

APPENDIX D

City of Lacey Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Survey Results

Survey Design

The survey was distributed as a Google Form that did not track respondents, did not require logins, and did not require answers to any given question. Where possible, the analysis will include the number of answers to a particular question, which is typically a lower number than the number of all responses. Responses submitted on paper versions of the survey went through a data entry process and were recorded in a separate instance of the survey form.

Number of All Responses

There were 702 responses to the survey that were entered electronically, and 168 responses that were submitted on paper at various Parks and Recreation events, for a total of 870 survey responses.

Survey Section 1 of 3

Are you a resident of the City of Lacey?

This was a multiple-choice one-answer question. The answers were “Yes” or “No.” 515 out of 863 responses to this question were Yes, for 59.7% of respondents identifying as City of Lacey residents.

If you answered “Yes” to the question above, how many years have you lived in Lacey?

This was a short-answer question that accepted numbers or text. Of the 515 “Yes” responses to the question above, 476 (92.4%) identified some number of years of Lacey residence. Of those 476, two identified residence outside Lacey city limits and were discounted. Answers were rounded to up to the next whole year. Almost half (46.3%) of the respondents have lived 10 years or less in Lacey – almost a quarter of the respondents (24.8%) have been Lacey residents for 5 years or less. The mean value is 15.1 years : the median value is 12 years.

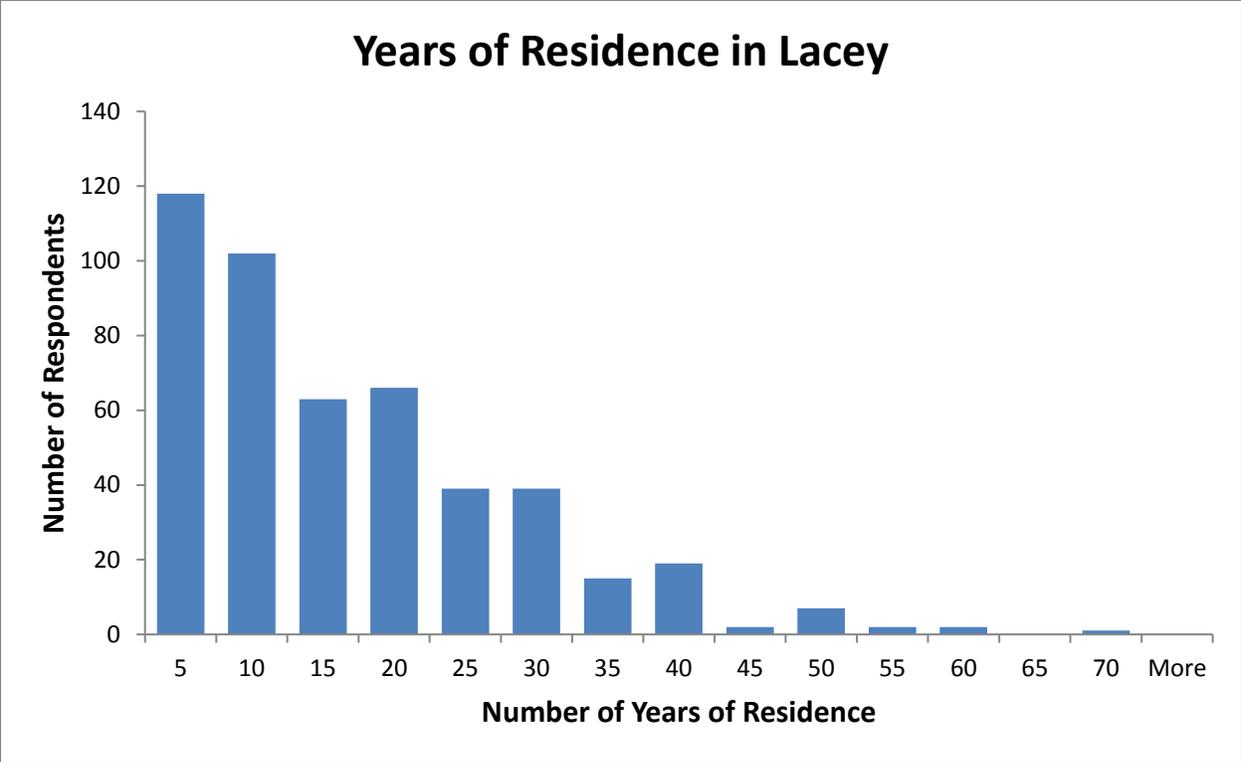


Figure 1. Years of Residence in Lacey

Using the map below, please identify which Park Planning Area you reside in.

Respondents were provided with a map showing Lacey and the urban growth area with major roads, and an overlay showing the labeled park planning areas. The answer was formatted as a pick-one multiple choice dropdown, and included “I can’t tell/don’t know” as a valid response. Out of 870 respondents, 600 (69.0%) chose to identify their park planning area or indicate that they could not tell from the map. Worth noting is that the paper version of the survey did not include a map and the count of “I don’t know/can’t tell” may be somewhat inflated by the data entry process.

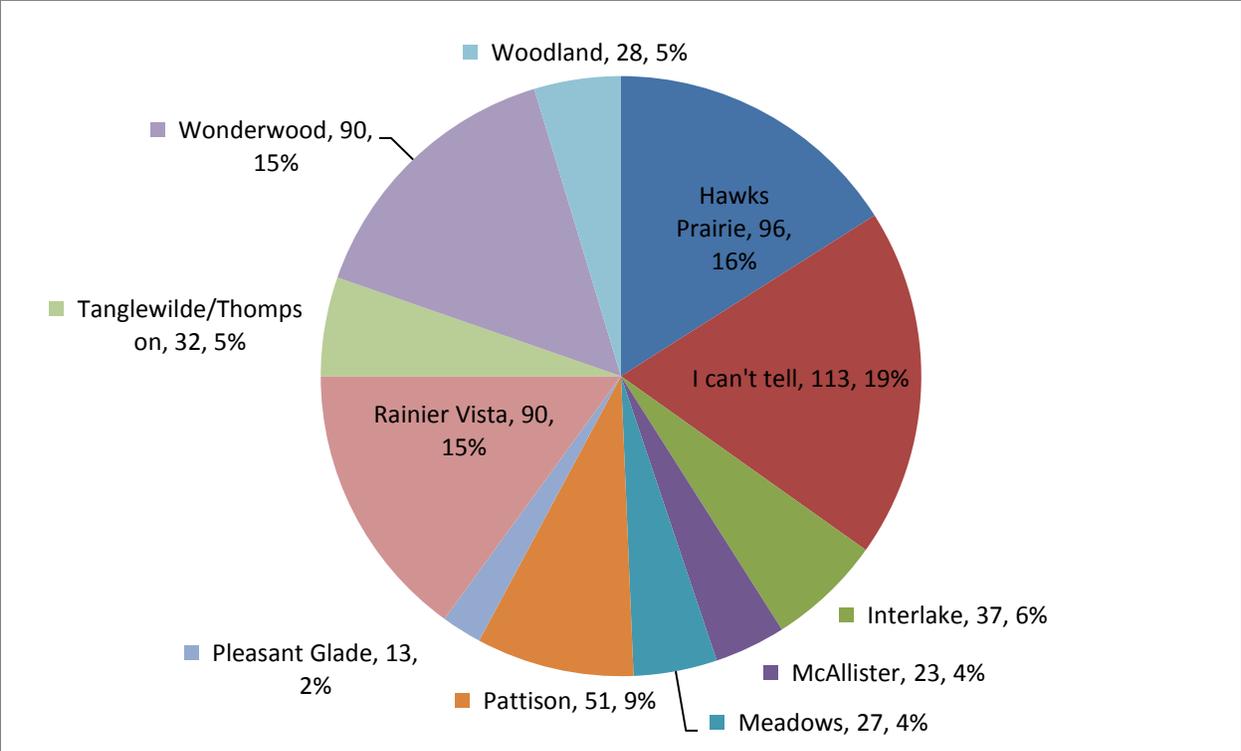


Figure 2. Park Planning Area of Residence

Do you have children under 18 in your house?

Of the 870 respondents, 862 (99.1%) chose to answer this question, which was implemented as a pick-one dropdown with the choices of Yes, No, and Prefer not to say. 459 respondents answered Yes, 391 answered No, and 12 chose Prefer not to say.

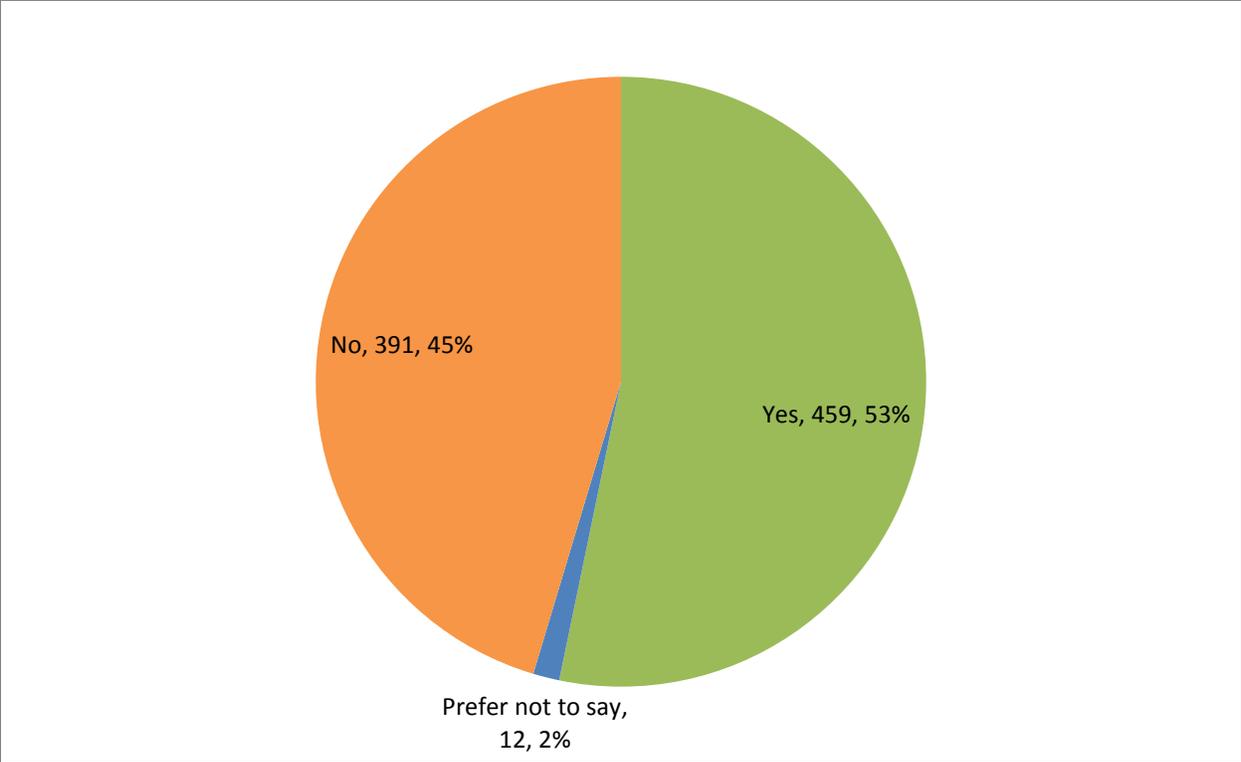


Figure 3. Households with Children Under 18

What age category are you?

Of the 870 respondents, 851 (97.8%) chose to answer this question, picking one category from a dropdown that included the choices Under 18, 18 – 34, 35 – 49, 50 – 64, and 65 and over. The category breakdown is as follows:

Age Category	Number of Responses
Under 18	54
18 – 34	145
35 – 49	297
50 – 64	226
65 and over	129

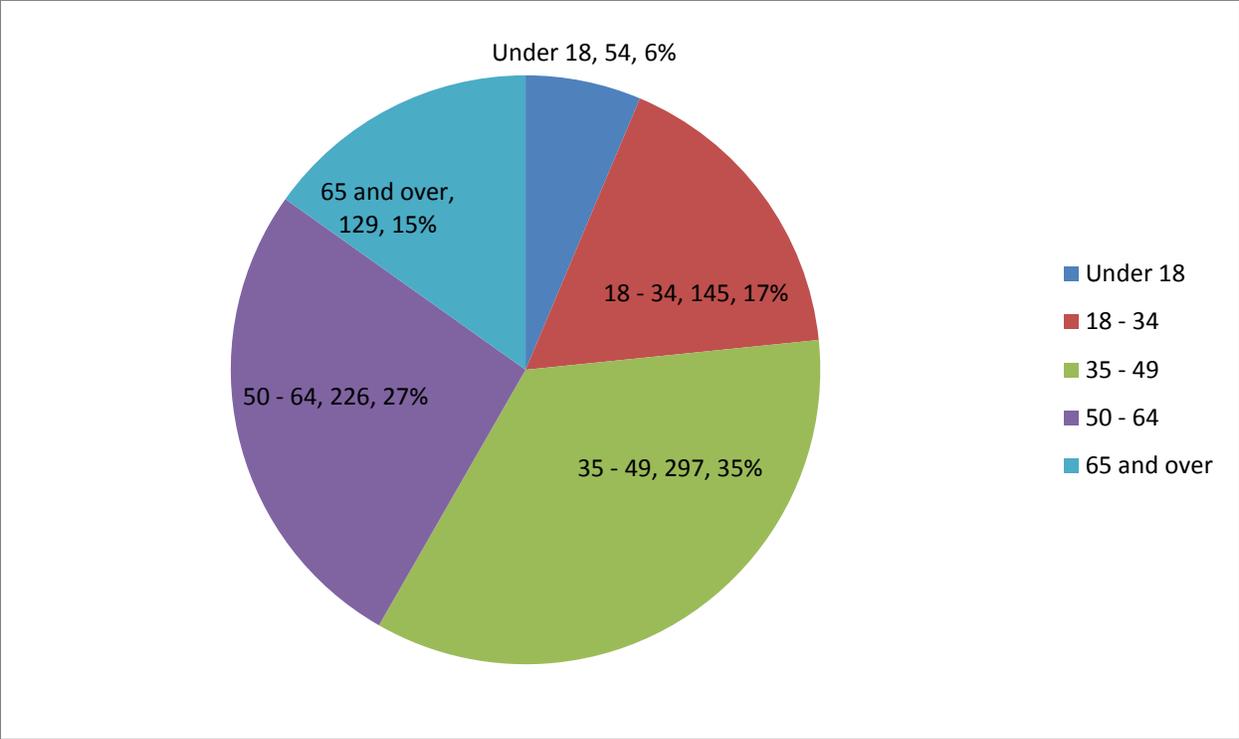


Figure 4. Respondents' Age Categories

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Question Design

This section asked respondents to rate 7 different priority statements, rating the most important to them as a 7 and the least important as a 1, using each number from 1-7 only once. The electronic form did not permit enforcement of the single use of a given number, and some respondents reused numbers – for example, rating two things that were very important to them both as 7, or three things that did not hold their interest as 2 each. Some users may have also interpreted a rating of 1 as the first priority or most important.

1. Develop a high-quality, diversified Parks & Recreation system that includes unique facilities and events, and recreation programs that encourage social interaction, cultivate community spirit, and strengthen Lacey's livability

There were 851 out of 870 potential responses to this statement. Figure 5 shows the response to this statement was quite positive, with 340 respondents ranking it as a 7, or most important.

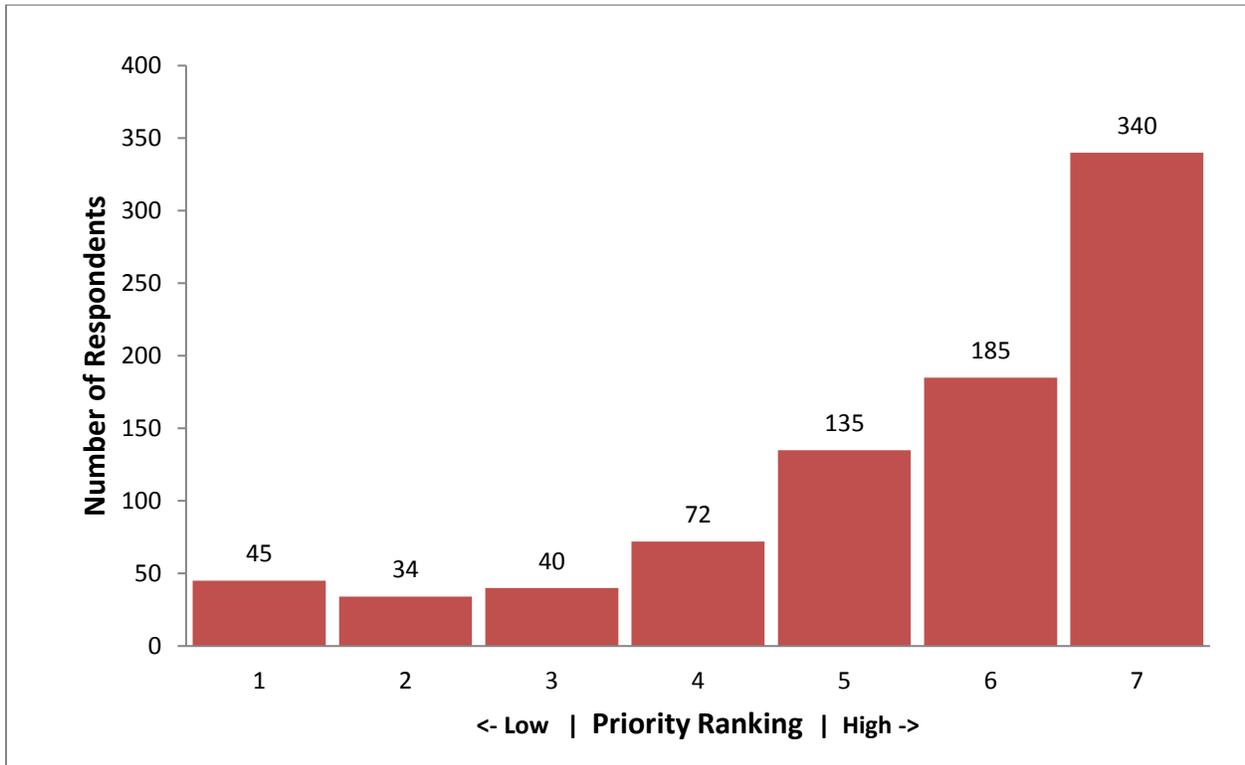


Figure 5. Reaction to "Develop a high-quality, diversified Parks & Recreation system that includes unique facilities and events, and recreation programs that encourage social interaction, cultivate community spirit, and strengthen Lacey's livability"

2. Incorporate critical areas, ecological features, and natural resources into the park system to preserve and protect important habitats

There were 850 out of 870 potential responses to this statement. Figure 6 shows that this statement is still generally held as a high priority, with 259 respondents rating it a 7, or most important.

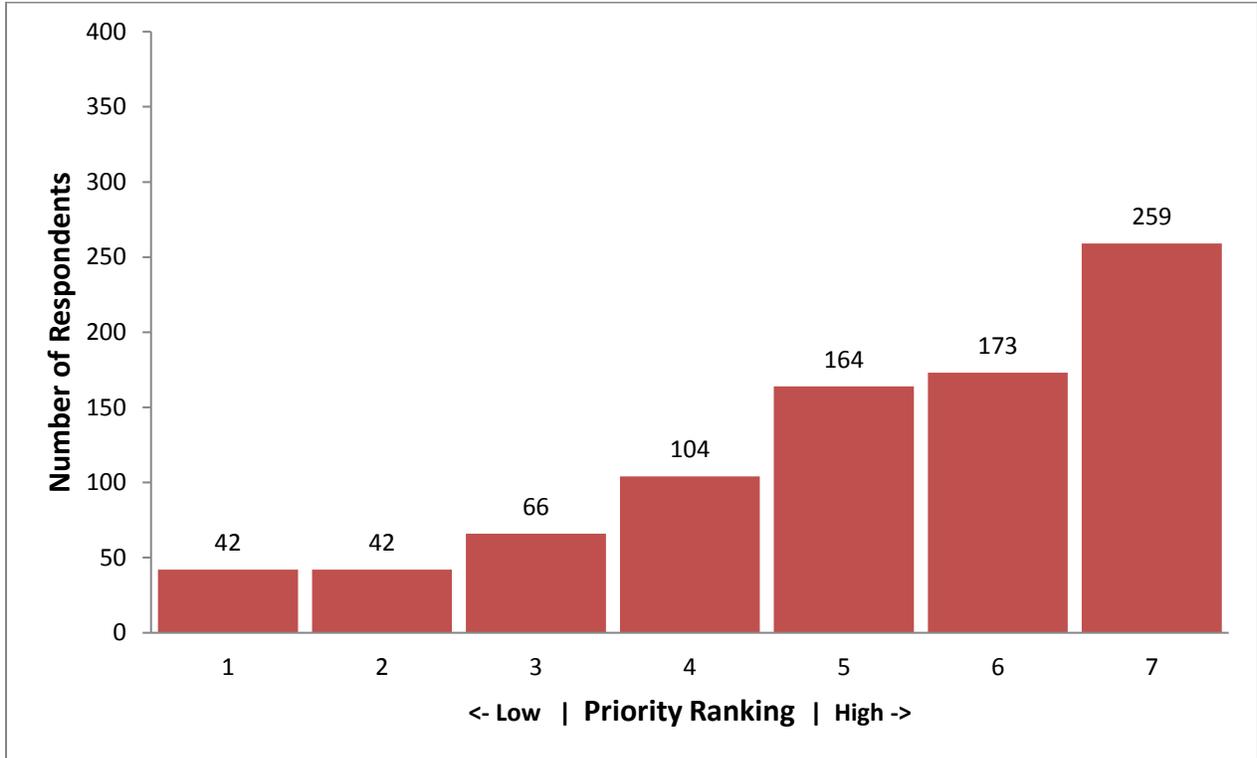


Figure 6. Reaction to "Incorporate critical areas, ecological features, and natural resources into the park system to preserve and protect important habitats"

3. Develop a bike and pedestrian trails system that interconnects parks, schools, neighborhoods, open spaces, other trail systems, and important public facilities

There were 856 out of 870 potential responses to this statement. Figure 7 shows a positive response to the priority statements, with 247 respondents rating it a 7, or most important.

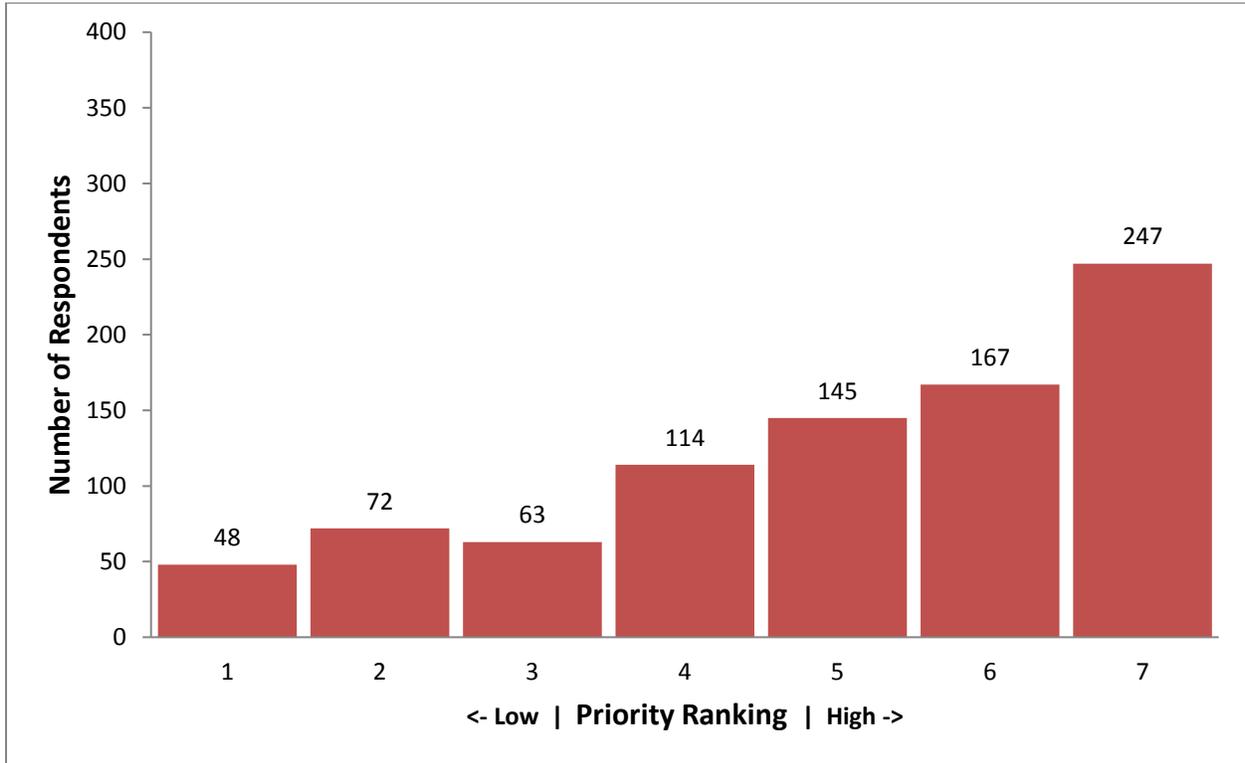


Figure 7. Reaction to "Develop a bike and pedestrian trails system that interconnects parks, schools, neighborhoods, open spaces, other trail systems, and important public facilities"

4. Provide parks, facilities, and programs to underserved areas

There were 852 out of 870 potential responses to this statement. Figure 8 demonstrates less avid support for this priority, although the great majority of the responses are still 4 (the middle range of priority levels) or higher .

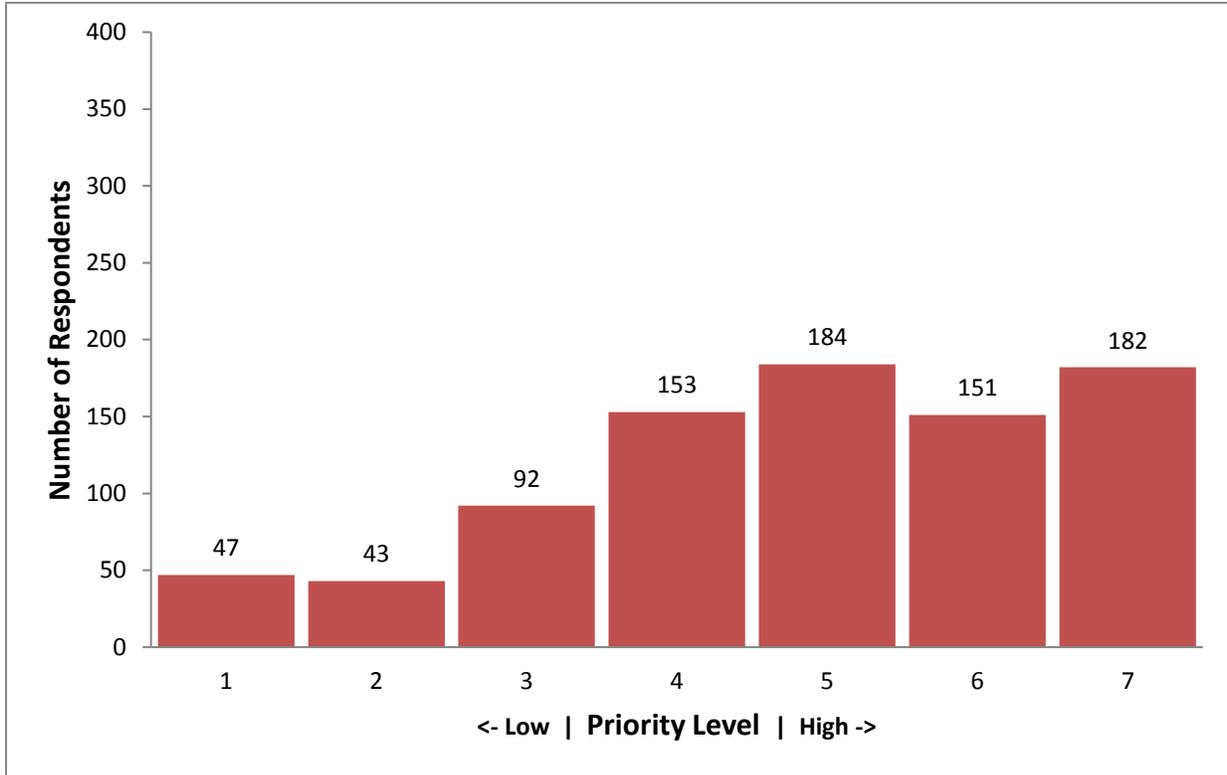


Figure 8. Reaction to "Provide parks, facilities, and programs to underserved areas"

5. Preserve and enhance sites of historical and cultural importance

There were 850 out of 870 potential responses to this statement. Figure 9 shows a distinct shift of respondent priorities away from the high-importance end to more middle-of-the-road attitudes.

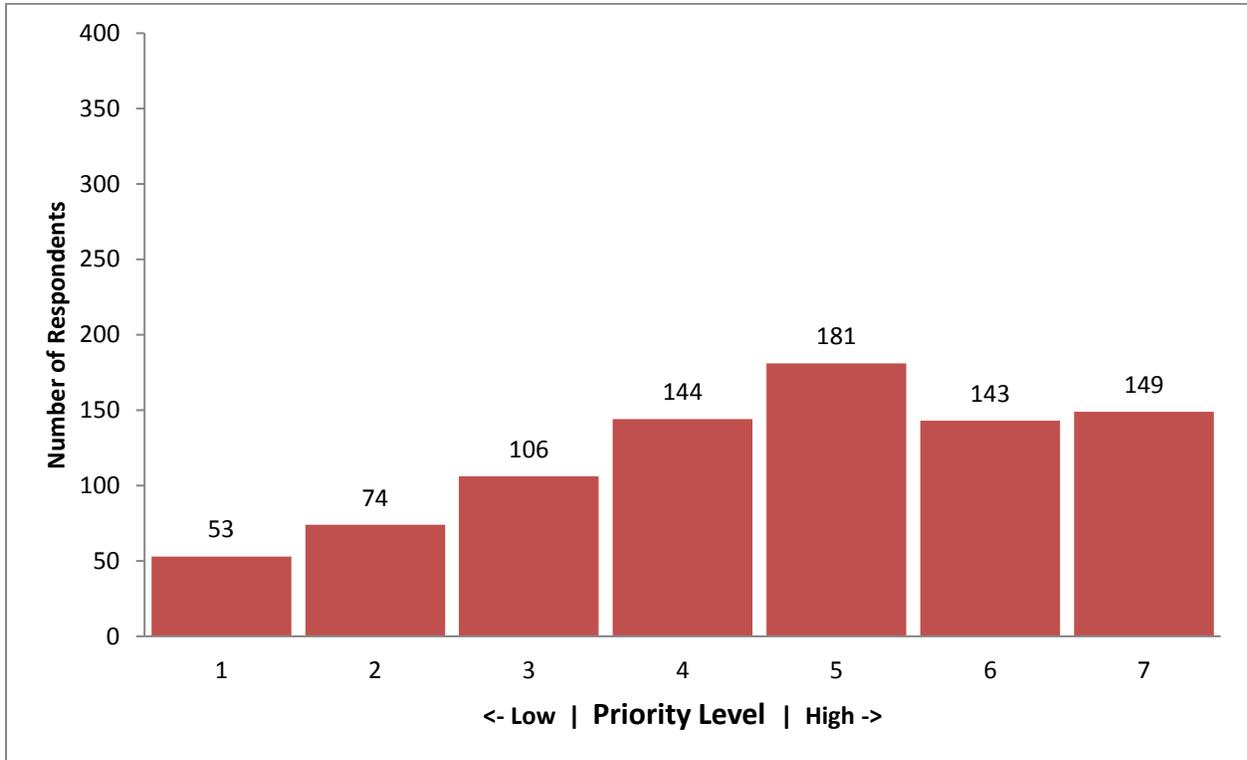


Figure 9. Reaction to "Preserve and enhance sites of historical and cultural importance"

6. Provide stable, long-term revenue sources for parks and recreation facilities by increasing user fees or imposing additional taxes

There were 847 out of 870 potential responses to this statement. Figure 10 indicates that increasing user fees or taxes is unsurprisingly unpopular. ((What's noteworthy about this graph is that apart from those whose immediate reaction is "no way" there's general support for park revenue sources))

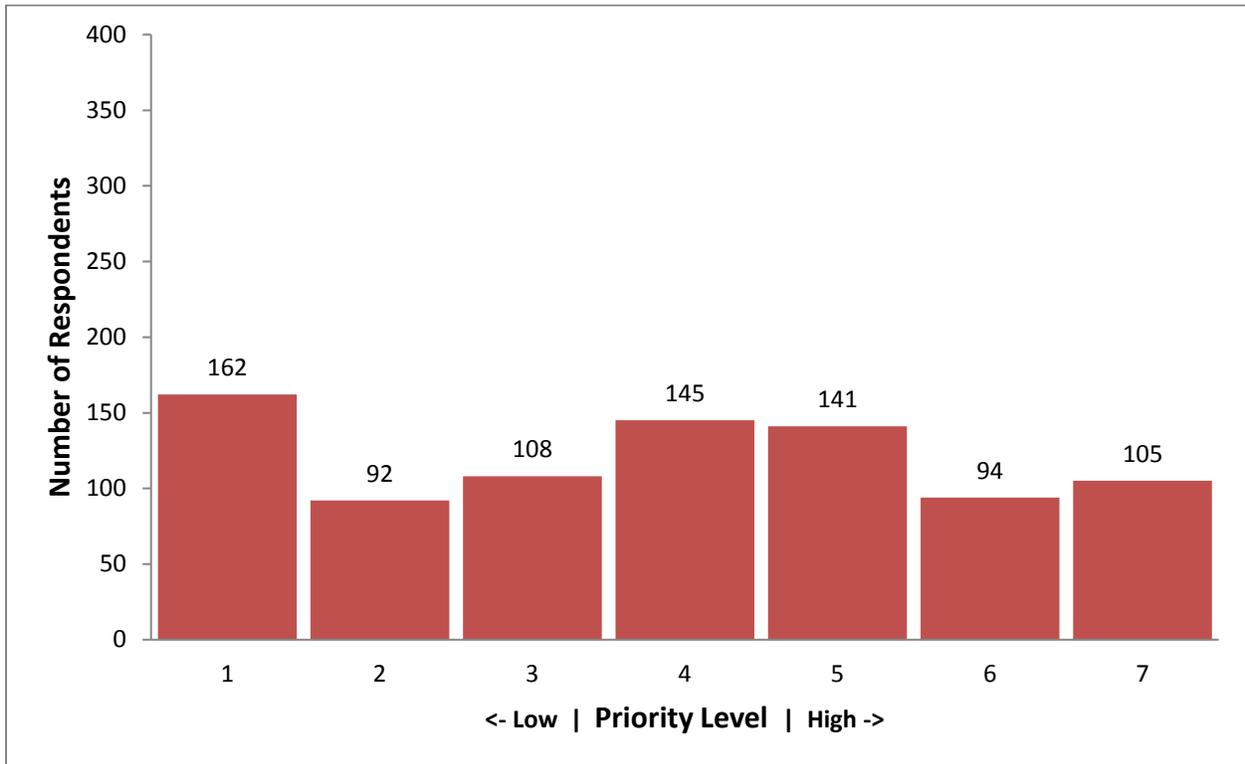


Figure 10. Reaction to "Provide stable, long-term revenue sources for parks and recreation facilities by increasing user fees or imposing additional taxes"

7. Develop a sustainable park system that meets community needs and level of service standards

There were 849 out of 870 potential responses to this statement. Figure 11 shows that this priority statement is overall well-received.

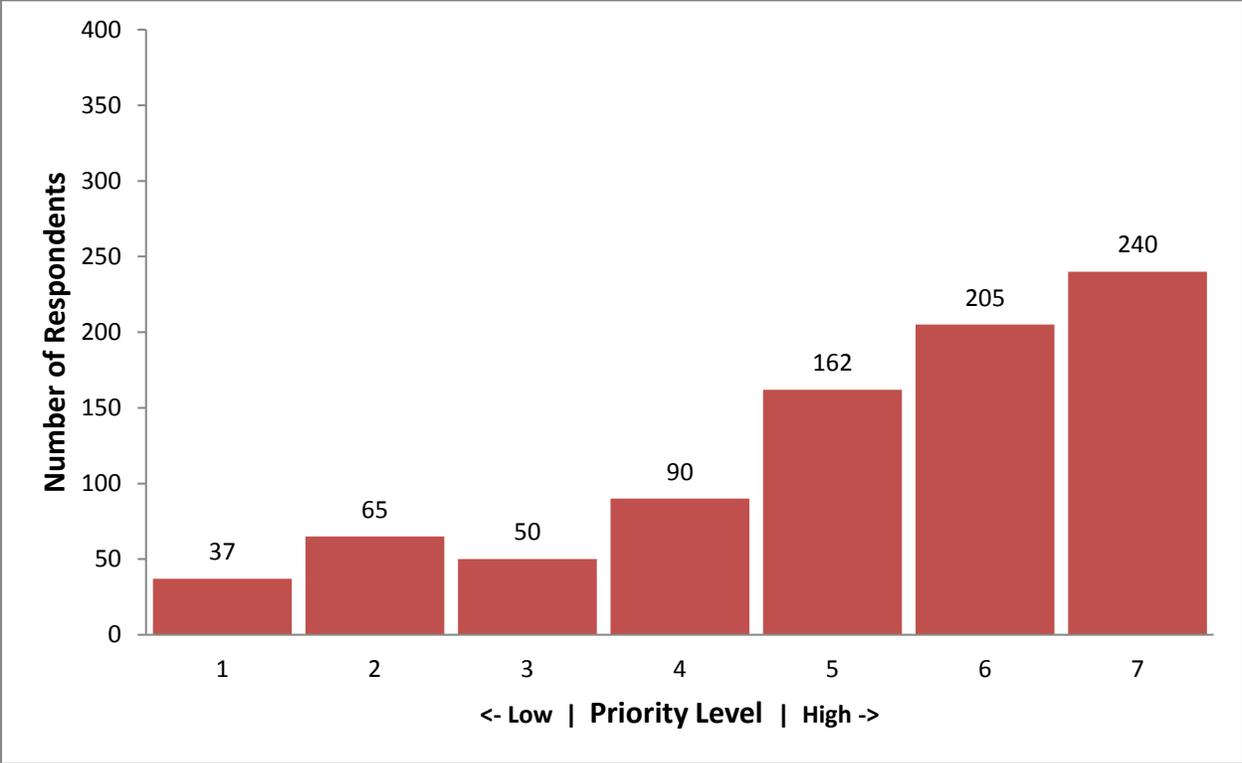


Figure 11. Reaction to "Develop a sustainable park system that meets community needs and level of service standards"

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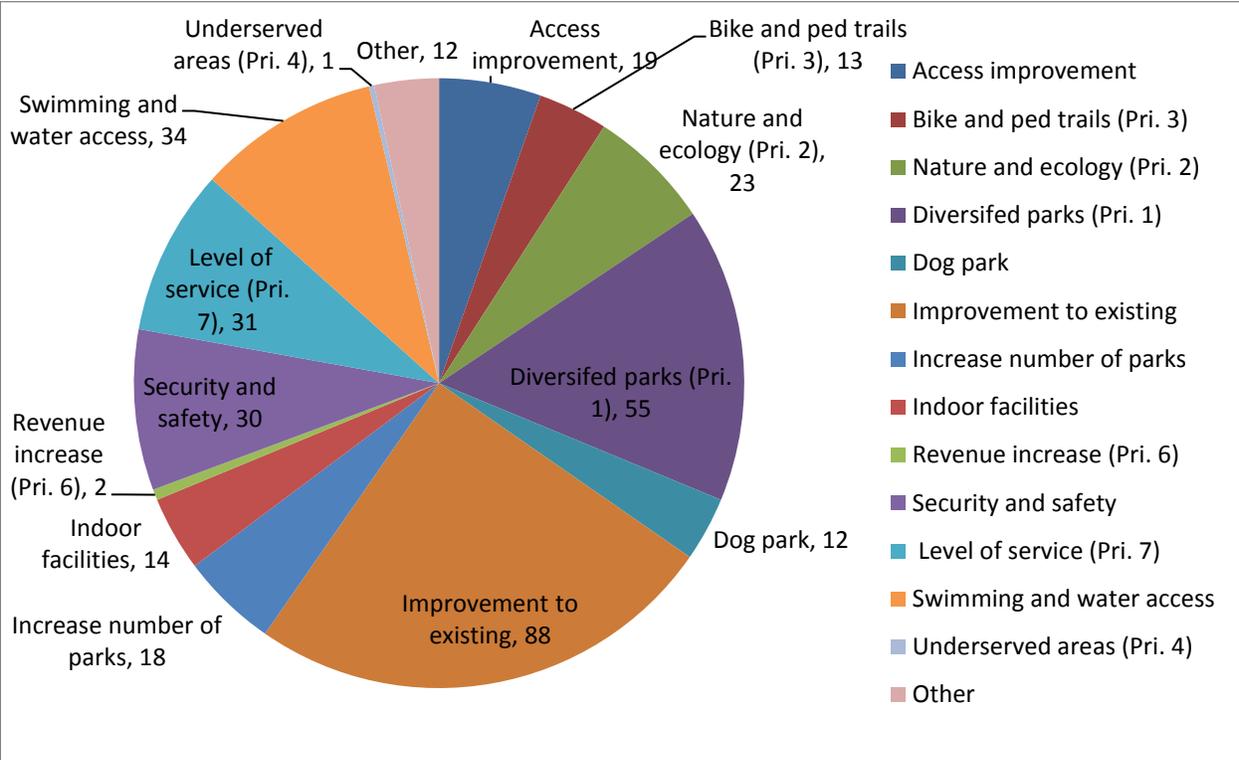
Are there any other goals that you think should be considered a priority in the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan?

The responses to this question were formatted as long-answer text fields. Because of this the 354 responses are grouped generally into categories, including concerns about safety and security; desire for swimming pool, spray park, or other water access; improvements to existing parks; an increase in the number of parks; improving access to parks; adding dog parks or increasing dog-friendly areas; and creating some kind of indoor facility. In the course of data validation we also categorized comments as being already covered by one of the seven priority statements.

The comments were evaluated by the following rubric:

Improve access	Any comment suggesting a connection to public transportation, program outreach, or mobility-impaired access was a goal
Improve existing facilities	Any comment that suggested a specific or general goal of adding amenities to an existing facility (lighting, artificial turf, play structures)
Increase number of parks	Any comment that offered a goal of increasing real estate or expanding the footprint of Lacey parks
Dog park related	Any comment that specifically suggested a need for a dog park, or that had a generally-stated goal of dog access and dog-friendly amenities
Indoor facility	Any comment that indicated having indoor facilities was a goal
Swimming and water access	Any comment that indicated swimming pools, splash parks, spray parks, or water access as a goal
Security and safety	Any comment that emphasized security, safety, or planning with Lacey PD as a goal
Diversified parks (1)	Any comment judged to fall under Goal 1 (Develop a high-quality, diversified Parks & Recreation system that includes unique facilities and events, and recreation programs that encourage social interaction, cultivate community spirit, and strengthen Lacey’s livability)
Nature and ecology (2)	Any comment judged to fall under Goal 2 (Incorporate critical areas, ecological features, and natural resources into the park system to preserve and protect important habitats)
Bicycle and pedestrian trails (3)	Any comment judged to fall under Goal 3 (Develop a bike and pedestrian trails system that interconnects parks, schools, neighborhoods, open spaces, other trail systems, and important public facilities)

Underserved areas (4)	Any comment judged to fall under Goal 4 (Provide parks, facilities, and programs to underserved areas)
Revenue increase (6)	Any comment judged to fall under Goal 6 (Provide stable, long-term revenue sources for parks and recreation facilities by increasing user fees or imposing additional taxes)
Maintain level of service (7)	Any comment judged to fall under Goal 7 (Develop a sustainable park system that meets community needs and level of service standards)



IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

Regional Athletic Complex & Field Development

Stadium

Adding Turf to the play fields to allow youth sports the ability to play all year regardless of wet weather. Additional field space. The entire area is long on demand and short on space. Any addition would be welcomed!!

As the city grows, and we continue to get extreme fall/winter weather it would be great to have more all weather sports facilities with synthetic turf and lights.

I think currently your facilities are serving great purpose. Would love more fields for ultimate free availability but realize that is a pipe dream

I would like to see more fully turfed baseball fields.

Identify what will be done with old Bucknell facility. What a shame to lose those ball fields!!

Increase the number of multi-use, artificial surface fields in areas served by LPRD

Lights at Rainier Vista on all fields with additional lights at The RAC.

More sports fields

Please provide dedicated soccer space for year round soccer programs.

Provide area for TCYFL football practices

Quality play fields, all weather surface for use for four seasons of weather.

Redevelopment of the old Bucknell Park into usable ball fields for baseball, softball and fastpitch

The region needs more soccer fields.

Where there are baseball fields, having a roof over dugout to protect kids from heat

Work with school district it develop more artificial surface athletic fields at the High Schools and "Old Bucknell Park" to provide more youth - adult fields for practice, games and tournaments from Spring to Fall.

Yes, the area needs more turf soccer fields

Expanding the RAC, utilizing space at Bucknell for softball. Drawing more athletic events to the area.

Invest more in the RAC (i.e., build more fields). Create unique opportunities within the Lacey Parks System not found anywhere else in the region, one example could be a zip-line course.

We DESPERATELY need more lighted adult softball parks in Lacey. We took a tremendous hit when the Bucknell/Dreamteam fields stopped accommodating adult teams, and then later closed altogether. Fix the baseball fields on Marvin St.

Indoor Sports Arena

Create facilities that bring in revenue

indoor pickleball

Indoor pickleball as well as other sports

Indoor Pickleball courts

Indoor Rec Facility to include pickleball courts/?badmitton/volleyball/basketball/?soccer

More Pickleball courts

Pickleball

Pickleball courts

Pickleball courts indoor and out in addition to handicap accessible softball field

Pickleball courts outdoor/indoor

Addition of pickleball and tennis courts.

develop pickle ball and tennis facilities for our area

I would like to see more pickleball courts (indoor and outdoor) developed in the area.

Indoor and outdoor pickleball courts are a big need for the community. I personally Drive to Shelton and Lakewood to play on crowded courts with long wait times, I would like to see at least 8 courts both indoor and outdoors developed.

Creating a rain free/ year round usable park/ public area seems ideal!

Park facilities that attract tourism locally

Indoor Sports Complex like Sports Hub in Centralia

Have a tennis and basketball court

Indoor facility/gym for youth sports and activities.

Indoor recreation space/gym. Pickleball, volleyball courts

Lacey needs an indoor facility that can service a number of recreational needs such as: Pickleball courts (preferably 6), Basketball, Volleyball, and Badminton.

Need an additional complex like the RAC focused more on the growing soccer population to include a Lacey indoor soccer center which would be hugely successful!

The northwest environment. Covered Basketball Courts. More Covered seating. Or, Partner with local schools to open indoor gyms during the winter months.

There should be an indoor gymnasium that is not susceptible to the whims of Mother Nature or the school activities for adults to use year round for volleyball, pickleball, basketball, etc
We live in unincorporated Thurston County, but travel to Lacey frequently for our recreation/shopping needs. We would love to see an indoor gym facility built that would provide opportunities for Pickleball and other sports (volleyball, soccer, ping pong, etc.) all year round...come rain or shine. :-)
An indoor facility in the South Sound would allow for year-round play, in a rather rainy environment, and provide a stable/predictable environment for planning recreational play, leagues, etc. Pickleball is said to be the fastest growing sport around the nation. It is one of the few sports that accommodates all ages (especially seniors) and provides a fun venue for getting/staying active. It is also a very social sport which allows many seniors the opportunity to interact with others in their community of all ages. The Pickleball courts that are currently available through Shelton, Olympia and Lakewood community centers are heavily used, and there are often significant wait times because of the limited amount of courts available. An indoor facility that would house 4-6 Pickleball courts, with room for growth, would rock! I'm confident the courts/space would be fully utilized in a relatively short time. Thanks for providing the opportunity for input!

Expanding Disc Golf

A 18 hole disc golf course at Woodland Creek would be amazing.

Add another Dis Golf Course

Add another disc golf course somewhere

Developing more disc golf courses.

Disc golf

Disc Golf course!!!!

Disc Golf course!!!!

Disc golf courses

Improving current disc golf courses and adding new ones

it would be great to have an additional 1 or 2 disc golf courses in the greater Lacey area. we have Woodland creek, and a course at St. Martins, but those are both small 9 hole courses that share property with other user groups. it would be really nice to have a full 18 hole course on property that is primarily or only used by the disc golf course.

More 18 basket disc golf parks please

More Disc Golf courses

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More disc golf courses in Thurston county and lacey city parks

More disc golf courses!

More disc golf opportunities! Woodland Creek park is great, so well utilized, FREE, and family friendly. The club has done an awesome job, and it would be great to see a full 18 hole course in our community.

More disc golf parks

More disc golf! WCP is Great but small. Our club grew from 20 to 130 last year and could grow that much more this year

New disc golf courses

Please look at disc golf as a way to continue to increase visibility and usership of open areas

Preserve and expand disc golf. It is a popular and expanding sport for all ages.

Professional 18+ fairway disc golf course

We'd love to see more disc golf fields within the parks!

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Would like to see the park property on carpenter road north of I5 be developed into usable space including another disc golf course.

HIGH QUALITY & DIVERSIFIED PARKS SYSTEM

Under the Diversity goal - we need to get some tennis courts in Hawks Prairie (i.e. RAC Phase 3). We have lots of soccer fields and ball diamonds but no tennis courts.

I would like to see more child-centric parks w/ water features/toys. Highlight a different park each month by hosting different events there.

Maintain a mixture of high use (e.g., sports, playgrounds) and more passive use (e.g., nature trails; historical sites).

Community volunteer programs for maintenance. (Retired groups)

Activities and programs for after school.

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activities that combine learning, movement, and the natural world

Adult activities, hiking, day trips, etc

arts & crafts events !

Community activities not related to religious holidays

community ed

Community events for all ages

continue to provide facilities and resources to encourage all kinds and types of community groups to provide low cost programs in your facilities.

Continued youth programs

Continuing to provide affordable programs for kids and activities for adults

coordination with schools, YMCA, Boys Clubs to provide on going after school sports and activities for youth

crafts

different cultural events

Education and engagement with the public about local environmental and cultural uniqueness and importance to foster a will to conserve these features. Also programs that encourage diversity in abilities/disabilities, ethnicities, and genders.

Focus on fitness

Implement a summer sport programs

Increase the amount of sport opportunities

More children friendly events

More community involvement

More programs dealing with sciences

More team sport options for lower elementary (5&6 yr old). Also, team soccer is missing (at least I have never seen it in the seasonal brochure. If it exists through LPR, create a link/ contact info for team sports.); Programs (SWIM) for homeschool families!

More travel program options for adults & 12 year olds.

Music Programs

partner with Thurston County extension to offer 4-H programming in park settings

Prioritize programs for the very young (infants, toddler, preschool-age children), and low-cost or free programs for elders (Silver Sneakers, walking groups, weight-lifting class, etc...)

programs and activities for individuals with disabilities and seniors

Provide a opportunity for youth and elderly with a free education on why it is important to keep our park clean and safe

Provide programs, events, spaces, and/or areas the people of Lacey can utilize for their families.

Sports programs increases

STEM learning opportunities

Summer programs for kids.

The arts should be included in plans. Such as a covered pavilion or old fashioned large band shell. You have Baseball fields and soccer fields but nothing for the arts.

Using recreational activities to eliminate racism, agism, sexism

Want to learn to ballroom dance

Weight management /cooking instruction

Working with local Non profit organizations to add more specialized activities that can be co- funded from outside the parks dept.

Youth activities

youth program

Youth programs

Work on keeping drugs out of our parks

Develop athletic programs for senior citizens

Just more for teenagers to do

Encourage/allow food carts so people get to taste varieties of food and access them easily. Would be nice to have a kitchen area where people could cook and sell the food and could be a source of income. Have a community garden where we could grow vegetables and fruits that could be donated to the food bank and a community hall where troubled teens could participate in arts and crafts to keep them engaged and out of trouble.

Adding an archery range at one of the parks

Create Facilities and activities for all ages. Wellness programs or a fitness park would be such an asset

Getting people out to use the parks and giving teen volunteers the opportunity to work at the parks. Also, it would be great to see more recreation opportunities for adults without kids, maybe a kickball league?

Have events that attract all ages.

Kid friendly

Make it easier to organize sports reserve areas for events.

Continue programs that encourage physical activity in all age groups. Other programs to continue healthy community growth? (More dance for kids? "Last child in the woods" program to get kids outside? "Volksmarching" areas and programs for adults? Chair-bound belly dance? Start a "Dine with Me" program to foster meal sharing across ethnic, age, economic lines. A "Poetry to Song" class for teens (or adults) to put their thoughts and dreams to music? Get seniors into the schools- eating lunch once a week, participating in an art class, coming to sports events or performances. Give people a reason to cross age lines.)

SWIMMING & ACCESS TO WATER

We need several aquatic centers. Both indoor and outdoor pools spread throughout the city.

A community pool would be great!

A public swimming pool!!!!

A real community center and pool

An indoor lap pool with salt water!

An indoor outdoor public swimming pool. Opened all year long. And all hours of the day. For children and adults.

Community pool and expanded/develop outdoor swimming beaches

Create new public beaches on the lakes or outdoor swimming pools.

I think an indoor facility with a pool would be best.

I would like to have a year round indoor outdoor swimming pool that is open to every one all year around. Swimming at the high schools is very restrictive and not open year round or to everyone.

Indoor community pool

indoor play areas, community swimming pools

Maybe a great community pool.

Some sort of public swimming facility would be lovely.

Swimming pool

water park or community swimming pool would be a good idea, tacoma has 2 such water parks including a wave pool

We need city pools. Very few kids are proficient swimmers here compared to other places I've lived due to the lack of city pools. Swimming lessons need to be more affordable.

A water park would be great.

An indoor outdoor public swimming pool. Opened all year long. And all hours of the day. For children and adults.

Model the parks off of what Tacoma has done--splash parks for the summer.

Spray Park Water Feature...Olympia has one, Tacoma has several, even Centralia has wading pool in park. Lacey should have one of their own.

spray parks

Water park

WATER! A fountain or splash park at Rainier Vista would be nice. Perhaps the hundreds of empty parking spots would have a chance at reaching 3/4 capacity or better, if there was a splash area similar to the downtown Olympia fountain. I have lived in 11 different states and all of them provided regular access to a water feature park of some kind and they were usually free. To keep costs down, maybe it can run on a schedule or only during nice weather. When I lived in Sierra Vista AZ, there was an indoor community pool with a kids splash area and a few small water slides. It was \$1 per person to get in and they sold concessions and memberships for regular users, hosted events/training, rented it out for parties, etc. The city's population is similar to ours. The facility gave the town a sense of community and growth, but also generated over \$100k in revenue per year. Jobs, money & happy citizens, what's not to like? However, we would settle for a simple splash fountain.

We need a park with a splash pad and a pool

Out door water parks like Tacoma!

More parks along water; streams, ponds, lakes, etc.

A public OUTDOOR pool would be phenomenal. Perhaps a pool could be built that is covered in the winter, and open in the summer.

Access to water (swimming, canoeing, kayaking) for people who don't live on the water

Better facilities for Tanglewilde pool, revamp of pool and playground-more parks, green spaces (this is not COL facility)

Also - We need a freaking community pool. A pool. A pool. A pool.

Put in fishing piers and boat docks

ACCESS IMPROVEMENT

I believe that low income families have a hard time to afford the programs that the parks and rec have out there and that there should be a low income option for those families who would like their children to participate in the programs

Keep costs low and affordable for any and all programs and or improvements

keep fees for services where seniors on fixed incomes can afford them

Keeping programs / events reasonably priced.

Lower the cost of recreation activities for children. It is almost un-affordable for lower income children to participate in sports recreational activities.

Make programs affordable to middle and low income families, especially summer programs.

Programs that provide the least financial impact on your already overcharged and overtaxed citizens.

Provide lower user fees for senior citizens

Recognize if fees for classes and activities are raised, there is the risk a family will not be able to participate. We are not low income, but still certain class fees put a dent in the budget, but we pay the fee for the benefit of our children.

Affordability is key.

Affordable and easily accessible for all age groups and income levels.

While all the stated goals are important, funding and access, I feel, should be high priority.

Accessible for all ability levels.

Affordable state park passes, more free days (this is not COL facility)

Ensure accessibility for individuals with a variety of disabilities. Access by transit, parking for vehicles such as Assisted Living Facility vans to ensure our elderly can also enjoy our parks and activities

handicapped accessible, keeping the swimming pools open and warmer

Incorporate play structures that are accessible to children with mobility challenges. Add bathrooms at all parks - not portapotties.

Increase knowledge about the Deaf Community and the appropriate way to interact with them.

More special needs swings/other

Opening public access to existing park land on Woodland Creek. Potential trail along Woodland Creek from Woodland Creek Park to South Bay.

Would like to have DDD funds accepted again for aquatics program

BIKE & PED TRAILS

Bike trails and safe places for kids

Connecting trails

creating more pedestrian/bike friendly areas that connect different parks.

Extend the bike trail by woodland creek

I think it's important to leave the wild areas as they are and not "over-develop" the parks that have wooded areas. It is nice to have trails for walking in the woods, so more trails might be a good goal. I'd love to see more areas for walking that are able to be accessed by wheelchair - love Watpato Lake Park in Tacoma

Improved access and parking to chehalis western trail

Increase walkability index

Lots of walking trails

More walking trails/paths

More walking trails/paths, a decent dog park

Safe trails. Add blue lights/emergency contact phones and bathrooms.

Take advantage of any opportunities to expand the park/trails system

Walking trails

Walking/biking trails

We need access to some bike trails out here in Hawks Prairie. We would lose our life walking to a park around here.

Biking

Mountain bike trails

NATURE & ECOLOGY

Community gardens, environmental education areas, outdoor learning opportunities, outdoor concert area, dog friendly events.

Education about preserving what great nature we have left.

Salmon Habitat Restoration

Overall parks are great, a few more with walking areas and nature. Think Nisqually.

Creating more open-space, undeveloped (buildings, playgrounds) free-play natural areas where kids can climb trees, boulders and logs in a natural setting.

I think that having a recreational park for all ages of children and adults are very important, as many people can't afford to pay for yearly passes to state parks. Wildlife sanctuaries are important in city, as many homes are being built and there is no place for wild life to be safe and no natural habitats.

Continue to preserve our large and historic trees

Develop an arboretum or rose garden

I have noticed some of the bigger trees being cut down this Spring. Hopefully more are being planted. I like the cut back of the bushes along the Woodland Creek area. I will miss the berries but it's nice to see how beautiful the area is without being caught on all of the spikes.

With the continual population grown in the area, providing quiet, peaceful areas should be one priority.

To make more trees in the environment

Implementing best practices regarding sustainable communities, particularly ensuring access to green spaces and including such spaces in urban development areas.

Sustainable facilities and programs that encourage residents of all ages to engage with and enjoy the outdoors, including through environmental education programs.

Keep what we have left of our natural environment, do not build anymore factories and keep our trees.

Preserve as much natural open park space as possible

Preserve nature, get people outdoor space they can get to easily, but feel "away" from the city feel.

Keep as many trees as possible.

Keep as much green space in the City as possible

Keep Lacey's tree from getting cut down

Keep some natural areas for wildlife habitat.

I would love to see less chemicals and more natural alternatives. Also, more natural areas; this would provide shade for families as well as safe areas for animals.

Have a place like Tacoma's Snake Lake Nature Center that offers homeschool programs or after school environmental learning.

More free activities for learning opportunities of ecology & preservation of land

Fun, educational programs for the youth to connect them to our natural resources

Provide contact and appreciation for nature to kids.

Lots of kid friendly events that promote educational opportunities for conservation.

DOG PARK

1 or 2 dog parks would be really nice

Another off-leash dog park (maybe in south Lacey) could be great to compliment the very nice dog park in Hawks Prairie.

Dog park.

Dog poop pickup education

Dogs and dog parks

Dogs. They are life partners and enhance exercise. Planning should include strategizing dog inclusion.

I want to see dog friendly amenities at all parks (ie poop bags, dog water stations, off leash areas).

Also, look at adding events January-March. With the exception of the cultural fair, it seems like there is nothing going on. It would be a great time to add an emergency preparedness seminar for residents to get them ready for a natural disaster during slow months.

I would really like an off-leash dog park in South Lacey.

I'd like another dog park. A nature adventure park.

More dog friendly parks

Off Leash dog areas not fenced in

Off leash dog park with water access (lake, etc)

INCREASE # OF PARKS

Acquisition of property for future parks

Add another park in Hawks Prairie. There are tons of houses being built out here and the small Meridian Neighborhood park we currently have is completely loaded with people parking on sidewalks down the street on days with decent weather. Give us another park! I'd pay \$25 a month to use it if it was large and open! I speak for at least 6 families (neighbors) by saying this!

INDOOR FACILITIES

Due to our weather a covered area that could handle several activities at a time.
Increasing our ability to be outdoors/be active even when it's raining - covered shelters, more indoor places

A community center/park featuring an indoor pool, gym, basketball court, and general fitness area would be an asset to our city parks and recreation plan for the residents of Lacey. Right now, the residents have to rely on the local YMCA or even high schools to meet these needs. Places as far away as Moses Lake have a recreational facility for their residents; it would be nice to see these sorts of facilities offered to residents here in Lacey even if it does mean a fee is in order. The quality of community life would be improved with these sorts of facilities and show the importance of community values. It seems like the "pot shops" are taking over our city and the high quality life here is being put on the back burner.

Community Center that has recreational opportunities i.e. Gym, pool.

Community Rec Center with SWIMMING POOL

Covered full basketball court and a community center with a gymnasium and work out room or a new YMCA.

Indoor parks with playground equipment, swings, slides, and long bike paths! We need large facilities where kids can recreate during our many rainy days...please

More all weather facilities. It rains a lot here and we need things indoors.

Build a larger community center so we can have regional conferences and large events there. Partner with the other cities and the county, but if they don't cooperate, City of Lacey can build one.

I would like to see a "covered playground". According to NOAA (co.thurston.wa.us) the year 2015 had an average of 61.77 inches in rain and 2016 registered 65.03 inches in rain. The average amount of rain for the past 60 years is 50.87 inches. On average, there are 136 SUNNY days per year in Olympia/Lacey, WA area. That is less than HALF a year of "playground play" days. Children can handle the cold and dreary days of winter, but the cold and soggy days of the remainder part of the year is too much for anyone to handle. Lacey, WA needs to be a pioneer and create a "covered playground" where citizens can take their children/grandchildren to. To breath in fresh air, exercise by playing outside, and most of all create childhood memories with their friends and family playing outside in their "covered playground" even if it's raining.

Indoor playspace for open use or rental to serve children 12 and younger.

and put in a Ice Rink at Marvin/Steilicoom

Ice skating rink

Ice skating rink! More activities at the rec center- swimming pool

I would love to see an ice rink open in the area. We currently drive my daughter all the way up to the Sprinker rink in Spanaway for skating lessons and we would really like to be able to have her lessons closer to home. She has many friends who would join her if it were closer.

New museum

I would like to see covered play areas for children that could be used in foul weather. Having toys that are unusable for 1/3 to 1/2 the year does not make sense.

SECURITY & SAFETY

Ensure there are SAFE methods for pedestrians to walk their kids to a local park. I'm in a place where the woodland park is a mile away and I can't safely walk there - no sidewalks on kinwood!

Establish facilities with adequate parking and security.

How do we protect our park facilities from nefarious activity. We should definitely be talking to the police department during the planning phase.

I love that Olympia and Thurston County developed bike and pedestrian trails for use, but most of them have been co-opted by the transient/vagrant population. There are several areas in this system we

used to use frequently and we no longer feel our family is safe to use anymore -- certainly not an area I would let my kids play. This should be considered when planning new trails.

I think there needs to be a park patrol for the needles we keep finding everywhere. Its so unsafe to take my kids to the local park.

Just make sure that police presence is factored into the plan.

More police patrols to eliminate crime, vandalism, drug use and homelessness. Make our park system safe for everyone who uses and pays for them!

More security for children's safety

Park safety and reducing impacts on surrounding neighbors

Park security

Pedestrian/stroller access and safety to and from parks

Safe!!!

Safety above all, have police on bicycles riding the paths.

safety and cleanliness

Safety for solo walkers and users. Some parks feel unsafe.

Safety from drug use and vandalism

Safety! Well lit, clean, etc

safety, also animal friendly

Safety, avoid overcrowding

Security

Security

Security at all hours

Security in the parks. Enforcement of laws where illegal activity is taking place.

Security on parks and trails needs to be looked at - this is a problem a lot more lately.

More safe trails for walking

safe and well maintained play areas for children. shade and working water fountains for people and pets is a big need. and some sort of security for people visiting.

Eliminating cars & "urban campers"(cars/RVs/etc) from parks & trails

Find sustainable ways to reduce graffiti and homeless living

Please consider whether or not there is enough foot traffic in an area to justify a new park or facility.

When they are put in area without many "eyes on the street -Jane Jacobs" they tend to be used for illicit purposes.

Make sure a park's use suits the neighborhood it is in. Parking and event noise are always an issue for people who LIVE near a park. Don't forget about restroom facilities, honey buckets are not family friendly. And safety and security should be a priority, but were not on your list.

LEVEL OF SERVICE

Maintain the current level of service to the community.

More activities

Parks as a complement to a high density urban area that meets the intent of the Growth Management Act.

Parks should be free. No need for more taxes. Mayors sports commission can be handled by the parks and rec

Work with neighboring cities to see how / if there could be crossover. Is it possible to share resources so both cities are not doing the same thing.

Work with Olympia & Tumwater in developing the plan.

Allow public restrooms to be open earlier and later, broaden hours for use of the facility

Maintain current parks and recreation areas with no expansion

Development of undeveloped Park Property.

Do not build more parks/areas than can be maintained with current monies budgeted. Maintain what we have, and keep them safe. The sports complex (by the mushroom farm) is a model of what we should.

UNDERSERVED AREAS

Please focus on underserved populations. All kids deserve a chance to play in parks and quality opportunities for recreation.

OTHER

I think you need to work on developing your website for parks so they can easily be reserved online with no emails and waiting time required, similar to the Olympia and Tumwater Parks systems.

We so enjoy the use of the Woodland park however several times a year we do go to the Rainier Vista park. I love the idea of the pickle-ball courts in Rainier Vista. My husband plays pickle-ball and this will be a great facility for them to use.

I don't use parks and recreation areas

Don't raise taxes

Financial viability under current revenue streams

Stay within your means.

Sustainable funding.

Access to public transportation

Better communication that the brochure is out for next session events/classes.

We have great parks.

More education about the benefit of any city parks

You covered very important issues.

I already think Lacey does a great job with parks :)

keep up the good work

Keep up the good work

Finish park & mall

Over the last 25 years lacey has grown tremendously. There is a huge housing market in Lacey but our water supply and other needs for housing are limited. We have a large number of empty store fronts yet new stores are being constructed. Lacey needs to put more efforts into the community before continuing it's growth. It needs to sustain what it currently has and use a better planning scope to align better with growth management.

Promote volunteering from our students by working with NTPS

Quit making Hawks Prairie the focus

This survey is to get MORE taxes

We love Lacey Parks. We take advantage of many of your programs. I like that you counter the sprawl of growth with intensional parks and trails.

Engagement in community

Lacey needs affordable housing more than parks...

IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING

Keep em clean

keep them clean and well maintained

Keep up the cleanliness of the parks and make sure the animals enjoying the park are not disturbed.

Keeping the parks clean, like the disk golf course in Woodland Creek (I use it a bunch)

Trash clean up

We tend to go to the parks that are clean and updated. It would be nice to see some of the older parks renovated.

public schedule of events/games/practices for local parks & better/more parking for neighborhood parks that host these events

Regular cleanups

Restrooms, picnic area, trails, play area

Swings at the parks

Adding permanent restrooms instead of portable ones would be great.

Baby changing stations in bathrooms

Children's play areas at all parks

More trash cans

Have a plan for maintaining current parks...regular maintenance, replacing sports turf etc.

(multi)use areas (cover, seating, tables); (unique?) "just sit in the park" seating

Better play equipment in all of the parks. A lot of what we have is old and worn. Much of what we have serves too narrow of an age range. More interesting playground equipment would be great too.

There's a lot of research that says playground equipment has gotten too stale and isn't encouraging kids to move. Finding things adults can play on would be a great way to encourage exercise too.

would like to see an ice skating rink like the one at Sprinker in Pierce County. There are enough people in this area to make it profitable.

Yes. Have families who use the parks help clean them up and do groundwork when needed. Cut the cost of paid workers and get families involved.

I would like to see more development of the new Pleasant Glade Park Area

Somewhere to camp in the city

Porta-Potty along bike trail intermittently

Keep the weeds away !

Improve community knowledge of programs offered by Parks & Recreation.

Ensuring that it is always clean and organized.

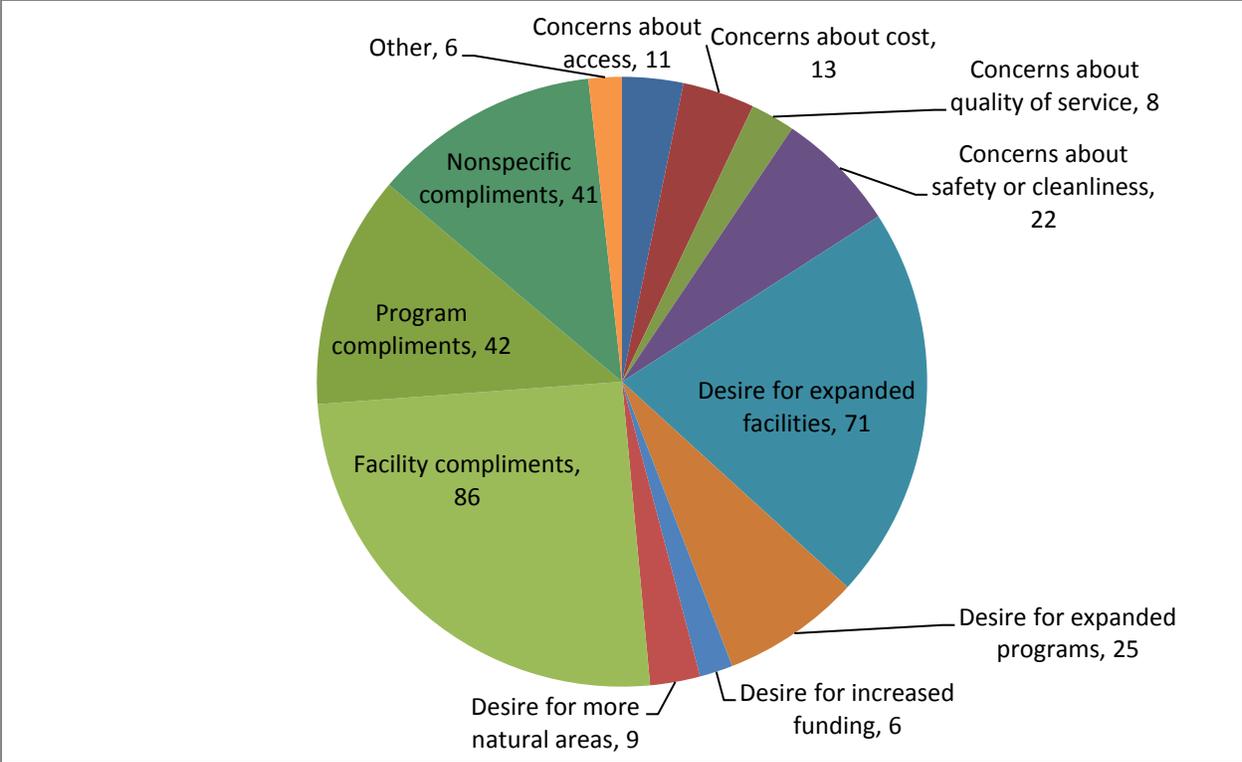
Having restrooms, not porta pottys which are so filthy they aren't usable

There needs to be ample parking, and picnic spaces. For example, more tables and covered areas at Rainier Vista, the RAC, etc.

Please list any feedback you have regarding our parks, facilities, or programs.

There were 340 feedback comments submitted (discounting all feedback comments in the nature of “no,” “none,” and “N/A”). The data validation process interpreted the comments by the following rubric:

Concerns about access	Any comment that indicated a difficulty in physically accessing a facility, or indicated a difficulty in acquiring information
Concerns about cost	Any comment that indicated that some aspect of a program or facility was too expensive
Concerns about quality of service	Any comment that expressed unhappiness with a Parks employee, program, or facility
Concerns about safety or cleanliness	Any comment that indicated that some aspect of a park, facility, or program was dirty or dangerous
Desire for expanded facilities	Any comment that indicated a wish for more of a physical resource: play space, lighting, equipment, real estate
Desire for expanded programs	Any comment that indicated a wish for increased program availability, duration, target audience, or time
Desire for increased funding	Any comment that suggested that the Parks and Recreation system needed more revenue
Desire for more natural areas	Any comment that indicated the importance of greenspace, the natural world, ecology, or animal viewing
Facility compliments	Any comment that complimented a specific or general physical resource (the RAC, all Lacey parks)
Program compliments	Any comment that complimented a specific or general recreation program
Nonspecific compliments	Any comment along the lines of “Great job!”
Other	Otherwise uncategorizable feedback



COMPLIMENTS

Have engaged Lacey parks facilities in past couple years to engage in indoor and outdoor ultimate frisbee

We have had only positive experiences with all programs, teachers/instructors, and employees. Enrolling is always easy & quick.

Thank you for developing outdoor pickleball at Rainier Vista.

Phone-in registration system is great, preserve that option. Family fishin at woodland park is great. cultural festivals are good.

Continue to keep playground pals. It is such a great program for kids that can't afford camp.

The bike facilities are awesome!

I love the natural areas with trails!

Jordy Beasley is Awesome! she is a great asset to Lacey parks and rec program, and is always a joy to be around.

Ray is the best Yoga teacher.

Roger Edwards was the best hiking guide ever!

Sue and the team at the RAC are amazing! Great communication, great customer service, always accessible!

Love the RAC

Love the RAC and all that it incorporates for all round usage.

Lucky to have the RAC

RAC is superb

RAC, Lacey Parks & Rec

The RAC is a great community resource.

The RAC is fantastic

The RAC is very well maintained.

The sports complex is homerun!!! Your tours/trips are wonderful also - Thanks.

Thank you for a safe place to take kids

I use LCC often to present professional training to federal, state and local government employees. It is a wonderful facility with excellent professional staff. Justin and Roger are great to work with.

Appreciate the variety of classes and affordable cost

I play disc golf a couple of times a week at Woodland Creek park and always find the facilities there to be well laid out and well maintained.

I really enjoy the disc golf course at the Lacey community center

Love the Woodland Creek Park and Disc Golf Course

Love woodland creek disc golf course

My family and friends thoroughly enjoy Woodland Creek Community Park disc golf

Thank you for woodland creek disc golf.

Woodland Creek Disc Golf Course is awesome.

Best facilities within driving distance. Love playing sports at the RAC

The layout of Rainier Vista is nice. I also like the layout and convenience of the Lacey Community Center and have used it for years for State events. Please keep up the good work!

The number and variety of facilities in Lacey is part of what has drawn our family to live in this area for over 10 years.

While I live in Yelm, I work in Lacey and utilize the many features of the Parks and Recreation here in Lacey. I am not against travelling to avail myself of the facilities you offer.

Awesome.

City of Lacey does an excellent job with the parks and recreation programs. The facilities are great (I wish we had some larger facilities, though), the staff is amazing, and the programs are excellent.

Doing a good job!

Doing great, let's get better anyway

Excellent customer service and resources

great

Great parks! Keep up the good work!

Great service to the community

Great staff, great website and super helpful people in your department

I really like the goal to be focused on building community!

I think you are doing a good job....

It's great!

Keep up the good work !

Keep up the good work!

Lacey by far has the best Parks and facilities
Lacey has a wonderful system!
Lacey is doing a good job so far
Lacey Parks and Rec does an excellent job. Thanks!
Lacey parks are amazing. I feel so fortunate to always have a green space to play.
Thank you😊
Nice Job!
No comment. Doing great job right now.
No real feedback. Love the Department.

Think Lacey P&R does a wonderful job in park maintenance and the programs it offers. I play disc golf at Woodland Creek at least twice a week. Use Wonderwood's baseball fields for a practice area 3 seasons of the year. Walk the trails at Rainier Vista for exercise. Occasionally have volunteer with the Stream team. And taken several sessions of the Tai Chi classes you offer. Am impressed by the number of different activities indoor and outdoor that Lacey supports!
Thanks!

We enjoy using the Woodland park area. It's great that people with kid's or dog's or walkers can all enjoy the use of the park. I can't take enough pictures of the geese and I am so amazed at watching the eagles hunt over the lake. I think the fishing program for the kids is a great program to bring families together. I love walking out on the dock and looking for fish etc... My husband and I often walk from Aldea Glen area to the Woodland park and around the lake. It is such a relaxing and beautiful walk.

We love parks and Rec
We think you are doing a wonderful job!
Yes, the park that's in Tanglewild, Hensley side
You are doing well.
Your doing a great job...
Your system is really good and reminds me of Whatcom county parks.
You're doing a great job..... & thanks for asking for our input!
Appreciate the care you take with the parks.

City of Lacey does a wonderful job of managing the parks and the facilities. There are many parks in the Lacey area with diverse uses that everyone can enjoy.

Enjoy the parks. The parks and trail systems are one of the reasons we chose to live in this community.

From the time Wonderwood Park was developed to the present, I have used the parks for my Brentwood Preschool events as well as for family use when raising my family. They are a priceless resource.

I am so impressed by the number and quality of parks in Lacey!

I believe Lacey parks are an asset to the community. Lacey has a history of building and maintaining very good park facilities. Lacey should continue on this patch and continue to fund the development and maintenance of its parks.

I believe our parks and facilities are some of the best around and definitely a highlight of what our city offers. I'd like to make sure they are maintained.

I enjoy taking my nieces to any Lacey park when they visit. Thank you for caring about our parks!

I enjoy the parks and facilities here so much. Thank you for all of the up keep, cleanliness of restrooms, and safe environments provided.

I love Huntamer Park

I love the city parks and recreation services and thank you for your work

I love the number of parks to be found in Lacey!

I love the parks in the Lacey area. I can go in just about any direction and find a park to walk in or enjoy the outdoors.

I love using the parks. Renting areas is super easy and the people there are great to work with.

I love your parks...they are secure, well maintained and spaced out over all of Lacey.

I loved Woodland Creek Park

I think all your parks are well maintained pretty.

I think compared to Tumwater and Olympia, Lacey is particularly well served with park facilities and it is with pleasure and delight that we enjoy them and watch others do likewise regularly.

I think it is vital to healthy community life to have public gathering spaces that are clean, safe, and accessible. It is also vital for humans of all ages to spend time in surroundings that are less constructed, where they can reconnect with trees, birds, grass, dirt. Lacey is doing a great job of providing these spaces, and in planning ahead to ensure they continue to be available. Specifically, as above-

I think Lacey has a wonderfully planned, vibrant park system. What's to plan?

I think our parks department does an outstanding job maintaining our parks.

Lacey has done a great job of providing parks and outdoor spaces to the public and I'm proud to live in Lacey

Lacey is doing a great job managing fields and maintenance. Thanks!

Lacey is doing a great job with our parks, much better than Oly or Tumwater!

Lacey Parks are beautiful and well kept, thanks for all you hard work!

Lacey Parks are some of the best maintained parks in the State. The City of Lacey is known for its parks and recreational amenities.

Lacey Parks, facilities and programs were one of the major factors in choosing to live and purchase a home in Lacey

Lacey's parks are the most distinguishing factor in how Lacey appears to the rest of the state. I am proud to be associated with our parks.

Love our Parks!!

love Rainier Vista

Love the size of the parks!

Moved down here 12 years ago from Redmond. LOVE it down here with all of the parks and community events!

My family and I enjoy the many parks in the area and appreciate the diversity of the facilities and how well they are maintained.

My family and I frequent the parks in Lacey and they are always very clean and maintained well. The city workers that we've encountered have always been friendly.

My family greatly appreciate all of the wonderful parks!

Olympia seems to have a broader selection of summer camp offerings. I like Lacey parks, they're usually clean & well maintained.

Our family enjoys Wonderwood park almost daily. We really appreciate that it is very well-maintained. Also appreciate the police presence when needed, because sometimes there are some rowdy crowds that trash the place. I've notice this much more in the summer months. But please keep up the good job and we thank you for a gem in our neighborhood.

Our parks are very well kept and a pleasure to walk or ride bike through.

Parks and facilities are always in immaculate condition and it is appreciated!! Our groups do their best to leave it as good or better than when we found it.

Parks and Facilities are very well maintained by a highly professional team of caring individuals!

Parks are clean. Very nice.

Parks are usually well kept. Thank u

Parks in Lacey are some of the highest quality I have come across in our state. They are clean, well maintained and provide a great opportunity for free recreation to the community.

Parks people are the Best! Stream team guys are great as well.

Pretty good!!

Recently, I haven't been using the parks as much as I used to but still find them of great value.

safe parks

So appreciate all the parks

So far they are fabulous.

Superb maintenance and variation of facilities. Lacey's parks are one of my favorite aspects of living in the city.

Thank you for all the hard work in keeping the City parks and facilities clean for public use. It makes it nice to go and enjoy during free time. I also enjoy the P&R programs you put out, the fees are inexpensive and it gives me a chance to try new classes and programs that I may not have tried before and meet other people.

Thank you for keeping our parks in very good shape.

Thank you for your hard work.

Thank you for your hard work.

Thanks for taking great care of our parks!

The parks are wonderful, we have not had a chance to visit many of the facilities or participate in programs. We do look forward to doing so in the upcoming season.

They are better than most in other cities. Keep up the good work.

They are great

They're fantastic! I love going to the parks and hanging out. I haven't participated in any programs yet, but I look forward to it!

Very well maintained

We have enjoyed the parks on more than one occasion. Good job so far.

We love Lacey parks and events put on

We love the parks! We regularly go to parks 2 times a week (year round), with more visits during the summer than during the winter. They're always well maintained, clean, and have good playgrounds (with 2 kids under 6 years old, that's important!)

wonderful parks

Wonderwood park. Keep doing what you doing.

Your parks have come a long way and have been very happy with them. We use the RAC and the one off Ruddel Rd

I am a pickleball player and appreciate the effort you have taken to help our sport. I am in the Rainier Vista area.

the additional pickleball courts are welcomed

We appreciate the new pickleball facilities. Thank you!

I use the River Ridge High School Pool for aqua aerobics classes. The improvements to the building by the North Thurston School District are much appreciated. Also appreciate the life guards and LPR staff.

We take a lot of swim lessons. The pools tend to be cool, the restrooms are tired, but the excellent swim staff and class availability keep us coming back year after year.

Appreciate all the hard work and dedication that is required to facilitate the plans and programs

Events like Family Fishing to accurately accommodate Lacey & surrounding area population

Great programs already. Keep them going!

Great youth programs that I would love to see continue

I enjoy the parks, especially the summer programs available

I enjoy the summer events at woodland square!

I have always been very impressed with how Lacey Parks and Recreation run its program. My children have enjoyed many activities, and I am looking forward to what the future holds for our growing community!

I have been very pleased with every experience my family has had with LP&R. We're very impressed with the programs!

I have participated in classes and hikes and tours and am still doing so and your programs are great. They provide a lot of choices and the cost is reasonable. I believe that keeping young people engaged in activities keeps them out of trouble. Keep up the good work!

I have participated in the programs for many years and enjoyed every one. I recommend them all the time to anyone who's looking for fun activities.

I love the aquatics program. it is an activity I can do as I age. I am so grateful it is available and affordable

I love the programs and camps. The programs give you a taste of what a long term program could be and it's nice because you don't want to sign your child up for something and they don't like it. I like the camps and the camp leaders. They remember my children even if they only see them once or twice a year (spring and winter breaks). Play ground pals is a great program. I can't afford summer camps for both my children, so my mom will take them to play ground pals and at least they get time with other kids and my mom gets a break while I have to work.

I love the recreation program!

I love your programs! Thank you for offering a wide variety of classes and camps for kids of all ages!

I sincerely appreciate the variety of programs you offer!

I think it's a good program that provides a diverse collection of activities for families. We have used the program for my son and now daughter and I am so excited to have her in park activities! I am very excited for the summer music concerts this year. My daughter loves music and I know she will enjoy them! This year we have used the swim program and it has been wonderful!

Lacey does a great job with community programs, offerings (so many, so diverse) and events. Love the Ethnic Celebration.

Lacey Recreational programs have impressed us as a family. We have participated and benefited in several programs over the years and hope to continue this tradition and enrichment!!!

Lacey's parks and rec programs are wonderful, one of the best things about living here.

Love fitness lap swim program

Love kid programs/classes.

Love Lacey's summer at the park entertainment

Love the agua programs!

love the hikes

Love the options for every age and the times offered for working parents!!

Love the recreational programs you currently offer--for both adults and children. We are very fortunate.

Love the summer, winter and spring camps

My boys have done the robotics summer camps and love them. Lacey has many things to offer and I think they do a better job than where we live!!! :)

My children and I have enjoyed the skiing and snowboard trips for years, thanks! But they start way too early and leave the slopes too early. Suggest you start them an hour later and then leave the slopes an hour later.

my daughter takes the pre-ballet and swimming classes- love them! thank you =)

My family uses a lot of the programs and we are very thankful for the variety available

Not sure who planned it, but the 2016 fireworks show at Rainier Vista Park was wonderful. Hoping it's being repeated in 2017.

Our family has enjoyed Lacey Parks programs for many years, even before our children were born. We travel to Lacey from Yelm because you offer a great variety of quality programs / events that Yelm doesn't offer.

Programs are excellent. Wide variety of activities for all age groups.

Programs with community involvement- doing, learning, helping others & helping parks

Recreation programs are top notch!

Your summer camps are fantastic! Keep up the great work!

EXPANDED FACILITIES

Regional Athletic Complex

The RAC is great, so are the bike trails. More turf fields with lights would make the RAC even better.

Need another soccer pitch with lights.

Add another adult hardball field at the rac...college use of this field should be minimized.

Develop the 3rd phase of the RAC asap

Expand the RAC with additional turf fields. There is a major lack of playing surfaces during our wet months to accommodate all of the Local soccer clubs that are only getting bigger every year!

Lacey has started with the RAC lets keep up the great work and expand.

Look at the Revenue and use of the RAC....we need more of this for our community

We need some tennis courts in the Hawks Prairie area (i.e. RAC Phase 3)

I think the park area near the mushroom farm is really well thought out and planned. With the fire department so close and near the school so kids can play after school there, it's just really well done.maybe adding some tennis courts in that park.

Other Sports Field Development & Expansion

More facilities similar to the RAC--can artificial surface fields be put in at Rainier Vista Park?

I live just outside of the Lacey boundaries but would look forward to using an indoor sports facility in Lacey.

Lacey does a great job w/their parks/facilities/and programs.... would love to see this flow over into an indoor recreational facility

Rainier Vista needs better support of the ball fields. It would be nice to have more turf inventory for the baseball fields. Fields also need pitching mounds.

You have dedicated the Rainier Vista softball Park to the kids. They do not have lighted fields. The fields are usually empty. A cheap fix to our dilemma would be to add lights and open them for adult play.

Need more turf outside Hawks Prairie

Spray Park / Outdoor Pool

I think the greatest feature missing at our wonderful parks is the option to get wet. My family and I always have to get out of town to Tacoma to play in good quality splash parks.

I would love to see children's water feature or spray grounds at our local parks

More art in the park and nature.

Outdoor water park like Stewert Heights in Tacoma.

Look at Tacoma Parks and Recreation for inspiration and Tualitan Hills Nature park in Oregon (near Portland) walking park.

I would love to see a community pool facility. This is the first NW city I've lived in without a pool. I miss it dearly.

Less reliance on schools. We need a CITY pool or CITY water park similar to Tacoma.

There is no place to swim where the water is clean. A public pool needs to be included in any future park plans.

Our parks are great, but I think we need more water parks and spraygrounds around here.

Please please make a spray park in lacey! Many families must go elsewhere to beat the summer heat. I don't count olympia fountain as that's not safe being right by the street.

We need a park with a splash pad and a pool

Would love to see water park type play area in N. Thurston Ct

Disc Golf

Add another disc golf course somewhere

Again, disc golf! The SPS Disc Golf Association takes great pride in their courses, and Woodland Creek is a good example of what they can do. I'm sure if there was another course opportunity it would be even bigger and greater than WCP!

Already doing a great job. Keep it up and keep expanding if possible. More disc golf!

More disc golf parks

More than one disc golf course will draw outsiders to come here for local tournament....

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Need more Disc Golf

Please keep funding coming for disc golf course maintenance and improvement. It is an up and coming sport/activity that the city can use to bring more revenue to the city through tournaments and nicely kept/laid out courses.

Woodland Creek Park Disc Golf Course is a great addition. It is a great beginner quality course, we need more "championship quality" disc golf courses in the area to attract out of town players.

Other Facilities

The outdoor facilities are great for 3-5 months of the year

I love the Chehalis Western Trail. The one thing missing are toilets at comfortable intervals. I know it's a budget issue. You could start by indicating nearby public restrooms on the maps of the trail.

Expand picnic shelter reservations to all parks that have them and not just to the limited few.

Great parks in Lacey. Having more choices for gatherings in the summer would be nice. I rent the shelter sometimes, but many of the parks don't have adequate rest room facilities

Lacey has some great parks for community activities, some of the older parks need to be refurbished and setup with the same accommodations as the newer ones. I am pleased that parks are maintained well. Better bike paths on some of the older streets are a must for children going to school and around neighborhoods.

Parks are great, but need bathrooms/portapotty at every park

Add dog friendly amenities to the parks (ie dog drinking fountains, off leash areas). Add more community events in January-March. January = kick off the new year with a health expo. Feb = emergency preparedness & make your own emergency kit.

Lower level lighting at some smaller parks for fall/winter recreation. Lakepointe Park lighting for soccer in late fall and early winter. Park could be used one or two nights a week for dog running.

We also need a dog park

Having indoor Pickleball Courts would serve the community well. I will be moving from Olympia to Lacey and it would be great to have an indoor Pickleball facility in Lacey. Thanks for asking

Pickleball courts indoor and outdoor...fast growing sport

Lacey needs recreation facilities. Relying on school district facilities isn't enough. Youth center, pool, gym, community center (that isn't just a rental facility)

Always have been great. I wish we had one big community center that had an indoor pool, fitness center/classes, etc. I know we have those scattered throughout Lacey, but one that housed everything would be wonderful! (Then I wouldn't have to drive to Briggs YMCA.)

I would love to see exercise equipment in our parks, similar to what some other states have.

keep with the big child small child play areas. more large play areas like in the regional athletic complex

More advanced play structures at parks.

more baby and toddler friendly swings, fenced in play areas

more play equipment catering to young adults between 10-15 yrs, as when I visit the park my 7 yr old has ample play, but 11 yr old doesnt have any or much to do in the park. I like the year round programs/ activities, both me and my kids use those services. Thank you

Need a traditional old style park Gazebo at Rainier Vista/ 45th Ave park for the bandstand at the 4th of July Fireworks festival. More food and honey buckets.

Need more rental shelters

Need way more of them

Our local park seems to be well maintained, so thank you for that. Please build another park in Hawks Prairie. All the land is being consumed with housing and we will have very limited local outdoor space once everything is built. The Middle School that was just built doesn't allow pets anywhere on the property, so all us dog owners end up going to the intensely muddy Thurston County Off-Leash Dog Area, or crowing into the Meridian Neighborhood Park. More open grass areas please! I'll help pay for it!

We need more parks in our area not enough for the amount of children. The only park does not have easy walking access from our neighborhood

The aquatics programs are phenomenal. It would be fantastic to have a community pool instead of having to use the high school pools on such a limited availability basis.

The weather is rainy so much of the time that an indoor facility with a pool and perhaps aerobic classes, cardio room that could charge fees would be great.

good but we need more bike trails

Off-road bike trails and more disc golf

The continued expansion of the trails systems within the Lacey area is critical. Limit "multi use" access to trail system focusing on pedestrian and bicycle trails.

We need more bike trails that are separate from roads

CONCERNS

Concerns about Access

See above, have family trips truly be for family, not just 10 or 16 and over (If fear of safety, have parents sign waivers, if a later event make the parents understand there is no early leaving.)

Would love to see the Fireworks show on the 3rd of July moved back to Bush Park. It was just too crazy at Rainer Vista last year. People had to park and walk a mile or more away from the park.

More parking is needed for Longs Pond. when it is being uses for the 2 rentals you cannot park there at all!

Confusion over Pleasant Glade park: Map shows a good sized parking area, but info claims access only to walk-ins and bikers. If limited to the latter that seems prejudiced. Everyone is paying for this and everyone should be welcomed, and the park location is obviously reachable only to bikers and drivers. The elderly or disabled would be penalized, as well as visitors outside the immediate area.

Do not open a park if you don't provide parking! (Pleasant Glade Park)

water aerobics in pools without stairs into pool hard for some seniors to get in or out of

I'd like to see some improved public access to our small area lakes. It was difficult to prioritize. I support good parks in under served areas, however every park doesn't have to have the same type of children's climbing structure. Think outside of the box in developing parks. Thank you.

Concerns about Cost

Don't raise prices

They seem to be good already. Parks are a good community resource, however expansion should be kept at a minimum to lesson further tax burden on our property owners.

Enjoyed Community Center- but too expensive- no more

I have never participated in Lacey Parks & Rec programs, but I have used some of the parks and facilities. The Lacey community center is nice, but often too expensive so I rent Olympia Center rooms. The parks are also nice, if you have kids.

Make do within the budget.

More affordable youth programs

need better rates for field usage

no more added taxes

not enough low cost options for seniors

Affordability

Fees for kid programs waved to low income families.

I think the players or teams should have to pay for hourly use. I play softball and am willing to pay a fee during the day to hit on field . This would help to pay for park maintenance etc.

I think you should develop a family/summer/day pass system so that larger families can afford to use the pools more than once or twice per summer. I have been to the open swim several times the past few years at Timberline Pool, and there aren't a lot of families there. It's mostly summer camp kids. For my three kids to swim, they have to have at least one adult with them. That means it costs a minimum of \$16 for us to swim ONCE for two hours. If you sold summer-long or daily family passes, you would get a lot more money from our family. I can justify paying \$50 or \$75 per person for a summer pass to take my kids to the pools or \$10/family for a day pass and you would ultimately get a lot more money from us and we would feel like we were getting more value. Charging me \$16 for my three kids and myself, or \$20 for my husband to join us means that I will only do it once or twice per year for a total of maybe \$40. But if you charged \$50/person or \$75/person for a summer pass, you would get at least \$200 from my family. The pools are going to be open during those hours for open swim anyway.

Likewise, if you offered a family day pass for, say, \$10, I would do that once or twice a week for much of the summer, especially during the times of swim lessons to give my kids extra reinforcement of the skills they are learning.

I believe all parks should be free as they are currently. But I would support a tax increase to keep the parks free of a day use fee.

The programs Lacey Parks offers are excellent for children and adults. But, many people once again, can not afford to pay for the classes or trips. I think volunteers are needed to help with park up keep and clean up. Many people would volunteer so we could be able to keep city parks maintained. I've been very worried about the new presidential proposed budget and cut backs that he proposes. Citizens use parks & recreation for entertainment and family outings and it is the only place to go in Olympia that is open to the public at no charge.

The rental for facility covers in parks is much higher than surrounding cities. It makes it difficult for families to rent them.

You do a great job in general, but programs for kids are expensive.

Concerns about Safety or Cleanliness

Advertise the importance of cleaning up after yourself by posting signs to avoid high taxes to maintain the parks etc.

There are a lot more people "living" in/around these areas now, making it not as safe, is there anything that will be addressing this problem in the area?

Wish there was more neighborhood or security watch at Wanschers (sp?) to keep safe and clean.

Wonderwood Park needs to be restructured. It is a haven for terrible things to happen. It's a beautiful park, but has too many places for people to hide and do things that are socially unacceptable.

Better traffic control and or safer pedestrian crossing at Rainer Vista.

Community parks seem to be well maintained. Security could be improved during evening hours.

Increase security.

More monitoring! Lots of drugs/alcohol and disobedient kids in the Lacey Parks

More parking spaces should be provided on site at Rainier Vista Park to preclude dangerous conditions (children crossing between parked cars, double parking, blocking driveways, etc.) in the adjacent neighborhoods

Safety for park users

Sidewalks & street lights

Maybe nets to separate the disc golf course from the Woodland trail. There are many times we walk that and the golfers yell and tell people to move or walk faster so they can throw their disk on the trail. Similar to a golf course net or post more rules. Thanks

I love our parks and want to congratulate Lacey for providing the most beautifully maintained parks I have ever seen. My favorites are Rainier Vista and the new sports Complex. All of our parks are safe and super great for families as well as older folks.

However, I have one complaint and I take it seriously. People at most of the parks obey the dogs on leash law or whatever rule/statute it is Lacey has but does not enforce. Woodland Creek park is the most unacceptable to walk my dog as there are always off leash dogs there and it causes uncomfortable tension hoping not to have a confrontation. Also there is always dog poop along the walkway and paths. There is no enforcement of the statute whatsoever. I have stopped going there completely. Bush park comes in second for the off leash problem, but not the poop problem. I would like to make a recommendation and it is an easy one to implement. For example Millersylvania State Park in addition to having the sign saying dogs must be on leash they have a sign that says simply the dollar amount of the fine for having pets off leash. I'm sure they also enforce that part of it. But just the sign alone is a strong deterrent for the wise. I suggest someone in the Lacey Parks department have the authority to enforce the the statute for our parks and do it visibly so people know you are watching.

You either need to turf the outfields if you baseball and softball fields or allow metal spikes to be worn. Molded baseball cleats on wet grass is asking for injury.

i would like to see shade provided for the childrens play equipment. the summer months can be very sunny and the plastic equipment gets very hot and can burn children and babies. i have keot my daughter from playing due to the toys/equipment being too hot in the sun.

I LOVE all of the work you've done the past few years on connecting the Chehalis Western trail with other trails and the beautiful overpasses. Thank you thank you!! My husband and I run the Chehalis Western regularly, but I would never run it myself, due to pretty consistent encounters with people that seem to have mental issues, or just seem a little shady (I know that sounds really subjective, but some people just give off a creepy vibe). It's not bad from 45th trailhead heading south, but it often gets a little rough between the Chambers Lake parking lot heading north to where you can exit the trail to cut over to the Group Health parking lot. Also, we've noticed a lot of sexual activity at the 45th trailhead, as is evidenced by all the condoms tossed thrown about in that parking area.

More trash cans

Concerns about Quality of Service

We love walking in Wonderwood and playing at Rainier Vista and the RAC. Brooks park, the forgotten, hidden and mostly useless landmass that resides behind some aesthetically displeasing building on College St, is a great place to go if you are a criminal or want to meet up with some exciting Lacey subculture that you were unaware of as you swear to never take your children there ever again. It should be turned into a dog park. People (me) love the dog park near the dump, but do not like driving through super-busy Hawk's Prairie to catch a whiff of that sweet mushroom farm breeze as it gently mixes with the pungent fragrance of county trash with a hint of freeway exhaust. There's enough traffic on College St to promote the new dog park with a simple "Dog Park" street sign alongside the Brooks park sign. Perhaps the presence of responsible dog owners will lower the attendance of drug dealers and teen intercourse participants.

I would love the ability to see and schedule facilities online instead of always showing up at the office.

The parks are doing really well and they seem clean and well kept. Community events are enjoyable for all ages and well advertised. Better communication about when the next session/classes start and that a new brochure is out would be appreciated. I've missed a lot of classes because I was too late in seeing announcements.

We paid to have a function in October at a park and we were told rest rooms were supposed to be open to us. They were not. Can you make it clear when renting a facility if this is true please

Don't designate a park for events that the neighborhood surrounding it can't handle. Parking and noise issues might be an occasional inconvenience for the park-goers, but it is a quality of life and safety issue for the surrounding neighbors. A honey bucket chained to a street sign is not a suitable bathroom facility. A police drive-by thru a parking lot or the perimeter of a park is not enough to see what is actually happening in most parks during events.

Too much poop, water fountains shut off too early and for too long for winter

I truly feel that the swimming experience was not too good, the girls learned some stuff but the teachers are very young. The boy just stood there with his arms crossed cold. When my children were younger it was way more structured!

Not so many in swimming class. Too crowded in deep water.

We signed up for bball camp and it was cancelled due to lack of participation. My son was disappointed as was I.

I've camped at the park for 2 softball tournaments and there's power onsite but it's so old the RV campers kept blowing the breaker and it didn't have a plug for 50amps that we needed it was a hassle paying 20 a night and couldn't use the a/c. Need updated plugs for RV's

Unfortunately, sometimes the temporary or part time staff are not well trained or informed about activities and do not provide good customer service.

The parks to be more inviting

swim lesson and gymnastics are less effective than they could be

Other

Better website

Make sure and hire smiling happy people to work at the parks.

Think bigger- parks are smallish

I think the 1-7 list is intertwined and co-dependent. Not sure how the results of the list could give the city direction of one specific improvement over another...

Parks are always clean and well maintained. Would like them not to use such strong chemical fertilizers on the grass and not to water when the rest of us have to follow a water schedule in the summer months.

The park in my area is outdated

I would appreciate it if not most of the tball practices and games and the soccer practices and games weren't at Rainier Vista. It would be nice to have some in the Hawks Prairie area. Why not at The RAC?

EXPANDED PROGRAMS

There should be more time/days and/or locations available for kids to attend "open swim".

Do not forget seniors

little, if any, programs/services for seniors

Find ways to educate the public about the importance of preserving the natural living in the park areas

I love the programs offered through parks and rec for kids but wonder if there could be better teen ones or 18+

Playground Pals bigger!

I would really love to see Lacey Park and Recreation accept DDA dollars again. We are very involved with the swim program that is offered through Thurston County Rec and it just seems crazy that we work with, they contract with you and you contract with the school to use the pools. Being the head coach, I have seen the money that they pay you and I see what they are making. It would be more money in your pocket if you just contracted with DDA. I would also take advantage of more things with Lacey Parks and Rec if you did take DD dollars.

Recycling, environmental pollution prevention, fun for kids, encourage community events.

I wish you had more water fitness classes in early morning and weekends.

I'd like to see more adult classes in the brochure: self defense, zumba, aerobics, etc

It would be nice to have more programs.

More events like children's day and lighting of the tree. Indoor playgrounds are a necessity here.

More figure skating lessons. Adding some more sports classes for 13-18 year olds or more adult options. What is there is great but more is always better :)

More sports programs geared toward middle school students

Wish there was a water aerobics program

Would like to see more classes for moms and daughters, such as teen / tween level exercise classes, more classes for 40 something people, more STEM programs for school age children. I would like more classes on self defense for adults and children, maybe incorporate Internet safety and bully safety for kids. Cooking classes for kids, archery. You need hot and popular classes to pull tweens off the electronics to participate, or incorporate electronics, like programming.

ACT Dances

I would like to see more opportunities for teenagers. Such as I was trying to plan a birthday party for my 12 year old daughter and she's too old for Chuck E cheese, she doesn't want to go to Skateland, doesn't want to go to boom shaka, and so someplace where there is a teen Recreation Center where they can hang out and there's music and of course supervision and games.

Would like to see Timberline Pool opened up more for public use, open swim, or lap lanes during weeknights or Sunday. River Ridge always has lessons going on and Saturday 1-3 open pool is extremely limiting. Would participate in aqua fitness with my teen-age son but program is limited to adults 18 and over!

In fact many of the programs my son would be interested in are 18 and over, (he is 16)...all aqua fitness, rock and mineral ID, car camping basics, even bird watching! Why???

Opportunities for 13-17 yr olds as an age group are severely limited. Especially if you can't go on overnight trips!

Also something to think about,... I don't know many 14 yr olds who want to hang out with 8 yr olds...that is a HARD sell! (Even if the content may be interesting.)

Some types of classes should be offered to different age groups on different weeks, or times 8-12/ 13-17.

We should help encourage teen-age outdoor recreation by facilitating tennis hours, outdoor volleyball, kick-ball, badmitten, frisbee golf, flag football, or by providing lawn chess pieces and board etc... Maybe "Party at the Park" once or twice per month like a Lacey Act Night outside, age 13-18, 6-9pm. Once Summer hits it can be very difficult to connect to other teens for activities.

Thanks for listening.

My focus with Lacey Parks and Recreation is community tennis. Good surfaces and nets are essential. Would like to look at partnerships, including adult and family tennis in addition to the daytime youth programs.

Activities for children

INCREASED FUNDING

We have too few parks with playground equipment - and some of that equipment is getting old and worn. We need a community effort to fund new equipment - and maybe opportunities to sponsor new equipment for local businesses. Look at what the Children's Museum is able to provide? Why can't our community have some high quality equipment without an entry fee?

City fund more money into the parks

Scholarship programs

parks should be free, I think you should put a higher tax on recreational sites in the city to support outdoor parks (and swimming pools)

INCREASED NATURAL AREAS

build more rain gardens to help our environment as well as building community gardens..

Community garden activities & collaboration with environmental organizations

Animal viewing

Conservation lands

Developers should be required to keep more green space and mature trees when they build

I love living in Lacey but it's sad to see so many trees cut down - does no one care? where I live (on Lake Hills St SE) they cut more & more trees down & do not repaint - sad

Land preservation with all the developments going up

Sustainability and environmentally friendly development

Beautiful parks and plenty of them in Lacey, more natural habitat parks would be awesome (I.E. parks/trails similar to the one by the Deschutes river in Tumwater, or the trail with the creek behind the community center).

Continue working to connect trails and better integrate existing parks, facilities and programs with schools, senior and retirement centers, and businesses.

OTHER

Be thoughtful and kind.

Environment

To recycle more

I never use parks and recreation areas

Aside from Parks as a distraction, people are more concerned about why they're paying \$80.00+ for \$4.00 worth of water.

concerns with homeless people

I miss plastic bags. Eliminate the silly ban so I can pick up dog waste