Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: 2016 Park, Arts, Recreation, Conservation and Culture (PARCC) Plan
Commission input on policy updates.

BACKGROUND AND STUDY SESSION PURPOSE

The City is updating the Park, Arts, Recreation, Conservation and Culture (PARCC) Plan, which will be adopted as an amendment to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan. Components of the plan update have been brought to Planning Commission study sessions for review as follows:

1. July 22, 2015 – Public involvement and overall plan update schedule
2. September 30, 2015 – Initial consult on modifications to the levels of service (LOS) standards specific to parks and trails
3. November 18, 2015 – Draft resource park & recreation LOS and CIP ranking criteria

Chapter 10 of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan (Exhibit A) contains the policies for Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation (PARCC) that direct all related activities in Redmond. The PARCC Plan is the document that outlines the implementation of those policies. As part of the 2016 update of the PARCC Plan, current policies will be reviewed by staff and commissions for recommendations on changes and additions.

For the January 13, 2016 study session, staff is seeking feedback on concepts for policy updates to Chapter 10 of the Comprehensive Plan. A draft of the proposed policy changes includes new subsections for Conservation, Cultural Arts and Maintenance & Operations. Reorganization of plan chapters is proposed that will involve corresponding policies to be relocated to new sections. Policies related to level of service will be recommended to reflect the new methodologies that have been proposed. In addition to these changes, several clarifications and some consolidations are proposed. A PowerPoint presentation of these changes is attached as Exhibit B.

The proposals that will be presented to the Planning Commission have been discussed with the Parks and Trails Commission and the Arts and Culture Commission. A summary of major ideas to date can be seen in the section below. The material provided to the Planning Commission will reflect these ideas.

PREPARATION FOR THE JANUARY 13th STUDY SESSION

Staff asks that Planning Commission review the attached presentation. Staff is seeking feedback particularly on any gaps or areas of concern regarding the policy concepts. Formal review of the

Technical Committee recommended updates to the policies and the rest of the PARCC Plan by the Planning Commission will begin in April or May 2016, including study sessions and public hearing.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR IDEAS TO DATE

Parks & Trails Commission (PTC) Meeting Summary (Dec. 7, 2015):
During this discussion of policy updates, Commissioners shared the following guidance and suggestions:

A. Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation System: Commissioners made suggestions for language that speaks to the diversity of Redmond's community, and to provide opportunities to improve personal health and community connections.
B. Coordination and Communication: Commissioners supported more emphasis on coordinating with other public and private organizations, and involving more community volunteers.
C. Conservation: Commissioners supported a new policy to help increase tree canopy coverage in natural areas within parks.

Arts & Culture Commission (ACC) Meeting Summary (Dec. 10, 2015):
Note that the Commissioners' discussion at this meeting focused on proposed policies for the new Arts section of the policy chapter. Commissioners shared the following guidance and suggestions:

A. Focus initial policy on how arts and culture contribute to the vitality of the city.
B. Encourage investment in local artists and nonprofit organizations.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

Follow up study sessions with the Planning Commission on this and other components of the PARCC Plan are scheduled for the following dates:

- Spring/Summer 2016: Official review and adoption process of the PARCC Plan Update

ENCLOSURES

- Exhibit A: Comprehensive Plan Chapter 10
- Exhibit B: PowerPoint presentation – PARCC Proposed Policy Updates

Agenda and Purpose

- **Upcoming Schedule**
- **High-level review** of PARCC Plan policy and proposed revisions. Previous reviews and revisions by:
  - Parks and Trails Commission
  - Arts and Culture Commission
  - City staff and Tech Committee
- **Feedback** from Planning Commission

Proposed Schedule for PARCC Plan Planning Commission Review

- June 8: Study Session
- June 15: Public Hearing and Study Session
- June 22: Study Session (if needed)
- June 29: Planning Commission Recommendation
- July 20: Planning Commission Report
- September: Review and Action by City Council

