

BAKERVIE MEADOWS PARK MASTER PLAN



June 2026



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Bakerview Meadows Park Master Plan provides a long-term vision to guide the future development and stewardship of the park as a welcoming, inclusive, and resilient community space. The plan builds on existing site assets while identifying opportunities to create a park that supports the growing neighborhood and protects natural resources for generations to come.

Developed through community engagement and site analysis, the plan reflects input from residents, stakeholders, and project partners. The result is a balanced approach that supports a wide range of recreational activities while improving the site's natural character and environmental functions.

Key elements of the plan include recreational amenities, such as a playground, multi-use trails, open lawn spaces, and gathering areas designed to serve people of all ages and abilities. Circulation improvements will strengthen connections within the park and to surrounding neighborhoods, making it easier and safer for visitors to walk, bike, and access the park.

A central focus of the plan is the protection and enhancement of the park's natural features. Wetlands, creeks, forest canopy and habitat areas will be conserved and restored, supporting biodiversity and improving ecological health while providing the community with passive recreation opportunities and the chance to "just be in nature". Sustainable design practices are incorporated throughout the plan to increase resilience to changing environmental conditions.

Implementation of the master plan is intended to occur in phases, allowing improvements to be made over time as funding becomes available. This flexible approach ensures that early investments provide immediate community benefit while supporting the long-term vision for the park.

Overall, the Bakerview Meadows Park Master Plan aims to create a vibrant, connected, and sustainable public space that meets the evolving needs of the community while respecting and enhancing the site's natural landscape.



Photo Credit: Peter Gill



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that we gather on territory that has been the traditional and ancestral homeland to the Lhaq'temish (the Lummi people), the Nooksack people, and other Coast Salish tribes of this region Since Time Immemorial.

We honor our shared responsibility to this land and these waters, we commit to learning from Indigenous wisdom, and we strive to repair and deepen our relationships as neighbors and friends.

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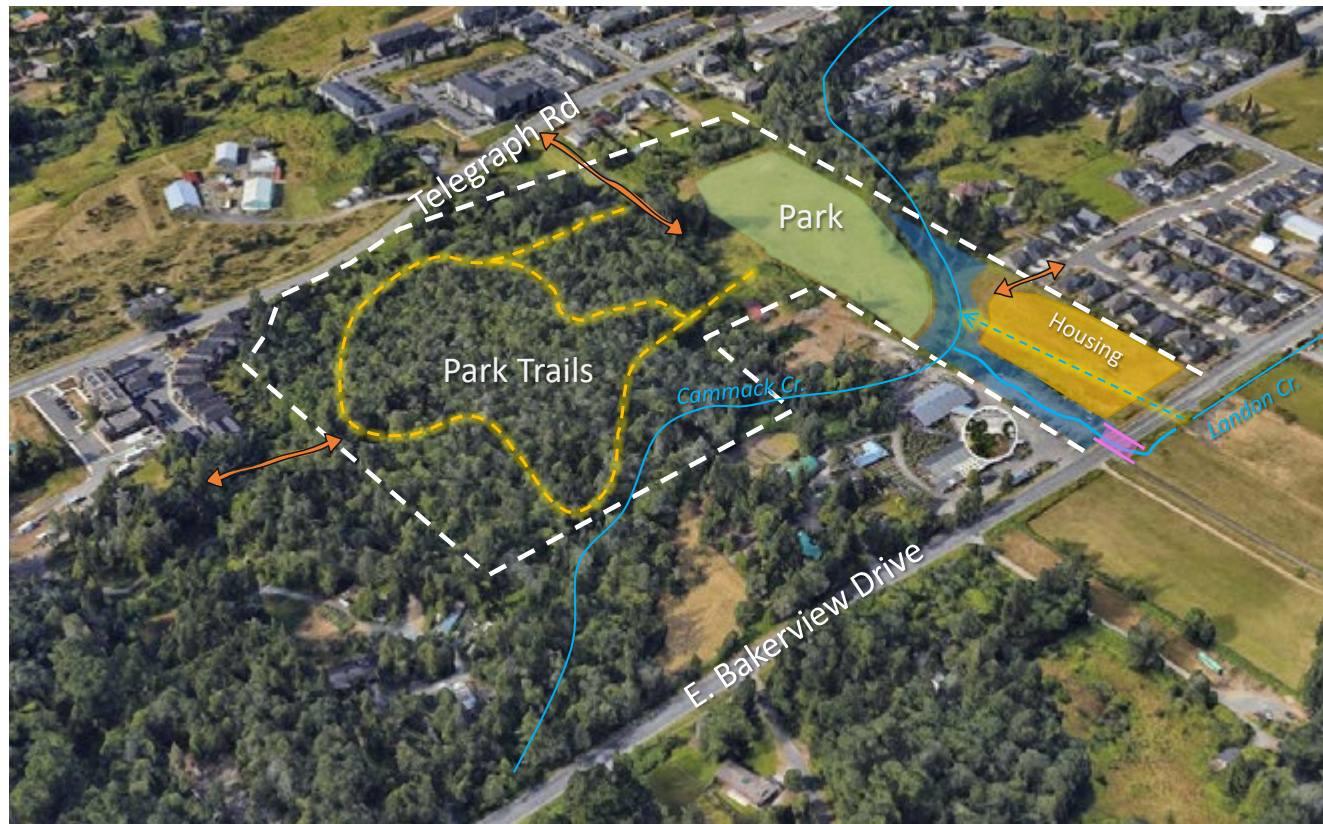
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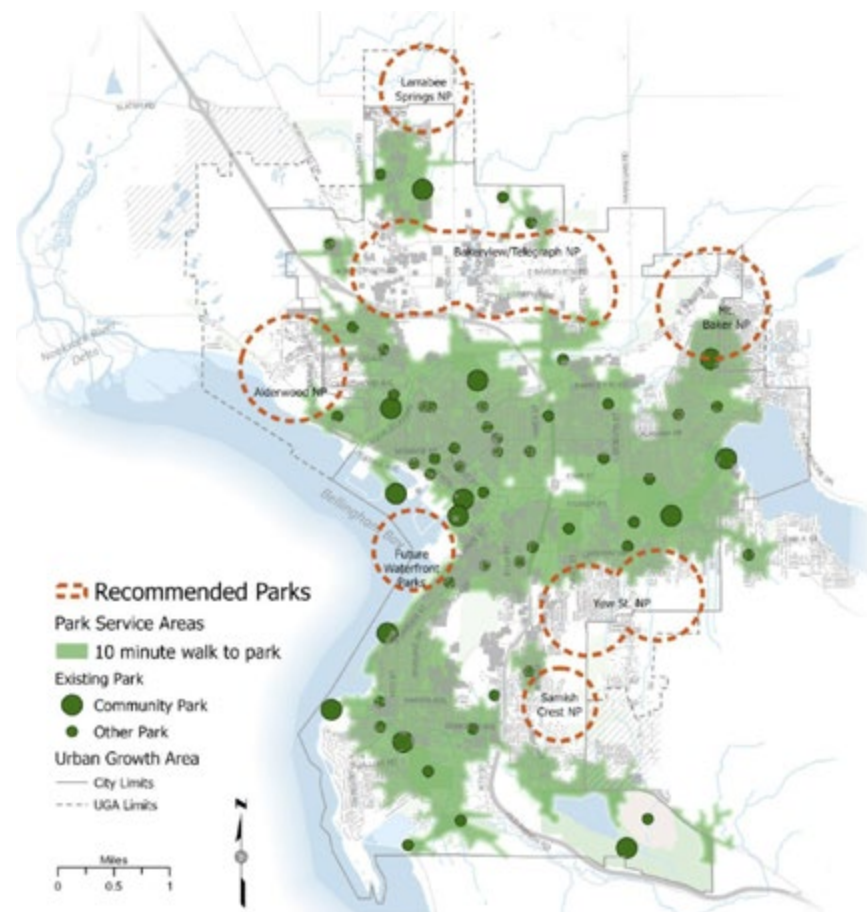
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Bakerview Park looking southwest showing the park and housing areas. Image Credit: Peter Gill



As identified in the PROS Plan, the Meridian and King Mountain Neighborhoods lie in a portion of the city where there is a gap in park access to all residents within a 10 min walk.

PROJECT GOALS

Bakerview Meadows park, encompassing 29 acres, was purchased by the Parks and Recreation Department in 2020 with the Greenways Levy fund and a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. With a rapidly growing City and developing neighborhood the property offers a rare opportunity to achieve two of the City's goals: 1) expand and connect the City's parks and greenspace system in an underserved neighborhood, and 2) set aside a portion of building area for affordable housing. Following a feasibility study that explored creek daylighting, critical wetlands and infrastructure needs like utilities and road improvements, the parcel will be divided with approximately 3 acres dedicated to housing along E Bakerview Road, and 26 acres for park and green space encompassing meadows, wetlands, three creeks (Landon, Cammack and North Fork Baker) and a large forested area.

The location of the park is significant and creating a park for the residents of the King and Meridian neighborhoods has long been a top priority to the City of Bellingham. These neighborhoods support about 7,800 residents and are continuing to grow, yet they lack neighborhood parks. Located between Deemer Rd and James St, this new park will provide much needed outdoor space for current and future residents within a 10 minute walk (1/4 mile). Its central location will serve as an important trail hub connecting to the rest of the City, while welcoming all ages and user groups with a wide array of active and passive recreation opportunities across its large swaths of varied habitat. The unique character of the site provides a wonderful opportunity to create a community space that reflects the identity of the neighborhood.

This master plan documents the careful planning and community engagement processes involved in creating the preferred design option for the Bakerview neighborhood park. Guided by City planning documents and input from over 1,000 participants this master plan outlines the vision for a neighborhood park that can be phased over time. It celebrates the sites many assets, reflects the neighborhoods collective vision, and allows flexibility for evolving recreational interests while expanding the city's park system to better serve the community.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

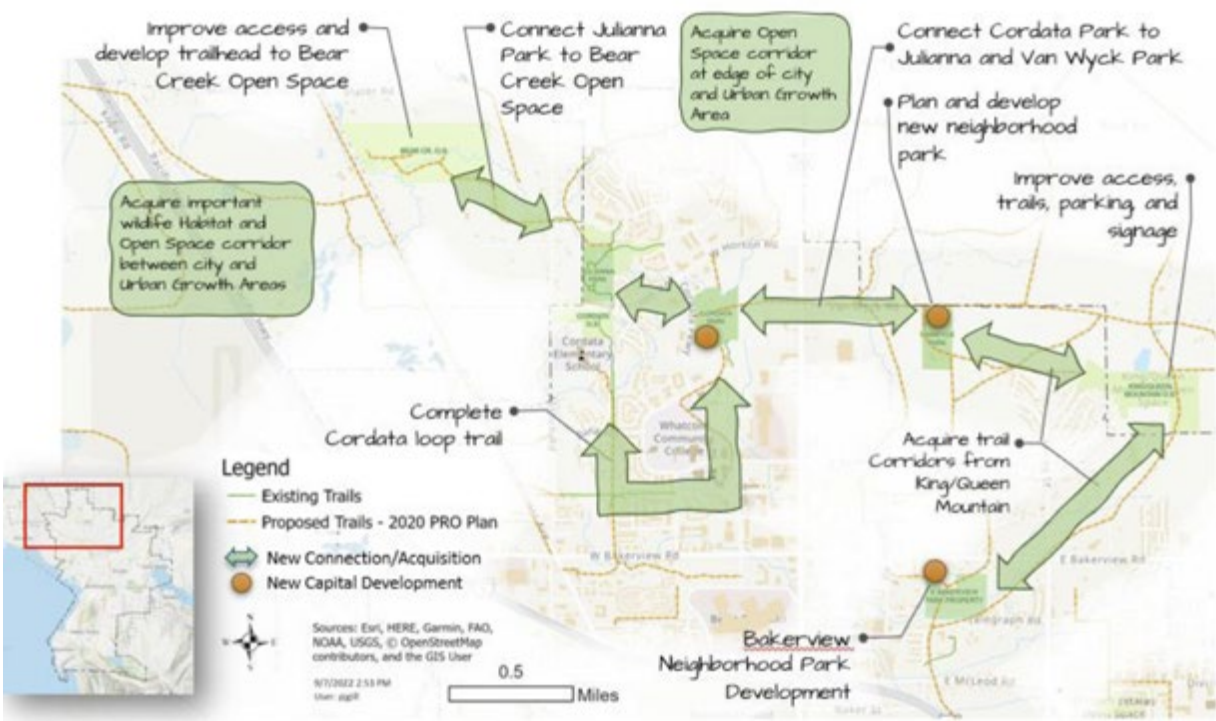
The recently adopted Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan outlines the City's goals over the next 20 years for its parks, recreation and open space system. Primary goals for Equity, Design, Conservation, Play and Connection provide a framework for the design of Bakerview Park with construction of the park listed as a near-term priority and trails included in long-term planning. This master plan showcases these goals with several priorities met via a high-quality park facility with a 10-min walk of residents, integrating

and connecting people and nature, supporting and fostering wellness, conserving nature, creating a sense of place, developing diverse recreation programs and activities, utilizing trails to interconnect the City’s park system, cultivating community collaboration and much more.

GREENWAYS STRATEGIC PLAN

The Greenways Levy has been an important source of funding for the City’s parks and trails program since 1990 in support of the PROS plan. Funds are used to “acquire, improve, develop and maintain greenways, open space sites, parks, park facilities and trails”

The Greenways Strategic Plan facilitates the use of the levy funds over the duration of the levy and beyond. It presents several priority greenway corridors with Bakerview Park a key component of the northern corridor - the Cordata to King & Queen Mountain. Bakerview Park is the bridge linking this developing greenway to both the growing northern communities and to the rest of the city, providing safe, multimodal, car free access with prolific opportunities to connect to nature while also protecting important habitat corridors.



The Greenways Strategic Plan outlines a northern trail corridor including Bakerview Park as a key component.

EQUITY	PR-1	Provide a system of parks, trails and open space so that all residents live within one-half mile safe route of a developed park and trail.
	PR-2	Target property acquisitions that provide key trail linkages and enable infill parks in underserved areas.
	PR-3	Target facility and program improvements that decrease barriers and expand park and recreation use by underserved communities.
	PR-4	Provide recreational programs and cultural events that celebrate the diversity of the community.
	PR-5	Prioritize new community gardens in underserved areas to improve food access, foster community and provide environmental benefits.
DESIGN	PR-6	Develop new park forms and provide recreational opportunities based on setting and level of use.
	PR-7	Develop parks and trails to take advantage of views of water, islands, ridgelines and mountains.
	PR-8	Design parks, open space and shorelines that respect and integrate natural systems and connect people to nature.
	PR-9	Provide opportunities for education and interpretation of historic, environmental and cultural resources in the park system.
	PR-10	Improve safety and extend hours of use with ground lighting in parks, trails and parking areas.
	PR-11	Activate open spaces with trails, trailheads, loop trails and events.
	PR-12	Incorporate art and whimsy into park facilities.
	PR-13	Acquire and develop additional water access for the public.
	PR-14	Design and develop facilities to be efficient, with low maintenance and operations costs.
	PR-15	Design and prioritize system upgrades that respond to condition assessments, capital improvement plans, community vision and preferences.

The priorities of the recently adopted PROS Plan guides park planning and maintenance. The Bakerview Meadows Park Master Plan achieves 27 of the 42 priorities with room for ongoing operations and system resilience in the future as the park develops.

CONSERVATION	PR-16	Acquire environmental features that reflect Bellingham’s unique natural character, including ridgelines, critical areas, forests and wildlife corridors.
	PR-17	Manage urban forests and street trees for human wellness and safety, to provide shade, improve wildlife habitat, sequester greenhouse gases and mitigate fire hazards.
	PR-18	Take action to improve facilities, parks and beaches as areas of respite during extreme weather events.
	PR-19	Continue to incorporate the City’s climate response objectives into park design and development projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
	PR-20	Acquire property within designated open space corridors between and within urban growth areas that provide recreation opportunities, protect habitat, species migration, critical areas, forest cover and buffer working lands.
PLAY	PR-21	Balance the demand for public access and interpretive education with protection of environmentally sensitive areas and historic sites.
	PR-22	Develop programming and facilities that promote public health and wellness, encourage leisure, fun and games and strengthen community connections.
	PR-23	Enhance safety with a presence in parks and trails through programming, recreation, education and enforcement.
CONNECTION	PR-27	Integrate and expand signage, wayfinding and outreach materials that guide users through and between trails and clearly establish rules for use.
	PR-28	Explore trail surface alternatives that balance the natural character of Bellingham’s trail system with accessibility requirements, long-term maintenance, sustainable development practices and availability of local materials.
	PR-29	Improve public education about safe trail use to ensure they function for a range of recreation and transportation users.
	PR-30	Target improvements that connect trails with transit stops, key destinations, bike routes and sidewalks to improve non-motorized transportation options.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

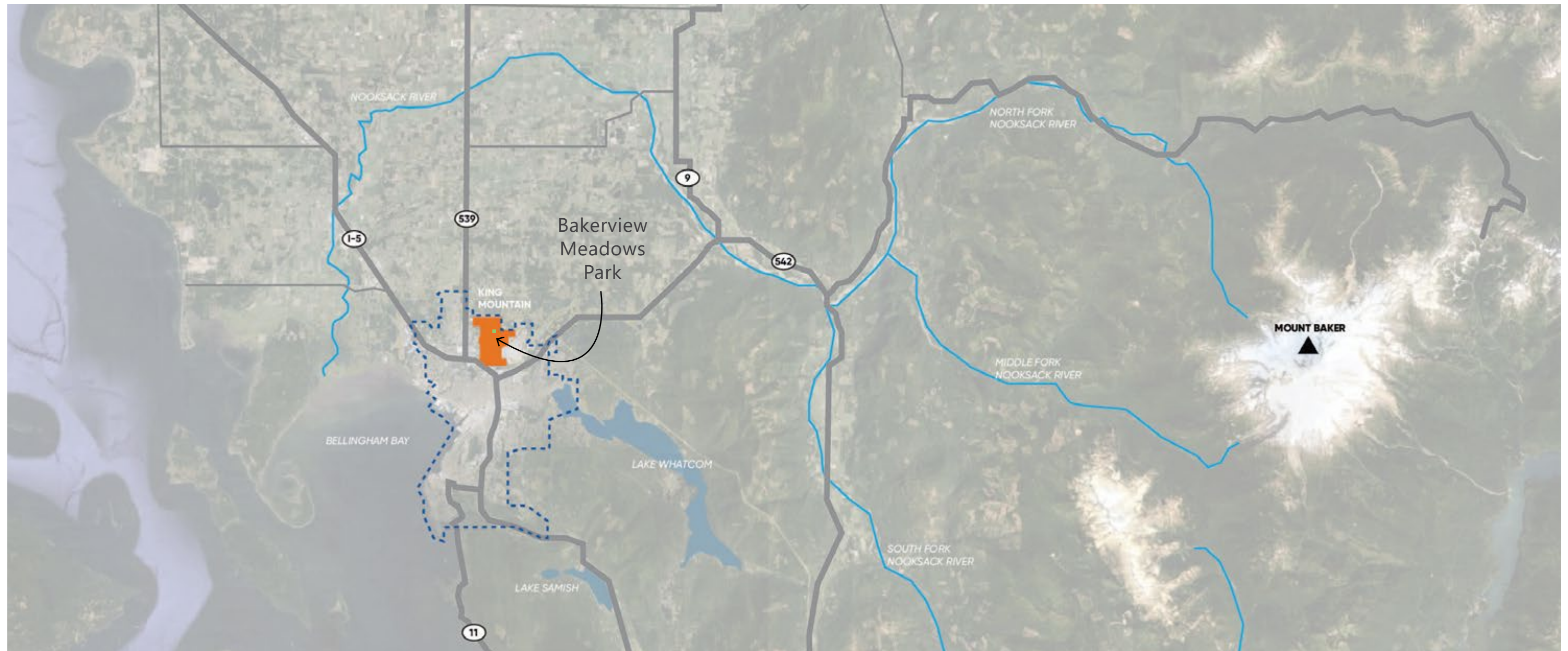
REGIONAL CONTEXT

Centrally located between the cool waters of the Puget Sound and the foothills of the North Cascades the City of Bellingham is an ideal place to live, work and play.

While a nexus between major transportation connections on the north-south corridor between Canada and Seattle, as well as east-west ties to the San Juan Islands and highway 20; this University town, has retained an enduring small town vibe. However, this is changing as the high quality of life and easy access to recreation attracts more new residents every year. With an expected annual increase of 1,200 residents over the

next 20 years* the city is taking measures to plan for this growth while also maintaining a livable city. One avenue for achieving this goal is the forward thinking, combined effort to provide affordable housing and a park space in underserved neighborhoods at the north end of the city. While Bakerview Meadows Park sets out to achieve this multifunctional goal, this document focuses on the park planning portion of this goal.

* City of Bellingham Housing Statistics Story Maps <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3e1c77f31cbf4cc8bf94b39f62970fdf>

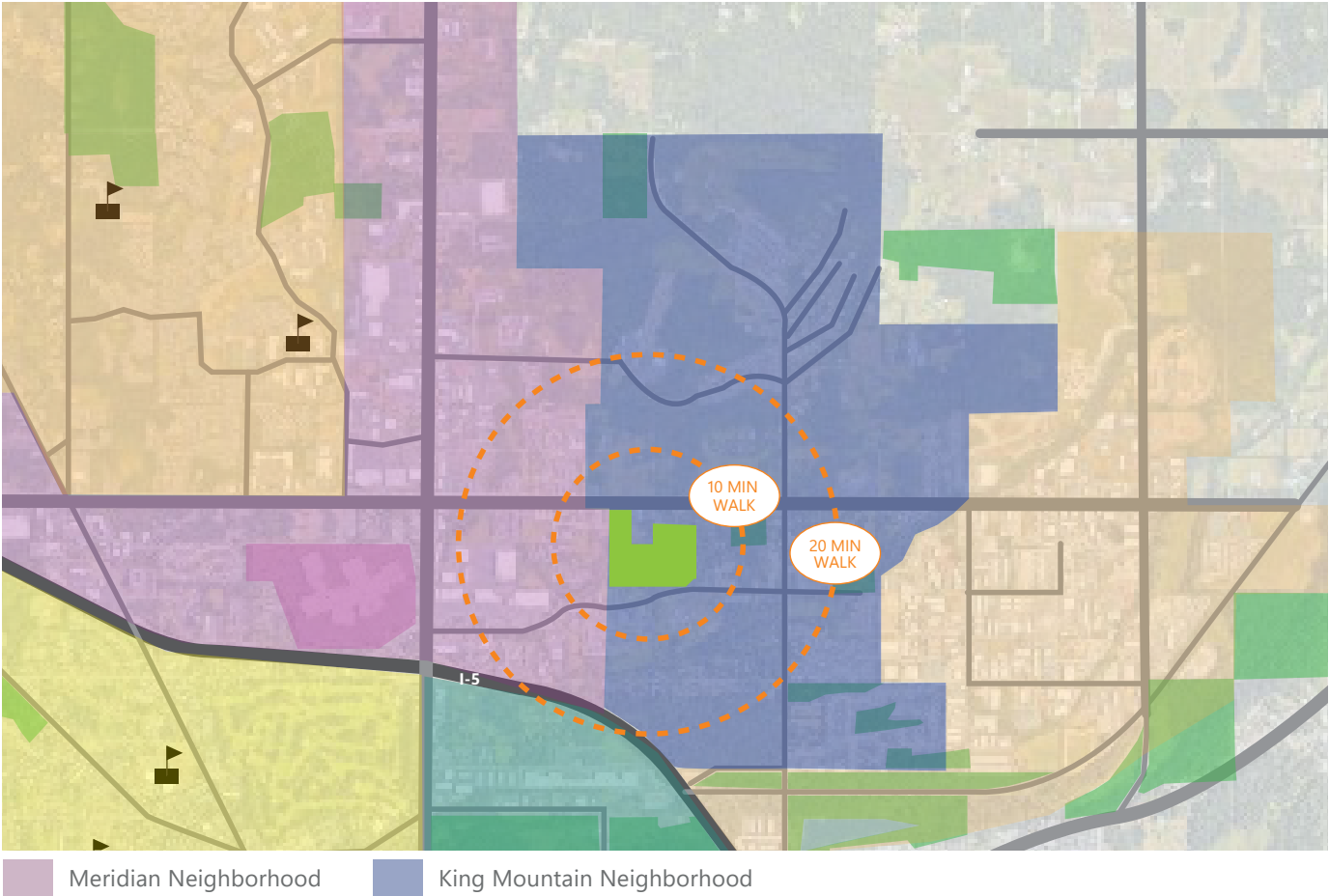


KING MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD

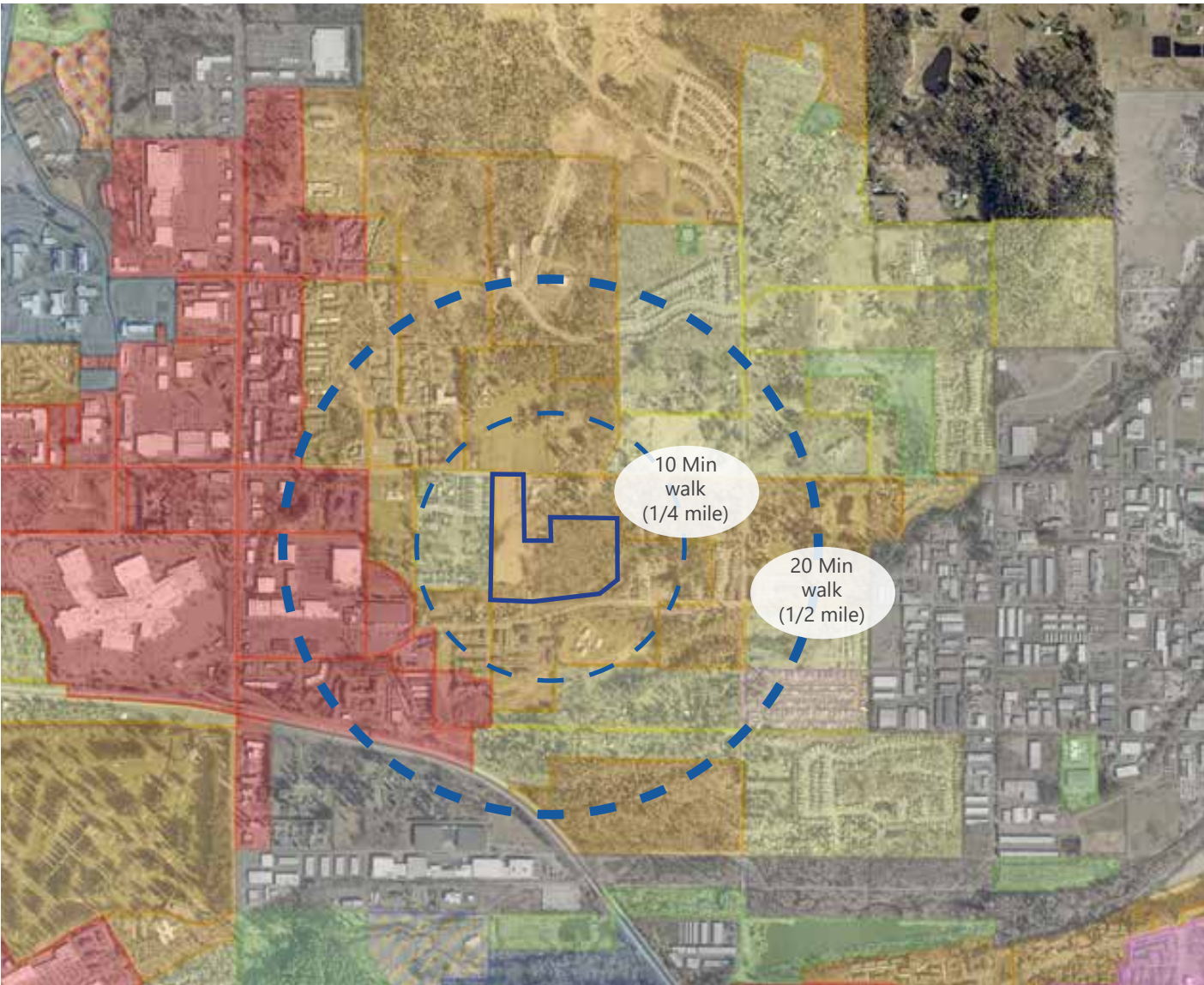
On the north end of the city, wedged between major commercial and industrial centers, this neighborhood currently includes a mix of housing from low density on large lots, to high-density on small lots, plus farmland, some light commercial, and large tracks of undeveloped forests, wetlands and three major streams Baker Creek, Silver Creek and Squalicum Creek. A large topographic feature on the north end of the neighborhood, King Mountain, provides panoramic views, and the name for the neighborhood. There aren't any developed parks yet, though there are several undeveloped open spaces and easement areas bordering the north and south. Clear views to Mt Baker to the east provide a scenic backdrop.

MERIDIAN NEIGHBORHOOD

To the west of the park, this neighborhood encompasses a large regional shopping area, community college, large expanses of commercial and industrial uses, with some residential development at the outer edges and limited open space. Traffic is higher with I-5, Meridian Street, and Bakerview Road serving major transportation corridors to and through this major commercial district. For the workers, residents, and visitors, a park nearby will be a respite.



Neighborhood map for the Meridian and King Mountain Neighborhoods.



Zoning around the park within the Meridian and King Mountain Neighborhoods.

ZONING

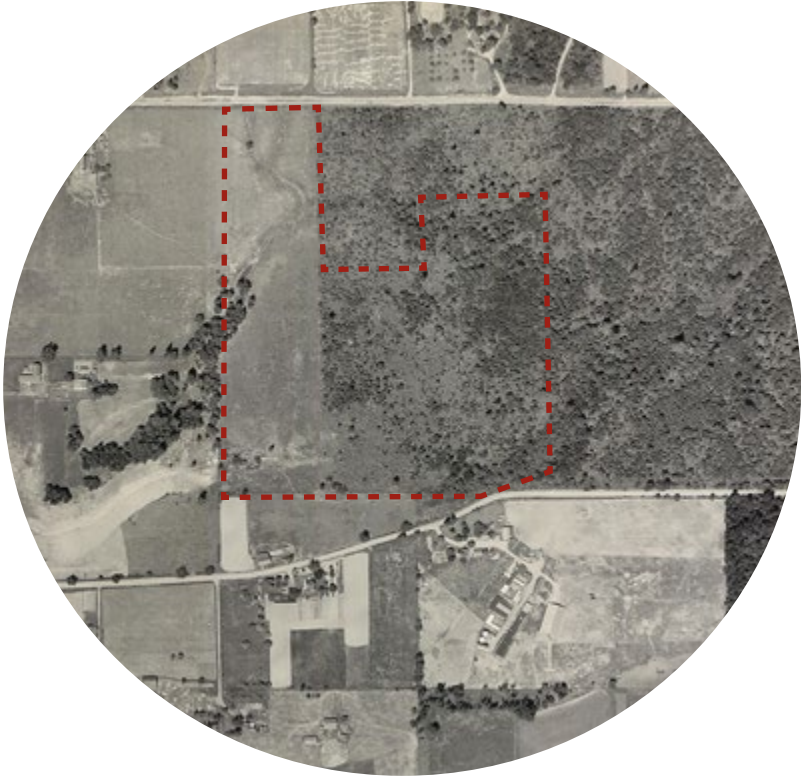
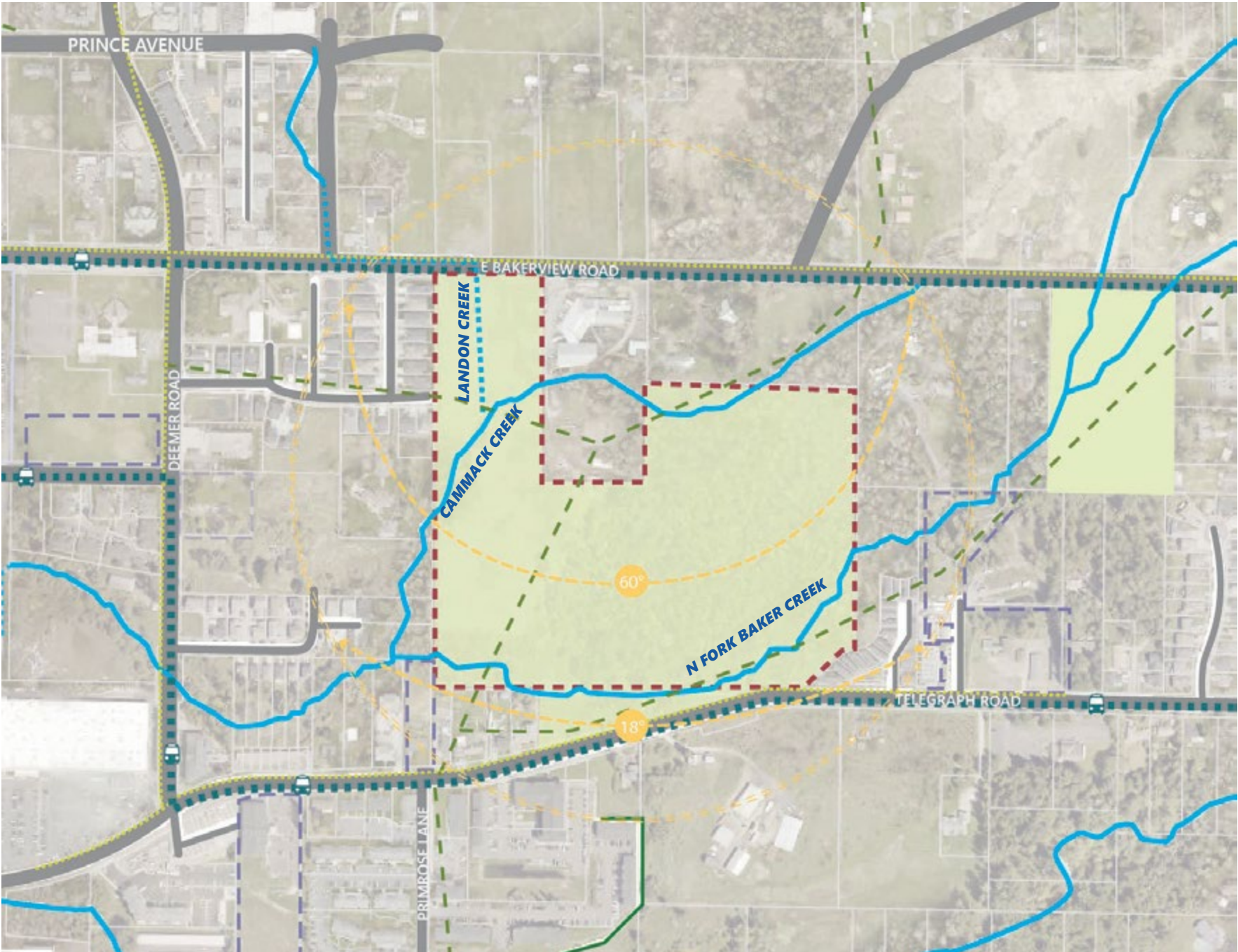
The two neighborhoods comprise strikingly different yet complimentary land uses with predominantly commercial uses in Meridian and mixed residential designations in King Mountain. With increased density slated for this area targeting medium to high density and an already underserved neighborhood the need for more park space and affordable housing is paramount.

