmonds households
- Host two public meetings, Advisory Group meetings and public hearings with the Planning / Parks Board and Edmonds City Council
- Identify current park and facility needs
- Forecast future need based on the demand standard

The needs assessment covers the following areas:

- Parks and Open Space
- Recreation Facilities and Programs
- Cultural Services, Facilities and Programs



PARKS AND OPEN SPACE NEED

Specific needs for each type of park are discussed on the following pages. The categories of parks include:

- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Regional Parks
- Special Use Areas
- Natural Open Spaces
- Gateways/Entrances
- Connections
- Beautification

Methodology of Assessing Park Needs in Edmonds

Developing a statement of need for parks and open space is dependent on local values, availability of land, financial resources, and desired service levels. In this plan we are considering only public land or quasi-public land used primarily for recreation or open space use in our needs analysis.

Traditionally, need or level of service standards were given as the "existing ratio" or "recommended standard". The existing ratio is the existing amount of parks divided by the existing population within the planning area. It is expressed in terms of acres per 1,000 population. These standards are shown in relation to general national and state standards for comparison only, but each community is unique so those general standards need to be weighed against individual community values and perceptions. The recommended standard, therefore, is derived through the public process and tested against the

factors previously discussed, such as availability and financing. It is then expressed in terms of acres per 1,000 population.

Existing and Forecasted Population

The ratio of parks and open space facilities is based on a comparison with the existing population base. By developing a desired level of service (recommended standard) and applying it to a future population forecast, one can determine future needs. To determine the existing ratio, the population within the planning area was used. To determine population growth projections, figures were extrapolated from the 2000 Census and Snohomish County population data. The target year is 2025. For this plan, we will use the existing and future population forecasts identified below.

**Table 4.1
Population Forecast
Edmonds Planning Area**

Year	Edmonds Planning Area*
2007	44,279
2012	46,537
2025	52,963

**The Edmonds Planning Area includes Edmonds and designated Urban Growth Area (UGA). Projections based on 1%/year average annual growth.*

Neighborhood Parks

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Most neighborhood parks are well developed and offer a variety of facilities. Often, joint partnerships with Edmonds School District have resulted in neighborhood park uses available on school property during non-school hours.

Ideally, neighborhood parks would be available at all times of the day.

Neighborhood Park Service Area

The service area for a neighborhood park in Edmonds is considered to be a half-mile radius. The service area is also shaped by man-made or natural barriers such as highways, ravines, and waterfront. Assuming this service area, many neighborhoods in the Edmonds Planning Area are being served by this type of park if the joint use school sites are also considered. In most areas, there is little, if any available land for future park development.

Maintenance Impacts of Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are not as efficient to maintain and operate as larger community parks. However, neighborhood parks are important in providing convenient access to residents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Survey Results

- Increased joint use of school and private sites to serve as neighborhood sites was a high priority.

Public Process Results

- The community supported greater neighborhood park diversity, which refers to the types of activities and facilities provided.
- There was general agreement that the existing quantity of neighborhood parks is adequate, although a few new park areas were identified in general terms.
- More gathering places and small plazas were identified as a unique need in downtown Edmonds.

Trends

- Most communities in the Northwest have developed a park system centered on the neighborhood park. This balances the issue of convenience with the cost of operation and maintenance.
- Communities are interested in unique new activities in their neighborhood parks.
- Residents of all ages are increasingly involved in the entire spectrum of activities within the parks system.
- Communities are increasingly interested in policies and practices that promote long term sustainability and protect natural resources and open spaces.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

2007 LOS = .58 acres/1,000 population

2025 LOS = .71 acres/1,000 population

It is recommended the City develop neighborhood park facilities within walking distance of most residences (one-half mile radius service area.)

Based on the need analysis, approximately 6 additional neighborhood park sites are needed to serve all residential areas within the Edmonds planning area. New parks are planned for two identified sites at Old Woodway Elementary and 162nd Street.

This may be accomplished through the addition of neighborhood park elements at existing park or school sites or new acquisition of park sites. At an average size of 2 acres each, this is equivalent to 12 additional acres.

Community Parks

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The existing community parks are fairly well developed and contain facilities such as group picnicking, sports fields, skateboard park, concert sites, and parking. Some sites are entirely owned by Edmonds while others have been developed, owned, or managed jointly with other jurisdictions.

Community Park Service Area

The service area for a community park is normally considered to be a two-mile to five-mile radius. Assuming this service area, some parts of Edmonds are not currently served by this type of park. It should be noted there are very few, if any, opportunities to acquire and/or develop parks of this size due to the level of development in the City.

Maintenance Impacts of Community Parks

On an acre per acre basis, community parks can be the most efficient type of park to maintain.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS REGARDING COMMUNITY PARKS

Survey Results

- Developing a new community park was one of the top priorities.
- Improving existing sports fields was a higher priority than providing additional new fields.

Public Process Results

- The community supported improved connectivity and multi-modal access to community parks.
- In community parks with natural open spaces, maintenance and preservation was desired.

- More developed community parks were supported to feature new activities and diverse uses.
- Athletic facilities should be improved to allow for expanded use, such as synthetic surfaces, improved drainage and/or lights.

Trends

- As land becomes scarce, housing more dense and neighborhood parks become smaller, many communities rely on the city's parks to serve multiple functions. These include organized, active recreation (i.e. ball fields, soccer), passive neighborhood functions and natural open space.
- Snohomish County has made a policy decision to focus its resources on community rather than neighborhood parks due to the wide variety of facilities community parks can accommodate, and the lower cost per acre to maintain.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR COMMUNITY PARKS

2007 LOS = 2.43 acres/1,000 population

2025 LOS = 2.03 acres/1,000 population

It is recommended the City provide community park facilities within 2 to 5 miles for most residents. Based on the need analysis one additional community park is needed to serve the Edmonds planning area. This may likely be accomplished through a joint agreement at the former Woodway High School site.

Regional Parks

Edmonds regional parks provide a variety of benefits to the area's residents and visitors. Tidelands are undeveloped and protected as Marine Sanctuaries.

Waterfront parks are fully developed and provide public access to Puget Sound. All of the sites are owned by Edmonds. Edmonds Memorial Cemetery & Columbarium is an example of this.

Regional Park Service Area

The regional park service area includes greater southwest Snohomish County and the northern communities of King County.

Maintenance Impacts of Regional Parks

Depending upon the facilities they contain, regional parks can be expensive to maintain. However, the cost of maintenance is offset in Edmonds by the contribution regional parks make to the local economy and to Edmonds' identity. They may also attract attention from special interest groups willing to volunteer maintenance hours or dollars, such as at the Underwater Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS REGARDING REGIONAL PARKS

Survey Results

- A new pool and regional trails were the highest ranking priorities for regional parks.

Public Process Results

- The community supported the establishment of a pedestrian route connecting Edmonds' regional waterfront parks.
- Any expansion of public waterfront was favorable and many ideas were offered for the site of the ferry terminal if the terminal is relocated.
- The South County Senior Center was generally considered as a valuable asset and expansion of its programs was desirable.

Trends

- Most communities do not have the opportunity to develop new regional parks and rely on the county or state for these types of facilities.
- Often, regional parks have become open space parcels purchased through conservation funds.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR REGIONAL PARKS

2007 LOS = .99 acres/1,000 population

2025 LOS = .96 acres/1,000 population

It is recommended for the city to provide additional regional facilities where possible, especially along the waterfront and within the Downtown Waterfront Activity Center. If the current off-leash area on the waterfront is displaced a new regional off-leash park should be considered, potentially through a joint partnership with adjacent jurisdictions. Potential for an additional off-leash area located within the City is limited by a lack of available land.

The City of Edmonds should continue to pursue opportunities to acquire waterfront properties and properties within the Downtown Waterfront Activity Center and to partner with private owners for public access to the waterfront. It is estimated approximately 7 acres may be provided to accomplish this goal.

Special Use Areas

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Special use areas in Edmonds include indoor as well as outdoor facilities and are owned by the City of Edmonds and Snohomish County. They include facilities such as the library, Frances Anderson Center and Ballinger Lake access. In

general, they are well programmed and used by the public. Some could be better advertised and may be improved to serve multiple functions.

Special Use Service Area

There is no defined service area for special use areas. The service area varies widely depending on the function it serves and is often on a more regional scale.

Maintenance Impacts of Special Use Areas

The level of maintenance varies depending on the site's function.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS REGARDING SPECIAL USE AREAS

Survey Results

- A new hand carry boat launch ranked moderately on the priority list when compared with other proposed facilities.

Public Process Results

- The community generally supported the continued development of special use areas, especially along the waterfront and in the Downtown Waterfront Activity Center.
- Improved multi-modal connections and better visibility and advertising of these facilities were also supported.
- An additional hand-carry boat launch site along the waterfront was desired to increase Edmonds' visibility along the Puget Sound water trail route.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR SPECIAL USE AREAS

2007 LOS = .55 acres/1,000 population

2025 LOS = .71 acres/1,000 population

It is recommended that additional special use areas and facilities be developed when feasible and as opportunity allows,

especially in downtown open spaces and plazas. This may be done primarily through developer agreements, design standards, or other types of partnerships.

A new hand-carry boat launch site on Puget Sound should be considered as future funding and opportunity may allow.

4th Avenue Cultural Corridor, Interurban Trail, bike routes and walkway loops may account for an additional 13.3 acres.

Opportunities for additional special use sites will likely be limited to part of a larger development resulting in a small amount of additional acreage.

Open Space

EXISTING CONDITIONS

In the Edmonds area, there are several sites that fall under the open space area category. This includes lands that are owned or managed by the city and Snohomish County.

Most of the sites are undeveloped or only minimally developed. Development is usually limited to parking areas, trailheads, pathways, and trails.

Open Space Service Area

There is no defined service area for open space. Service area is determined by its intended purpose such as separation of neighborhoods, preservation of environmentally sensitive areas, and steep hillsides.

Maintenance Impacts of Open Space

The maintenance of open space areas is relatively low compared to other types of recreational spaces except when invasive species begin to take over otherwise natural sites. Often volunteers can be utilized for "Clean-up Day" events to help

offset maintenance costs associated with invasive species removal and trail improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS

Survey Results

- Protecting existing natural areas and open space systems ranked very high as a community priority.
- Creek corridor designations, trailheads and walking routes also generated a lot of interest in the survey.

Public Process Results

- The maintenance and protection of existing open spaces was supported by the community.
- Connecting and providing access to enjoy these natural spaces (while maintaining habitat integrity) was a key point of interest.
- A new open space corridor along Willow Creek and expanding the corridor along Shell Creek were generally supported.
- Additional open space “set asides” were favored and a concern for the community.

Trends

- The preservation of open space has become very important in most communities.
- More and more government resources are becoming available through various grant processes or land use tools (easements, etc.) to support conservation of natural resources.
- Education about the value and functions of natural open space is increasing across many age groups.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR OPEN SPACES

2007 LOS = 6.89 acres/1,000 population

2025 LOS = 5.86 acres/1,000 population

It is recommended that the amount of open space be increased to preserve environmentally sensitive areas (wetlands, stream corridors), steep hillsides and maintain a sense of openness in the community.

Due to the level of development within the City, very little land is available for open space acquisition. It is assumed that approximately 5 acres of land could be acquired or otherwise preserved through land use (easements, etc.) as open space including new corridors along Willow Creek and Shell Creek.

Gateways / Entrances

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Currently, there are various gateways/entrances in the Edmonds area, the most prominent of which are on SR 104 and at the ferry loading intersection at Brackett’s Landing parks.

Gateways/Entrances are opportunities to make an initial visual impression on newcomers and visitors to Edmonds either at the political boundary or key intersections within the city. More detailed discussion of gateways and entrances is contained in the 2006 adopted Streetscape Plan.

Maintenance Impacts

It is important that gateways/entrances are maintained in attractive condition since they furnish the initial image of the City for visitors. These areas generally require frequent maintenance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS

Public Process Results

- Visibility of the city from regional transportation corridors was a concern raised by the community.
- An international gateway from the east at Highway 99 is a developed concept in the Streetscape Plan that is supported by the community. The City is currently working on an enhancements project in this area which includes signage.

Trends

- Gateways/ Entrances have become a high priority for communities to establish a sense of place and convey the community's character.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR GATEWAYS/ENTRANCES

It is recommended that additional land be acquired or right-of-way obtained for gateway/entrance projects, likely in coordination with transportation improvements. In addition improved signage, landscape and other elements should be considered at gateway or entrance areas as outlined in the Streetscape Plan. The existing SR 104 sign should be updated to reflect its role as a "Downtown Entrance" and new signage should coordinate with the City Way-finding Sign Program standards.

Connections

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Connections are created through improved pedestrian and bicycle routes, linear parks, and visual connections that may include scenic corridors or incorporation of public art. Two major connections projects are in the planning stages. Planning for

the Interurban Trail, a multi-use pathway, is nearing completion. The 4th Avenue Cultural Corridor is a pedestrian enhancement in the downtown core that is currently in early planning stages.

Bicycle and Walkway Plans are included in the transportation element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. There are a number of corridors and routes commonly used, but not necessarily identified throughout Edmonds. View corridors are present, but currently not officially identified.

Maintenance Impacts

The maintenance of most connections is low compared to other types of recreational facilities. Furthermore, bicycle and pedestrian groups will often volunteer as caretakers at trails and other pathways.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS

Survey Results

- Expanded bicycle, walking, multi-use and waterfront walkways were among the most highly rated items in the surveys.
- Multi-modal connections to all types of parks facilities generated a lot of interest.

Public Process Results

- Some participants felt that street ends that are adjacent to the waterfront should be marked on trail plans as viewpoints. Some thought they should have stairways to water's edge and be incorporated into the trails plan. Crossing the tracks at any of these street ends is illegal and extremely dangerous.
- Generally, participants wanted better connections within the existing trail systems, and expansions to meet up

with other systems and popular locations.

- The community supported view corridor preservation at the southern entrance to the city via SR 104 and of scenic corridors in general, which provide visibility to the city's natural assets.
- A lot of discussion centered on ideas for better connections between the downtown and waterfront areas. Ideas ranged from a pedestrian/bicycle overpass to more pedestrian scale improvements at grade such as lighting, paving and public art.

Trends

- In the Northwest, interest in trail related activities (walking, hiking, bicycling, rollerblading and jogging), has shown a remarkable increase in the last 5 years. Locally, trail related activities and recreational walking are very popular.

Annual community events include the:

- *Fall Color Classic*. Annual Cascade Bicycle Club event includes ferry ride across Puget Sound and routes of various distances in Kitsap County.
- Get Your Guts in Gear 3-day ride in support of Crohn's Disease research.
- Trek Tri-Island 3-day ride in support of the American Lung Association.
- Local community sponsored 5k and 10k fun runs.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR CONNECTIONS

There are only a few opportunities to develop trails, scenic corridors or other linear parks such as the Interurban Trail

corridor. However, there are many opportunities to develop interconnecting trails through natural open space areas. Public access into these areas should be encouraged with care where environmentally sensitive areas need protection from public intrusion.

Prioritization should be made for completing the existing bicycle and pedestrian route system including loop routes in every community.

Completing the Interurban Trail section through Edmonds is essential since trail sections have already been completed north and south of Edmonds through the cities of Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, and Shoreline. The Interurban Trail will benefit both recreational and commuting bicyclists.

The 4th Avenue Cultural Corridor project is an example of a pedestrian focused linear park being incorporated into the downtown fabric. Similar projects can be pursued using the land resources the city already owns or can partner with other agencies to implement.

Establishment of planned and signed walking routes can assist residents in finding suitable places to exercise and provide safety by notifying vehicular traffic to the presence of pedestrians. A map of these routes and trailheads can be provided through the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department.

Scenic corridors provide visual connections within the city and to surrounding natural features. As the city develops, it is recommended to identify and preserve the most valuable view corridors.

Providing connections, in general, will take the forms of planning, preserving and developing appropriate routes, sometimes in conjunction with roadway projects in the city.

Beautification Areas

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Beautification areas currently include flower baskets, medians, street trees, corner parks and public art sites, and the grounds of several city buildings.

Maintenance Impacts

Beautification areas require a significant amount of maintenance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS

- The community continues to support the beautification area programs.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR BEAUTIFICATION AREAS

When additional maintenance is available Beautification Areas should continue to be improved and expanded, especially when partnerships with residents and local businesses can be formed.

RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

On the following pages, specific needs for each type of facility are discussed. The facility categories include:

- Children's Play Areas
- Pathways/Trails
- Sports Fields
- Swimming Pools
- Tennis and Basketball Courts
- Recreation Programs and Activities

Methodology of Assessing Need for Recreation Facilities

Establishing needs for recreation facilities was derived from an analysis of existing conditions, needs expressed in the survey, needs identified in the public process, input from the stakeholders and from national or state trends.

On the following pages, the needs for specific types of facilities are discussed.

Children's Play Areas

EXISTING CONDITIONS

There are 12 children's play areas in Edmonds' parks. In addition, there are 6 school sites accessible to the public.

Service Area

The service area for children's play areas is the same as that of a neighborhood park, or one-half mile radius.

Maintenance Impacts

Children's play areas require frequent maintenance and scheduled replacement. Safety surfacing must be maintained at an appropriate depth and free of foreign objects. Play equipment should be inspected frequently for safety hazards such as loose connections and worn fittings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS

Trends

An innovative children's play area can provide quality play experiences for children. Several communities in the Northwest have begun developing imaginative children's play areas designed to be universally accessible and responsive to children's developmental needs. The play areas may interpret the area's history

or culture and may incorporate art elements and water play.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD

It is recommended the City provide children's play areas within a one-half mile radius of all residents.

Update play areas as required and continue to meet current safety standards.

Sports Fields

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Edmonds currently owns or controls 6 park-centered sports fields and shares facilities at the Meadowdale Athletic Complex. The City owned fields are irregularly shaped and as a consequence do not generally qualify as "regulation" fields. While some fields are fairly well developed, others are in poor condition. Many of the fields are used as multi-use fields and considered substandard for upper age youth and adult game or tournament play due to their quality of development and/or the field dimensions. In addition, as part of an Edmonds School District levy and bond package, taxpayers provided \$10 million in 2004 for 18 playgrounds, play field and outdoor area upgrades and development throughout the District. Several of these projects have been completed including field turf at high schools and drainage and safety improvements at several others.

Service Area

While the service area of a baseball or softball field is often considered to be a 1/2-mile radius, or the same as a neighborhood park, many communities have favored the development of fields into complexes. In Edmonds, the Meadowdale Athletic Complex meets this

definition. The service area for soccer fields is generally considered to be a 1-mile to 2-mile radius, or that of a community park.

Maintenance Impacts

Unless fields are made of synthetic materials, opposed to natural turf, the maintenance and operation of sports fields is labor intensive. Currently, most sports fields are located on school district property or in city parks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS

Survey Results

- The need for new or improved sports fields ranked moderately compared to other proposed facilities.
- The upgrading of existing fields ranked much higher than the addition of new fields.

Public Process Results

- The community expressed a need for more availability of fields, especially for adults. Many teams have to drive a long distance for field availability and/or have to play at undesirable times of the day.
- The community supported development of existing fields to increase use levels (all-weather, lighting, etc.).
- Relative to other park projects, the development of sports fields only received moderate support.
- A general support for a field complex was seen, as this allows for larger tournament play.

Trends

- Youth baseball/softball and soccer involvement continues to increase.

- Youth soccer and baseball are especially popular and co-ed adult leagues are also increasing.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR FIELDS

Additional fields should be provided as new park sites are considered at both the neighborhood and community park levels. An additional 4 soccer fields could be developed for a standard of 0.15. 1 new baseball field could be developed for a standard of 0.02. 1 new youth soccer field could be developed for a standard of 0.13. In addition to new facilities, the improvement of existing fields to all-weather surfacing with lights can improve usability and greatly expand capacity.

Swimming Pools

EXISTING CONDITIONS – OUTDOOR POOLS

Yost Pool was built in 1972. The facility is a handicap accessible seasonal pool with a holding capacity of 250,00 gallons of water. The 25 meter x 25 yard pool is L-shaped and has a spa that can accommodate 10 people. A pool feasibility study has been approved and will take place in 2008.

EXISTING CONDITIONS – INDOOR POOLS

There are 2 indoor pools in the Edmonds area; both are in private ownership.

The existing pool facilities are well developed and at near capacity.

Service Area

The service area for a swimming pool is 15-minutes to 30-minutes of travel time. Larger pools are often considered to be a more regional facility.

Maintenance Impacts

The maintenance and operation of a pool facility is high compared to other types of recreation facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS

Survey Results

A regional pool scored as an equal priority to regional trails and came in as a high priority overall.

Public Process Results

- Public meeting participants identified the need for a year round aquatics center, either indoor or outdoor and covered.

Trends

- On a national scale, swimming continues to be a very popular recreation activity.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR INDOOR POOLS

The level of service should be increased to provide future indoor pool space.

Tennis and Basketball Courts

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The City of Edmonds has 4 tennis courts. and 7 basketball courts. In addition, there are 8 tennis courts and 4 basketball courts on Edmonds School District property available during non-school hours.

Service Area

Tennis and Basketball courts should be available within a 1-mile to 2-mile radius of residents, or similar to a community park service area.

Maintenance Impacts

Tennis and Basketball courts require minimal maintenance compared to recreation facilities with soft surfaces.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS

Survey Results

- Outdoor courts of all types ranked lower in priority than other types of sports facilities

Trends

Tennis has gone through a number of up and down interest trends in the past. However, recent participation levels and interest has been fairly constant. Basketball remains a popular sport for all ages in most communities.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND STANDARD FOR COURTS

It is recommended that an additional three tennis courts be added for a recommended service level of 0.20. It is recommended that an additional five basketball courts be added for a recommended service level of 0.36.

Recreation Programs

EXISTING CONDITIONS - RECREATION

The Department provides a broad range of recreation programs and activities for all ages. See Chapter 3.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TRENDS

Survey Results

- The highest ranked recreation programs were summer programs, before/after school activities, teen activities, youth athletic programs, fitness classes, and senior programs.
- To accommodate future recreation programs, increasing user fees is the most popular form of funding.

Public Meeting Results

- Public meeting participants were interested in additional programs, particularly for teens and seniors.
- A greater diversity of programs was generally supported, including popular new sporting activities and cultural activities.

CULTURAL SERVICES FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

Cultural Facilities

The community has expressed an interest in enhanced or new multipurpose arts facilities particularly for the visual arts. Support was also expressed for public gathering spaces that may be used for visual and performing art activities for people of all ages.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Meeting Results

- The public expressed interest in the City providing support for existing facilities, such as the Edmonds Center for the Arts, and the possibility of expanded and shared uses of existing facilities.
- Interest in more downtown mixed use cultural venues, possibly addressing visual art needs.
- Comments suggested that the City be more proactive in design guidelines and code to encourage inclusion of small public spaces in downtown mixed use developments that include public art or support cultural activities.

Cultural Services

Cultural Services provides a range of programs for varied ages in literary, visual

and performing arts, and serves as a central information center for the network of artists, art organizations, and art programs in Edmonds. The staffing provided by the City enhances the viability of all the private art organizations in Edmonds. In addition Cultural Services works to ensure that arts and cultural elements are included in general planning initiatives and economic development citywide.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Survey Results

- The highest priority in the cultural facilities category was improvements to the Edmonds Center for the Arts.
- Public Meeting Results
 - There was a general interest in seeing more public art in the city, with an emphasis on greater variety and general recognition of growing cultural diversity.
 - Using the 4th Avenue Cultural Corridor to strengthen the connectivity of cultural venues such as the South County Historical Museum and Log Cabin and ECA, as well as, the connectivity of the downtown to waterfront was popular with the community.

**Table 4.2
Level of Service by Facility Type
Existing and Proposed**

Name	Land (acres)	Neighbourhood Park (acres)	Community Park (acres)	Regional Park (acres)	Special Use Park (acres)	Open Space (acres)
Existing City-Owned Facility Subtotal	202.30	19.8	62.5	16	13.7	90.3
Existing Total Facility Subtotal	506.78	25.8	107.6	43.7	24.38	305.3
ELOS City-Owned Standard / 1000	4.57	.45	1.41	.36	.31	2.04
ELOS Total Standard / 1000	11.45	.58	2.43	.99	.55	6.89
RCO LOS Standard / 1000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NRPA LOS Standard / 1000	34.45	2.00	8.00	7.00	NA	6.00
Proposed Total Facility Subtotal	31.30	12	0	7	13.3	5
PLOS 2025 Total Standard / 1000	10.16	.71	2.03	.96	.71	5.86

ELOS – existing level of service

RCO – Recreation & Conservation Office

NRPA – National Recreation and Park Association

PLOS – proposed level of service

The Parks Department and Council recognize that the current financial constraints of traditional funding sources limit park acquisition, improvement and maintenance to levels below the aspirational goals of the City reflected in the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) recommended standards. These aspirational standards reflect the long term goals through the use of grants, bonds, voter approved funding or other enhancements to the City’s traditional revenue base through changes in state law.

Comprehensive Plan Framework

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



Comprehensive Plan Framework: Goals and Objectives

Goals and objectives form the basic framework for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan. They provide a sense of direction for facilities and services. They also form the basic framework for the Comprehensive Plan and the Community Cultural Plan.

DEFINITIONS

A goal is a general statement describing a type or quality of service the City wishes to provide. Goals typically do not change over time unless community values or economic conditions make it necessary.

Objectives are more precise statements that describe means to achieving the goals. Objectives may change over time

The following is a list of recommended goals and objectives for parks, recreation, and open space in the City of Edmonds.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

GOAL

Provide a high quality park system that offers a wide variety of recreation opportunities and experiences.

OBJECTIVES

1. Through a consultant's study gather up to date information regarding development of a year round aquatics facility in Edmonds.
2. Develop a well-connected neighborhood park system that is conveniently located to most residents in Edmonds.
3. Develop quality improvements for park areas and facilities.

4. Upgrade existing parks to provide a variety of recreation opportunities that serve the community.
5. Preserve areas with critical or unique natural features such as stream corridors, wildlife habitats, and wetlands.
6. Provide outdoor facilities and opportunities for cultural recreation activities related to visual, performing and literary arts (i.e., amphitheater and sculpture.)
7. Continue to partner to upgrade sports fields on school property for year-round use.
8. Continue to work with school districts, the county and local cities to provide sports fields and regional facilities that serve the community year-round.
9. Continue the flower basket and beautification program.
10. Promote the Parks Trust Fund.
11. Identify existing trail systems in the park inventory.
12. Expand trail systems to increase connectivity.
13. Identify scenic routes and view areas in park inventory.
14. Expand gathering spaces in downtown area or other neighborhoods.

