

# Everett PROS Plan Evaluation Survey

## 1. Purpose

*We are updating the City of Everett's Park, Recreation, & Open Space (PROS) Plan. As a resident of the City of Everett, your experience and opinions are an important part of this process and will help City Council fashion a final plan and financing strategy that reflects your desires. Please review the survey questions and the corresponding graphics that identify possible projects as well as the financing options.*

*Contact Lori Cummings, Everett Parks & Recreation Director at 425-257-8353 or [LCummings@everettwa.gov](mailto:LCummings@everettwa.gov) if you have any questions about this survey or our PROS Plan Update process.*

*Thank you for your participation. Make sure you enter your name, phone number, and email at the end of this survey if you would like to enter a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate. City employees and families are encouraged to participate but are not eligible to enter the drawing.*

*Lori Cummings, Director of Parks & Recreation*

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## 2. Survey Questions

**Everett's public parks**



**1. Using the map above, what is the estimated distance to and name of the park closest to your residence?**

**0.25 miles      0.50 miles      over 0.50 miles**

**Distance to closest park**




**What is the name of the park?**

**2. In general, how would you rate the quantity and quality of the existing inventory of parks, recreation, open spaces, and trails provided in Everett by the city, school districts, county, port, state, and all other public agencies?**

**Lowest    Low    Moderate    High    Highest**

**Quantity - the number and size of existing park and trail sites to serve the existing population**






**Location - the location of existing parks and trails in relation to your neighborhood**





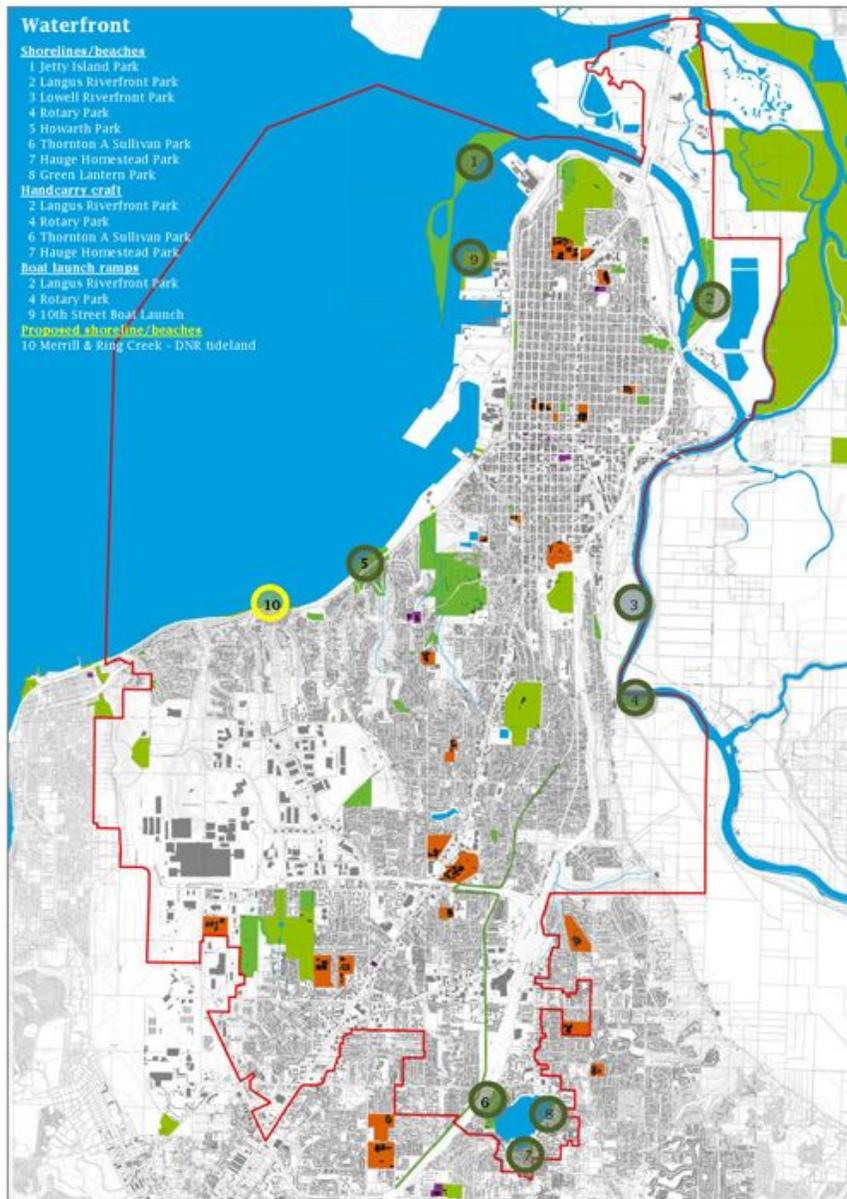

**Quality - the physical condition of park furnishings including parking, restrooms, trails, courts, fields, and picnic shelters**

3. By the year 2035, the Everett population is expected to increase by another 28,000 people or by 27%. In your opinion, will existing park and recreation facilities currently provided by all agencies in Everett be sufficient to provide for this population increase?