SITE CONTEXT

- Bakerview Meadows’s 26 acres nestle between two busy roads, E Bakerview Road on the north and Telegraph Road on the south, that serve as prominent east west connectors. Housing developments border the south, east and west with transitioning farmland on the north.
- Formerly farmland itself, the site contains moderately sloping former hayfields that border Cammack Creek. To the south the property gains tree canopy as it slopes down to the North Fork Baker Creek and the Telegraph storm berm. The forested portion of the property runs from about where the berm aligns all the way to the east property line. Landon Creek flows

under the northern portion of the property in a culvert that crosses under E Bakerview Road. Woodbury Way provides direct access to the park from the west neighborhood. To the east, connections through adjacent trail easements will allow future accessible connections to Telegraph Road and eventually to the multimodal trails on James Street.

To guide the master plan additional site analysis explored the sites history and existing features with the following results.



1950s aerial showing historic landuse of farmland and forestry within the approximate park boundaries and surrounding area

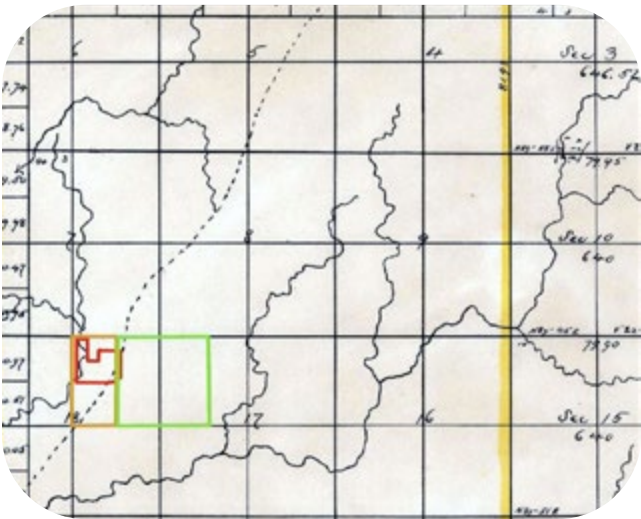


History

The southeast corner of the site once held a portion of the Nooksack Trail (or Whatcom Trail) a prominent trade route for the Northwest Coast Salish between Whatcom Creek and Sumas and Cultus Lakes in Canada’s Fraser River Valley. This route was later used by gold prospectors, followed by a spur telegraph line before it was replaced by trans-Atlantic cable service. While the telegraph technology has been replaced, the name still holds in the place name for Telegraph Road.

Since the 1930s, records show that the site has long been part of a rural agricultural landscape under ownership of large landowners like Brown Farms, Inc, followed by Clark Feed and Seed. Through this time, the general land use of pasture and hayfields comprising the west portion and forest in the eastern portion persists.

In 2025, An Archaeological Survey and Field Report were completed. No artifacts of significance were observed.



Top: a historic sign highlighting the telegraph route and placename.
Bottom: 1874 GLO map showing the location of the Nooksack Trail in the Southeast corner of the site (dashed line).

Critical Areas

The park site has a variety of natural features including critical streams, wetlands and habitat that require protection. In 2024 a critical areas memo was completed to understand how park planning can incorporate critical areas and minimize impacts.

The memo highlights three streams: North Fork Baker Creek, Cammack Creek, and Landon Creek with varying degrees of fish-bearing designations including potential for multiple salmonid species. There are also 14 wetlands and three small intermittent drainage outlets.

Although priority wildlife species have not been officially documented, wildlife abounds. Visual clues such as scat, browse, bedding, as well as songs and calls indicate an array of species. Big brown bat was mapped within the township indicating that protection of the stream, forest and large snags will benefit this species.



Cammack Creek drains into fish-bearing streams and has habitat features that could support fish habitat. Photo Credit: Molly Porter

Infrastructure

Development of the park parcel requires infrastructure updates to provide access into the park and to connect utilities. City policy requires vehicular access via Woodbury Way with a firetruck turn around. While neighborhood parks do not typically provide parking, a small parking area improves visitor access especially for mobility assistance and it will reduce pressure on the neighborhood. A bridge across Cammack Creek will bring visitors to the park while protecting this critical stream, and will serve as a utility crossing for water, electrical and sewer.

Trails

Many social trails meander across the meadow and some old trails in the forest used by the former owners are quickly growing over. Adjacent trail connections include the Palakika Trail easement on the south across Telegraph Road, and the Kulshan Community Land Trust easement to the east. As properties develop along Bakerview Road street improvements will include new sidewalks helping to bring safe access to the park from the north side.

Housing

Last, but not least, while more than 25 acres will be set aside for trails, active and passive recreation pursuits, in the future there will be an additional three acres bordering Bakerview Road dedicated to affordable housing. The footprint will be limited by the requirements for access to the park from Woodbury Way, street improvements along E Bakerview Road, and daylighting Landon Creek. With careful planning, and collaboration with the City, enough units could be developed to make the project financially feasible.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

SCHEDULE

In 2020, the City purchased the property to become the first neighborhood park in the Meridian and King Mountain Neighborhoods. Over the following years, there were feasibility studies completed for affordable housing and park activities that defined the housing footprint and program sizing for what park activities could be accommodated. The master planning effort for just the park portion of the project began in June of 2025 with a public engagement process involving at least 1,200 participants via online surveys, tabling events, town halls and a project webpage. The pages that follow summarize this process and the valuable community feedback that helped shape the design of their future park.



DISCOVERY

DESIGN OPTIONS

PREFERRED OPTION

**ADOPT FINAL
MASTER PLAN**



JULY
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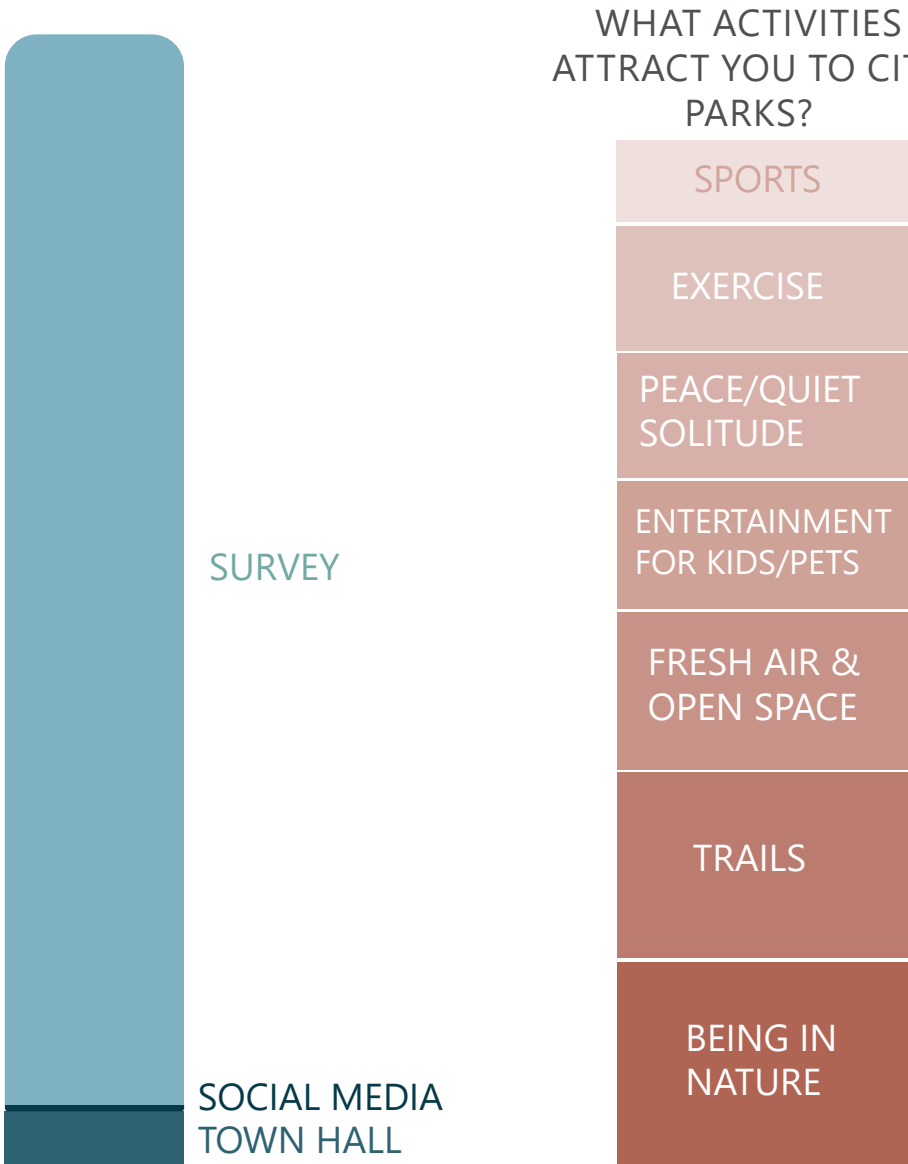
DISCOVERY - SEEKING THE COMMUNITY’S VISION

The first Town Hall meeting introduced the community to the goals of the project and outlined the existing conditions of the site such as critical areas, access, and current vegetation cover to help form a foundation for what they would like to see included in this park.

The community was also asked to select their preferred activities with choices covering active and passive recreation as well as trails and trail amenities. A special kid’s corner was also provided asking kids to help design playground features and other amenities that they would like to see in their park.

A follow up survey was posted for those who were unable to participate in person. Participants answered similar questions with the addition of a write-in for sharing what they thought was unique about this neighborhood to help build a placemaking and identity component.

697 Responses



PREFERRED PARK AMENITIES

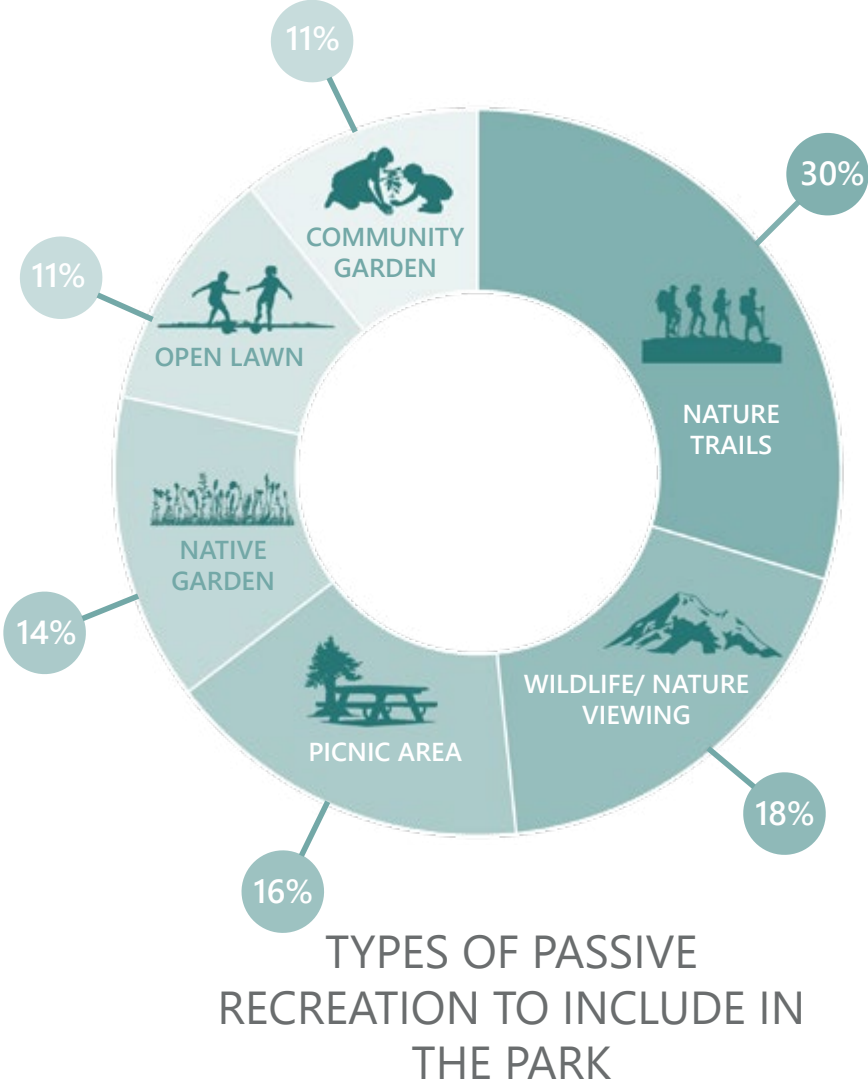
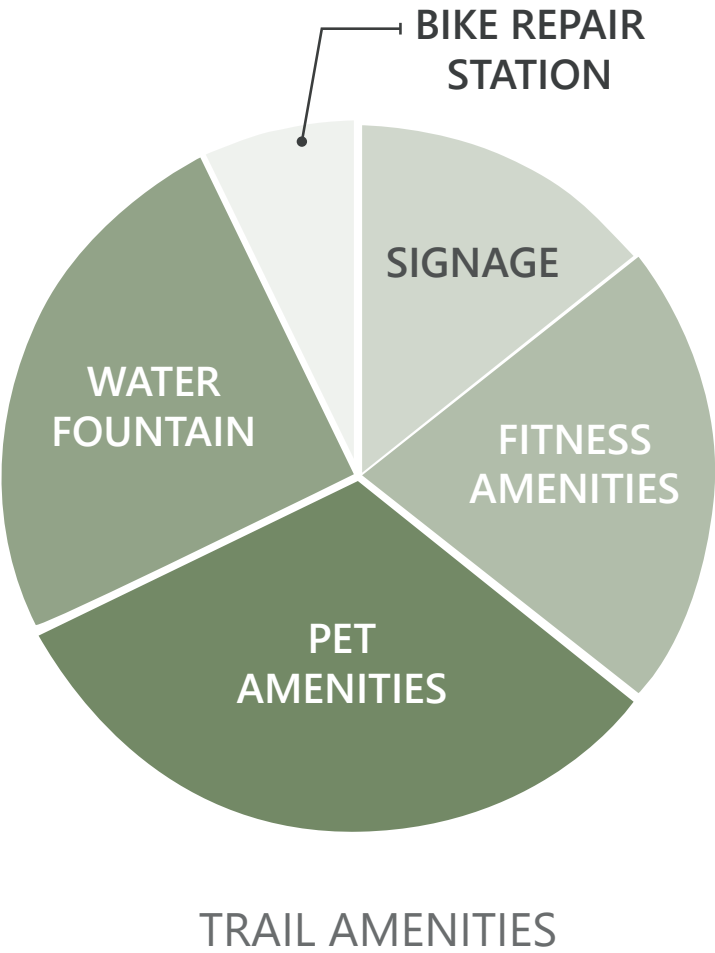


DISCOVERY - COMMUNITY INPUT RESULTS

The feedback shared by the community supported a combination of active and passive recreation with strong support for parking sufficient to support visitors with varying mobility capabilities, as well as gear. Playground features that support all ages and abilities with emphasis on multi-generational play figured prominently in the feedback. The community also requested amenities like a picnic shelter, benches, restrooms and shade to make these spaces comfortable through the seasons.

Trails figured prominently in the feedback. The community shared that trails facilitate connection to the sites natural environment, as well as create opportunities to connect to and through the rest of the city. Different trail types that support a variety of movement through the park were appreciated as well as trail amenities that support wayfinding, repairs and dispersed fitness.

Passive recreation was also strongly supported with feedback for community and native gardens and areas to view nature and wildlife though picnic areas or view points.



NATURE THEME

CLIMBING

HIDE & SEEK TUNNEL

KIDS ANSWERED "WHAT KINDS OF FEATURES WOULD YOU LIKE AT THIS NEW NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYGROUND?"

SWINGS

ACCESSIBLE

SHADE

SPINNER WHEELS

ZIPLINE

SPACE THEME

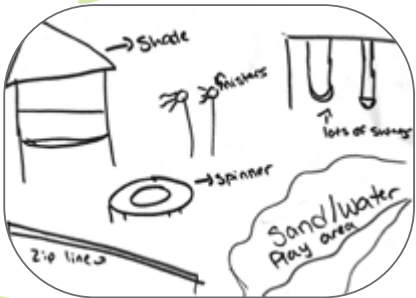
TRAMPOLINE

PARKOUR

TEENS AREA

WATER FEATURE

GAGA BALL



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Building on the informative community input along with the site conditions, two design options were presented to the community for feedback at an October Townhall event, as well as through an online survey.

Option 1:

The first option presented a nature focused theme, called Nature’s Gem. Smaller, dispersed active recreation elements were woven between tracks of natural areas. In turn, several small active areas like a forested picnic area were brought into the forest creating a strong connection to nature throughout the park.

Picnic shelter and restroom structures were shown with a more rustic in-the-woods aesthetic, and playground features were styled in nature play with large wood elements that foster physical challenge, imaginative play and are accessible for all visitors.

This option also incorporated a large native garden with sizable areas of wetland and forest restoration including educational signage for passive enjoyment of the park.

Disc golf in the forested area, a large flexible lawn space and climbing wall were included as options for active recreation.

Multiple types of trails provide diverse experiences for visitors. A wide multimodal paved loop path in the active zone with spurs into the woods for a more immersive experience with the forest environment. Dispersed adult exercise alongside the trail edges were presented as options for repurposing stumps and downed logs while encouraging fitness.



Forest Playground



All Ages Play and Trail Fitness



Nature Education



Option 1 NATURE’S GEM

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Option 2:

This option presented the site’s history through farmland and the unique Nooksack trail and telegraph line under a concept called Time & History. Themed features, materials, educational installations or historic artifacts would engage visitors and share the sites history.

Active recreational features and natural areas were consolidated into larger separate spaces creating focused experiences. Just past Cammack Creek a central area focuses active recreational activities such as a multisport court, grassy play fields, dog park, skate dot, playground and a small plaza gathering space. A larger forest clearing in the woodlands provides positive activation in this remote area.

Natural areas focus on the restoration of wetlands and forest enhancement and a community garden adjacent to the Woodbury Way entrance.

Trail options are also varied in this concept with a wide multimodal path along the active zone with a spur trail into the woods to access the forest clearing. A creek path along the future daylighting of Landon Creek will provide a nature trail experience that continues along Cammack Creek and into the woods and eventually connecting with adjacent trail easements.

Opportunities for temporary art installations, historical markers or signs and themed play features were also presented to the community.



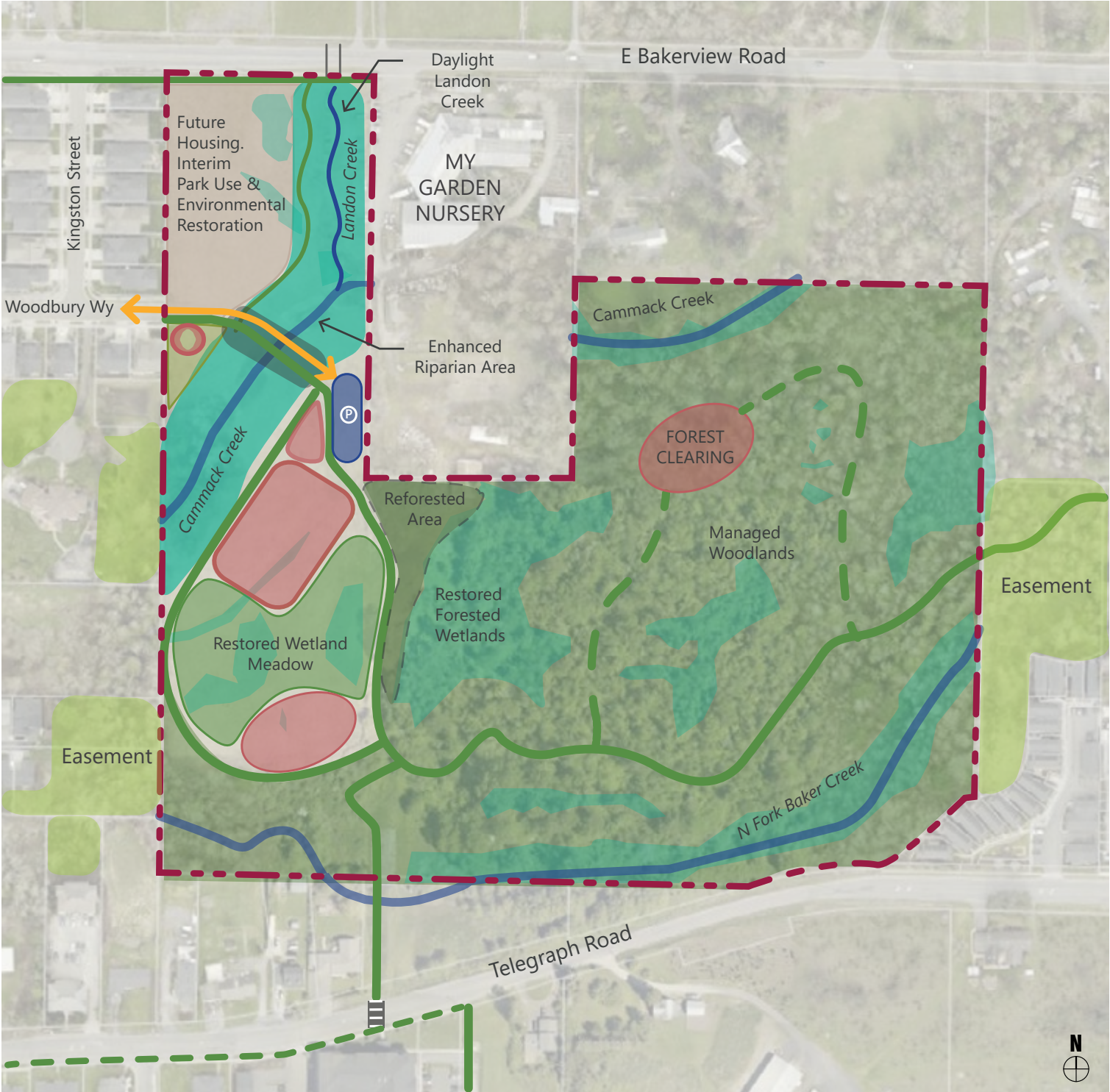
Art Installation



Multi-Use Sport Court



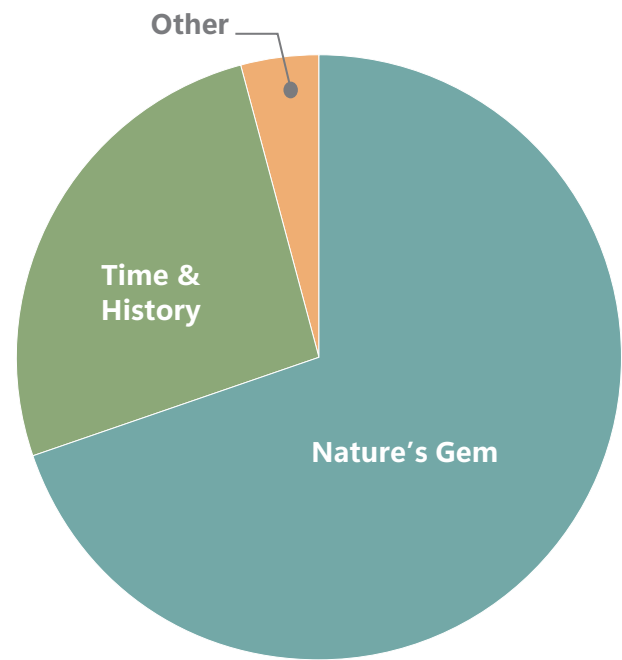
Forested Picnic Area



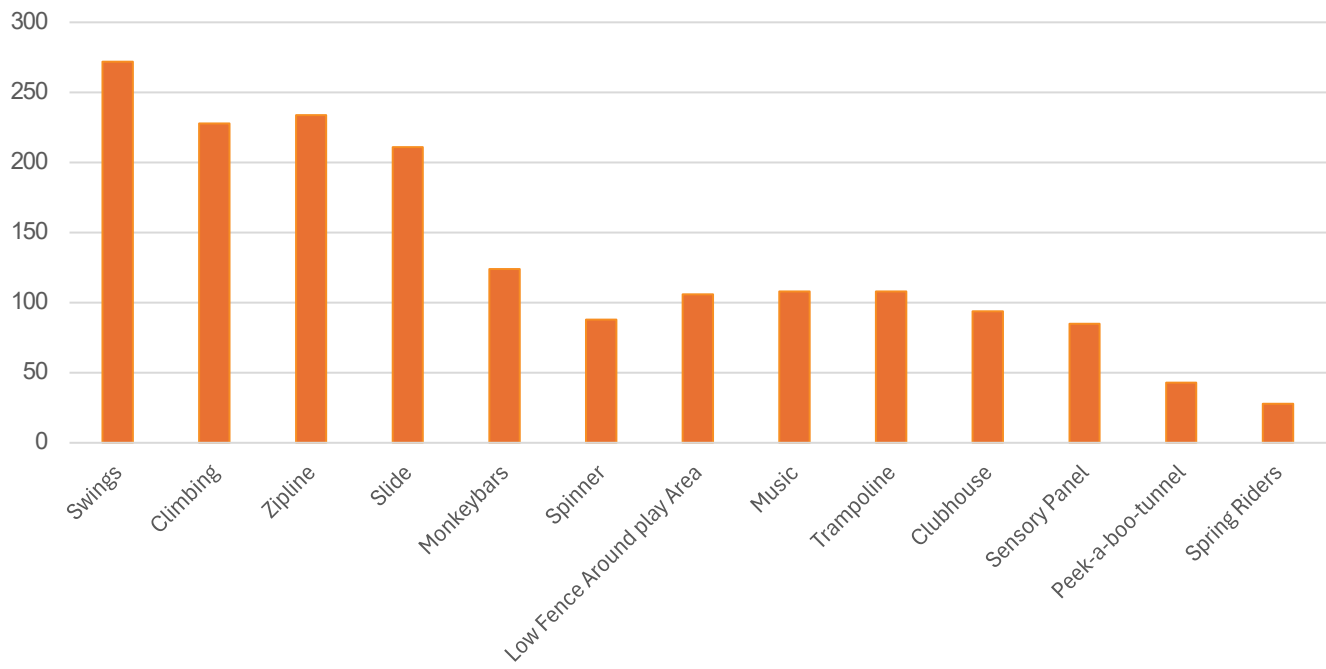
Option 2 TIME & HISTORY

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC FEEDBACK RESULTS

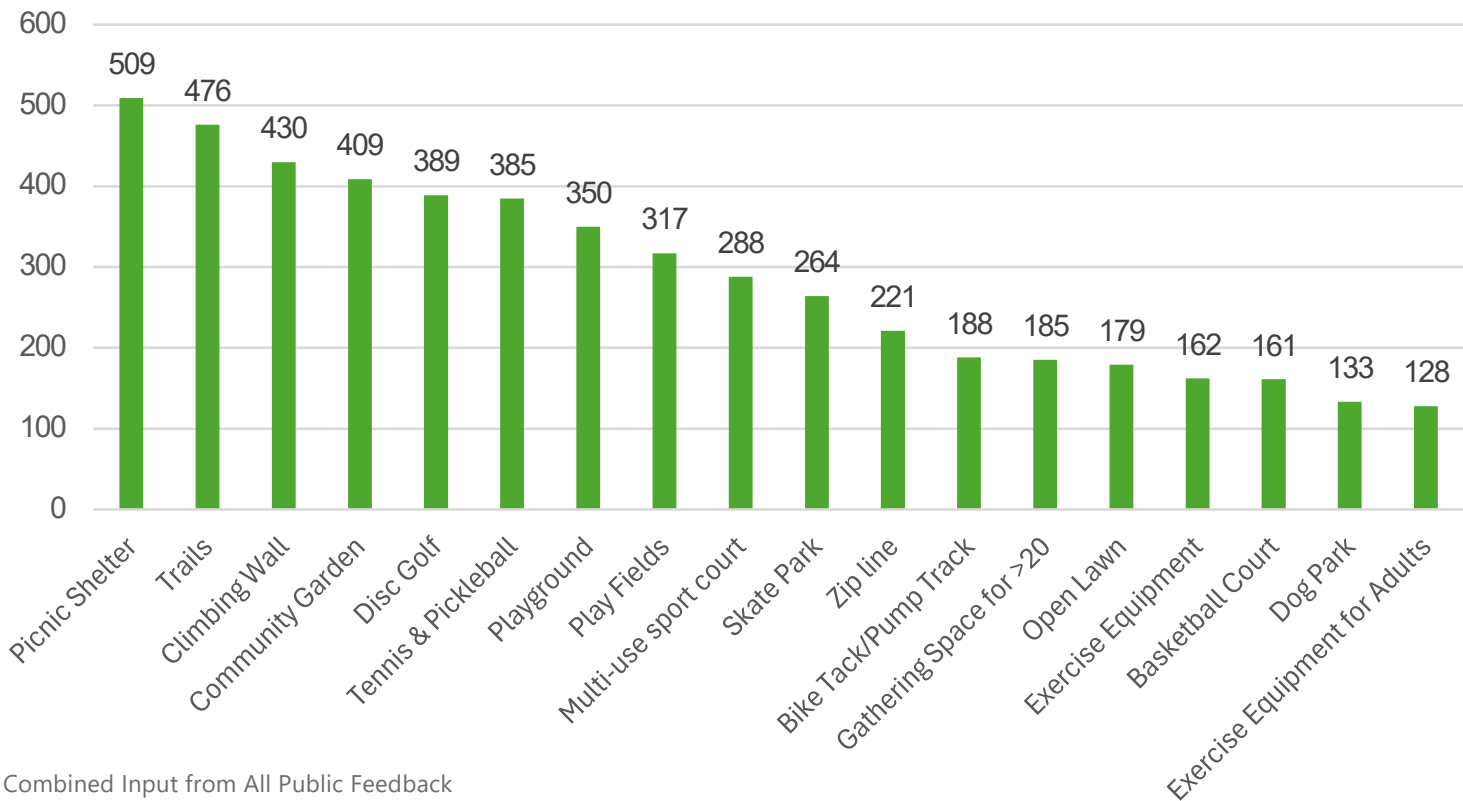
The community shared their thoughts on the two options and their preferred theme was the first option - Nature's Gem. They also confirmed their preferences for types of playground features and park amenities.



Response for Preferred Park Theme



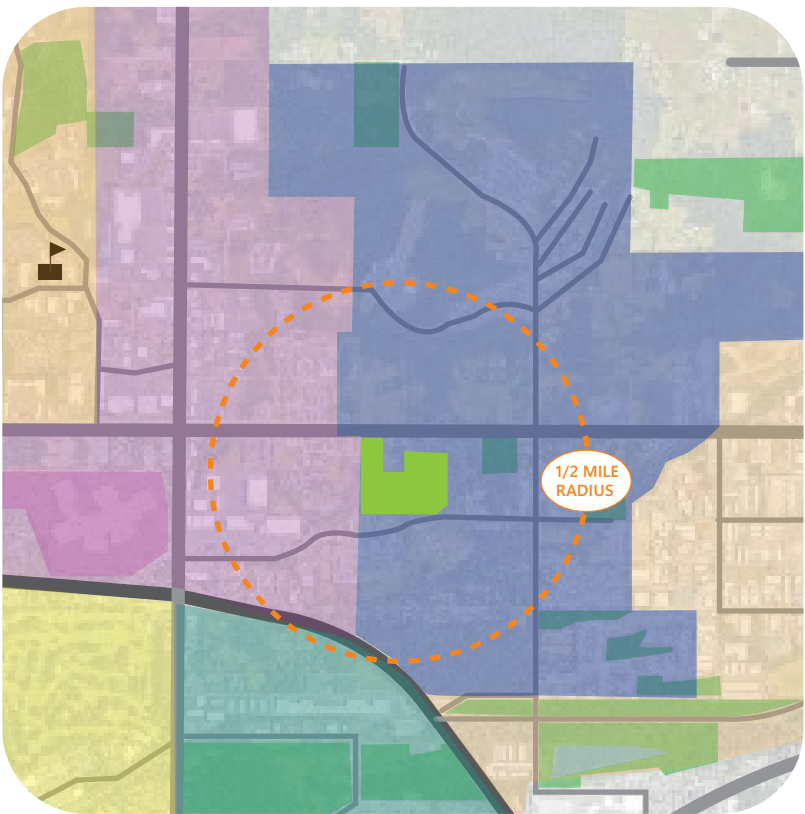
Survey Response for Preferred Playground Features



Combined Input from All Public Feedback

PREFERRED DESIGN CONCEPT

Guided by the vision and goals of the community, the planning framework of the City, and the site’s existing conditions, the design team developed a conceptual approach to steer the design of the final preferred concept.



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HEARTWOOD

This centrally located new park provides the opportunity to engage and connect north Bellingham neighborhoods, forming a scaffolding for building community and creating a strong sense of place as the neighborhoods continues to grow and develop.

