Poulsbo Park
Recreation and Open Space Plan
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Poulsbo's Fish Park
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Executive Summary

The 2006 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS) for Poulsbo represents a vision, goals and objectives for the development of parks recreation and open space in Poulsbo for the next six years and beyond. It is the second update of the original Comprehensive Plan written in 1994.

Poulsbo has completed many projects since the last plan update in 2000. These jewels include Nelson Park Development, Oyster Plant Park Development, playground improvements at Lions Park, Forest Rock Hills Park, Raab Park and American Legion Park; restroom improvements at Raab Park, Lions Park and American Legion Park; the acquisition and phase 1 development of Fish Park, the development of the Youth Garden and Community P-Patch at Raab Park, the purchase of 8 sailboats for the Kingston Sailing Program, and the joint master planning of the Poulsbo school-campus for community recreational use. These projects were made possible through partnerships with business, organizations, government, outside funders, and citizens.

This plan update was put together using a variety of approaches including:
- Direction and vision from the park and recreation commission
- Public meetings
- Information gathered from the 2006 Kitsap County Citizen Survey
- Citizen emails
- Staff input
- City Council adoption

There were five general themes heard during public comments and through the park and recreation commission, including:
- A need for more athletic fields and gymnasiums
- More trails
- Additional community gathering spaces and facilities
- Acquire waterfront properties and trail spaces where possible
- Purchase/develop land in newly annexed areas

Using NRPA and local standards, the city will need 58.64 additional park-acres and 5.64 more trail-miles in the next ten years. Funding will continue to be scarce, so taking advantage of grants, partnerships and local resources is necessary. This plan outlines options and strategies to complete different projects and aspects of the plan.

The 2006 Poulsbo Park Recreation and Open Space Plan will help guide the city staff, park and recreation commission and city council into meeting identified gaps in services and park development in order to meet the need and support the quality of life for our citizens in the coming years.
Poulsbo is located on Liberty Bay, Kitsap County, on the west side of Puget Sound. The county is located on the Kitsap Peninsula, and is divided into three geographical areas: South Kitsap, Central Kitsap and North Kitsap. Poulsbo is the only city in North Kitsap. It is 3.8 square miles in size, and home to 7,450 residents (2005). Poulsbo is served by the North Kitsap School District, with a student population of 7,010 (2005). Four schools are located inside the city limits, and six schools outside the city limits. The district will open a new high school in the fall of 2007.

Settled by Norwegian immigrants and developed as a fishing village, Poulsbo’s name was derived from the Norwegian meaning of “Paul’s Place”. Downtown Poulsbo maintains a Scandinavian theme in its shops and restaurants, and is a popular regional tourist destination. Poulsbo's waterfront is active year round. Where sailing schooners and steamships previously exchanged their wares, kayakers and yachts now fill the bay. Many commercial fishing boats still homeport in Poulsbo. Poulsbo continues to be a favorite destination port for day excursions and vacationing boaters. The downtown is home to several popular community celebrations including Viking Fest in mid-May, the 3rd of July Celebration, Summer Nights at the Bay concert series, Arts by the Bay in August, and the Yule Fest in December.
The Washington State’s Growth Management Act has been in effect for over 10 years. It is expected that most future growth will take place in the designated urban growth areas for which cities are the primary service providers. It is projected that Poulsbo’s surrounding area population will increase by more than 7,000, for total a population of 14,700 by 2025. For the purposes of the Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan, a 10-year (2016) population estimate of 11,270 will be used.

From 2003-early 2006, the City has approved 16 annexations, totaling 825 acres. This represents a 37% expansion in the City’s acreage over the last three years. The annexed areas are primarily residential with one exception, a business park and nursery on the corner of State Hwy 305 and Bond Road. As Poulsbo is one of the few areas in Kitsap County with developable real estate, the current pace of growth is anticipated to continue. All total over the next 18 months, the Planning Department estimates the City will expand by 1,191 residential units and over 1.1 million square feet of commercial buildings.

Poulsbo continues to grow, and the Park Recreation and Open Space Plan will help guide city leaders and staff members on park and facility development for citizens over the next six years.

**City of Poulsbo Mission Statement:**

Our City is committed to managing the public resources to promote community health, safety and welfare and plan for the future to accommodate growth, without burden, while preserving our natural resources and enhancing those qualities that make our community unique and desirable.
Chapter 1
Vision, Goals and Objectives

**Poulsbo’s Vision:** To enrich the lives of greater Poulsbo citizens with quality recreation opportunities, programs, facilities, parks, and open space; and to provide wise stewardship of the natural and cultural resources within Poulsbo’s parks and public open space.

Parks, recreational facilities and open space serve as vital parts of the community’s character, as they provide both recreational opportunities for all citizens and habitat areas for wildlife. This plan identifies Poulsbo’s existing park and open space resources; outlines the City’s need for additional parks and open space; and incorporates a plan for acquisition and development that reflects a community vision.

A strong park system is vital to the Poulsbo community. In order to attract new families to the area, the parks, facilities and open space provides places for existing residents and visitors to play, exercise or simply retreat. As the city’s population grows, the demand for park facilities increases; and land once available for additional parks is lost to development. Undeveloped or partially developed land, whether it is city-owned or not, is vital for providing trails, wildlife corridors, protecting natural resources, and scenic view sheds. It is important that the City anticipate the growing demand on the City’s park facilities, recreation programs, and open space resources in order to maintain the qualities and services that define the city.

The Park and Recreation Commission developed the goals and objectives of Poulsbo’s 2006 Park Recreation and Open Space Plan. They received input from citizens at public meetings, emails, during discussions at Commission meetings, and with staff input. In addition, the City has listed 42 policies, covering topics from Acquisition and Land Use to Trails, Bikeways and Financing.
Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Enhance funding for acquisition, development and maintenance of park facilities

- **Objective:** Review, and if appropriate, update park mitigation fees.
- **Objective:** Investigate property transfer incentives for land donations or easements, especially for trails.
- **Objective:** Support Public Works staff by providing the resources to operate the parks and facilities with the most cost effective methods and policies.
- **Objective:** Maintain dialog with Kitsap County and other interested parties, to study alternate means of financing parks and recreation.

Goal 2: Create and maintain partnerships for enhanced recreational activities and park projects

- **Objective:** Work with all local governmental agencies including the North Kitsap School District, Ports of Poulsbo and Kingston, Suquamish Tribe, Kitsap County, Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority, and the Kitsap Public Facilities District, to provide exceptional customer service and program delivery.
- **Objective:** Share resources with Kitsap County, Olympic College and other parks and recreation agencies throughout the county on a combined program guide and website on recreational, educational and park offerings.
- **Objective:** Collaborate with Poulsbo’s neighborhoods, service clubs and other non-profit organizations including the Poulsbo Marine Science Foundation, Kitsap Audubon Society, Poulsbo Farmers Market, and others, to partner on recreational, educational and park projects, and develop new programs such as Adopt-A-Park or Trail.
- **Objective:** Collaborate with Kitsap County to provide park and open space lands in Poulsbo’s urban growth area.
- **Objective:** Partner with Poulsbo’s citizens to address issues, provide programs, and spend the public dollar wisely.
Goal 3: Provide wise stewardship of the natural and cultural resources within Poulsbo parks and public open spaces

- Objective: Preserve and maintain existing parks and open space.
- Objective: Maintain or create linking trail systems, open spaces, wildlife habitats and corridors.
- Objective: Provide and promote environmental education into recreation programs and in parks and open spaces throughout Poulsbo.
- Objective: Incorporate existing cultural resources into design features in parks and open spaces.