No Yes Don't know

Will existing park and recreation facilities be enough to provide for this population increase?

**Proposal to acquire and develop access to tidelands at Merrill & Ring Creek**



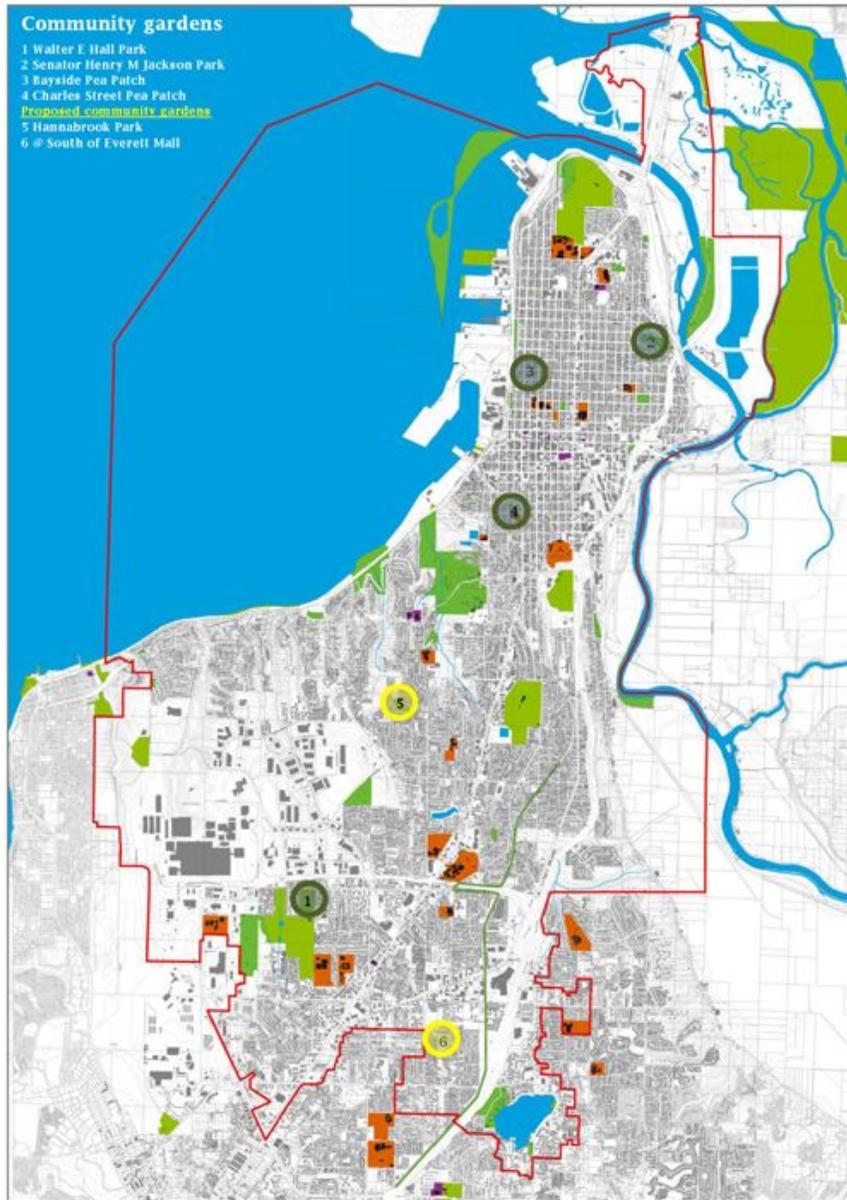
**4. WATERFRONTS** - under the proposed plan, the city would expand existing access to waterfronts (existing waterfront access shown in the green circles on the preceding concept graphic) and develop trailhead, trail, and a railroad overpass to the tidelands outcrop knoll located at the north end of Merrill & Ring Creek (shown in yellow circle number 10). How would you rate this proposal?