PARCC Plan Background and Public Survey

- Demographics of Redmond have changed significantly
- Personal health is a concern nationwide
- Desire for government to be more efficient, and share responsibilities through partnerships with others
- Concern about maintaining adequate natural open space

Focus for PARCC Plan Revisions

- Clarify meaning and reduce redundancy
- Propose 3 new policy sections
- Propose new policies on specific issues:
  - Health
  - Our diverse community
  - Partnerships
  - Tree canopy coverage

Existing PARCC Plan Policy

- A. Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture & Conservation System
- B. Levels of Service
- C. Park and Recreation Facility Development
- D. Coordination and Communication
- E. Funding Strategies
- F. Recreation Programs
- G. Trails

PARCC Plan Policy Structure

- Propose 3 new policy sections:
  - H. Conservation
  - I. Cultural Arts
  - J. Park Maintenance and Operations

A. PARCC System

- Mission of PARCC System
- Opportunities to improve health and community connections
- Encourage conservation and sustainability
- Embrace our diverse community
- Vision for arts and culture

B. Levels of Service

- Develop and maintain LOS for:
  - Parks
  - Trails
  - Facilities
  - Recreation
- Geographic distribution of parks and amenities
- LOS credits for Non-City facilities

C. Park and Recreation Facility Development

- **Propose to Move:** Several policies to the new "Conservation" section
- **Propose Revision:**
  - Integration of public art with park design
  - New facilities to use technology and materials for cost efficiency and to conserve resources
  - Expand notion of environmental education beyond signage. Focus on partnerships. (SMP)
  - Prepare an ADA plan for parks and trails

D. Coordination and Communication

Propose New Policies:

- Coordinate with private organizations and individuals as well as other public agencies.
- Strengthen volunteerism efforts

Propose Revisions:

- Use **multiple communication platforms** to engage community during planning efforts
- Strategy to streamline permit process for parks in King County

E. Funding Strategies

Propose Change to Section Title:

- Remove "Acquisition" to focus section on funding development of ample park and trail properties.

Propose Revisions:

- Seek opportunities for innovative funding, including partnerships
- Develop long term finance strategy for capital and operating budgets

Propose New Policy:

- Establish cost recovery targets for recreation programs

F. Recreation, Arts and Cultural Programs

Propose Revisions:

- More description of how to "foster a healthy community"
- Encourage other community organizations to expand recreation opportunities

Propose New Policy:

- Develop better understanding of needs of a diverse community

G. Trails

Propose Revisions:

- Promote connectivity to trails
- Coordinate with Eastside Rail Corridor

Proposed New Section: Conservation

New Policy Topic:

- Preserve and manage resource parkland and natural areas/ support recreational uses

Propose Revisions:

- Create open space corridors along shorelines. Provide for passive recreation (SMP)
- Revise Tree City program policy to focus on a comprehensive urban forestry program

Proposed New Section: Cultural Arts

New Policy Topics:

- Vitality of Downtown, based on Downtown Cultural Corridor Master Plan
- Integrate art/cultural space with private and public development
- Encourage investments in artists, non-profits
- Support cultural infrastructure, such as a cultural center
- Encourage public art education

Proposed New Section: Park Operations and Maintenance

New Policy Topics:

- Guidance for maintenance activities in parks
- Guidance for park building maintenance
- Addressing safety risks and hazards, such as damaged facilities or downed trees

Feedback, Questions, Ideas?

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EXHIBIT B

Parks, Art, Recreation, Culture and Conservation

DIVIDER PHOTO: OLD RAILROAD TRESTLE OVER THE SAMMAMISH RIVER

where pilgrims old and new trade tales and play

Future Vision for Redmond: Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation

In 2030 Redmond has a park and open space system that provides a natural area or recreational opportunity within walking distance of every resident.