Goal 4: Continue to offer high quality recreation, educational and enrichment programs for all ages, interests and abilities

- Objective: Provide high quality parks and recreation programs and facilities to residents and visitors.
- Objective: Coordinate with other service, program and facility providers to provide programs and special events to the citizens and visitors in the Poulsbo community; and use the waterfront parks for regional special events.
- Objective: Continue to develop the role as an information and referral center for the greater Poulsbo community.

Goal 5: Continue to acquire and develop new properties for parks and facilities as identified in Poulsbo’s Capital Improvement Program

- Objective: Acquire land on waterfront property, contiguous to existing parks, athletic fields, and in newly annexed areas of the city.
- Objective: Enhance public waterfront access through linear and connector trails and parks.
- Objective: Seek locations for a Recreation Center in Poulsbo.
- Objective: Review the city’s Capital Improvement Plan on an annual basis to evaluate the progress of the plan.
POLICIES

General

POLICY 1: The City shall maintain a Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan that reflects the recreation and open space needs of the citizens of Poulsbo and its urban growth area. The Plan shall guide the City elected officials, appointed commissions and developers who shape the landscape of Poulsbo.

Inventory and Acquisition

POLICY 2: The City shall identify and map its current holdings and other lands suitable for preservation as parkland or open space. The City shall keep this map up to date.

POLICY 3: The City shall maintain a strong property acquisition program.

POLICY 4: A Capital Improvement Program shall be maintained to prioritize and schedule acquisition and development projects. The CIP shall be reviewed annually and updated on a two-year cycle by the Poulsbo Parks Commission.

Land Use

POLICY 5: Dedicated open space in planned unit or master planned developments should strive to be contiguous and should provide connectivity with the surrounding land.
POLICY 6: Park impact fees on all projects shall be levied as set forth in the Poulsbo Municipal Code.

POLICY 7: Publicly owned lands shall be examined and analyzed for the recreational or open space value before considering surplus.

POLICY 8: Innovative use of public lands for trails or other recreation shall be encouraged.

POLICY 9: The Zoning Ordinance shall establish provisions of useable open space by new development.

Open Space for Outdoor Recreation

POLICY 10: The City shall maintain a Park and Recreation Program to manage the acquisition and development of park land and open space, and satisfy the recreation program needs of the community. The Mayor shall appoint a Park and Recreation Commission to recommend courses of action.

POLICY 11: The City shall incorporate citizen input during review of park and recreation program development.

POLICY 12: The City shall work with other park districts and recreation programs serving the Poulsbo area to coordinate planning efforts and encourage cooperative use of facilities.

POLICY 13: The City should encourage multiple uses of parks and open space provided the uses are compatible and there is adequate space to avoid conflict.
POLICY 14: The City shall involve the community in park maintenance and development by establishing an Adopt-a-Trail and/or Adopt-a-Park program or by establishing similar programs in which community involvement is encouraged and allowed. Examples include partnerships with community service projects or by establishing a Parks Foundation.

POLICY 15: The City should meet the levels of service for park facilities outlined in the Level of Service section in the Plan.

POLICY 16: Park designs should include energy efficiency, vandal resistant facilities and focus on ease of maintenance.

POLICY 17: Community and neighborhood parks, recreation facilities and playfields should be as centrally located as possible within their service area and within walking distance of the population they serve. Parks should contain areas that provide suitable uses for a variety of abilities and age groups.

POLICY 18: Neighborhood interests shall be considered in the design of neighborhood parks.

Liberty Bay

POLICY 19: The City shall encourage the public purchase of shoreline property to provide public access, recreational opportunities and provide low intensity development along the shoreline.

POLICY 20: The City shall look for opportunities to increase public access to shorelines using the Shoreline Management Master program.

POLICY 21: The City shall establish a path adjacent to the shoreline of Liberty Bay as part of its citywide trail system. Opportunities shall be sought to make the path as continuous as possible.

POLICY 22: The City shall encourage additional waterfront parks along the western and northern shoreline of Liberty Bay. Whenever possible, include boating facilities, fishing piers, beach access, and boardwalks as water access amenities.

POLICY 23: The City shall look for opportunities to improve access to the beach and Liberty Bay from the Marine Science Center.
POLICY 24: The City shall participate in water quality improvements of Liberty Bay to allow for creation of a swimming beach in the future.

POLICY 25: The City of Poulsbo shall support the efforts of the Kitsap Audubon Society to manage the Poulsbo Fjords Audubon Wildlife Viewing Area. The wildlife viewing area provides the Society with opportunities for education and outreach. Services may include environmental education programs; viewing area; interpretive stations; assistance with grant applications; project development; and tourism opportunities.

Trails and Bikeways

POLICY 26: The City shall develop a multi-user trail system for pedestrians and bicyclists to provide safe links between parks, open space, recreational facilities, scenic vistas, residential areas, shopping areas, schools and transportation links.

POLICY 27: The City shall coordinate between the jurisdictions involved in the development of a trail system.

POLICY 28: The City shall institute educational programs to promote trail use and raise public awareness of the importance of alternative modes of transportation.

POLICY 29: The City shall use Institute of Transportation Engineers trail standards as a guide for trail construction, or as acceptable to the City Engineer.

POLICY 30: The City shall provide appropriate vehicular and pedestrian access to open space areas. Secondary or emergency access roads in these areas may become part of the trail system.

POLICY 31: The City shall develop new trails on parks or open space land where appropriate to complete links in the trail system.

POLICY 32: Bikeways shall be added to all arterial or urban collectors as part of road upgrade, widening and new road construction where feasible. Design bikeways to link schools and parks with neighborhoods.

POLICY 33: Professional consultant services shall be employed to resolve conflicts between path construction and wildlife habitat.
POLICY 34: The City shall look for opportunities to create bike paths away from the road right-of-way.

POLICY 35: The City shall encourage trail construction in all plats, short plats, and master plan developments.

POLICY 36: The City shall, with approval of the appropriate utility or agency, use drainage ways and utility easements to expand the trail system.

POLICY 37: Stream corridors should be used to expand the trail system with sensitivity to environmental conflicts.

Open Space for Preservation of Natural Resources

POLICY 38: The City shall make efforts to acquire or otherwise preserve sites that have value for wildlife or watershed conservation, science, education, or have other significant natural amenities.

POLICY 39: The City shall endeavor to obtain through purchase, lease and/or conservation easements, any available tidelands within the city limits. These may include agency-owned tidelands, tax-defaulted tidelands, and surplus federal tidelands.