Lowest    Low    Moderate    High    Highest

Develop tideland access from Merrill & Ring Creek?

**Proposal to add community gardens in central and south Everett**



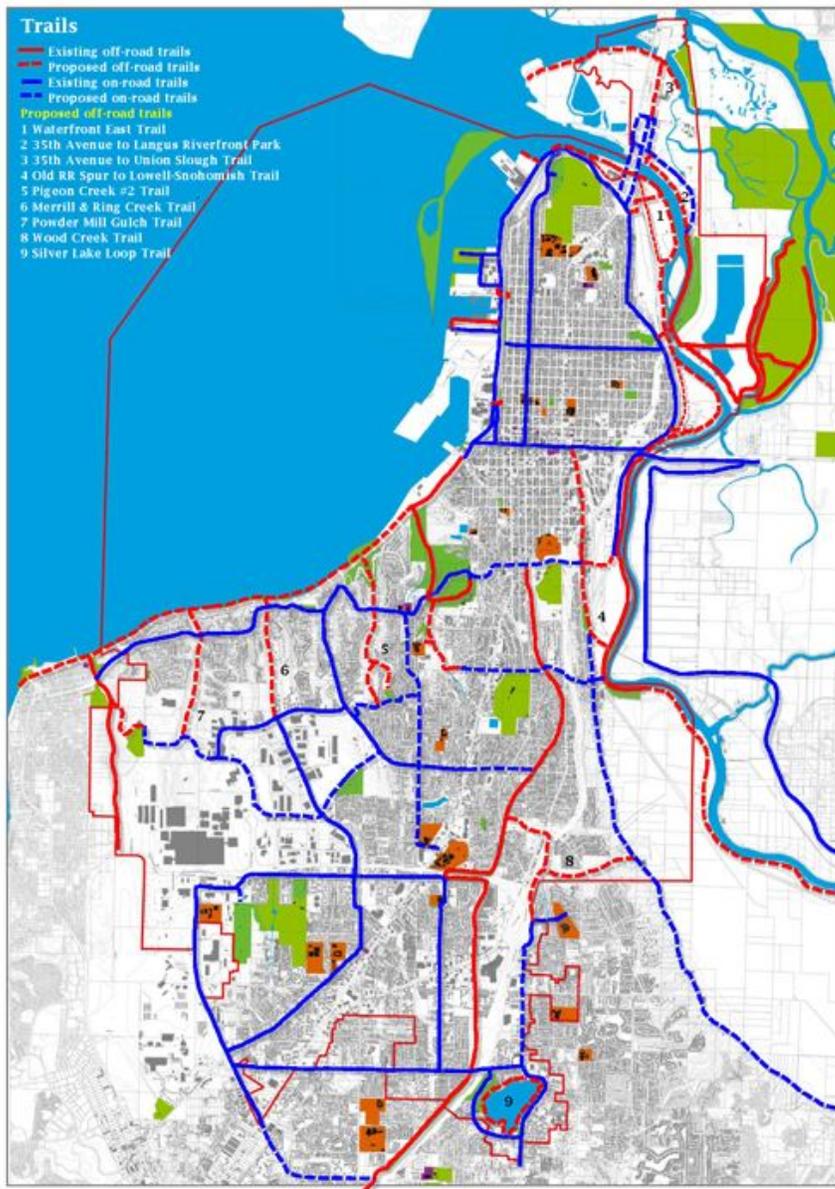
5. **COMMUNITY GARDENS** - under the proposed plan, the city would add to the existing community gardens (shown in green circles on the preceding graphic) with community gardens at Hannabrook Park and a location south of the Everett Mall (shown in yellow circles numbers 5 and 6). How would you rate this proposal?

Lowest    Low    Moderate    High    Highest

Add additional community gardens in central and south Everett?