Neighborhood and community parks contribute to a high quality of life in Redmond by providing a full array of opportunities ranging from active recreation, such as sports, games and swimming, to more restful and reflective activities, such as walking and viewing wildlife.

The city is framed within a beautiful natural setting with a system of open spaces and parks with diverse natural resources that provide habitat for a variety of wildlife and serve environmental functions.

Lake Sammamish, the Sammamish River and Bear Creek, historically surrounded by farmland, are present in the heart of Redmond. These are key focal points of Redmond's park system with many miles of trails and a variety of parks located alongside. Public access to shorelines along these water bodies is enhanced, while maintaining protection for the natural environment.

Green spaces and interconnected trails and paths support active, healthy living.

Redmond has an excellent and readily accessible system of paths and trails used by walkers, cyclists, equestrians and others as they recreate or commute, both within the city and to other parts of the region.

Parks and indoor recreation facilities are vibrant gathering places where recreation and cultural events attract a wide range of ages and cultures.

Recreation programs are continuously updated to reflect the changing needs of a diverse population and to make Redmond an active and interesting place to live and visit.

Public art and cultural and arts events are also integral to the city for community building, connecting people with arts and culture, and as a catalyst for creativity within the community.

Redmond is recognized for its outstanding visual and performing arts programs that attract a wide range of ages and cultures. It is an inviting place for artists to live and work, which contributes to the overall desirability and charm of the community. A center to showcase performing and visual arts will be sited in a conveniently located, highly visible and active part of the city.

Other indoor facilities provide unique recreational opportunities, such as aquatics, indoor field sports, classroom programs, gymnasium-related sports, fitness and dance classes, or drop-in spaces. Collaboration with other communities and agencies helps Redmond reach its goal to have year-round facilities to serve its residents and employees. This is cost-efficient and

enables each community to achieve more than might be possible independently.

The city's parks, innovative recreation services, and unique art and cultural experiences continue to provide a high quality of life in Redmond. Community members are able to improve their health and well-being, appreciate art, enjoy great parks and celebrate the cultural diversity of Redmond.

Organization of this Element

Introduction

A. Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation System (PARCC)

B. Levels of Service

C. Park and Recreation Facility Development

D. Coordination

E. Acquisition and Funding

F. Recreation, Arts and Cultural Programs

G. Trails

Introduction

One of Redmond's most attractive features is the large number of high-quality recreational opportunities in the area. The City of Redmond, in cooperation with other public and private agencies, provides exemplary parks, open space, and recreational and cultural facilities and programs for the Redmond community.

- Redmond's park, recreation, arts and open space system, guided by the policies in the Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation Element, has the following basic functions:
- To serve existing and future demand for a variety of park types and a multitude of recreation activities;
- To provide recreational programs for the entire community, including all ages, physical capabilities and cultural backgrounds;
- To provide for the cultural needs of the community by providing facilities used for performing arts and arts exhibits, arts education and programming, and other facilities such as informal gathering places; and
- To provide for the conservation of important environmental resources, such as shorelines and wetlands, which might otherwise be lost to development.

The Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation Element helps achieve Redmond's vision for the future by helping to maintain the community's high quality of life, and meeting the City's recreational, social and cultural needs for a diverse population with changing interests and needs.

This Element is coordinated with the Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture & Conservation Plan (PARCC Plan), which provides specific implementation strategies to carry out these policies. The PARCC Plan is hereby incorporated by reference into this document. The PARCC Plan is updated every six years to comply with requirements for funding from the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

A. Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation (PARCC) System

PR-1 **Provide a system of parks, recreation, arts, trails and open space to serve existing development and planned growth.**

PR-2 **Maintain a PARCC Plan that is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and is flexible and addresses diverse recreational needs, accessibility, cultural and**

arts program requirements, and park, trail and recreation levels of service requirements.