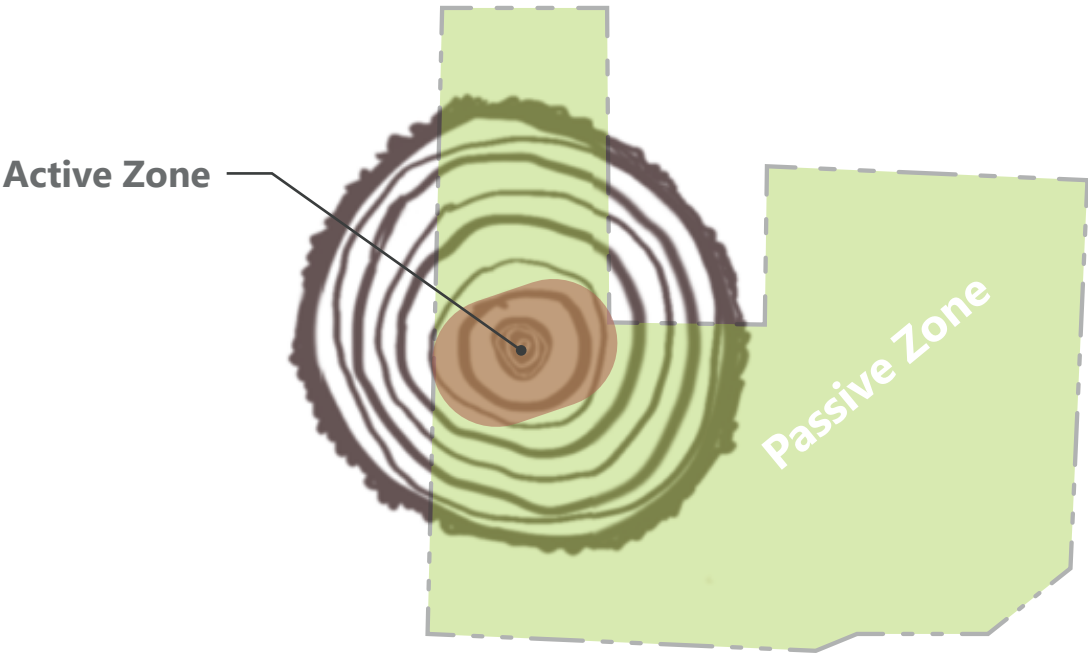
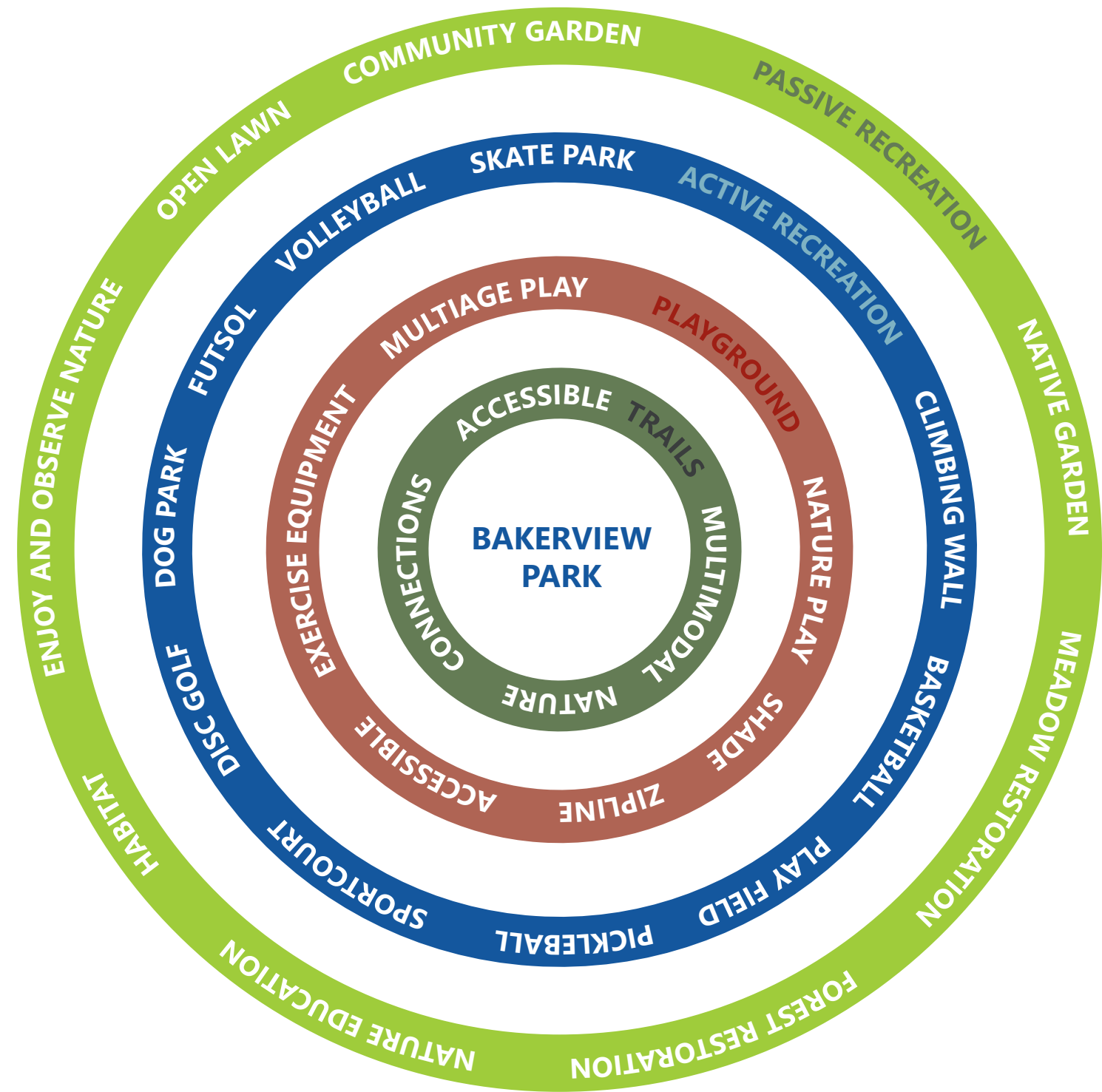
The historic use of the property through careful stewardship and cultivation combined with the abundance of woodlands and wetlands allows today’s community to connect with and celebrate nature.

At the center of it all, forming the structural support, resilience, and stability, is the heartwood. While the community grows around it the park will serve as an anchor for their life stories, remaining a steadfast conduit for memories, connections, and vitality.

PREFERRED DESIGN CONCEPT

Community Goals

Grouping the requested park activities, four prominent goals emerge for the new park. Trails are at the core, followed by the playground and active recreation, all wrapped together by passive recreation and nature.



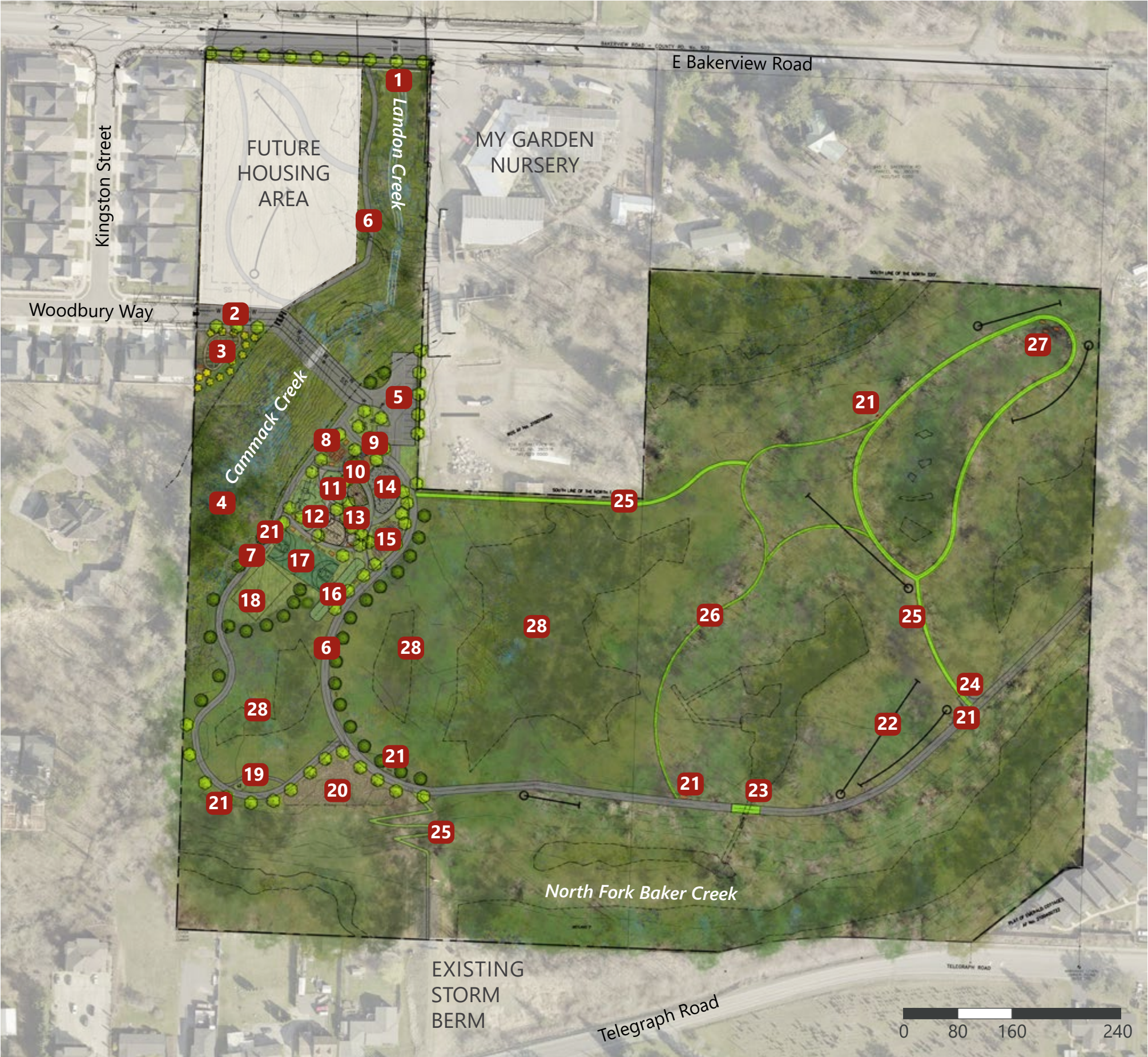
Design Concept

The community’s vision for the park amenities and the limited area of buildable space allow for concentrated use within the heart of the park surrounded by the lush natural features that facilitate nature and passive enjoyment. The growing City trail network and natural areas facilitate greater connection between the neighborhood and across the City.

MASTER PLAN

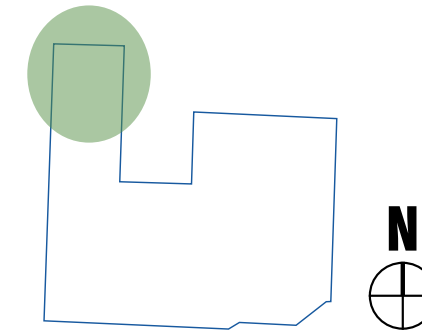
Legend

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| 1 | Daylight Landon Creek |
| 2 | Woodbury Way Entry & Gate |
| 3 | Community Gardens |
| 4 | Cammack Creek Restoration |
| 5 | Parking Lot (18 stalls)
Includes Firetruck Hammerhead |
| 6 | Multi-Use Trail |
| 7 | Nature Trail |
| 8 | Picnic Shelter |
| 9 | Restrooms |
| 10 | Central Plaza with Art, Historical Feature or
Signature Tree |
| 11 | Playground 2-5yo with Fencing |
| 12 | Playground 5-12yo with Fencing |
| 13 | Adult Exercise Gym |
| 14 | Skate Dot |
| 15 | Climbing Area |
| 16 | Zip Line |
| 17 | Multi-Use Sport Court (94x50) |
| 18 | Open Lawn |
| 19 | Nature Overlook |
| 20 | Dog Park |
| 21 | Dispersed Exercise Equipment |
| 22 | Pocket Disc Golf Course (10 holes) |
| 23 | Boardwalk over Stream |
| 24 | Maintenance Truck Turn Around |
| 25 | Secondary Trail |
| 26 | Tertiary Trail |
| 27 | Forest Picnic Area |
| 28 | Wetland Restoration |





Key Plan



LANDON CREEK DAYLIGHTING & E BAKERVIEW ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Bakerview Road will provide a northern entry point for pedestrians through right-of-way improvements. These updates will include extending the sidewalk along the north property along with utilities. Currently there is existing sidewalk to the west that connects to Kingston Street and Woodbury Lane.

Daylighting Landon Creek will address two culverts, one under E Bakerview Road will be upgraded for fish passage and flood planning. The second culvert from Bakerview Road south through the meadow will be removed to recreate a stream channel for this small drainage that connects to Cammack Creek along with

required buffers. A nature trail adjacent to the restored creek channel is planned to help connect park visitors to nature and to the rest of the park. Educational signage, wayfinding and benches will create moments to engage, rest and enjoy the natural landscape.

For the future housing the creek restoration, park, and nature trail will be an important amenity.



Sidewalk improvements at E Bakerview Road

WOODBURY WAY ENTRANCE

- This will serve as the main vehicular access into the park and crossing of Cammack Creek.
- A gate will maintain park operating hours. A small parking lot includes room for a firetruck turn-around and provides maintenance trucks access to the rest of the site, plus a material and equipment staging area. Low impact design strategies for the parking lot and roadway will address stormwater and improve the aesthetics of the hardscapes.

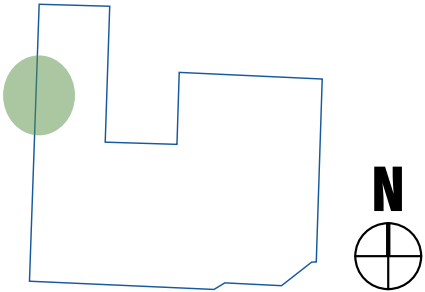


Stream Crossing Bridge Example from Julianna Park



Low Impact Design Parking Area

Key Plan



Park gate

Parking/
loading spot

Garden
Plots

Garden
shed

Orchard /
Botanical
Garden

Cammack
Creek
Restoration

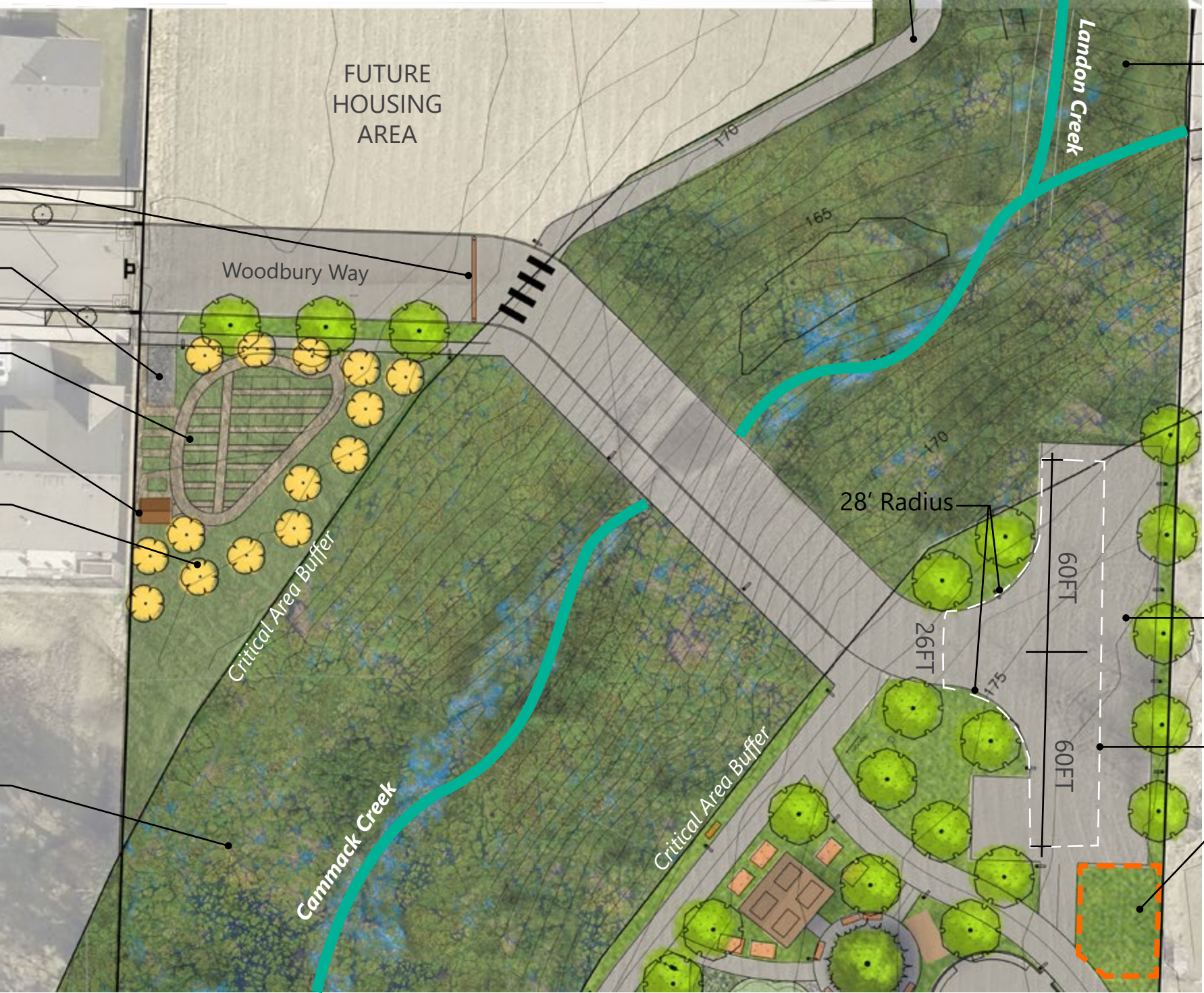
Trail Connection
from E Bakerview Rd

Landon Creek
Daylighting &
Restoration

Parking (18
stalls)

Firetruck
hammerhead

Material
staging
area +/-
1,000sf



0 80 160 240

WOODBURY WAY ENTRANCE

Upon first entering the park, a community garden and orchard provide a warm greeting. The gardens are a natural transition between the adjacent neighborhood and are within easy access for the future housing site.

Educational signage can include education for gardeners and park visitors alike. Other amenities include pathways, tool and material storage and a short-term loading area parking spot to bring in materials and supplies.

Restoration efforts in Cammack Creek will also be a key component of this area of the park.



Community Garden



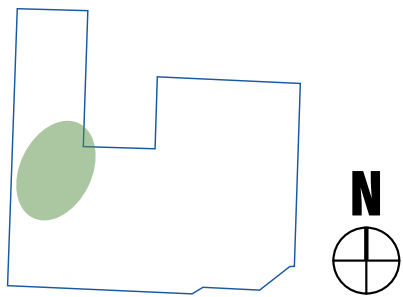
Native Garden | Orchard



Community garden at Woodbury Way entrance

CENTRAL ZONE

Key Plan



Legend

- 1 Cammack Creek Restoration
- 2 Picnic Shelter
- 3 Central Feature
- 4 Restrooms
- 5 Skate Dot
- 6 Climbing Area
- 7 2-5yo Playground (fenced)
- 8 5-12yo Playground (fenced)
- 9 Adult Exercise Area
- 10 Zipline
- 11 Multiuse Sport court (94x50)
- 12 Open Field
- 13 Dispersed Exercise Dot
- 14 Hammock Posts
- 15 Nature Trail
- 16 Bench
- 17 Picnic Bench
- 18 Wetland Restoration



CENTRAL ZONE

The central zone is the active heart of the park. It is where you meet your friend at the specimen tree before biking out to the forest, or keep an eye on your kids in the playground while walking the many paths that loop through this zone. Shoot a few hoops before eating snacks in the picnic area, or see if you can make it to the top of the climbing area. Side-by-side activities offer ample opportunity to meet and connect with your community, and provides the flexibility for the whole family to participate in an activity they enjoy. Key features of this active zone are:

Gathering Area

The central hub of the park is the central gathering area. A specimen tree, or art piece draws visitors in, where a picnic shelter, restrooms and ample seating can be enjoyed. Trails and meandering paths circulate out through this zone.

Playground

Separate accessible play areas for younger and older kids include features that allow interaction with parents, exploration, challenge and imagination. Preferences and ideas shared by kids during the design process are also included.

Active Play

Packed altogether, this recreational playground offers a small all-wheels skating area, climbing wall with a range of skill levels, zip line, an open lawn play field, and a sport court designed for basketball, soccer, futsal and more. Dispersed adult exercise equipment also help round out or expand exercise needs. Ample seating provide resting space or viewing areas for spectators.



Active recreation opportunities are concentrated in the heart of the park, or the Central Zone



Gathering Area

The central hub of the park is the gathering area. A central placemaking feature is flanked by a picnic shelter, restrooms and ample seating. Trails and meandering paths circulate out through this zone.



Picnic Shelter



Restrooms



Central Feature Seating



Accessible Picnic Tables

Playground

Play features challenge kids to play, explore and learn. They are inviting, allow caretakers to participate and support universal design. Nature themed features encourage connection with nature.



Multi-age interactive play



Nature themed universal play



Natural and movable materials



Adult exercise area





Active Play

Packed altogether, this recreational playground offers a diverse menu:

Climbing where variable courses and levels of challenge invite all experience levels to try a route

Multisport Court with uniform surface is sized for college level basketball, but with additional hoops could support two short court games at a time. Futsol or soccer nets could be similarly arranged to allow for one full court game or two short-court games. Low walls will help enclose the space and provide better ball containment and practice surfaces.

Dispersed Fitness - distributed throughout this zone to help round out workout routines and target specific muscle groups

Open Field - the lawn area is sized for smaller soccer games (U8), other field sport pick-up games or interval training. Picnics and other passive recreation could also be enjoyed.

Skate Dot - Small area for skating and all wheels with built in features to practice tricks

Zipline - this element should reflect the natural aesthetic of the park landscape and provide an accessible thrilling experience for park visitors.

Hammock Posts - Hanging hammocks in parks is a growing and popular pastime. While the trees are maturing in this young park, designated posts can encourage this activity and protect delicate vegetation

Active Play



Climbing Area



All Wheels Skate Dot



Multisport Court



Zipline



Dispersed Fitness



Hammock/Slack-line Posts



Open Field



Seating



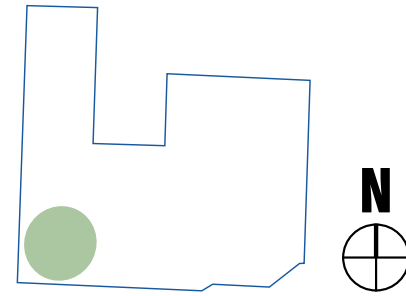
Flexible field space allow a variety of recreation both active and passive.

SOUTH ZONE

On the south end of the meadow the nature trail leads to a large restored wetland meadow and wildlife overlook that invites visitors to stop and observe the natural scenery and any wildlife that might be in view or study the interpretive signs. Clear days may afford views to Mt Baker and the nearby foothills.

Further down the trail will be an off leash dog park. This fenced in area will provide a safe area for dogs to run, meet their friends and play.

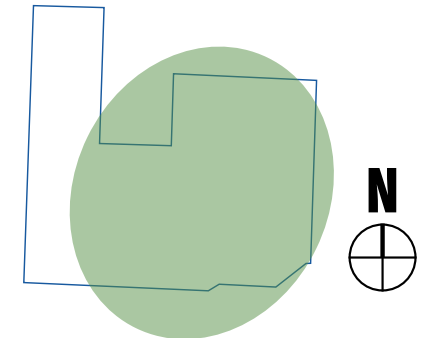
Key Plan



EAST ZONE

Moving away from the meadow area and into the woods, the east side of the park is predominantly forested. Trails will be the primary recreational amenity with wayfinding, benches and dispersed fitness features providing supporting amenities. To help activate this zone and limit undesirable activity nature trails, disc golf, and a forest picnic area will invite visitors to adventure into the woods.

Key Plan



Nature Viewing Overlook



Small Nature Viewing Features



Disc Golf



Forest Picnic Area



Fenced Dog Park



Dispersed Fitness in the Forest



Accessible Trails

TRAILS

Throughout the public engagement process trails were strongly advocated for by the community participants and align with the City’s planning documents and goals outlined in the PROS Plan and Greenways Strategic Plan.

The presence of the historic Nooksack/Telegraph Trail on site is an exciting opportunity to celebrate this important cultural history.

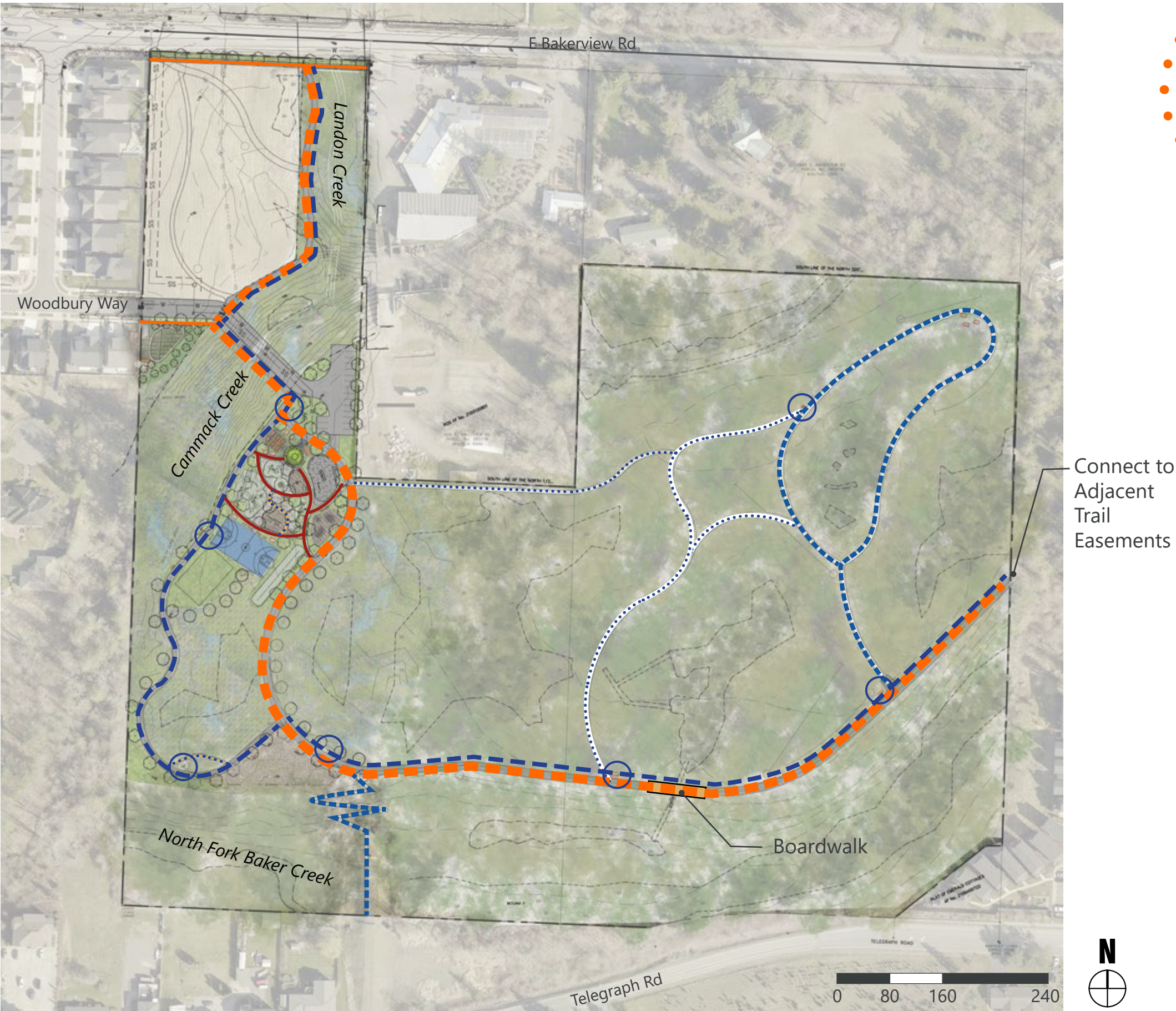
Trails are a primary feature in the future park and will offer a variety of experiences for visitors including nature trails, active mobility trails, small meandering pathways like a strider/ trike route in the playground, or single-track paths into the woods. There are trails for everyone.

Legend

- SIDEWALK
- PRIMARY TRAIL
- NATURE PRIMARY TRAIL
- SECONDARY TRAIL - ACTIVE
- SECONDARY TRAIL - FOREST TRAIL
- TERTIARY TRAIL - FOREST
- BOARDWALK
- DISPERSED ADULT EXERCISE



Historic Telegraph/Nooksack Trail/Road



TRAIL TYPES



1A PRIMARY TRAIL - PROGRAM SPACES

Multimodal trail, 10ft-12ft wide. Comfortable for bikers and walkers alike, they serve to connect the many active program areas and minimize circulation conflict. Durable surfacing materials like asphalt or concrete support high use while minimizing maintenance.



1B PRIMARY TRAIL - NATURAL AREAS

Multimodal trail, 8ft wide path with 1ft shoulders. Over time, natural debris such as pine needles and leaves, may build up a soft layer to soften the stone surface. These paths safely connect major points between and through the park.

TRAIL TYPES



2 SECONDARY TRAIL

4ft wide path with 1ft shoulders on each side. Surfacing material comprised of crushed limestone. Typically softer trails through natural areas with less traffic than the primary trails.



3 TERTIARY TRAIL

Single track trails with soft material surfacing like mulch and duff. Smaller trails within the natural areas for closer connections to nature and ample opportunities to explore the forest edge.

TRAIL TYPES



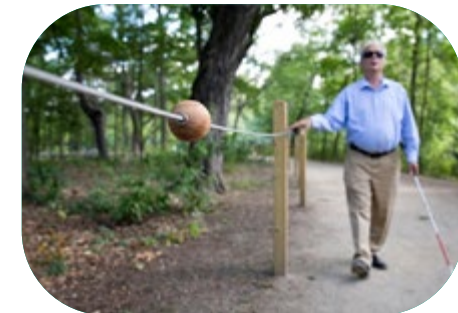
4 BOARDWALK TRAIL

Elevated pathway through sensitive areas allowing access while minimizing impacts. Provide rich opportunities to explore and learn about these dynamic habitats.

TRAIL FEATURES



Accessible Trail for All Mobilities



Multisensory Trail Experiences



Educational Signage



Trail Wayfinding



Dispersed Fitness



Disc Golf

CONNECT WITH NATURE & RESTORATION

Some of the greatest assets of this site are the large swaths of intact natural features including creeks, wetlands and forest all in one park. While many areas need restoration work to remove invasive species, reestablish habitat, and remove impacts of historic land use practices like culverts, over time these spaces will be restored allowing the natural ecosystems to thrive.

Visitors will be able to enjoy the abundant natural features via nature trails, wildlife viewing areas, and benches/picnic areas dispersed throughout the park.

Community stewardship programs could be applied to foster connections to nature, extend resources and create educational opportunities.



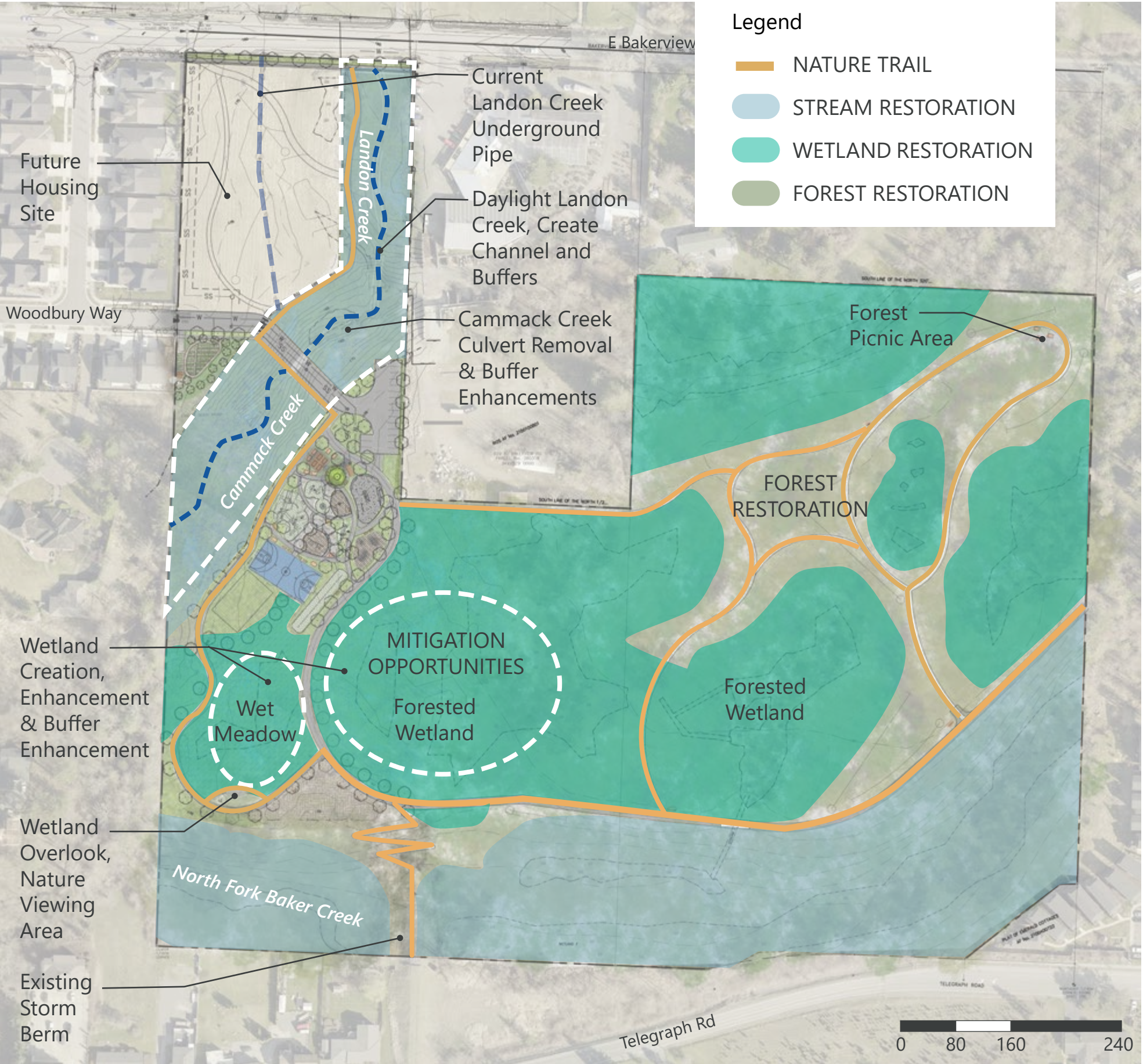
Nature Trail



Nature Education



Community Stewardship & Restoration



PLANTING GOALS

The diversity of habitats in this park offers an incredible opportunity to share these dynamic spaces and ecosystems with park visitors. Plants are one of the most visual and sensorial aspects of these different ecosystems and significantly shape visitor experience. Throughout the seasons, visitors will experience a wide variety of foliage, flowers, scent, texture, fruit/seed, not to mention the wildlife species that thrive in each habitat.

The plant communities that give structure to these spaces and experiences will need a careful stewardship to restore and catalyze their (re)establishment. It is important to note that this document does not entail the complete process necessary for habitat restoration as that work is already outlined in documents such as the City's Habitat Restoration Technical Assessment amongst many other resources. It is the goal of this document to discuss the different plant community goals that shape the character and aesthetics of the park spaces to maximize visitor experience.

To guide these efforts the different plant community types can be broken out into major focus areas with specific stewardship goals outlined for these spaces. For instance, wetlands and fish bearing streams, upland forest, meadow and open lawn are very different habitat types with distinct plant communities that require different horticultural protocols.

There are three primary focus areas: Priority Habitats and Invasive Species Removal, Restoration, and Cultivation & Aesthetics.



Priority Habitats

- Protect intact native habitat such as mature forest, meadow, stream and wetlands
- Promote the diversity of habitat types & wildlife
- Provide opportunities for education & passive enjoyment for visitors
- Monitor and adjust protected areas as needed to reflect wildlife needs

Priority Habitats

Areas with mature vegetation, or that demonstrate high ecological function should be prioritized for protection with ongoing maintenance tasks charged with ensuring these areas remain intact and undisturbed. Priority habitats identified so far include wetlands, riparian corridors and buffers, meadows, forests, and the edge habitat between them.

Stewardship goals will focus on protecting and enhancing the diversity of plant communities in these priority habitats, and the wildlife species that depend on them with emphasis on native, adaptive and climate resilient species with consideration for nesting, roosting, and foraging opportunities for wildlife species.

Public access will be directed in ways that avoid or minimize impacts while providing educational opportunities for park visitors to experience these priority habitats. Access may be adjusted seasonally to protect sensitive species, wildlife life cycles, migration or ecological processes.

Restoration & Invasive Species Removal

Large swaths of invasive species, Himalayan blackberry, orchard grass, English ivy to name a few, are established throughout the park. Measures to eradicate invasive species will stop their spread and allow the re-establishment of native, adaptive and climate resilient species that in time will regenerate into high priority habitats. Partnering with the community to host volunteer events can establish an invested stewardship program in support of the City's maintenance team or other work crews.



Restoration & Invasive Species Removal

- Targets removal of invasive species and reestablishment of native and climate adapted species
- Identifies critical areas for restoration of ecologically sensitive areas
- Includes mitigation steps necessary for impacts to wetlands and their buffers
- Must meet local, state and federal requirements

For restoration in the critical areas there are local, state and federal regulatory obligations that will require specific permitted restoration measures. Great care has been taken to avoid impacts to these critical areas, but some of the park improvements will result in impacts. Mitigation for these impacts will be determined as the park develops and undergoes permit review, but it is anticipated that they can be completed on site to restore and enhance existing critical wetland, streams and buffer areas.

Cultivation & Aesthetics

Equally valuable to visitor experience, ecological health and for addressing food insecurity are opportunities for the cultivation of food, fiber, medicine and culturally significant plants. The community garden and orchard offer a concentrated location for these activities for participants of the City’s community garden program. Placement of these plants should minimize maintenance requirements, for instance keeping messier, fruit trees away from formal areas or paths. Educational opportunities such as signage, or volunteer events can help showcase the abundant options available and even help select the species for cultivation.

