

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PARKS

1. EXISTING PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Fire Station No. 9

The Yukon Harbor Fire Station No. 9 is located at 7433 SE Mile Hill Drive on the south boundary of the Manchester Village approximately 1.2 miles from downtown Manchester. Fire Station No. 9 is part of Fire District No. 7 and is staffed completely by volunteers on an on-call basis. The station houses two fire engines and an air support unit. The station has plans to expand in order to accommodate the density of population and call activity in the area. They need to seek approval through an initiative to increase revenue before able to purchase neighboring property or property elsewhere in the area.

Manchester Elementary School

Manchester Elementary is located at 1901 California East on the west boundary of the Manchester Community approximately 0.7 miles from downtown Manchester. Manchester Elementary is part of South Kitsap School District No. 402. The school provides Kindergarten through sixth grade education. The school was first occupied in January 1979 and then expanded in 1989. The present capacity for Manchester Elementary is 550 students in the main building (15 classrooms) and five portables (7 classrooms). As of November 2000, the school's enrollment was 531 students. Students are accepted from the following geographic boundaries: Colchester Drive, south to Mile Hill Road, north to Woods Road, north to Hilldale Rd., west to Beach Drive including tip of peninsula. There are no future plans at this time to expand the school or construct additional schools in the area. Also on Manchester Elementary's 13.3 acres are recreational facilities that include soccer and softball fields, nature trails, a playground with play structures, a covered basketball court, and an indoor gymnasium.

The key issues identified by Principal A.J. Callan were the following:

- __ Congestion – Heavy traffic flows are created in the morning and afternoon hours due to the combination of school bus service and parents dropping off and picking up their children. Traffic flow is particularly an issue around California and Chester.
- __ Pedestrian Safety – There is very little room for the children to walk and there is no separation between them and the traffic. The majority of these children travel along California Ave. There are currently no crossing guards to oversee these students.
- __ Capacity – Although the school has fewer children than it did 2-3 years ago, the building is still over capacity.

Post Office

The post office is conveniently located in downtown Manchester at 2325 Colchester Drive East. The building has been leased at its current location since 1988. The post office offers 695 postal boxes, which are at full capacity. Peak hours tend to be around mid-morning and in the evening when most users return from work. There is currently only one entrance to the parking lot, that opens towards Colchester Drive. No expansion or renovations are planned; however, users have stated the preference for an additional

access. If an additional access were provided, a looped drive through mail drop could be provided, allowing for a smoother traffic flow during peak hours.

Manchester Library

The public library is located on Port of Manchester property at 8067 East Main Street in the heart of downtown Manchester. The library was built through a combination of donations, door-to-door solicitations, a rummage sale, and a small loan. Through collaborative community efforts, the group was able to afford the \$1,800 facility. Doors opened in October 1954, making it the only free regional library unit of the Kitsap Regional Library system south of Port Orchard. The library serves the dual purpose of library and community center with a capacity of 23 in the library and 33 in the community center.

Church

Manchester Community Church is located at 7545 East Madrone, approximately 0.5 miles from downtown Manchester. The church grounds include three buildings, large parking lot, and outdoor basketball court.

Future churches are able to build within the Manchester Village boundary

Private School

Manchester Christian Academy is located at 7545 East Madrone, approximately 0.5 miles from downtown Manchester. The Academy currently has 25 students and accepts students from both inside and outside the Manchester Village boundary.

2. PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Manchester Boat Dock

Located at the foot of Main Street, major improvements were completed in 1999 to provide one low tide boat launch, an additional dock and asphalt paved parking. The fishing Pier, as designated by Kitsap County, extends 180 feet into Puget Sound. Boats can moor at the pier during the day, but are prohibited from 10 PM to 4 AM. There are currently no utilities at the launch or the pier, though a floodlight and a handicapped-accessible portable are available for community benefit.