Financing Land Acquisition

POLICY 40: The City shall explore and utilize every possible source in obtaining funds and property for park facilities and open space. Techniques for the preservation and development of open space include annual budgeting, state and federal grants, matching
funds, bonds, levies, donations, conservation easements, clustering and other creative site planning.

POLICY 41: The City shall continue to require, and update as appropriate, park impact fees for all new development.

POLICY 42: The City shall consult and coordinate with county, state, and federal agencies responsible for managing lands in the city and its urban growth area.

POLICY 43: The City shall cooperate with local land trusts to provide trails and open spaces in the city and its urban growth area.
Chapter 2

Inventory and Existing Parks and Recreation Resources

The first step in the development of the Comprehensive Plan is the identification of existing parks and open space, recreation programs and Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Department administration.

City of Poulsbo Park and Open Space Inventory

The City of Poulsbo owns 17 parks ranging in size from .84 of an acre to 21 acres. In addition, the city has 9 trails that range in size from .2 of a mile to 1000’; in addition, there is a two-mile shoulder trail along Fjord Drive. Park profiles on each city park are included as an appendix to this plan.

By looking at the existing conditions of the city’s park system, open spaces and natural system patterns along with land use patterns, the City can best determine where opportunities are for expansion and connection of the City’s parks, trails and open spaces. Recently annexed areas of Poulsbo are also important in determining those opportunities.

The types of parks as defined by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) are neighborhood parks, community parks and regional parks. These parks are defined in part by their size, but also by their intended service area. Table 2.1 sets forth the ideal standards for the park types.

Table 2.1 Park Types

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Neighborhood parks are the parks that serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood within the city. They are developed for both passive and active recreation, and accessible by walking, biking, or driving. Restrooms may or may not be available at these parks. The service radius is under ½ mile, and is usually home to a combination of playground activity, picnicking and non-organized activity areas. **Poulsbo has seven neighborhood parks totaling 13.76 acres.**

Community Parks are larger in size, and serve a broader purpose and population than neighborhood parks. They too are developed for both passive and active recreation, accessible by walking, biking and driving. They have support facilities such as restrooms and parking. These parks may typically include athletic fields, sports courts, trails, playgrounds, open space and picnicking facilities. The service radius is larger – usually ½-3 miles. **Poulsbo has two community parks totaling 28.43 acres.**
Regional Parks are the largest park designation because people will come from many miles to enjoy the park. These parks are often along waterways, and may be in the center of the economic or tourist areas in a city. Poulsbo has two such designated parks along Liberty Bay totaling 14.38 acres.

Natural/Open Space parks are natural lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, open space and areas for aesthetics and buffering. These lands are typically characterized by critical areas such as wetlands, slopes and shorelines; significant natural vegetation, shorelines, or other environmentally sensitive areas. The City of Poulsbo has six parks with the natural/open space designation totaling 55.82 acres, including two parks that are undeveloped at this time. In the future, these parks may fall into one of the other park designations.
Trails

**Linear Trails** are built in parks, along roads and in old road right-of-ways. Most of these trails do not connect, but by adding sidewalks and right-of-ways, a walker can get from one place to another. Connectivity of Poulsbo parks is a priority and goal for the city. **Poulsbo has 9 trails totaling 3.75 miles.**

**Bikeways** are usually designated paths or lanes along arterial and connector roads. It is important to improve and maintain these bikeways to allow people to have alternative ways to travel throughout the City. New bikeways will follow the standards set forth by the Department of Transportation for Class I or Class II design. Bikeways provide important connections through the City. These standards are discussed in the streets section of Poulsbo’s Comprehensive Plan.

Key Road Connections: There are a few key roads in addition to those slated for bikeways that link neighborhoods with schools and parks. These road connections have a high priority for shoulder improvements, such as sidewalks or wide shoulders, which would make biking and walking easier and safer.

**Private Property:** Not all trails in common use is on public land. There are many well-used trails across private land that can be lost to development, change of ownership or change of heart. It may be possible to negotiate with willing landowners to formalize the public’s use of trails on their land in exchange for tax relief or other incentives. Trail agreements can also be made as part of open space negotiations for new development.
Standards: Listed below is a chart of the standards established by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Poulsbo uses these standards for the Urban Trail system and for the Natural Area Trails.

### Table 2.3 Urban Trail Standards (maximum accessibility)

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<th>User Group</th>
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<td>Hard-packed, no paving</td>
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<td>Equestrian only</td>
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Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers

### Table 2.4 Natural Area Trail Standards (maximum accessibility)

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<td>Multi-user</td>
<td>6-8’</td>
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<td>Firm, all weather and unobstructed</td>
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<td>2’ min.</td>
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Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers

**Special Use** areas are public park facilities used for a special purpose such as shoreline views, cultural activities, historic features, and specialized recreation. In Poulsbo there are two Special Use areas that are Road ends.

**Road ends** provide public access to the shoreline and are a valuable asset. There are three road ends on Liberty Bay, two on the west side and one on the east side all of which are intact and accessible. The two road ends dedicated for public use and access are on the west side at NW Liberty Road and Bay Street. They are connected by a trail along Old County Road 59. The road end that provides an overlook on the east side is at the point where Sommerseth Road crosses Fjord Drive. **Poulsbo has a total of two special use areas that serve the community as scenic over-looks to the waterfront.**
Other Resource Options for Park and Recreation Facilities and Programs

Dedicated Private Open Spaces can be found in the form of common areas and conservation easements. Many common areas are parcel locked and do not connect with other open spaces, however the City encourages the use of trails, other open spaces, and conservation easements to create links between open spaces and critical areas.

Utility Corridors: The major utility corridor that runs through Poulsbo is owned by Puget Sound Energy and can host multi-use trails and be used to move pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians away from busy streets.

Critical Areas: Through the Shoreline Management Act and the Critical Areas Ordinance the City of Poulsbo seeks to protect its marine environments and critical areas. Poulsbo has over three miles of shoreline along Liberty Bay and has a variety of creeks, wetlands and other sensitive areas. The city seeks to improve water quality, enhance recreational opportunities, and improve the health of fish and wildlife through strict enforcement of regulations.

Wildlife Corridors are paths in which wildlife move in search of food, water and territory. It is important that the City maintain these corridors as the City grows and develops. Environmentally sensitive areas and land with low intensity human use are generally considered to be wildlife corridors. The City supports the Poulsbo Fjords Audubon Wildlife Viewing Area along upper Liberty Bay.

Current Use Program is offered by Kitsap County as a tax relief program. This program encourages the managed production of natural resources and the retention of undeveloped land. Participation in this program reduces the owner’s property tax from 50 to 90 percent based on the parcel’s value to the environment and the public. At this point, no individual parcels within the City limits are enrolled in the program.
City of Poulsbo Recreation Programming

Poulsbo has an extensive program of activities based in the Poulsbo Recreation Center that utilizes facilities citywide and in the surrounding county. Because the City of Poulsbo does not own any athletic fields or gyms, cooperative use agreements with public entities provide recreation-programming opportunities.