**Proposal for on and off-road trail developments**



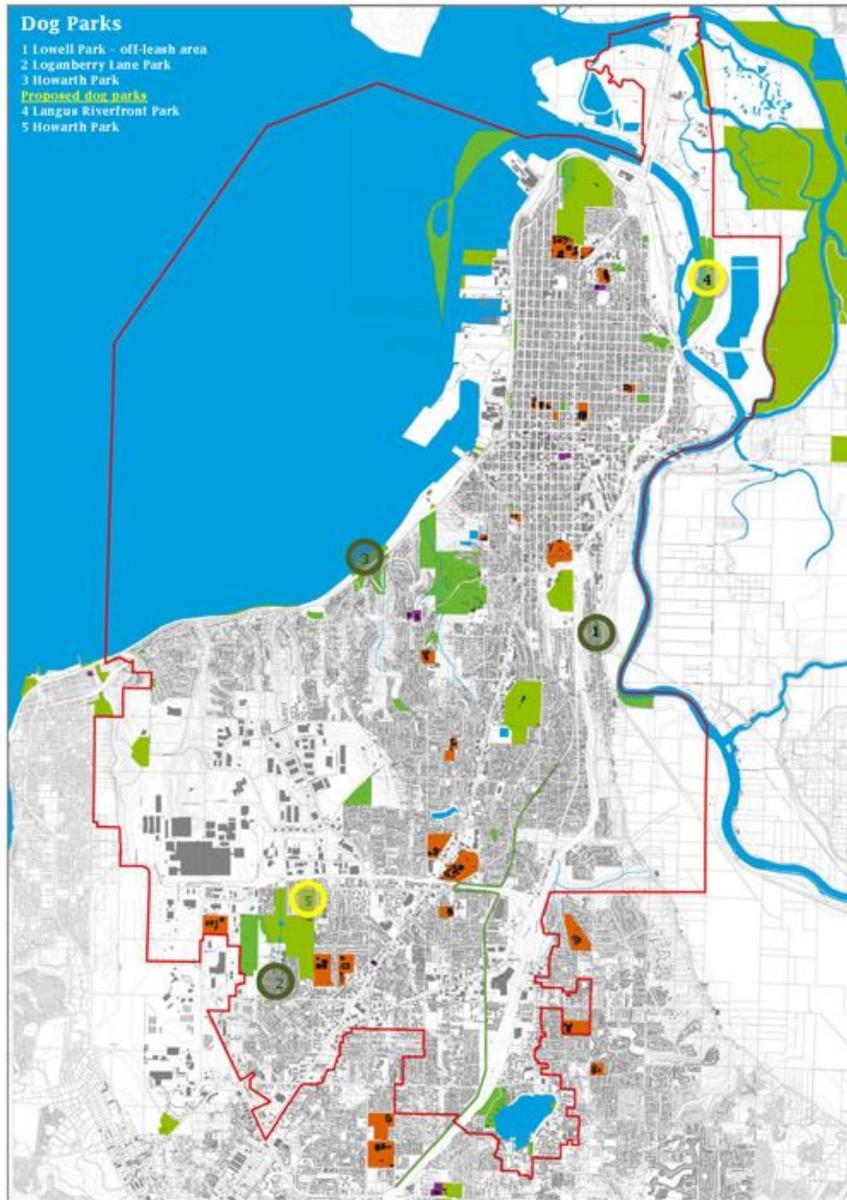
**6. ON AND OFF-ROAD TRAILS** - under the proposed plan, the city would develop on and off-road hike and bike trails to complete networks accessing the waterfronts, parks, schools, and other community destinations (proposed on-road trails are shown in dashed blue and off-road trails in dashed red on the preceding concept graphic). How would you rate this proposal?

Lowest    Low    Moderate    High    Highest

Develop on and off-road hike and bike trail network?