PR-3 **Provide opportunities to improve health by encouraging use of parks and recreation facilities and participation in recreational and educational programs.**

PR-4 **Encourage conservation and sustainability throughout the Redmond parks and recreation system by preserving significant natural areas, protecting natural resources, and incorporating sustainable design, construction, renovation and maintenance of facilities.**

PR-5 **Ensure a community inspired and connected by arts and culture through the City's arts program.**

B. Levels of Service

Level of service standards are used to determine the demand for facilities and services. The State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) has requirements for local jurisdictions to develop levels of service in order to be eligible for grant funding.

The level of service standards are also used to calculate impact fees that development pays for improvements needed due to the increased demand for parks, open space and recreational programs generated by more people living and working in Redmond. Redmond has worked with other jurisdictions in the county to develop its parks and recreation facility guidelines and to prepare level of service standards and will continue to do so to ensure a coordinated approach.

The PARCC Plan defines the categories of parks as follows:

Neighborhood Parks (NP) provide space for active and/or passive recreation. These parks are

Little league baseball camp at Hartman Park

Dudley Carter carving at Slough Park

accessible to nearby residents and business people primarily by walking and bicycling. Neighborhood parks are the smallest parks and vary in size from pocket parks to 20 acres, and typically have fewer activities or amenities than community parks.

Community Parks (CP) provide diverse active recreation opportunities with some passive recreation uses. Community parks generally range in size from 20 acres to 40 acres and have a more regional draw than neighborhood parks. Community parks typically include a variety of active amenities that use more than half of the park for active uses, while the remainder of the park may be reserved for passive uses.

Resource Parks (RP) include natural areas or open space areas that are under City control and will not be developed for active recreation use. Development is typically limited to trails and interpretive and educational opportunities. The Growth Management Act requires local governments to designate open space corridors. Open space corridors can preserve a connected system of urban forested areas, fish and wildlife habitat, and unique recreational opportunities that have limited impact on these resources. Open space corridors will be managed through the use of Redmond's critical areas regulations, and the Natural Environment Element contains policies on managing critical areas and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.

Private Parks (PP) are created in a residential development and are usually small neighborhood parks or native growth protection areas. In most cases, this land is controlled by the homeowners' association and is private property. These parks are recognized in this plan and counted toward parks level of service (LOS) because they serve a portion of the population or protect sensitive habitat, just as a public park does. State law limits the liability of private land owners for public use of their property to encourage land owners to allow public use, where appropriate.

The City of Redmond has established the following level of service standards:

- Neighborhood Parks: 1.00 acre per 1,000 people (neighborhood population) [1]
- Community Parks: 3.00 acres per 1,000 people (citywide population) [1]
- Resource Parks: 2.50 acres per 1,000 people (citywide population) [1]
- Trails: 0.35 miles per 1,000 people (neighborhood population) [1, 2]
- Recreation: 7.6 hours of programmed recreation per person annually

[1] The population is 100 percent of the residential population and 25 percent of the employment population to account for the high demand on the parks system from people who work in Redmond, but do not live in Redmond.

[2] The trail level of service standard will increase to 0.45 miles per 1,000 neighborhood population in 2017.

Based on the level of service standards, the City's projected 2030 needs include 28 acres of neighborhood park property and more than 32 miles of trails. This provides a 29 percent increase in neighborhood park property and a 55 percent increase in trail mileage. The following policies relate directly to the development of the level of service standards.

PR-6 **Distribute parks and recreation and cultural facilities throughout Redmond to improve walkability and provide an equitable distribution of parks based on population density. Encourage this type of planning by calculating neighborhood park and trail level of service standards based on neighborhood populations.**

PR-7 **Provide level of service credits for school properties and non-Redmond parks within the city and within walking distance of the city, where appropriate for park use.**

PR-8 **Provide for indoor and outdoor recreation facilities that meet level of service standards, such as, but not limited to: meeting rooms, facilities to serve special populations, classrooms, picnic shelters, sports fields, an aquatics facility, arts facility and gymnasiums.**

C. Park and Recreation Facility Development

One of the functions of the City is to develop and maintain parks and recreation facilities. Parks include the three categories of parks described in the previous section; recreational facilities include buildings used for recreational purposes, such as community centers, field houses, gymnasiums and pools. This includes planning, programming, designing and constructing or reconstructing facilities. These facilities must meet a wide range of community needs.