Through cooperative use agreements with the North Kitsap School District and the Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority, the City of Poulsbo shares facilities. These include a year-round pool, playfields, ball courts, exercise facilities and trails. The administrative offices of the Parks and Recreation Department is housed in the Community Recreation Center, owned by the Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority and contracted for use by the City.

Recreation, education classes and programs are held at sixteen locations throughout the City/north county, which include:

**Poulsbo Facilities**
- Poulsbo Recreation Center
- Poulsbo Junior High School
- Poulsbo Marine Science Center
- Poulsbo Fire Department
- Poulsbo Elementary School
- North Kitsap High School
- NK Community Pool
- Port of Poulsbo

**Facilities located adjacent to or within the Poulsbo Urban Growth Boundary:**
- Creative Learning Center
- Vinland Elementary
- Wolfe Elementary School, Kingston
- Port of Kingston
- Kingston Community Center
- Gordon Elementary School, Kingston
- Kingston Junior High
- Central Kitsap Schools

Annual Parks and Recreation programs are offered in youth and adult sports, enrichment programming, fitness, summer camps, music and dance, senior excursions, and community and special events. In addition, the Learn and Grow Preschool is a popular preschool, serving ages 2-5 during the school year. The overall annual recreation participation in 2005 was 8,372.
City of Poulsbo Department Administration

The City of Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Commission, a citizen appointed commission of the Mayor and City Council, provides advice on the operations, administration and long range planning for the Department. The Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Department serves as staff for the Poulsbo Tree Board.

There are two divisions of responsibility within parks and recreation in Poulsbo: the Parks and Recreation Department is managed by the Director of Parks and Recreation, and is responsible for the recreation programming, budgeting, comprehensive and long range planning and the capital development program. The maintenance operations division is managed through the Public Works Department, providing the daily operations of the parks, ongoing maintenance responsibilities, beautification, and the annual budgeting to finance those services.

Below is a flow chart of the responsibilities for Poulsbo Parks and Recreation:

Organizational Chart
The City of Poulsbo spends about 8% of their general fund expenditures on culture and recreation. This includes funds for the library (.5%), park maintenance (5%), transfer to the parks and recreation department (2%), and park reserves (.5%).

In 2005, the expenditure budget for recreation and park maintenance was $870,419. A measure of cost of providing recreation and park services can be calculated on a cost per capita basis. Using the current City population of 7,450 divided by the net cost of expenditure minus the fee generated revenue realizes a cost per capita for the department services at $49.27. Looking only at the recreation services of the department, it is of interest to note that revenue generated offsets the cost of providing the programs. This cost recovery is of major benefit to the Poulsbo citizens and the community as a whole.

The following chart displays the revenue versus cost:

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<th>2005 Actual Budget</th>
<th>Total Expenditures</th>
<th>% General Fund Budget</th>
<th>Revenues from fees and charges</th>
<th>Attendance Numbers</th>
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<td>$608,627</td>
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<td>Maintenance</td>
<td>$261,792</td>
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<td>$4,680 park rentals</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$870,419</td>
<td>$377,390</td>
<td>$503,362</td>
<td>$49.27 net per citizen*</td>
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*$60.00 per capita is an average expenditure. Source: NRPA 2006
Chapter 3
Public Involvement

Park, Recreation and Open Space planning in Poulsbo involves appointed and elected commissions, City staff and the Mayor. Park planning begins in the Parks and Recreation Department, under the advisement of a seven member appointed Parks and Recreation Commission. This commission advises and makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding the development and improvements of parks, trails, and other recreation facilities. The Commission also makes recommendations concerning policy and implementation of plans and programs related to the City park and recreation system (PMC 2.36.010). Other appointed groups contributing to the planning process include an active seven-member Poulsbo Tree Board and the seven-member Poulsbo Planning Commission.

The successes over the last six years are obvious, and have all involved invaluable community partnerships and public involvement, something that the city is very proud of. Projects completed since the 2000 park plan update includes the Kingston Sailing Program boat purchase (with Kitsap County); Oyster Plant Park Development (with the Poulsbo-NK Rotary Club); Fish Park Acquisition (grant funded) and early development (with citizens, grants and community donations); the Raab Park Picnic shelter, restroom renovation, playground improvements and sidewalk (with Team Depot and Public Works); the American Legion Playground improvements and restroom renovation (with the Poulsbo Lions Club and Public Works); the Lions Park playground improvements (with the Poulsbo Lions Club, neighbors and businesses); Master Planning for the NK Regional Events Center (with the Kitsap Public Facilities District, North Kitsap School District and Kitsap County); and the Community P–Patch and Youth Garden (with the WSU Master Gardener Foundation).

There are also several community plans for areas of the county near Poulsbo. The Suquamish Rural Village Subarea Plan includes suggestions for a bike route to Poulsbo, and other plans make references to links to Poulsbo in the future.

Planning the City undertakes can and should reflect the work done by other jurisdictions as it relates to Poulsbo and its surroundings. Policies are included in this Plan that encourages cooperation with other jurisdictions.

The development of this update to the Park Recreation and Open Space plan has involved two public meetings, major contributions by the Poulsbo Park and Recreation Commission, a review of the 2006 Kitsap County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Citizen Survey - highlighting the Poulsbo zip code, staff involvement, citizen emails, and public comment.
Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Commission

The Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Commission advises and makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council with regard to the acquisition, development and improvement of parks, trails, and other recreational facilities. This parks commission also makes recommendations concerning the formulation of policy and implementation of plans and programs related to the city park and recreation system. The commission played a major role in development of the 2006 plan update.

Belly Dance class with Claudine McCormick

Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Department

The mission of the Poulsbo Park and Recreation Department is to: promote the quality of life by serving the community’s needs for leisure, parks, preschool and information and referral, and by providing quality and affordable educational, enrichment and recreational programs and services to all residents.

The Department plays a key role in assisting the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council in collecting and analyzing data, probing public opinion, and developing options for purchase, development and operation of the parks and recreation system. This is accomplished through public comment, program evaluations, monitoring of community demographics, and keeping abreast of recreation trends and local needs.

The department staff works very hard to create and maintain partnerships with other individuals, organizations and agencies in the community, in an effort to provide citizens with the greatest possible range of parks and recreation programs and facilities.
Public Meetings

In addition to their regular monthly meetings and ongoing public input, the Parks and Recreation Commission held two public meetings to gather additional input specifically on Poulsbo’s 2006 Park Recreation and Open Space Plan update. Both meetings hosted detailed, spirited discussion on a wide variety of topics from joint ventures with the Poulsbo Farmers Market to the need for additional soccer and baseball fields.

Partnerships are important to continue, as the Commission and staff heard repeatedly from a variety of citizens and organizations. The Poulsbo Farmer’s Market is looking for a permanent site. One idea is to build a market site in a park, or on a new municipal campus site, or even in open space could lend it to being used by different organizations. The site could become a community-gathering place while promoting a sustainable market to the public.
The West Sound Disc Golf Association, a non-profit organization, spoke of promoting disc golf in the area. There is one course in Bremerton, but they would like to expand into North Kitsap. Their goal is to go into new communities and develop a user base, in order to promote the development of additional disc golf courses. This project would be a good example of a private-public partnership.

The North Kitsap Regional Event Center project is moving into the second phase of its existence. The mission of this project is “the North Kitsap Regional Events Center will be a flexible, multi-use facility that increases and improves athletics, recreation, arts, educational and cultural offerings to area residents and visitors.” The master planning was completed in April 2006, and is now searching for funding and designing an implementation plan. Upgrading existing athletic fields, building new fields, adding synthetic turf whenever possible to allow for more community use, building walking trails, constructing a multi-use recreation center, as well as adding needed improvements to the community swimming pool and auditorium.

Because of the community need for additional athletic fields, it was a topic discussion for locating at the future site of the College Marketplace Development. The decision is that seven acres of flat land will be dedicated to the city in 2006, for development into athletic fields with two or three multi-use fields and support parking. One additional piece of property in the city – the football field owned by the North Kitsap Pee Wees, was also suggested as a possible, future partnership opportunity.
Connecting parks with trails was important to many citizens and to Park Commission members. Included would be plans for city trails that connect with county trails, as most of the city’s service area spills into unincorporated Kitsap County.

One citizen spoke passionately of creating a vision of the downtown waterfront park and historic shopping area. Plazas could be used to create community-gathering places linking pedestrian walkways, and connecting denser areas of multi-family housing to downtown. Plazas encourage people to talk, and by providing walkways and trails, people will walk. One citizen and the Park Commission suggested hosting more community special events at the waterfront park locations.

Property acquisition was important to some, especially when it came to adding properties that are contiguous to existing parks, which contain valuable critical area features such as wetlands, or are located along the scenic shorelines of Poulsbo. Citizens affirmed that waterfront properties for public access should always be considered when they become available.

One of the hot issues discussed during the public meetings was the lack of indoor recreational facilities in Poulsbo. The current Recreation Center has a preschool, fitness room, weight room, racquetball courts, one meeting room – but no gymnasiums. One of the solutions was to explore using existing church facilities; utilizing partners and grant matches; and facilitate discussions with the City Council to clarify the need and encourage high priority of providing additional recreation facilities for the community.

*Lacrosse*
Another issue that was explored was the lack of active outdoor facilities. It was determined that if funded, the North Kitsap Regional Event Center would meet many of the outdoor needs; partnering and grant matches are necessary; money and community support are needed; partnerships with businesses are necessary; and the College Marketplace field development will help alleviate field shortages.

**Summary: Kitsap County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Citizen Survey (1)**

Poulsbo Parks and Recreation, working with the Kitsap County Department of Facilities, Parks and Recreation, was provided comprehensive data collected from their citizen survey, completed in January 2006. The responses on this citizen survey, broken by zip code, provide substantial data specifically for the City of Poulsbo. The data was further divided into specific County Commissioner districts, which provided additional specific data for the “Greater Poulsbo” community with responses reflecting community desires as it relates to the park system.

The top recreational activities preferred in Poulsbo in the survey were walking (85%); going to a beach (83%) and picnicking (80%). The survey issue regarding the “lack of convenient facilities impacts use” in the Poulsbo respondents stated that with the lack of facilities it impacted walking (60%), enjoying viewpoints (60%) and visiting the beach (58%).

When it comes to funding and priorities for spending by Poulsbo respondents, they indicated that they supported funding priorities for the purchasing of land (24%) and maintaining existing facilities (25%). The top two most appropriate revenue sources noted by respondents were partnerships (85%) and securing matching funds (83%). Finally, the least appropriate revenue sources for Poulsbo residents surveyed were sales tax increases (70%) and a levy lid lift (57%).

(1) Kitsap County, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Citizen Survey, Data Summary and Analysis, January 2006. Prepared by Teresa Battuello, Edge Communications Principal and Scott Miller, Research Coordinator
Chapter 4
Demand and Need Analysis

What does the community want and how do we know this to be true?

Summary

The demand need for Poulsbo’s Park Recreation and Open Space over the next six years was determined using a variety of methods. It is important to recognize the city’s weaknesses in their park system, but equally important to figure out how to approach user needs and facility demands. These needs are affected by a variety of issues and priorities, based on available land, obtainable grants, future funding, and city policies.

During the public involvement portion of this plan, the Park and Recreation Commission heard from the citizens on their perceived ideas about the needs of the public park system. Personal observations and round-table discussions are vital and invaluable when it comes to planning in a small community such as Poulsbo. Some of the familiar themes that came up included:

- Athletic fields
- Trails, Trails, Trails,
- Community gathering spaces and facilities
- Waterfront properties and trails
- Land acquisition in newly annexed areas

No one municipality is expected to supply everything for everyone; this is where partnerships and cooperation must come into play. The City of Poulsbo population is only 7,450, but the service area reaches into unincorporated Kitsap County because the school district covers both city and county residents. The citizens don’t always know who is supplying what; but they do know when there is a deficiency in a system, and often go looking for more information to speak to that deficiency.

Population Projections

Washington State’s Growth Management Act has been in effect for over 10 years. It is expected that most future growth will take place in the designated urban growth areas for which cities are the primary service providers. It is projected that Poulsbo's surrounding area population will increase by more than 7,000 to have a population 14,700 by 2025. For the purposes of the Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan, a 10-year population estimate of 11,270 by 2016 will be used.
Park Standards

Level-of-service standards analysis is the traditional method of measuring progress toward meeting park needs and objectives.

- Existing Level of Service Standards (ELOS)

Table 4.1 shows the existing level of standards for the Poulsbo park categories. This table shows that Poulsbo falls short in the community parks and regional parks, and trails categories; are just about right in open space; and has a small surplus of neighborhood parks.

- Planned Level of Service (PLOS)

The 2016 PLOS is the result of a review of various standards from sources such as the NRPA, Poulsbo Park and Recreation Commission, and public input. It indicates a need for more trails and community and regional parks. In addition, neighborhood parks may be added in newly annexed areas in order to evenly distribute park availability within ½ mile.
### Table 4.1
2006-2016 Park Level-of-Service and Needs

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<td>13.76</td>
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*Table 4.2 Park Types

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<th>Park Type</th>
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<td>5-10 acres</td>
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<td>Community parks</td>
<td>&lt;25 acres</td>
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<td>.5-50 miles</td>
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Source: National Recreation and Parks Association
Metropolitan Park District

The stability of funding for parks and recreation in the State of Washington, Kitsap County, and the City of Poulsbo is an ongoing issue. In the day of shrinking budgets, municipal parks and recreation departments often find themselves searching for alternative methods of funding these public services. Poulsbo is no different. Poulsbo may be a city of 7,450, but it is the only city within a school district population of 40,000. All of these citizens may not live in the city limits, but often use and enjoy the services that the city (or county) offers to all residents. This is why a discussion of the formation of a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) has been an on-again, off-again topic by the citizens in the Poulsbo and within North Kitsap County. The definition of an MPD is:

(RCW 35.61.010) “A MPD may be created for the management, control, improvement, maintenance, and acquisition of parks, parkways, boulevards, and recreational facilities. A metropolitan park district may include territory located in portions or all of one or more cities or counties, or one or more cities and counties, when created or enlarged as provided in this chapter.”

Even though taxpayers may balk at the thought of a new tax, this funding would provide a stable funding structure and source for parks and recreation programs and facilities. Under the new legislation creating MPD’s, the community needs to study, analyze, discuss, and through city advocacy, possibly vote for a new park structure, which may be of benefit to the future of parks and recreation in North Kitsap County.
The City’s annual tax revenues are stretched much too thin to fund the growth of parks, recreation and open space on its own. This chapter includes alternatives for the future acquisition and development of parks, facilities and recreation in Poulsbo, as identified in the City’s Capital Improvement Program. This plan was put together by the staff and the Park and Recreation Commission, and is based on desires derived from public involvement, needs analysis and staff input.

**Acquisition**

**Funding:**

*Fee-Simple Purchase:* Funding for the outright purchase of park land and open space comes partly from the City Funds, but it is often matched with or even replaced by grants from philanthropic organizations or other government agencies. Voters can also approve bond or levies to generate local financial support for land acquisition.

*Dedicated Funds:* The Parks and Recreation Department has access to Park Fund #312. The fund comes from the mitigation fees collected from developers.
in lieu of land donations. A Park Reserves Fund that amounts to 5% of annual property taxes also provides dedicated funds. In addition, the City Council can approve the use of a ¼-of one percent real estate excise tax for any park capital improvement project. The Poulsbo Park and Recreation Commission has recommended a review of the Park mitigation fee structure in 2006-2007. The current fee is $500 per new single-family dwelling unit and $88 per employee for new commercial structures.

**Conservation Futures:** Kitsap County also instituted a levy in 1991 that established the Conservation Futures Fund, setting aside property taxes to purchase and annually maintain open space. The $4 million fund was augmented by another $3 million bond in 1999. A ranking process to determine which properties should be purchased follows periodic requests for property nominations. Nominated properties are ranked according to their open space value and given higher ranking for outside financial support and partial donations. This program, which deals with willing sellers, is a potential source of funding for the purchase and long-term maintenance of open space in Poulsbo.

**Conservation Easements:** A conservation easement is placed on a property when a landowner agrees to severely restrict or exclude its development in perpetuity. As discussed in the Open Space Section, conservation easements are an attractive alternative to fee-simple purchase because the land is protected from adverse development without a large outlay of public money. Compensation for easements may include tax relief or development concessions on another parcel.

**Land Donation:** Occasionally, landowners who wish to preserve their property donate their land to the local government or land trust with clear instructions on its future use. Owners can also donate part of the purchase price of a piece of property they sell to the City or the County, effectively lowering the buyer's cost. The City can, at its discretion, accept land donation in lieu of park mitigation fees during the permitting process for a new development.

**Transfer of Development Rights:** A Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program operates under the principle that the rights of ownership can be independent of the rights to develop the land. It protects land by taking the development rights from property in a “sending area” and giving them to property in a “receiving area.” A conservation easement is placed on the sending property, and increased development is allowed on the receiving land. The landowners who surrender their development rights are compensated by the developer who receives the additional density allowance.
Development

Opportunities to develop facilities that meet the goals and objectives of this plan are numerous and ongoing. Sometimes the city will plan for a project, while at other times projects not on the list become feasible. There are a variety of ways land can be developed, and the City has been successful in using a variety of methods.

City Funding: The City funding sources available for fee-simple acquisition can also be used for development projects.

Grants: Development can often be funded by the same organizations that provide grant money for planning and acquisition. There is usually a separate application process; grants are typically earmarked for acquisition, development, or both. Matching funds and/or inkind services are almost always required.

Partnerships: Through interlocal agreements, interagency cooperation and other types of partnerships, the city has been very successful in getting things accomplished. The cost of planning, development of a site or creating recreational programs can be accomplished through partnerships.

Donated Labor and Materials: Development costs, especially for small projects, can be defrayed significantly by donations of labor and materials. Under RCW 35.21.278, local service organizations and associations can supply plans, provide improvements to parks, install equipment, or provide maintenance services. These can come from individuals, organizations or businesses, and the donors benefit from tax deductions, publicity and knowing they have contributed to the community. Some past successful partnerships have come from the Poulsbo Rotary Club, the Poulsbo Lions Club, and neighbors near Lions Park and Forest Rock Hills Park.

Corporate Sponsorship: Businesses can promote themselves by attaching their name and their support to community improvement projects. Corporate support is usually rewarded officially through signage, naming or other public recognition.

Maintenance

The maintenance of Poulsbo city parks is accomplished through the Public Works general fund. The need for added parks are invaluable, but the maintenance budget may or may not grow with the addition of new parks. Often staff is expected to do more with fewer resources. The Park and Recreation Commission are ever conscious of this need. The general fund dollars committed to park maintenance must grow with additional park acquisition and park development.
**Capital Improvement Program**

The City has identified several specific needs for the growth of the park system. These are based upon the above Level-of-Service analysis. Common themes running through the list of projects is a desire to increase ownership and access along Liberty Bay and Dogfish Creek, as well as the expressed need for expanded park, open space and trail facilities citywide, and an interest in sharing responsibility for cooperative use facilities to provide needed recreation programming.

The Capital Improvement Program, or CIP, outlines and prioritizes expenditures for the next six years. In addition to helping the city plan financially, it serves as an important tool in obtaining grant funding. Since most grants are dedicated for either development or acquisition, the CIP distinguishes between these two project types. The CIP is reviewed annually and updated as necessary to reflect the current status of projects, add new projects and refine cost estimates.

Public-to-public and public-to-private partnerships are encouraged in the development of recreational facilities for Poulsbo and North Kitsap. By fostering partnerships, money and resources can be pooled in order to provide facilities and services for all citizens. Development, as well as operations and maintenance of park sites is always necessary to address.

**The CIP contains several types of projects:**

- **Park Land Development (PD)** – funding for development on city owned property including trails and recreation.
- **Recreation Development (RD)** – funding for the development of recreational opportunities on property not owned by the City or not associated with a park.
- **Park Land Acquisition (PA)** – property currently for sale that if acquired would serve as a park and recreation asset to the City of Poulsbo.
- **Park Planning (PP)** – property in need of additional planning in order to achieve it highest and best uses.

The summary of these requests include:

- **$5,155,000** in funding for Park Land Development. This includes **$1,800,000** for trails and **$1,000,000** to develop athletic fields.

- **$31,062,000** in funding for Recreation Development. This includes an estimated **$9,000,000** for a new recreation center and **$11,031,000** for improvements on jointly used school district properties.

- **$1,500,000** for 35.7 acres of Park Land Acquisition.

All total, the Park and Recreation Commission recommends **$26,686,000** in park, recreation and open space improvements.
1. **A RECREATION CENTER**  
   **$7,000,000**  
   *(RD)* Construction of a 20,000 square foot, multi purpose building which would include two full size gyms with hardwood floors, two offices, fitness room, classrooms, and two meeting rooms. This building would serve as a new regional recreation center. The most appropriate site has not yet been determined: acquisition of new property or incorporating the project onto property already owned by the City or another public agency is necessary. This project could be done as a partnership with the North Kitsap School District, Kitsap County, and/or the Public Facilities District. Operations and maintenance of such a facility continues to be a concern for the responsible jurisdiction.

2. **POULSBRO’S FISH PARK PROPERTY RESTORATION**  
   **$700,000**  
   *(PD)* Plans for development of this 13-acre park-site into a nature park are underway. A master plan was completed in 2004, and plans call for public access trails, interpretive areas, restoration of the estuary, wildlife viewing, educational opportunities, and a possible home for an environmental/educational-learning center.

3. **COLLEGE MARKETPLACE ATHLETIC FIELDS**  
   **$1,000,000**  
   *(PD)* This project recognizes that the City of Poulsbo is deficient in the number of ballfields that it owns (0), and that development of additional athletic fields is necessary. This plans for development of two multi-use fields and parking on the 7-acre site, at $500,000 per field. Partnerships will be encouraged to develop the property.

4. **STRAWBERRY ATHLETIC FIELDS**  
   **$931,000**  
   *(RD)* The Parks and Recreation Department is the largest community user of school district facilities, so cooperation on field improvements is necessary. The school district's Strawberry field complex at Noll and Hostmark Streets has one developed field, but fields #2 and #3 lack the necessary improvements to make them usable in wet weather. **This is phase one of the North Kitsap Special Event Center project.** This project must be in partnership with others, and may include master planning, all weather field improvements, restroom facilities, a concessions stand, and playground.
5. NORTH KITSAP REGIONAL EVENT CENTER $10,000,000 city
   (PD) The North Kitsap Special Event Center project is a partnership between
   the City of Poulsbo, Kitsap County, the North Kitsap School District, and
   the Kitsap Public Facilities District. This project brought together the main
   users of recreational facilities in Poulsbo/North Kitsap, and created a
   master plan of possibilities on the NKSD campus. This development will
   be for the community use side of the facilities – the school district does
   not necessarily need the additional recreational amenities, but the
   community does. This site is 82 acres in size, and involves upgrading
   existing fields, adding fields, adding rooms and usable spaces at the
   NKSD auditorium and swimming pool, and building a 35,000 sf events
   center. The project will be done in many phases, and the total value in
   2006 is $29,000,000

6. VINLAND COMMUNITY FIELDS $100,000
   (RD) Vinland Elementary was built in 1994, but was recently annexed into the
   city (2005). One field at the school is partially developed, and one is
   undeveloped. With some commitment of resources by partners, these
   fields can be improved to provide two good athletic fields for recreational
   programs. These fields would serve school children during the day and
   community organizations during the afternoons, evenings and weekends.
   The fields will require grading, drainage, and irrigation. The school district
   has committed to maintaining the improved fields.

7. MORRIS PROPERTY PARK DEVELOPMENT $400,000
   (PD) The City purchased this 2.5-acre parcel, located at 19247 8th Avenue NE,
   in 2000 for future building plans. Because of the Dogfish Creek that runs
   through it and subsequent Critical Areas Ordinance guidelines, building
   new buildings on this site is probably not feasible. It would make a nice
   urban setting for a park. It is close to shopping, office buildings, the
   library, and public transportation. Possibilities for the park may include
   picnic tables, pedestrian trails, a plaza for concerts or events, and
   parking.

8. NELSON PARK-Phase 2 $300,000
   (PD) Nelson Park encompasses over 11 acres in West Poulsbo. This
   waterfront property was purchased in 1997, and includes four parcels
   along the Liberty Bay shoreline. A master plan was developed in 1998.
   In 2004, phase 1 development of about four acres included a restroom
   and picnic shelter, playground, parking and some trails. Phase 2 would
   include trails throughout the property. The improvements to the
   caretaker's residence were completed by a local non-profit organization in
   2003, and the addition of an historic log cabin and windmill were
   completed in 2006.
9. **EAST & WEST LIBERTY BAY TRAIL**
   $1,000,000
   (PD) Development of approximately 14000 lineal feet of 12’ wide multipurpose trails, from American Legion Park to Lindvig Way on the east side and extending south along the west side from the head of Liberty Bay. The City owns some of the property, and plans on getting easements on private property or building a boardwalk in some areas (using $100 per lf). These trails would be “spurs” off of the Mosquito Fleet Trail.

10. **LORD PROPERTY**
    $200,000
    (PA) This 3.5 acre site, located at 20563 Bond Road NE in Poulsbo, runs along Dogfish Creek. The acquisition of the property would provide a connection to the waterfront trail, as well as protecting the sensitive areas. A possible option might be the acquisition of trail easements as an alternative to purchasing the entire piece.

11. **DOGFISH NATURAL TRAILS – BOND RD TO 7TH/SR305**
    $500,000
    (PD) The need to enhance and provide access to the South Fork of Dogfish Creek has been discussed for some time. The Highway 305 corridor improvements will be done in 2006-2007, so this is a good opportunity to add and enhance trails. A trail to the Wa State Department of Transportation mitigation site on the south side of Highway 305 would be a positive addition. For planning purposes this program will assume acquisition with an assumed land value (wetlands and marginally developable property) of $15,000 per acre and 3,000 linear feet of trail.

12. **DOGFISH CREEK TRAILS - LINDVIG TO HWY 305**
    $300,000
    (PD) Development of a trail system from the Audrey Edmond's property, located just to the west of the old Vetter Road right of way, south to Lindvig Way. The acquisition of the majority of the property needed to initiate this trail system may be part of the Parks Mitigation for developing properties, land donations, or outright acquisition. For planning purposes this program will assume acquisition with an assumed land value (wetlands and marginally developable property) of $15,000 per acre. The cost is for the development of a trail system, signage, and protective fencing at $25 per linear foot.

13. **ADDITIONAL LAND ACQUISITION**
    $500,000
    (PA) The goal is to acquire additional parcels as they become available in different areas of the city. This may include areas along upper Dogfish Creek and estuary for the purpose of habitat restoration and salmon rearing. Partnerships with the Suquamish Tribe and various organizations and non-profits will benefit the projects. Other priorities would be parcels in newly annexed areas of the city and shoreline locales. Approximate total acreage is 10 acres.
14. LAND ACQUISITION – EAST POULSBO $250,000
(PA) The city has annexed quite a bit of acreage on the west side of Poulsbo. This is an area of town that will need a neighborhood park, as there are new neighborhoods and development occurring without any park within ½ mile. The park should be 2-5 acres in size.

15. LAND ACQUISITION – WEST POULSBO $250,000
(PA) The city has annexed quite a bit of acreage on the east side of Poulsbo. This is an area of town that will need a neighborhood park, as there are new neighborhoods and developments occurring without any park within ½ mile. The park should be 2-5 acres in size.

16. BETTY IVERSON KIWANIS PARK PLAYGROUND IMP. $40,000
(PD) This 2.4-acre neighborhood park is located in northwest Poulsbo. It has a small playground, a picnic shelter and grassy areas. It is located in a single-family neighborhood, but surrounded by multi-family apartments and condominiums. The playground is in need of improvements in order to serve different age groups of children.

17. HAMILTON FIELD ACQUISITION $300,000
(PA) This 2.2-acre parcel of land is located on Hamilton Court and is currently owned by the North Kitsap Pee Wees Association. This property could be a partnership opportunity for both organizations. If acquired, this field would provide a lighted soccer/football field and includes a clubhouse/storage on the premises.

18. AQUATIC PLAYGROUND $125,000
(RD) An aquatic playground is a play area for all ages that features interactive play with stainless steel equipment that squirts, sprays, or mists water. These areas would stand alone on a concrete pad; approximately 50’ x 50’, and the water would re-circulate and be used again. The aquatic playground would be added to the most appropriate park site.

19. INDIAN HILLS RECREATION AREA $800,000
(PD) This 20-acre parcel would be developed into a multi-use park. The park’s master plan would include family activities such as trails, a playground, remote control airplanes, Olympic croquet, biking areas, horse trails, and parking. This property is the former city landfill in South Poulsbo, and is owned by the City.
# City of Poulsbo Parks and Recreation
## 2006 Capital Improvement Program

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Park Profiles

Boardwalk between Liberty Bay Park and American Legion Park
**Name of Park**  
Poulsbo’s Fish Park

**Location:**  
228 NW Lindvig Way

**Size:**  
13.36 acres/2 parcels

**Ownership:**  
City of Poulsbo/2002 acquisition with mainly grant monies

**Status:**  
Open Space; zoned light industrial; shoreline conservancy; shoreline permit approved January 2006;

**Existing Amenities:**  
Nature hiking trails, winding paths, lawn/sitting areas, arboretum, wildlife/bird viewing, viewing platforms

**Deficiencies:**

**Planned Improvement:**  
More trails, fish ladder, parking lot, interpretive signage

Site Location Map – 1
Name of Park: Nelson Park

Location: West Poulsbo, at the corner of Lindvig Way and Viking Avenue at 317 NW Lindvig Way

Size: 11 acres – about 4 acres developed and 7 acres open space

Ownership: City of Poulsbo; purchased in 1998 with mostly grant funding

Status: Neighborhood Park 4 acres; Open Space 7 acres; zoned commercial; shoreline

Existing Amenities: Playground, Picnic Area and shelter, Barbeque, Restrooms, Winding paths, Lawn/sitting area, Wildlife/bird viewing, Viewing

Deficiencies: Decent shoreline access

Planned Improvement: Trails on the park site as well as developing the trail easement along the shoreline of the north property to the Lindvig Bridge.

Site Location Map – 2
### Name of Park
American Legion Park

### Location:
Along the downtown waterfront shoreline on Front Street, north of Liberty Bay Park

### Size:
12.88 acres

### Ownership:
City of Poulsbo

### Status:
Regional Park

### Existing Amenities:
Playground, picnic area, restrooms, nature hiking trails, winding paths, lawn/sitting area, wildlife/bird viewing, shoreline access, boardwalk connection to Liberty Bay Park and downtown

### Deficiencies:
Possible land sliding towards the bay

### Planned Improvement:
None
**Name of Park**
Liberty Bay Park

**Location:**
Downtown Poulsbo at 18889 Anderson Parkway

**Size:**
1.5 acres

**Ownership:**
City of Poulsbo

**Status:**
Regional Park; zoned commercial; shoreline

**Existing Amenities:**
Kvelstad Pavilion – available for private rentals; restrooms, winding paths, lawn/sitting area, campfire area, wildlife/viewing area

**Deficiencies:**

**Planned Improvement:**
Late 2006 seawall improvements.

**Comments:**
Just off the Port of Poulsbo marina; used for outdoor concerts and special events

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**Site Location Map - 8**
**Name of Park**
Forest Rock Hills Park

**Location:**
12th Avenue NE

**Size:**
3.1 acres

**Ownership:**
City of Poulsbo

**Status:**
Neighborhood Park

**Existing Amenities:**
Playground, picnic area, barbeques, nature hiking trails (.25 mile), winding paths, lawn/sitting area

**Deficiencies:**

**Planned Improvement:**

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*Site Location Map - 10*
**Name of Park**  
Hattaland Park

**Location:**  
10th Avenue NE

**Size:**  
1.5 acres

**Ownership:**  
City of Poulsbo

**Status:**  
Open Space

**Existing Amenities:**  
Winding paths, wildlife/bird viewing

**Deficiencies:**

**Planned Improvement:**  
None

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**Site Location Map - 11**

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**Name of Park**  
Morris Property

**Location:**  
Corner of Iverson Street/7th Avenue NE

**Size:**  
2.4 acres

**Ownership:**  
City of Poulsbo

**Status:**  
Undeveloped Open Space

**Existing Amenities:**  
None

**Deficiencies:**

**Planned Improvement:**  
Master plan process - 2006

**Comments:**  
Dogfish Creek is located on this site
### Name of Park

**Wilderness Park**

#### Location:
One entry/exit on Caldart Street, across from NK High School; the other entry/exit is near Highway 305.

#### Size:
11.56

#### Ownership:
City of Poulsbo

#### Status:
Open Space

#### Existing Amenities:
Nature hiking trails, wildlife/bird viewing

#### Deficiencies:
Secluded

#### Planned Improvement:
None

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**Site Location Map - 14**
**Name of Park**

Raab Park

**Location:**

18349 Caldart Avenue NE

**Size:**

21 acres

**Ownership:**

City of Poulsbo; former Department of Defense site/Nike site

**Status:**

Community Park

**Existing Amenities:**

Sand volleyball, playground, picnic areas/shelter available for private rentals, barbeques, restrooms, nature hiking trails (.2 mile), winding paths, exercise path (.33 mile), some exercise stations, lawn/sitting areas, arboretum, multi-purpose playfield, wildlife/bird viewing, skate park, community gardens, dog run,

**Deficiencies:**

**Planned Improvement:**

![Site Location Map – 15](image-url)
**Name of Park**  
College Marketplace Ballfields

**Location:**  
NW Poulsbo

**Size:**  
7 acres

**Ownership:**  
Developer/soon to the city

**Status:**  
Undeveloped

**Existing Amenities:**  
None

**Deficiencies:**

**Planned Improvement:**  
Athletic Fields

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**Site Location Map - 16**
**Name of Park**

Indian Hills Park

**Location:**

Stenbom Lane, off Highway 305, south of the city limits

**Size:**

20 acres

**Ownership:**

City of Poulsbo

**Status:**

Open Space

**Existing Amenities:**

**Deficiencies:**

Kitsap Health District concerns of leaching material

**Planned Improvement:**

Master plan completed in 1997

**Comments:**

Former landfill closed in 1976; not presently used

*Site Location Map - 17*