

1 **Amendment #1: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Chapter**

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3 The Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 6 (Parks, Recreation, and Open Space), page 6-69,
4 adopted by Ordinance 534 (2016), is amended as follows:
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6 **Discussion**

7 Kitsap County is known for its many distinctive features including its glacier-carved rolling
8 topography, evergreen forests, freshwater lakes, inlets, bays, and Puget Sound. Kitsap County's
9 nature-oriented park system reflects this diversity of settings, and provides for developed
10 recreation facilities to serve a population of diverse ages, ethnicities, abilities, and outdoor
11 interests.

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13 ~~Kitsap County's Park and Open Space system currently includes 74 sites totaling 7,279 acres.~~
14 ~~These include a range of park types and classifications:~~

- 15 ~~■—Heritage Parks, at least 450 acres in size, to accommodate both active and passive~~
16 ~~recreation while providing open space and preservation. Parks in this category are~~
17 ~~managed and maintained by formal park stewardship groups;~~
- 18 ~~■—Regional parks (primarily waterfront parks) which draw people from more than a five~~
19 ~~mile distance;~~
- 20 ~~■—Community parks, which draw people from the immediate community;~~
- 21 ~~■—Natural resource areas, preserved for their habitat values, and;~~
- 22 ~~■ Partnership properties, which are generally smaller and have limited, if any, active use~~
23 ~~and/or are used and managed primarily by other parties. Partnership properties~~
24 ~~constitute about one quarter of the Department's sites and six percent of the land area.~~

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26 Nearly ~~two-thirds~~ three quarters of all park and open space acreage is within six heritage parks.
27 These heritage parks have become the foundation of Kitsap County's park system. They are
28 large enough to remain primarily undeveloped natural areas, with trails and environmentally
29 sensitive areas preserved or enhanced. ~~These heritage parks may have enough land to~~
30 ~~appropriately accommodate active use areas to meet current and future needs. Some of these~~
31 ~~Heritage Parks may have a land base suitable to support more developed facilities and intense~~
32 ~~recreational use, while others encompass more natural, or historic-based resources and are~~
33 ~~more suitable for passive, less intrusive recreation and facilities.~~

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35 ~~The Kitsap Forest and Bay Project is currently a high priority for Kitsap County. Moving forward~~
36 ~~Kitsap County will continue to utilize partnerships to the greatest extent feasible. One such~~
37 ~~partnership is with Forterra and the Port Gamble/S'Klallam and Suquamish Tribes and is~~
38 ~~unprecedented locally. The large tracts of forestland contain ecologically important streams,~~
39 ~~wetlands and forest habitat, over two miles of shorelines, and tidelands. There are areas for~~
40 ~~open space, water access and public use, including key trail sections identified by North Kitsap~~
41 ~~Trails Association. The project is unique in that it brings many partners to the table including a~~
42 ~~private landowner, conservancy and trails groups, local government and both the Port Gamble~~
43 ~~S'Klallam and Suquamish tribes. Kitsap County, in partnership with Forterra and the Tribes has~~
44 ~~acquired a real estate option on these properties for near term acquisition~~
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1 The Kitsap Forest and Bay Project is an ongoing priority for Kitsap County, which will
2 involve collaborating with conservation groups and recreation interests, working
3 together to protect forested landscapes and shoreline in the northern section of the
4 County. Together they have raised awareness and private funds for acquisition of
5 several thousand acres of forestlands for the Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park.
6 Incorporating a near-term “timber deed” reserved for a final harvest rotation for the
7 owner or timber company, has largely increased the available holdings for the County.
8 These lands will be reforested with a more natural mixed species restoration scheme,
9 and grow a future heritage forest, while providing for compatible recreational use of
10 those lands. Within this new park environment are ecologically important streams,
11 springs, wetlands, beaver ponds, and more than two miles of undeveloped shorelines
12 and tidelands. The project is unique in that it brought many partners to the table
13 including a private landowner, conservancy and trails groups, local government and
14 both the Port Gamble S’Klallam and Suquamish tribes.

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16 Focusing on the inter-related nature of parks and open space to other Comprehensive
17 Plan elements provide the guidance to do the following:

- 18 • Provide parks, recreation, and open space facilities, and services in an efficient
19 and economical manner, and manage and maintain park and open space lands;
- 20 • Incorporate a network of trails and greenways, working with cities, other
21 communities, and conservation organizations, to connect population and
22 employment centers, schools, and public facilities;
- 23 • Provide and manage parks in proximity to new and existing housing and manage
24 environmental values; and
- 25 • Identify lands for possible acquisition to the County Park System.

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28 The Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 6 (Parks, Recreation, and Open Space), page 6-75,
29 adopted by Ordinance 534 (2016), is amended as follows:
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31 Parks Recreation and Open Space Strategies

32 Strategies

- 34 ■ ~~For information on strategies, please see~~ The strategies located on pages 23- ~~33~~ 39 of
35 the ~~2012~~ 2018 Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan are adopted by reference.
36 http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Parks/Pages/PROS_Plan.htm
37 <https://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Pages/PROSPlanUpdates.aspx>

38 References

- 39 ■ 2012 ~~2018~~ 2018 Parks and Recreation Open Space (PROS) Plan
40 http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Parks/Pages/PROS_Plan.htm
41 <https://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Pages/PROSPlanUpdates.aspx>
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- 1 ■ ~~Parks and Recreation 6-year Capital Facilities Plan CFP)~~
2 http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Parks/Pages/Planning_Capital_Projects.htm
- 3 ■ Newberry Hill Heritage Park Master Plan
4 http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Parks/Pages/heritageparks/newberry_hill.htm
5 <https://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Pages/NewberryHillHeritagePark.aspx>
- 6 ■ South Kitsap Regional Park Plan
7 http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Parks/Pages/communityparks/sk_community_park.htm
8 <https://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Pages/SouthKitsapRegionalPark.aspx>
- 10 ■ Forest Stewardship Plan
11 http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Parks/Pages/Planning_Capital_Projects.htm
12 <https://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Pages/ForestStewardship.aspx>