PR-9 **Encourage parks, beautification areas, art and gathering places throughout the city by coordinating planning efforts with other City departments and private businesses early in the development review process.**

PR-10 **Design and construct park facilities in a manner that is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and is sensitive to the environment.**

PR-11 **Preserve natural areas, open space corridors and sensitive habitats throughout the community whenever feasible to retain Redmond's character, create neighborhood linkages, protect habitat, maintain urban forest canopy and access to water bodies, and allow utilization of these areas at a level that will not compromise the environmental integrity of the area.**

PR-12 **Manage open space corridors through Redmond's critical areas regulations and by using sustainable management practices, such as enhancing habitat through use of native plant materials.**

PR-13 **Continue to promote Redmond as a Tree City through the urban forestry program, the Green Redmond Partnership, the street tree program, and other restoration and beautification programs throughout the city.**

PR-14 **Integrate art and landscape design from the onset of facility planning to create dynamic and interesting public places.**

PR-15 **Design new and renovated facilities, utilizing appropriate construction and maintenance technologies to gain cost efficiencies and conserve resources and integrate technology into park design, as appropriate, to accommodate diverse uses and increase capacity through extended and expanded uses.**

PR-16 **Encourage development of outdoor plazas and squares within public and private developments in the Downtown and Overlake urban centers for community events and informal gatherings.**

PR-17 **Provide facilities for unprogrammed active recreation, such as, but not limited to: indoor courts or sports fields, rollerblading, skateboarding and bicycling.**

PR-18 **Develop facilities and acquire land for environmental education, including a citywide interpretative sign program for shorelines, streams, native growth protection**

Vibrant sports sculpture at Grass Lawn Park

The Water Conservation garden along the Sammamish River Trail

areas, aquifers and other important natural systems by the appropriate agencies or City departments. (SMP)

PR-19 Encourage development of community gathering places with interactive recreational, sensory and contemplative elements, such as water features, public art, community gardens and picnic areas into public and private projects.

PR-20 Create a balanced system of recreation opportunities for all ages by providing:

- A community center or centers for indoor and outdoor recreation programs, including provisions for the following programs: youth or teen center, meeting rooms, social services, facilities to serve special populations, recreation classes, athletics and gymnasiums.
- Athletic facilities for competitive, organized sports (e.g., practice and tournament regulation softball, practice and regulation baseball fields, soccer fields and tennis courts). When impacts on adjacent properties can be minimized, fields and courts should be lighted to provide for extended hours of use.
- Facilities for competitive or noncompetitive, non-organized, active recreations (e.g., rollerblading, skateboarding, bicycling). Consideration should be made to provide safe, legal facilities for recreation enjoyed by youths and teens (where such needs have been demonstrated).
- Facilities to support the cultural arts (e.g., program rooms, performing arts theater and outdoor concert space). Additionally, designated facilities to encourage freedom of artistic expression should be City sponsored (e.g., graffiti art wall).
- Facilities and land for contemplative and sensory recreation (e.g., picnicking, benches for sitting, views for enjoying).

- A linkage system (e.g., bicycle lanes and multiuse trails which connect the park system, schools and other important public facilities in the city).
- Outdoor plazas and squares within the Downtown Neighborhood for community and civic events, public gatherings, programmed activities and entertainment. (SMP)

PR-21 Design and renovate all parks and recreational facilities in a manner that will, where feasible, provide safe and accessible use by the physically impaired. (SMP)

PR-22 Assess and appropriately manage risk at parks and recreation facilities.