SHORELINE USE AND ACCESS

GOAL

Expand opportunities for public enjoyment of Edmonds' shoreline.

OBJECTIVES

1. Acquire shoreline property whenever the opportunity exists.

2. Recognize that the Edmonds waterfront is a unique regional recreation resource.
 3. Provide visual access to the water where possible by developing viewpoints where topography, the BNSF Railroad, or other features prevent direct access.
 4. Develop and use waterfront parks for activities and interests specifically related to the shoreline, including regional water recreation and walkway connections.
 5. Provide opportunities for the public to walk and visit the tidelands where terrain and shore conditions permit access.
 6. Work with public and private entities to improve connections between the downtown and the waterfront.
 7. Work to redevelop the existing dock site and waiting lanes for maximum public use if the ferry system moves to another location.
3. Continue to maintain a high ratio of revenue to operating costs for recreation services.
 4. Be innovative in offering interesting recreation programs which draw on unique regional features such as the waterfront, cultural groups or gardening community.
 5. Provide general and seasonal recreation programs when possible at satellite sites.
 6. Expand the recreation program when facilities and staffing levels permit.
 7. When possible, provide space and opportunity for private groups and commercial interests to conduct recreation programs. However, the City should not subsidize their operating costs.

RECREATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

GOAL

Provide a wide variety of recreation opportunities and experiences to meet the needs of the community.

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide a variety of programs for all ages in response to community interest and recreation trends.
2. Evaluate individual recreation programs in terms of persons served, overall community interests, and costs.

CULTURAL SERVICES

GOAL

Promote and sustain a vibrant cultural community through proactive partnerships and civic leadership, a network of successful cultural facilities, effective marketing and outreach strategies, and broad participation in a diverse range of cultural offerings.

OBJECTIVES

1. Build Edmonds' identity as a cultural destination.
2. Encourage effective partnerships between organizations and leaders in arts and heritage, business, education, tourism, recreation, and local government that support cultural opportunities and experiences for residents and visitors and increase

- awareness of cultural assets and their role in economic development.
3. Develop facilities for visual and enhance facilities for the performing arts.
 4. Increase the visibility and accessibility of information about cultural events and venues to visitors and Edmonds' residents.
 5. Broaden community involvement and participation in a diverse range of cultural activities.
 5. Continue to place emphasis on the safety, comfort and satisfaction of the park users.
 6. Integrate sustainable materials, design and operations into the parks system.
 7. In development of new parks and renovations of existing parks use low impact development techniques wherever possible.
 8. In development and renovation work with other departments to assess non-motorized access to accomplish improved linkages.

PARK OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

GOAL

Provide a high quality and efficient level of maintenance for all park areas and facilities in Edmonds.

OBJECTIVES

1. Maintain parks and park facilities in a manner to keep them safe, attractive, healthy and a positive part of the neighborhood.
2. Increase parks fulltime labor as park system expands to ensure park properties are maintained in a safe and attractive manner to support the needs of the community.
3. Continue and increase the use of volunteers for some special park maintenance projects such as city wide trail enhancement.
4. Support a police-sponsored neighborhood block watch program to increase safety in the parks and reduce vandalism.

ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

GOAL

Provide a wide range of park, recreation and cultural services for all interests and age groups.

OBJECTIVES

1. Maintain an operating budget that reflects what the community needs and can afford.
2. Define a plan to develop the parks as an economic generator for the City.
3. Act as the primary coordinator of all recreation providers in the City.
4. Continue to share facilities, programs and activities with the Edmonds School District, Edmonds Community College and the South County Senior Center.
5. Pursue opportunities to share facilities, programs and activities with other organizations and agencies.
6. Encourage private sector involvement in providing recreation and athletic opportunities for all ages.

7. Work with the downtown business community to offer special events that will attract visitors from outside the community.
8. Assist special interest groups to organize and offer their own programs and services.
9. Continue to publish the CRAZE and develop a high quality website to promote parks and recreation assets.
10. Improve public communication for better visibility of the Edmonds Park System.
11. Develop staff growth by encouraging participation in educational classes and training seminars.

Action Plan



Action Plan

This chapter contains a summary of the assessed need and specific recommendations for the development, acquisition and management of the Park System in Edmonds. The following elements are addressed:

- Parks and Open Space
- Recreation Facilities & Programs
- Cultural Services, Facilities and Programs
- Maintenance and Operations
- Administration

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Overall Concept

The ideal Park System for a community is made up of various park types, each offering certain recreation and/or open space opportunities. Separately, a park type may serve only one basic function, but collectively they can serve the needs of the community. By recognizing this concept, Edmonds can develop an efficient and cost effective Park System that meets most of the community's needs. In addition, by attaching implementation policies to each park type, where applicable, it is easy to understand how the park is to be developed, maintained, and used.

The basic concept is to assure that every neighborhood in the City of Edmonds is served by a neighborhood or community park. Neighborhood and community parks form the core of the Park System for Edmonds.

Recommended Plan

The Recommended Plan map is a graphic concept for a future park system in Edmonds. It includes the recommended actions from this chapter in

a graphic format to show locations and connections.

Neighborhood Parks

ASSESSED NEED

Based on the needs assessment, 6 additional neighborhood parks totaling 12 acres are needed to serve the Edmonds planning area.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

City staff should work with private developers and property owners in the downtown area to encourage public spaces with new or re-developed sites.

Cooperating with schools to develop, manage and maintain recreation facilities for use by the public is a cost-effective way to increase the community's total recreation opportunity. It should supplement, but not necessarily replace, traditional neighborhood parks.

Develop additional neighborhood park elements on the following school sites:

- Westgate Elementary School
- Madrona Elementary School

Develop neighborhood park elements in existing open space areas including:

- Maplewood Hill Park

Acquiring new neighborhood park sites in the one-half mile radius areas surrounding:

- Puget Drive and Olympic View Drive
- 76th Ave. W and 180th St. SE
- 206th St. SW and 80th Ave. W
- 228th St. SW and Highway 99

Improve existing parks and open space sites as shown on Table 6.1.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

General Guidelines

- Acquisition of land for neighborhood parks should occur in advance of their need.
- As a built-out community Edmonds should consider acquisition of property in neighborhood park deficit areas.

Site Selection Criteria

- Under most conditions, neighborhood parks should be no smaller than one acre in size, with optimum size being four to seven acres. If the park is located on a school site or within the proposed open space system, optimum park size may be reduced depending upon the school facilities provided or the configuration of the

open space area.

- At least 50 percent of the site should be flat and usable, and provide space for active and passive uses.
- Where possible, streets should abut the park on at least one side.
- The site should be reasonably central to the neighborhood it is intended to serve.
- If possible, the park should have direct access to a sidewalk or trail. Access routes should minimize physical barriers and crossing of major roadways.
- The site should be visible from adjoining streets.
- Additional access points via paved



pathways or sidewalks from the adjoining neighborhood should be provided.

Restrooms (permanent or portable) are appropriate for this type of park but must be near and visible from the adjoining street.

Design and Development Recommendations

Park features may include:

- Children’s play areas (toddlers, children)
- Unstructured open play areas
- Multi-use sports fields, primarily for youth play
- Tennis courts
- Basketball courts
- Picnic areas
- Shelter building (small)
- Natural open space
- Internal trails and/or pathways
- Site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, bike racks, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, etc.)
- Other features as appropriate

A minimum of one parking space per acre of usable active park area should be provided to accommodate both handicap and standard parking. If on-street parking is available, this standard can be reduced. Design should encourage access by foot or bicycle.

Summary of Recommendations

Table 6.1 summarizes the recommendations for Neighborhood Parks.

**Table 6.1
Neighborhood Park System
Edmonds Planning Area**

Key to Facilities Plan	Park Name (Alphabetical Order)	Acres	Action
NL	Edmonds Elementary School (Edmonds School District)	3.0	Complete partnership program site improvements
21	Esperance Park (County)	6.0	No Action. Field upgrade scheduled for 2008 by county.
41	Anderson Center Field	2.3	Reconstruction of amphitheater and stage
14	Hummingbird Hill Park	2.0	No major change
NL	Madrona Elementary (Edmonds School District)	3.0	Multi-use field improvements
23	Mathay Ballinger Park	1.5	Replace play area
22	Old Woodway Elementary Site	5.6	Develop park
16	Pine Street Park	1.5	No major change
34	Seaview Park	5.5	Major field renovation. Parking lot improvements
NL	Sherwood Elementary (Edmonds School District)	3.0	No major change
32	Sierra Park	5.5	Upgrade sports field drainage; Provide lockable concrete surround for portable restrooms. Resurface pathways.
NL	Westgate Elementary (Edmonds School District)	3.0	Develop neighborhood park element in partnership with School District.
17	7th & Elm Site	1.5	No major changes
37	162nd Street Site	0.4	Develop park
20	Chase Lake Site (County)	7.48	No action

NL – Shown on map, but not specifically listed

Community Parks

ASSESSED NEED

Based on the needs assessment, one additional community park is needed to cover the Edmonds planning area. At an average size of twenty acres, this amounts to roughly twenty additional acres of land.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Develop an active community park at the Former Woodway High School or other location in the south end planning area.
- Develop an additional skate facility in the south end planning area.
- Follow recommendations for existing community parks as shown on Table 6.2.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

General Guidelines

- Because of size, the acquisition of community park land should occur in advance of its need.
- A community park should be constructed when the area it will serve reaches about 50 percent development (measured by either acreage developed, or ultimate service population).
- Wherever feasible, community parks should be developed adjacent to middle or high school sites.

Site Selection Criteria

- Minimum size should be roughly 10 acres with the optimum about 20 to 30 acres.
- At least one-half of the site should be available for active recreation use. Adequate buffers should separate active use areas from nearby homes or other uses on the site.

- If possible, walking or bicycling distance should not exceed 1-mile to 2-miles for the area it serves.
- The site should be visible from adjoining streets.
- Access should be via a collector or arterial street.

Design and Development Recommendations

Appropriate facilities include:

- Designated lighted sports fields (softball, baseball, soccer, etc.)
- Tennis courts
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Sand or grass volleyball courts
- Open multi-use grass area
- Children's play areas (toddlers, children)
- Restrooms
- Picnic areas
- Picnic shelters (various sizes)
- Group picnic facilities
- Natural open space
- Trails and pathway systems
- Art elements and outdoor sculpture
- Covered performance area
- Site amenities (picnic tables, benches, bike racks, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, etc.)

Parking requirements are dependent upon the facilities provided.

Permanent restrooms are appropriate for this type of park but should be located in highly visible areas and near public streets.

Summary of Recommendations

Table 6.2 summarizes the recommendations for existing and future Community Parks.

**Table 6.2
Community Park System
Edmonds Planning Area**

Key to Facilities Plan	Park Name (Alphabetical Order)	Acres	Action
1	City Park	14.5	Improve upper parking lot and drainage, ballfield drainage, and play area upgrades Upgrade greenhouses Renovate wading pool and replace perimeter fencing Upgrade park facility building
13	Civic Center Playfields & Skate Park (Edmonds School District)	8.1	Acquire property Develop a master plan Improve irrigation Upgrade or replace stadium following structural analysis Expand recreation facilities Upgrade perimeter fencing Upgrade restroom
33	Lynndale Park/Skate Park*	10.0	No change
38	Meadowdale Playfields*	27.0	No major change; field and fencing improvements
NL	Former Woodway High School (100 th Avenue) (Edmonds School District)	20.0	Develop a multi-purpose active community park. Restore and develop trails leading to site
15	Yost Memorial Park	48.0	Develop a master plan Replace fencing

*Jointly managed with City of Lynnwood

NL – Shown on map, but not specifically listed

Regional Parks

The overall intent should be to develop a continuous public shoreline access so a person could walk from Marina Beach north to Brackett's Landing and on to Haines Tidelands and Meadowdale Beach during low tide without trespassing on private property. This provides a continuous waterfront link between the Edmonds shoreline and the Washington Water Trails system.

ASSESSED NEED

Based on the needs assessment fifteen extra acres of land may be available for regional parkland.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Acquire and develop at least seven additional acres of waterfront property and property in the Downtown Waterfront Activity Center for regional park use.
 - Acquire near shore tidelands whenever feasible.
 - Institute an Adopt-a-Beach program to involve volunteers in keeping the tidelands free of litter and debris.
 - Develop and implement marketing plan to ensure future sustainability.
 - Complete changes shown on Table 6.3.
- Publicize the tax advantages of donating near shore tidelands to the City.
 - Upgrade restrooms and continue jetty repair at Brackett's Landing.
 - Connect Olympic Beach Walkway to the Senior Center.
 - Maintain Brackett's Landing Park at a high level due to its visibility and prominence as the gateway to Edmonds from the Kitsap Peninsula.
 - Take advantage of opportunities to acquire additional parkland for regional parks, particularly on the waterfront.
 - Pursue partnerships with other communities for the development of a tournament level sports complex.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

General Guidelines

- Prior to the development of any specialized facility, a detailed cost benefit analysis and maintenance impact statement should be prepared.
- The minimum size of a site will depend on the function it serves. Sites should be in keeping with the scale of the facilities and large enough to accommodate setbacks and support facilities (e.g., parking, landscaping, etc.) as needed.

Summary of Recommendations

Table 6.3 summarizes the recommendations for existing and future Regional Parks.

**Table 6.3
Regional Park System
Edmonds Planning Area**

Key to Facilities Plan	Park Name (Alphabetical Order)	Acres	Action
10	Brackett's Landing North	2.7	Renovate restrooms Repair jetty and extend its length westward
9	Brackett's Landing South	2.0	No change
7	Edmonds Fishing Pier	1.0	Upgrade railings and fish stations Complete recommendations in the 2006 Conditions survey Renovate restrooms and upgrade electrical systems Install interpretive panels
19	Edmonds Memorial Cemetery & Columbarium	6.0	Implement marketing plan
11	Edmonds Underwater Park	26.5	No major change
NL	Haines Tidelands	.5	Acquire adjacent tidelands
6	Marina Beach Park	4.5	Replace playground Upgrades restroom
8	Olympic Beach / Waterfront Walkway	4.3	Complete walkway system
NL	Downtown Waterfront Activity Center	TBD	Consider area for inclusion in public levy or bond issue

NL – Shown on map, but not specifically listed

Special Use Areas

ASSESSED NEED

The needs assessment identified a need for downtown gathering areas and a new hand carry boat launch to accommodate the growing demand for specialized recreation activities.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Provide new off-leash area if existing site is displaced by a new ferry terminal or future development activities.
- Retain salmon hatchery partnership.
- Complete seismic retrofit of Frances Anderson Center.
- Complete Dayton Street Plaza renovation.



- Parking requirements are dependent on the activities offered.

Summary of Recommendations

Table 6.4 summarizes the recommendations for Special Use Areas.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

General Guidelines

- Prior to the development of any specialized facility, a detailed cost benefit analysis and maintenance impact statement should be prepared.
- The minimum size of a site will depend on the function it serves. Sites should be in keeping with the scale of the facilities and large enough to accommodate setbacks and support facilities (e.g., parking, landscaping, etc.) as needed.

Site Selection Criteria

- If possible, specialized facilities should be reasonably central to the community or the area they are intended to serve.
- Facilities that generate significant traffic should be located on a collector or arterial roadway to minimize impacts on residential areas.

Design and Development Recommendations

- Design criteria will depend upon the facilities and activities proposed.

**Table 6.4
Special Use Areas
Edmonds Planning Area**

Key to Facilities Plan	Park Name (Alphabetical Order)	Acres	Action
5	SR 104 Mini Park	0.3	No change
24	Ballinger Lake Access	0.1	No change
42	Centennial Plaza	0.1	No change
20	Chase Lake Environmental Education Site/ESD Natural Area (ESD/County)	7.48	No change
43	Dayton Street Plaza	0.2	Complete renovation
C	Edmonds Library & Plaza	2.0	Continue landscape renovations
E	Edmonds Center for the Arts (Public Facilities District)	3.2	Encourage development of multipurpose arts facility
C	Frances Anderson Cultural Center	2.0	Seismic retrofit
38	Meadowdale Community Clubhouse	1.3	No change
26	Ocean Avenue Viewpoint	0.2	No change
44	Point Edwards Scenic Overlooks	0.1	No change
34	Seaview Reservoir	3.0	No change
B	South County Historical Museum	0.4	No change
31	Stamm Overlook Park	0.4	No change
12	Sunset Avenue Overlook	0.5	Landscape improvements
D	Wade James Theater	0.7	Landscape and drainage improvements
2	Willow Creek Hatchery & Interpretive Center	1.2	Rebuild stream channel, create trail connections

Natural Open Space

ASSESSED NEED

An additional 3 acres are needed to meet the needs assessment. The city should continue to work with other organizations or agencies and use a variety of land use tools (easements, etc.) to preserve open space whenever possible.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Complete an analysis and develop a master plan for Edmonds Marsh.
- Willow Creek and Shell Creek stream channel restoration and corridor designation.
- Improve and expand on volunteer and/or maintenance efforts to remove invasive species and restore native habitat in open space areas.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

General Guidelines

New open space acquisitions should be selected for the following qualities:

- Wildlife habitat
- Preservation of environmentally sensitive land

Site Selection Criteria

Priority for open space acquisitions should be given to those sites that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- be adjacent to an existing park or open space
- be part of a planned corridor
- contain five or more contiguous acres

The same criteria should also apply to purchased or gifted land.



Design and Development Recommendations

Appropriate facilities include:

- Trails
- Interpretive signage
- Trailhead amenities

Summary of Recommendations

Table 6.5 summarizes the recommendations for natural open space areas in the Edmonds planning area.

**Table 6.5
Open Space System
Edmonds Planning Area**

Key to Facilities Plan	Park Name (Alphabetical Order)	Acres	Action
36	Meadowdale Natural Area	2.0	No change
3	Edmonds Marsh / Walkway	23.2	Develop master plan
28	H.O. Hutt Park	4.7	No change
27	Maplewood Hill Park	12.7	Trail development
39	Meadowdale Beach County Park	95.0	No change
45	Olympic View Open Space	.5	No change
25	Pine Ridge Park	22.0	Resurface parking lot Forest management study and plan
30	Seaview Reservoir	3.0	No change
40	Shell Creek Open Space	1.0	Continue to acquire wetlands, creek corridor
35	Southwest County Park	120.0	possible acquisition
4	SR 104 Wetlands (east)	9.0	Continue open space habitat protection
29	Wharf Street	0.2	No change
2	Willow Creek Park	2.2	No change
18	Willow Creek Park	3.0	Acquire a continuous open space corridor between SR 104 Wetlands and Willow Creek Park

NL – Shown on map, but not specifically listed

Gateways/Entrance Areas

ASSESSED NEED

Attractive gateways and entrance areas provide a memorable visual image of Edmonds to visitors and travelers passing through.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Pursue partnerships with Washington Department of Transportation, Snohomish County, King County, and City of Edmonds Public Works, to create gateways at all major entrances to the City.
- Implement Gateway/Entrance concepts as developed in the Streetscape Plan.
- Add or update signs in accordance with City Wayfinding Signage Program Standards.

Connections

ASSESSED NEED

An additional 5.5 miles of walkways and 8.7 miles of bicycle routes are needed to meet the needs assessment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Work with engineering division to update Bikeway and Walkway Plan.
- Develop a system of on-street marked connections and loop routes with signage, trailheads and distances.
- Complete the Edmonds section of the Interurban Trail to connect with sections completed by the Cities of Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, and Shoreline.
- Work with transportation engineering to update the current bicycle route map for route safety and completeness of bikeway routes.

- Develop multi-use trails, suitable for all ages, primarily along designated loop routes
- Create trail connections to hatchery.
- Strengthen connections between downtown and the waterfront through both visual and physical site improvements.
- Complete the 4th Avenue Cultural Corridor.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

The following guidelines, site selection criteria and development standards apply to trails and pathways. Sidewalks within public street right-of-ways should be developed where they serve as a linkage between the neighborhood and a park or a major trail system.

General Guidelines

- Trails following along stream corridors and drainage ways can provide natural linkages between urban development and recreational areas.
- Trails should be planned, sized, designed and located to minimize their impacts on the ecological functions of stream corridors and to minimize the impacts of unplanned access in and near these drainage ways. Where there is a narrow band of riparian vegetation along a stream, parallel trails should generally be located outside the riparian area.
- Continue to provide trail connections, resting points and links to the Washington Waterways Trail System.
- Encourage developers to provide and build pathways and trail amenities within their proposed developments that link with the City's overall trail system.
- Trails easements, dedications, and development need to occur prior to or at the time of development.

- The City should be sensitive to private owners when trails are proposed next to them.
 - In previously developed areas, trails shall be sited through purchase or conservation easements from willing property owners and alternative routing may be considered when necessary. As a last resort, the City Council may need to use its authority to condemn private lands to complete sections of a citywide trail system.
 - Support the Port of Edmonds in the provision of viewpoints, waterfront walkways, trail corridors and connections as a part of their Master Plan.
 - The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department should work with the Engineering Division to update trail standards to reflect additional alternative design concepts for recreation related trails.
- cannot be developed to the standard necessary to minimize potential user conflicts.
- Design standards for trails should be developed and incorporated into the City's Development Standards.
 - Where possible, trails should be multi-modal. Some trails should be designed to accommodate children and family cycling.
 - Walkways should be designed per engineering standards as pedestrian friendly corridors.

Summary of Recommendations

Table 6.6 summarizes the recommendations for connection in the Edmonds planning area.

Site Selection Criteria

- Wherever feasible, recreation pathways and trails should be located off streets. However, on-street systems (sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.) may be used in order to complete connections, when needed.
- Trails and walkways should be developed throughout the community to provide linkages to schools, parks and other destination points.

Design and Development Recommendations

- Trail alignments should take into account soil conditions, steep slopes, surface drainage and other physical limitations that could increase construction and/or maintenance costs.
- Walkways and pedestrian routes should be planned, sized and designed for multiple uses, except for dedicated nature trails and areas that

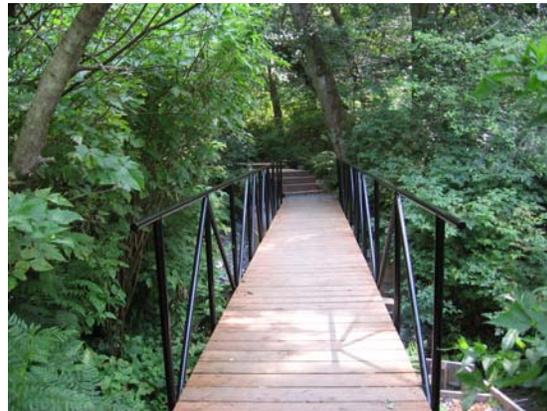


Table 6.6
Connections
Edmonds Planning Area

Key to Facilities Plan	Connection (Alphabetical Order)	Quantity	Action
NL	4 th Avenue Cultural Corridor	NA	Establishment of cultural corridor
NL	Beach Walkway	NA	Complete existing beach walkway
NL	Bicycle Trails	8.7 MI	Improve network of bicycle access through new trails and bicycle lanes
NL	Downtown to Waterfront	NA	Improve physical and perceived connections
NL	Interurban Trail	NA	Complete Edmonds' portion of the Interurban Trail System
NL	Trailhead Location	8	Integrate new trailhead amenities with walking trails
NL	Walkway Trails	5.5 MI	Establish routes and construct walkways and trails throughout the city

NL – Shown on map, but not specifically listed

RECREATION FACILITIES

Children's Play Areas

ASSESSED NEED

Age-appropriate play areas for toddlers and school-age children should be provided within walking distance of all residents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Provide age-appropriate play areas for toddlers and school-age children in each neighborhood and community park.

Cooperate with the Edmonds School District to provide play areas on school grounds when parkland is not available.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

The following guidelines, site selection criteria and development standards apply to children's play environments.

- Children's play environments should be separated from streets by fences, barrier plantings, or other recreation facilities.
- Separate age-appropriate play areas should be provided for toddlers and school-age children.
- Play elements should meet current safety standards and be accessible to children with and without disabilities.

Sports Fields

The community favored the improvement of existing fields, and increased partnerships with school sites to increase play capacity, instead of building new fields. However, there is need for more facilities and any opportunity for new facilities will benefit long-term levels of service as population grows.

ASSESSED NEED – BASEBALL FIELDS

There is a need for 1 regulation baseball field to support adult league play.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A baseball field can best be developed as part of a new or redeveloped community park.

ASSESSED NEED – SOFTBALL FIELDS

There is no additional need for softball fields.

ASSESSED NEED – YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

There is a need for 3 additional youth baseball/softball fields.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Youth baseball/softball fields can best be developed as part of a new or redeveloped community park. Partnerships and improvements at school sites may also increase levels of play on existing fields.

ASSESSED NEED – SOCCER FIELDS

There is a need for 1 additional regulation soccer field and 3 additional U6-U14 youth fields.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Soccer fields can best be developed as part of a new or redeveloped community park or neighborhood park. Partnerships and improvements at school sites may also increase levels of play on existing fields.

Swimming Pools

ASSESSED NEED

There is a need for year-round access to a public swimming pool.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Due to the age of Yost Pool (constructed in 1972) and the increasing costs of maintenance, funds are available in the 2008 CIP budget to conduct a feasibility study of Yost Pool or other community options for a pool facility. Alternatives will be examined to determine costs and various options related to this site or

alternate sites. With this up to date information, Council can better determine a preferred approach to finance and manage the selected alternative.

Tennis Courts

ASSESSED NEED

3 additional tennis courts should be developed to maintain the needs assessment for the growing population.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Tennis courts can be developed as part of any community or regional park development and should serve the population in a 1 to 2 mile radius.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

ASSESSED NEED

The current recreation program offered by the City is quite extensive but limited in any further expansion by the lack of indoor facilities or additional sports fields.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Discovery Programs

- Expand hours of Beach Ranger Station at Olympic Beach.
- Develop a full-scale, year-round interpretive center at Willow Creek Hatchery.

Youth Programs

The 2001 Youth Advisory Committee envisions Edmonds “as a community committed to the positive involvement, safety and growth of all of our youth.” Their goals are:

- Create and sustain a community-wide sense of common purpose in promoting the positive development of all youth to increase the average number of assets.
- Help youth feel connected to and valued by the community and help the community to value youth.

- Increase access to recreational and social opportunities for youth.

This vision challenges everyone to support the positive development of youth, one individual at a time, and to accept personal and collective responsibility for his or her growth and development. Youth represent an important resource as current citizens and as future leaders of the community.

Ideas/recommendations for what everyone can do to help the youth succeed are contained in the Community Youth Report, which is an element of this plan.

Aquatic Programs

The City currently provides swim lessons, recreation swimming, and swim team time in an outdoor pool. Based on the experiences of other cities, Edmonds could expect to significantly increase its recreation program with the construction of an indoor pool / recreation center.