Pomeroy Park

Located at the east end of Main Street adjacent to the Manchester Boat Dock, Pomeroy Park has beach access to Puget Sound. The land was purchased from the Pomeroy estate with Port of Manchester funds and a grant from the State of Washington Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. It is a small landscaped park with four picnic tables (one located under the one covered shelter), and two benches. Utilities are currently unavailable. The Park is open during the day and closed from sunset to sunrise.

Colchester/Haida Property

This parcel is located on the shoreline side of Colchester Dr. about .5 miles out of downtown Manchester. Although this property is not technically a park, members of the community use the parcel as a park. In the future, it is a goal of the Manchester community to make this parcel a County park.

Manchester State Park

Originally constructed as a harbor defense station, Manchester State Park covers 111 acres north of the Manchester Fuel Depot. The park includes 3,400 feet of saltwater shoreline and provides camping facilities. Other activities include hiking along 1.9 miles of trails, fishing, diving and bird watching. The park also includes 36 unsheltered picnic tables and two small picnic shelters. One large sheltered picnic shelter is also available for reservations. The park is open year round from 8:00 AM to dusk.

Mosquito Fleet Trail Plan

Created to service the County's recreational and non-motorized transportation needs, this system of lanes and off-road trails runs from Kingston to Southworth. A portion of this system includes improvements to downtown Manchester and Colchester Drive. A combination of bike lanes and separated paths are the primary proposals for these areas. The master plan for this system breaks the project into portions and each is prioritized for funding.

Manchester Baseball Park

Designated as the "Home of South Kitsap Eastern Little League", the Manchester Baseball Park is located at the entrance to Manchester State Park on Beach Drive East. There are currently four fields at the park, owned and operated by the South Kitsap Eastern Little League. These fields were completed during the first phase of development for the park. Phase two will add two more fields and a clubhouse. Phases three and four will each add two additional fields.

3. MEETING FACILITIES

Three facilities are available for rent within the Manchester Village boundary.

Facility	Location	Meeting Accommodations
Manchester Elementary	1901 California East <i>Phone: (360) 443-3230</i>	Available after School Hours by Appointment __ Large Meetings __ Small Meetings

Manchester 8067 East Main
Library Phone: (360) 871-3921

Available by Appointment
__Small Meetings
capacity of 33 people
cost for 2 hours use:
\$15 non-profit
\$20 for-profit

4. GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal PF-1 Ensure public participation for all future improvements to the Manchester Village LAMIRD.

Policy PF-1 Develop strategies for balancing the private property rights of beachfront owners with the public interest.

Goal PF-2 Maintain current public facilities.

Policy PF-2 Coordinate with the Manchester Village community on any development plans for public facility improvements and additions.

Goal PF-3 Provide and encourage facilities that serve the variety of ages and needs of Manchester residents.

Policy PF-3 Facilitate the planning and construction of a community center within the Manchester Village boundary.

Policy PF-4 Encourage the inclusion of community support agencies in all new public buildings.

Goal PF-4 Expand walking and biking paths.

Policy PF-7 Develop public right-of-ways for the purpose of creating trails and providing foot access between the main thoroughfares.

Project PF-1 Create a walkability map within the Manchester Village boundary.

Goal PF-5 Work with the Manchester Port District and the County to improve Pomeroy Park,

Policy PF-8 Provide amenities to encourage adults and children to use Pomeroy Park

Project PF-2 Make bike rack, playground equipment, and kayak launching area available for public use, provided through grants.

Project PF-3 Create durable, aesthetically pleasing structures

(picnic tables, benches, designated fire pits or barbeques, etc.)

Policy PF-9 Work with the Manchester Port District to improve the park.

Project PF-4 Improve plantings/vegetation.

Project PF-5 Create concise signage.

Goal PF-6 Work with Kitsap County Public Works, Kitsap County Department of Community Development, and the Kitsap County Parks Department to designate the Colchester/Haida parcel as park property.

Policy PF-10 Establish a stewardship committee for the park.

Project PF-6 Create development plan for Colchester/Haida parcel, which can include a trail, picnic tables, bike racks, and proper signage.

Policy PF-11 Incorporate property into the Mosquito Fleet Trail.