PR-23 Allow concessions within parks where such uses support the enjoyment of the park and do not have adverse effects on neighboring property.

PR-24 Support and enhance the historic resources within the park and recreation system, including Historic Landmarks. Maintain the historic character of the farmsteads in Redmond through preservation, design and interpretive areas.

PR-25 Develop signature parks in the Downtown and Overlake urban centers that serve as destinations for the entire city and can accommodate events, informal gatherings and public art.

D. Coordination

The City works with many organizations to coordinate facilities and programming and will continue to look for ways to collaborate with existing and new partners. Some new partnerships might include co-development of sports fields and recreational centers.

PR-26 Coordinate short-term and long-term plans for the acquisition, planning, development, use and programming of the PARCC system and adjacent non-City park facilities with City departments and other agencies to maximize resources and avoid duplication of facilities and services.

PR-27 Develop a long-term strategy with King County to enhance opportunities for the City to develop facilities within County parks or utilize County parks within or adjacent to Redmond.

PR-28 Develop a strategy to annex all City of Redmond parks that exist within King County or develop an interlocal agreement with King County to allow the City to provide permits for the development of City parks within unincorporated King County.

E. Acquisition and Funding

The City acquires land and easements for the parks and recreation system within and adjacent to Redmond. There are a variety of methods to acquire and fund these properties. The following policies describe approaches that the City uses to optimize public resources for these purposes.

PR-29 Acquire land and develop parks in areas that are experiencing or expected to have significant growth, such as the Downtown and Overlake urban centers, or areas identified as having a deficiency.

PR-30 Actively pursue private dedication, improvement and maintenance of land through a variety of methods to facilitate public access to a

continuous system of parks, trails, walkways, plazas, open space, community gardens and public art.

PR-31 **Develop an operating and capital program finance strategy for parks, trails, recreation and arts that meets the needs of the community and preserves the level of service of these facilities and programs.**

PR-32 **Prepare, as part of the PARCC Plan, six-year, ten-year and twenty-year capital project improvement plans for a parks and recreation system that serves existing development and planned growth, is financially feasible, and can be funded at a level which allows for a reasonable implementation schedule.**

PR-33 **Encourage the acquisition of property which will provide access to shorelines and local streams, with emphasis on areas where current and anticipated development patterns are unlikely to provide access or where there are significant access needs. Promote the creation of open space corridors along these water resources to provide for passive recreation and wildlife habitat. (SMP)**

PR-34 **Encourage the acquisition of resource parkland to protect environmental resources, represent significant natural and visual assets, provide circulation linkages, wildlife corridors and habitat, and ensure adequate separation and buffers between various land uses.**

PR-35 **Seek funding opportunities from a variety of sources (federal, state and private) for the acquisition and development of parks, trails, open space and the arts.**

F. Recreation, Arts and Cultural Programs

These policies describe how the City of Redmond will provide for the recreation and cultural needs of the community. These services are provided for the people of Redmond to enjoy all of the aspects that make up the parks, recreation, arts and open space system.

PR-36 **Provide recreation, arts and leisure programs that are comprehensive, enriching, affordable, and offered at a variety of locations in the city.**

PR-37 **Foster a healthy community by providing additional active recreation programming to underserved populations and adding more health education programs.**

PR-38 **Partner with businesses and community organizations to provide programming and events that further the vision expressed in the Comprehensive Plan.**

PR-39 **Provide educational and hands-on recreational opportunities that explore the history of Redmond through historic parks, farms, structures and artifacts.**

PR-40 **Continue to give Redmond residents priority in registering for parks and recreation programs.**

G. Trails

There are many existing trails throughout Redmond and the surrounding area which people enjoy for a variety of recreational, as well as alternative,

transportation purposes. The PARCC Plan shows the existing and proposed trails in the Redmond area (please refer to map P-1 on page 10-11, as well as Fig. 8-5: Proposed and Existing Trail Map in the PARCC Plan, for further information). Most trails are City owned and maintained; however, the Sammamish River Trail is owned and maintained by King County and the SR 520 Bikeway is owned and maintained by the Washington State Department of Transportation. The Redmond/Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Trail is owned by PSE and maintained by the City. There are some trails through private developments that allow public access. In addition, the Sammamish River is designated as a "Blue Trail" that is part of the regional Lakes to Locks water trail system for low-impact, nonmotorized watercraft.