Cultural Programs

Recommendations for Cultural Programs are contained in the Community Cultural Plan Update.

Senior Citizens Programs

Continue to contract annually for senior citizens services from the South County Senior Citizens Center. The program range of services responds to the services and activities in compliance with the National Council on Aging Standards.

CULTURAL SERVICES FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

ASSESSED NEED

Promote and sustain a vibrant cultural community through proactive partnerships and civic leadership, a network of successful cultural facilities, effective marketing and outreach strategies, and broad participation in a diverse range of cultural offerings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Coordinate effective marketing strategies to promote the City's cultural offerings, and increase awareness and visibility of cultural resources.
- Support the 4th Avenue Cultural Corridor as a City priority for shaping downtown connectivity and cultural vibrancy and move forward with first phase implementation.
- Undertake an analysis of existing and proposed cultural facilities with an emphasis on better shared uses of existing facilities, expanded and improved facilities, and opportunities to provide more diversified activities for the visual arts, teens and seniors.
- Commit City resources and encourage private commitment to the acquisition and development of small, shared public spaces with art amenities or public art enhancements.
- Ensure that the cultural community is represented and considered in all City planning activities, economic development initiatives and capital investments to ensure an arts-friendly community focus.
- Replace wood elements of Fishing Pier with stainless and galvanized steel.
- Replace Frances Anderson Playfields wood stage to reduce maintenance.
- Renovate restrooms at Brackett's Landing North and Olympic Beach.
- Upgrade restrooms at Marina Beach and Civic Center Playfields.
- Improve trails at Pine Ridge Park.
- Terrace grass bank at Yost Park near swimming pool to decrease maintenance.
- Improve trails and bridges at Yost Park.
- Install curb in parking lot at Yost Park to prevent parking on plant materials and root zones.
- Complete an inventory of street trees and park trees for purposes of risk management.
- Install bicycle racks wherever feasible in public parks and at other public facilities.
- Consider green space and low impact development where feasible.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Update play areas as required and continue to meet current safety standards.
- Upgrade paving in parks.
- Install portable toilets in parks during months of heaviest use. Provide permanent concrete lockable shells.
- Replace roofs of Fishing Pier cleaning stations.

ADMINISTRATION**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Provide additional park maintenance staff as park facilities and public demand warrant.
- Retain landscape architect / park planner as a consultant for services as needed.
- Increase volunteer opportunities.

**Table 6.7
Proposed Facilities
Edmonds Planning Area**

Proposed Facilities in Planning Area	Land (acres)	Designation	Ownership	Picnic Shelters (ea)	Playground (ea)	Walking Trail / Pathway (mi)	Biking Trail (mi)	Trailhead Improvements (ea)	Signage/Designation (ea)	Basketball (ea)	Volleyball - sand (ea)	Tennis (ea)	Soccer Adult (ea)	Soccer Youth (ea)	Baseball Adult(ea)	Sofball Adult(ea)	Youth Baseball/Sofball (ea)	Hand Boat Launch (ramp)	View Corridor/Point (ea)	Restrooms (ea)	Restrooms - Portable (ea)
162nd Street Park	0.4	Neighborhood	CoE		1	0.02													1		1
4th Avenue Cultural Corridor****	n/a	Connections	CoE																		
Aquatic Center****	n/a	Regional	CoE																		
View Corridors	n/a	Special Use	CoE																3		
Trailheads*	2.2	Connections	CoE					9													
Hand Carry Boat Launch	0.5	Special Use	CoE															1			1
Interurban Trail***	4.8	Connections	CoE				1														
New Bikeway Routes**	2.4	Connections	CoE				3.9														
Willow Creek Corridor	1	Open Space	CoE																		
Shell Creek Open Space	4	Open Space	CoE																		
New Community Park (at Former Woodway H.S.)	n/a	Community	ESD	2	1	1							3		1						1
Complete Olympic Beach Walkway	1	Regional	CoE			0.1															
New Park (near Olympic View Dr and 76th Ave W)	1	Neighborhood	CoE	1	1	0.1				1											1
New Park (near Puget Drive and Olympic View Dr)	1	Neighborhood	CoE	1	1	0.1					1										
New Park (near 206th St SW and 80th Ave)	2	Neighborhood	CoE	1	1	0.2				1											1
New Park (near 234th St SW and Hwy 99)	2	Neighborhood	CoE	1	1	0.2				1											1
New Parks (downtown area)****	7	Regional	CoE																		
Old Woodway Elementary Park	5.6	Neighborhood	CoE	1	1	0.5				1				1							1
Walking Loops - New segments**	3.4	Connections	CoE			2.8															
Walking Loops - Designation and Markers	n/a	Connections	CoE						27												
Madrona School - Improvements	n/a	Neighborhood	ESD										1								
Westgate Elementary - Improvements	n/a	Neighborhood	ESD		1																

Proposed Total Facility Subtotal

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* assumes average 1/4 acre per trailhead

** assumes average 5 ft. wide trail

*** assumes average 10 ft. wide trail

unique cost added to total proposed facility cost

Funding Plan



Funding Plan

This section outlines strategies for funding improvements of parks, recreation and cultural facilities.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

This section lists specific recommendations along with potential sources of funding. The summary of this planning process is shown in the 6-year capital improvement plan identified in Table 7.1.

Project Priorities

The following priorities are recommended for funding capital projects (not in order).

HIGH PRIORITY

- Partner with school district to develop or improve park functions on school property
- Consider property in the Downtown Waterfront Activity Center for public purposes
- Acquire waterfront, open space sites and parkland
- Designate creek corridors and protect natural and open space systems
- Conduct feasibility study for year-round aquatics facility in Edmonds
- Develop citywide walking and bicycle routes, connections and trailheads
- Continue design and development of 4th Avenue Cultural Corridor
- Complete development of connecting segment of the waterfront bulkhead

- Develop walkway connections to downtown
- Develop Interurban Trail

MEDIUM PRIORITY

- Upgrade City-owned sport and Edmonds School District sports fields
- Complete environmental Master Plan for Edmonds Marsh
- Continue to develop and upgrade neighborhood and community park sites
- Continue to upgrade children's play areas citywide
- Arts planning

LOW PRIORITY

- Develop new neighborhood parks in underserved neighborhoods
- Off-leash park, boat launch and skateboard elements

Funding Sources

The following are possible funding sources for the planning, acquisition, development and maintenance of parks, open space and other recreational areas.

1. **General Fund:** This source comes from taxes, fees and other charges. It provides money for general operations and maintenance. Capital projects are occasionally funded from this source when the capacity exists, usually via a transfer of funds to the Capital Improvement Fund.
2. **Real Estate Excise Tax (REET):** This is a tax imposed at the time of a

real estate sale. There are two components of the tax, Fund 125 and 126. The rate of each is one-fourth of one percent of the property's sale price. Revenues derived from each of these components are dedicated through City Council action to be used for park, recreation, open space and cultural facility capital purposes. Revenue from this fund should be estimated conservatively as the real estate market can be volatile.

Fund 126, the first one-fourth of one percent, can be used for acquisition and development. From 2005 to 2007, it generated about \$1,400,000 annually. It pays the debt service for the purchase of City Hall, Marina Beach and Edmonds Center for the Arts as well as Library Plaza improvements and the city portion of the Anderson Center Seismic retrofit.

Fund 125, the second one-fourth of one percent, also generated about \$1,400,000 from 2005 to 2007. The first \$750,000 is used for park development. Additional funds collected are directed to Fund 112 which can be used for transportation improvements including walkways, bikeways, and the Interurban Trail as well as traditional road improvements. Acquisition is not allowed with 2nd Qtr. REET.

3. **General Obligation Bond:** These are voter-approved bonds with the assessment placed on real property. The money can only be used for acquisition and capital improvements; not maintenance. This property tax is levied for a specified period of time. Passage of a voter-ratified bond

requires a 60 percent majority vote. Examples of projects in Edmonds that could be funded with these bonds are:

- Former Woodway High School Playfield Development
 - Senior Center Redevelopment
 - Aquatics Center
 - Civic Center Playfield Acquisition
 - Citywide Sidewalk & Trail Connections
 - 4th Avenue Cultural Corridor
4. **Councilmatic Bonds:** These are bonds that require only a majority of the City Council. They are repaid from City funds, usually the REET or the City General Fund, for capital projects.
 5. **Property Tax Levy:** This is a voter-approved levy put in place generally to fund Parks Maintenance and Operations. It is a fixed amount assessed on real property for a specified number of years.
 6. **Revenue Bonds:** These bonds are sold and paid from the revenue produced as a guarantee for the operation of a facility or enterprise.
 7. **HUD Block Grants:** Grants from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by Snohomish County as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are available for a wide variety of projects. Most are distributed in the lower income areas of the community. Grants can be up to 100 percent of project cost. ADA access projects are eligible for this funding. The South County Senior Center 2003-2005

capital project awards from this program totaled \$480,000.

8. **Park Impact Fees:** Park Impact Fees are fees imposed on new development to mitigate the impact of new development on the City's park system. Impact fees can be used only for parkland acquisition and/or development. The City does not utilize this funding mechanism at this time. Because growth is only one percent per year on average, this option may not be worth the effort. Impact fee collection in addition to REET may be seen as double taxation which was not the intent of the state legislation allowing impact fees.

9. **Certificates of Participation:** This is a lease-purchase approach where a city sells Certificates of Participation (COP's) to a lending institution. The City then pays the loan off from revenue produced by the facility or from its general operating budget. The lending institution holds title to the property until the COP's are repaid. This procedure does not require a vote of the public.

10. **Donations:** The donation of labor, land, or cash by service agencies, private groups, or individuals is a popular way to raise small amounts of money for specific projects. Such service agencies as the Kiwanis and Rotary often fund, or augment available funding, for projects such as playground improvements. The Rotary Pavilion (completed in 2006) at Edmonds City Park is a good example. Another example would be the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation funding for public art.



11. **Public Land Trusts:** Land trusts such as the Trust for Public Land, Inc., and the Nature Conservancy will acquire and hold land for eventual acquisition by a public agency or broker cooperative partnerships. In most cases, they are primarily interested in large blocks of natural open space. As a result, this may not be a viable option for Edmonds.

12. **Lifetime Estates:** This is an agreement between a landowner and the City where the City buys or receives by donation a piece of land and the City gives the owner the right

to live on the site after it is sold for the lifetime of the owner (i.e. Hutt Park).

13. **Exchange of Property:** An exchange of property between a private landowner and the City can occur. For example, the City could exchange an unneeded site for a potential park site currently under private ownership.
14. **Joint Public/Private Partnership:** The basic approach is for a public agency to enter into a working agreement with a private corporation to help fund, build and/or operate a public facility. Generally, the three primary incentives a public agency can offer is free land to place a facility (usually a park or other piece of public land), certain tax advantages, and access to the facility. While the public agency may have to give up certain responsibilities or control, it is one way of obtaining public facilities at a lower cost.
15. **Public Facilities District:** In 1999, Chapter 165 of Washington State law provided the ability for cities to establish a public facilities district (PFD). The legislation specifically authorized acquisition, construction, and ownership of regional convention, conference, or special event centers (RCW 35.57.020.) This option was one source used to purchase and construct the Edmonds Center for the Arts.
16. **Private Grants and Foundations:** Private grants and foundations provide money for a wide range of projects. Many grants are

available for environmental protection. In addition, community improvement grants are available through The Hubbard Family Foundation, Rotary, the McDevitt Family Foundation, Friends of the Edmonds Library, and Edmonds Art Festival Foundation among others.

17. **Salmon Recovery Grant:** The Salmon Recovery Board administers grants to provide funding of habitat protection and restoration projects and related programs and activities that produce sustainable and measurable benefits for fish and their habitat. Eligible applicants include local governments, private landowners, conservation districts, Native American tribes, non-profit organizations, and special service districts.
- Projects require a minimum of 15% match with no upper limit on the grant amount. Grants may be used for acquisition, in-stream diversion, in-stream passage, in-stream habitat, riparian habitat, and upland habitat, estuarine/marine near shore, and assessments and studies.
18. **County, State and Federal Grants:** Snohomish County provides grant opportunities through the Conservation Futures funding program, and the County Council's Neighborhood Fund Awards Program.

Washington State provides various grants for public recreation acquisition and development through the Recreation & Conservation Funding Board (RCO Grants), the

Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Department of Ecology's Coastal Zone Management (CZM) programs, and the Washington State Arts Commission Grant programs. On the Federal level, Congress appropriates funds through the Land and Water Conservation Funds, FEMA, National Parks Service, Historic Preservation Congressional Appropriation and the National Endowment of the Arts.

Edmonds has been very successful over the past fifteen years in obtaining matching grants to secure and develop substantial parklands for the community.

19. **Increase Local Sales Tax:** Cities can exercise the option to maximize the collection of sales tax revenue. Projected revenue can be determined by calculating the difference between the current collection and the maximum allowable. Tax amounts fluctuate year to year depending on the economy.
20. **Parks Trust Fund 601:** Established in March 2003 to receive various types of donations (gift annuities, stocks, etc.) from the citizenry with the intent that the interest earned will be used to assist the cost of operating, maintaining, and improving the Flower Program, Environmental Programs, and Yost Pool.
21. **Gifts Program:** The City of Edmonds Gifts Program was established in 1988 and is administered in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. This program provides a means for

individuals, businesses, or organizations to donate funds for site specific amenities in our parks. The majority of donations are given in memory of a loved one, while others are given as gifts or to honor loved ones. Benches, picnic tables, and trees are the most requested memorial item, and the waterfront remains the most popular site for benches. In 2007, three viewing scopes (Olympic Beach, Senior Center, and Brackett's Landing North) were added to the waterfront through the Gifts Catalog Program.



Capital Improvement Plan

The following is a funding strategy for implementing the action plan outlined in Chapter 6. Proposed projects, estimated costs, and potential revenue sources are shown in Table 7.1, which matches the most current adopted CIP.

It should be noted that, over time, priorities change, new funding sources become available, or opportunities arise to acquire land or develop a project. As a requirement of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), the City reviews the CIP on an annual basis.

The total cost to meet the recreation and facility needs in the near term in Edmonds is placed at approximately \$30 million, not including projects listed as unique

costs in Appendix "A" (Aquatic Center, 4th Avenue Cultural Corridor, New Park(s) Downtown. Several proposed facility improvements are currently funded in the CIP, such as 162nd Street Park, Old Woodway Elementary Park and the Interurban Trail.

The key to funding the CIP is the combination of grants, general obligation bonds for large projects approved by the voters (i.e. indoor pool) and the use of the two one-fourth of one percent Real Estate Excise Taxes (REET). City Council approved the dedication of REET (Fund #125 to \$750,000/year & #126) be used for park acquisition, development and improvements.

Additional CIP funding is provided for non-motorized transportation improvements such as walkway and crosswalk projects in the Transportation Fund 112.

Additional CIP funding is provided for community centers and recreation facilities in the Building Maintenance Fund 116.



**Table 7.1
Parks Capital Improvement Program 2007-2013**

PROJECT NAME	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<i>Park Development / Improvement Projects</i>							
162nd Street Park	\$300,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
164th Street Walkway	\$270,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
76th Ave/75th PI West Walkway	\$945,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4th Avenue Cultural Corridor *	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Anderson Center Field/Court	\$5,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Brackett's Landing	\$0	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
City Park	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Dayton Street Plaza	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Civic Center Complex	\$75,000	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Edmonds Marsh/Hatchery	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Fishing Pier/Olympic Beach	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Former Woodway HS Athletic Fields *	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$650,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Maplewood Park	\$40,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marina Beach Park	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$70,000	\$200,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Mathay Ballinger Park	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Meadowdale Clubhouse Grounds	\$0	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Old Woodway Elementary Park	\$1,000,000	\$700,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Pine Ridge Park	\$0	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Pine Street Park	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Seaview Park	\$0	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Sr. Center Parking Lot / Landscape / Drainage	\$140,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Sierra Park	\$0	\$80,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Underwater Park	\$0	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Waterfront Walkway / Olympic Beach	\$2,000	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Yost Park/Pool *	\$25,000	\$65,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

* major development projects dependent upon successful capital campaigns and partnerships

Table 7.2
Parks Acquisition Program 2007-2013

PROJECT NAME	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Debt Service on City Hall	\$415,502	\$415,500	\$415,500	\$415,500	\$415,500	\$415,500	\$415,500
Debt Service on Library Roof	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000
Debt Service on Marina Beach	\$151,835	\$151,835	\$151,835	\$151,835	\$151,835	\$151,835	\$151,835
Debt Service on PSCC Purchase	\$73,823	\$73,823	\$73,823	\$73,823	\$73,823	\$73,823	\$73,823
Debt Service on FAC Seismic retrofit	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Total Debt Service	<u>\$697,160</u>	<u>\$697,158</u>	<u>\$697,158</u>	<u>\$697,158</u>	<u>\$697,158</u>	<u>\$697,158</u>	<u>\$697,158</u>
Misc. Open Space / Land	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Waterfront Acquisition				\$500,000			\$500,000
Tideland / Beach Acquisition	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$100,000				
Total Park Projects	<u>\$210,000</u>	<u>\$210,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$700,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$289,457	\$852,297	\$1,115,139	\$1,287,981	\$1,560,823	\$2,033,665	\$2,436,507
Real estate Tax 1/4%/1st Qtr %	\$1,400,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Interest Earnings	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$100,000	\$120,000
Projected Grants:							
State / Federal (Waterfront Acquisition)				\$500,000			\$500,000
Private Donations (Misc Open Space)							
Total Revenues	\$1,759,457	\$2,022,297	\$2,285,139	\$2,957,981	\$2,730,823	\$3,233,665	\$4,156,507
Expenditures							
Total Debt Service	\$697,160	\$697,158	\$697,158	\$697,158	\$697,158	\$697,158	\$697,158
Total Parks Projects	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$300,000	\$700,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$600,000
Total Expenditures	\$907,160	\$907,158	\$997,158	\$1,397,158	\$797,158	\$797,158	\$1,297,158
Ending Cash Balance	\$852,297	\$1,115,139	\$1,287,981	\$1,560,823	\$1,933,665	\$2,436,507	\$2,859,349

Facility Inventory Worksheets



Indoor (Y/N)	View Corridor/Point (ea)	Gymnasium (ea)	Restrooms (ea)	Restrooms - Portable (ea)	Community Center (ea)	Neighborhood Park (acres)	Community Park (acres)	Regional Park (acres)	Special Use Park (acres)	Open Space (acres)
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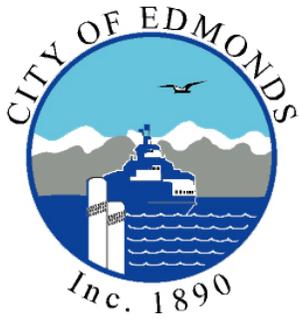
Inventory Worksheet for Facilities

Meadowdale Playfields	27	Community	ESD		1					1				1			1.5				
Chase Lake Environmental Education/ESD Natural Area	7.48	Special Use	ESD/Sno Co			0.2															
Esperance County Park	6	Neighborhood	Sno Co		1	0.2								1						1	
Meadowdale Beach County Park	95	Open Space	Sno Co			2															
Southwest County Park (Possible acquisition)	120	Open Space	Sno Co			2															
Edmonds Fishing Pier	1	Regional	WDFW																		
Proposed Facilities in Planning Area																					
162nd Street Park	0.4	Neighborhood	CoE		1	0.02															
4th Avenue Cultural Corridor****	n/a	Connections	CoE																		
Aquatic Center****	n/a	Regional	CoE																		
View Corridors	n/a	Special Use	CoE																		
Trailheads*	2.2	Connections	CoE					9													
Hand Carry Boat Launch	0.5	Special Use	CoE																		1
Interurban Trail***	4.8	Connections	CoE					1													
New Bikeway Routes**	2.4	Connections	CoE					3.9													
Willow Creek Corridor	1	Open Space	CoE																		
Shell Creek Open Space	4	Open Space	CoE																		
New Community Park (at Former Woodway H.S.)	n/a	Community	ESD	2	1	1								3		1					
Complete Olympic Beach Walkway	1	Regional	CoE			0.1															
New Park (near Olympic View Dr and 76th Ave W)	1	Neighborhood	CoE	1	1	0.1				1											
New Park (near Puget Drive and Olympic View Dr)	1	Neighborhood	CoE	1	1	0.1						1									
New Park (near 206th St SW and 80th Ave)	2	Neighborhood	CoE	1	1	0.2				1											
New Park (near 234th St SW and Hwy 99)	2	Neighborhood	CoE	1	1	0.2				1											
New Parks (downtown area)****	7	Regional	CoE																		
Old Woodway Elementary Park	5.6	Neighborhood	CoE	1	1	0.5				1						1					
Walking Loops - New segments**	3.4	Connections	CoE			2.8															
Walking Loops - Designation and Markers	n/a	Connections	CoE						27												
Madrona School - Improvements	n/a	Neighborhood	ESD											1							
Westgate Elementary - Improvements	n/a	Neighborhood	ESD		1																
Existing City-Owned Facility Subtotal	202.30				3.00	12.00	7.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	1.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	2.00
Existing Total Facility Subtotal	506.78				3.00	16.00	12.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	1.00	6.00	1.00	2.00	6.00	0.00	2.50	6.00	2.00	2.00
ELOS City-Owned Standard / 1000	4.57				0.07	0.27	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.02	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.05
ELOS Total Standard / 1000	11.45				0.07	0.36	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.02	0.14	0.02	0.05	0.14	0.00	0.06	0.14	0.05	0.05
RCO LOS Standard / 1000	NA				1.67	0.53	0.13	NA	NA	NA	0.09	NA	0.22	NA	0.29	NA	0.49	0.49	NA	NA	NA
NRPA LOS Standard / 1000	34.45				NA	NA	0.50	NA	NA	NA	0.30	0.30	0.50	0.05	0.10	NA	0.30	0.40	NA	NA	0.05
Proposed Total Facility Subtotal	38.30				7.00	8.00	5.02	4.90	9.00	27.00	4.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
PLOS 2025 Total Standard / 1000	10.29				0.19	0.45	0.32	0.09	0.17	0.51	0.26	0.02	0.13	0.02	0.11	0.13	0.02	0.05	0.11	0.04	0.06
Facility Unit Cost	\$ 600,000				\$ 114,769	\$ 151,568	\$ 368,588	\$ 143,778	\$ 28,959	\$ 2,500	\$ 54,358	\$ -	\$ 106,615	\$ 743,555	\$ 1,296,036	\$ 938,486	\$ 949,655	\$ 874,416	\$ 621,650	\$ -	\$ 214,902
Existing Total Facility Cost	\$ 304,068,000				\$ 344,307	\$ 2,425,088	\$ 4,485,716	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 543,580	\$ -	\$ 639,690	\$ 743,555	\$ 2,592,072	\$ 5,630,916	\$ -	\$ 2,186,040	\$ 3,729,900	\$ -	\$ 429,804
Existing Total Facility Cost / Capita	\$ 6,867				\$ 8	\$ 55	\$ 101.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ -	\$ 14.45	\$ 17	\$ 59	\$ 127	\$ -	\$ 49	\$ 84	\$ -	\$ 10
Proposed Total Facility Cost	\$ 16,500,000				\$ 803,383	\$ 1,212,544	\$ 2,350,312	\$ 704,512	\$ 260,631	\$ 67,500	\$ 217,432	\$ -	\$ 106,615	\$ -	\$ 5,184,144	\$ 938,486	\$ 949,655	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214,902	\$ -
% Edmonds PROC Share	75%				75%	75%	0%	0%	100%	100%	75%	75%	75%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	100%	50%
Other Funding Sources	CoE PW (trails)				Grant	Grant	CoE PW	CoE PW			Grant	Grant	Grant	ESD	Other/Private	ESD	Other/Private	Other/Private	Other/Private	ESD	Grant/Port
Proposed PROC Total Facility Cost	\$ 12,375,000				\$ 602,537	\$ 909,408	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260,631	\$ 67,500	\$ 163,074	\$ -	\$ 79,961	\$ -	\$ 2,592,072	\$ 469,243	\$ 474,828	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107,451
* Assumes average 1/4 acre per trailhead																					
** Assumes average 5 ft. wide trail																					
*** Assumes average 10 ft. wide trail																					
****Unique cost. Possible bond issue. Not included in cost estimate.																					

Community Survey Results



Telephone Survey



What do you think?

*open space o programs o neighborhood park
athletic fields o trails & walkways o regional facilities*

This is your chance to let us know your opinions and priorities.

Please review the enclosed materials and complete the telephone survey to indicate your priorities about park, recreation, open space and cultural opportunities in Edmonds. Help us create a plan for Edmonds' park system for the next 20 years.

August 2007

Dear Edmonds Survey Participant:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our survey. The City of Edmonds is completing work on the City's Park, Recreation, Open Space and Cultural Comprehensive Plan. The plan will determine priorities for ***park, recreation, open space and cultural programs, and financing strategies, for the next six year comprehensive planning period which will impact programs into the foreseeable future.*** Your opinions will help the City develop a final plan and financing strategy that reflects the desires and values of the Edmonds community.

Survey telephone call: Please review the survey questions and the graphic materials enclosed. The telephone survey team will call to discuss your survey responses in about 1 week. In the meantime, please mark this copy to indicate your response to each question. ***You will greatly assist the telephone survey team, and shorten the length of the phone call, if you have completed the answers and can read your responses to the survey caller.***

To obtain the survey accuracy desired by the city, telephone surveys must be completed by 200 residents. Therefore, we need your response for the survey to be an accurate reflection of Edmonds resident opinions. We will continue to call the persons participating in the survey until we have completed 200 responses. **Consequently, please be prepared so that you may be included within the final sample.**

Note - please do not mail your survey - this will slow the response time and could also jeopardize survey reliability. The city will notify you in writing once 200 surveys have been completed.

Please contact Brian McIntosh, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director at (425)771-0256 or mcintosh@ci.edmonds.wa.us if you have any questions about the plan or this survey.