**Proposal for dog parks**



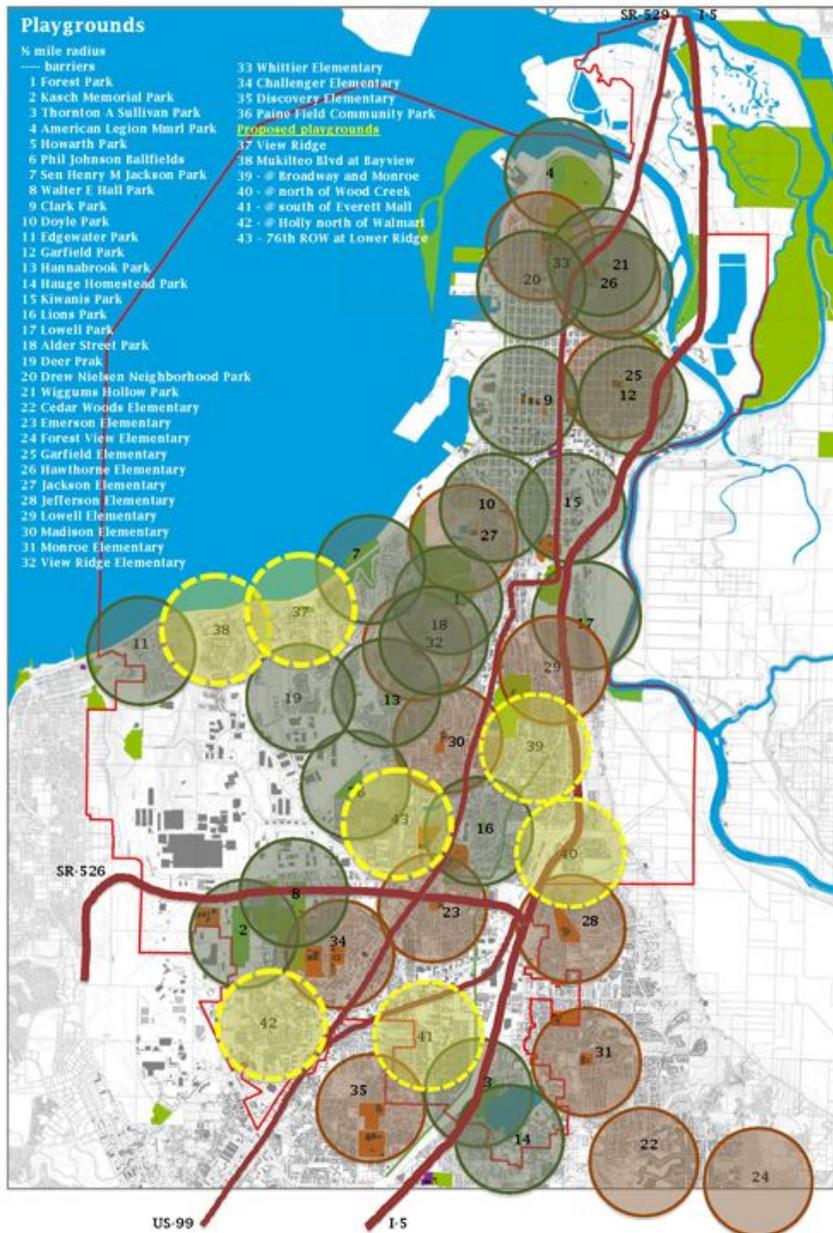
**7. DOG PARKS - under the proposed plan, the city would develop additional off-leash dog parks at Langus Riverfront Park and Walter E Hall Park (shown in the yellow circles numbers 4 and 5 in the preceding concept graphic) to supplement the existing dog parks or off-leash areas at Lowell Park, Loganberry Lane Park, and Howarth Park (shown in green circles). How would you rate this proposal?**

Lowest    Low    Moderate    High    Highest

Develop additional off-leash dog parks?

**Develop additional neighborhood playgrounds**



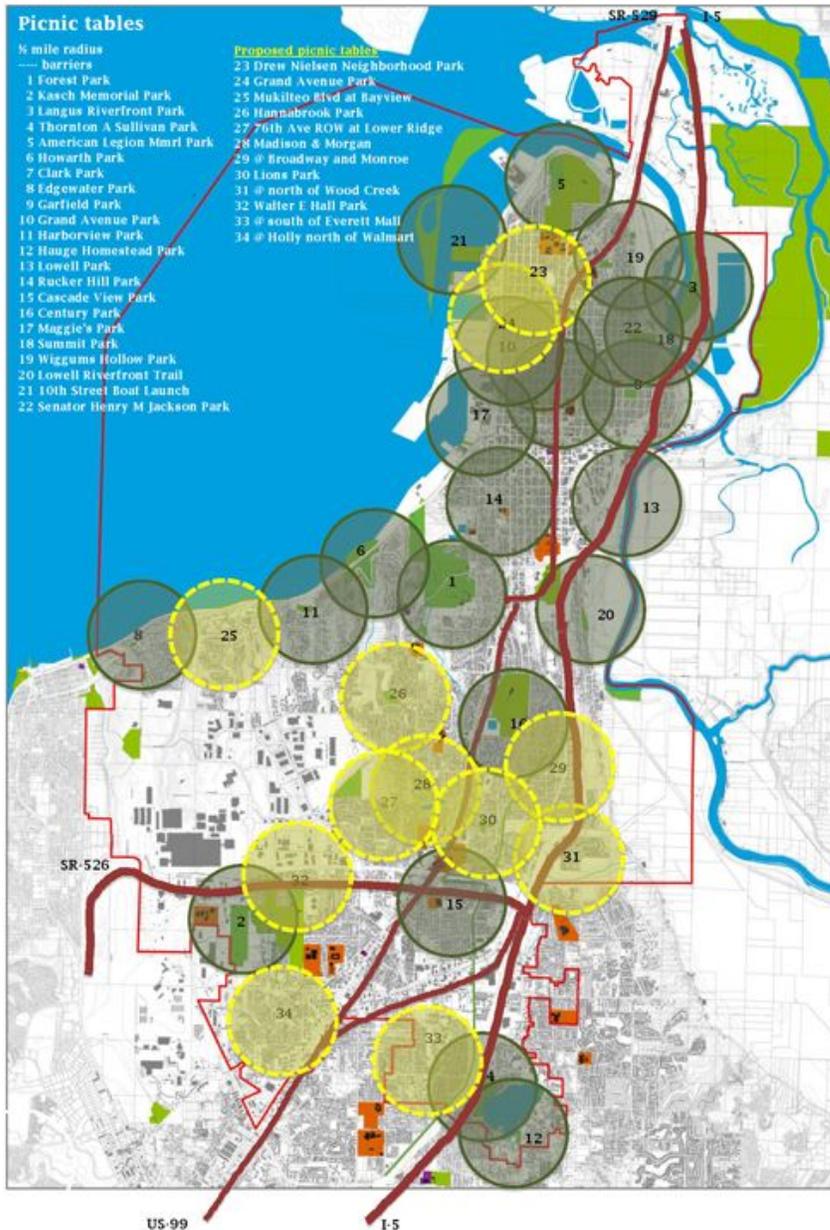
**8. PLAYGROUNDS** - under the proposed plan, the city would acquire and develop additional sites to provide playgrounds within a 0.5 mile radius of residents in the city (yellow circles numbers 37-42 are proposed playgrounds, green circles existing city playgrounds, and red circles existing school playgrounds on the preceding concept graphic). How would you rate this proposal?

