

Parks and Recreation

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Background

Parks and recreation facilities within Kitsap County are provided by a variety of public agencies and private organizations. Currently, approximately 27,961 acres of various types of parkland are provided countywide by city, school, state, and federal agencies and include wildlife habitat refuges, commercial timber land, highway transportation corridors, utility transportation corridors, fish hatcheries, storm water retention systems, and educational facilities.

Current Facilities Inventory

This section provides details of the parkland and recreation facilities inventory owned, operated, and maintained by the Kitsap County government.

Parklands (Acres)

As shown in Table PR.1, the County owns and manages 6,085.9 acres of land for the purposes of calculating levels of service based on key categories of parks and open space acreage based on the 2006 park plan inventory and modified by acquisitions subsequent to that inventory. The majority of park and open space acreage consist of open space (70%), regional parks, (26%) and community parks (4%) and are used by all county residents, regardless of the local jurisdiction in which they reside. The County's park and open space system includes five large "Heritage Parks" which are intended to provide land to meet recreational needs over time, while remaining mostly undeveloped, providing natural areas with passive recreational facilities such as trails. For the purposes of this analysis, one third of the area of the Heritage Parks is assigned as Regional Parks, with the remaining area included as Open Space.

Of these regional sites, some have been developed for active uses (including Long Lake Park in South Kitsap, Wildcat Lake Park in Central Kitsap and Buck Lake Park in North Kitsap). Out-of-county populations and out-of-State tourists also use a significant portion of these regional sites and facilities. The County's inventory of 6085.9 acres represents approximately 22% of the countywide inventory.

Table PR.1 Current Facilities Inventory – County Owned Parks, Shoreline Access, and Trails

Type of Park	Capacity
Open Space	4,275.3
Regional Parks	1,565.4
Community Parks	245.2
Total Acres	6,085.9
Salt Water Shoreline Access	35,822 Lineal Feet
Trails (Paved and Unpaved, mapped & charted)	35.75 miles

Active and Passive Recreation Facilities (Units)

The inventory of *active recreation* facilities (Table PR.1-2) shows a wide variety of facilities owned and managed by the County and shows a relatively high use of baseball/softball fields, little league facilities, soccer fields, and horseshoe pits. As shown in Table PR.1-3 the County owns and manages a significant inventory of playgrounds and miles of trails located throughout the County.

Table PR.1-2. Current Facilities Inventory – County Owned Active Recreation Facilities (Units)

Type of Active Recreation Facility	Number
Baseball Fields	5
Baseball/Softball	24
Baseball (Little League)	6
Gym	1
Basketball	8
Volleyball	5
Soccer	23
Tennis Courts	6
Horseshoe Pits	54
BMX Track	1
Skate Park	2

Table PR.1-3. Current Facilities Inventory – County Owned Passive Recreation Facilities (Units)

Type of Passive Recreation Facility	Number
Theater	1
Playgrounds	14
Garden features	2
Off-leash areas	2
Trails (mapped and charted)	
Trails (Paved)	1
Trails (Unpaved)	34.75
Total trails (mi)	35.75

Other Recreation Facilities by Category (Units)

A majority of the facilities listed in Table PR.1-4 can be grouped in to 2 major categories: beach and water activities, and community centers. It should be noted that the County's inventory of linear feet of saltwater (35,822 linear feet or 6.8 miles) and freshwater (950 linear feet or 0.18 miles) represents 33% and 12%, respectively, of the total countywide inventory.

Table PR.1-4. Current Facilities Inventory – County Owned Facilities by Category (Units)

Category	Number
Community centers	5
Boat launches – motorized	3
Boat launches – non-motorized	4
Docks	1
Floats	0
Piers	3
Shelters	11
Shore access points	15
Saltwater shoreline	35,822 linear feet
Freshwater shoreline	950 linear feet
Showers	9
Restrooms	14

Level of Service Analysis

Current Level of Service

The current LOS provided by the County’s park system represents only the current inventory of County-owned park acres divided by the 2008 countywide population (258,884). This equates to 16.3 acres per 1,000 population for open space lands (Table PR.2-1), 6.1 acres for regional parks (Table PR.2-2), 0.96 acres for community parks (Table PR.2-3), 138.4 lineal feet for shoreline access (Table PR.2-4), and 0.14 miles for trails (Table PR.2-5).