Areas that receive higher visitor use such as around the active central zone, or along trails require more careful selection of plants. These areas need to be hardier, create safe, welcoming and inclusive experiences through Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) considerations and minimize maintenance demands.

Plant selection and design needs to carefully consider aesthetics as the visual character of the landscape helps create an intentional and beautiful park experience, reinforces a strong sense of place, and supports how visitors perceive and value the space.



Cultivation & Aesthetics

- Creates areas for cultivation of plants for food, fiber or cultural value such as a community garden, orchard or ethnobotanical plantings
- Plant selection and design places a higher value on aesthetics and safety when located close to high use public spaces

Plant Selection Qualities

Further refinement of plant selection requires establishing the desired qualities that promote the goals of the plant community types, ecological restoration, and other City goals such as climate resiliency and safety. Some of these qualities are listed below (in no order).

- Low Maintenance

Climate Adapted

Drought Tolerant

Support Wildlife

Support Pollinators

Shade

Species Diversity

Safety Considerations

Cultural Value

Seasonal Interest

Non-Toxic

Screening

Habitat Value
- Visual Appeal

Complexity

Layered Canopies

Soil

Hardiness

Foliage Type

Solar Exposure

Texture

Form & Habit

Resilience

Proportion

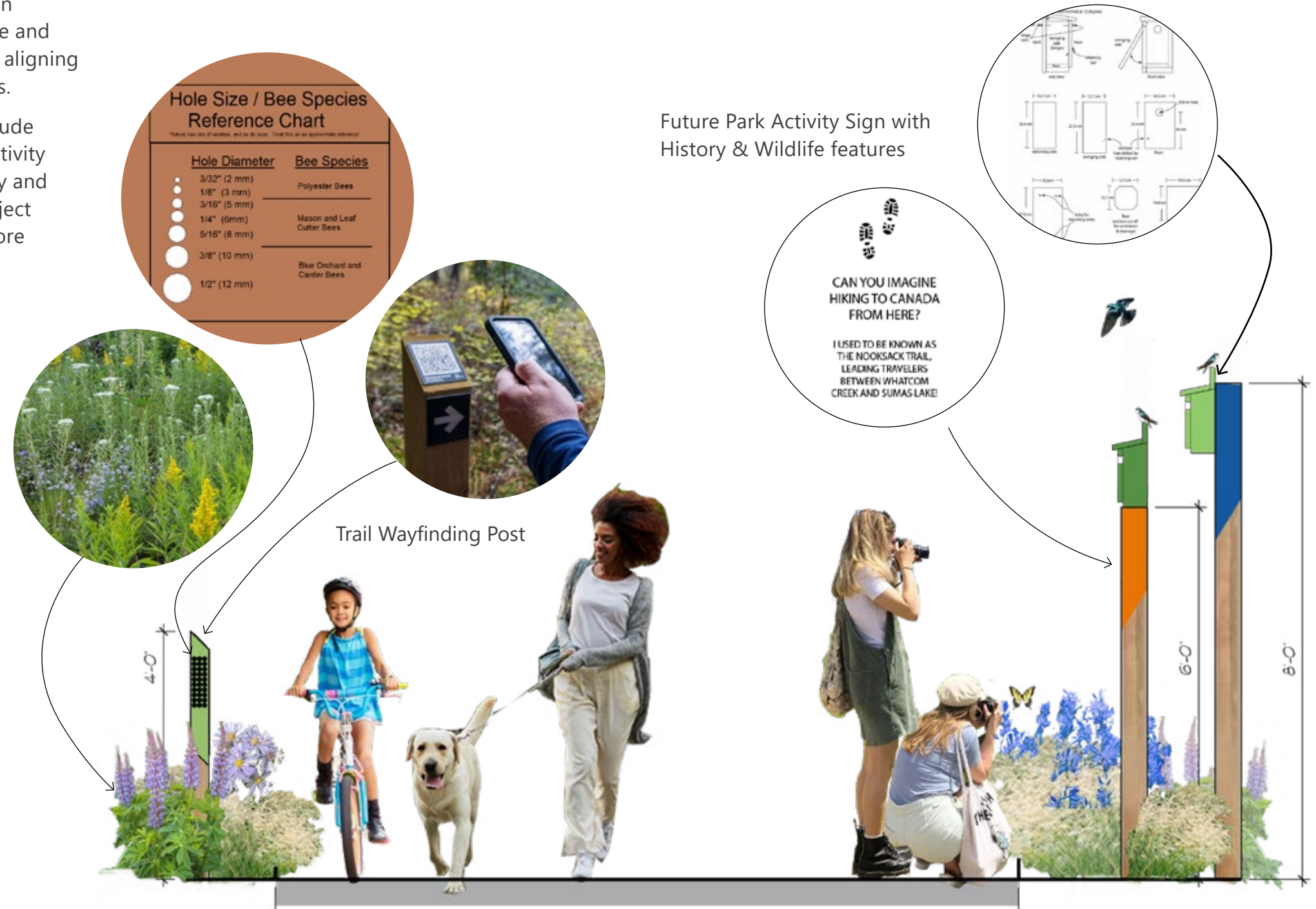
Ethnobotanical

Sense-of-Place

WAYFINDING

Visitors will need signage to help guide them through the park and to their desired destination safely and confidently. Signage should identify key access points, destinations, and decision nodes through a coordinated hierarchy of markers, directional signs, and information panels. Signage should be legible, durable and reflect the character of the site while also aligning to the City’s parks and trail sign standards.

The proposed signs for this new park include Trail Wayfinding Posts and Future Park Activity signs that while intended to be temporary and used during the initial phasing of the project they could be repurposed and used in more permanent applications.



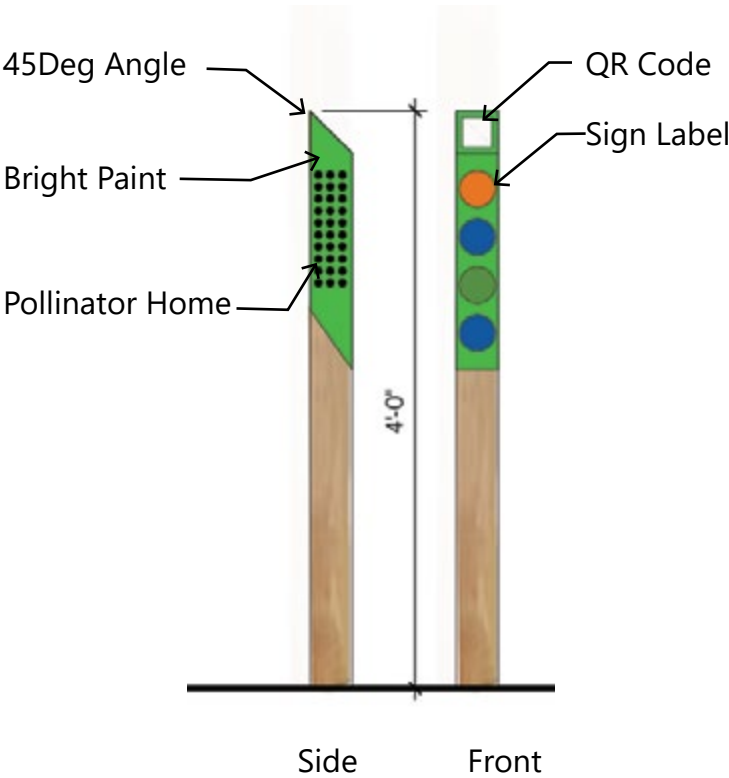
TRAIL WAYFINDING - Trail Types

Clearly defining the trail type can help visitors safely and efficiently navigate through the park and identify which trails are appropriate for specific activities.

High contrast colors, large block print lettering, and braille will help the sign stand out against variable backgrounds and support visually impaired visitors.

Numbers and colors align to the trail type indicating if the trail is a primary, secondary or tertiary trail, whether it is multimodal or pedestrian only, or if it's a nature trail. Distances will also provide meaningful information to help visitors plan their routes and destinations.

Providing pollinator habitat on the sign post is a secondary benefit that supports biodiversity.



TRAIL TYPES - SIMPLE

			
Multimodal Primary Trail	Secondary Nature Trail	Tertiary Nature Trail	Multimodal Boardwalk

MULTIMODAL TRAIL WITH MILEAGE

			
Primary Trail		Secondary Trail	Tertiary Trail

NATURE TRAIL WITH MILEAGE

			
Primary Trail		Secondary Trail	Tertiary Trail

TRAIL WAYFINDING - Activities, Direction & Special Designations

Trail Wayfinding signs identify direction, accessibility and activities.

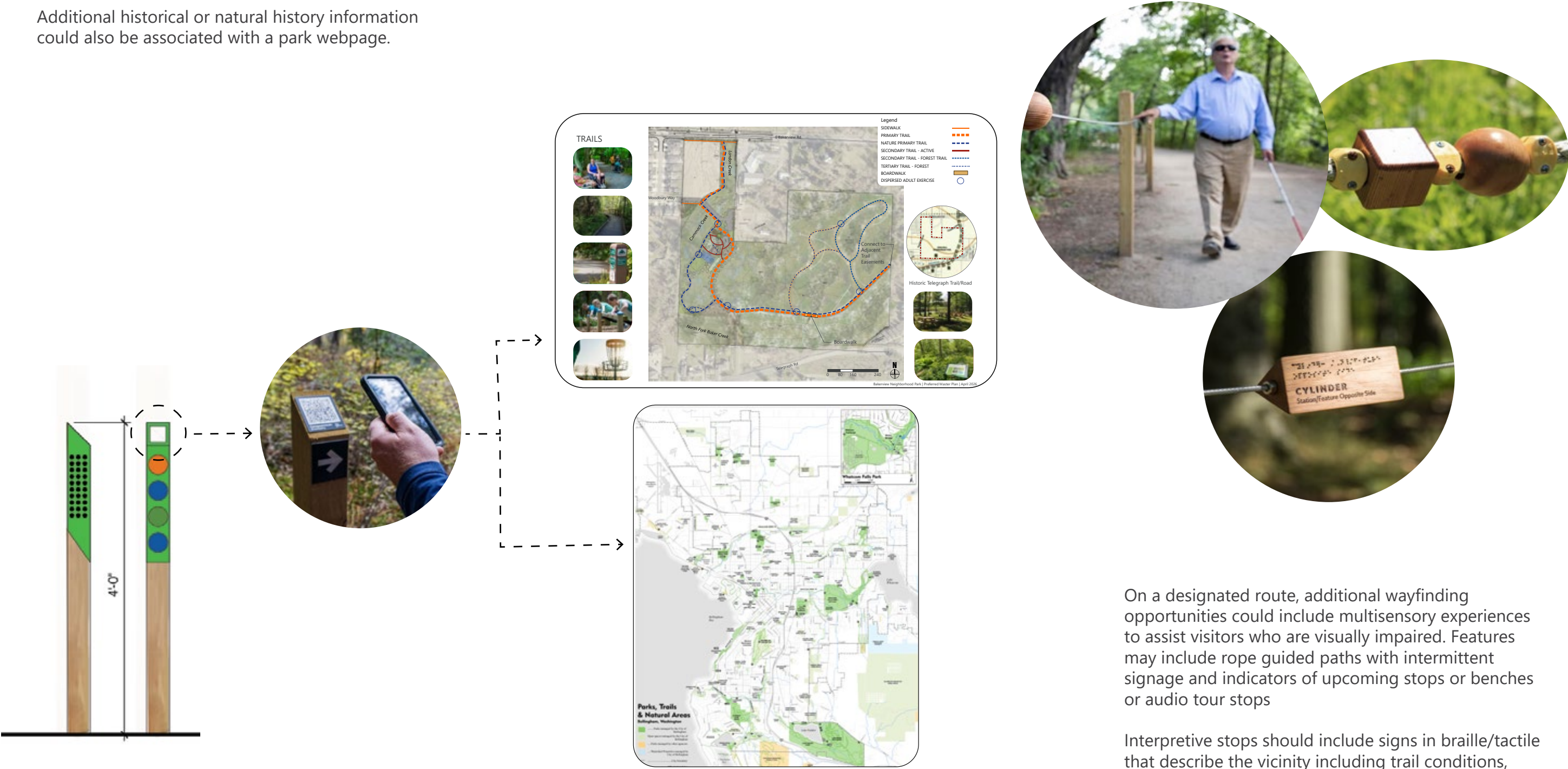
High contrast colors, large block print lettering, and either braille or raised images will help the sign stand out against variable backgrounds at a distance, and support visually impaired visitors.



TRAIL WAYFINDING - QR Code

QR code links to the parks trail system and adjacent connections, as well as the city's parks, trails and natural areas map.

Additional historical or natural history information could also be associated with a park webpage.



On a designated route, additional wayfinding opportunities could include multisensory experiences to assist visitors who are visually impaired. Features may include rope guided paths with intermittent signage and indicators of upcoming stops or benches or audio tour stops

Interpretive stops should include signs in braille/tactile that describe the vicinity including trail conditions, materials as well as any noteworthy site features.

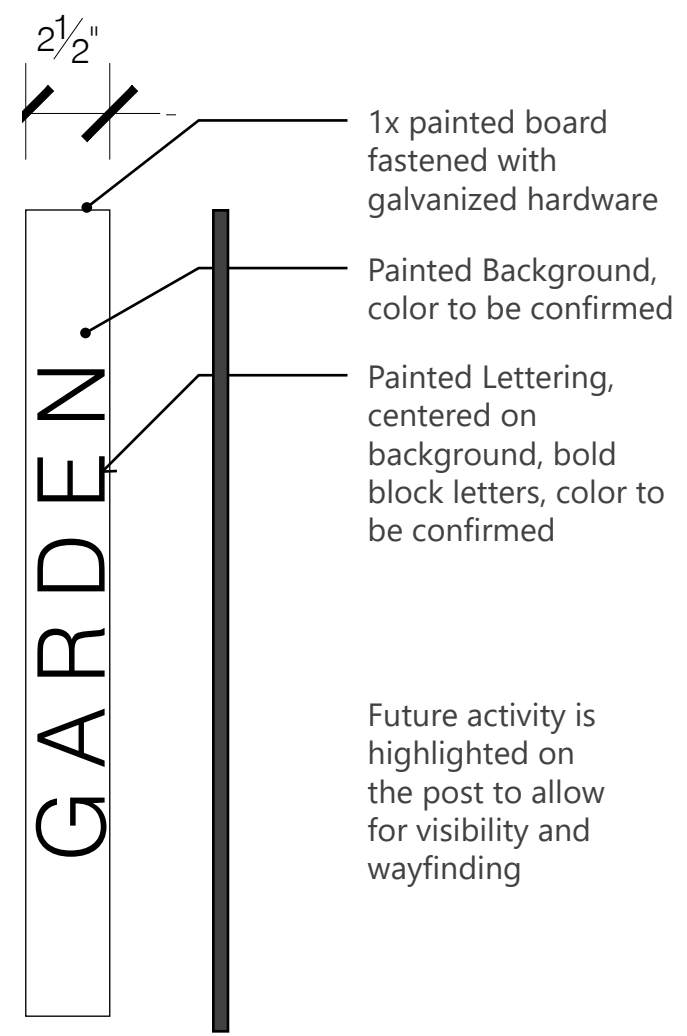
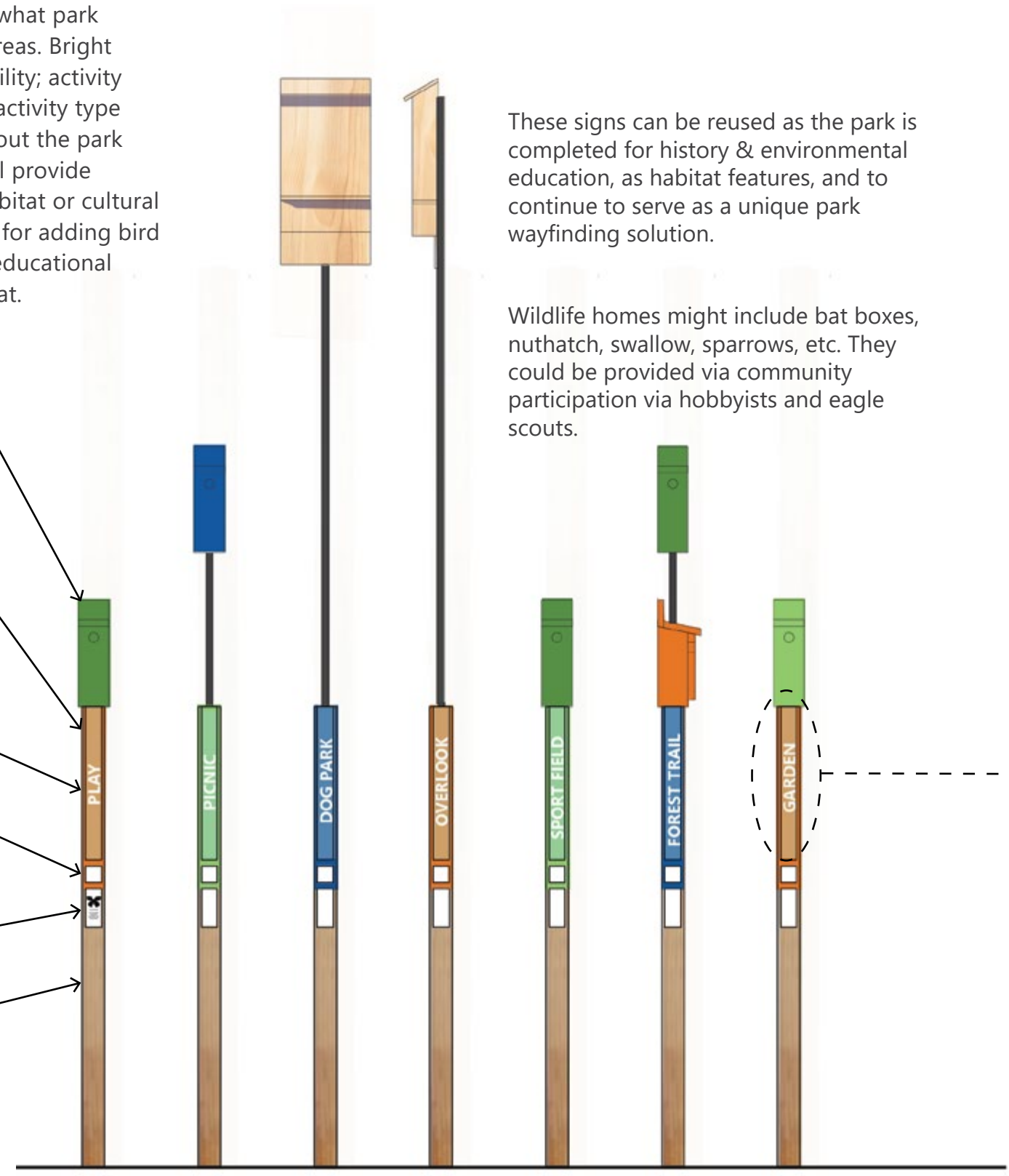
FUTURE PARK ACTIVITY WITH WILDLIFE & HISTORY POSTS

Before the park is completely installed these signs will serve as guideposts for what park activity is planned for particular areas. Bright colors offer high contrast for visibility; activity labels and QR codes indicate the activity type and provide more information about the park planning efforts. Special labels will provide information about key species, habitat or cultural history. Additional considerations for adding bird houses or bat boxes will provide educational opportunities plus potential habitat.

These signs can be reused as the park is completed for history & environmental education, as habitat features, and to continue to serve as a unique park wayfinding solution.

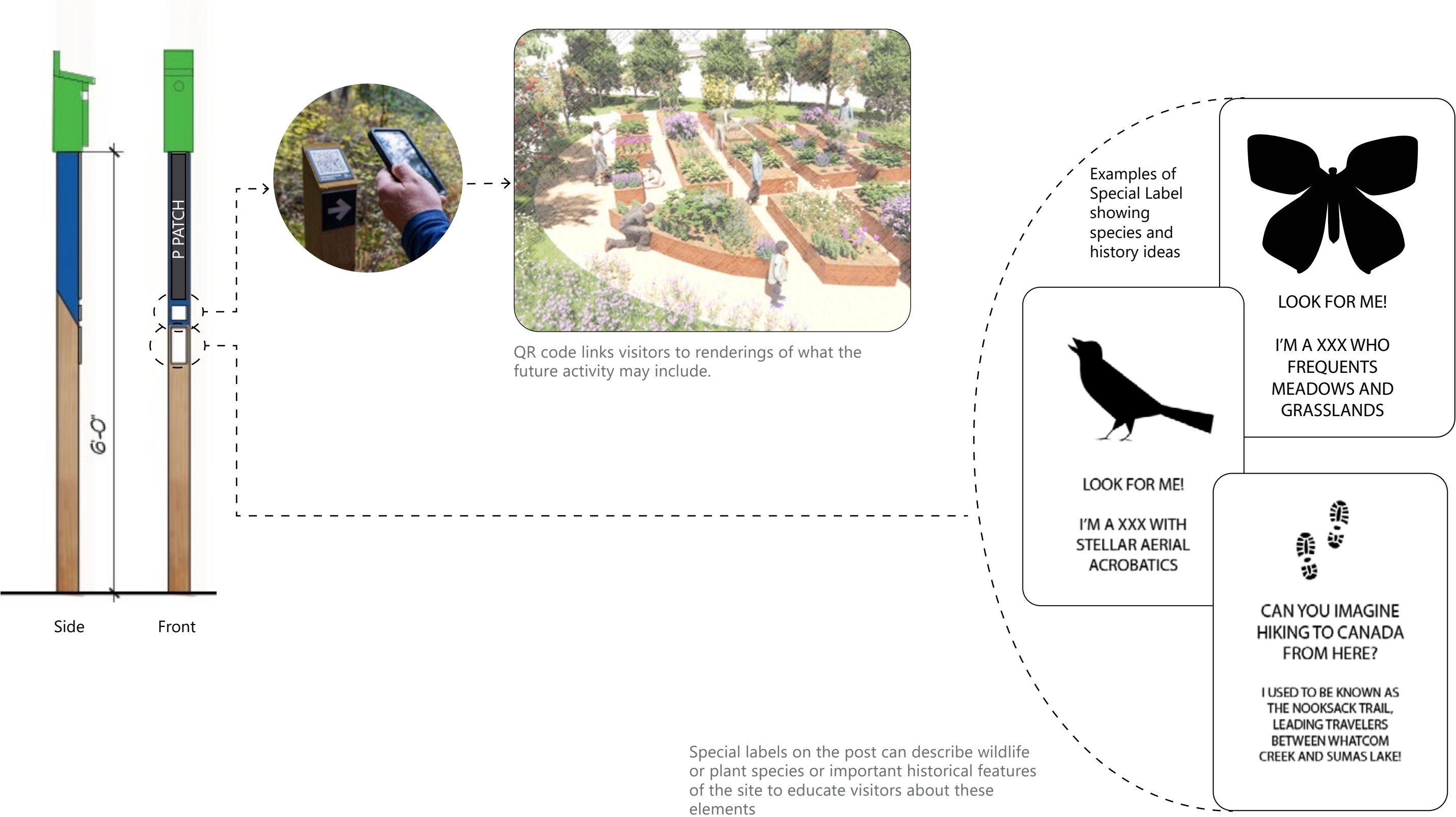
Wildlife homes might include bat boxes, nuthatch, swallow, sparrows, etc. They could be provided via community participation via hobbyists and eagle scouts.

- Wildlife home, orientation and elevation as needed for the specific species
- Bright colors to call attention to sign, improves visibility across park
- Label for future park activity
- QR Code - links to rendered views of future activity
- Special history & species label
- 4x4 6FT HT cedar post, direct embed into ground 2'-0"



FUTURE PARK ACTIVITY WITH WILDLIFE & HISTORY POSTS - SPECIAL LABELS

QR code link visitors to the planned future park activity via renderings and project background. Special labels provide educational opportunities for visitors about history or the environment.



Special labels on the post can describe wildlife or plant species or important historical features of the site to educate visitors about these elements



CRIME PROTECTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

This master plan incorporates Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to promote a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all users. CPTED strategies are integrated throughout the site design to enhance visibility, reinforce appropriate use, and foster a strong sense of community ownership.

Natural Surveillance - prioritizes clear sight lines across the park to maximize visibility and reduce opportunities for concealment. Key elements include:

- Strategic placement of pathways, activity areas, and seating to ensure users can be easily seen from multiple vantage points
- Maintaining open views into and throughout the park from adjacent streets and neighboring properties
- Limiting dense vegetation near pathways and gathering areas, while maintaining ecological function. In wooded areas, selective pruning and understory management will maintain visibility beneath tree canopies while preserving native habitat and healthy forests. Along wetlands and creeks, vegetation will be arranged to preserve key site corridors along primary trails and overlooks, while maintaining required buffers and habitat functions. Edge conditions between open areas and forest for wetland zones will be designated to avoid abrupt visual barriers, using layered planting that allows filtered visibility rather than solid screening
- Incorporating appropriate lighting along primary circulation routes and key activity zones to support visibility during evening hours

Access Control - Park circulation is designed to clearly guide users through appropriate entries and along designated routes, reducing undefined or hidden access areas:

- Clearly defined entrances that are visible and welcoming
- Pathway systems that connect key destinations while discouraging creation of informal or hidden trails or the formation of desire paths
- Low-impact barriers (e.g., logs, boulders and native planting) will be used to subtly guide movement without introducing hard edges
- Use of landscape elements, topography, and low barriers to direct movement without creating a fortress-like environment

- Post signs with rules, and park hours at park entrances to establish appropriate use and expectations
- Utilize a park gate to keep vehicles from staying past park hours

Territorial Reinforcement - establish a strong sense of ownership and care by clearly defining the park as a valued community space.

- Use of signage, site furnishings, and landscape design to communicate intended uses and expectations
- Interpretive signage and trailhead elements at entrances will reinforce stewardship expectations and communicate transition to more sensitive environments
- Distinct transitions between public, semi-public, and service areas including gradual transitions between developed park areas and natural resource areas will clearly signal appropriate uses

Maintenance and Management - Long-term safety is supported through durable design and planned maintenance strategies.

- Selection of materials and plantings that are resilient, low-maintenance, and appropriate for the local climate
- Vegetation management in natural areas will follow CPTED-informed best practices for “natural area maintenance,” balancing habitat complexity with visibility by managing understory density and pruning lower limbs where appropriate
- Designing to avoid overgrowth that could obscure views or create hiding places. Special attention will be given to edge conditions along trails adjacent to wetlands and creeks where seasonal growth can rapidly reduce visibility if not actively managed.
- Providing access for maintenance and operations to ensure the park can be consistently cared for

CRIME PROTECTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

Activity Support and Activation - The master plan encourages consistent, positive use of the park by a diverse range of users, which inherently improves safety.

- Locating active and passive recreation elements to promote regular use throughout the day. Overlooks, boardwalks, and nature-oriented amenities (e.g., wildlife viewing areas) will be strategically located along wetland and creek corridors to increase legitimate use and passive surveillance in these areas.
- Providing amenities that attract a wide demographic, including families, youth, and seniors
- Trail loops and activities through wooded areas will be designed to maintain visibility and connectivity, reducing isolated segments while enhancing recreational value.
- Encouraging adjacency and visibility between different activity zones to increase informal supervision

Lighting Strategy - Lighting is incorporated to enhance safety while respecting neighborhood context and environmental considerations.

- Illumination of primary pathways, parking entrances, and gathering areas
- Avoidance of glare and light spill into adjacent residential areas and sensitive habitats.
- Consistent with Bellingham Municipal Code requirements for shoreline and environmentally sensitive areas, lighting will be minimized near wetlands and creeks to protect ecological function, particularly for fish and wildlife. Where lighting is necessary, it will use shielded fixtures, low illumination levels, and carefully controlled photometrics to balance safety with habitat protection

Park Stewards - Select local volunteers through the city's park steward program to provide extra care and support

- Walk the trails every day and report illicit activity
- Manage vegetation consistent with these CPTED principals
- Report graffiti, dumping, or any damage

This master plan integrates CPTED principles with the City of Bellingham's emphasis on environmental stewardship, connectivity, and community safety by carefully balancing visibility, access, and habitat protection. By tailoring CPTED strategies to wetlands, creeks, and forested environments, the design supports both safety and ecological function—creating a park that is actively used, visually accessible, and environmentally resilient.



SUSTAINABILITY

The master plan directly supports the City’s sustainability and climate goals as outlined in the Climate Action Plan. The following framework reflects a commitment to responsible resource management, enhancement of ecological function, reduction of green house gas emissions and supporting a healthy, equitable and resilient community. The strategies are intended to support durable, adaptable solutions that respond to the site-specific conditions while advancing broader, long-term objectives to achieve climate resilience. They are design guidelines to support the Parks planning and operations team.

Low-Carbon and Resource-Efficient Materials

The design emphasizes the use of materials that are carbon smart and support circular material use.

- Prioritization of crushed aggregate surfaces for secondary trails and low-impact circulation routes, which reduce material processing and better integrate with the natural landscape
- Use of recycled aggregate materials, diverting construction waste from landfills and reducing demand for new raw materials
- Prioritize bio-based materials to promote renewable resources and carbon drawdown
- Low-carbon concrete mixes for hardscape applications such as foundations, curbs and roadways, and primary trails. These reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with conventional cement production. Consider helical piles instead of concrete foundations.
- Use of warm mix asphalt (WMA) for paved surfaces, which is produced at lower temperatures and reduces energy consumption and emissions compared to conventional asphalt
- Source materials locally to reflect local context, support local economy, and reduce impacts from transportation

Recycled Content and Circular Design

Reuse of materials to minimize waste and reduce the project’s overall environmental footprint.

- Integration of reclaimed asphalt pavement and recycled concrete where feasible to reduce reliance on virgin materials
- Selection of construction materials and furnishings with high recycled

content and ease of disassembly to repurpose at end of life creating a circular resource cycle

- Utilize Life Cycle Analysis and Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) when selecting materials and products or consider for the whole project
- Designing park elements for durability and adaptability to extend service life and minimize replacement needs

Soil Health and Carbon Sequestration

Landscape strategies focus on improving soil performance while contributing to climate goals.

- Enhance on site wetlands and the forest ecosystems to support carbon sequestration and storage, retain existing native or adaptive vegetation where feasible
- Use of biochar as a soil amendment to improve soil structure, enhance nutrient retention, and increase water-holding capacity. Biochar incorporation supports long-term carbon sequestration by storing carbon in soils and contributing to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions.

Low-Maintenance and Climate-Responsive Planting

The planting approach should be designed to reduce long-term maintenance, water use, and inputs while supporting ecological function.

- Restoration and protection of established native or adaptive species
- Use of Pacific Northwest native and climate-adapted plant species that are well-suited to local rainfall patterns and soil conditions. These species require less irrigation, fertilization and pest management once established, reducing maintenance inputs and operational costs
- Grouping of plant communities into hydrozones to optimize irrigation efficiency and support plant health
- Reduction of conventional turf areas in favor of native groundcovers, meadow plantings, and naturalized landscapes
- Use of mulch and soil-building strategies to reduce weed growth, retain soil moisture, and improve long-term soil performance

SUSTAINABILITY

Low-Maintenance Surface and Infrastructure Design

The master plan reduces long-term operational impacts through material and layout choices.

- Selection of durable, low-maintenance materials that reduce lifecycle maintenance and replacement needs
- Use of permeable and semi-permeable surfaces where appropriate to support natural drainage and reduce runoff
- Minimization of hardscape areas in sensitive natural zones to reduce disturbance and improve site resilience

Integrated Water and Ecological Performance

Sustainability strategies are coordinated with the park’s natural systems to improve overall performance.

- Use of naturalized stormwater management approaches, including vegetated swales and infiltration areas
- Soil amendments such as biochar support stormwater filtration and pollutant reduction while improving plant health
- Design that works with existing hydrology and topography to minimize grading and disturbance

Resources

- Carbon Smart Materials Palette <https://www.materialspalette.org/palette/>
- Carbon Conscience <https://www.carbonconscience.sasaki.com/>
- Climate Positive Design <https://climatepositivedesign.org/education/design-toolkit/>
- Green Futures Lab Materials Matter Designing the Climate Responsible City <https://greenfutures.be.uw.edu/2025/07/14/materials-matter/>
- USGBC Building Product Disclosure and Optimization - Environmental Product Declarations <https://www.usgbc.org/credits/new-construction-core-and-shell-schools-new-construction-retail-new-construction-data-43>

PRIORITY STRATEGIES



PHASING

PHASE 0 - MAINTENANCE & PUBLIC ACCESS

This early phase primarily focuses on creating trails and encouraging the community to visit and activate the park.

Visitors arrive to the park through the existing pedestrian access via Woodbury Way and E Bakerview Road. Wide mown trails will be cut into the meadow in the location of the future, permanent trails. In the forest, brush clearing, tree limbing and invasive species removal will open these trail corridors with an overlay of wood chips to protect the forest floor.

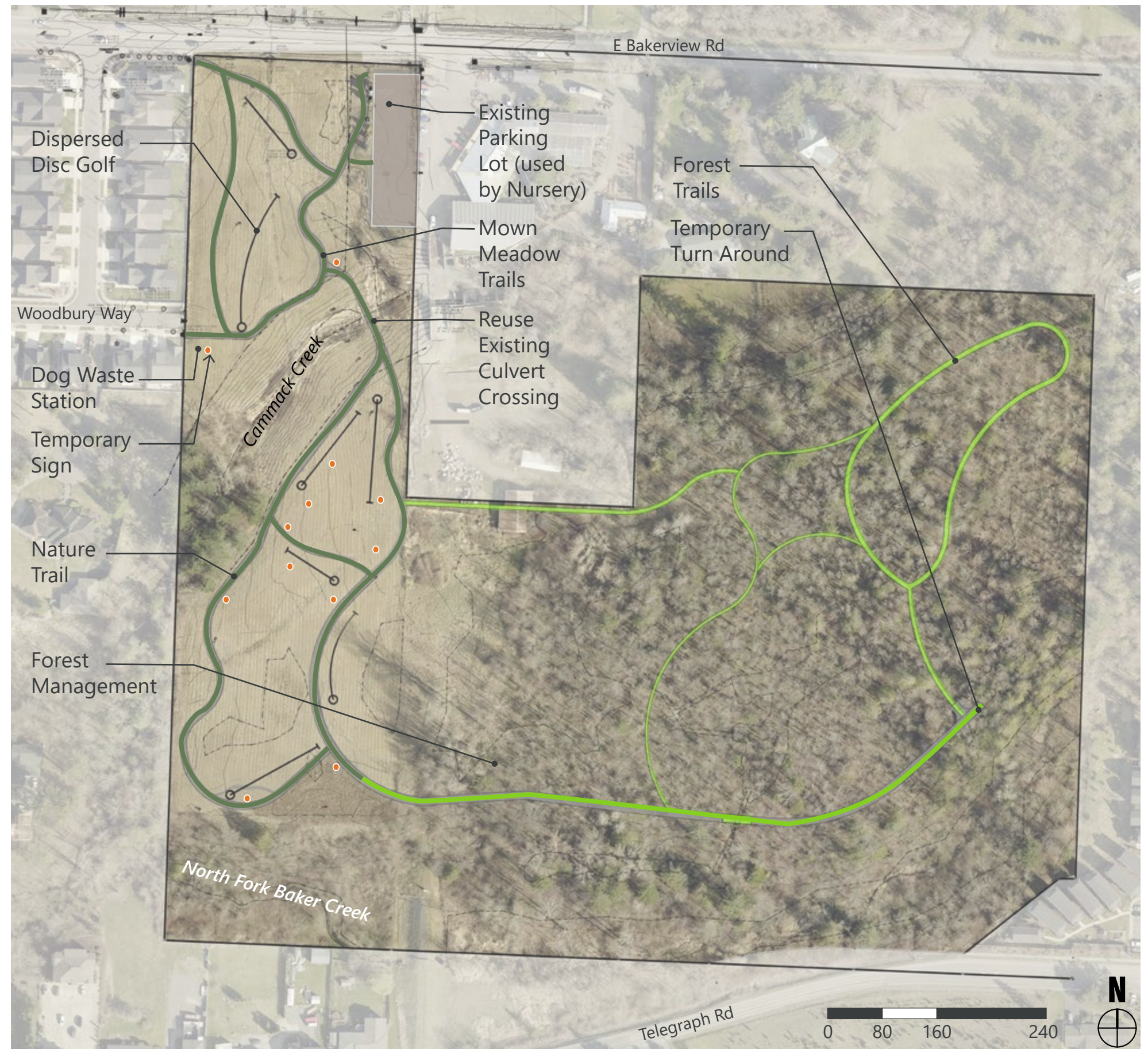
Disc golf targets will be distributed throughout the open areas to encourage positive activation throughout.