Sincerely,
CITY OF EDMONDS

Brian McIntosh
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director

Edmonds Park, Recreation, Open Space and Cultural Comprehensive Plan Update

SECTION 1: General program and site priorities

Program priorities

1-4	<i>Reserved for City Use</i>	
5	Have any household members used recreational programs provided by the city, school district, or another public, private or non-profit agency in the last year?	[64%] yes [36%] no

What recreational programs do you think should be offered or continue to be offered by the city, school district, or another public or private agency on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is the least important and 5 is the most important?

	importance score
Recreation programs	
OTHER	4.20
SUMMER PROGRAMS	4.05
BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL AGE KIDS	4.02
TEEN ACTIVITIES	4.01
YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS	4.00
FITNESS CLASSES	3.83
SENIOR ACTIVITIES	3.80
INDOOR/OUTDOOR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS	3.63
ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS	3.50
ADULT/SENIOR DAY CARE	3.41
ADULT ATHLETIC PROGRAMS	3.31
PERFORMING ARTS	3.30
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	3.19
ART, GRAPHIC DESIGN	3.11
SELF-HELP CLASSES	3.01
SAILING, ROWING	2.96

If it requires more money than can be budgeted to provide future city recreation programs, how would you prioritize the following methods of paying for those programs?

	priority score
Recreation program financing options	
INCREASE USER FEES	3.71
REDUCE PROGRAMS OFFERED	2.82
INCREASE CITY TAX REVENUES	2.47

Park, recreation, open space and cultural site priorities

In general, how would you rate the existing inventory of park, recreation, open space and cultural sites provided in Edmonds by the city, school district, and other recreation providers?

25	Quantity – is the number and location of existing park, recreation, open space and cultural sites adequate to serve the existing population?	[62%] yes [34%] no
26	Quality – are the maintenance conditions and furnishings including parking, restrooms, playgrounds, and other elements provided in existing park, recreation, open space and cultural sites adequate?	[79%] yes [17%] no

How would you rate the importance of providing the following additional sites within the city in general whether provided by the city, school district, or another recreation provider?

Park, recreation, open space and cultural site priorities	importance score
OTHER	4.40
WATERFRONT	4.03
TRAILS	4.00
SWIMMING POOL	3.54
PLAYGROUNDS	3.51
PICNIC AREAS	3.42
BASEBALL FIELDS	3.22
SOCCER FIELDS	3.20
TENNIS COURTS	3.03
INDOOR BASKETBALL	3.01
MEETING ROOMS	2.99
HISTORIC BUILDINGS	2.98
OUTDOOR BASKETBALL	2.95
ART GALLERIES	2.91
OFF-LEASH	2.74
KAYAK AND CANOE ROUTES	2.74
SKATEBOARDING AREA	2.41

If it requires more money than can be budgeted to provide future park, recreation, open space and cultural sites, how would you prioritize funding for the following general park, recreation, open space and cultural types?

Park, recreation, open space and cultural type	priority score
WALKING/BICYCLE ROUTES	3.84
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	3.57
COMMUNITY PARK	3.49
OPEN SPACE	3.48
REGIONAL PARK	3.16
INDOOR RECREATION SITES	2.93
CULTURAL SERVICES	2.60
SCENIC CORRIDOTS	2.59
SPECIAL USE AREAS	2.49

SECTION 2: Specific development plan proposals

Please note that where proposed or existing sites are shown, it does not necessarily imply who would be responsible for providing or enhancing those sites. In many cases, partnerships may be required with other agencies or organizations to jointly develop or enhance park, recreation, open space and cultural sites within the city. In addition, proposals are contingent upon future feasibility and as opportunities may allow. Where proposed sites are shown jointly with the school district or other organizations and agencies, proposals are also contingent upon joint approval of those agencies.

How would you prioritize the following proposals – as shown on the attached preliminary Recommended Plan map?

Neighborhood Parks – (note there are five potential new park sites proposed for Edmonds)

priority score

JOINT USE (NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ON SCHOOL SITES)	4.21
RESTROOMS	4.02
PLAYGROUNDS	3.53
MULTIPURPOSE FIELDS	3.50
NEW PARK NE EDMONDS	3.15
NEW PARK E EDMONDS	3.13
OUTDOOR COURTS	3.10
INFORMAL FIELDS	3.00
NEW PARK N EDMONDS	3.00
NEW PARK SE EDMONDS	2.97

Open Space

priority score

NATURAL SYSTEMS	3.62
TRAILHEADS	3.58
DESIGNATION WILLOW CREEK	3.57
EDUCATION/INTERPRETIVE	3.18

Community Parks

priority score

NEW COMMUNITY PARK	3.75
BALL FIELDS - IMPROVE EXISTING	3.23
SOCCER - IMPROVE EXISTING	3.18
SOCCER - PROVIDE ADDITIONAL	2.70
BALL FIELDS - PROVIDE ADDITIONAL	2.66

Regional Sites

priority score

AQUATIC CENTER	3.68
REGIONAL TRAILS	3.64
OFF-LEASH PARK	2.75
SKATEBORAD ELEMENTS	2.40

Special Use Site
HAND CARRY BOAT LAUNCH

**priority
score**
3.12

Connections

WATERFRONT
WALKING ROUTES
MULTI-USE TRAILS
BICYCLE ROUTES
SCENIC CORRIDORS
LINEAR PARK

**priority
score**
3.86
3.76
3.71
3.54
3.43
2.97

Cultural Facilities

EDMONDS CENTER FOR THE ARTS
MULTIPURPOSE ARTS FACILITY
ART MUSEUM

**priority
score**
2.97
2.66
2.51

OVERALL LIST SECTION 2

Neighborhood park elements at schools in lieu of new park sites
Additional restrooms in parks
Waterfront crossings and connections
Marked walking routes
New community park
Multi-use trails for all ages
Regional trails
Aquatic center
Additional marked bicycle routes
New and/or improved playgrounds
Multi-sport fields
Identify scenic corridors
Upgrade existing baseball/softball fields
Upgrade existing soccer fields
New park in NE Edmonds
New park in E Edmonds
Outdoor courts
Informal fields
New park in N Edmonds
New park in SE Edmonds
4th Ave linear park
Edmonds Center for the Arts improvements
Off-leash park
Additional soccer fields
Additional baseball/softball fields
New multipurpose arts facility
New art museum
Skateboard elements

**priority
score**
4.21
4.02
3.86
3.76
3.75
3.71
3.64
3.63
3.54
3.53
3.50
3.43
3.23
3.18
3.15
3.13
3.10
3.00
3.00
2.97
2.97
2.97
2.97
2.75
2.70
2.66
2.66
2.51
2.40

SECTION 3: Financing Options

The budget of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Cultural Services department is made up of many sources. While most of the budget comes from municipal sources, other resources such as user fees, partnerships, private donations and various grants make up the total available budget. Edmonds strives to always explore new financing opportunities.

Growth management

According to the US census in the next 20 years the area’s population could increase by another 4,300 people (or approximately 11% more than the existing population of 40,500 persons) as lands are developed or redeveloped for more housing.

87	In your opinion, will <u>existing park, recreation, open space and cultural sites (not including any of the above proposals)</u> within the city, county, and school district systems be enough to serve this population increase?	[28%] yes [44%] no [28%] don't know
88	In your opinion, will the <u>proposed park, recreation, open space and cultural sites described in Section 2</u> in addition to existing sites be enough to provide for this population?	[58%] yes [13%] no [28%] don't know
89	In your opinion, will the proposed park, recreation, open space and cultural sites described above <u>improve your access and ability to enjoy the park system</u> in Edmonds even after this population increase occurs?	[62%] yes [11%] no [27%] don't know

Entrepreneurial Financing

The city could support a variety of creative, entrepreneurial opportunities as a means of financing the acquisition and development of additional park, recreation, open space and cultural sites. These opportunities can include conservation easements, access agreements, land lease/trust agreements (i.e., donation or lease of property to city), revenue bonds, foundations (i.e., non-profit organizations), advertising, sponsorships and public or private grants. How would you rate the importance of this option?

Entrepreneurial Opportunities	importance score
ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES	3.83
VENDORS FOR RENTALS, ETC. AT WATERFRONT, TRAILHEAD, POOL	3.60
SPONSORSHIPS	3.59
VENDORS FOR CONCESSIONS ATHLETIC COMPLEXES	3.40

General obligation bond

City Council could submit a general obligation bond for voter approval as a means of financing the acquisition and development of park, recreation, and open space sites. The bond, which cannot be used for operation and maintenance, would generally be financed over a 20-year period.

	General obligation bond	Amount per year
94	If a bond were to be put on the ballot <u>to finance the highest priority projects listed in Section 2 above</u> , how much, if anything, would your household be willing to pay <u>per year</u> for this source of funding?	\$122.50 mean

Property Tax

City Council could submit a property tax levy for voter approval as a means of financing the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of all city park, recreation, open space and cultural sites. The property tax levy would provide a dedicated source of funds with which to provide park, recreation, open space and cultural sites and program services for a specified amount of time.

	Property tax levy	Amount per year
95	If a property tax levy were to be put on the ballot <u>to finance the highest priority projects listed above in Section 2 AND operations/maintenance of existing park systems</u> , how much, if anything, would your household be willing to pay <u>per year</u> for this source of funding?	\$101.30 mean

Joint venture opportunities

Besides Edmonds - the school district, state, athletic organizations, non-profit organizations and a variety of other public and private agencies own and operate park, recreation, open space and cultural sites and programs within the city. These other agencies can become especially important partners in developing sub-regional sites that serve a larger population beyond city boundaries, such as aquatic centers, tennis centers, and community centers. How would you prioritize joint venture projects with the following agencies?

	Sites	priority score
	WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS	4.19
	WITH OTHER CITIES	3.85
	WITH NON-PROFIT ORG.	3.85
	WITH FOR-PROFIT ORG.	3.23
	Programs	priority score
	WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS	4.23
	WITH NON-PROFIT ORG.	3.85
	WITH OTHER CITIES	3.79
	WITH FOR-PROFIT ORG.	3.15

Respondent characteristics

104	Which area of the city do you live in?	<p>[23%] North of 196th St. SW</p> <p>[31%] East of 9th between 220th St. SW and 196th St. SW</p> <p>[22%] Downtown, between 220th St SW and 196th St. SW, west of 9th Ave.</p> <p>[22%] South of 220th St. SW</p>
105	How long have you lived in Edmonds?	<p>1% 0-1</p> <p>9% 2-5</p> <p>10% 6-10</p> <p>80% 10+ years</p>
106	What type of housing do you live in?	<p>92% own</p> <p>8% rent</p>
107	What age group are you in (circle one)?	<p>0% 18-24</p> <p>2% 25-34</p> <p>15% 35-49</p> <p>41% 50-64</p> <p>40% 65+</p> <p>1% Refused</p>
108	How do you like to receive information from the city regarding park, recreation, open space and cultural sites and programs?	<p>[49%] Craze guide</p> <p>[60%] Local paper</p> <p>[39%] Direct mail</p> <p>[13%] Channel 21</p> <p>[5%] Community bulletin boards</p> <p>[33%] City newsletter</p> <p>[25%] City's web site</p> <p>[11%] Arts Bulletin</p> <p>[5%] Other:</p>

Web Survey

Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Comprehensive Plan Update Survey

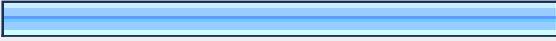
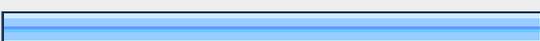
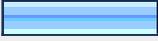
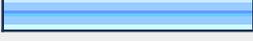
1. How important do you think the following are to creating tourism in Edmonds?							
	Not important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Rating Average	Response Count
a. Underwater Scuba Diving Park	3.7% (4)	4.6% (5)	25.0% (27)	47.2% (51)	19.4% (21)	3.74	108
b. Flower Baskets	2.8% (3)	3.7% (4)	13.8% (15)	38.5% (42)	41.3% (45)	4.12	109
c. Waterfront	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.6% (5)	13.8% (15)	81.7% (89)	4.77	109
d. Aquatics/Pool	2.8% (3)	15.9% (17)	36.4% (39)	25.2% (27)	19.6% (21)	3.43	107
e. Parks	0.0% (0)	1.8% (2)	13.8% (15)	43.1% (47)	41.3% (45)	4.24	109
f. Cultural Activities	0.0% (0)	2.8% (3)	4.6% (5)	37.6% (41)	55.0% (60)	4.45	109
g. Festivals	0.9% (1)	3.7% (4)	8.4% (9)	30.8% (33)	56.1% (60)	4.37	107
h. Other _____	3.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.6% (1)	14.3% (4)	78.6% (22)	4.64	28
Other (please specify)							31
answered question							110
skipped question							0

Comment Text	Response Date
1. good restaurants and bars and shops	Wed, 10/3/07 9:21 PM
2. Tear down Buildings along Railroad Ave. and turn into a park.	Thu, 9/27/07 7:28 AM
3. unique stores and sidewalk activities	Wed, 9/19/07 5:25 PM
4. year-round covered pool	Thu, 9/13/07 9:33 AM
5. Off leash dog park	Wed, 9/12/07 3:57 PM
6. Shopping. Atmosphere	Mon, 9/10/07 9:12 PM
7. off leash dog areas	Mon, 9/10/07 4:04 PM
8. Play Fields (soccer/baseball etc.)	Thu, 9/6/07 8:47 PM
9. Year-round pool and if possible, outdoor pool to be open 5 (rather than 3) months of the year.	Mon, 8/27/07 3:23 PM
10. Olympic size aquatic center!	Thu, 8/23/07 9:09 AM
11. shopping	Tue, 8/21/07 1:19 PM
12. commons areas/urban parks, year round farmers markets, street fairs (w/ no cars in downtown)	Thu, 8/16/07 2:43 PM
13. small town feeling	Mon, 8/13/07 7:48 AM
14. Ferry terminal	Wed, 8/8/07 9:01 AM
15. compelling arts events and diverse businesses	Tue, 8/7/07 9:18 AM
16. the ferry terminal	Mon, 8/6/07 8:47 PM
17. good inexpensive restaurants, better biking routes/trails	Mon, 8/6/07 5:50 PM
18. community place	Mon, 8/6/07 4:41 PM
19. Improvements to bird sanctuary and walking/biking paths. Perhaps a connection to neighboring community walking/biking paths.	Mon, 8/6/07 11:24 AM
20. Museum	Fri, 8/3/07 2:32 PM
21. Special events like the Write on the Sound	Tue, 7/31/07 5:15 PM

conference and of course of Arts Festival are so important. Also the Saturday market adds amazing flavor and color to our local lives when we all join in to shop and it makes wonderful copy for advertising a visit to our summer city.

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| 22. Boundless Playground | Tue, 7/31/07 8:02 AM |
| 23. Ferries, beaches, walkable town, parking, good play structures at parks | Mon, 7/30/07 6:58 PM |
| 24. have a nice small size hotel integrated in maritime themed shopping area and cafe's and art galleries in the area where the old Safeway (Harbour Square area) to include integration of exisiting train station and upgrade of that area and replacing the ugly metal linked fence, add flower baskets, etc. | Mon, 7/30/07 5:46 PM |
| 25. sport events, races | Mon, 7/30/07 9:02 AM |
| 26. variety of shops, places to stop & visit | Mon, 7/30/07 7:11 AM |
| 27. Summer Programs | Thu, 7/26/07 7:33 PM |
| 28. Conferences for Writer's etc. | Thu, 7/26/07 2:42 PM |
| 29. concerts/plays in the park | Thu, 7/26/07 8:13 AM |
| 30. downtown beautification (landscaping & art) | Wed, 7/25/07 7:51 PM |
| 31. vibrant shopping choices like Farmer's Market | Wed, 7/25/07 1:23 PM |

2. Of the existing facilities in the park system, what does Edmonds need more of? (Choose all that you think apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. Neighborhood parks		38.0%	41
b. Year-round swimming pool		58.3%	63
c. Recreation/cultural programs		37.0%	40
d. Walkways/trails/bike routes		71.3%	77
e. Waterfront access (docks, boat launches, etc.)		36.1%	39
f. Downtown parks/activities		38.0%	41
g. Off-leash areas		27.8%	30
h. Skate parks		10.2%	11
i. Natural open space		58.3%	63
j. Tennis courts		15.7%	17
k. Other _____		16.7%	18
		Other (please specify)	22
		answered question	108
		skipped question	2

Comment Text	Response Date
1. Edmonds needs many more relatively flat, safe walkways and bike routes, similar to those in West Seattle, preferably near the waterfront or with views of the Sound.	Wed, 10/10/07 2:02 PM
2. walking trail to connect parks	Wed, 10/3/07 9:21 PM
3. Open Market	Thu, 9/27/07 7:28 AM
4. NO MORE "Natural open space parks". We need more parks like the downtown parks, Seaview Park, etc.	Sun, 9/16/07 8:44 PM
5. Yost Park need a Public Rest Room for all of us who use the park and who don't want to go in the woods	Sat, 9/8/07 9:31 PM
6. adult size playfields	Fri, 9/7/07 11:20 AM
7. soccer and baseball fields	Thu, 9/6/07 8:47 PM
8. You really need to have more wood sprung floors for dance classes, etc.	Thu, 9/6/07 4:24 PM
9. Sports Fields - soccer, basaball, etc	Sat, 8/25/07 8:37 AM
10. Racquetball Courts	Tue, 8/21/07 6:32 AM
11. commons areas	Thu, 8/16/07 2:43 PM
12. Improvements to bird sanctuary and walking/biking paths. Perhaps a connection to neighboring community walking/biking paths.	Mon, 8/6/07 11:24 AM
13. International aura	Fri, 8/3/07 2:32 PM
14. wildlife reserves	Fri, 8/3/07 11:30 AM
15. Designated airsoft park using biodegradable pellets	Thu, 8/2/07 8:56 PM
16. Boundless Parks	Tue, 7/31/07 8:02 AM
17. easy access to park and launch kayaks,	Mon, 7/30/07 6:58 PM

etc.

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| 18. access i.e. skybridge from downtown to waterfront | Mon, 7/30/07 5:46 PM |
| 19. visual arts facility | Mon, 7/30/07 9:02 AM |
| 20. More Retail on Main streets. | Fri, 7/27/07 8:12 PM |
| 21. Well stocked bathrooms at ALL parks and beaches | Thu, 7/26/07 7:33 PM |
| 22. wetlands preservation for habitat | Thu, 7/26/07 9:06 AM |

3. Are there any new activities that you would like to see in Edmonds?		Response Count
		50
<i>answered question</i>		50
<i>skipped question</i>		60

4. Based on activities you are involved in, are there enough sports fields to serve each age group of Edmonds residents?					
	Not enough soccer	Enough soccer	Not enough baseball & softball	Enough baseball & softball	Response Count
a. Age 0-12	38.8% (19)	46.9% (23)	36.7% (18)	49.0% (24)	49
b. Age 13-18	52.3% (23)	31.8% (14)	38.6% (17)	43.2% (19)	44
c. Age 19-65	39.5% (17)	37.2% (16)	39.5% (17)	48.8% (21)	43
d. 65+	19.4% (7)	47.2% (17)	27.8% (10)	66.7% (24)	36
<i>answered question</i>					60
<i>skipped question</i>					50

Comment Text	Response Date
1. Sidewalks everywhere, especially in the Bowl, so people can walk/jog/bike safely here. It's really hard to do that in many places.	Wed, 10/10/07 2:02 PM
2. trails connecting all of edmonds we need an indoor pool	Wed, 10/3/07 9:21 PM
3. Live music	Thu, 9/27/07 7:28 AM
4. kayak center	Wed, 9/19/07 6:17 PM
5. roller blading paths.	Wed, 9/19/07 5:25 PM
6. more walking trails and wider sidewalks	Wed, 9/19/07 4:57 PM
7. strengthen the programs we have increase interest	Wed, 9/19/07 12:47 PM
8. more waterfront access with walkways, boating, more activities in parks	Sun, 9/16/07 8:44 PM
9. Again, year round swimming pool. (At least 25 yds)	Sat, 9/15/07 8:44 PM
10. a new year-round aquatic center with year round safe indoor exercise for kids and seniors	Thu, 9/13/07 9:33 AM
11. It is very important to move ahead on a year-around aquatic center. This has been the #1 desire of our citizens on previous surveys an it is time to honor that need.	Wed, 9/12/07 6:38 PM
12. I would like to see the Taste of Edmonds to focus back to the original idea. Tastes, inexpensive etc.." COMMUNITY" It cost to much for a family to attend	Wed, 9/12/07 3:26 PM
13. When I think of "waterfront access" I think of access to the BEACH. When I think of "Water access" I think of docks, boat launches, etc.	Mon, 9/10/07 4:04 PM
14. A off-leash Park, that isn't Yost Park. Keep Yost Park the Leashed Dog Park.	Sat, 9/8/07 9:31 PM

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| 15. year round pool with diving boards | Sat, 9/8/07 7:59 PM |
| 16. Water features like at forest park in Everett (tho perhaps smaller) | Fri, 9/7/07 11:20 AM |
| 17. Bocce ball, Boule(French), Lawn Bowling, Frisbee Golf, Winter Swim Pool | Thu, 9/6/07 8:47 PM |
| 18. More events like the artwalk. Year-round pool | Fri, 8/31/07 12:46 PM |
| 19. Swimming-related events (year-round). | Tue, 8/28/07 10:38 AM |
| 20. a year round pool that would serve all ages. Like to see Yost season extended through September. | Tue, 8/28/07 9:11 AM |
| 21. Planting Street trees throughout Edmonds Connecting to parks from neighborhoods Connecting Art Center to Downtown Public Art throughout the entire community | Sat, 8/25/07 8:37 AM |
| 22. Olympic size year round family aquatic center Off leash area like Marymore Park.... | Thu, 8/23/07 9:09 AM |
| 23. Tennis lessons for young children | Wed, 8/22/07 8:01 AM |
| 24. New waterfront plan to include recreation such as kayak launch, improved beach combing signage, walking path that isn't disjointed, | Tue, 8/21/07 1:19 PM |
| 25. more street life w/ musicians, performers, outdoor tables/seating | Thu, 8/16/07 2:43 PM |
| 26. rock climbing | Wed, 8/15/07 8:50 PM |
| 27. Kayacking; adult kick ball or dodge ball; | Tue, 8/14/07 1:13 PM |
| 28. year around swim facilities for classes and recreation | Mon, 8/13/07 7:48 AM |
| 29. Golf Course | Thu, 8/9/07 7:00 PM |
| 30. It would be nice to be able to rent kayaks or canoes on the waterfront. | Tue, 8/7/07 12:15 PM |
| 31. Literary events, book related events, more family oriented events | Tue, 8/7/07 9:18 AM |
| 32. Not sure | Mon, 8/6/07 8:47 PM |

- 33. How about having all-ages community dances? With a section for beer/alcohol consumption for adults. Mon, 8/6/07 5:50 PM
- 34. table tennis Mon, 8/6/07 4:41 PM
- 35. Golf Course, hiking/walking trails through woods Mon, 8/6/07 11:24 AM
- 36. Organized Block Parties International Event Fri, 8/3/07 2:32 PM
- 37. Climbing walls Fri, 8/3/07 12:42 PM
- 38. para-gliding, Fri, 8/3/07 11:30 AM
- 39. Public racquetball courts, airsofting inground skate park and BMX park Thu, 8/2/07 8:56 PM
- 40. More public parking and, although this seems contradictory, more outdoor table areas where people can gather to sit and sip coffee and visit. Tue, 7/31/07 5:15 PM
- 41. Please see the website www.boundlessplaygrounds.org the old woodway elementary would be a great location for a park like this. It is a way for disabled children and abled children to play together and since the Edmonds school district has a great program for special education, I think a park like this would be widely used. Tue, 7/31/07 8:02 AM
- 42. bring back the wading pool at Edmonds Park on Third Ave. A paved bike/walking trail along the waterfront would be great. Mon, 7/30/07 6:58 PM
- 43. Kayak rental, expand marine eco enviro education further. Set money aside for rangers to work with, and provide a summer-hire walking the beaches every day to look out for trash and dog rules violators and messy trash cans as well as messy side lines of the Port of Edmonds are which looks really messy especially after weekends. Mon, 7/30/07 5:46 PM
- 44. It would be terrific for Edmonds if it could build a large aquatic center with a pool big enough for Master's Swim racing Mon, 7/30/07 8:35 AM

events. There are only two pools that are able to hold such events in this state if my information is correct. Something like this brings in fees for the rental of the facilities and a group of people with expendable income. It would help spread tourism possibilities in Edmonds. And of course the local citizens would have this resource to use all year. We could have many diving and swimming classes and the use of the pool for lap swimming. My husband was a master swimmer and we went to many competitive events with hundreds of people and our dollars (in another state). These events were always very popular. Of course a large land space would be needed as well as budget set aside for this project. But it would be a huge asset to Edmonds. We have facilities for a lot of other sports. This would be a good facility for all age groups. Yes, I know that Shoreland is building a new YMCA. What size pool will they have? Competitive racing is only done in a large pool and that is how you can charge a large fee. Cathy Washington was working on this idea and I have not heard any information about it for some time.

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| 45. kayaking | Sat, 7/28/07 9:03 AM |
| 46. Climbing wall and other small skate board parks | Fri, 7/27/07 9:51 PM |
| 47. Cycle Event. Childrens outdoor Art festival. Art in the Park. | Fri, 7/27/07 8:12 PM |
| 48. kayaking, adopt-a-park/nature rangers, street musicians, climbing facility, off street biking for families | Thu, 7/26/07 2:42 PM |
| 49. How about a once a year/one day only flea market as they do in Anacortes on their Shipwreck Days? This could be associated with the Saturday Market or another festival. We could shut down main street from the fountain west for as | Thu, 7/26/07 8:13 AM |

many blocks as could be filled. It just needs an organizer to rent the spaces and some portapotties. With fewer antique stores in Edmonds, I think there would be ample sellers. There were hundreds of buyers and 4 blocks of sellers 4 deep in Anacortes a couple of weeks ago.