This trail network provides for a system of trails which link public lands with residential, employment and shopping areas throughout the neighborhoods and community. In addition, Redmond's trail network provides connections with the regional trail system, linking Redmond with surrounding communities and unincorporated King County.

Trails consist of in-park amenities (e.g., the trails at Farrel-McWhirter Park) and the City's trail network. Various elements of the trail network hierarchy include regional, connector, local trails and blue trails, as defined below.

Regional trails pass through the city, connecting to other jurisdictions and other trails and trail systems. In general, regional trails are physically separated from roads by distance or barriers and should be a minimum of 12 feet wide, with a minimum two-foot-wide graded shoulder.

Connector trails are the key linkages between regional trails and other facilities. These trails can be paved or soft surface trails and are typically narrower than regional trails, due to more limited use and constraints.

Local trails are typically soft surface trails that range from two feet to six feet wide. The trails may be used as neighborhood linking trails, park trails and hiking, off-road bicycling and equestrian trails.

Blue Trails are water trails along navigable waters, such as the Sammamish River and Lake Sammamish, within the city.

The Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works Transportation Division collaborate on trail development throughout the city. The trail network complements the City's Bicycle System Plan and Pedestrian Plan in the Transportation Master Plan, which focus on bicycling and walking as a means of transportation. The trail network is a combination of paved and unpaved surfaces and, wherever possible, are separated from streets.

PR-41 Develop and promote an interconnected community through trails and pathways easily accessed by a variety of trail users.

PR-42 Identify and develop a hierarchy of trails and trail design standards based on function.

PR-43 Provide a well-designed signage and wayfinding system.

PR-44 Promote the concept and use of the "Blue Trails" by coordinating with jurisdictions and other organizations in the region.

PR-45 Coordinate planning of trails, bike lanes and other nonmotorized modes of transportation among City departments and with surrounding jurisdictions to:

- Ensure safe and efficient use of all types of trails and other nonmotorized facilities;
- Encourage convenient travel between and within neighborhoods and local activity centers;
- Reduce car trips within the city; and
- Encourage convenient access and connectivity between trails, trailheads and public transit.

PR-46 Cooperate with local, state and federal agencies and private

organizations in development of the local and regional trail system.

PR-47 **Encourage property owners to grant permission for the public use of informal trails where such trails will provide connections between neighborhoods or other destinations and where natural resources will not be adversely affected.**

PR-48 **Encourage development of trails that are separated from traffic, with an emphasis on safety and minimizing conflicts between various trail users.**