Lowest    Low    Moderate    High    Highest

Acquire and develop additional neighborhood playgrounds?

**Proposal for additional picnicking sites**

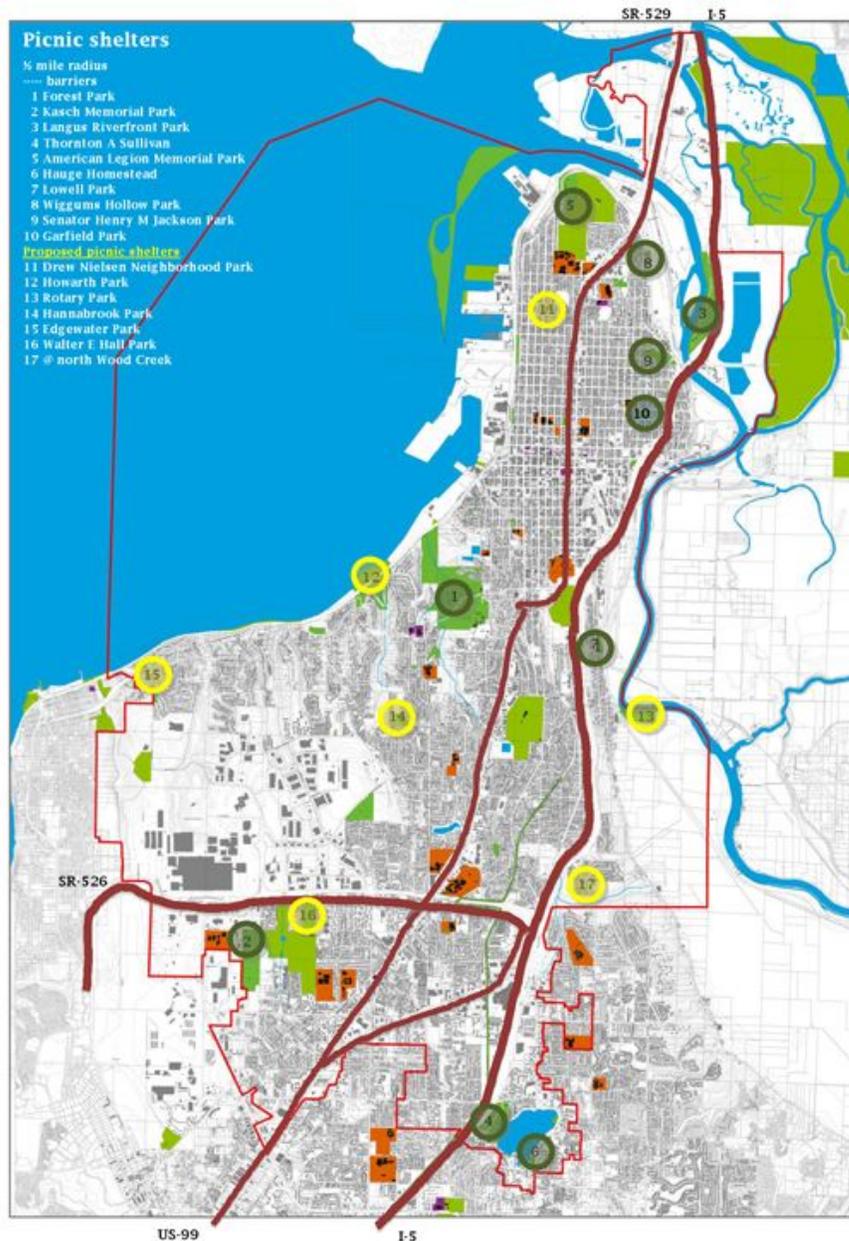


**9. PICNIC SITES AND TABLES** - under the proposed plan, the city would acquire and develop additional picnicking sites and picnic tables (in conjunction with acquisition and development of additional playgrounds) to provide picnicking facilities within 0.5 miles of residents in Everett (proposed picnicking sites are shown in yellow circles numbers 23-34 and existing picnicking sites in green circles in the preceding concept graphic). How would you rate this proposal?

Lowest    Low    Moderate    High    Highest