50. Tram from waterfront to downtown

Wed, 7/25/07 8:23 AM

5. Are there enough other activities to serve each age group of Edmonds residents?			
	Not enough	Enough	Response Count
a. Age 0-12	45.8% (27)	54.2% (32)	59
b. Age 13-18	71.7% (43)	30.0% (18)	60
c. Age 19-65	51.5% (34)	48.5% (32)	66
d. 65+	48.3% (29)	53.3% (32)	60
Comments			30
<i>answered question</i>			85
<i>skipped question</i>			25

6. Is it easy to access information about parks, recreation and cultural services?							
	Do not seek information	Information not accessible to me	Information accessible	Information easily accessible	Information complete and readily available	Rating Average	Response Count
Please select	1.9% (2)	8.5% (9)	52.8% (56)	27.4% (29)	9.4% (10)	3.34	106
Comments							16
<i>answered question</i>							106
<i>skipped question</i>							4

Comment Text	Response Date
1. we need an indoor pool	Wed, 10/3/07 9:21 PM
2. Although there are an amazing array of classes, etc. available for children, I would love to see even more variety for school age kids.	Mon, 10/1/07 10:00 AM
3. There's a reason why it's called Deadmonds.	Thu, 9/27/07 7:28 AM
4. not sure	Fri, 9/21/07 1:12 PM
5. A lot of seniors live here and there doesn't seem to be that much beyond the Senior center. Teen programing is always problematic.	Wed, 9/19/07 5:25 PM
6. Again, large need for year round swimming	Sat, 9/15/07 8:44 PM
7. for twenty years we have been asking the city to get behind efforts to build a year-round pool. They keep putting it off. I'll be dead before we get one.	Thu, 9/13/07 9:33 AM
8. I am feeling there are alot of little programs and not enough time and support on the great ones to make those ones better and functional.	Wed, 9/12/07 3:26 PM
9. We should not sacrifice "natural" areas for organized sports. Organized sports teams should find their own spaces.	Mon, 9/10/07 4:04 PM
10. I cannot comment on the sports as I don't know what is available. I know there are children's activities and cultural arts activities for adults and seniors.	Wed, 9/5/07 3:55 PM
11. Yost Pool is too beautiful of an asset to leave unused for 9 months of the year. I would like to swim laps year round, with programs in the pool like a masters swim club.	Sun, 9/2/07 9:39 PM

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| 12. This question is too broad. | Tue, 8/28/07 10:38 AM |
| 13. Year round pool is important for all age groups. Thanks! | Mon, 8/27/07 3:23 PM |
| 14. I would like to see there be an adult soccer league | Wed, 8/22/07 8:01 AM |
| 15. We need year round swimming | Tue, 8/21/07 5:01 PM |
| 16. There is always room for more walking, running and biking paths. | Tue, 8/21/07 1:19 PM |
| 17. need more teen/young adult activities | Thu, 8/16/07 2:43 PM |
| 18. more diverse craft and exercise classes for seniors | Mon, 8/13/07 7:48 AM |
| 19. I'd like to see more activities for late-night Fridays & Saturdays, e.g. after a movie, somewhere to have a drink and listen to music, or dance. | Mon, 8/6/07 5:50 PM |
| 20. Need a golf course | Mon, 8/6/07 11:24 AM |
| 21. Lawn Bowling Square Dancing Craft Fair in the Park | Fri, 8/3/07 2:32 PM |
| 22. Inground skate park and air softing park. | Thu, 8/2/07 8:56 PM |
| 23. Add to the Boys and Girls Club, put resin coating on Tennis courts (cement is quite painful to older bones), maybe a boccia area or giant chess and more park benches w/ occasional tables, with grassy patches for dogs to go pee and updated trash cans throughout city (Bremerton has nice metal ones with design on the boardwalk, and little stations where dog-owners can pull a waste bag for fido's deposits... :) | Mon, 7/30/07 5:46 PM |
| 24. Lap swimming is a good excercise for older citizens. (I am NOT a swimmer.) | Mon, 7/30/07 8:35 AM |
| 25. ages 19-65 is a large group, how about 13-18, 19-40, 40-65 | Mon, 7/30/07 7:11 AM |
| 26. How about some events for older singles? | Thu, 7/26/07 8:13 AM |
| 27. I'm 65+ and not really knowledgeable | Wed, 7/25/07 3:13 PM |

about sport fields, etc.

28. Would like to the senior center programs become part of the Parks and Rec programs Wed, 7/25/07 10:04 AM
29. I think we need better signage for what we have now and what we will have. I prefer facilities to serve all age groups, with accomodations to be made to serve all ages and be modified if necessary for a particular age group. Wed, 7/25/07 8:25 AM
30. Younger folks could definitely be better served Wed, 7/25/07 8:23 AM

Comment Text	Response Date
1. The CRAZE sits on our counter year round.	Mon, 10/1/07 10:00 AM
2. website difficult to navigate	Wed, 9/19/07 6:17 PM
3. People do not always think through WHERE they can find the information.	Wed, 9/19/07 12:47 PM
4. I don't hear back when I write to Parks and Rec to complain about something. Are they too busy? I don't think so.	Thu, 9/13/07 9:33 AM
5. Need to have schedules posted online for sports	Fri, 9/7/07 9:37 AM
6. Craze is great - I like being able to look at all the offerings in the area in one place	Thu, 9/6/07 4:24 PM
7. While information may be available, it would be even harder for a tourist to find than it is for me.	Mon, 8/20/07 8:55 AM
8. how about electronic kiosks at most major intersections - listing shops, coffee shops, restaurants, etc.	Thu, 8/16/07 2:43 PM
9. If it's not in Craze....	Tue, 8/14/07 1:13 PM
10. accessible but not always updated. Yost pool page hasn't been updated since May 2007 for example, and there is no schedule online for anything after Aug 18 or so.	Mon, 8/13/07 7:48 AM
11. Shows at the new Edmonds Arts Center are too expensive.	Mon, 8/6/07 5:50 PM
12. The city has its recreational brochures at the Francis Anderson Center and online which are convenient. Why not put them on the ferries and in schools as well.	Tue, 7/31/07 5:15 PM
13. some parks are difficult to get info/find	Sat, 7/28/07 9:03 AM
14. would like to seek parks highlighted in	Thu, 7/26/07 2:42 PM

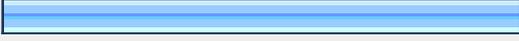
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15. I think signs, banners, readerboards would be a good supplement to what we have. Wed, 7/25/07 8:25 AM
16. The Edmonds Parks and Rec web site could definitely be improved. It is clunky and uninteresting at the moment. Wed, 7/25/07 8:23 AM

7. How well do you think Edmonds is providing the following

	Poor	Below average	Average	Good	Great	Rating Average	Response Count
a. A range of park, recreation and cultural services for all interests and age groups	3.7% (4)	4.7% (5)	28.0% (30)	56.1% (60)	7.5% (8)	3.59	107
b. A high quality park system that offers a wide variety of opportunities and experiences	5.7% (6)	7.5% (8)	29.2% (31)	43.4% (46)	14.2% (15)	3.53	106
c. Opportunities for public enjoyment of Edmonds' shoreline	1.8% (2)	10.1% (11)	18.3% (20)	45.9% (50)	23.9% (26)	3.80	109
d. A variety of recreation programs and experiences to meet the needs of the community	1.9% (2)	3.8% (4)	38.5% (40)	44.2% (46)	11.5% (12)	3.60	104
e. Collaboration of the arts, business, and individuals to create a vibrant cultural community	1.9% (2)	6.5% (7)	21.5% (23)	49.5% (53)	20.6% (22)	3.80	107
f. A high quality and efficient level of maintenance for all park areas and facilities in Edmonds	0.0% (0)	4.7% (5)	26.4% (28)	50.0% (53)	18.9% (20)	3.83	106
	<i>answered question</i>						109
	<i>skipped question</i>						1

8. If parks and recreation programs are expanded, in which areas of Edmonds would you like to see more programs offered? (Choose all that you think apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. Downtown		58.9%	56
b. NE		22.1%	21
c. NW		37.9%	36
d. SE		24.2%	23
e. SW		34.7%	33
<i>answered question</i>			95
<i>skipped question</i>			15

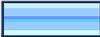
9. How interested are you in having Edmonds pursue the following?

	Not interested	Not very interested	Somewhat interested	Interested	Very interested	Rating Average	Response Count
a. Allowing vendors in parks, such as selling food or art and equipment rentals	26.9% (29)	14.8% (16)	37.0% (40)	13.9% (15)	7.4% (8)	2.60	108
b. Sponsorship of park facilities, such as naming rights for ballfields, pool, etc.	38.7% (41)	13.2% (14)	21.7% (23)	22.6% (24)	3.8% (4)	2.40	106
<i>answered question</i>							108
<i>skipped question</i>							2

10. Are there any other topics related to parks, recreation and cultural services that you would like to comment on?

		Response Count
		40
	<i>answered question</i>	40
	<i>skipped question</i>	70

11. What is your age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
10-14		2.7%	3
15-17		1.8%	2
18-24		1.8%	2
25-34		6.4%	7
35-44		13.6%	15
45-54		32.7%	36
55-64		22.7%	25
65+		18.2%	20
		<i>answered question</i>	110
		<i>skipped question</i>	0

Comment Text	Response Date
1. I would like to know the name of the little creek that runs through the city on 2nd ave, 3rd ave and the City Park. The ravine on 3rd Ave is getting full of trash. Who is responsible for it? dixie_644@msn.com	Wed, 10/10/07 2:54 PM
2. Same as above--this area really, really needs flat, safe walking and biking paths, and many more sidewalks! The waterfront area could be great, but right now the paths are too short. Also, the path on the west side of Sunset doesn't allow dogs--why not widen it and allow dogs too? West Seattle would be a good model to look at--it has a very long, wide path open to people and dogs right along the waterfront.	Wed, 10/10/07 2:02 PM
3. We need an indoor aquadic (pool) center	Wed, 10/3/07 9:21 PM
4. We love all the trails and would welcome more. Our dream would be an indoor public pool in Edmonds!	Mon, 10/1/07 10:00 AM
5. ...	Thu, 9/27/07 7:28 AM
6. Need more bike trails and connection to Shoreline Interurban trail	Thu, 9/20/07 5:11 PM
7. They need modernization such as more tennis fields and an indoor swimming pool.	Wed, 9/19/07 5:25 PM
8. The pool.	Thu, 9/13/07 9:33 AM
9. I hope that Marina Beach Park, and particularly the off-leash dog area, can be saved if the Edmonds Crossing project goes through. This park is a real gem; most waterfront communities in the Seattle area don't have such a wonderful park that accommodates people with and without dogs alike! I've heard that the	Wed, 9/12/07 3:57 PM

loading ramp to the ferries at Edmonds Crossing would go right over Marina Beach Park, leaving very low clearance. Please do all you can to save this wonderful park! Thank you!

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| 10. The Marina beach needs a easy excessible bathroom. | Wed, 9/12/07 3:26 PM |
| 11. Sponsorship must come at significant gain for the city and the facility | Mon, 9/10/07 9:12 PM |
| 12. More off-leash areas are needed along with greater permission for ON-leash pets to visit parks with their owners. | Mon, 9/10/07 4:04 PM |
| 13. I don't want the pool, in Yost Park renamed. I want a public rest room in Yost Park. I want the Leash law in Yost Park enforced. I'm tired of the off leashed dogs running up to me, my Mother and my dog. | Sat, 9/8/07 9:31 PM |
| 14. Please don't mess with Marina Park, except to put in a permanent, sanitary restroom! | Sat, 9/8/07 7:59 PM |
| 15. Ever since moving here almost four years ago, I've been so impressed with the cleanliness of Edmonds in every area
SAVE ONE: the Yost Pool women's locker room. It is disgusting. There is hair and wads of dirt all over the floor and in the drains. No matter what time I am there, this is the case. I hate having to even pass through there to get to the pool. I don't know if lifeguards are supposed to be cleaning, but they aren't. I see them sitting around talking. Whoever is cleaning should be doing it more than once a day (I assume it's being done once a day). Can't the lifeguards at least hose down the locker room inbetween swim sessions? The locker room is truly out of character with the rest of this beautiful city. Please please please see that it gets cleaned up. I've had this complaint every | Sat, 9/8/07 7:27 PM |

summer. Thank you.

16. Our adult softball team was bumped from an adult size field we'd used for 10 years (Westgate ES) to a child field (Edmonds ES) by a T-ball team (age 6?). We need more adult fields, so that kind of incompetent scheduling cannot occur. Fri, 9/7/07 11:20 AM
17. Need floors that are easier on the knees for activities. Thu, 9/6/07 4:24 PM
18. Again more use of Yost Pool year round. Sun, 9/2/07 9:39 PM
19. I just have a concern that there will be plenty of parking for all such activities. Fri, 8/31/07 12:46 PM
20. I would like to see a wider variety of "hands-on" art programs. Sat, 8/25/07 8:37 AM
21. Yost Pool is a favorite of mine. What can be done to extend their schedule into Sept. We still have beautiful weather then and the public could enjoy the pool for a longer season. Wed, 8/22/07 3:44 PM
22. I still feel it is necessary for Yost to be open year round. Tue, 8/21/07 5:01 PM
23. Thank you for keeping our parks graffiti free. This is a VERY high priority. The skate park should REQUIRE helmets. The waterfront cooridor, and main street should be the main parks in Edmonds. Continue the beautiful plans along this area. Yost is underutilized, particularly from main street. Edmonds could duplicate the plantings of Forest Park (Everett) all the way up the main street hill and to five corners. Tue, 8/21/07 1:19 PM
24. This survey seems not to be directed so much at encouraging tourism as it is about finding out about residents' wants and needs. The questions often seem to go counter to your stated purpose. Mon, 8/20/07 8:55 AM
25. more activities at night - music, street performers Thu, 8/16/07 2:43 PM
26. You did not ask about "enough" for Tue, 8/14/07 1:13 PM

swimming! Not enough for any age group. Would the "Healthy Communities" approach be helpful in promoting parks?

27. Naming rights just give a "tasteless big town feel". "Brackett's Landing" has a much nicer historic small town feel than say... Geico Park or Allstate Beach... How about sponsorships and a sign. or selling bricks with names on them, or benches with a plaque or some other community fund raising that doesn't specialize in attracting big money. Mon, 8/13/07 7:48 AM
28. I think Marina Park needs a full blown restroom and not just a port-a-potty. Tue, 8/7/07 12:15 PM
29. The shows at the new Edmonds Arts Center are too expensive! Mon, 8/6/07 5:50 PM
30. We would like the taste of Edmonds to be similar to what it was originally. Smaller portions for tasting of more vendors. Fri, 8/3/07 10:35 AM
31. www.boundlessplaygrounds.org - Please consider. There are many private and public sponsors that might be interested in donating. Tue, 7/31/07 8:02 AM
32. I think we have to remain keeping up in a good manner what we have and expand in some areas existing parks. I strongly feel about the old Safeway area, and connecting the Main Street with the Waterfront. I feel also realistic about the limitations of what is possible as it costs all a lot of money... Increase the benches, allowing little coffee shops to exist creates a homey atmosphere for all of us, and please update the ugly trash cans. Mon, 7/30/07 5:46 PM
33. See #3 Mon, 7/30/07 8:35 AM
34. Better, attractive updated signage to different downtown locations, ie. the performing arts center, International area on 99, The present signage is outdated. Mon, 7/30/07 7:11 AM

Look at what Shoreline has done.

35. Bike paths are very important, especially since riding on the sidewalks isn't allowed in Edmonds. Also, there aren't very many bike lanes in Edmonds, so paths in the parks are useful. Thu, 7/26/07 7:33 PM
36. More multi-use trails for skaters, bikers, dog-walkers, walkers, etc. are very important Thu, 7/26/07 2:42 PM
37. City is overly kind to developers, and seems to be selling out its natural habitats & wetlands. Short term attitudes will yield long term loss. Thu, 7/26/07 9:06 AM
38. I think you all are the best. I find everyone one that works for parks and rec to be kind and helpful. Thu, 7/26/07 6:31 AM
39. DOGS NEED TOBE RESTRICTED TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF PARKS AND AN EFFORT MADE TO ADDRESS PWNERS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL.. Wed, 7/25/07 7:51 PM
40. I would like a true garden area set aside in addition to the corners and baskets. It could serve as a demonstration of good practices and good tree and shrub choices. Wed, 7/25/07 8:25 AM

12. What is your gender?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		33.6%	37
Female		66.4%	73
<i>answered question</i>			110
<i>skipped question</i>			0

13. What is your zip code?

		Response Count
		110
<i>answered question</i>		110
<i>skipped question</i>		0

APPENDIX C

Park Descriptions



4th Avenue Cultural Corridor

Location:

Focus area on 4th Avenue between Edmonds Center for the Arts to the north and the city parking lot to the south of Main Street, including reference to adjacent areas. May also include connection to Civic Center Playfields.

Size:

15,000 sq ft approx

Ownership:

City of Edmonds

Status:

Connections

Existing Facilities:

Street right-of-way

Deficiencies:

Road and sidewalks in poor condition, old utilities, lacking landscaping and pedestrian walkability.

Planned Improvements:

Create linear park element and cultural amenities to connect core downtown retail with the performing arts center, improve walkability, highlight art and historic assets, and utilize low impact development techniques.

Comments:

The corridor will advance economic development and cultural tourism. The overall project includes roadway, lighting and underground utility improvements and involves several city departments.

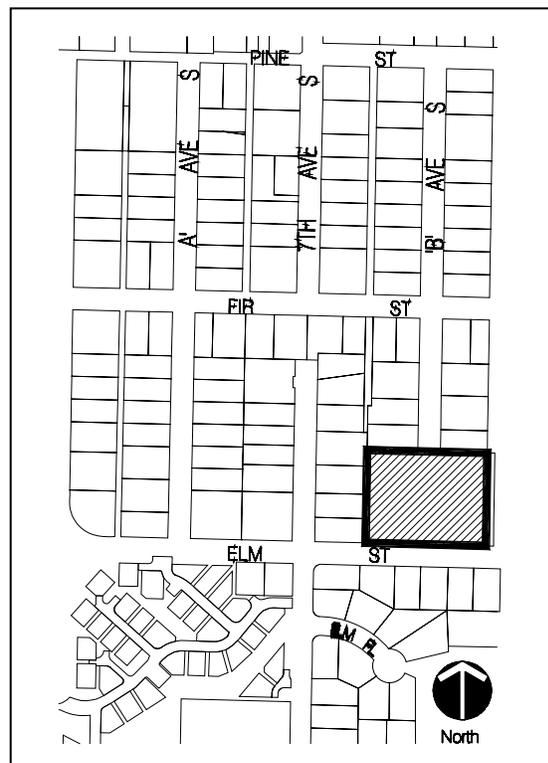
Site Location:



7th & Elm Site

Location:	Elm Street, near 8 th Avenue South, Snohomish County, within Edmonds City limits
Size:	1.5 Acre
Ownership:	Public Works Department, City of Edmonds
Status:	Neighborhood Park / Zoned Public
Existing Facilities:	Open lawn, views of Puget Sound
Deficiencies:	Small site, minimal neighborhood park benefit
Planned Improvements:	Landscaping
Comments:	Serves as a neighborhood passive spot. Illegal tree cutting to provide view benefit to neighborhood continues to be a problem at the site.

Site Location:



SR 104 Mini Park

Location: 131 Sunset, within Edmonds City limits Snohomish County

Size: 0.3 Acre

Ownership: City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status: Special Use/Zoned business commercial

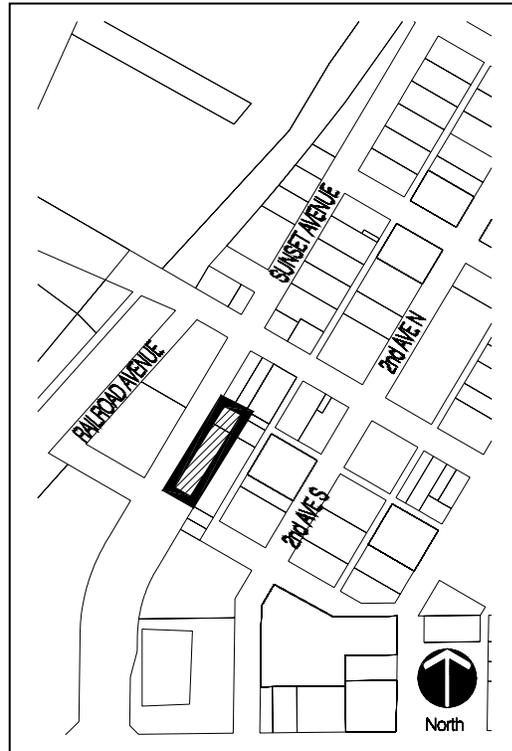
Existing Facilities: Restroom, concessions, lawn, beautification area, along Ferry holding lanes, public art. walkway

Deficiencies: Small site designed for passive enjoyment

Planned Improvements: Update site plan and add concession sites. Updated landscape plan includes concessionaire pad/hookup. Restroom improvements.

Comments: Site donated to City of Edmonds by Washington State Dept. of Transportation with improvements to ferry holding lane. Concessions located adjacent in street right-of-way needs to be incorporated into the park. It serves as a resting point for ferry patrons. Needs to reflect "Edmonds" and become a "Brackett's Landing East" to introduce the visitors to the Edmonds waterfront and aesthetic amenities.

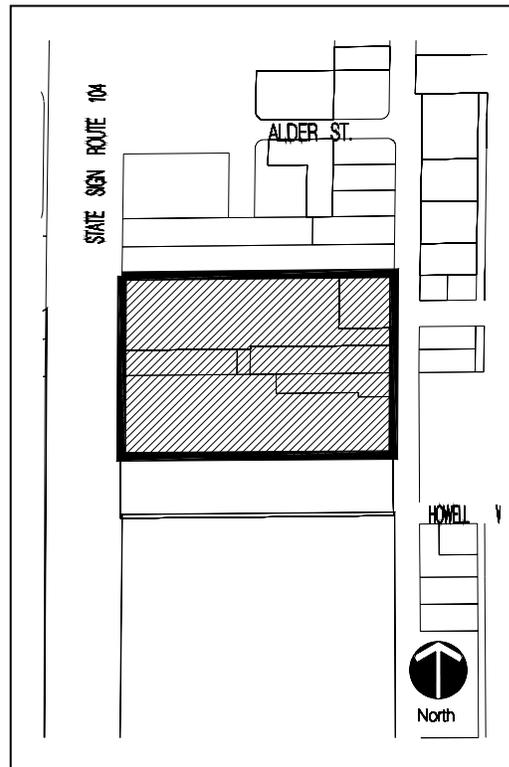
Site Location:



SR 104 Wetlands (east)

Location:	Second Avenue and SR 104, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	9.0 Acres
Ownership:	City of Edmonds Utility Division
Status:	Natural Open Space
Existing Facilities:	Wetlands, bird and wildlife habitat
Deficiencies:	Access, walkways
Planned Improvements:	Leave in natural state
Comments:	This eastern connection to the Edmonds Marsh supports habitat and bird species

Site Location:



144 Railroad Avenue Tidelands

Location: 144 Railroad Avenue, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County

Size: 1.0 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status: Regional Park / Zoned Commercial Waterfront

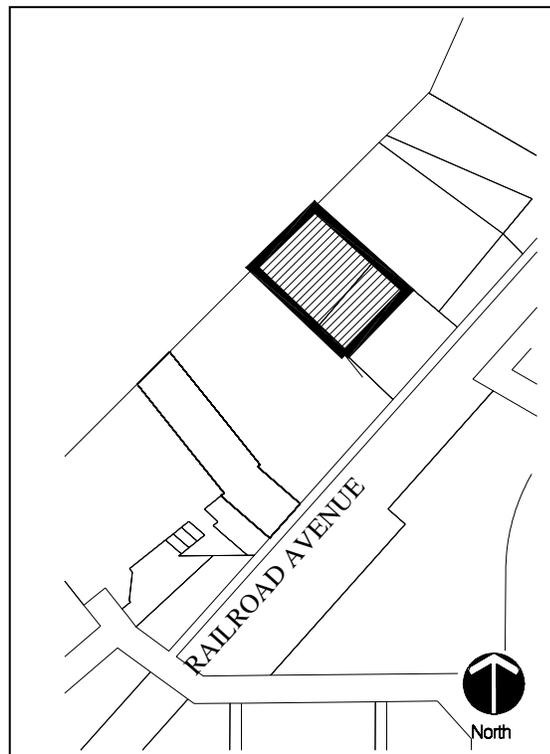
Existing Facilities: Tidelands, walkway, public art

Deficiencies:

Planned Improvements:

Comments: Property purchased through Snohomish County Conservation Futures Fund Matching Grant. The site is protected as a public park through deed-of-right

Site Location:



162nd Street Park

Location: 162nd and 75th Place West (near Haines Wharf), Snohomish County, within Edmonds City limits

Size: 0.4 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status: Neighborhood Park / Zoned RS20

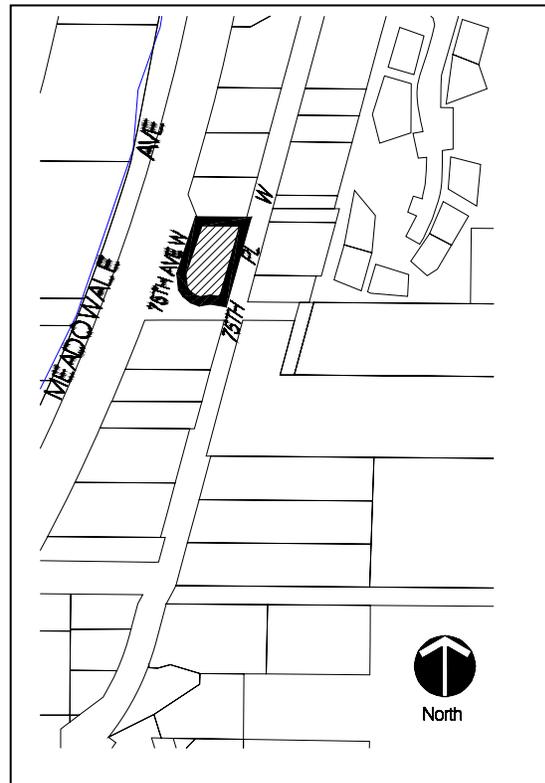
Existing Facilities: Puget Sound viewpoint, gravel parking, trail

Deficiencies: Small site, needs to provide neighborhood recreational benefit

Planned Improvements: Overlook mini-park. Resting point. Limited neighborhood park amenities.