Temporary wayfinding will allow ease of navigation, provide visuals for future park activities and educational information with a touch of whimsy.

This scope assumes most work is completed by the parks maintenance and operations department with potential for volunteer stewardship events.



Photo Credit: Peter Gill





PHASE 1 - RESTORATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

The next major step will bridge across Cammack Creek to create a permanent entry for visitors and parking. Woodbury Way will extend into the park terminating at a small parking lot that includes a firetruck hammerhead.

Permanent trails meeting Parks standards will replace the mown trails in the meadow and the multimodal path through the forest. Mown trails in the north parcel will be maintained to continue to support this entry point.

The central gathering area will start to take shape with the picnic shelter, restrooms, and central gathering area and signature tree. Utilities to support these features will be extended along with the Cammack Creek crossing.

Additional activities include the community garden along Woodbury Way, a fenced off-leash dog park at the south end of the park, and ongoing disc golf targets throughout the park as well as benches, picnic tables and hammock/slack-line posts.

Restoration work for Cammack Creek and meadow wetlands will start to restore vegetation and reestablish wildlife habitat.

PHASE 2 PLUS - PARK AMENITIES & RESTORATION

In these future phases additional park activities will be added as feasible. A playground, zipline, multisport court, climbing area, adult exercise area and dispersed exercise equipment, playfield and skate dot along with permanent wayfinding signage, lighting, planting and other amenities. Additional connections to the City’s trail network will also be explored.

E Bakerview Road street frontage improvements will help add a sidewalk along the north end creating safer pedestrian access along with updating the roadway to meet City street standards. At that time, Landon Creek will daylight in the park with a new fish passable culvert under E Bakerview Road.

Restoration and mitigation work will continue in the creeks, wetlands and forests helping create a natural wonderland.



Future trail connections through adjacent trail easements



COST ESTIMATES

PHASE 0 PROGRAM COSTS

Site Preparation	\$15,000-\$25,000
General Site Features	\$35,000-\$50,000

PHASE I PROGRAM COSTS

Woodbury Way Street Extension	\$400,000-\$600,000
Cammack Creek Crossing	\$1,100,000-\$2,500,000
Utilities	\$350,000-\$550,000
Permanent Trails	\$250,000-\$350,000
Community Garden	\$30,000-\$50,000
Picnic Shelter & Restroom	\$175,000-\$300,000
Central Plaza	\$15,000- \$25,000
Off-leash Dog Area	\$35,000-\$50,000
Dispersed Exercise	\$35,000- \$75,000
Planting & Irrigation	\$40,000-\$100,000
General Site Amenities	\$30,000-\$75,000
1 Ac Wetland Restoration	\$400,000-\$800,000
Cammack Creek Mitigation	\$200,000-\$400,000

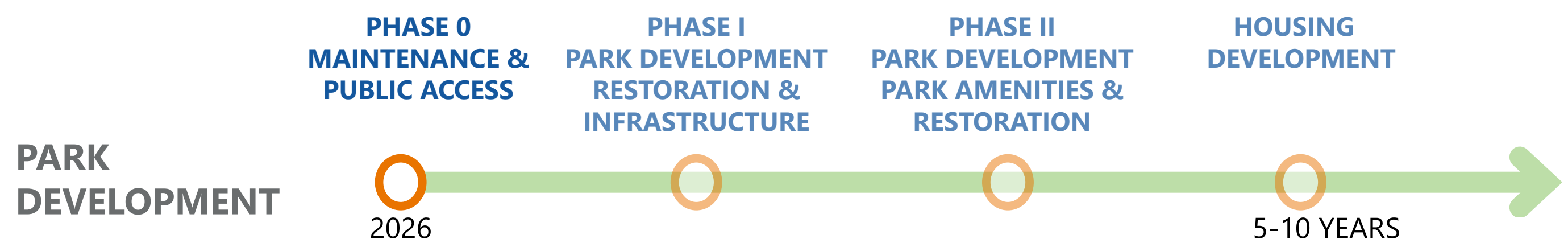
PHASE II & BEYOND PROGRAM COSTS

Bakerview Road Street Improvements	\$350,000-\$500,000
Landon Creek Culvert Replacement & Stream Daylighting	\$1,500,000-\$2,700,000
Utilities	\$150,000-\$200,000
Playground	\$250,000-\$750,000
Zipline	\$75,000-\$100,000
Multisport Court	\$250,000-\$350,000
Bouldering Area	\$75,000-\$90,000
Skate Area	\$250,000-\$500,000
Adult Exercise Area	\$60,000-\$80,000
Open Field	\$65,000-\$95,000
Planting & Irrigation	\$150,000-\$250,000
General Site Features	\$250,000-\$400,000
2 Ac Wetland Restoration	\$800,000-\$1,600,000

The costs shown in these tables are approximate and for planning purposes only. Additional design is needed to determine more accurate values.



SCHEDULE



APPENDICES

Appendix A -Mitigation Feasibility Memo for Bakerview Neighborhood Park

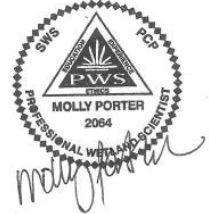
Appendix B - Public Engagement Survey Response Summaries





MEMORANDUM

To: City of Bellingham Parks Dept., Applicant
From: Molly Porter, PWS, Northwest Ecological Services (NES)
Date: June 19, 2024
RE: Mitigation Feasibility Memo for Bakerview Neighborhood Park



BACKGROUND

Northwest Ecological Services, LLC (NES) was retained to complete a conceptual mitigation design/ feasibility study for proposed development within the property known as Bakerview Neighborhood Park. The project site is owned by the City of Bellingham (COB) Parks department and is located in the King Mountain Neighborhood, in the northern extent of the City limits. The 29.33-acre parcel (380318 366480) is located south of East Bakerview Road (Section 18, Township 38N, Range 03E, W.M.) (Figure 1).

NES prepared past wetland delineations and critical areas assessment for portions of this site on two occasions. The eastern forested acreage was reviewed in 2003. The western pasture area was reviewed in 2016. These assessments were updated in January of 2024 but reflagging and a new survey of wetland boundaries was not included at that time. A number of wetlands and streams are located onsite, as described below and shown in Figure 2.

NES has worked with the design team and Parks to review multiple development scenarios. The current proposed site design is included in Figure 3. The intent of this memo is to quantify critical area impacts and identify the amount and placement of onsite mitigation areas that may be required to permit this current site design. A complete mitigation plan and impact analysis will be provided at a future date.

EXISTING CONDITIONS SUMMARY

Wetlands

During the 2024 assessment, 14 wetlands and one wetland mosaic (Wetlands D, M, N, O, P) were identified onsite (Figure 3). Site wetlands are summarized in Table 1. Please refer to the critical areas reports for additional details.



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Table 1. Wetland Summary

Wetland	Hydrogeomorphic Class	Cowardin Classification	WDOE Category	Regulated Buffer *
A1	Riverine	PFO/ PSS	II	75
A2	Slope	PEM	III	80
B	Depressional	PFO	III	60
C	Depressional	PFO	III	60
D, M, N, O, P Mosaic	Depressional	PSS	IV	25
E	Depressional/Slope	PFO	III	60
F	Riverine	PFO/PSS	II	75
G	Slope	PEM	III	80
H, J, K, L	Depressional	PEM	III	100
X	Depressional	PFO	III	50
Y	Depressional	PEM	III	80
Z	Depressional	PFO	IV	n/a

PFO: Palustrine Forested; PSS: Palustrine Scrub-Shrub; PEM: Palustrine Emergent

*Buffers based on variable intensity land uses- see critical area report for details

Habitat Conservation Areas (HCAs)

HCAs observed onsite included three streams (North Fork Baker, Cammack Creek, and Landon Creek) and three smaller drainages (Stream 1, 2, and 3), as shown in Figure 2.

The onsite portion of North Fork Baker Creek is mapped by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) as a seasonal, fish-bearing stream with potential presence of multiple species of salmonids.

Cammack Creek is not currently mapped as fish bearing by WDFW, but it is connected to downstream fish bearing waters (Baker Creek) and contains channel morphology that would provide suitable fish habitat; and is therefore assumed to be fish bearing.

Landon Creek flows into the northwestern portion of the subject parcel from a culvert under East Bakerview Road, and within the property the creek is located in a buried culvert. The culvert daylights into Cammack Creek in the approximate location shown in Figure 2.

Three smaller drainages are present onsite, and all are small intermittent/ ephemeral outlets from various wetlands (C, G, and L). None are considered fish bearing.

Site streams summarized in Table 2. Please refer to the critical areas reports for additional details.

Table 2. Stream Summary

Feature	Type	Regulatory Authority				Regulated Buffer (ft)*
		COB	Corps	Ecology	WDFW	
North Fork Baker Creek	F	X	X	X	X	75
Cammack Creek	F	X	X	X	X	75
Landon Creek	Ns	X	X	X	X	50
Streams 1-3	Ns	X		X		50

F; Fish bearing, Ns: Non-fish bearing seasonal

* minimum buffers from Code Cited

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) mapping does not indicate any Priority wildlife species onsite. However, mapping includes the occurrence of big brown bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*) within the township. No obvious hibernacula were observed within the review area. Multiple large snags were observed within the forest on site that may be utilized for day roosts. Foraging habitat is present on site, primarily within the riparian corridors associated with Cammack and North Fork Baker Creek.

Aside from potential salmonids in the streams, no other state or federal Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate species or State Priority species are mapped, or were observed, within the subject parcel or immediate vicinity.

The Bellingham Habitat Restoration Technical Assessment (COB, 2015) maps portions of the site within forested block #157, which includes recommended restoration actions.

Regulatory Summary

All aforementioned critical areas are anticipated to be regulated by one more of the following agencies: City of Bellingham (COB), US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), and/or WDFW.

The COB requires a buffer around most regulated critical areas to protect functions. The buffer must remain naturally vegetated except where it can be enhanced to improve functions. Buffers are measured from the wetland edge or a stream ordinary high water mark (OHWM), and **buffer widths based on City Code are included in Tables 1 and 2 above**. Again, please refer to the NES Critical Area Update for additional details (NES, 2024).

PROPOSED PROJECT

The current site plan is included as Figure 3 and includes the following elements:

- Frontage Improvements. The project is anticipated to require frontage improvements along East Bakerview Road that include the addition of a curb, gutter, and sidewalk. This will require modifications or an extension to the Landon Creek culvert under the road. Any proposal for these modifications is anticipated to require permits from WDFW and upgrading the culvert under East Bakerview Rd to meet fish passage standards.
- Residential Development. The proposed project includes designating a portion of the site for future multi-family residential development. This development area is intended to meet the need for affordable housing within the City, and will be constructed at a future date by someone other than the Parks department. The residential project area is not shown on the current site plan but is located in the northwestern portion of the property, from the proposed access road to the north. Impacts associated with this development are considered in this memo as they will affect the onsite critical area impacts and mitigation.
- Park Amenities. Active park amenities are planned on the south side of Cammack Creek, which may include restrooms, a skate park, sports courts, picnic areas, and active play areas.
- Site Access. The park will be accessed via a new road extending from Woodbury Way at the western property line, extending southeast through the site. This will need to cross Cammack Creek, and parking will be provided south of the stream near the active park elements.
- Trails. Numerous multi-user trails are proposed throughout the remainder of the site. These span the open fields south of the active park areas and into the forest in the eastern portion of the site. The trails will connect south to Telegraph Road over the City stormwater detention dam. A future connection is anticipated along the eastern parcel boundary, extending east towards James Street but the exact alignment and potential critical area impacts associated with the offsite extent of this trail system are not included at this time.

A number of nature viewing nodes/ platforms are located along the trail alignment, these are shown as dark orange polygons in Figure 3.

- Stormwater. Stormwater management shall be provided for all new impervious surfaces per the Washington Department of Ecology Stormwater Manual for Western Washington and the City Code.
- Wetland Stream Impacts and Mitigation. The proposed development is anticipated to result in wetland fill, indirect wetland impact, and wetland/ stream buffers impacts. Mitigation for all impacts is currently proposed onsite, as detailed below.

Mitigation is presented in the form of wetland creation, wetland enhancement and wetland/ stream buffer enhancement. This project also includes daylighting the onsite portion of Landon Creek as out of kind mitigation for a portion of the site impacts.

PROJECT AND PERMIT TIMING

The extent of some of the impacts will differ depending on the timing of activities in relation to phases of the project. For example, if the road improvements are permitted first the road widening will result in an indirect impact to Wetland Y, but if the residential component is permitted first then Wetland Y will be filled and no indirect wetland or buffer impact will occur.

Additionally, some elements of the proposed project will require only City permits, while others, particularly the proposed wetland fill and daylighting of Landon Creek will require additional permits from the Corps, Ecology, and WDFW.

In order to maximize the efficiency of permitting and minimize mitigation required, we recommend permitting all aspects of the project that require permits and coordination with the Corps, Ecology, and WDFW at one time.

The impacts and mitigation below are intended to include all project impacts but impacts and mitigation required may differ depending on if/ how the project is broken into phases. For the purposes of this assessment we assume the wetlands in the residential area will be filled prior to road improvements and Park elements, or they will be permitted simultaneously.

PROPOSED WETLAND/ STREAMS IMPACTS

The following section summarizes impacts associated with the proposed project. Total impacts are summarized below in Table 3.

Residential Component

Wetland Impact –

Fill- 0.17 acres of Category III wetland fill (all of Wetlands Y and G).

Indirect Wetland Impact – 0.03 acres of indirect Category III impact (Wetland A2).

Both the proximity of the residential development and discharge of the new Landon Creek channel into Wetland A2 are anticipated to result in a potential indirect impact to this wetland.

Streams- Fill of Stream 3- 35 linear feet or approx. 105 square feet (sq. ft.) (35 x 3 feet).

Buffer Impact- None

Park Amenities and Trails

Wetland Impact –

Fill- None.

Indirect Wetland Impact – 0.13 acres of indirect Category III impact (Wetlands L, J, K).

Indirect impacts result from the buffer being reduced beyond the maximum 25 percent allowed under City Code. A reduction beyond this amount is likely to result in an indirect wetland impact due to proximity of development. In these areas, the wetland will be retained and able to provide some wetland functions, but the functions may be reduced. These impacts are therefore presented as indirect wetland impact, rather than buffer impact. This is calculated by projecting the wetland buffer from the proposed development to the wetland and counting the area of wetland that overlaps and will be functionally a buffer for the remainder.

Indirect wetland impacts are not presented for trails, as trails are an allowed use in wetland buffers per BMC 16.55.320. Buffer impacts are included for these areas.

A boardwalk is proposed over Wetland L. The wetland is less than 10 feet wide at this point and it is assumed the boardwalk can span the entire wetland and no fill is required. Therefore, the boardwalk results in an indirect impact, rather than wetland fill.

Streams- Crossing Cammack Creek and Stream 2.

A culvert is anticipated over Cammack Creek to accommodate the access road. At this time, it is assumed the culvert will not be longer than 40 linear feet and will be designed to meet fish passage standards.

A boardwalk is proposed over Stream 2. The stream is less than two feet wide and it is assumed the boardwalk footings will span over the stream and no direct impact is proposed.

Buffer Impact-

Stream buffers – 0.31 acres of buffer impact.

Wetland Buffers- 0.32 acres of buffer impact.

No impacts are calculated for the trail that crosses the detention dam south to Telegraph Road, as this is existing infrastructure.

Table 3. Total Site Impacts

Impact Type	Acreage
Wetland Fill – Cat III	0.17
Indirect Wetland Impact- Cat III	0.16
Stream Impact	105 sq. ft.
Cammack Creek Culvert	Size TBD
Stream Buffer Impact	0.31
Wetland Buffer Impact	0.32

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION

Mitigation has been presented for all proposed impacts. The proposed mitigation includes a combination of mitigation types, including wetland creation, wetland enhancement, wetland and stream buffer enhancement, and out of kind mitigation (stream channel creation) for a small portion of the wetland fill.

On-site mitigation was chosen as the most appropriate based on guidance in the COB CAO and best professional judgment. Many of the site wetlands in the field have been degraded by past land use, and wetlands and buffers onsite could benefit and result in functional improvements from the proposed enhancement work. Mitigation detailed below has been designed to meet the COB CAO and guidance in *Wetland Mitigation in Washington State—Part 1: Agency Policies and Guidance (Version 2)* (Ecology, Corps, EPA, 2021) to the greatest extent possible.

This document does not provide a detailed discussion of mitigation sequencing or assessment of wetland/ stream/ buffer functions and how they will be replaced through proposed mitigation, that detail will be provided in the final mitigation plan.

Conceptual mitigation areas are shown in Figure 5, Table 4, and are detailed below.

Table 4. Proposed Site Impacts and Mitigation Summary

Impact Type	Acreage	Mitigation Ratio Required	Wetland/ Stream Creation (acres)	Wetland Enhancement (acres)	Out of Kind- (Creek Daylighting)	Buffer Enhancement (acres)
Wetland Fill – Cat III	0.13	2:1	0.26	-	-	-
	0.02	8:1	-	0.16	-	-
	0.017 (728 sf)	2:1	-	-	0.034 ac (1,455 sf)	-
Indirect Wetland Impact- Cat III	0.16	4:1	-	0.64	-	-
Stream Impact	105 sq. ft.	1:1	Daylight Landon Creek	-	-	-
Cammack Creek Culvert	Size TBD	-	Remove Existing Cammack Creek Culvert	-	-	-
Stream Buffer Impact	0.31	1:1	-	-	-	0.44 Cammack * 0.43 Landon*
Wetland Buffer Impact	0.32	1:1	-	-	-	0.36*
Mitigation Totals	-	-	0.26 (wetland creation)	0.80	-	1.23

*proposed mitigation area is larger than required based on impact for reasons stated below

The proposed mitigation includes the following elements:

- Wetland Creation. A minimum of 0.26 acres of creation is proposed. A small wetland creation area seems feasible between Wetlands H and B. Wetlands H and B appear to both have a perched water table over dense clayey subsoil. Excavation would be required to modify elevations and detain water in a constructed depression. Wetland hydrology would rely mainly on precipitation and surface runoff. The creation area would be planted with native vegetation upon completion.

The creation area is within the portion of the site designated for trails, which is a low intensity land use. Adjacent wetlands (H and B) are Category III with low wildlife habitat points, and the Corps/ Ecology/ EPA guidance requires a 40-foot perimeter buffer on this category wetland, therefore a 40-foot perimeter buffer is proposed on the creation area, which is included in the mitigation design. Enhancement planting is proposed in portions of the perimeter buffer that lack woody vegetation.

Wetland creation is intended to compensate for the majority, but not all of the proposed wetland fill.

- Wetland Enhancement. A total of 0.80 acres of wetland enhancement is proposed. Enhancement generally includes removal of invasive material and planting of native trees, shrubs, and/or emergent vegetation; and installation of habitat features such as large woody debris.

Wetlands H, J, and K are currently dominated by non-native pasture grasses and enhancements will include planting native material. Indirect wetland impact is anticipated in the northern portion of Wetland J, and this area will be enhanced to protect and improve wetland functions. Based on the current design, there is approximately 50 feet between Wetland J mitigation and the active use zone. This is a reduction from the required 60-foot perimeter buffer required for moderate intensity land use. We are requesting a reduction in the perimeter buffer to a low intensity buffer (40 feet) as this is within a transitional area between low and moderate intensity land use onsite. Permitting agencies may require this perimeter buffer to be planted with trees and shrubs, which is not included in the current plan.

Enhancements shall also occur in a portion of Wetland B. This area is either pasture grasses, or deciduous trees with an understory of Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), an invasive species. Enhancement includes removal of blackberry and planting native plants.

Wetland enhancement is intended to compensate for a portion of the proposed wetland fill and for all indirect wetland impacts.

- Landon Creek Daylighting. Landon Creek daylighting will occur in the northeastern portion of the property. Early conversations with City and WDFW staff have indicated that a minimum 30-foot buffer will be required on the stream. The current alignment includes this minimum buffer and a 10-foot area to accommodate a slightly meandering stream channel of between six and eight feet wide.

Daylighting the creek is proposed as mitigation for fill within Stream 3, which is a small intermittent stream that conveys water between Wetland G and A2. The primary function of this feature is conveyance.

The creek daylighting is also proposed as out of kind mitigation for a small amount (0.22 acres/ 728 sq. ft.) of direct wetland impact. The new stream channel provides aquatic habitat within the site, and a 2:1 mitigation ratio has been proposed (stream channel creation: wetland fill).

- Wetland Buffer Enhancement. A total of 0.36 acres of wetland buffer enhancement is proposed. Enhancement includes removal of blackberry and planting native plants in area currently dominated by pasture grass.

The wetland buffer enhancement proposed is 0.04 acres more than required with a typical 1:1 (impact to mitigation) ratio. The additional area ensures a vegetated buffer on the creation area.

Proposed wetland buffer enhancements provide mitigation for all proposed wetland buffer impacts and are concentrated in areas that would provide the most protection and functional uplift onsite.

- Stream Buffer Enhancement. A total of 0.87 acres of stream buffer enhancement is proposed. Enhancement includes removal of blackberry and planting native plants in area currently dominated by pasture grass.

The stream buffer enhancement proposed is 0.56 acres more than required with a typical 1:1 (impact to mitigation) ratio. This provides enhancement plantings for all proposed buffer reductions on Cammack Creek. Plantings within the Cammack Creek buffer shall be a minimum of half of the retained buffer. This provides more than enough square footage to offset the proposed impacts at a 1:1 ratio, additional planting of the outer buffer is not proposed.

The additional stream buffer mitigation planting areas are proposed due to the daylighting of Landon Creek, and creating a new stream system with a functional/ vegetated buffer that will protect and shade the stream.

- Additional Project Mitigation Elements. Additional project elements that are considered in the overall mitigation design include:
 - Boardwalks will be installed over Wetland L and Stream 2. These will minimize impacts and retain wetland/ stream functions and water conveyance in these areas.
 - An existing culvert on Cammack Creek will be removed.
 - The culverts under Bakerview Road and Cammack Creek will be designed to meet WDFW fish passage standards.

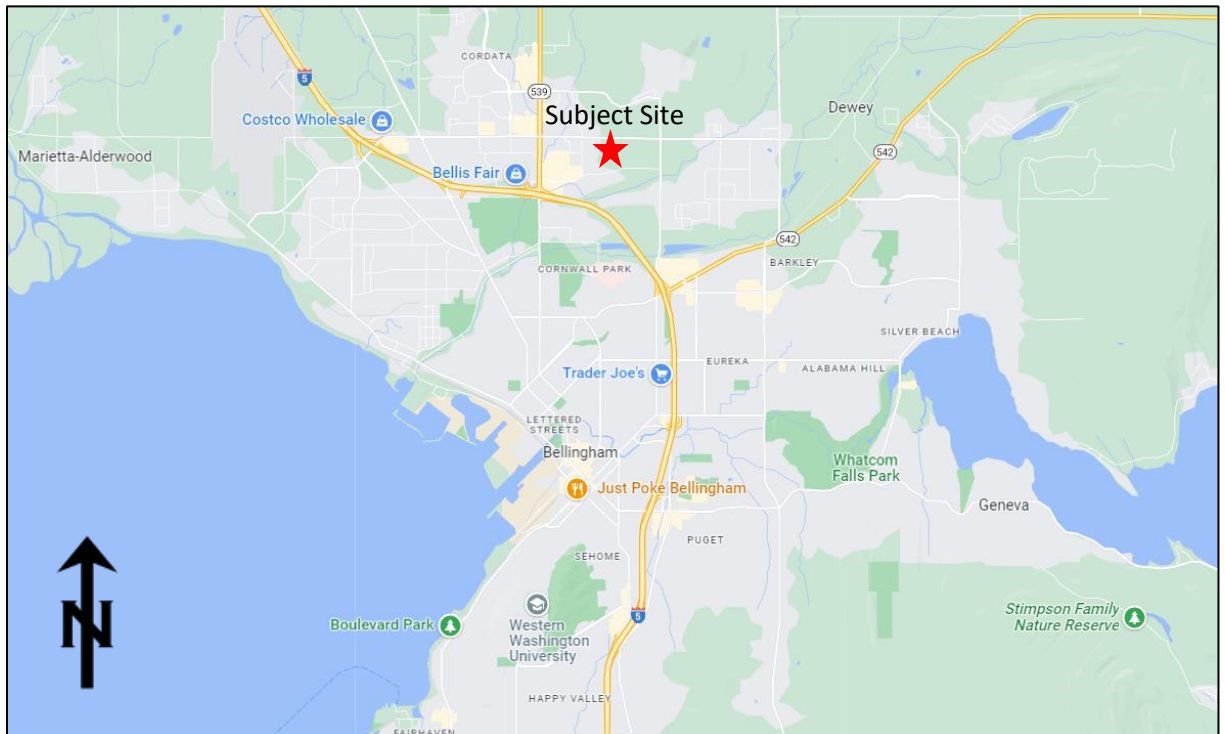
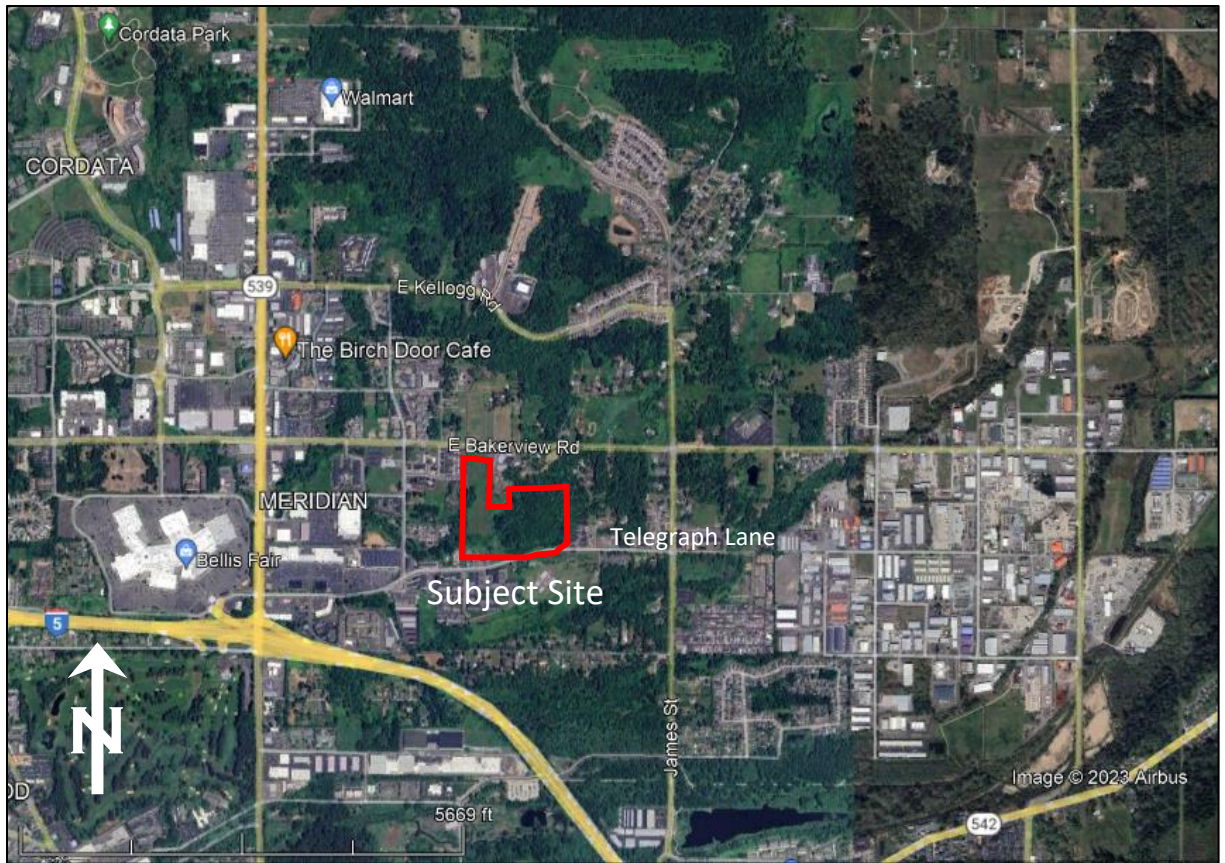
- On-Site Protection. Measures will need to be proposed to ensure permanent protection of the retained critical areas and mitigation sites. These may include a conservation easement and critical area signage. At this time fencing is not proposed but may be warranted on the southside of the active use zone. Site protection could include split rail or dimensional lumber fencing, or possibly a living hedge of thorny plants intended to limit access from the active park area to the south to encourage people and pets to stay on the designated trails.

Again, a final mitigation plan will be provided upon request at a future date. The final mitigation plan is anticipated to include a discussion of mitigation sequencing, assessment of wetland/ stream/ buffer functions and how they will be replaced through proposed mitigation, and a monitoring and maintenance plan for a minimum of 10 years, along with project installation details.

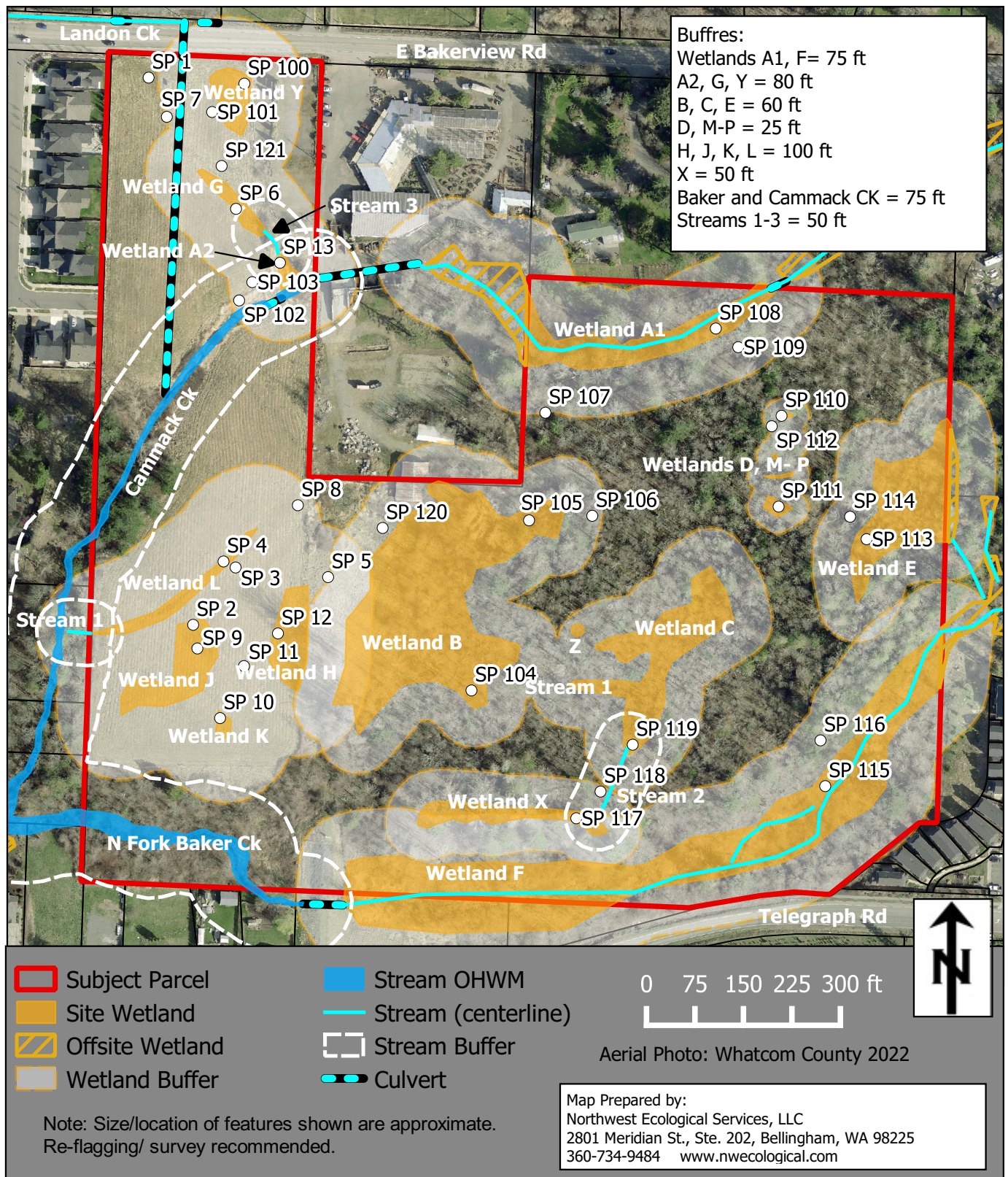
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Figures