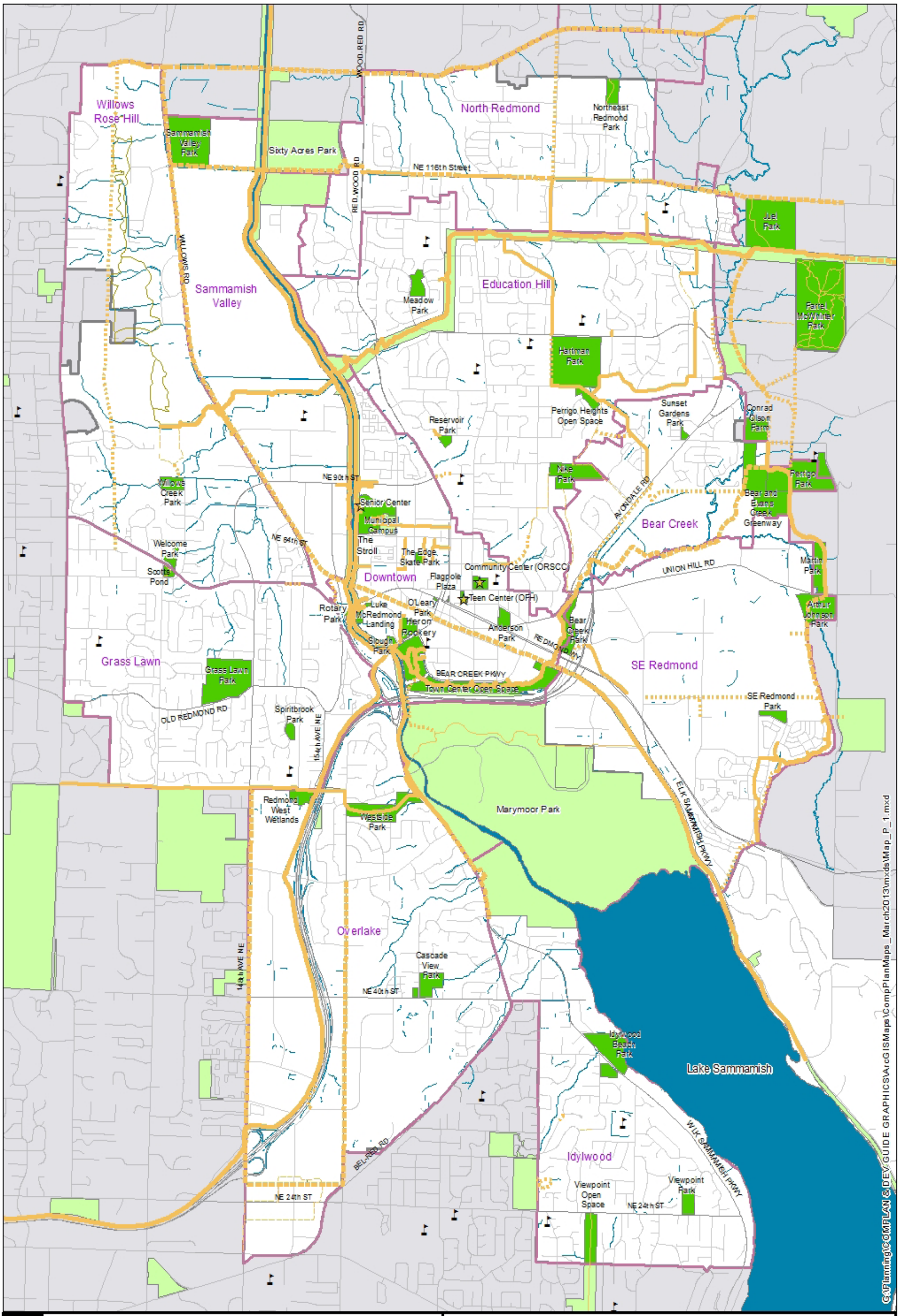
PR-49 **Encourage King County to develop and maintain the trail on the west side of the Sammamish River to enhance access to and views of the Sammamish River.**

PR-50 **Design development along the Sammamish River to orient toward the river and reinforce its identification as a community gathering place and recreation area in a manner that is sensitive to and protects the natural environment.**

PR-51 **Coordinate with King County, Sound Transit and other regional partners on the planning and development of the Redmond Central Connector, along the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad corridor, as a regional trail with opportunities for community gathering, art, culture and historic interpretation, as well as for light rail transit, options for other transportation connections and utility placement.**

PR-52 **As a complement to the citywide pedestrian pathway system, the City should develop a visual system for enhancing connections to the shoreline and identifying shoreline areas, considering such elements as street graphics, landscaping, street furniture or artwork. (SMP)**

PR-53 **Develop trailheads where appropriate for the intended type of trail use that may include parking, trail information and restrooms.**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