Comments: Construct mini park

Site Location:



Beautification Areas

Location:	Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	9.8 Acres
Ownership:	City of Edmonds
Status:	Beautification areas
Existing Facilities:	12 various sites city-wide
Deficiencies:	More sites needed, limited by financial constraints
Planned Improvements:	Annual maintenance
Comments:	City-wide beautification is the signature of the City of Edmonds. Annual flower planting brochure available for patrons

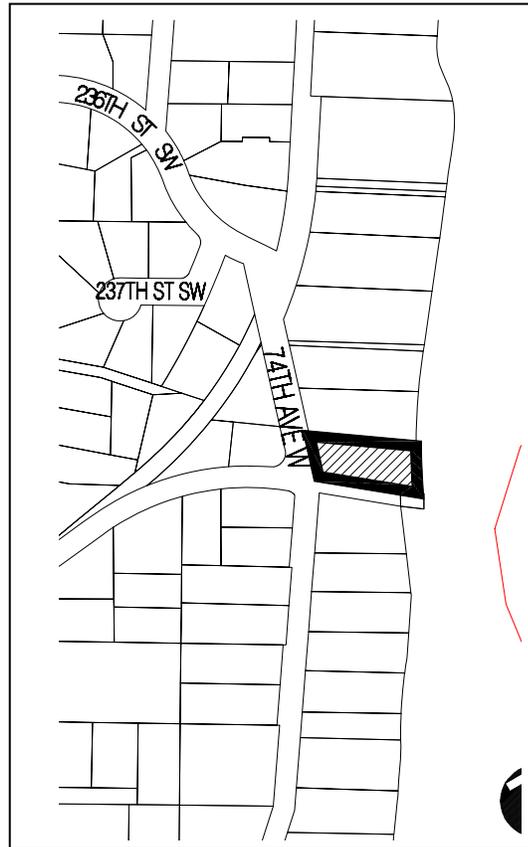
Areas:

Beautification Areas	
Flower Baskets	150 throughout City
Street Trees	220 th Street
5 th and Main Intersection	
9 th and Casper	
9 th and Puget	
Corner Parks	Throughout downtown
Dayton Avenue & SR 104	Beautification and white gazebo
Downtown Street Trees	Within the bowl
Edmonds Historical Museum	118 Fifth Avenue, North
Edmonds Treatment Plant/ Fountain	Second and Dayton
Public Safety Civic Complex	5 th and 6 th at Bell Street
SR 104 / Paradise Lane Medians and Westgate Entry Sign	SR 104

Ballinger Lake Access

Location:	McAleeer Way and 76 th Avenue West, Edmonds City limits within Snohomish County
Size:	0.1 Acre
Ownership:	City of Edmonds Public Right-of-Way
Status:	Special Use Area / Zoned Public
Existing Facilities:	Boat drop-off, lawn, fresh water lake access, fishing
Deficiencies:	Very small, close to homes
Planned Improvements:	Annual Maintenance
Comments:	Only fresh water access in Edmonds

Site Location:



Brackett's Landing North

Location:

Main Street and Railroad Avenue, Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size:

2.7 Acres with tidelands north of ferry terminal, adjacent to DNR Public Waters

Ownership:

City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status:

Regional Park / Zoned Commercial Waterfront

Existing Facilities:

Waterfront walkway, step-down bulkhead, interpretive signs and landscape, memorial benches, historic signage, observation jetty with viewing scope, beautification, protected Marine Sanctuary, restroom, parking, showers, scuba diver access, Puget Sound views and access, public art, adopted site design.

Deficiencies:

Parking impacts from ferry patrons

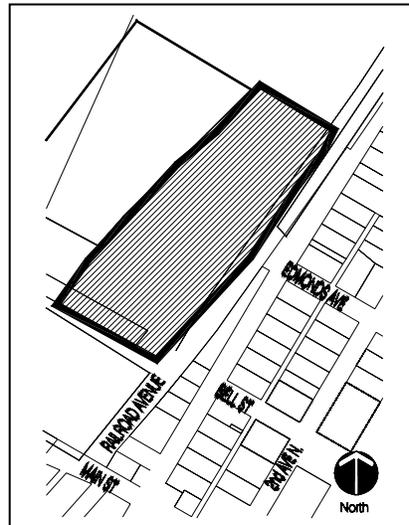
Planned Improvements:

Continue annual jetty repair, new restrooms, resurface parking lot

Comments:

2001 Washington Park & Recreation Landscape Design Award. Serves as northern anchor in linear waterfront park system, view-point for passive recreation and access point to Edmonds Underwater Park. Acquisition and site improvements funded through IAC/LWCF and WWRC grant programs' DNR/ALEA Enhancement/Interpretive Funds. The site is protected as a public park through deed-of-right.

Site Location:



Brackett's Landing South

Location: 100 Railroad Avenue, Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size: 2.0 Acres with tidelands south of ferry terminal

Ownership: City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status: Regional Park / Zoned commercial waterfront

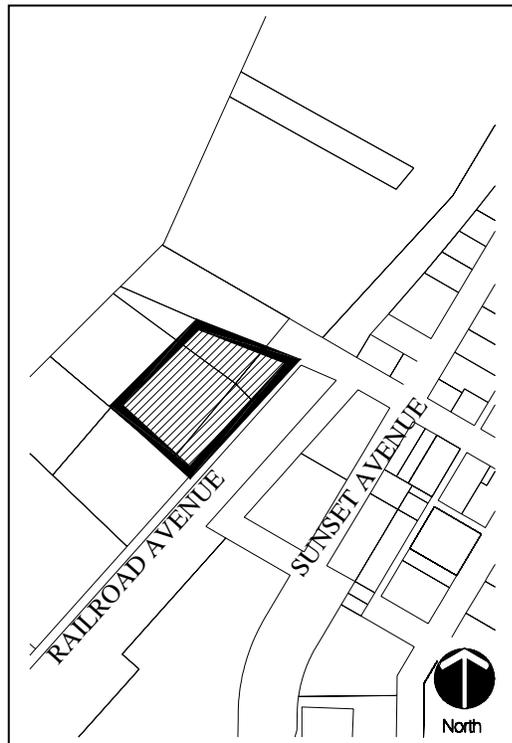
Existing Facilities: Interpretive area, native vegetation, beach access, bus stop, waterfront trails, bicycle route, swimming, picnicking, Puget Sound views and tidelands access. Marine Protected area, public art, adopted site design.

Deficiencies: None

Planned Improvements: Annual maintenance

Comments: 1997 recipient of National League of Cities Urban Enrichment Award. This southern portion of Brackett's Landing was acquired and developed through partnership grants from the IAC/WWRC account, Snohomish County Conservation Futures funds and Community Transit matching funds. This site is protected as a public park through deed-of-right.

Site Location:



Centennial Plaza

Location: Fifth Street North and Bell Street, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County

Size: 0.1 Acre

Ownership: City of Edmonds

Status: Special Use Area

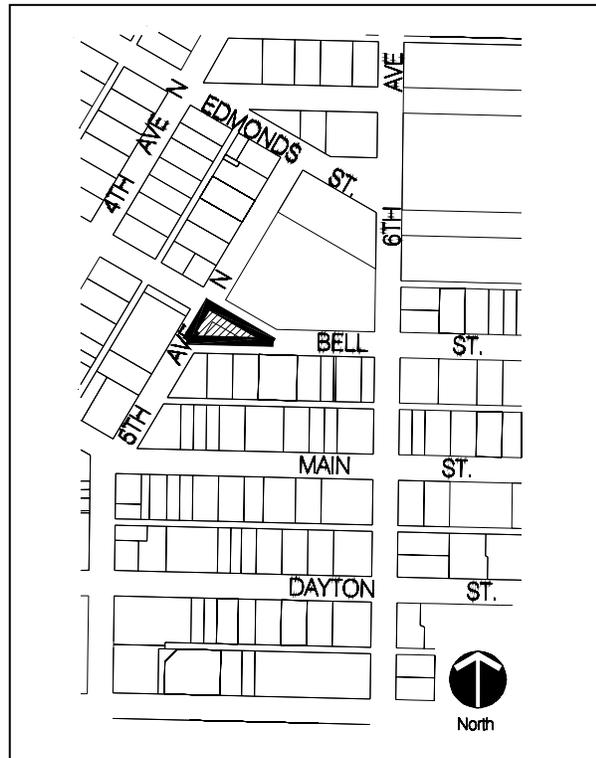
Existing Facilities: Japanese Garden, public flag plaza, memorial bricks, annual living Christmas tree, time capsule placed in 1990 to celebrate 100 years for the City of Edmonds

Deficiencies: None

Planned Improvements: Annual maintenance

Comments: Wonderful memorial site adjacent to the City Hall and Maxwell/McGinness Public Safety Complex

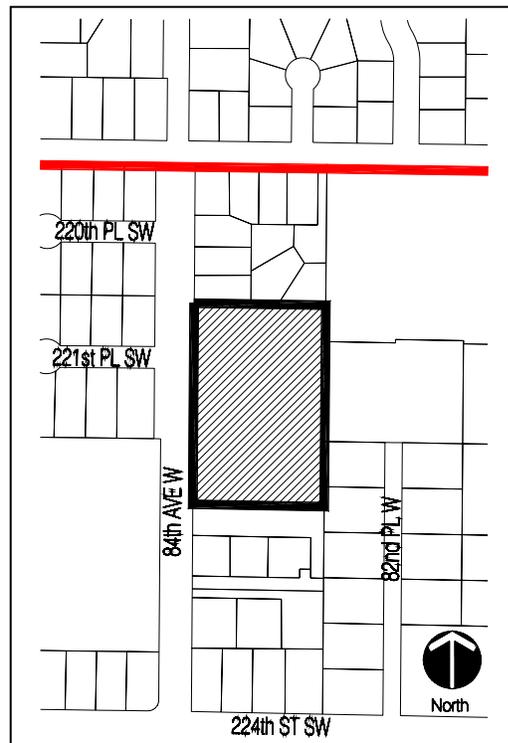
Site Location:



Chase Lake Environmental Education/ESD Natural Area

Location:	84 th Avenue, City of Edmonds, unincorporated UGA in Snohomish County
Size:	7.48 Acres
Ownership:	Snohomish County Public Works / Edmonds School District
Status:	Special Use Area
Existing Facilities:	Parking, natural trails, wetland habitat, picnicking
Deficiencies:	--
Planned Improvements:	County annual maintenance by Snohomish County Parks Department
Comments:	--

Site Location:



City Park

Location:

Third Street South and Howell Way, Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size:

14.5 Acres

Ownership:

City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status:

Community Park, zoned public

Existing Facilities:

Children’s play area (2), picnic area, picnic shelters (3), gazebo shelter, small softball/baseball field, pavilion, open lawn, restrooms (2), wading pool, horseshoe pits, natural area, parking, maintenance compound, Master Plan adopted

Deficiencies:

Complete south parking lot improvements.

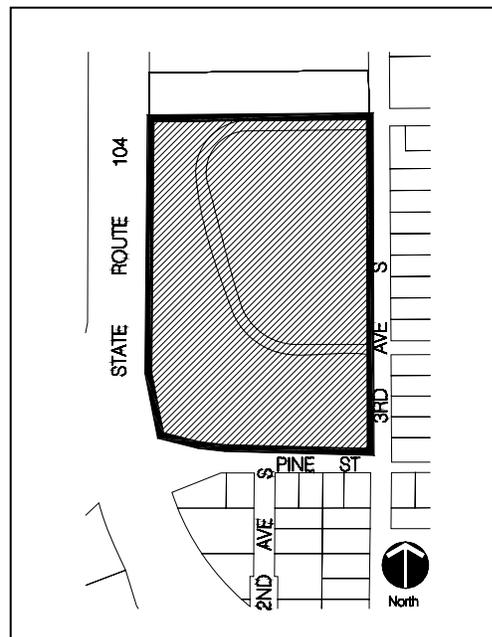
Planned Improvements:

Complete master plan improvement, replace play areas (2), improve south parking lot, improve ballfield drainage

Comments:

City Park is a vital asset to the Park system, serving as an anchor facility in the City. Community events, picnic rentals, sports, community concerts, wading pool and playground serve the greater community throughout the year.

Site Location:



Civic Center Playfields & Skate Park

Location:

Sixth Street North and Edmonds Street, Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size:

8.1 Acres

Ownership:

Property owned and leased from Edmonds School District until 2021

Status:

Community Park / Zoned Public

Existing Facilities:

Track, lit football field, soccer field, stadium, children's play area, tennis courts (2), skate park, softball/baseball field, basketball court, club facility, portable restroom, City building department storage in stadium building

Deficiencies:

Planned Improvements:

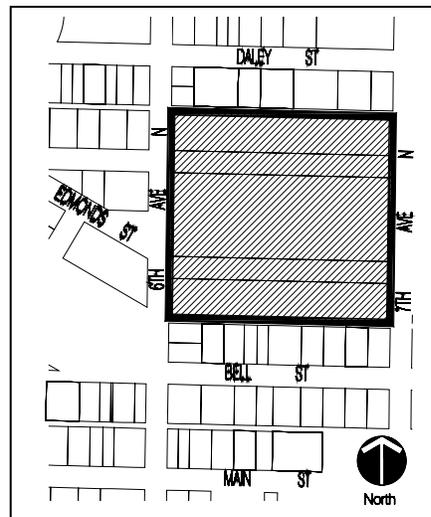
Continue to repair and upgrade stadium. Improve irrigation and develop a master plan for the site. Improve tract drainage and restrooms. Repaint tennis courts. Resurface sports courts. Install new perimeter fence. New playground.

Comments:

The stadium serves as community gathering place. It is used about 12 times per year for circus, fireworks, Taste of Edmonds, school events, track meets, all weather sport events. Clubhouse is leased to Boys and Girls Club.

The lease with the school district is of substantial benefit to the City.

Site Location:



Dayton Street Plaza

Location:

2nd & Dayton

Size:

0.1 Acres

Ownership:

City of Edmonds

Status:

Special Use Area

Existing Facilities:

Patio with old fountain and landscaping.

Deficiencies:

Area needs improvement to meet public demands on gathering spaces.

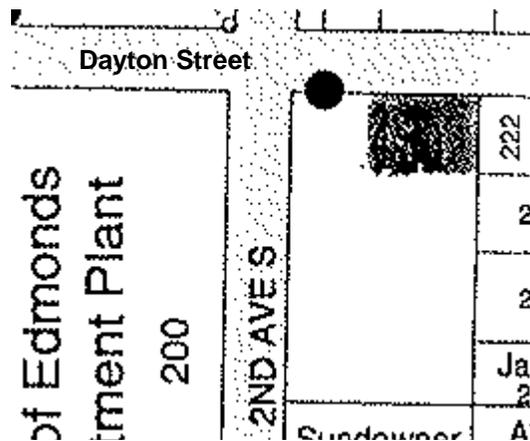
Planned Improvements:

Design and construct new plaza area with seating wall, artist designed hardscape, new landscaping and sites for sculpture exhibit.

Comments:

This plaza will provide an attractive public space located on a key walking route and adjacent to spaces in the Old Public Works Building used for art-related activities.

Site Location:



Edmonds Center for the Arts

Location: 410 4th Avenue N

Size: 3.2 Acres

Ownership: Edmonds Public Facilities District

Status: Special Use

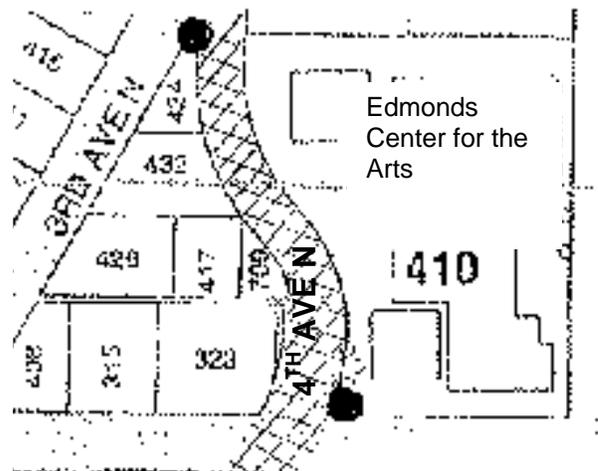
Existing Facilities: 700 seat theater with full balcony, lobby and back of house. Gymnasium.

Deficiencies: Back of house needs renovation. Existing Music Building on site needs renovation or replacement for potential use as multipurpose arts facility.

Planned Improvements: Back of house as funding becomes available.

Comments:

Site Location:



Edmonds Fishing Pier

Location:

Admiral Way and Dayton Street along Puget Sound, Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size:

1.0 Acre pier with parking lot along Railroad Avenue at Dayton Street

Ownership:

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

Status:

Regional Park / Zoned commercial waterfront

Existing Facilities:

Public saltwater fishing pier, restroom, interpretive educational center and signage, parking, viewing area, walkway, bulkhead

Deficiencies:

Future repair needs identified in December 2006 Condition Survey

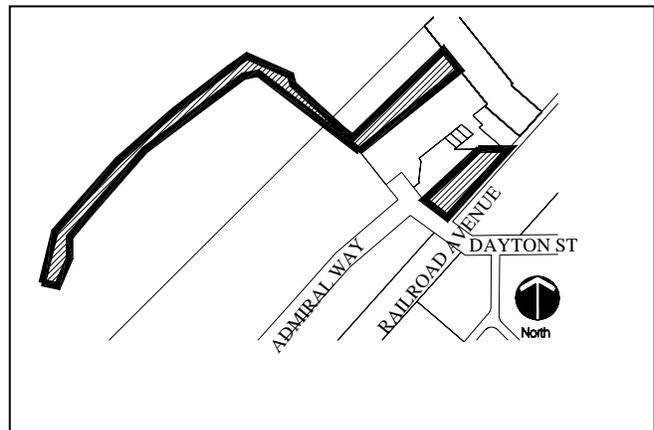
Planned Improvements:

Landscape improvements at parking lot. Continue annual maintenance of fishing pier. Restroom improvements. 2006 Condition Survey – partnership of WDFW and City of Edmonds.

Comments:

This regional recreational facility serves the sports fishing needs in the area. Squid and salmon seasons are popular with the patrons. The site was acquired and constructed through a partnership with the Port of Edmonds, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the City of Edmonds. Funded with IAC/LWCF matching grant funds. This site is protected as a public park through deed-of-right.

Site Location:



Edmonds Library & Plaza

Location: 650 Main Street, Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size: 2.0 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds, managed by Parks and Recreation

Status: Special use area / Zoned RS8

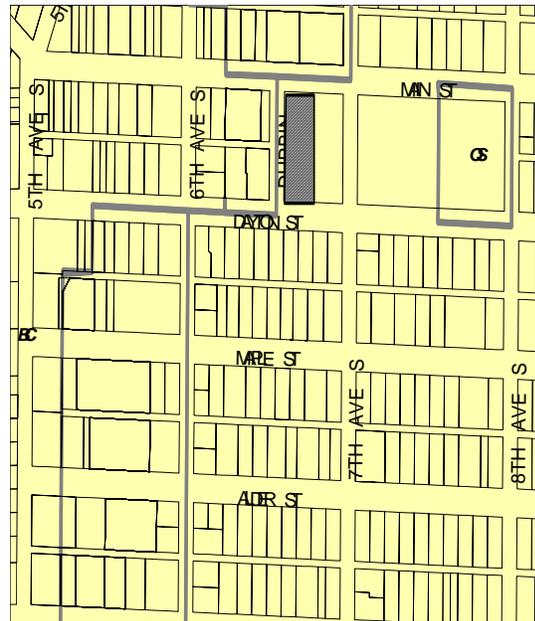
Existing Facilities: Public rental space for special events, such as weddings. Library in street level space is annexed for service to Sno-Isle Library System. Public bus stop. Viewing area from plaza.

Deficiencies: Continual structural maintenance / flat roof continues to be monitored for leaking.

Planned Improvements:

Comments: Bonds of construction paid off in 2000. Cost of library services through 2001 voter approved annexation into library district. Park Department serves as liaison to Edmonds Library Board. Friends of Library is local non-profit that supports library programs. Upper rental space vital to community needs. Has spectacular views of the Puget Sound.

Site Location:



Edmonds Marsh/Walkway

Location: Dayton Street and SR104, Edmonds City limits, with Snohomish County

Size: 23.2 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status: Natural Open Space / Zoned Open Space

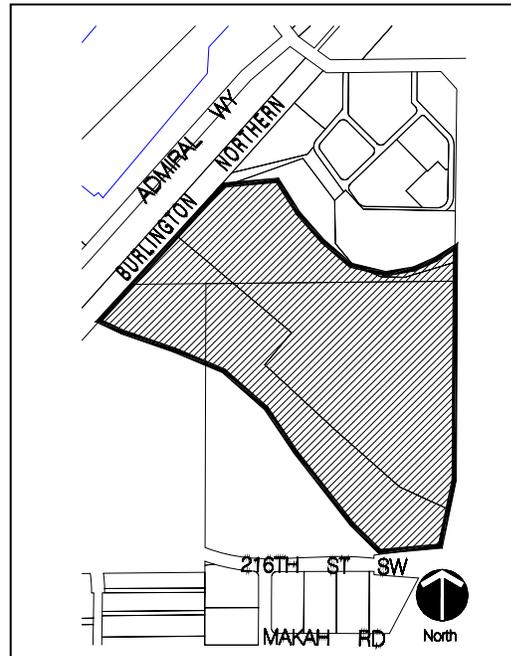
Existing Facilities: Wetlands, interpretive trails, boardwalk, viewing platform, parking, interpretive signs, habitat, extensive bird population

Deficiencies: Needs to be protected from adjacent impact and storm water impacts

Planned Improvements: Complete analysis and develop master plan for recreation and stormwater needs. Complete trails to hatchery. Add viewing scopes.

Comments: The Edmonds Marsh is a unique urban salt and fresh water marsh with abundant habitat/wildlife species. It is a designated bird sanctuary.

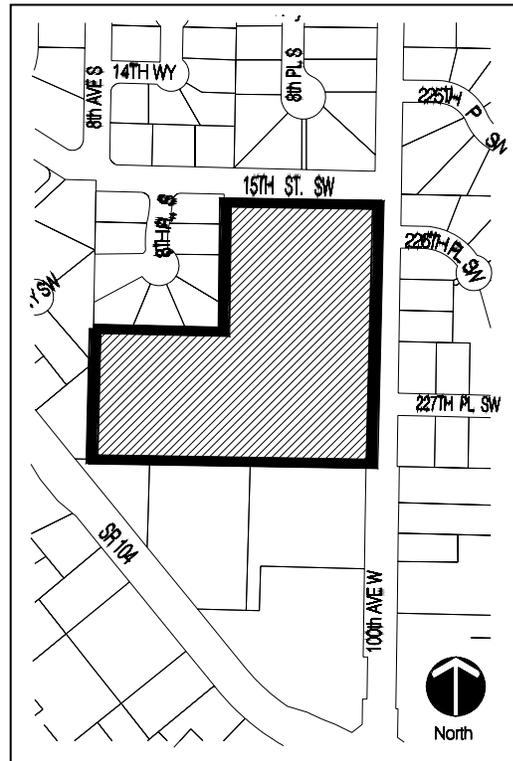
Site Location:



Edmonds Memorial Cemetery and Columbarium

Location:	820 15 th Street SW
Size:	5.5 Acres
Ownership:	City of Edmonds, managed by Edmonds Memorial Cemetery Board through Parks and Recreation
Status:	Regional Park, zoned public
Existing Facilities:	Grave sites occupied, pre-needs, and available lots. Grave sites and columbariums (2)
Deficiencies:	None
Planned Improvements:	Eventual expansion of columbarium
Comments:	The Edmonds Memorial Cemetery was given to the City in 1982 by Larry Hubbard. It was an historic IOOF site. The Cemetery Board manages the operations and maintenance of the site, securing funds for long-term and perpetual care.

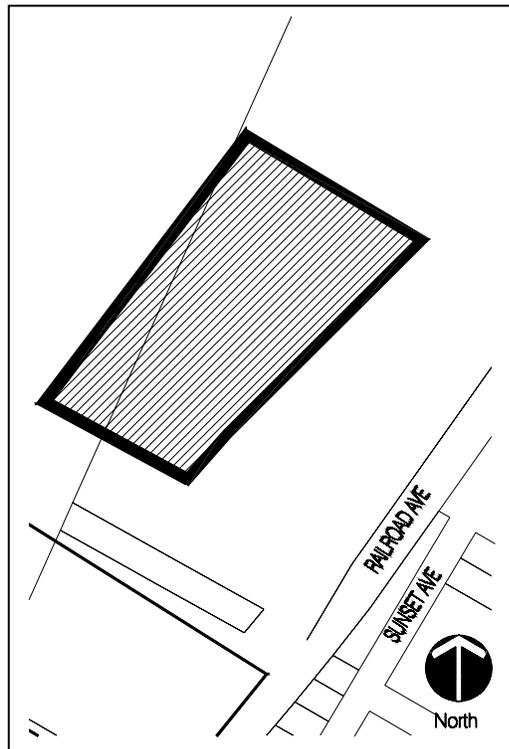
Site Location:



Edmonds Underwater Park & Higgins Trails

Location:	Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	26.7 Acres with adjacent leased DNR inter harbor waters and tidelands
Ownership:	Department of Natural Resources
Status:	Regional Park / Zoned commercial waterfront
Existing Facilities:	Extensive underwater scuba diving trails, rest floats, protected marine resource site by City ordinance, DFW WAC codes, and DNR lease agreement
Deficiencies:	None
Planned Improvements:	Additional amenities for fish protection, viewing and feeding
Comments:	More than 30,000 divers enjoy the underwater park annually. The protected site provides support for an extensive fish population. The largest ling cod recorded in the Puget Sound was observed at the site. Divers access at Brackett's Landing North. Diver safety and bulletins are posted on shore. A community volunteer group monitors the site. The site is listed as a facility protected under the State Recreational Immunity Act requiring divers to dive at their own risk.

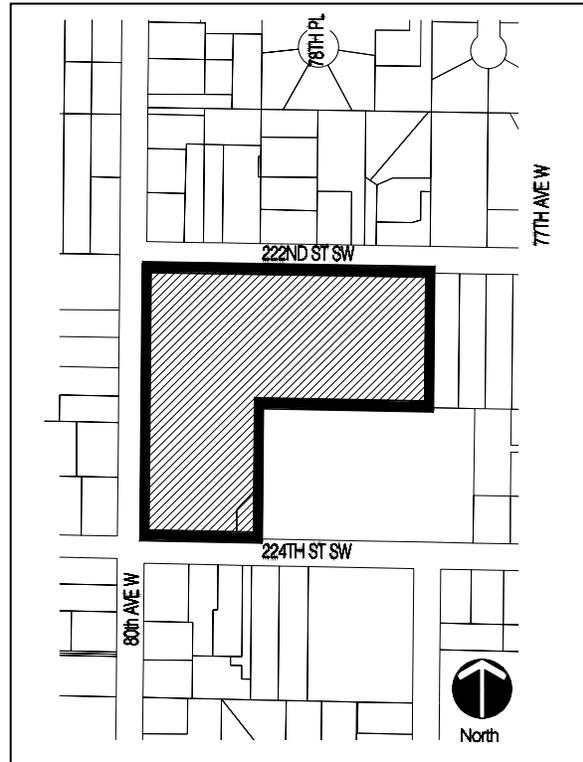
Site Location:



Esperance County Park

Location:	80 th Avenue and 224 th Street, unincorporated Edmonds, UGA in Snohomish County
Size:	6.0 Acres
Ownership:	Snohomish County Parks and Recreation
Status:	Neighborhood Park / Zoned R8400
Existing Facilities:	Ballfield and natural wooded area
Deficiencies:	Parking and play equipment
Planned Improvements:	Annual county maintenance, drainage and ballfield upgrades
Comments:	Serves Esperance area neighborhood park needs

Site Location:



Frances Anderson Center

Location:

700 Main Street, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County

Size:

1.0 Acres

Ownership:

City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status:

Special Use Area / Zoned RS8

Existing Facilities:

64,000 SF community cultural center, park department administrative offices, meeting rooms, daycare, recreation programs, gym, restrooms

Deficiencies:

Limited on-street parking.