Acquire and develop additional neighborhood picnic sites?                   

**Proposal to develop additional group picnic and parks**



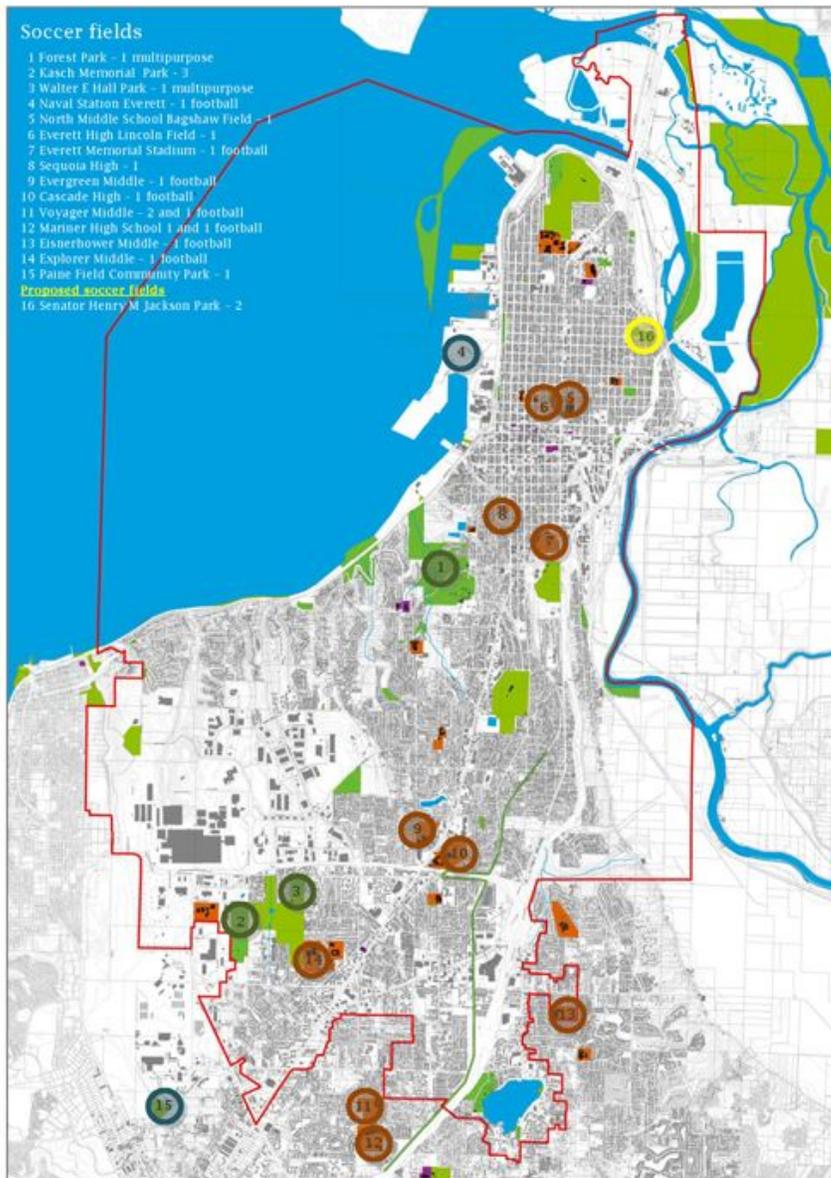
**10. GROUP PICNIC SHELTERS AND PARKS - under the proposed plan, the city would acquire and develop (in conjunction with playgrounds and neighborhood picnic sites) group picnic shelters with volleyball courts, skate dots, and park activities (proposed group picnic shelters are shown in yellow circles numbers 11-17 and existing group sites shown in green circles on the preceding concept graphic). How would you rate this proposal?**

Lowest    Low    Moderate    High    Highest

Acquire and develop group picnic and park sites?

