



Parks and Recreation Department

City of Bellingham

MEMORANDUM

To: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
From: Peter Gill
Subject: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update
Date: December 11, 2024

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan (PROS Plan) is a six-year guide for improving parks, open space, trails, and recreation programs specific to the Bellingham community. The PROS Plan functions as a development guide and public-facing planning tool for the Parks & Recreation Department.

The update is required to maintain eligibility for Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office grants and for consistency with Bellingham's Comprehensive Plan. Parks and Recreation is an element of the Growth Management Act and is required to collect impact fees. The demand for park facilities as documented in the PROS Plan forms the basis of the City's Park Impact Fee calculation.

At the December 11, 2024 meeting we will preview the update process, discuss the role of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as the primary advisory committee for the update, and discuss public engagement and communications.

Link to PROS Plan update project website: [Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan Update - City of Bellingham](#)