Planned Improvements:

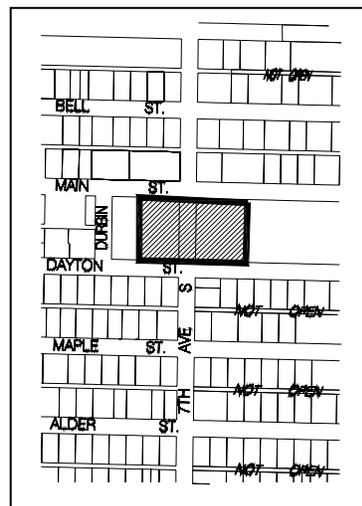
Seismic retrofit. Replace amphitheater stage.

Comments:

Active recreation center. 1000 people per day use center. Example of current residents include: non-profit pottery coop; ballet company, full-service daycare, Sno-King Youth Club, Montessori School, Art Museum.

Facility with adjacent field and library plaza room and courtyard serve as site of annual Edmonds Art Festival.

Site Location:



Frances Anderson Center Field

Location: 700 Main Street, Snohomish County, within Edmonds city limits

Size: 2.3 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status: Neighborhood park / Zoned Open Space

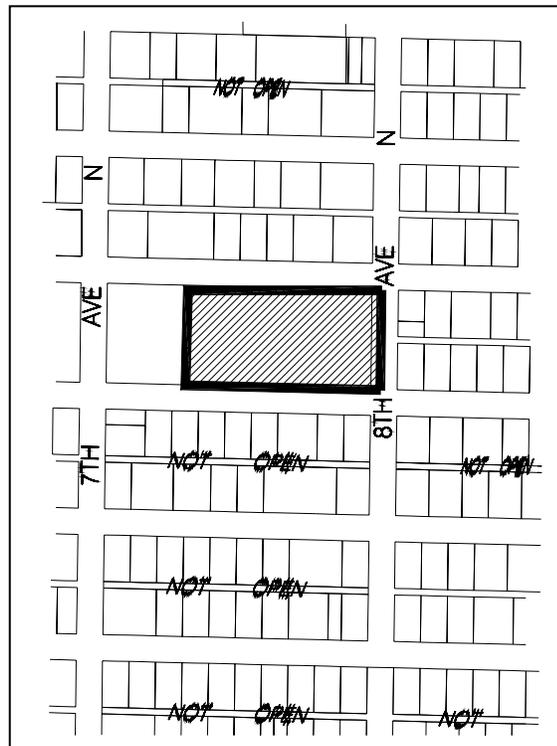
Existing Facilities: Softball/soccer/volleyball field, amphitheater & covered stage, children's play area, climbing rock, picnic area, basketball court, restroom, public art, and picnic tables

Deficiencies: ---

Planned Improvements: Field and drainage improvements.

Comments: Annual location for Edmonds Art Festival, specialty car show, environmental fairs, day camp, sports and volleyball league play and practice

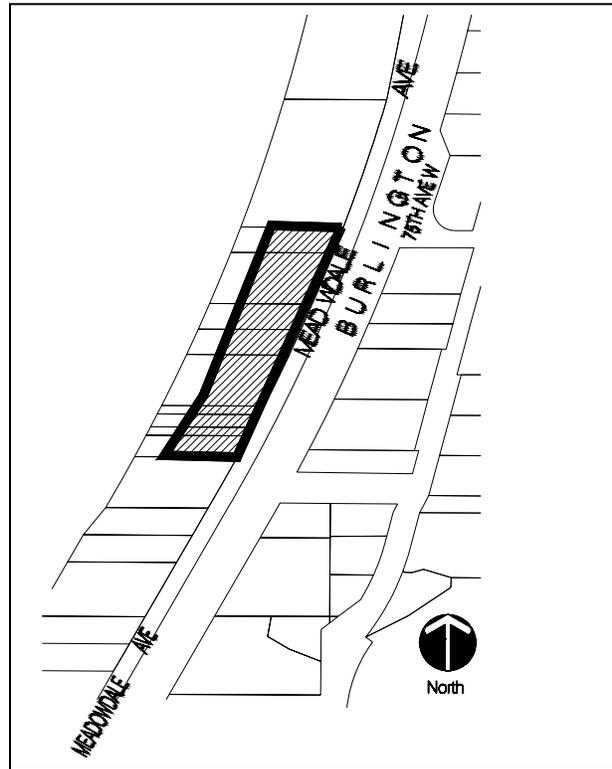
Site Location:



Haines Tidelands

Location:	West of 162 nd , adjacent to Haines Wharf, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	0.5 Acres
Ownership:	City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation
Status:	Regional / Zoned commercial waterfront
Existing Facilities:	Puget Sound access, natural shoreline tidelands
Deficiencies:	Difficult public access due to BNSF railroad crossing
Planned Improvements:	Retain natural state
Comments:	Key public shoreline access in North Edmonds

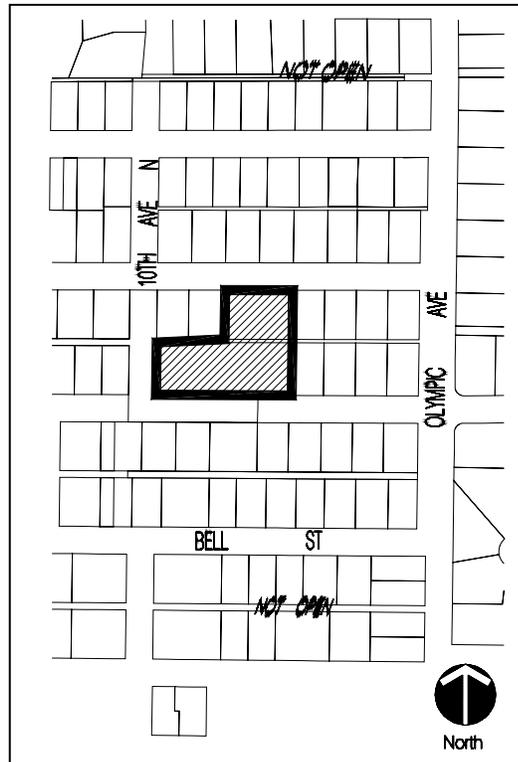
Site Location:



Hummingbird Hill Park

Location:	Tenth Street and Edmonds Street, Snohomish County, within Edmonds City limits:
Size:	2.0 Acres
Ownership:	City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation
Status:	Neighborhood Park / Zoned Public
Existing Facilities:	Children's play area, basketball court, picnic area, open lawn area
Deficiencies:	No restrooms.
Planned Improvements:	Drainage. Annual maintenance. Resurface sport court. Paved walkway through park.
Comments:	Wonderful neighborhood site in residential neighborhood

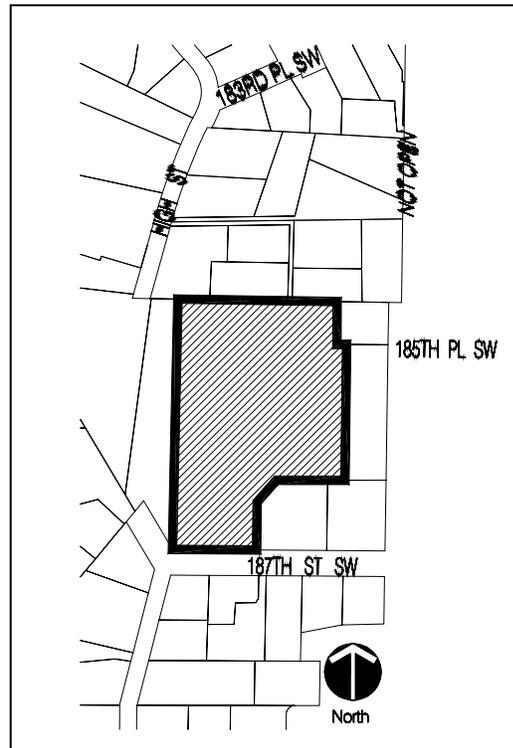
Site Location:



H.O. Hutt Park

Location:	92 nd Avenue and 187 th St., SW, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	4.7 Acres
Ownership:	City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation
Status:	Natural Open Space / Zoned Public
Existing Facilities:	Trails, old-growth timber species, natural open space site
Deficiencies:	No parking
Planned Improvements:	Leave in natural state
Comments:	This park has virgin forest, beautiful natural area with residential trails. Council adopted site plan that retains site as natural open space.

Site Location:



Lynndale Skate Park

Location:

Phase III located in Lynnwood on the Edmonds city limits at Olympic View Drive in Perrinville.

Size:

10.0 Acres (Phase III)

Ownership:

City of Lynnwood Phase III of Lynndale Park, developed jointly by cities of Lynnwood and Edmonds.

Status:

Community Park

Existing Facilities:

Skate bowl/ramp/railings, playground, trails, parking, basketball hoops (2), hard court surface, picnicking, public art, restroom, parking, adopted Master Plan

Deficiencies:

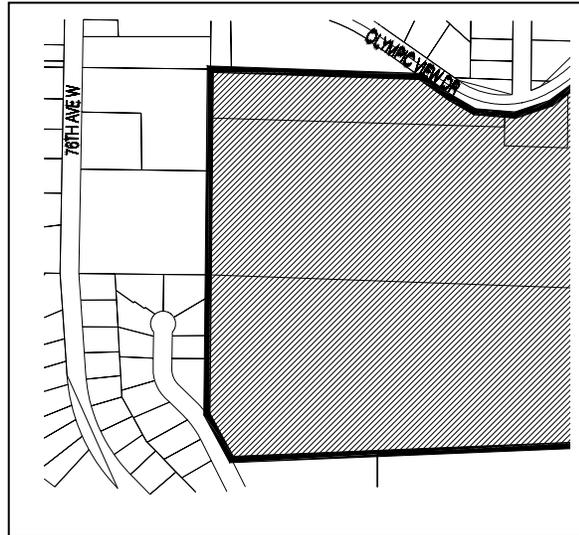
Planned Improvements:

None

Comments:

The City of Edmonds pays 50 percent of annual maintenance costs to a maximum of \$5,000.

Site Location:



Maplewood Hill Park

Location: 89th Place West and 197th Street SW, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County

Size: 12.7 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status: 10.7 acres Open Space / Two acres Neighborhood Park / Zoned Public

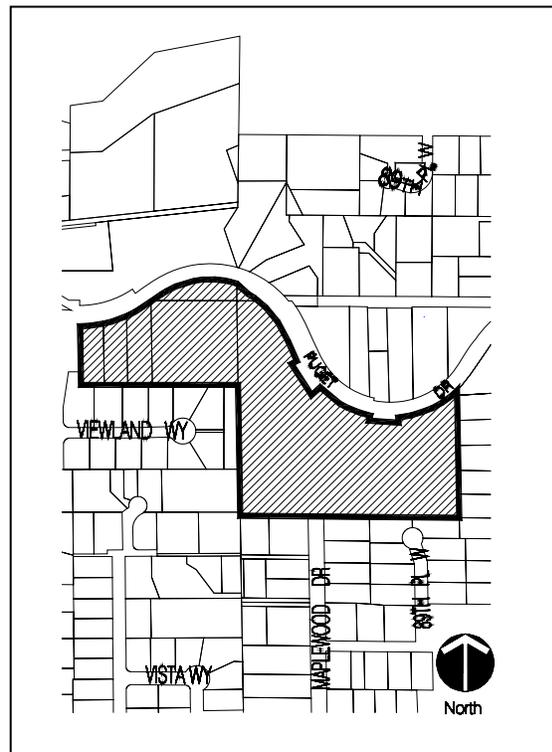
Existing Facilities: Unpaved natural trails, picnic area, play area, trees

Deficiencies: Limited vehicle access, no restroom

Planned Improvements: Upgrade picnic and play areas, annual trail improvements, foot bridge replacement

Comments: Beautiful natural area in residential neighborhood, pedestrian access off Puget Way (196th)

Site Location:



Marina Beach Park

Location:

South of the Port of Edmonds on Admiral Way South, Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size:

4.5 Acres

Ownership:

City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status:

Regional Park / Zoned Commercial Waterfront

Existing Facilities:

Picnic area, children's play area, portable restrooms, sand volleyball, small boat launch, parking, water access, gravel beach, walkway, southern off-lease dog area, Marine Protected Area

Deficiencies:

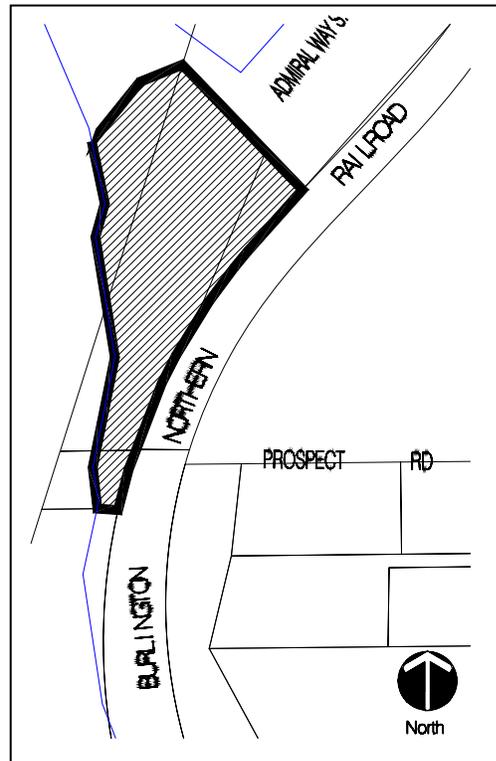
Planned Improvements:

With the development of Edmonds Crossing this park will be master planned and redeveloped.

Comments:

Vital park / shoreline access on Puget Sound.

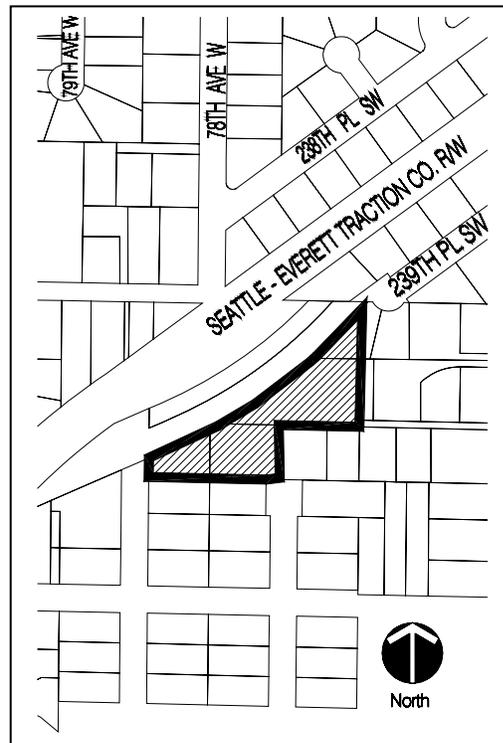
Site Location:



Mathay Ballinger Park

Location:	78 th Place West and 241 st Street, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	1.5 Acres
Ownership:	City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation
Status:	Neighborhood Park / Zoned Public
Existing Facilities:	Children's play area, basketball court (2), open play area, parking
Deficiencies:	Limited access
Planned Improvements:	New play area. Sport court improvements. Paved pathway.
Comments:	Beautiful neighborhood park in residential area. Located along the old Interurban Trolley Rail system.

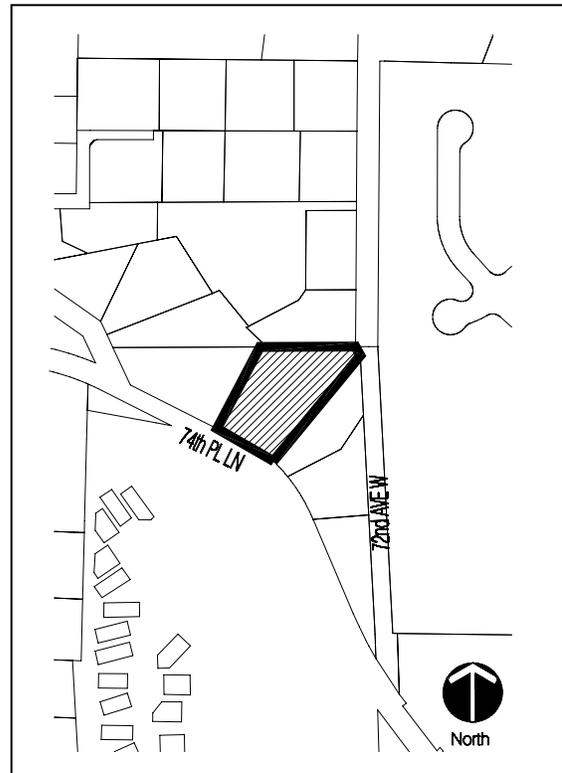
Site Location:



Meadowdale Natural Area

Location:	7227 Meadowdale Beach Road, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	2.0 Acres
Ownership:	City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation
Status:	Natural Open Space Area / Zoned Public
Existing Facilities:	Natural open space, wooded, steep slopes, undeveloped
Deficiencies:	Very steep, undevelopable
Planned Improvements:	Retain in natural state
Comments:	North end natural buffer area

Site Location:



Meadowdale Community Clubhouse

Location: 6801 N. Meadowdale Rd., Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County

Size: 1.3 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status: Neighborhood Park / Zoned RS20

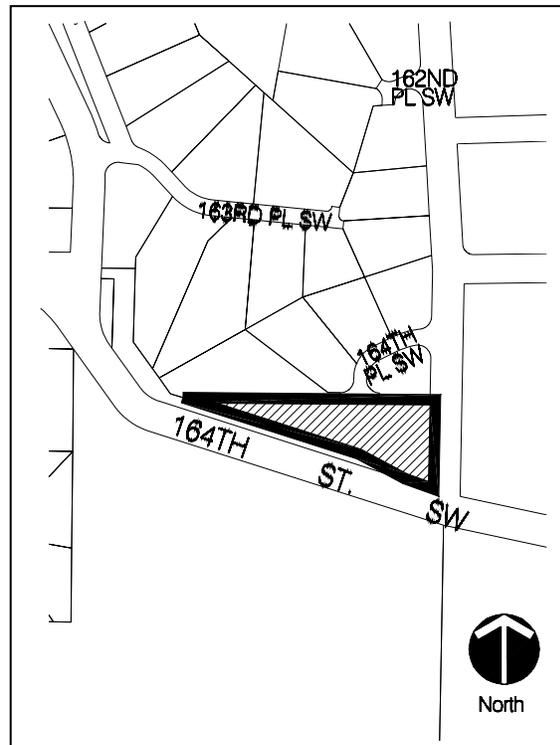
Existing Facilities: Meeting rooms, community classes, restrooms, parking, children’s playground, trails, North Edmonds preschool

Deficiencies: Parking limited

Planned Improvements: Improvement to wooded area, additional play equipment. Building repairs and upgrade. Landscaping.

Comments: Wonderful North Edmonds facility used for rentals and programming

Site Location:



Meadowdale Playfields

Location:

Located in Lynnwood adjacent to Edmonds City limits on Meadowdale Beach Road

Size:

27.0 Acres

Ownership:

Edmonds School District

Status:

Community Park

Existing Facilities:

Children’s play area, basketball court, lighted softball fields (3), pond, lit sand soccer fields (2), pathways, parking, restrooms, picnic area, public art, Master Plan

Deficiencies:

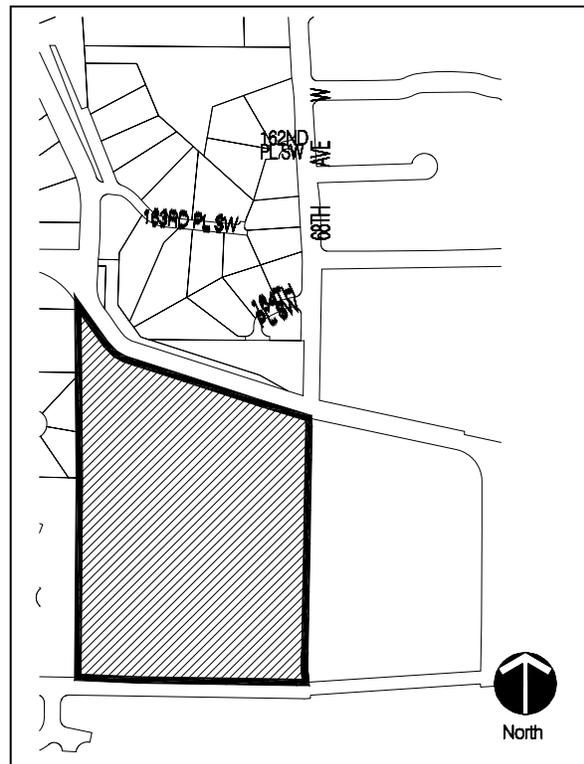
Dirt soccer fields.

Planned Improvements:

Comments:

Fifty/fifty shared annual operation, maintenance costs and used for athletic programs. Developed jointly by Edmonds’ School District and Snohomish County, and cities of Lynnwood and Edmonds. Funded in partnership with Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation / Land & Water Conservation Funds

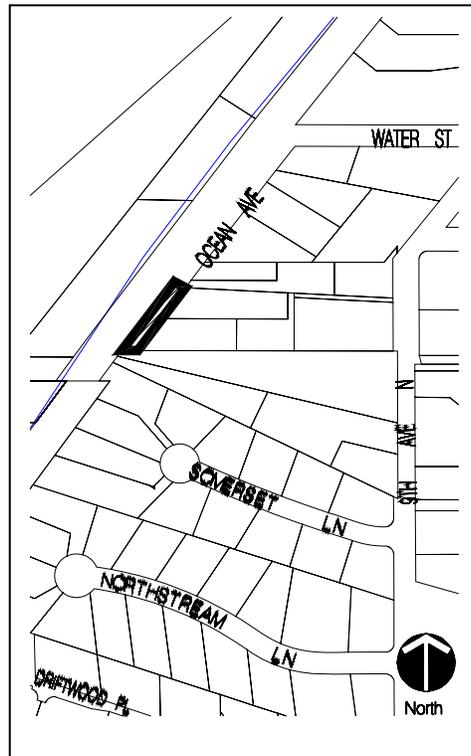
Site Location:



Ocean Avenue Viewpoint

Location:	Ocean Avenue, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	0.2 Acre
Ownership:	City of Edmonds, street right-of-way
Status:	Special Use Area / Zoned RS12/ROW
Existing Facilities:	Parking, viewpoint of Puget Sound
Deficiencies:	
Planned Improvements:	Annual maintenance
Comments:	Site needs to be retained as a public shoreline viewpoint

Site Location:



**Old Woodway
Elementary Park**

Location: 23708 104th Avenue West
Snohomish County, within Edmonds city limits

Size: 5.6 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds

Status: Neighborhood Park, zoned public

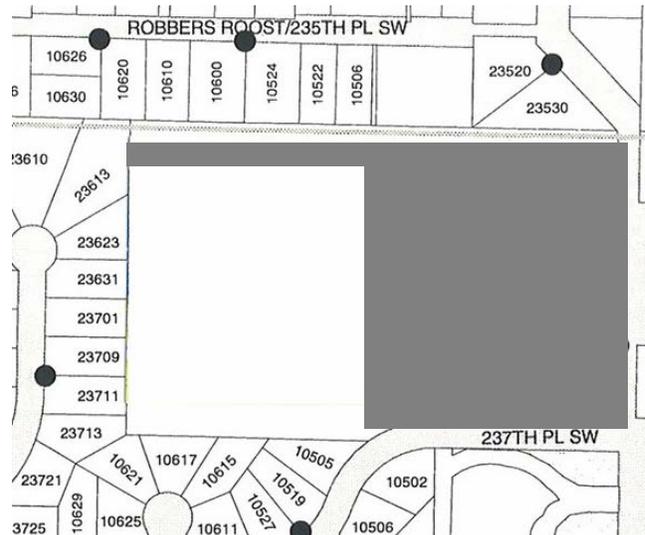
Existing Facilities: Park will be constructed in 2008. The new neighborhood park will include children’s play area, open area soccer field, basketball court, picnic shelter, picnic tables, benches, walkways, parking and portable restrooms.

Deficiencies:

Planned Improvements:

Comments: Ideal neighborhood park for this area to serve the community needs.

Site Location:



Olympic Beach Park/Waterfront Walkway

Location: West end of Dayton Street at Admiral Way, Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size: 4.3 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status: Regional Park / Zoned Commercial Waterfront

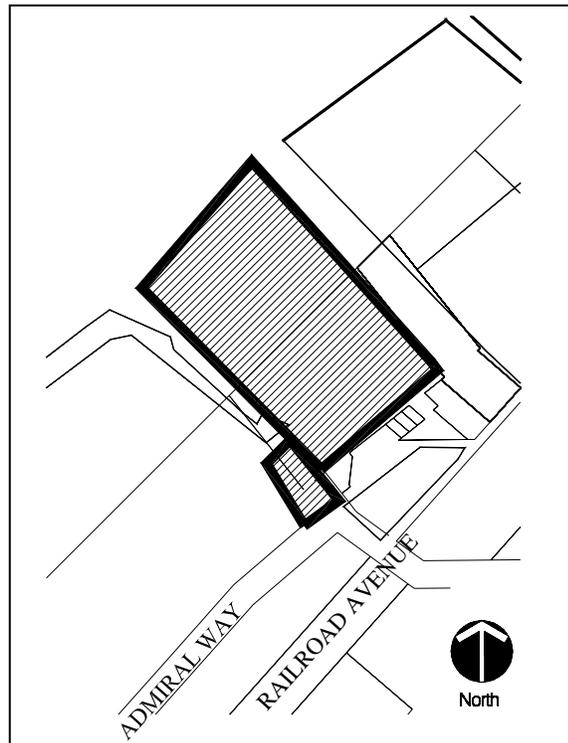
Existing Facilities: Picnic area, parking, access to fishing pier, public art, viewing scope, restrooms, water access, tidelands, picnicking, Marine Protected Area, walkway, benches.

Deficiencies: Entrance to site from Dayton. Needs landscape improvements and additional public art

Planned Improvements: Improve existing restrooms. Extend waterfront walkway and bulkhead to complete waterfront connection.

Comments: Site named in honor of local Olympic athletes. Purchased with LWCF through IAC (Dayton Beach Park). The site is protected as a public park through deed-of-right.

Site Location:



Pine Ridge Park

Location:

83rd Avenue West and 204th St. SW, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County

Size:

22 Acres

Ownership:

City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status:

22 Acres Open Space / 2 Acres Neighborhood Park / Zoned Public

Existing Facilities:

Unpaved trails, parking, wetlands, wildlife habitat, old growth forest.