1. Vicinity Maps
2. Wetland/ Stream Map
3. Proposed Site Plan
4. Impact Map
5. Conceptual Mitigation Map



ECOLOGICAL NORTHWEST 	Vicinity Maps (Google Maps) Bakerview Neighborhood Park Mitigation Memo	Figure 1 June 2024
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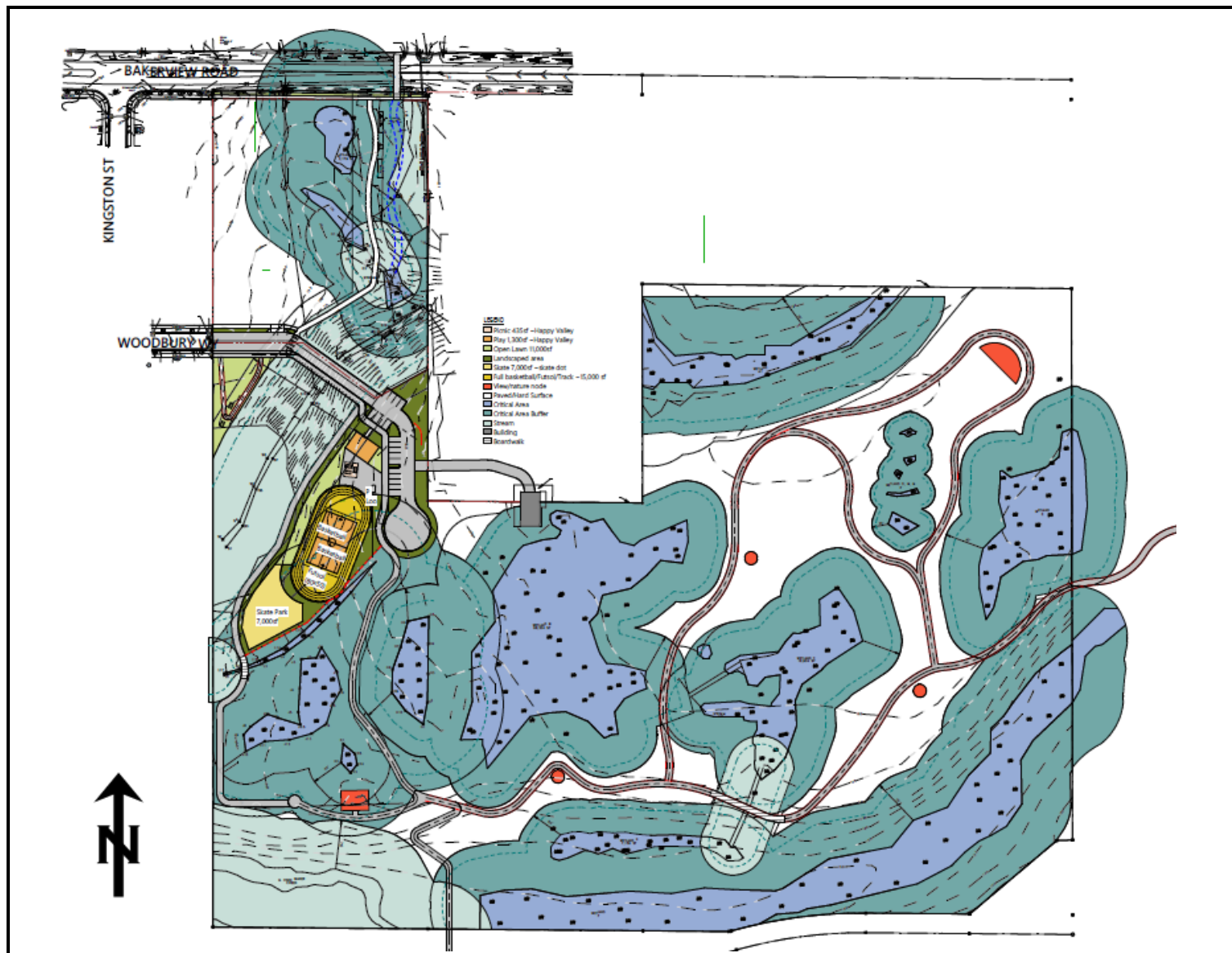
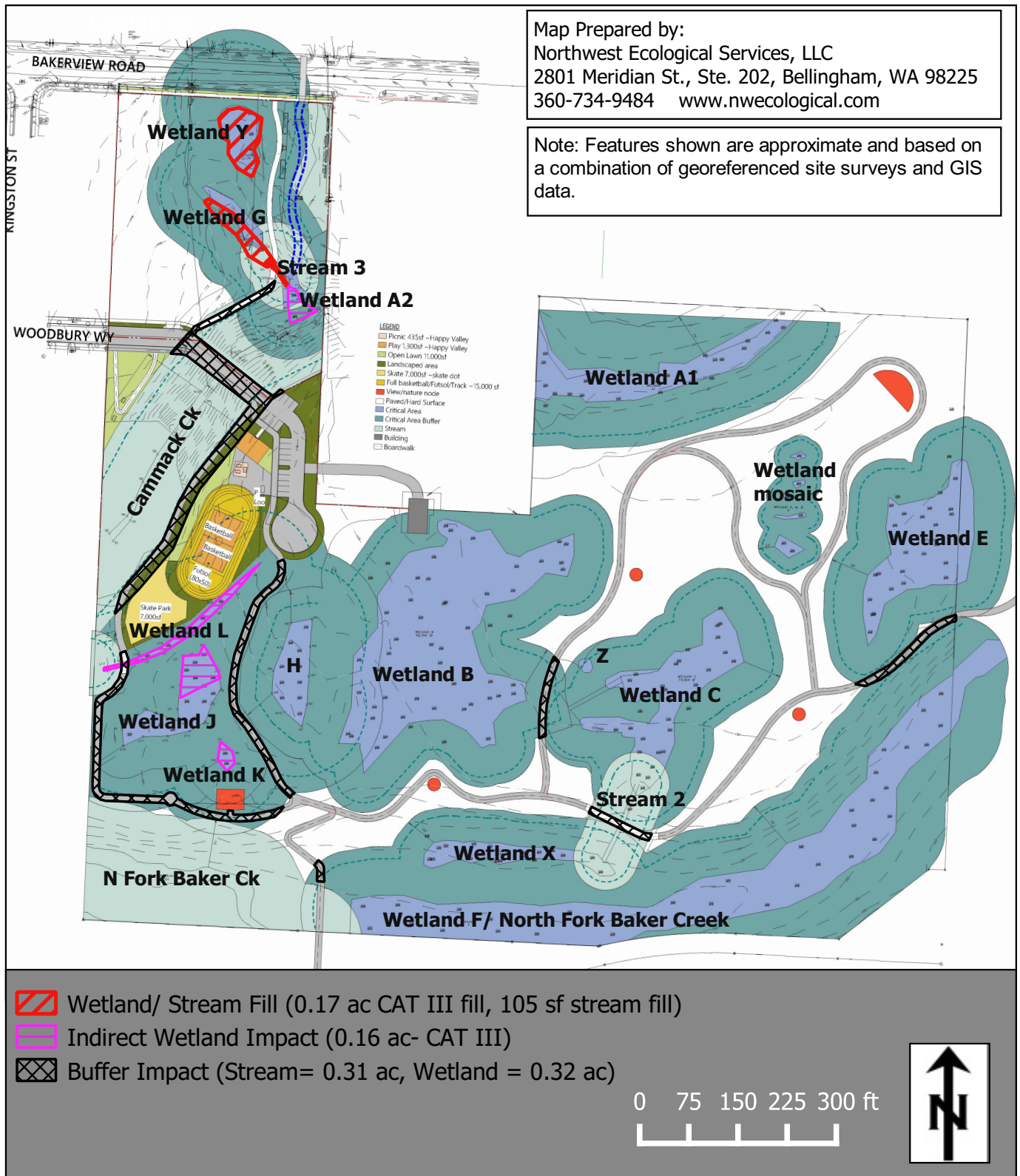
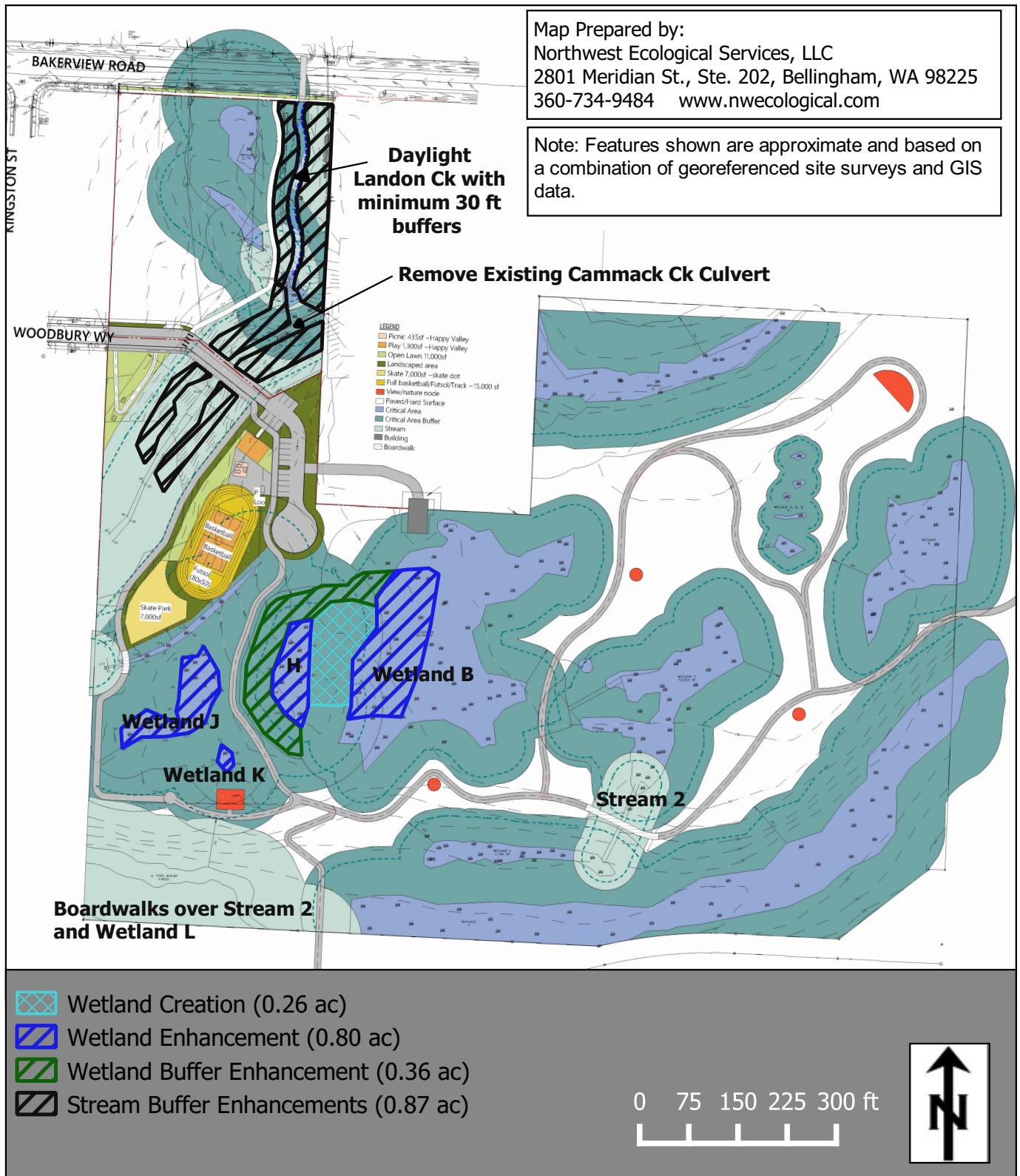


Figure 3

June 2024





Bakerview Neighborhood Park vision survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

30 July 2020 - 07 September 2025

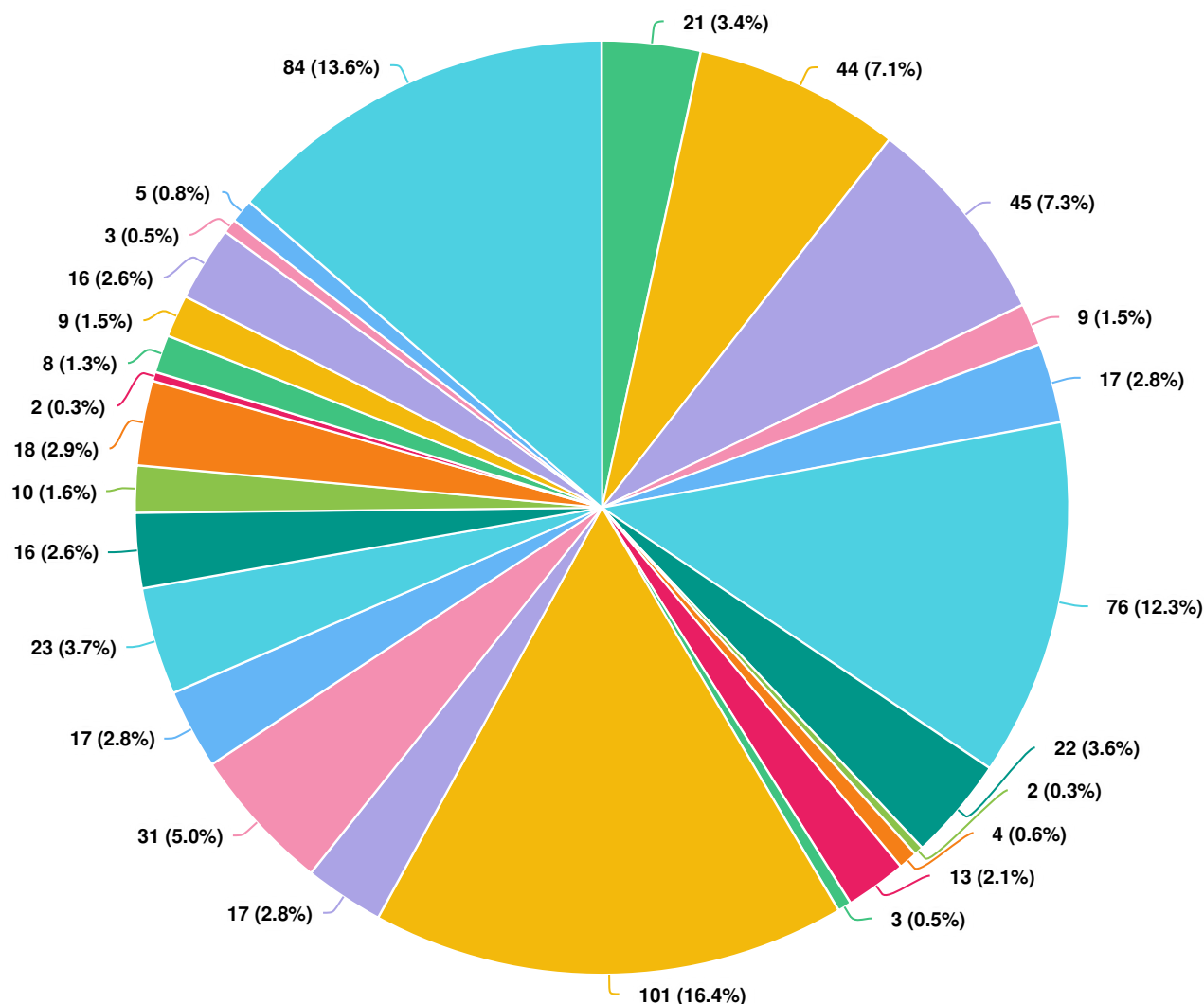
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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 What neighborhood do you live in (select one from list)?

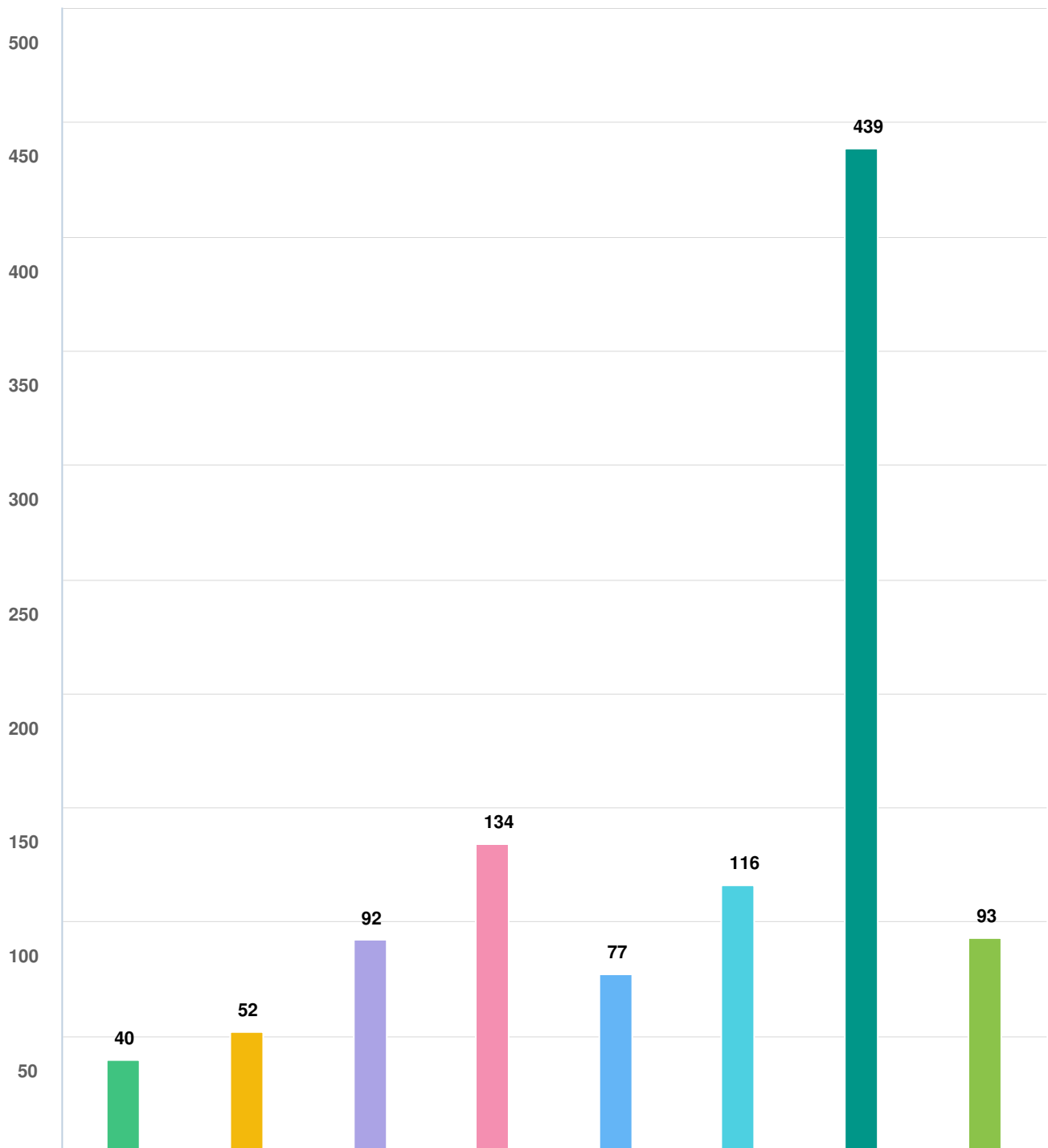


Question options

Alabama Hill Barkley Birchwood City Center (Downtown) Columbia Cordata Cornwall
 Edgemoor Fairhaven Happy Valley Irongate King Mountain Lettered Streets Meridian
 Puget Roosevelt Samish Sehome Silver Beach South South Hill Sunnyland
 Whatcom Falls WWU York I live outside of Bellingham

Optional question (616 response(s), 6 skipped)
 Question type: Dropdown Question

Q2 Select the age groups in your household (check all that apply).

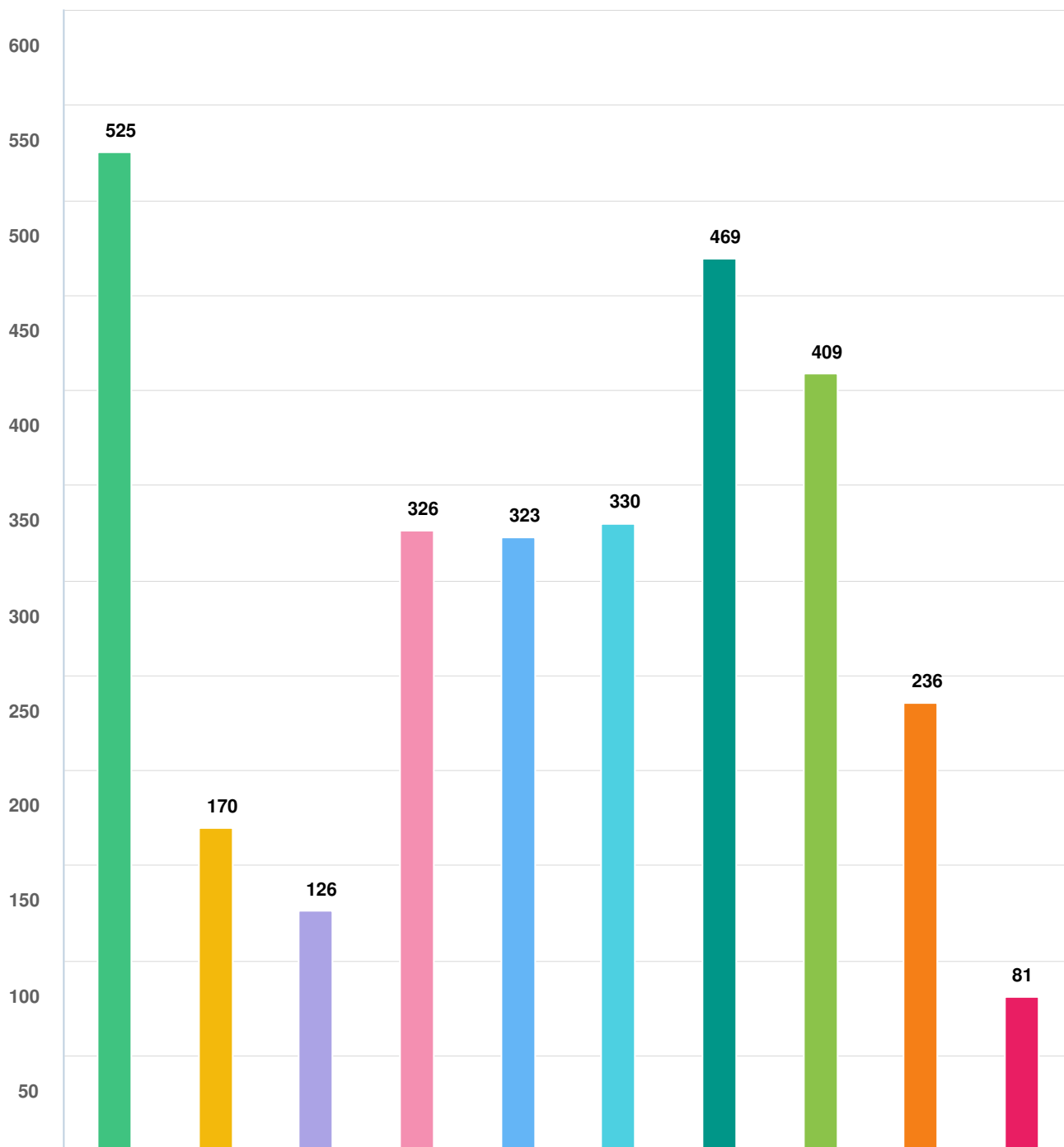


Question options

- Infant (to 1 year) ● Toddler (1-2 years) ● Preschool (3-5 years) ● Child (6-12 years) ● Teen (13-17 years)
● Young adult (18-26 years) ● Adult (27-65) ● Senior (66 up)

Optional question (621 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q3 What kinds of things attract you to City parks (check all that apply)?



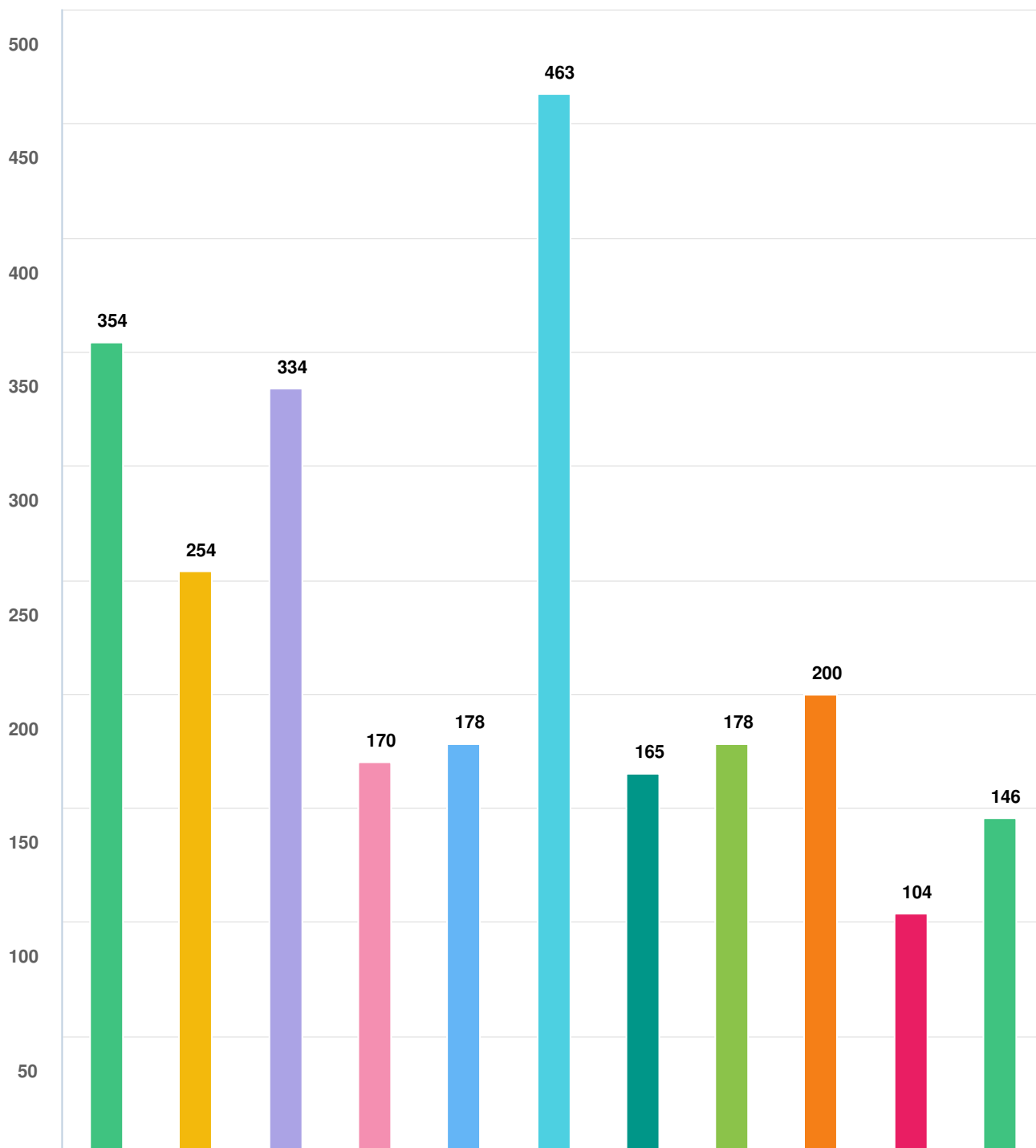
Question options

- Being in nature
 ● Meeting people and socializing
 ● Events, races, and programs
 ● Peaceful quiet or solitude
- Exercise
 ● Entertainment for kids and/or pets
 ● Trails
 ● Fresh air and open space
- Sport courts or athletic facilities
 ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (622 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 Select the top five (5) amenities you would like to see at Bakerview Neighborhood Park:

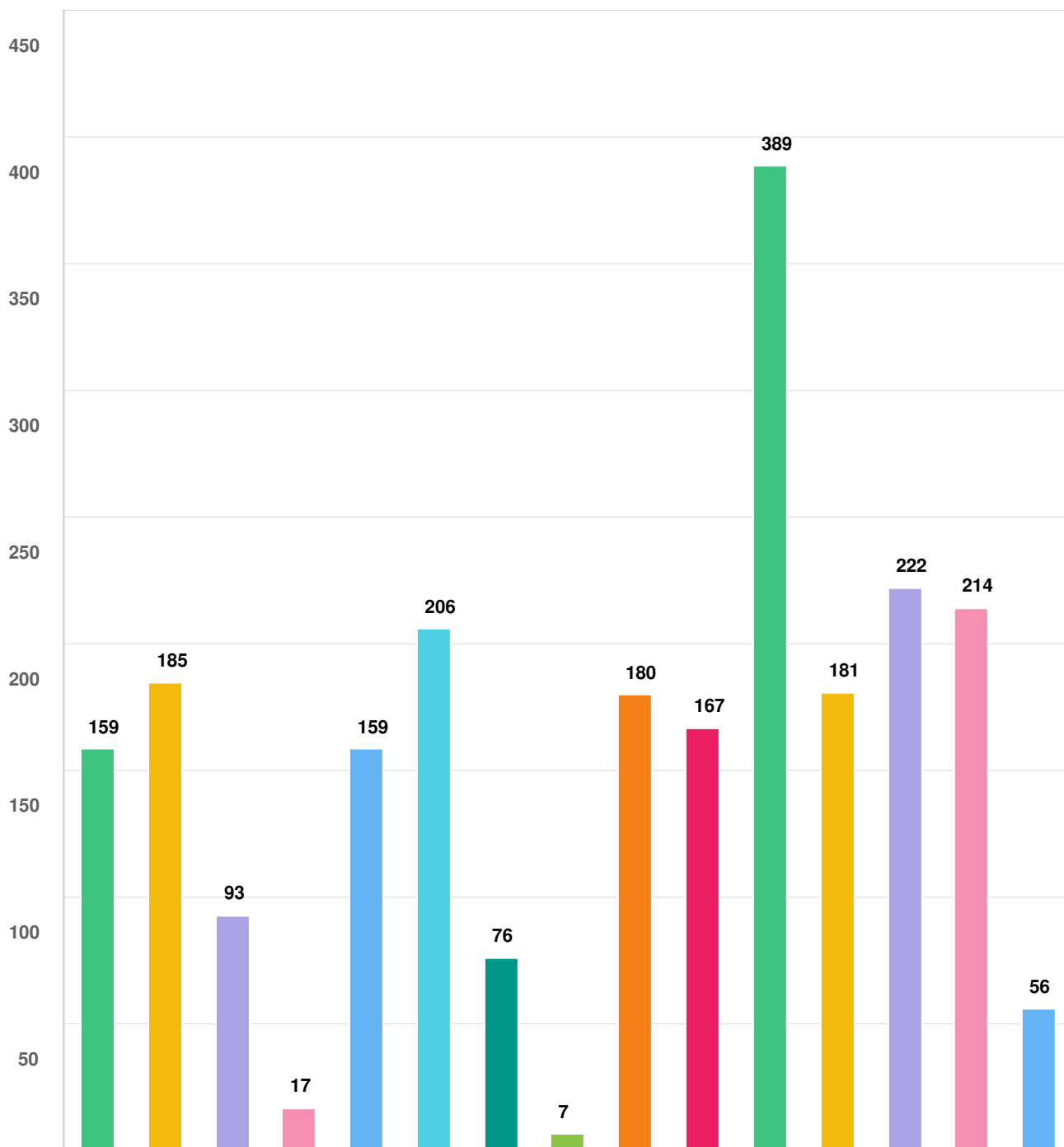


Question options

- Parking
 ● Picnic Shelter
 ● Playground
 ● Sport Court (basketball, etc)
 ● Open playfields
 ● Trails
- Dog Park
 ● Gathering space/plaza
 ● Community Garden
 ● Small amphitheater
 ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (622 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 What types of active recreation should be included in the new park (select 5)?

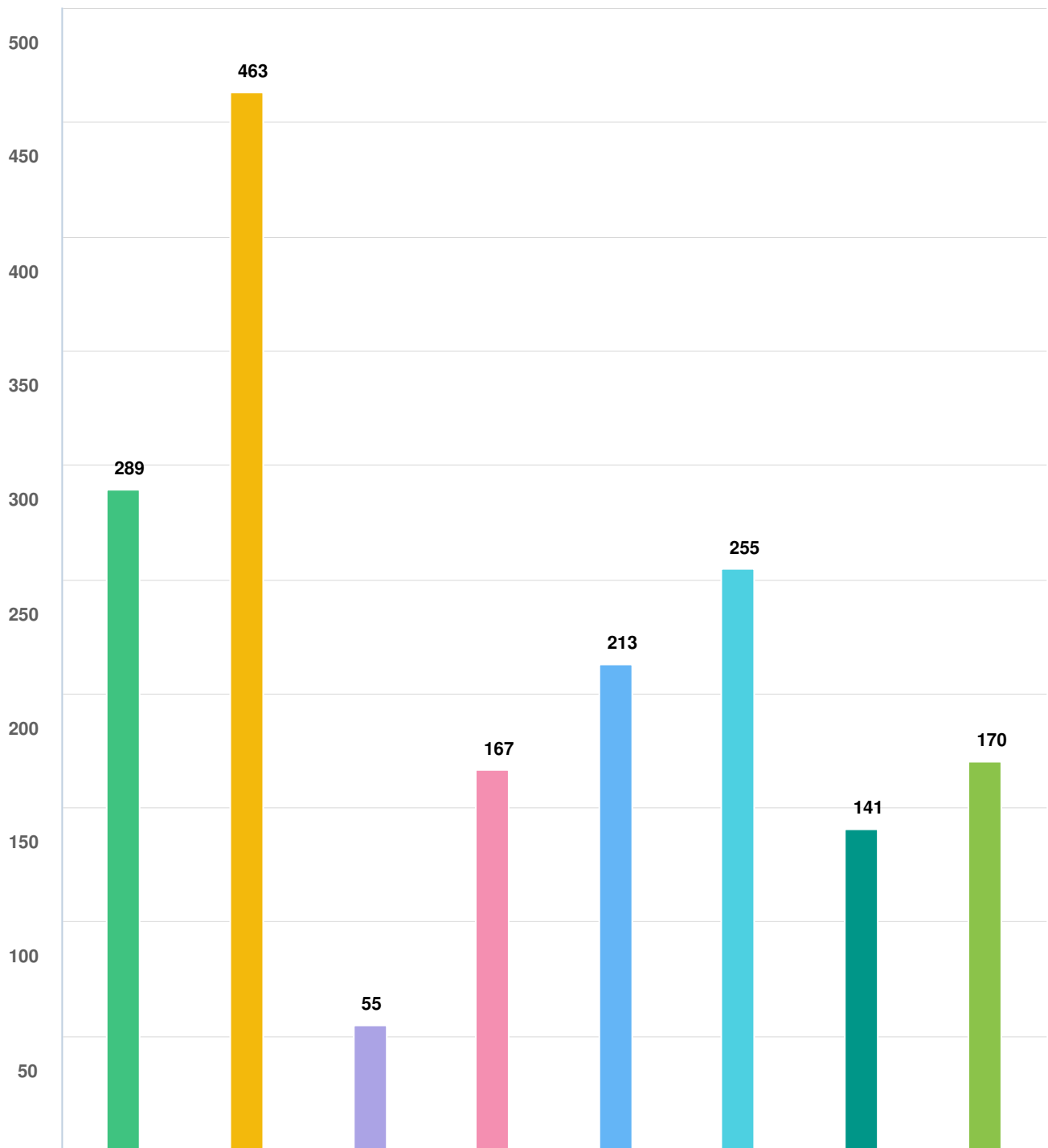


Question options

- Basketball
 ● Soccer/lacrosse/hockey - mixed use field
 ● Volleyball
 ● Futsol
 ● Exercise equipment
- Pickleball
 ● Tennis
 ● Cricket
 ● Disc Golf
 ● Skate park
 ● Walking/running
 ● Bike park/pump track
- Climbing wall
 ● Zip line
 ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (622 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q6 What types of passive recreation should be included in the new park? (choose 3)



Question options

- Wildlife/nature viewing Nature trails Interpretive signage or guided tour Community Garden
Native Garden Picnic areas Art Open lawn

Mandatory Question (622 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 | Do you have any other thoughts about amenities and activities for this park?

Red66

7/17/2025 06:03 PM

Do not allow the housing development here. The park access should be from Bakerview road, no housing in the way of making a nice park entrance.

Anonymous

7/17/2025 06:28 PM

Would be nice to have restrooms and a covered / picnic shelter type area with seating and benches

Anonymous

7/17/2025 07:31 PM

Make it for all ages because sometimes it feels more for 10 and under

Jonathan Schilk

7/18/2025 01:45 AM

Nooks and intimate spaces are back drops for memorable experiences; like the time Marcia revealed to Herb her deep abiding affection for Rex rabbits. He won't forget that surprise any time soon.

Anonymous

7/17/2025 08:25 PM

No dog parks north part of town

Anonymous

7/18/2025 07:40 AM

Please put in ample parking so their aren't cars parked on our streets constantly.