Proposed Level of Service

The County’s proposed LOS of 19.5 acres per 1,000 population for open space requires acquisition of an additional 1233.2 acres through 2014 (Table PR.2-1). This need will decrease in future years, as the land acquisitions identified have been completed, and expenditures will then be concentrated in the development of parkland.

The County’s proposed LOS for regional parks is 6.7 acres per 1,000 population (Table PR.2-2), and will require an additional 308.5 acres of parkland through 2014. The proposed LOS for community parks is 0.88 acres per 1,000 (Table PR.2-3) and will require an additional 3 acres of land through 2014, and the proposed LOS for shoreline access is 140 lineal feet per 1,000 population (Table PR.2-4) and will require an additional 3650 lineal feet of shoreline access through 2014.

Finally, the proposed LOS for trails is 0.028 miles per 1,000 (Table PR.2-5), which is twice as high as the current LOS, and will require an additional 43.1 miles of trails during 2007-2014. The proposed financing plan (Table PR.3) provides for this service level as well as development of an additional 46.4 miles in unidentified trails (possible volunteer efforts or bond passage).

Table PR.2-1. LOS Requirements Analysis – Open Space

CURRENT LOS = 16.3 ACRES PER 1,000 POPULATION				
(1) TIME PERIOD	(2) KITSAP COUNTYWIDE POPULATION	(3) ACRES @ 0.01628 PER CAPITA	(4) ACRES AVAILABLE	(5) NET RESERVE OR DEFICIENCY
2009	262,517	4275.2	4275.2	0.0
2009-2014 Growth	19,187	312.5		-312.5
<i>TOTAL AS OF 2014</i>	281,704	4,587.7	4275.2	-312.5
PROPOSED LOS = 19.5 ACRES PER 1,000 POPULATION				
(1) TIME PERIOD	(2) KITSAP COUNTYWIDE POPULATION	(3) ACRES @ 0.01955 PER CAPITA	(4) ACRES AVAILABLE	(5) NET RESERVE OR DEFICIENCY
2009 Actual	262,517		4275.2	
2009-2014 Growth	19,187			
<i>TOTAL AS OF 2014</i>	281,704	5508.4	4275.2	-1233.2

Capacity Projects:

1. North Kitsap Heritage Park - Phase II Acquisition, 376 acres total	248.0	-985.2
2. Newberry Hill Acquisition, 350 acres total	231.0	-754.2
3. Pilot Point Acquisition	30.0	-724.2
4. Illahee/Lost Continent - Phase II Acquisition, 170 acres total	112.2	-612
5. Heritage Farm/Clear Creek Acquisition	170.0	-442
6. Barker Creek Acquisitions	11	-431
7. Sinclair Inlet Acquisition	8	-423
8. Carpenter Creek Riparian Corridor	23	-400
9. Unidentified Open Space Acquisition	400	0.0

Table PR.2-2. LOS Requirements Analysis - Regional Parks

CURRENT LOS = 6 ACRES PER 1,000 POPULATION

(1) TIME PERIOD	(2) KITSAP COUNTYWIDE POPULATION	(3) ACRES @ 0.00596 PER CAPITA	(4) ACRES AVAILABLE	(5) NET RESERVE OR DEFICIENCY
2009	262,517	1,565.5	1,565.5	0.0
2009-2014 Growth	19,187	114.4		-114.6
<i>TOTAL AS OF 2014</i>	281,704	1,679.9	1,565.9	-114.4

PROPOSED LOS = 6.70 ACRES PER 1,000 POPULATION

(1) TIME PERIOD	(2) KITSAP COUNTYWIDE POPULATION	(3) ACRES @ 0.00665 PER CAPITA	(4) ACRES AVAILABLE	(5) NET RESERVE OR DEFICIENCY
2009	262,517	1746.3	1,565.4	-180.9
2009-2014 Growth	19,187	127.6		-127.6
<i>TOTAL AS OF 2014</i>	281,704	1,873.9	1,565.4	-308.5

Capacity Projects:

1. Point No Point Lighthouse Acquisition			3.5	-305.0
2. North Kitsap Heritage Park Phase II Aquis. 376 acres			127.8	-177.2
3. Newberry Hill Heritage Park, Acquisition, 350 acres			119	-58.2
4. Illahee /Lost Continent – Phase II Acquisition, 170 acres			57.8	-0.4

Table PR.2-3. LOS Requirements Analysis - Community Parks

CURRENT LOS = 0.93 ACRES PER 1,000 POPULATION

(1) TIME PERIOD	(2) KITSAP COUNTYWIDE POPULATION	(3) ACRES @ 0.00093 PER CAPITA	(4) ACRES AVAILABLE	(5) NET RESERVE OR DEFICIENCY
2009	262,517	245.2	245.2	0.0
2009-2014 Growth	19,187	17.8		-17.8
<i>TOTAL AS OF 2014</i>	281,704	263.0	245.2	-17.8

PROPOSED LOS = 0.88 ACRES PER 1,000 POPULATION

(1) TIME PERIOD	(2) KITSAP COUNTYWIDE POPULATION	(3) ACRES @ 0.00088106 PER CAPITA	(4) ACRES AVAILABLE	(5) NET RESERVE OR DEFICIENCY
2009	262,517	231.3	245.2	13.9
2009-2014 Growth	19,187	16.9		-16.9
<i>TOTAL AS OF 2014</i>	281,704		248.2	-3.0

Capacity Projects:

1. Kingston Village Green (South Green)			3.3	+0.3
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Table PR-2.4. LOS Requirements Analysis – Shoreline Access

CURRENT LOS = 136.5 LINEAL FEET PER 1,000 POPULATION				
(1) TIME PERIOD	(2) KITSAP COUNTYWIDE POPULATION	(3) LINEAL FEET @ 0.13645 PER CAPITA	(4) LINEAL FEET AVAILABLE	(5) NET RESERVE OR DEFICIENCY
2009 Actual	262,517	35,822	35,822	0.0
2009-2014 Growth	19,187	2,618.2		-2,618.2
TOTAL AS OF 2014	281,704	38,440.2	35,822	-2,618.2
PROPOSED LOS = 140.1 LINEAL FEET PER 1,000 POPULATION				
(1) TIME PERIOD	(2) KITSAP COUNTYWIDE POPULATION	(3) LINEAL FEET @ 0.14011 PER CAPITA	(4) LINEAL FEET AVAILABLE	(5) NET RESERVE OR DEFICIENCY
2009 Actual	262,517	36,783.5	35,822	-961.5
2009-2014 Growth	19,187	2688.5		-2,677
TOTAL AS OF 2014	281,704	39,472	35,822	-3,650
<i>Capacity Projects:</i>				
1. Pilot Point Acquisition			1100	-2550
2. Point No Point Lighthouse Acquisition			1100	-1450
3. Olalla Acquisition (boat launch area)			150	-1300
4. Sinclair Inlet			300	-1000
5. Norwegian Point Park			500	-500
6. Unidentified Shoreline Acquisition			500	0

Table PR-2.5. LOS Requirements Analysis – Trails

CURRENT LOS = 0.14 MILES PER 1,000 POPULATION				
(1) TIME PERIOD	(2) KITSAP COUNTYWIDE POPULATION	(3) MILES @ 0.00014 PER CAPITA	(4) MILES AVAILABLE	(5) NET RESERVE OR DEFICIENCY
2009 Actual	262,517	35.8	35.8	0.0
2009-2014 Growth	19,187	-2.6		-2.6
TOTAL AS OF 2014	281,704	38.4	35.8	-2.6
PROPOSED LOS = 0.28 MILES PER 1,000 POPULATION				
(1) TIME PERIOD	(2) KITSAP COUNTYWIDE POPULATION	(3) MILEST @ 0.00028 PER CAPITA	(4) MILES AVAILABLE	(5) NET RESERVE OR DEFICIENCY
2009 Actual	262,517	73.5	35.8	-37.9
2009-2014 Growth	19,187	5.4		-5.4
TOTAL AS OF 2014	281,704	78.9	35.8	-43.1
<i>Capacity Projects:</i>				
1. Hansville Greenway Trail			10.0	-33.1
2. Carpenter Lake Trail			1.5	-31.6
3. North Kitsap Heritage Park Trails			5.0	-26.6
4. Wicks Lake Trail			3.0	-23.6
5. Unidentified Multi-Use Trails			70.0	+46.4

Capital Facilities Projects and Financing: 2009-2014

The County's parks and recreational facilities include thirty-seven capital project initiatives at a cost of \$42, 943,508. The proposed financing plan is shown in Table PR.3.