Deficiencies:

Needs neighborhood play area. Needs paved parking lot.

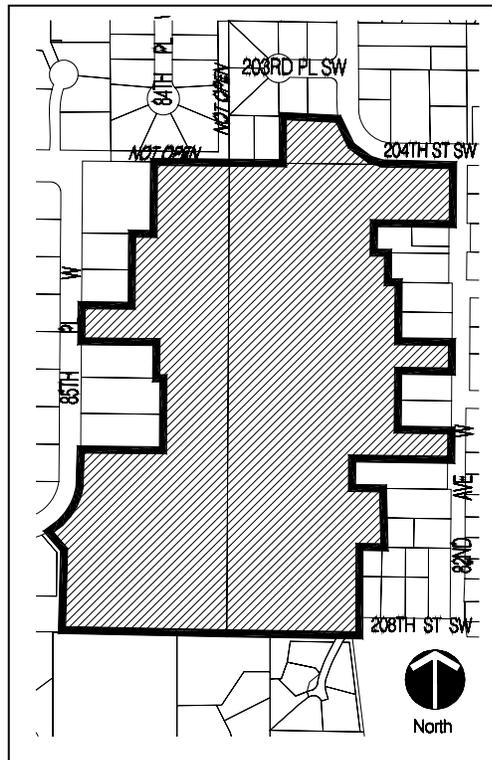
Planned Improvements:

Provide a neighborhood park element (play area). Plant trees, enhance wildlife habitat, improve trails and provide signs per master plan.

Comments:

Natural trail links under Main Street to Yost Park

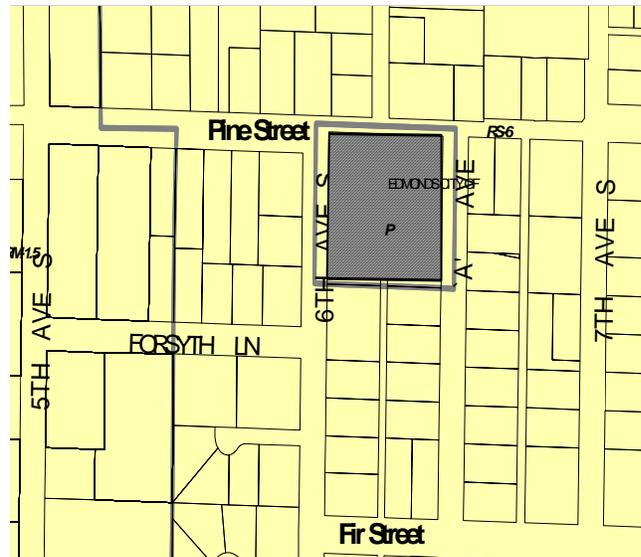
Site Location:



Pine Street Park

Location:	6 th Street South and Pine Street, Snohomish County within Edmonds City limits
Size:	1.5 Acres
Ownership:	City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation
Status:	Neighborhood Park / Zoned Public
Existing Facilities:	Children's play area with ADA access, open lawn, Meyring Field: youth baseball field, parking, portable restroom
Deficiencies:	
Planned Improvements:	Small site
Comments:	Small park but provides youth ball opportunities for the community.

Site Location:



Point Edwards Scenic Overlooks

Location:

Nootka Road & Pine Street

Size:

0.1 Acres

Ownership:

City of Edmonds easement from Point Edwards LLC

Status:

Special Use Area

Existing Facilities:

View pullouts along Pine Street.

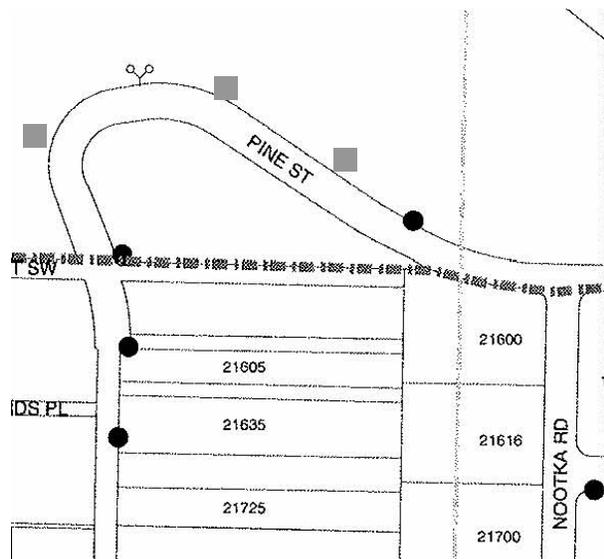
Deficiencies:

Planned Improvements:

Comments:

Excellent view points for vehicles or walkers along sidewalk.

Site Location:



Seaview Park

Location:

80th Street West and 186th Street SW, Snohomish County, within Edmonds City limits

Size:

5.5 Acres

Ownership:

City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status:

Neighborhood Park / Zoned Public

Existing Facilities:

Tennis courts (2), children's play area, open lawn, picnic area, restroom, softball/baseball field, soccer field, basketball court, parking

Deficiencies:

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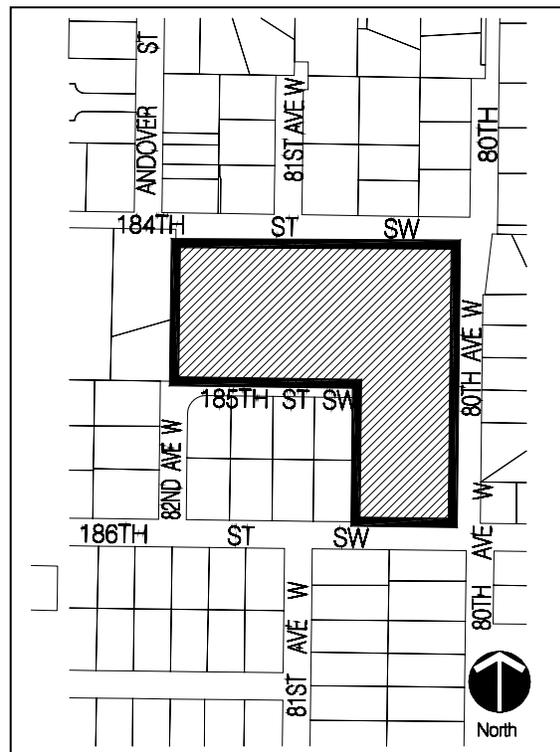
Planned Improvements:

Annual repair and upgrade to facilities and fields. Resurface tennis courts and pathways. Renovate entire ballfield. Resurface parking lot and improve trails.

Comments:

Site is ideal neighborhood path with combination of amenities to serve community needs. Purchased and developed with LWCF funds through IAC. Protected as a public park through deed-of-right.

Site Location:



Seaview Reservoir

Location: Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County

Size: 3.0 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds Public Works

Status: Special Use Area

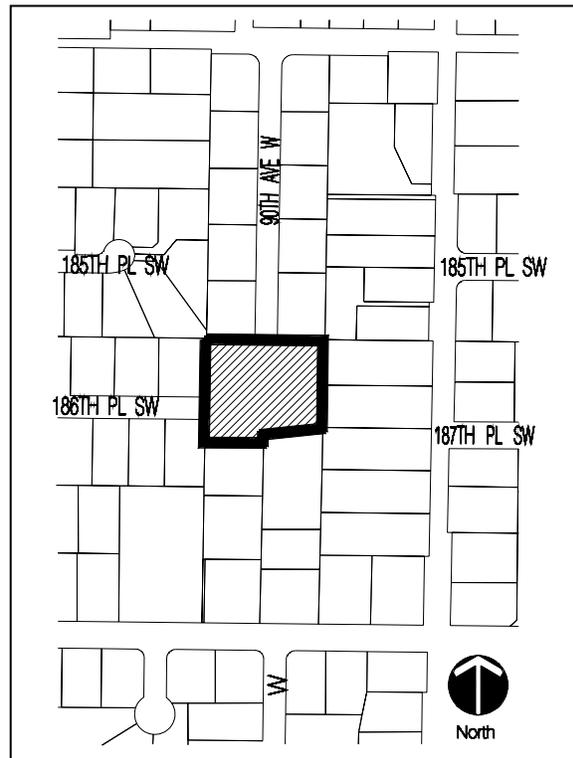
Existing Facilities: Public Works underground water tank site, open grass field

Deficiencies: Parking in neighborhood

Planned Improvements:

Comments:

Site Location:



Shell Creek Open Space

Location:

9th & Main

Size:

1.0 Acres

Ownership:

City of Edmonds

Status:

Natural Open Space

Existing Facilities:

Heavy wooded area with wetlands present.

Deficiencies:

Needs protection from storm water run off.

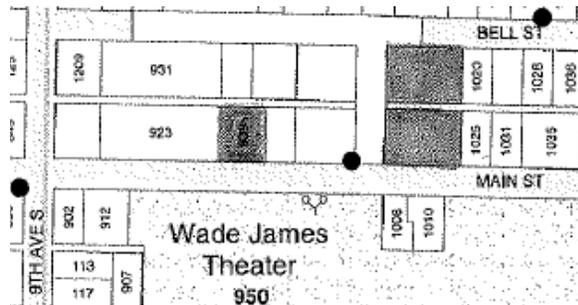
Planned Improvements:

Interpretive kiosk

Comments:

This area must be protected to ensure stream and wildlife habitat.

Site Location:



Sierra Park

Location:

80th Street West and 191st Street SW, Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size:

5.5 Acres

Ownership:

City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status:

Neighborhood Park / Zoned Public

Existing Facilities:

Children's play area, soccer field, softball/baseball field, picnic area, Braille interpretive trail, parking, basketball hoop, portable restrooms

Deficiencies:

Poor drainage

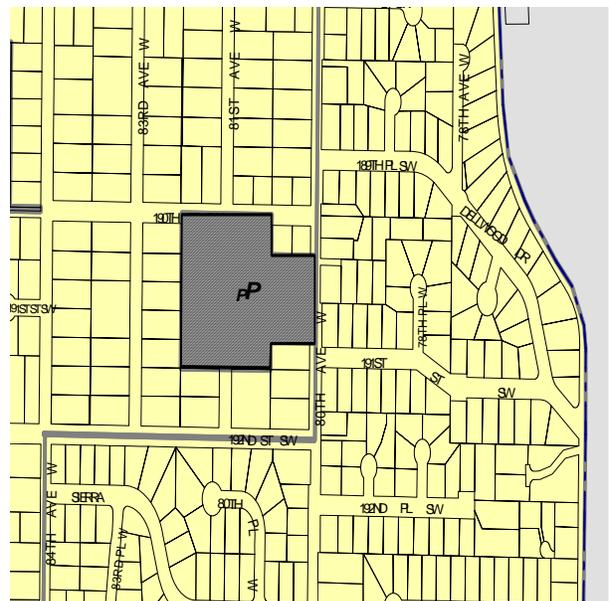
Planned Improvements:

Build a lockable concrete surround for portable toilet. Upgrade drainage at sports field. Improve landscaping. Resurface pathways. Improve Braille interpretive pathway. Install new play area.

Comments:

Ideal neighborhood park that serves local and community needs

Site Location:



South County Historical Museum

Location: 118 Fifth Avenue North, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County

Size: 0.4 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds

Status: Special Use / Zoned business commercial

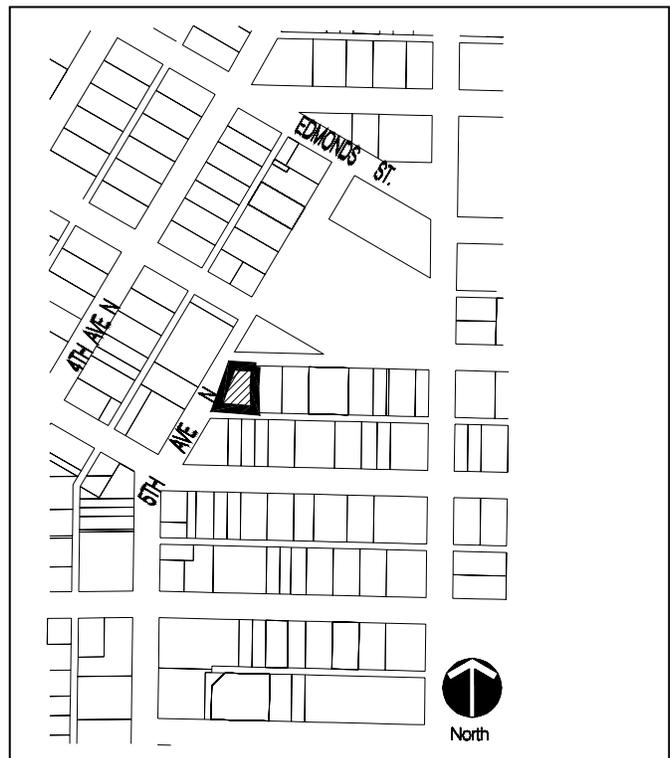
Existing Facilities: Old Carnegie Library site, currently leased to South County Historical Museum; log cabin visitor center

Deficiencies: ---

Planned Improvements: Annual maintenance

Comments: Historical facility provides valuable historic museum services. Adjacent historic log cabin (120 Fifth Avenue) owned by the City and leased annually to the Chamber of Commerce as a tourist visitor center. In 2000 a community group raised private funds to restore this historic cabin originally owned by the Handley family.

Site Location:



South County Senior Center

Location: 220 Railroad Avenue, Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size: 1.0 Acre

Ownership: Owned by City, leased by South County Senior Citizen Board of Directors

Status: Regional Park / Zoned commercial waterfront

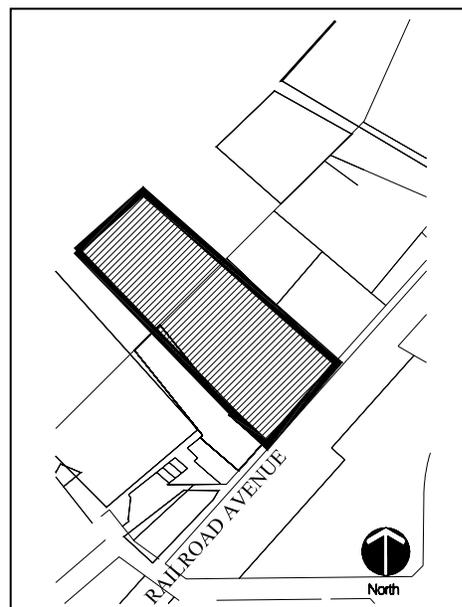
Existing Facilities: Senior Center, beach access, walkway, lawn, parking, tidelands, viewing scope

Deficiencies: Limited parking on site

Planned Improvements: Long-range plan for senior center programming and facility is in progress. Annual facility improvements to structure. Resurface parking lot and improve drainage. Overhead lighting and landscaping. Improve walkways for bus service.

Comments: The South County Senior Citizen Board has worked on a long range facility plan. Addition of Sound Transit rail services may effect RR Avenue traffic configuration. Purchased with federal Neighborhood Improvement Grant.

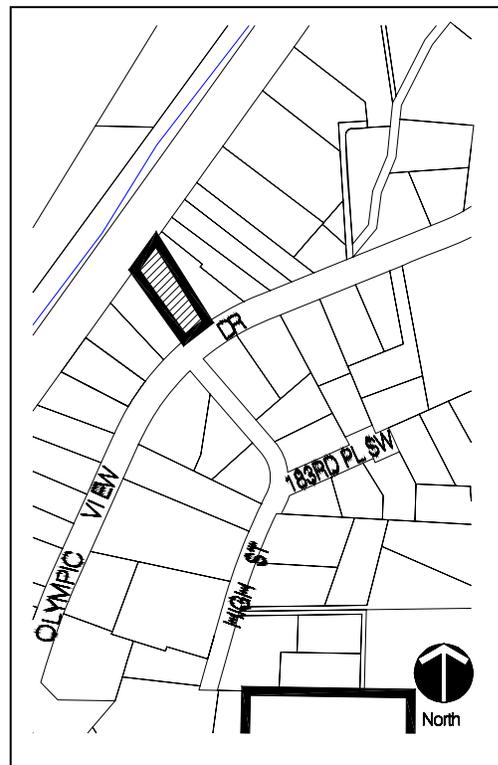
Site Location:



Stamm Overlook Park

Location:	Olympic View Drive at High Street, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	0.4 Acre
Ownership:	City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation
Status:	Special Use Area / Zoned RS12
Existing Facilities:	Viewpoint, parking, benches
Deficiencies:	Residential neighborhood
Planned Improvements:	Annual maintenance
Comments:	Outstanding viewpoint of Puget Sound and Olympic Mountains

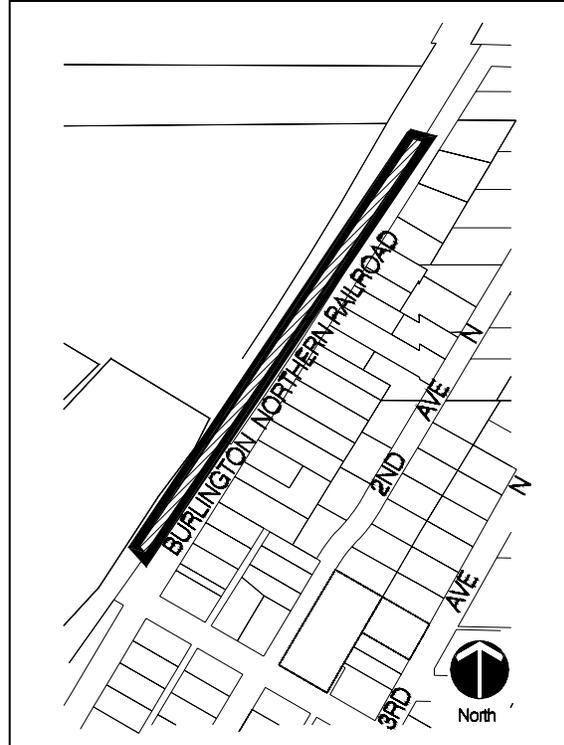
Site Location:



Sunset Avenue Overlook

Location:	Sunset Avenue north of Main Street, within Edmonds City limits and Snohomish County
Size:	0.5 Acre
Ownership:	Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad with annual lease to the City of Edmonds
Status:	Special Use Area / Zoned RS6
Existing Facilities:	Picnic area, benches, unpaved walkways, viewpoint of Puget Sound
Deficiencies:	Not in city ownership / illegal access across railroad, needs authorization for more amenities
Planned Improvements:	Annual maintenance. Viewing scope.
Comments:	Spectacular views of Puget Sound and Olympic Mountains

Site Location:



Wade James Theatre

Location: 950 Main Street, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County

Size: Located within Yost Park.
0.7 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds land, building private ownership by Driftwood Players

Status: Special Use Area / Zoned Public

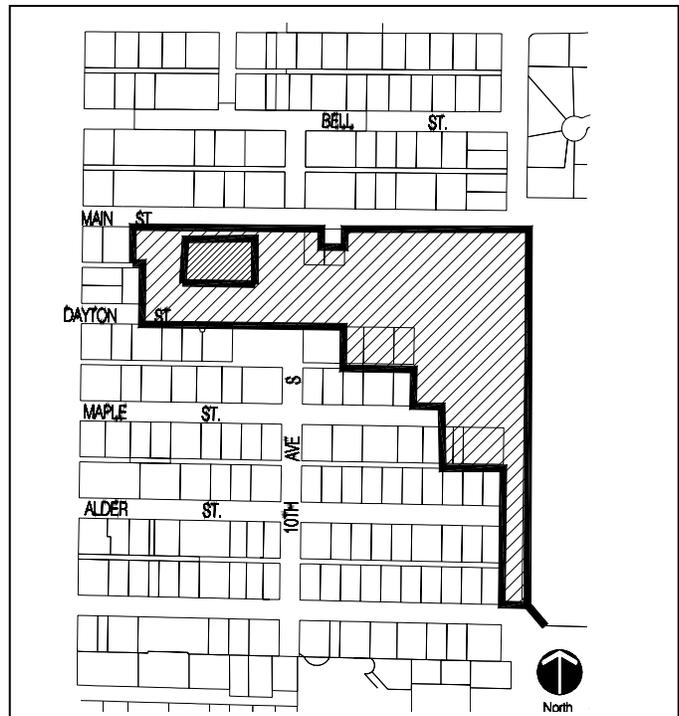
Existing Facilities: ADA accessible theater, small lobby, 220 seats, light box, dressing room.

Deficiencies: No area for construction of sets / built on stage. No additional dress rehearsal space. No office, fly loft or orchestra pit

Planned Improvements: Driftwood Players continue to address existing small site. Improve drainage around building.

Comments: Wonderful community theater. Driftwood Players non-profit, provides annual productions which are key to performing arts in Edmonds. (Note: on map below, Driftwood Theater is shown with darker highlighting to indicate its location within northwest corner of Yost Park)

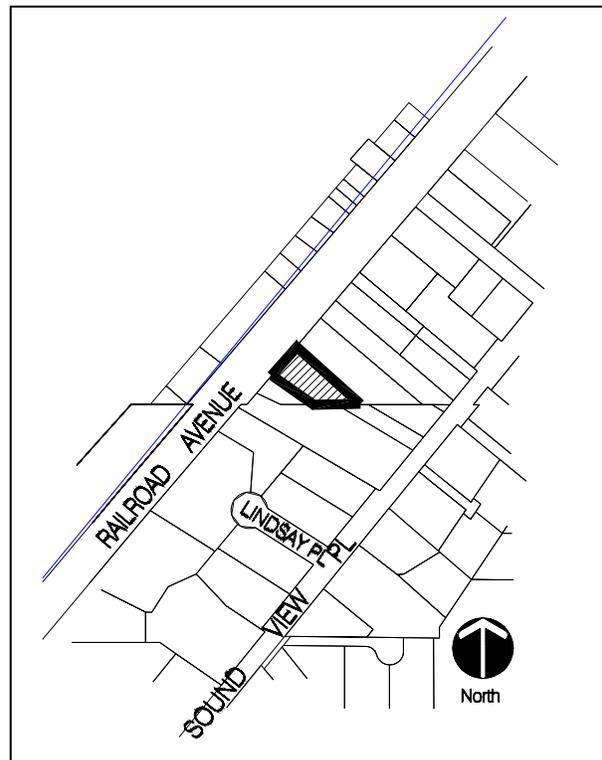
Site Location:



Wharf Street

Location:	Wharf Street, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	0.2 Acre
Ownership:	City of Edmonds street end
Status:	Open Space Area / Zoned RS12/ROW
Existing Facilities:	Street end, waterfront view
Deficiencies:	Limited parking, illegal crossing of BSNS railroad
Planned Improvements:	Annual improvements
Comments:	Residential benefit for Shoreline view access

Site Location:



Willow Creek Hatchery & Interpretive Center

Location: SR104 & Pine Street

Size: 1.0 Acre

Ownership: City of Edmonds

Status: Special Use Area

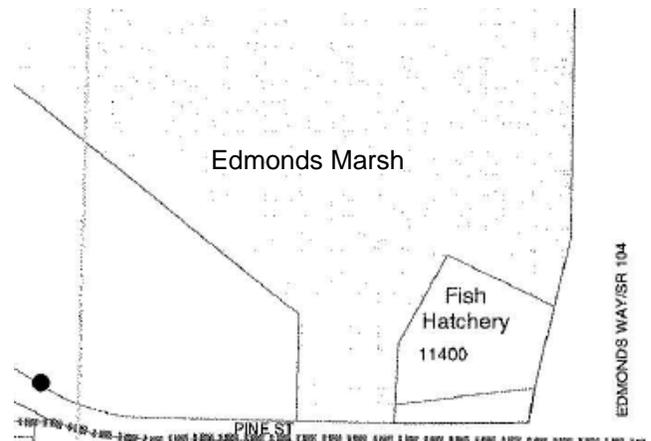
Existing Facilities: Salmon egg rearing building along with salmon rearing pond that produces 100,000 Coho salmon each year.

Deficiencies: Continued maintenance.

Planned Improvements: Continued maintenance of fish hatchery and Willow Creek stream that provides water to operate this wonderful site.

Comments: Willow Creek Hatchery is the largest hatchery operated by volunteers in the state of Washington under the supervision of the WA Department of Fish & Wildlife. Volunteers provide educational tours and day to day maintenance and upkeep of grounds and facilities.

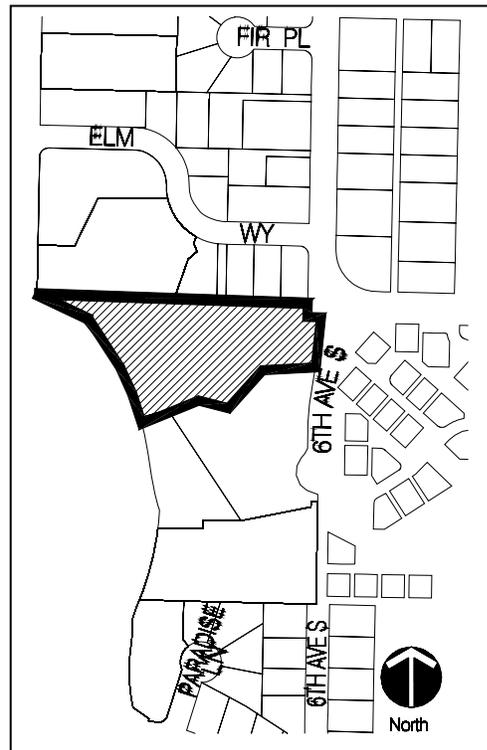
Site Location:



Willow Creek Park

Location:	Seventh Avenue south and SR104, Edmonds City limits, within Snohomish County
Size:	2.2 Acres
Ownership:	City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation
Status:	Natural Open Space Area / Zoned RM1.5
Existing Facilities:	Wetland, natural trail, stream corridor
Deficiencies:	Isolated and heavily vegetated
Planned Improvements:	Annual maintenance
Comments:	Leave in natural state, trail improvements and stream restoration. Isolated natural buffer area.

Site Location:



Yost Memorial Park & Pool

Location: 96th Avenue West and Bowdoin Way, within Edmonds City limits, Snohomish County

Size: 48.0 Acres

Ownership: City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation

Status: Community Park / Zoned Public

Existing Facilities: Swimming pool (outdoor), meeting area, tennis courts (2), unpaved trails, children’s play area, parking, restrooms, natural forest

Deficiencies: Seasonal pool only

Planned Improvements: Resurface tennis courts. Continue footbridge and trail maintenance. Resurface parking lot. Add slide and/or spray toys. Annual maintenance and upgrades.

Comments: Beautiful natural area serves as upland area for environmental education programs “Discovery Programs.” Yost Pool active seasonal facility. Serves as only public pool in Edmonds.

Site Location:

