

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**LACEY PARKS**  
CULTURE & RECREATION



Accomplishments from:

- Parks, Culture and Recreation
- Park Maintenance

Pictured:  
Regional Athletic Complex  
Fall Softball night

# Lacey Parks

## PARK INVENTORY AND FEATURES

26

DEVELOPED  
PARKS & TRAILS



### TRAILS

4

Trails

7.2

Miles of Trails

35

PARK PROPERTIES  
(9 NOT FULLY  
DEVELOPED)



### SPORT FIELDS

12

Baseball/Softball Fields  
(4 more needed)

18

Soccer/Football/Rugby Fields  
(4 more needed)

9

Tennis Courts

13

Basketball Half Courts

1,269  
Acres

518 DEVELOPED  
751 UNDEVELOPED



### PARKS

23

Youth/Child Playgrounds

17

Picnic Shelters

5

Pickleball Courts

1

Youth Fishing Dock

1

Disc Golf Course

1

Skate Park

# Athletic Facilities

The long-standing joint use partnership with North Thurston Public Schools allows many sports organizations access to fields and facilities.

## REGIONAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX



**82,150**

Tournament and League Attendance

**351**

Days Used at the Regional Athletic Complex

**9,572**

Hours Rented / Booked By Users / Tournaments

**\$446,113**

RAC Recreation and Rental Revenue



## COMMUNITY FIELD AND FACILITY USE

**8,281**

Hours Of Field Use Scheduled - School Fields

**6,133**

Hours of Field Use Scheduled - City Fields

**2,276**

Hours Of Pool Use Scheduled To User Groups

# Recreation

The Parks, Culture and Recreation Department includes 16.5 full-time staff responsible for implementing the wide variety of community recreation offerings such as;

- Aquatic Programs
- Community Buildings & Park Rentals
- Daycamp & Teen Programs
- Lacey Museum
- Special Events
- Sports and Fitness Programs

# 291,634

HOURS OF RECREATION  
GENERATED INCLUDING  
EVENTS

# 59,689

PARTICIPATION IN  
EVENTS/PROGRAMS



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

# 213,514

Total Hours of  
Recreation Generated

# 52,143

Total Attendance at Events

# 33

Total Events Offered

- 3rd of July Fireworks
- Brunch with Santa
- Children's Day
- Children's Entertainment Series (7)
- Cultural Celebration
- Lacey in Tune Concerts (8)
- Lacey Loves to Read
- Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting
- Family Fish In
- Movies in the Park (4)
- Play in the Park Series (5)
- Lacey Spring Fun Fair
- Signing Santa



## RECREATION PROGRAMS

# 78,120

Total Hours of  
Recreation Generated

# 8210

Total Enrollment

# 640

Programs / Classes Offered

# \$730,980

Total Revenue

# Museum & Community Buildings



## LACEY MUSEUM

**1,178**  
Visitors

**588**

Virtual Program Participation

**511.5**

Volunteer Hours Donated

**\$5,000**

Grants and Donations

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES



**322**

Days Used At Lacey Community Center

**116**

Days Used At Jacob Smith House

**491**

Individual Bookings Of Rental Facilities

**586**

Park Picnic Shelter Reservations

**1,472**

Hours of Picnic Shelter Use

**\$239,991**

Revenue for LCC, JSH and Shelters



# Parks & Maintenance

## PARK MAINTENANCE AT A GLANCE

Every day the maintenance team is working throughout the City to ensure the parks and facilities are in the best condition possible for the enjoyment of our community.



**78**

Parks, Trails, and Undeveloped Properties Maintained

**743**

Trees Planted in Parks

**37,100**

Restrooms Cleaned

**401**

Trees Pruned

**8,265**

Acres of Turf Mowed

**1,266**

Irrigation Zones Maintained

**328**

Garbage Cans Emptied Daily

**20,742**

Irrigation Heads Maintained

# Parks & Maintenance

## PARK MAINTENANCE STAFF

The Public Works Parks and Facilities Maintenance Division includes 16 full-time and 17 seasonal staff. This staff is responsible for maintaining the grounds of all City-owned parks and facilities.

## MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY

### Plants and Shrubs

Weed control, pruning, and landscape bed cleanup.

### Building and Structure Maintenance

Blowing and pressure washing shelters, sidewalks, parking lots, basketball courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and skate park.

### Irrigation Maintenance

Installs, repairs, and maintains the automatic turf irrigation systems.

### Tree Maintenance

Pruning, tree inspections, tree planting, stump removals, leaf pickup, and watering.

### Grounds and Trail Maintenance

Weed removal, invasive removal, and trail cleaning.

### Turf Maintenance

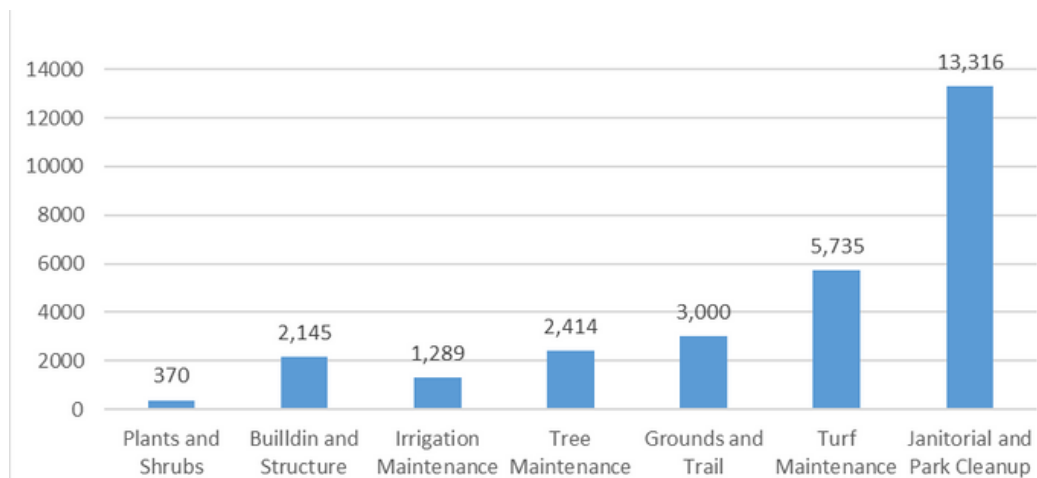
Mowing, edging, line trimming, aeration, and fertilizing

### Janitorial and Parks Cleanup

Cleaning restrooms, emptying garbage cans, safety checks, playground maintenance, and general park cleanup.



## TOTAL STAFF HOURS BY DEPARTMENT / CATEGORY



# 2022

# Highlights



## PARKS MAINTENANCE

- Coordinated the installation of an 80' pole and platform for Osprey to nest at Wanschers Park..
- Reduced the compaction of Rainier Vista's volleyball courts by 120%.
- Repaired bulkhead supporting the bridge at Woodland Creek Park
- Generated 1,142 park related work orders
- Improved pickle ball court at Lakepointe by re-painting lines and installing a fence around the court.
- Removed graffiti from 93 events.
- Removed 510 yds of leaves from Parks



- Moved irrigation and re-landscaped beds at Civic Plaza to accommodate the new Gold Star memorial.
- Tree work:
  - Planted 136 1 gallon trees in Parks
  - Planted 450 bare root plugs
  - Planted 187 2" C street trees
  - Removed 141 hazard trees
  - Pruned 401 City owned trees
- Rapid Response Clean-Up Team formed to assist with collection and clean up of homeless camps and nuisances on public property in Lacey. During 2022 the team responded to:
  - Cleaned 88 camps.
  - Removed 20.01 tons of debris.
  - Removed debris from 239 roadside cleanups
  - Collected, disinfected and returned 853 shopping carts.
  - Collected and safely disposed of 389 hypodermic needles.
  - Cleaned up 45 graffiti sites.



## CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

- Installed two 40' Rugby goals on field 4 at RAC.
- RAC additional parking lot design 90% completed.
- Installed 31,000 holiday lights at Huntamer Park.
- Master planning for the 400+ acre Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways located in northwest Lacey reached the 100% completion mark.
- RAC Parking Lot Video Cameras were installed
- NTPS Young Child & Family Center feasibility
- Installation of Jackson/Goose Pond Historic Marker along the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail.
- Lacey Depot & Playground Grand Opening May 25, 2022 in conjunction with Lacey Rotary.
- Phase 3 of New Museum and Cultural Center completed

# 2022 Highlights



## PROGRAM & PARK ENHANCEMENTS

- RAC policy and procedure updated.
- LCC and JSH policy and procedure updated
- Updated all fees for the Regional Athletic Complex, City and NTPS fields.
- Updated all fees for the Lacey Community Center and Jacob Smith House.
- RAC won the bid to bring back 10U USA Fastpitch tournament, 3A State Fastpitch tournament and the NWAC regional tournament for 2023.
- Successful shelter and park rental season with 167 rentals at RV, 236 at RAC, 182 at WCCP and 31 at the Lacey Depot

## PLAYBOOK

Your guide to recreation, activities, and parks in Lacey



- We were awarded the following grants:
  - \$5,000 Thurston County Heritage grant to continue work on cataloguing the Lacey Leader negative collection.
  - \$5,616 Diversity in Local History grant.
  - 68,100 SEEK grant to help fund Summer Day Camp
  - \$7,500 Nisqually Tribe Charitable Funds for Salmon Safe Certification at the new museum.
  - \$39,000 from Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction through North Thurston Public Schools for Playground Pals program.

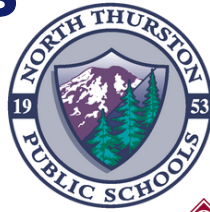


- Started a new Parents Night Out Program.
- Coordinated the 13th Annual Giving Tree Program to provide NTPS students in need gifts during the holidays. City of Lacey Employees donated over 75 gifts and \$1,800. There were 50 unique donors.
- Worked with Sports Commission to coordinate new way to find economic impact for tournaments held at the RAC. In 2022, direct impact was \$15,907,167 to the local economy.
- Expanded Adopt-A-Trail to include 5 additional parks. 13 of the 14 parks/trails have been adopted out.
- Hired 2 new Recreation Coordinators
- The Museum made 17 new acquisitions, catalogued 135 items, scanned 570 images, added 3,446 images to the database and inventoried 4,657 items

# Partnerships & Budget

## PARTNERSHIPS

Partners are essential to the City of Lacey and the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department to provide programs to the community in the most cost-efficient way possible for the City of Lacey community.



Saint Martin's  
UNIVERSITY



South Puget Sound  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT



**\$90,700**

Value of Volunteer Time

**3,178**

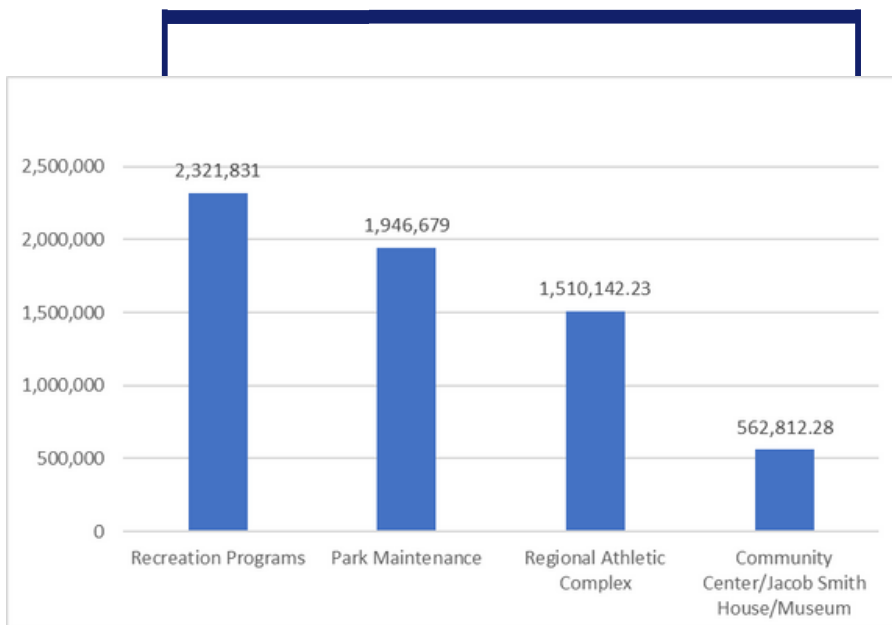
Hours at Events / Programs

**508**

Hours in Parks

## COST OF PARKS, CULTURE & RECREATION

TOTAL EXPENSES  
\$6,341,464



Revenues are generated by program and rental fees, but Parks, Culture & Recreation is funded primarily by the City's general fund.

# PARKS, CULTURE & RECREATION BOARD COMMISSIONERS' MESSAGE

## PARKS BOARD COMMISSIONERS



ARAM WHEELER  
CHAIR



KAMBER GOOD



WENDY GOODWIN



GARY LARSON



DAVE WEBER

In addition to the accomplishments that have been highlighted in this annual report, we would like to note some of the other Park Board and Parks, Culture and Recreation happenings from 2021.

### Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways

After the master plan completion, work got underway for Phase 1A Design and Community Engagement. Phase 1A is slated to open in summer of 2024 and will include park entry, parking, a large picnic shelter, 18 holes of disc golf and many trails for the public to enjoy. The public chose a "nature" theme for Phase 1 of the playground. The board is very excited to finally open this park to the public! Some board members toured the site, and a few went back for a second time to learn about the wildlife at the site.



SARAH TOWNE  
YOUTH REP.



DECLAN LINE  
YOUTH REP.

### COVID-19 Adjustments

The Parks Board is relieved that restrictions lifted this past year and more programs could get up and running. The City rolled out a new hybrid format for all public meetings and all Parks Board meetings were held in the new hybrid format in 2022.

### Grants and Donations

2022 was a very successful year for grants and donations. The Parks Board:  
Received \$5,000 from the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Foundation of Thurston County for youth scholarships  
Received donation of two rugby permanent goals (valued at \$5,000) at the Regional Athletic Complex field #4 from Deschutes Rugby Club  
Acknowledged receipt of \$39,715 from North Thurston Public Schools / OSPI funding for Playground Pals program  
Acknowledged receipt of \$68,100 from SEEK (Safe Environment for Every Kid) / OSPI funding for Summer Day Camp program (AWC facilitated, WRPA distributed)  
Received and acknowledged a 20 acre donation adjacent to Mullen Road Habitat which doubled the size of this open space park site.

### Long Lake Park Expansion

The Parks Board acknowledged the City purchase of 1.8 acres of property adjacent to Long Lake Park, which has been a long term goal and vision for Lacey Parks, and received that acreage into the Lacey Parks system.

### Parks, Culture & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update

The Parks Board kicked off the six year comprehensive plan update by conducting five months of community outreach (Energize Lacey!) in order to confirm public priorities heard the year prior from the Lacey Caresengagement. The Parks Board looks forward to finishing this large project in 2023.

Sincerely,

*Board of Park Commissioners*

# PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

## LEADERSHIP TEAM



JENNIFER BURBIDGE  
DIRECTOR  
PARKS, CULTURE &  
RECREATION



SCOTT EGGER  
DIRECTOR  
PUBLIC WORKS



SCOTT DEVLIN  
OPERATIONS  
MANAGER



SUE FALASH  
RECREATION  
MANAGER



JAMIE OAKLAND  
PARKS  
MAINTENANCE  
SUPERVISOR

2022 was a memorable year for Lacey Parks! The Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan (GCPGMP) was finished early in the year after 14 months of visioning, concept planning, and working with the community, consultant, multiple City departments, and the Parks, Culture & Recreation Board. The GCPGMP is a long-term vision for the 537 acres of park and natural space that makes up the northwest corner of Lacey, and a significant segment of Lacey's parks system. City Council then prioritized and approved moving forward with Phase 1A which will provide safe entry to the new park, parking, a large picnic shelter, playground, a multi-use trail network and 18 holes of disc golf. Phase 1A is intended to open to the public by the summer of 2024.

In addition, the second phase of community outreach was completed in preparation for the Parks, Culture & Recreation Comprehensive Plan update, 20 acres of natural space adjacent to the City-owned Mullen Road Habitat was donated to the City by a developer which doubled the size of the habitat, and City Council prioritized and approved the purchase of the private property adjacent to Long Lake Park adding 1.8 acres to the park and fulfilling a long term goal for the future vision of the park. Public Works began work on the design of the Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) Parking Lot Conversion and adjacent street frontage improvements, and received a CMAQ Grant to install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at several City facilities, one of which is the Lacey Community Center located at Woodland Creek Park.

Public Works Parks Maintenance staff are continually maintaining our parks to keep them in pristine condition. A few of the parks improvements of 2022 include the following: RAC staff installed two permanent 40' rugby goals to Field 4. The goals were donated by the semi-pro Deschutes Rugby Club that now calls the RAC home. Compaction testing at Rainier Vista's volleyball courts revealed the sand courts were compacted. The courts were tilled and re-tested which showed a 67% compaction reduction. Fencing was installed around the Lakepointe Park pickleball court and staff repainted lines and installed a new net to complete the court refurbishment. We want to express sincere appreciation to our staff for their care of our beautiful parks spaces every day, and for going above and beyond with these special projects!

Parks and open spaces continue to provide free access and improvement of overall physical and mental health and well-being of our residents. It's important to point out why Lacey parks and programs are critical. The caliber of Lacey's parks system puts us among the best in the state. Lacey Parks:

- Play a vital role in the social, economic, physical, and emotional well-being of residents
- Encourage active lifestyles and reduce health costs
- Strengthen local economies and create job opportunities
- Make cities more resilient (stormwater/flood management)
- Increase community engagement and reduce crime
- Help clean the air (urban forests) and improve public health
- Provide a tool for cities to achieve equity goals

Lacey's park system, and the many programs and services available is made possible by a tremendous amount of teamwork between the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department, and Public Works' Parks Maintenance, Water Resources, and Project Management teams. In addition, the partnerships the City of Lacey has with North Thurston Public Schools, Senior Services for South Sound, Saint Martin's University, Lacey South Sound Chamber, and many more, enable the delivery of better, more efficient services. We are grateful for these partnerships which enable us to achieve more for Lacey together.

Sincerely,

*Jen Burbidge and Scott Egger*