Anonymous

7/18/2025 10:51 AM

Note ... although I would like to see it, and believe it is needed, if you install large mixed use fields for soccer, there must be parking for parents and people with gear. Neighborhood parks are said to rely on street parking but there is no street parking space on Telegraph, Bakerview or in the Woodbury neighborhood that can handle the type of parking required for soccer fields. Same if it is to be used as a wedding venue. Elizabeth Park was used as an example of a Neighborhood park, but there is a lot of parking available along the surrounding streets of Elizabeth Park. It also provides seating areas (covered and uncovered) for a variety of small public/group meetings that can occur at the same time allowing privacy for each.

Anonymous

7/18/2025 01:25 PM

Off leash dog area would be amazing

Anonymous

7/18/2025 04:50 PM

I would like to see something for visually impaired people.

Anonymous

7/19/2025 10:06 AM

Nice maintained bathroom(s) Flexible about amenities...

Anonymous

7/22/2025 04:43 PM

I think with it being a far-northern Bellingham neighborhood/area, it sometimes can feel disconnected from the rest of town, so having a park that not only feels cohesive with the rest of what we have but makes everyone feel more like they're IN Bellingham and connected to the rest of the community. Especially if there were to be interactive components and elements that match up with similar educational/recreation pieces of the other parks (play structures/info plaques/etc).

Anonymous

7/25/2025 08:07 AM

First of all, I love that affordable housing will be an aspect of this park. It is SO needed, despite the grumblings of few. Our family would love if this park had some sort of water feature. We love the scramble park design and would even be happy with a couple of misters for the summer heat. In addition to that, SHADE. Cordata and Scramble get so hot and bright.

Anonymous

7/28/2025 08:38 PM

Would love to see good and SAFE access to the park for pedestrians and cyclists.

Anonymous

7/28/2025 09:06 PM

Off leash dog trails are limited in Bellingham. Especially king mountain side of town. There's only padden and whatcom falls or all the way to little squalicum for off leash trails that you can also walk and get exercise with your dog (traditional fenced dog parks don't allow for owners to walk much). It would be great to have access to dog off leash trails in this area.

Anonymous

7/29/2025 09:09 AM

Water. Shade.

Anonymous

7/29/2025 10:40 AM

Security cameras to discourage vandalism and identify perpetrators.

Anonymous

7/30/2025 03:22 PM

Interactive art! Something that inspires the imaginations of children and adults alike!

Anonymous

7/31/2025 12:44 PM

Native plant/insect identification signs! Birdhouses and bathouses

Anonymous

7/31/2025 12:45 PM

Bathrooms

Anonymous

7/31/2025 02:02 PM

Picnic shelters can be a great addition to a neighborhood park for gatherings & celebrations

Anonymous

8/02/2025 11:36 AM

I would love to help contribute to a skatepark plan for this park.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:14 PM

I'd love to see more skate parks in Bellingham.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:23 PM

Skate park! Lots of seating for picnics and gatherings

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:27 PM

I'd love to see more skateparks built in Bellingham!

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:28 PM

It absolutely needs a skatepark.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:29 PM

Need a covered skatepark

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:32 PM

Skatepark

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:35 PM

A new skate park in this park would be amazing for the community!

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:43 PM

A skatepark would be great to have. The north side of bellingham doesn't have any skate/bmx facilities, and the skatepark by civic field gets pretty packed.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:57 PM

A fun skatepark

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:59 PM

Could really use a good skate park.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 01:03 PM

Hire grindline to build the skatepark

Anonymous

8/02/2025 01:18 PM

Please do a skate park!

Anonymous

8/02/2025 01:34 PM

The playground should be accessible for all children (think wheelchair accessible).

Anonymous

8/02/2025 01:38 PM

Skatepark

Anonymous

8/02/2025 01:48 PM

Skatepark and splash park.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 02:04 PM

Open space for enough people to enjoy. Skatepark in Bellingham can feel overwhelmingly tight, which forces out intermediate or novice users. Creating

Anonymous

8/02/2025 02:22 PM

I think a simple skateboarding feature can go a long way toward helping build community. Just one long ledge and smooth ground. I've been skating my whole life, and I've noticed that the simplest (less expensive) obstacles often get the most use. I think a park can be a community gathering place for exercise, and I think skating offers a healthy outlet for people of all ages.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 02:51 PM

Please build a nice skateboard park.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 03:39 PM

Skatepark plz!!!

Anonymous

8/02/2025 05:16 PM

another skatepark would be great for bellingham! my kids love skating and it's a much better way to get kids outside and off their phones versus team-sports (due to reliance on multiple people)

Anonymous

8/02/2025 05:39 PM

Skatepark! Accessible outdoor recreation to youth (let's face it, biking costs thousands of dollars)

Anonymous

skate park on the smaller size

8/02/2025 05:41 PM

Anonymous

8/02/2025 05:42 PM

The lack of good skateparks in Bellingham is insulting to skateboards. It seems like mountain bikers get all the shine even though skateboarding is way more accessible (cheaper) and has a more diverse following and community.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 06:37 PM

Make outdoor art out of borosilicate glass not soda lime glass

Anonymous

8/02/2025 09:55 PM

Skatwpaek

Anonymous

8/03/2025 01:00 PM

I think a skatepark would be a great way to build community within the youth and young adult age ranges.

Anonymous

8/03/2025 04:22 PM

Skateboarding is one of the most accessible activities to one of the most diverse groups of people. It teaches you skill, determination, creates community and gives kids and people of all ages and backgrounds a place to learn and practice their skill / craft, exercise, and express themselves.

Anonymous

8/03/2025 10:21 PM

Roller skating is nostalgic and fun for the whole family. Please bring in something unique to our city. Where else can teenagers and under 21 college students go to, to hang out other than the bowling alley? Lynden is too far away to go to the closest roller skating rink and if you're not old enough to drive, or don't have a vehicle, you're out of luck. Please consider - Bellingham needs this so bad!

Anonymous

8/04/2025 11:41 AM

Skatepark

Anonymous

8/04/2025 03:21 PM

Skatepark

Anonymous

8/12/2025 01:04 PM

Bikes are great, but not realistic for everyone or every activity in our community. Make parking a priority when designing facilities.

Anonymous

8/12/2025 01:19 PM

Safe pedestrian and cycling connections from Woodbury to Telegraph

Anonymous

8/13/2025 07:02 PM

More trees

Anonymous

8/15/2025 08:00 AM

Community room

Anonymous

8/15/2025 07:47 PM

Why do we only get to choose 3 "passive" features but can select 5 "active" features? It would have been nice to choose an equal amount, especially for those us us with limited mobility where "passive" features are more accessible and active than traditional sports focused definitions of "active".

Anonymous

8/22/2025 03:20 PM

It would be nice if there was a water feature/play area

Anonymous

8/23/2025 10:12 AM

RC crawler courses!

Anonymous

8/23/2025 10:20 AM

It would be great to plan bike lanes and sidewalks on Bakerview for better access to the park. Currently we would have to drive to the park because of his dangerous walking and biking on Bakerview is.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 10:37 AM

Please have bathrooms and include shade of some sort at the playground. Also fence in the park so its more inclusive for special needs children

Anonymous

8/23/2025 11:03 AM

It's close to the Walmart encampment, so please put an emphasis on safety or families won't use it. Thank you!

Anonymous

8/23/2025 11:03 AM

Less developed and open space for walking and enjoying nature.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 11:32 AM

Bellingham is great for trails but too few are accessible to wheelchair users and the ones that are are too short or are mixed with gravel sections the are obstacles for smaller wheeled chairs such as children's chairs.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 12:07 PM

I'm always looking for places to take my 93 year old mother in law to go walking (with her walker). She can't walk on gravel. Squaticum park is nice, but the benches are too far apart. Also - thank you for having so many fabulous parks!!

Anonymous

8/23/2025 12:58 PM

Respectfully, we have enough disc golf (Cornwall, Bellis Fair) and pickleball in the area (Cordata, Cornwall, WCC).

Anonymous

8/23/2025 01:02 PM

The younger kid stated monkey bars. A long dark slide like million smiles park

Anonymous

8/23/2025 01:05 PM

Maybe stuff for dogs to play on. Like a parkour park but for dogs.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 01:12 PM

Mixed covered spots either by structures or natural trees, with some open space for activities

Anonymous

8/23/2025 01:33 PM

Please make a separate playground for toddlers and big kids. Also include accessible swings for all ages like at the Cordata park. Splash features for the summer. Paved accessible trails that are also good for rollerblading! Plenty of spacious parking for unloading kids. Covered picnic space close to playground for birthdays, even better if it had additional coverage to stop be usable in the rain and wind. Accessible bathrooms, bonus if you add a smaller toilet for kids, and keep them clean.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:32 PM

Protect the native land as much as possible and provide informational signs to educate people on native plants.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:32 PM

Shaded seating for parents while kids play. Picnic tables. Restrooms are a must.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:36 PM

Good lighting at night and possibly cameras for security

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:57 PM

Having ample shade while supervising the kiddos is helpful and/or some sort of covering for rainy days. Also, consider having a fenced in area around the playgrounds so younger kiddos can't run off as easily (and a dedicated playground for toddlers). Lastly, consider a dirt pump track or mountain biking practice track...since Cordata has a concrete one already.

Anonymous

The mixed use field should have a section for baseball/softball

8/23/2025 02:58 PM

Anonymous

Water park, like the one did for cordata park

8/23/2025 03:02 PM

Anonymous

Splash pad!!

8/23/2025 03:04 PM

Anonymous

No

8/23/2025 03:13 PM

Anonymous

If you want/need help designing disc golf, then the Whatcom Disc Golf Club (whatcomdisc@gmail.com) and Far From Par Disc Golf (farfrompardiscgolf@gmail.com) are great places to start!

8/23/2025 03:25 PM

Anonymous

Disc golf

8/23/2025 03:30 PM

Anonymous

Swimming pool

8/23/2025 03:39 PM

Anonymous

Ensuring that there is plenty of spacious parking spaces. Inclusive play structures for differing age groups. Something similar to the Sunnyland elementary playground.

8/23/2025 03:43 PM

Anonymous

Please please please consider accessible playground features beyond the bare minimum. Our girl loves to play and swing and she is limited at so many parks in Bellingham because of her wheelchair. Things like merry go rounds that are level to the ground so she can spin, swings, and play structures that have ramps. Also, every park in Bellingham should have FULL size changing tables! Disabled folks live in our community and need these!

8/23/2025 03:44 PM

Anonymous

Covered areas to keep out of the rain or heat.

8/23/2025 03:46 PM

Anonymous

Clean restrooms are a must

8/23/2025 03:54 PM

Anonymous

Cornhole Pits for City Tournament

8/23/2025 04:05 PM

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:05 PM

Would love another disc golf course!

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:25 PM

Soccer fields can be very useful

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:34 PM

If not too expensive, filtered water bottle station in addition to bubblers.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:43 PM

Would love for there to be some shade on the playground structure for summer time. More climbing structures/ slack lines would be awesome too! The playgrounds with elevators(where you step on the platform and it brings you down a level) are also cool!

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:45 PM

Toddler friendly area, gated

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:48 PM

Local art and maybe a community art wall spray painting is allowed

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:58 PM

Would love a space with a community garden!

Anonymous

8/23/2025 05:02 PM

Pool

Anonymous

8/23/2025 05:38 PM

Restore the native habitat in the area and create a natural space for the ecosystem to thrive.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 05:38 PM

Accessibility for people with all mobilitiea

Anonymous

8/23/2025 05:39 PM

We should all try to keep it safe & clean.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 06:06 PM

Two things that are lacking in whatcom county are safe areas to swim (lakes have toxic algae, the one public pool is constantly crowded or closed, etc) and wide open spaces where you can be by yourself without sharing the immediate area with other people.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 06:07 PM

Keep it natural looking

Anonymous

8/23/2025 06:11 PM

Lots of trees

Anonymous

8/23/2025 07:04 PM

Most parks are very busy and noisy. Let's have an area where people can enjoy nature and silence.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 07:07 PM

The north side NEEDS a dog park so dog people might stop harassing the rest of us with their dogs. There are no off leash dog areas on this side of town. Have a trail connection to other trails so people don't have to walk on busy roads. Try not to make it a car dependent park.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 07:08 PM

No

Anonymous

8/23/2025 07:15 PM

Lighting so the park can be used until dark, and safety precautions.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 07:24 PM

Walking trails please!! And anything to help it open faster, I'm desperate!

Anonymous

8/23/2025 07:25 PM

Community gathering space, splash pad for kids, playground, disc golf, places to hang hammocks, rock gardens, art, wading pool

Anonymous

8/23/2025 08:00 PM

It should be a place for people who live in nearby apartments or homes without yards to be able to go to connect with nature.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 08:06 PM

Covered play ground!!! It rains 8 months a year here.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 08:22 PM

Gated dog park that family can reserve

Anonymous

8/23/2025 08:54 PM

covered bike parking

Anonymous

Lighted disc golf course like in Vegas

8/23/2025 08:56 PM

Anonymous

Having at least two restrooms and kid sized bathrooms.

8/23/2025 09:03 PM

Anonymous

A toddler and older kid playground would be amazing!

8/23/2025 09:14 PM

Anonymous

Keeping the landscape as native as possible; having walking and biking access to park.

8/23/2025 09:17 PM

Anonymous

N/A

8/23/2025 09:28 PM

Anonymous

We need another pool. We need an outdoor public pool. We need public access to water sources. Green levies should be used on all properties surrounding our watershed to protect it from development and private use. Eminent domain all properties being held privately that currently do not house or have a livable structure on them. Disallow all motorized vehicles on our watershed.

8/23/2025 10:19 PM

Anonymous

Disc golf

8/23/2025 10:54 PM

Anonymous

Splash pad, nature play area with water feature

8/23/2025 11:37 PM

Anonymous

I wish this wasn't happening. I would like this park to be a quiet peaceful naturey space

8/23/2025 11:49 PM

Anonymous

I appreciate when playgrounds have structures for younger and older kids. I like an open layout so I can see multiple kids at once.

8/23/2025 11:52 PM

Anonymous

Barkley park is beautiful but needs some shade on hot days near the playground. Some rainy day play areas for children would be awesome.

8/24/2025 12:25 AM

Anonymous

more off leash areas, calisthenics park

8/24/2025 02:43 AM

Anonymous

8/24/2025 04:32 AM

Our town needs more pickleball courts please. All of my kids are even starting to play it!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 05:38 AM

We need more opportunity to enjoy what has been lost. Trails through habitat for passive enjoyment and not over run with dogs like everywhere else.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 06:41 AM

Replant as many trees as possible!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 06:44 AM

Playground accessible for children with physical disabilities (uses wheelchair, etc)

Anonymous

8/24/2025 07:17 AM

Thank you for building a park!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 07:24 AM

We need an aquatic center!! Better indoor spaces for recreation in the winter, hockey, etc Look to the north for ideas. Canada seems to know how to build community centers and good parks.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 07:25 AM

Some shaded sections, and lamp posts for evening

Anonymous

8/24/2025 07:31 AM

Please help develop a trail system from iron gate /king mountain so we can walk there.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:00 AM

Interactive music sculptures- see "harmony park"

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:26 AM

If there are trails, it would be nice if they had mileage markers like there are on the Hertz Trail

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:26 AM

Many of the amenities go unused at other parks. An outdoor pool would get alot of use in the summertime.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:33 AM

Please open it ASAP. This area needs a park so bad!

Anonymous

A park with amenities for groups other than children ie more to do

8/24/2025 08:49 AM

than just a kids jungle gym area.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:52 AM

We love the parks in Bellingham! Having recently revisited Cordata Park, I want to advocate for shade at this new park. Cordata is great and is designed for kids to play for extended periods BUT there's no place to get out of the sun for people or pets if the pavilion is in use. I was there with children who really wanted to play but they couldn't take a break from the sun, so we were there for less than an hour... despite the fact that they'd specifically asked to go that park for the parkour. And that's not the first time we've been there and had that experience. So please- some shade (trees?)! Also, our favorite parks have both open spaces for play and recreation as well as trees and trails. Would love to see more of that for our north side community.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:58 AM

The parks in our area are fantastic! Good job all! Maybe more security of some type to maintain safety, when necessary.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:20 AM

Shade trees. No more skate parks or bike stuff.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:27 AM

Less sterile manicured areas and more wild lands. Less hardscape.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:28 AM

Off-leash Trails through woods, trash cans and doggie bag dispensers.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:33 AM

If the city is going to allow homeless to camp here then there's no purpose in making the park. I hope they have a plan to keep them out.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:43 AM

Fenced dog parks.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:49 AM

Please make sure there is adequate bathroom and water access

Anonymous

8/24/2025 10:00 AM

Would be nice to see a playground made for older kids

Anonymous

8/24/2025 11:05 AM

Events that draw people together such as bands and music for dancing.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 11:07 AM

Spider web climbing tower like in seattle center!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 11:10 AM

I wish it could be arranged to use its natural features and just add some access. It's already a pretty place as is.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 11:58 AM

Bathrooms

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:07 PM

We need more complete sidewalks all the way to Irongate St

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:18 PM

As a member of the Whatcom Disc Golf Club I'm a strong advocate for more disc golf opportunities. It's low cost, low barrier to participate, accessible by almost any age range, and a fun challenge that gets people outside. I believe the city has seen the success that the club and community had with Bellis Fairways, in cleaning up and being stewards of that property. I'm hopeful for another course soon.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:25 PM

it might be nice to have a water play fountain for kids in the summer or even a wading pool Bellingham has very few pools for a town this size.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:26 PM

Bellingham would benefit from an indoor/outdoor water space with "fun" features like a lazy river and waterslides; aquatic exercise opportunities at all times of day (not just morning)... this would provide healthy outlets for all ages and many employment opportunities as well to maintain the facility and supervise the pools.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:26 PM

We desperately need a public disc golf course!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:27 PM

Play structures that are accessible. Shade or coverings for weather. A fence all the way around to protect children who elope

Anonymous

8/24/2025 01:12 PM

We need soccer fields like Phillips 66!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 01:42 PM

It's very important for me to have access to a toilet and shade. I have MS and heat is really harmful to me so shaded seating is needed and having access to a clean restroom means that I am able to comfortably be at a park for a longer time.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 01:59 PM

This is a great spot for the park! It would be awesome to be walkable with some great trails and a water feature. I like having shade!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 02:01 PM

Permanent slackline park, posts

Anonymous

8/24/2025 02:24 PM

walkable with safe trails

Anonymous

8/24/2025 02:27 PM

Should be handicap accesable, lots of seating and safe for seniors!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 02:48 PM

Enough garbage cans. Big off leash dog area with fun structures from nature for dogs and kids to play on.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 02:56 PM

Create a preserve and reforest it. Create a simple pathway(s) and make it a unique opportunity for people to watch an area become natural again. If you watch the Google earth time-lapse of Bellingham over the last couple decades, it's easy to see an alarming amount of greenery has been removed or developed in and around Bellingham. We should be planting as many trees as possible in the city, not removing them and planting some in the mountains.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 04:35 PM

A spray park and updated playground would be amazing.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 04:52 PM

Bathroom, drinking fountain, spray park!, pump track, big playground that is split for littles and big kids like Cordata. Basically have Cordata park over here too haha!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 05:39 PM

Would love an open field area available for off leash dogs (like Hovander) vs places that have a tiny fenced spot that makes it very crowded.

Anonymous

Adequate lighting is always important

8/24/2025 07:01 PM

Anonymous

Dispersed picnic tables as well as picnic shelter

8/24/2025 07:31 PM

Anonymous

A community pool! I've lived here for 36 years and we don't have a single outdoor community pool. Please!!

8/24/2025 08:09 PM

Anonymous

We should have a dog park.

8/24/2025 11:30 PM

Anonymous

bathroom sand an area to wash dog off of appropriate

8/25/2025 06:14 AM

Anonymous

Be sure to create shade with umbrellas and trees or small shelters

8/25/2025 07:08 AM

Anonymous

Toddler friendly

8/25/2025 07:13 AM

Anonymous

With a toddler it's awesome when playgrounds are accessible for all age levels, or there is a spot specifically for young ones. Silverbeach elementary does such a good job of this.

8/25/2025 07:41 AM

Anonymous

Shade trees—please! I love Scramble Park but when it's sunny enough to use, it's too sunny haha. Would love it if the birds, hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies could also enjoy the park, so maybe a pollinator garden? I absolutely love the balance of nature, play and open space at Riley Park in Vancouver—could be an inspiration.

8/25/2025 07:44 AM

Anonymous

Disc golf

8/25/2025 08:51 AM

Anonymous

There are no options for free public courts that are covered. That would be an amazing amenity if possible.

8/25/2025 11:20 AM

Anonymous

Do not include housing in the park.

8/25/2025 12:21 PM

Anonymous

8/25/2025 12:32 PM

Toddler park separate from child park. Safe, shaded areas, splash pad

Anonymous

8/25/2025 01:15 PM

We need roller rink back bring one for undercover!

Anonymous

8/25/2025 01:20 PM

Disc golf

Anonymous

8/25/2025 01:21 PM

Yeah no affordable housing would be nice

Anonymous

8/25/2025 01:26 PM

There are alot of apartments going up and people will need outdoor space to unwind and a separate space for children. A rotunda for music events.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 02:09 PM

Make sure there are monitored restrooms and plenty of lighting.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 02:38 PM

Please have shaded benches near the play structure!!!!

Anonymous

8/25/2025 02:39 PM

Please plan for plenty of shade and sidewalk access along Bakerview. Thanks!

Anonymous

8/25/2025 03:05 PM

With Bellis Fairways eventually closing, Bellingham really needs a 18 hole disc golf course.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 03:31 PM

Something that is really fun for the kids like a zip line or rock wall would be awesome. Merry go round? Cool slides and tunnels?

Anonymous

8/25/2025 03:45 PM

Restoration Site.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 04:05 PM

Trails not only in the park but connecting to all adjacent parks - Cordata, Van Wyck Park and Cornwall, and eventually Sunset Pond too.

Anonymous

Separate toddler and older kid playgrounds

8/25/2025 04:53 PM

Anonymous

A water feature for the young ones would be a good idea.

8/25/2025 06:49 PM

Anonymous

Butterfly gardens and native plants. Nice wide trails

8/25/2025 09:44 PM

Anonymous

small pond? fenced in dog running area near the pond so dogs can swim, restrooms, trash cans, solar lighting

8/25/2025 09:54 PM

Anonymous

Will there be sidewalks on Bakerview to get to the park from the new elementary school? Most people will drive there so there needs to be lots of parking spaces, unlike Cordata Park.

8/26/2025 12:15 AM

Anonymous

Something for our youth to do!!!!

8/26/2025 06:10 AM

Anonymous

This area is a good neighborhood space for gentler activities (walking trails and a community garden). Pickleball and basketball courts, a playground and zip line would be really good in this open space for residents of all ages. I don't see this as a good spot for a raucous, rowdy sports field.

8/26/2025 07:52 AM

Anonymous

Make it a native theme park for kids to learn about natives art

8/26/2025 09:18 AM

Anonymous

please please please add a paved trail, we are severely lacking in bellingham

8/26/2025 10:58 AM

Anonymous

Worries about homeless camps

8/26/2025 02:01 PM

Anonymous

An accessible park for all ages and abilities, that is dog friendly! With shaded areas for warm weather days. Parks without trees are not friendly to those who are heat-sensitive. Additionally, in such an urban area, the more trees and greenery we can maintain the better.

8/26/2025 04:57 PM

Anonymous

Please a full length basketball court

8/26/2025 06:50 PM

Anonymous

8/26/2025 10:26 PM

Connectivity is important to me--being able to walk, bike, or jog from the surrounding neighborhoods. Transportation safety is a concern since the park is along a very busy through-road.

Anonymous

8/27/2025 01:25 AM

Every park needs Swings, and space for picnics.

Martha P

8/27/2025 08:28 AM

Have accessible picnic areas and water features during the hot summer days for neighborhood kids

Anonymous

8/27/2025 11:15 AM

If there is a way to incorporate disc golf that would br absolutely incredible

Anonymous

8/27/2025 02:19 PM

Yes, we need a park that has beautiful foliage such as flowers, cherry blossom trees, and fall trees. A gazebo would be nice.

Anonymous

8/27/2025 11:15 PM

Public bathroom

Anonymous

8/28/2025 09:23 AM

Keep as many trees as possible

Anonymous

8/28/2025 10:18 AM

Having nice trails for LEASHED dog walking would be great nearby a good playground for young families.

Anonymous

8/28/2025 10:51 AM

Lights in the park would be nice, especially in the wintertime. It's becoming increasingly unsafe for women to walk after dusk. After the incident at little Squalicum park, it's hard to enjoy these parks without light

Anonymous

8/28/2025 12:06 PM

Fruit trees

Anonymous

8/28/2025 12:16 PM

Bathrooms are a must! Water fountain would be helpful.

Anonymous

8/28/2025 05:34 PM

That area is a busy part of town- it would be lovely to have a 'secret garden' respite from all the nearby noise and activity.

Anonymous

8/28/2025 07:37 PM

needle exchange or safe injection site .. public restroom

Anonymous

8/28/2025 08:49 PM

Having a safe, well-lit trail to walk after dark would be wonderful. The dark season is coming, and there are not many places to walk after work.

Anonymous

8/29/2025 07:32 AM

Keep it safe, criminal activity free.

Anonymous

8/29/2025 09:31 AM

Leave as much as possible undeveloped with no trails (or minimum trails)

Anonymous

8/29/2025 11:52 AM

Safety from unsafe people in the area. That it is a safe park I can take my kids. A lot of parks in Bellingham I don't dare take them for safety reasons. Also maintained lawns. A lot of Bellingham areas are run down and not maintained with weeding and mowing.

Anonymous

8/29/2025 02:11 PM

Community pool would be amazing. Beachwood has one that they even cover for a very inexpensive price during the winter.

Jim Marcotte

8/29/2025 03:15 PM

This park location is an important crossroads for local trails, so making sure there is access to the park by trails from all directions is critical. Also, the more that people (kids and grownups) can access the park, less of the park area has to be allocated to parking automobiles. Also, while this park may be located within the KM neighborhood, it will be also be of vital importance to people in the Meridian Neighborhood given the lack of park development potential there.

Anonymous

8/29/2025 06:02 PM

It would really help if there was an accompanying boundary map showing the location of the property. It would be great if an engaging commercial activity could be incorporated at the edge of the park in similar fashion to Woods Coffee at Boulevard Park or how the waterfront pump track has been enhanced with the interface of food, beverage, music and other activities. Both have proven to be family friendly magnets for social engagement and entertainment. Parents can socialize, kids can play, and the abundance of activity and humanity are a deterrent to transient and deleterious activity. Allow abutting private development to directly interface and engage the park to increase a sense of ownership and stewardship. Another good

example is the Woodinville Sports Fields with abutting development and outdoor dining overlooking the park, YMCA, and weekly farmers market. The Planning Department should be consulted to brainstorm how private property along the park edges could interface and increase the sense of community, increase safety, improve quality of life, and support local business. If there is any measurable topography, incorporate multiple slides and climbing features as a uniquely special feature to the park, and also so kids unknowingly get exercise while scrambling up and down. Add a pole farm for hanging hammocks and/or tight-ropeing. Incorporate park features/activities that are unique, not typical.

Anonymous

8/30/2025 05:56 PM

This is an amazing area to restore habitat and create a space that the public can use while also considering the needs of the local ecosystem.

Anonymous

8/30/2025 10:22 PM

Disc golf course. Enough said (:

mdcamp

8/31/2025 06:47 AM

good shade trees

Anonymous

9/01/2025 09:55 AM

To have a small space for kids close to the adult exercise equipment and courts , that way parents can keep an eye on their kids while they play.

Anonymous

9/01/2025 03:05 PM

n/a

Anonymous

9/01/2025 06:09 PM

I noted previously that a sensory area would be great. I'm not sure what that would look like though.

Anonymous

9/02/2025 12:38 AM

Any play area for children needs a low fence around it. To slow young children down when running . It's impossible for this grandma to take more than one to the play areas in parks, because I can't look after the safety of more without this.

Anonymous

9/02/2025 08:47 AM

Trail connection to the rest of the city trails would be amazing! It's dangerous to cross or bike on meridian, limiting safe access to the rest of the city without driving.

Anonymous

9/02/2025 09:08 AM

Please include trails wide enough for runners and bikers!

Anonymous

9/02/2025 06:06 PM

Trails connecting to city trail system like sunrise pond and cornwall

Anonymous

9/02/2025 10:53 PM

Off leash area for dogs would be amazing! There's no off leash areas nearby, so it would be a huge asset for the neighborhood.

Anonymous

9/03/2025 07:27 AM

Please shade the playground. Love having bathrooms and water fountains open year round.

Anonymous

9/04/2025 10:19 AM

There's often not enough shade at our playgrounds (whether from sun or rain) more trees around play structures would be lovely!
Please provide baby changing stations in the bathrooms.

Anonymous

9/04/2025 10:34 AM

More spray parks as well as proper shade (like shade umbrellas) and ample parking as well as seating.

Anonymous

9/04/2025 02:02 PM

Off leash dog park

Anonymous

9/05/2025 02:00 PM

Disc golf course!

Anonymous

9/06/2025 09:00 AM

If community garden - have hand pump water wells, Are other community gardens being used? No signage due to graffiti, no trails due to crime - cost of maintenance.

Anonymous

9/06/2025 10:45 AM

please do the climbing wall

Anonymous

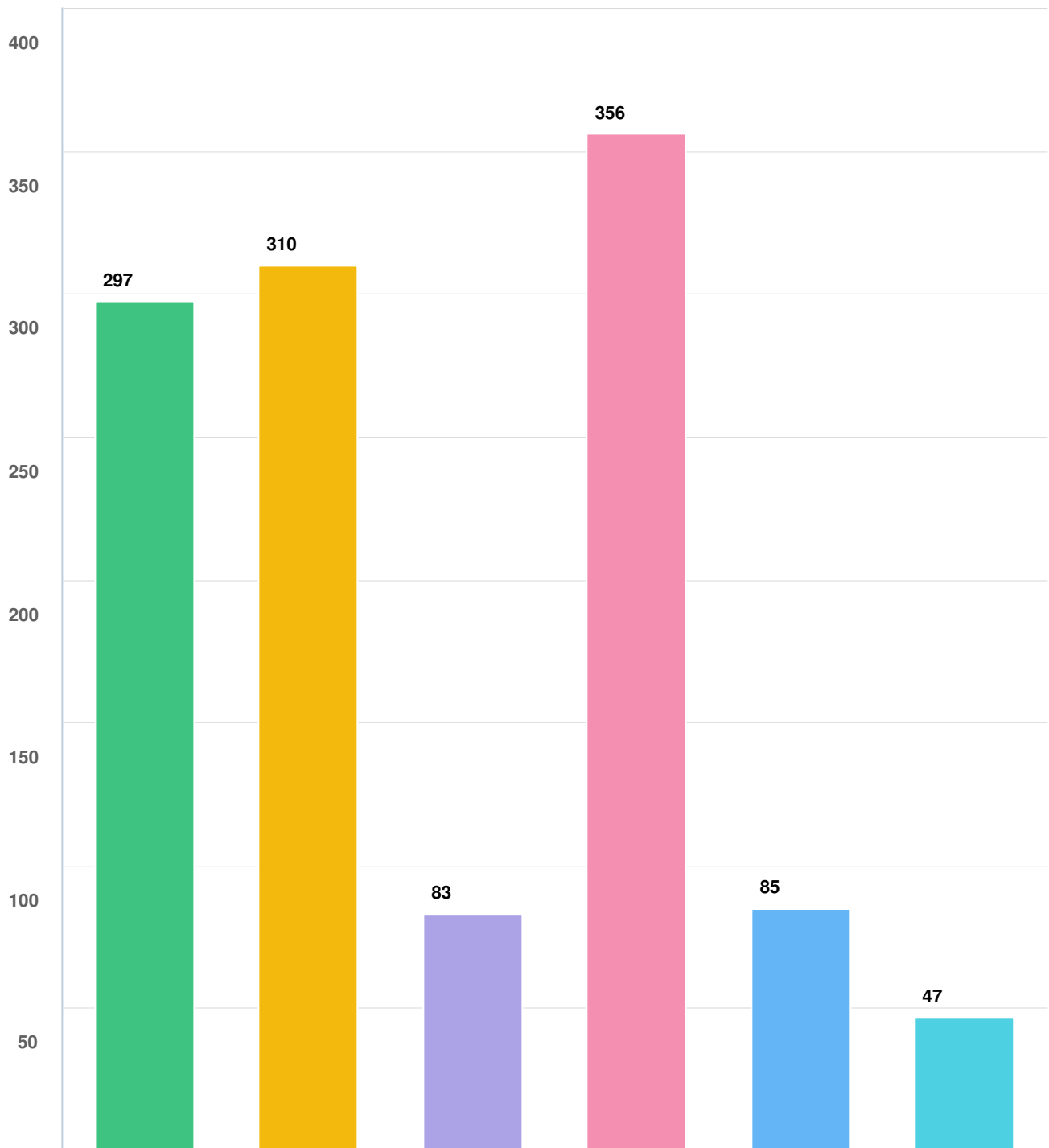
9/06/2025 01:45 PM

public restrooms

Optional question (239 response(s), 383 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q8 Is there anything that might prevent you or others in your household from using the park?



Question options

- Lack of parking
- Safety concerns
- Accessibility concerns
- No public restrooms
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (622 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q9 | We design each neighborhood park to reflect the character of the neighborhood. What makes this part of the City unique or special to you?

Anonymous

7/17/2025 05:54 PM

Green spaces, views of the bay, lots of families with dogs

Anonymous

7/17/2025 05:57 PM

Green spaces and views in unusual proximity to urban growth.

Red66

7/17/2025 06:03 PM

Big trees

Anonymous

7/17/2025 06:28 PM

The woods and nature theme

Anonymous

7/17/2025 06:31 PM

More quiet and close to nature.

Anonymous

7/17/2025 07:31 PM

It is natural and there are trees and berries everywhere so something that is nature related

Jonathan Schilk

7/18/2025 01:45 AM

Hard to say... so much of the neighborhood changed in the last 20 or so years...the spirit of the place needs to be divined by the designer. Perhaps allowing the designer to spend an entire 24 day or two to get the feeling.... Don't over engineer the park but keep an organic flow in terms of form, line, function. Beauty definitely helps achieve that end

Anonymous

7/18/2025 06:35 AM

How wooded it still is, while also being walkable (since the telegraph/James improvements).

Anonymous

7/18/2025 07:40 AM

It is quiet.

Anonymous

7/18/2025 10:51 AM

This part of Bellingham still has native cottonwood forests that create habitat for native animals.

Anonymous

7/18/2025 01:25 PM

Meridian is a place where nature and community come together. Growing up here, I found adventure in the landscape and lasting

friendships in the neighborhood.

Anonymous

7/19/2025 10:06 AM

I know nothing about it!

Anonymous

7/19/2025 02:36 PM

Friendly neighbors who enjoy engaging with one another for "social snacking", or long conversations

Anonymous

7/21/2025 04:38 PM

That it is (was) still mostly undeveloped. I enjoy all of Bellinghams parks and visit them mostly for the trails.

Anonymous

7/21/2025 04:54 PM

Please don't use the term "Master" in the plan. Please use more inclusive words for titles of documents and processes.

Anonymous

7/22/2025 08:57 AM

Wetlands, wooded areas and King/Queen Mts. Would love to see nature-inspired playground design that incorporates local flora in imagery (ex a climbing structure that looks like vines) along with interactive nature elements. (See Aldergrove Park just north of the border)

Anonymous

7/25/2025 08:07 AM

I feel like this neighborhood has a lack of identity, so this park could be the anchor for building community. There are so many families around here, but we have to travel for most events and things that are happening in Bellingham. I see this park housing children's sports leagues in an open field, Summer camps, walking trails, a community garden, sidewalk art, a picnic shelter for those outdoor birthday's with a beautiful mural of Baker, and a big playground that is accessible for all!

Anonymous

7/28/2025 08:38 PM

Diversity, would love to see signage in other languages

Anonymous

7/28/2025 09:06 PM

Bakerview reminds me of everyone accepted from all different backgrounds - maybe a cultural art display of sorts?

Anonymous

7/29/2025 09:09 AM

The Northside needs a nature appreciation zone.

Anonymous

7/29/2025 10:40 AM

History of Telegraph Road?

Anonymous

7/30/2025 03:22 PM

The view of Mt Baker and being a gateway to the County

Anonymous

7/31/2025 12:44 PM

It's flat and gets sun all day!

Anonymous

7/31/2025 12:45 PM

Centrally located near mixed demographic housing/shopping

Anonymous

7/31/2025 02:02 PM

Preserve the natural rural wetland feel of this area. So much of this part of town is being gradually developed.

Anonymous

7/31/2025 07:39 PM

Climbable trees are the most important thing for me.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 11:36 AM

The view of Mt. Baker to the East.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:14 PM

Solitude

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:23 PM

Lots of families!

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:28 PM

I dont know.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:32 PM

The fact that there might be a skatepark

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:49 PM

Community. People of all ages and backgrounds getting together and having a good time. Being able to get involved with locals.

jeberharter

8/02/2025 01:45 PM

Love the trees

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:57 PM

It seems new to me.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 12:59 PM

Garden nursery. Maybe make sure to have a community garden.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 01:38 PM

I feel like this side of town doesn't have many cool parks or a skatepark so that would be nice or some sort of native garden or trails

Anonymous

8/02/2025 01:48 PM

Close to our house. Bham does great jobs with their parks.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 02:04 PM

Bakerview has a lot of people that mix in - it's a center point between the county areas and downtown so the diversity is much more prominent. I feel it should reflect a neutral area where people aren't uncomfortable with existing there. It should reflect that diversity.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 02:22 PM

I just like spending time outside with people

Anonymous

8/02/2025 05:16 PM

we love bakerview! whatever part of the city you're in, you're a part of bellingham. as for aesthetic, we love how open bakerview feels.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 05:42 PM

None

Anonymous

8/02/2025 06:37 PM

Its pretty close by to our family of bikers and skaterboarders and onewheelers

Anonymous

8/02/2025 09:55 PM

It's not far away

Anonymous

8/02/2025 10:32 PM

It could use a skatepark! Bellingham needs more then 1.5 skateparks yknow

Anonymous

8/03/2025 11:24 AM

The view of mt baker

Anonymous

8/03/2025 11:29 AM

The views of Mt Baker

Anonymous

8/03/2025 01:00 PM

I would like the new park to be a hub for creativity and safe fun for families

Anonymous

8/03/2025 10:21 PM

It's a hidden gem behind the chaos of Meridian.

Anonymous

8/04/2025 11:41 AM

I like going there

Anonymous

8/04/2025 03:21 PM

It doesn't have a skatepark yet

Anonymous

8/06/2025 05:38 PM

Highly urban, but in natural setting (eg beautiful views of baker)

Anonymous

8/13/2025 07:02 PM

Many seniors live in King Mountain neighborhood.

Anonymous

8/15/2025 07:47 PM

Diversity, feeling of community.

Anonymous

8/18/2025 04:31 PM

affordable housing should not be in a public park

KFM

8/20/2025 07:12 PM

I live next door to the the area in the Meridian neighborhood, directly adjacent to the development area. My house is located on Woodbury way. I am very concerned about the prospect of a traffic entrance through Woodbury way. This would make it dangerous for our children to play. It is a very small neighborhood with a very small street. Not only that there will be a housing complex. I want to make sure there are signs stating that the neighborhood side parking is only for residents with towing enforcement so overflow parking is not done in our neighborhood. There should be a gate that closes at sunset to prevent cars from coming in and out and to limit access. The other concern is safety. Keeping that entrance open 24 hours will lead to increased chance of breakins in car amongst other issues. We all know Bellingham has a homelessness problem - you are risking drugs etc carrying over to our neighborhood and yards as these parks do attract these kind of encampments and issues. We want to make sure the parks are monitored for this at a regular basis with enforcement of malign sure camps and illegal activity is not happening. We don't want 24 hour access to our neighborhood from that entrance.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 09:42 AM

Currently, what makes out neighborhood special are the forests and former agricultural land. However, as our neighbor develops, we expect a high percentage of multi-family housing. That may become the defining characteristic. With that, we would love to see community garden a high percentage of community garden space reflected in our neighborhood. The current Van Wyck site is amazing and yet to be maximally utilized; however, given the projected developments, it will not be anywhere close to sufficient for the number of yard-less residents projected for the future. Ensure there is ground for folks to work now at the Bakerview Park site is key forward thinking. Maybe the garden isn't built out in the first phase of development, but lets make sure there is a smart spot for it in the final design. Also, it would be wonderful to see the park honor the history of the site through food production space and native forest habitat.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 10:12 AM

The open files areas

Anonymous

8/23/2025 11:03 AM

Close to where I live. We love to take our folding chairs to sit and read outdoors.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 11:32 AM

It still has undeveloped natural areas that should be preserved.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 12:07 PM

I like the ruralness of the area. And the garden shop nearby. It would be nice to showcase native plant gardens, or xeriscape gardens in light of our water supply. Educate the public on options. Get kids used to seeing something besides green lawns.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 12:58 PM

I mean, it's "Bakerview" because we all see the view of Baker, right?

Anonymous

8/23/2025 01:05 PM

Lots of trees and hidden beauty.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 01:12 PM

Large mix of income for households in this area leading to lots of diversity and shared communities

Anonymous

8/23/2025 01:24 PM

The view of Mt Baker. I think it would be neat to have it symbolically be a connection between the mountain and Bellingham.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 01:33 PM

Mt Baker views and trees. Bigfoot or bear statue would be cool.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:25 PM

Please just keep in mind that there is a huge population of older folks in this whole town that needs attention to! They need outdoor space where they can feel SAFE and enjoy the outdoors!

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:32 PM

It's not far from where the original Tulip Town festival was held, as well as all the history of Telegraph road. I'm not a fan of the capitalistic landscape we have on Meridian and would much prefer more plants/nature be included.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:33 PM

Bike was stolen here

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:36 PM

Hills, a little bit away from urban density

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:56 PM

Young and energetic

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:57 PM

Close to Bakerview Nursery (My Garden Nursery)

Anonymous

8/23/2025 03:02 PM

If the climb wall will be create for the new park, it can makes people think of mount baker instantly.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 03:07 PM

The amount of culture there! When I lived in King Mt neighborhood, I saw a lot more people of color than other places I've lived in Bellingham, as well as a lot more families. I feel like Cordata Park caters well to families, but King Mt is lacking in green spaces for people to just exist with nature.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 03:13 PM

Part of my commute to work

Anonymous

8/23/2025 03:36 PM

Trees and open areas without buildings

Anonymous

8/23/2025 03:43 PM

This park would be one of the closest to our home in the Northern Heights neighborhood. Having a large park with lots of different

activities similar to Fairhaven Park or Squalicum Park on this side of town would be amazing.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 03:43 PM

Have lived and worked in north Bellingham/iron gate and drive bakerview rd almost daily. Looking forward to this new addition

Anonymous

8/23/2025 03:46 PM

Lots of forests and trees in King Mountain area- keep and plant more trees

Anonymous

8/23/2025 03:54 PM

Shopping / restaurants

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:03 PM

Close to shopping and dining and easily accessible yet secluded and natural feeling.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:05 PM

Live & Work

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:43 PM

This neighborhood has a lot of open space and it would be nice to see a good trail system that can lead to a few areas where kids can play/hike.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:45 PM

It needs more love

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:48 PM

View of mount baker

Anonymous

8/23/2025 04:58 PM

I feel that the east Bakerview area is a very pretty area with lots of trees, native plants, and nature. I think it's important to play onto that and keep the space looking exciting and inviting, but not out of place.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 05:01 PM

I live nearby and really enjoy the protected green spaces in the area.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 05:12 PM

Whatever the city calls it "unhoused", please let's not turn this into a Cornwall park.

Anonymous 8/23/2025 05:13 PM	We travel Baker ore to town and it is less congested and would be the closest park
Anonymous 8/23/2025 05:38 PM	It's been ignored for far too long and it needs more Greenways.
Anonymous 8/23/2025 05:39 PM	Mostly 50 years plus old neighborhood.prefer peace & clean.
Anonymous 8/23/2025 05:44 PM	Open sightlines
Anonymous 8/23/2025 06:07 PM	It is a safe and friendly community.
Anonymous 8/23/2025 07:04 PM	Scenic view
Anonymous 8/23/2025 07:07 PM	I think this is a kind of the worst area of Bellingham because of big busy roads with bad traffic, huge stores, apartment buildings, and tons of strip malls. I really like the idea of putting a nature park here for that reason but I do worry about it becoming overwhelmed w homeless.
Anonymous 8/23/2025 07:07 PM	View of Mt. Baker. Walkable to many places we use: gym, mall library branch, dentist, groceries, and running trails.
Anonymous 8/23/2025 07:08 PM	N/a
Anonymous 8/23/2025 07:18 PM	Surrounded by woodland buffers
Anonymous 8/23/2025 07:25 PM	vibrant community with people of all ages, melting pot of cultures, busy and active
Anonymous 8/23/2025 08:00 PM	As a kid (and sometimes still as an adult) I would look in the fields on this section of Bakerview to see if I could find any deer. They seem to love this area and would frequently be seen grazing here. It's growing up now and way more developed, so there isn't as much nature. I would love to see an emphasis on nature for this new park.

Anonymous
8/23/2025 08:06 PM
Closeness to everything. Fast paced life. Newer aesthetic. Cooler vibe.

Anonymous
8/23/2025 08:35 PM
Doesn't feel like it's in the middle of the city

Anonymous
8/23/2025 08:42 PM
Wildlife

Anonymous
8/23/2025 08:56 PM
Not sure Just want a lighted park

Anonymous
8/23/2025 09:03 PM
Accessibility

Anonymous
8/23/2025 09:14 PM
We love how central this area is, close to shopping and close to nature too!

Anonymous
8/23/2025 09:23 PM
Nature/trees/creeks. We are so close to town, yet this area has beautiful big meadows and trees areas

Anonymous
8/23/2025 09:28 PM
It's near my neighborhood. With the James St walk/bikability increasing a new park in the area would be great

Anonymous
8/23/2025 09:58 PM
I work very close

Anonymous
8/23/2025 10:30 PM
The fact that it is near shopping areas but still seems like it is in the country rather than the city.

Anonymous
8/23/2025 10:38 PM
We live very close by, and it's a growing neighborhood, with lots of children. Would be wonderful to have another park close by.

Anonymous
8/23/2025 10:54 PM
The trees

Anonymous
View of Mt. Baker

8/23/2025 11:06 PM

Anonymous

Viewing wide open fields nearby

8/23/2025 11:37 PM

Anonymous

I was excited to move to this part of town because it's so quiet and I enjoy seeing the wildlife freely roaming

8/23/2025 11:49 PM

Anonymous

It feels less populated than other parts of the city. There's still alot of nature and green belts.

8/24/2025 12:25 AM

Anonymous

nice view

8/24/2025 02:43 AM

Anonymous

I'm a life long resident of Bellingham. I love that we get to have input in this and am just here to see another master piece be added to our community. Thank you bellingham

8/24/2025 05:11 AM

Anonymous

It's a last bastion in a sea of overdevelopment.

8/24/2025 05:38 AM

Anonymous

Wildlife

8/24/2025 06:15 AM

Anonymous

Close to home, community, neighborhood

8/24/2025 06:30 AM

Anonymous

Lots of traffic, in a poorly designed city, that didn't plan for growth. I want to be and to allow my kids to go to parks unaccompanied by an adult, but with so many people using drugs, sleeping and living in parks and on trails, this Just doesn't feel safe. Heck, there are some parks I won't even go to as an adult bc I don't feel safe or want to deal with human feces or worry about being scared.

8/24/2025 07:24 AM

Anonymous

It has a different vibe than anywhere else in the city. I feel like I've traveled even though it's down the street

8/24/2025 07:25 AM

Anonymous

The stunning view of Mt. Baker as we driver east on Bakerview Rd

8/24/2025 07:34 AM

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:09 AM

affordable housing

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:26 AM

I have lived in a lot of neighborhoods of Bellingham and North Bellingham has its flaws, but it also has a lot a hidden gems! This park would probably be another one!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:26 AM

It is close to where I live.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:33 AM

Views of Baker

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:49 AM

Lots of people and animals, lots of visitors to Bellingham as well.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:58 AM

I'm so thankful for the nature in our community.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:18 AM

Openness with the field, view of Baker, closeness to the neighborhood

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:27 AM

It hasn't become completely gentrified.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:28 AM

Easy access from home

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:33 AM

Diverse and up and coming.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:43 AM

Trees, grass, open fields, water

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:49 AM

There's a beautiful disc golf course by the mall.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 09:49 AM

It used to feel like it was on the edge of town. Now it is right in the middle. A really great chance here to put in the start of what will become the "Elizabeth park" of the north side.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 10:05 AM

Garden

Anonymous

8/24/2025 10:20 AM

It's close by and would be my frequent place if it appeals to my dog and I.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 11:05 AM

The people are an eclectic bunch and its being right above the bay.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 11:07 AM

Always just passing through would like a reason to stop.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 11:10 AM

A particularly pretty area in a pretty town.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 11:58 AM

Younger neighborhood with many families, kids, young adults and seniors. Multi generational area needs a broad focus to serve community

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:07 PM

Diversity, multigenerational,

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:18 PM

Nothing in particular. But I'm happy to see more park space for this part of town!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:25 PM

im not super clear on where it is exactly.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:26 PM

Easily accessible from the Guide.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 12:33 PM

The diversity!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 01:01 PM

Views of Mt. Baker

Anonymous

8/24/2025 01:12 PM

Not much character here. Just a central location

Anonymous

8/24/2025 01:12 PM

That stretch of Bakerview always felt like a little Rollercoaster to me when I was a kid.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 01:42 PM

Open spaces

Anonymous

8/24/2025 01:59 PM

It would be great to have character and a quiet place. It's a lot of box stores and huge streets. My Garden is an amazing place and I love walking around there, so having some of their flamingos would be cool.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 02:27 PM

Where exactly is this park to be locate? Any dedicated wet-lands nearby?

Anonymous

8/24/2025 02:48 PM

Trees trees trees trees

Anonymous

8/24/2025 02:56 PM

Honestly, I associate that entire area with the mall and shopping.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 03:00 PM

close to nature yet close to medical, shopping, etc.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 03:02 PM

I enjoy how nice it is here and when everyone is relaxed enjoying our rainy or even sunny weather in the summer we could always use more places to enjoy ourselves around here theres not alot!

Anonymous

8/24/2025 03:23 PM

I love just outside the city limits and come into town on bakerview regularly. I like the idea of there being a tranquil location open to the public nearby.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 04:19 PM

We are so excited. We live on Todd In and will visit often. A park was missing from this area and now we are excited to call this place home. Thank you

Anonymous

8/24/2025 04:35 PM

It's view of Mount Baker. Manny other places in Bellingham have a partial view of Baker but only 1 Street is called Bakerview. I feel that's an amazing unique feature of this are and really sets us apart.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 04:52 PM

Well living over here, it is a quiet place. Hidden in the city and most people don't even know there are neighborhoods back here. Park should bring the Bellingham subdued excitement.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 05:12 PM

So much traffic and opportunity for people to be able to stop by and relax at a park. Also, I feel like there's no parks in that area that aren't attached to apartments? That could also be because I don't live in this neighborhood.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 05:39 PM

I come into Bellingham from Blaine often and come through this area a lot. Would love to have another park in this area.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 05:45 PM

King Mountain is totally residential. We lack the amenities of other neighborhoods. Having a community park will provide a focal point for community interaction and a place for children to play.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 05:50 PM

The view of Mt Baker, native plants and birds, Kevin the peacock

Anonymous

8/24/2025 07:01 PM

Peaceful, diverse, lots of young families

Anonymous

8/24/2025 07:03 PM

Close

Anonymous

8/24/2025 07:31 PM

The area would be a reprieve from the bustle of nearby retail and traffic

Anonymous

8/24/2025 07:43 PM

Not many people know this area, but it's a great place to live with wonderful people. I hope the park gives our community a place to gather, brings people together, and further integrates our neighborhood into Bellingham.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 07:56 PM

frequenting this area regularly to see family & friends

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:12 PM

Skate Park and jump would be more accessible

Anonymous

Proximity

8/24/2025 08:32 PM

Anonymous

Amenities

8/24/2025 08:45 PM

Anonymous

It is where I live

8/24/2025 11:28 PM

Anonymous

It is beginning to feel more like a village now.

8/24/2025 11:30 PM

Anonymous

The beautiful views of baker and quiet scenery

8/25/2025 01:03 AM

Anonymous

It used to be a prairie habitat

8/25/2025 01:09 AM

Anonymous

Open spaces with trees and forest area. These would represent the state of Washington

8/25/2025 06:54 AM

Anonymous

This side of Meridian is still undeveloped but access is challenging because Meridian is so congested. There are lovely parks in Cordata but getting to them from the east side of Meridian is challenging because of traffic so creating something as nice on my side would be wonderful.

8/25/2025 07:08 AM

Anonymous

Open space, easy to watch children play

8/25/2025 07:13 AM

Anonymous

The view of Baker!

8/25/2025 07:34 AM

Anonymous

We live out in the county and I feel like this area is kind of on the edge of being in the county. Maybe some art or something to reflect this?

8/25/2025 07:41 AM

Anonymous

I do think the remaining forest cover in King Mountain is part of its charms—a more rural/rugged, less urban feel.

8/25/2025 07:44 AM

Anonymous

wetland areas and pond

8/25/2025 09:14 AM

Anonymous

8/25/2025 09:31 AM

I grew up on Kellogg Rd.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 09:53 AM

Its relative spaciousness to older, more denser neighborhoods.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 10:32 AM

This area is still being developed so much is still rural. It will be good to keep some of the forest and fields long term.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 11:08 AM

There are a lot of families and young couples living in these neighborhoods and having an accessible walkable space to exercise or spend time outside would be very special.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 12:32 PM

This area is socioeconomically diverse. It's good to get a decent park here so people don't have to drive far for a nice park

Anonymous

8/25/2025 12:52 PM

The views of mount baker and the open space fields which are wonderful for bird watching

Anonymous

8/25/2025 01:26 PM

Density of apts.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 02:34 PM

Large trees

Anonymous

8/25/2025 02:39 PM

Growth is happening all over this area. Space for expansion in the future as community needs arise. Another skate park would be nice for people on this side of town.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 03:31 PM

I think it should be mountain themed. Mt. baker themed!

Anonymous

8/25/2025 03:45 PM

That there is very little nature left to enjoy there. Just parking lots and roads.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 04:05 PM

There are creeks, greenbelts and wildlife - deer and birds, while being very near to Meridian and traffic.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 06:49 PM

We are semi-rural and I think the park should reflect that.

Anonymous

8/25/2025 07:51 PM

Open spaces

Anonymous

8/25/2025 09:54 PM

open land

Anonymous

8/26/2025 12:15 AM

It is flat with Bakerview lacking sidewalks. New housing developments are popping up between James St and Meridian and near Home Depot. The park needs to consider young families with children. There needs to be some trees/umbrellas/shelter close to the playground, unlike Cordata Park.

Anonymous

8/26/2025 07:25 AM

Being able to easily access these perks in the winter because they're so interspersed within neighborhoods is an outstanding opportunity to stay connected to Nature.

Anonymous

8/26/2025 07:34 AM

This is where I work and it can feel very commercial with all the large stores but there is a community of people in this area who want to gather together. And obviously the view of the mountain to remind you where you are!

Anonymous

8/26/2025 07:52 AM

We can walk to this park.

Anonymous

8/26/2025 09:18 AM

It's uniqueness is Birchwood is a type of neighborhood where people can just live without judgment

Anonymous

8/26/2025 09:32 AM

Diversity of the area

Anonymous

8/26/2025 02:01 PM

Lots of trees

Anonymous

8/26/2025 04:57 PM

All of Bellingham is unique - what would make this area even more unique is maintaining the vibrancy of trees, plants and life. Art centered the pays tribute to wildlife and thriving ecosystems would be amazing.

Anonymous

8/26/2025 06:50 PM

Near a bustling business area but still maintains its natural beauty with a great view of Mt Baker

Anonymous

8/26/2025 10:26 PM

There are still lots of big open spaces and woods. the neighborhood is developing. I'm excited to see intentional design of the new development to reflect human connection and preserving natural spaces.

Anonymous

8/26/2025 11:46 PM

The Birch tree forests so pretty in the fall for nature walks

Anonymous

8/26/2025 11:51 PM

It is kind of a county buffer zone and will be nice for seeing some new birds, animals and plants

Anonymous

8/27/2025 01:25 AM

Native artwork please.

Martha P

8/27/2025 08:28 AM

This is a great question! I like this part of the city because it feels like you're heading out of town but still in Bellingham. Leveraging the quiet and peacefulness of this place would be lovely.

Anonymous

8/27/2025 09:11 AM

views of. mountains

Anonymous

8/27/2025 09:52 AM

It's still rural and has access to nature and native wildlife.

Anonymous

8/27/2025 09:23 PM

Serves many different types of neighborhoods

Anonymous

8/27/2025 09:50 PM

I love the views of Mt Baker from this area, as well as the beautiful trees, wildlife, and nature trails.

Anonymous

8/27/2025 11:15 PM

I live off of Hannegan right past the speedway and would love more off leash options and closer ones

Anonymous

8/28/2025 09:23 AM

The trees and wildlife

Anonymous

8/28/2025 10:51 AM

I would try to restore the habitat as much as possibly. Lots of trees, flowers etc. I would hate to see it completely flattened. It can both be a nature habitat and a park

Anonymous

8/28/2025 12:16 PM

Trees, coastal neighborhood

Anonymous

8/28/2025 02:03 PM

Quiet, slightly removed from town

Anonymous

8/28/2025 02:49 PM

It was a less developed and more natural area. I would like to see as much nature retained as possible.

Anonymous

8/28/2025 04:49 PM

Mature forest Water feature

Anonymous

8/28/2025 05:34 PM

I feel like this area is going through a transformation I, from being a strip-mall hellscape into something better.

Anonymous

8/28/2025 07:08 PM

pigeons <3

Anonymous

8/28/2025 11:58 PM

A lot of famines and Seniors.

Anonymous

8/29/2025 07:32 AM

The amount of wildlife still here in spite of the number of apartment buildings. We hear coyotes (thank you, Fire Department sirens), we hear and see raptors, frogs, songbirds. We still see deer occasionally. It's like living in a nature reserve.

Anonymous

8/29/2025 08:24 AM

Natural refuge from the insane pace of the Guide.

Anonymous

8/29/2025 09:31 AM

Undeveloped areas

Jim Marcotte

8/29/2025 03:15 PM

It's unique because of all the potential residential growth. The current open spaces (undeveloped properties) and adjacent higher density housing gives the city a chance to balance recreational areas and

development as the city population grows. Consider using a shorter planning time frame for now for a thoughtful overall conceptual design and core amenities, then revisit the park planning in say 10 years or so after more local residential developments take place. Thanks for the opportunity to submit comments!

Anonymous

8/29/2025 04:23 PM

It's more remote and should be less crowded and noisy

Anonymous

8/29/2025 06:02 PM

It would really help if there was an accompanying boundary map showing the location of the property. If there is no redeeming character to the neighborhood, then design it to attract and facilitate new development that will support and patronize the park. Design any bridges that cross over the stream to be thoughtful and timeless, not just functional.

Anonymous

8/30/2025 05:56 PM

The north side had been neglected for quite some time throughout the city's history so it will be nice to see another park project happening in the area. There are a lot of opportunities for us to properly steward this area and I hope that we take advantage of that.

Anonymous

8/30/2025 10:22 PM

I went to whatcom community college so have spent much time in the area

Anonymous

8/31/2025 10:10 AM

Still seems remote or in the wilderness.

Anonymous

9/01/2025 09:55 AM

The community is Diverse and there are mostly working families with limited access to outdoors spaces. Adding this park to this community will benefit many families and young adults.

Anonymous

9/01/2025 03:05 PM

Not extremely familiar with the area, but often go because of the amenities (grocery shopping etc).

Anonymous

9/01/2025 06:09 PM

It's where I attend church , a quiet reflection park would be nice.

Anonymous

9/02/2025 08:47 AM

This area is full of young people and families since it's some of the most affordable housing in the city.

Anonymous

9/02/2025 09:08 AM

It's quiet and peaceful!

Anonymous

9/02/2025 11:44 AM

Not sure, right now to me I see it as a bit of a concrete eyesore filled with shopping and industrial usage. Would be nice to bring it more in line with the rest of Bellingham, close to nature and integrated with car-free trail systems that encourage community and healthy lifestyles.

Anonymous

9/02/2025 06:06 PM

It's a busy part of town with traffic and noise so a quiet space with nature is needed.

Anonymous

9/02/2025 10:17 PM

Income and cultural diversity

Anonymous

9/02/2025 10:53 PM

More greenery/nature and wildlife compared to other neighborhoods

Anonymous

9/03/2025 07:27 AM

Views of Mount Baker!

Anonymous

9/04/2025 10:34 AM

It needs an update to the Shuksan park swing set and there must be an update to the Birchwood Park. It is old and outdated.

Anonymous

9/04/2025 02:02 PM

Up-and-coming neighborhood with lots of new development and opportunities to build a strong community.

Anonymous

9/04/2025 05:52 PM

Views of Baker

Anonymous

9/05/2025 02:00 PM

I love the wide open space found here as well as balerview's namesake.

Anonymous

9/06/2025 09:00 AM

It will be extremely dense very soon. Covered park due to weather will be important. Walkability. No parking lots. We have a bus system for all to use. People have to plan and be accountable. city is broke.

Anonymous

9/06/2025 10:45 AM

it would be 😊

Anonymous

9/06/2025 01:45 PM

uhhhh

Anonymous

9/06/2025 11:14 PM

All of the trees in the area

Anonymous

9/07/2025 07:35 AM

The name says it all...Mt. Baker

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Preferred Design and Amenities - Bakerview Park

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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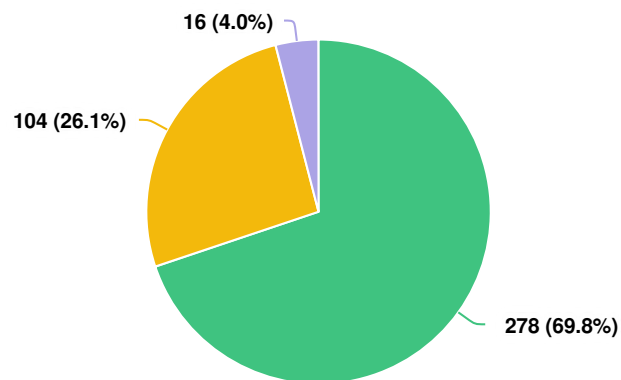
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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Select your preferred park theme. (Full size versions of the two options can be viewed here.)



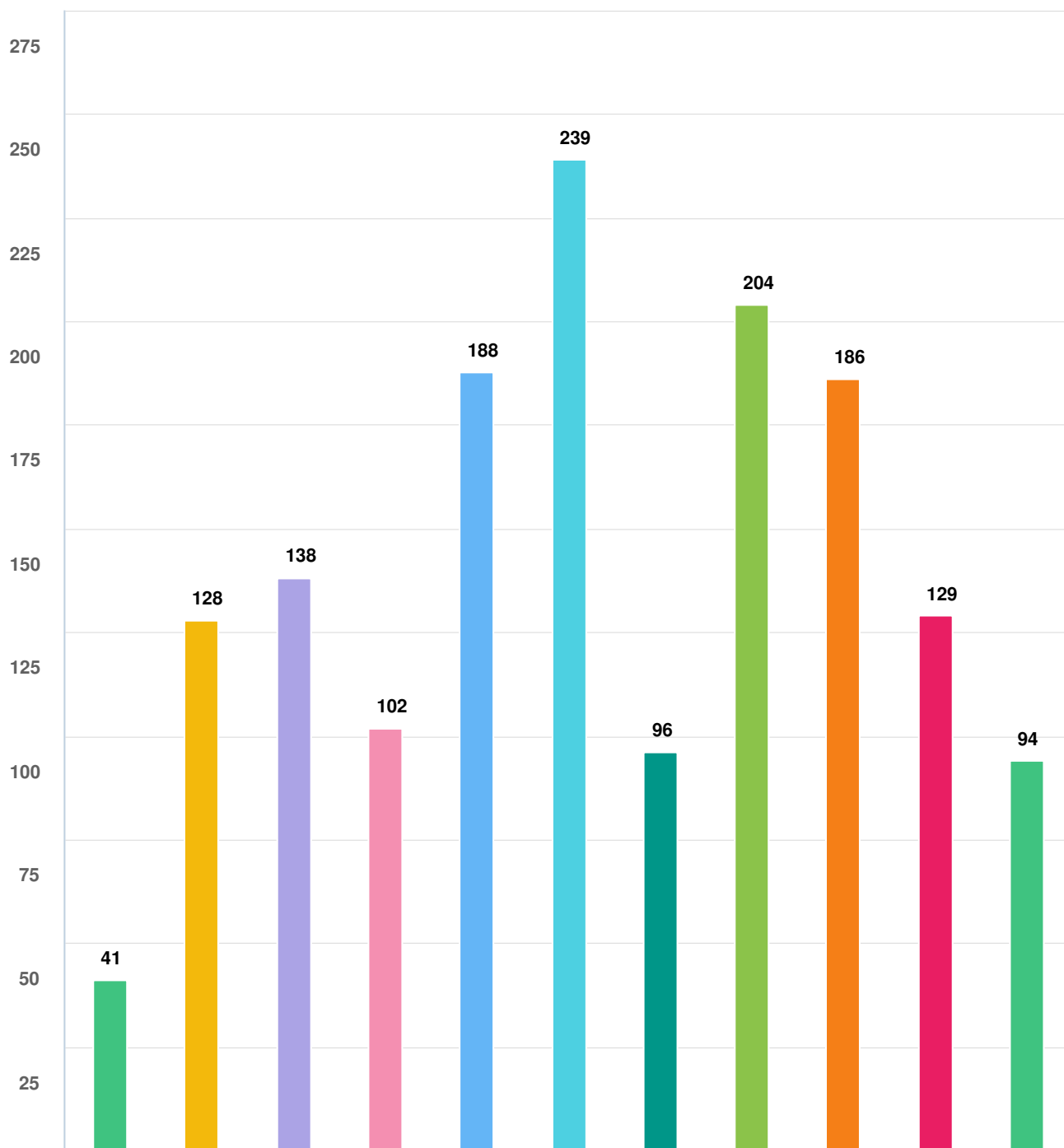
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- Nature's Gem - Nature based recreation and amenities
- Time & History - Stewardship, history, and active recreation
- Other park theme (please specify)

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Q2 Pick five amenities that you would like to see at the park? (All options include trails and a playground)



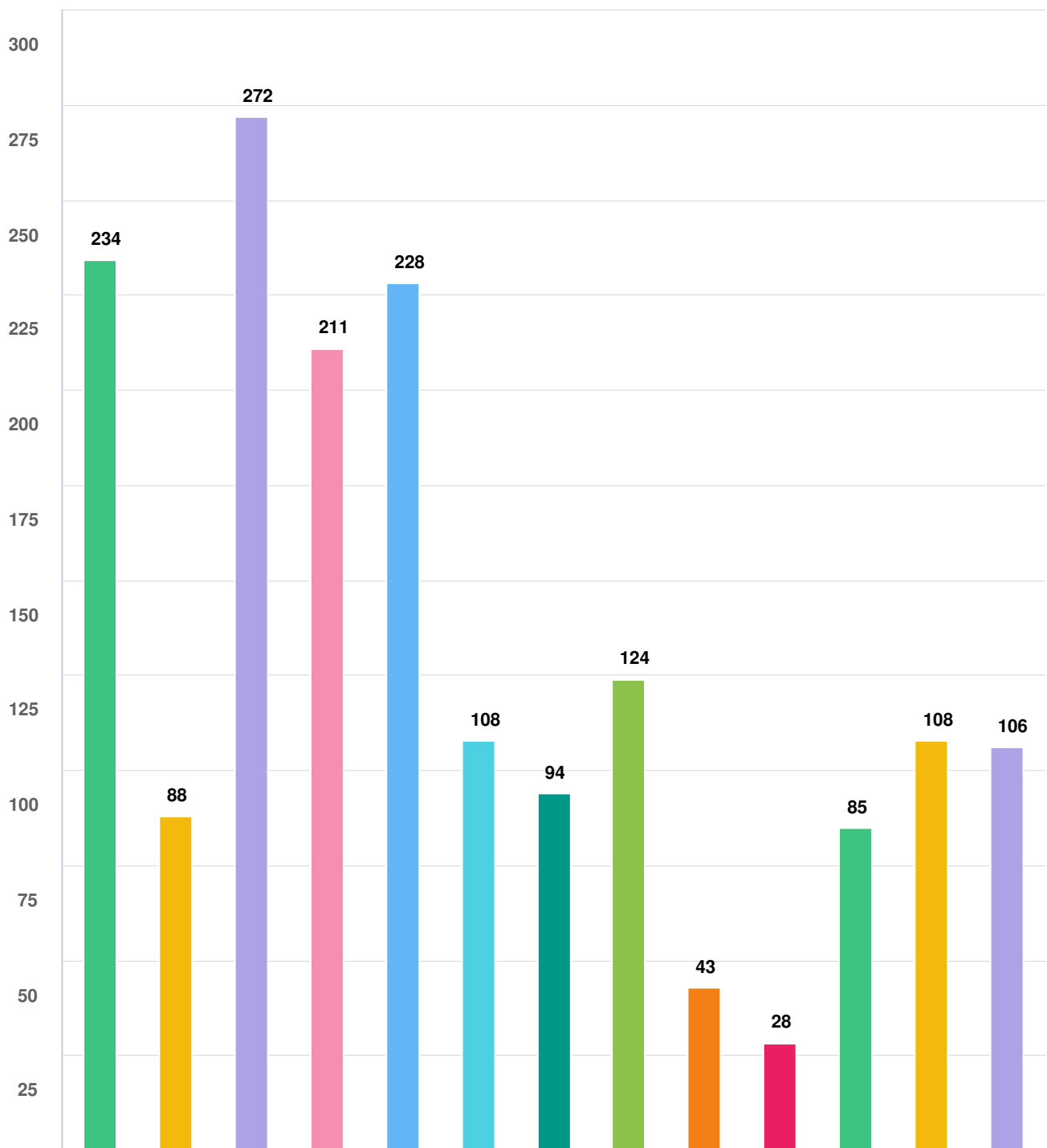
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- Other (please specify) Exercise equipment for adults Year round play field: soccer, cricket, lacrosse, futsal, football
- Sportcourt: volleyball, basketball Climbing/bouldering wall for all ages Picnic shelter Skatepark
- Disc golf course Community garden Off-leash dog park Tennis/pickleball

Mandatory Question (398 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q3 What play features should be included at the playground? (Pick your top 5)



Question options

- Zip line Spinner Swings Slide Climbing Music Clubhouse Monkeybars
Peek-a-boo tunnel Spring Riders Sensory Panel Trampoline Low fence around play area

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