**Proposal to develop additional soccer fields**



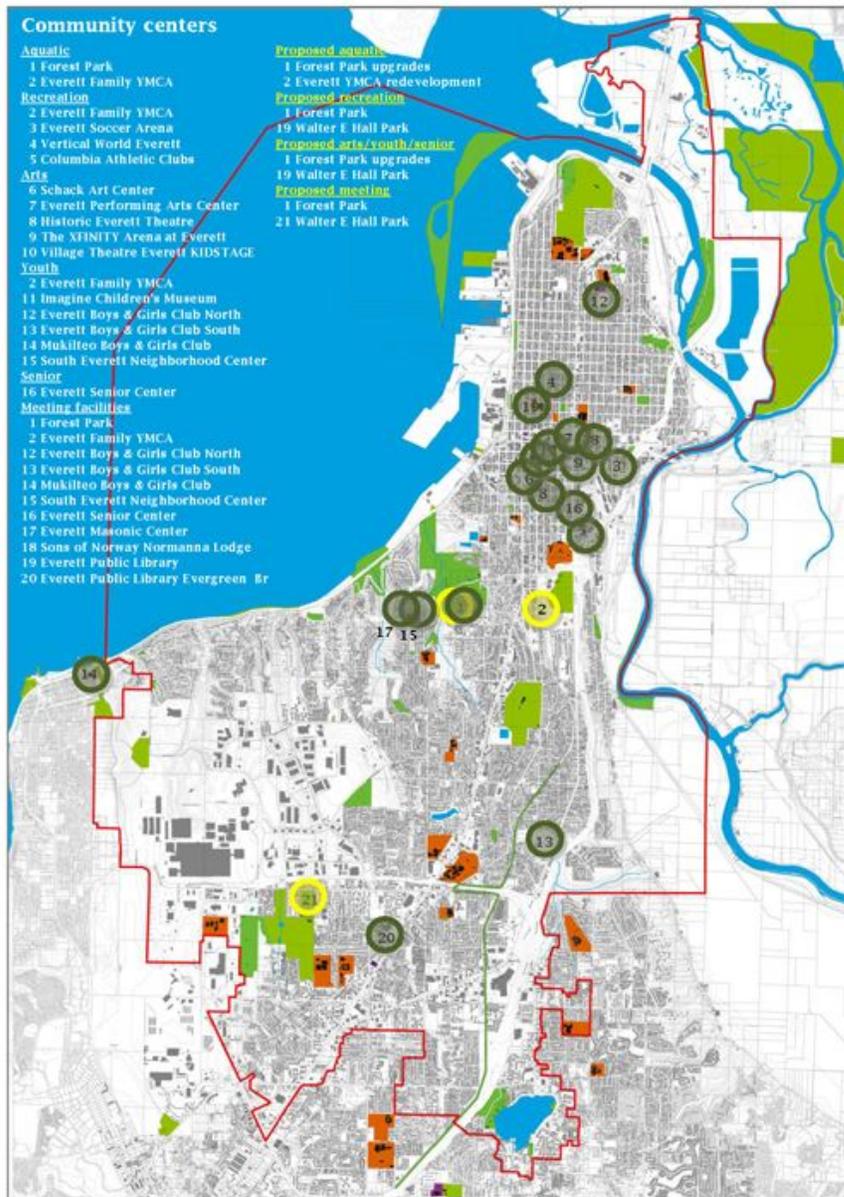
**11. SOCCER FIELDS - under the proposed plan, the city would develop 2 all weather turf soccer/multipurpose fields at Senator Henry M Jackson Park (shown in the yellow circle number 16 on the preceding concept graphic) to supplement the 15 other city, school, and other soccer facilities (shown in green circles for city, red circles for schools, and blue circles for Navy Everett and Paine Field). How would you rate this proposal?**

Lowest    Low    Moderate    High    Highest

Develop 2 all weather turf soccer fields?

○    ○    ○    ○    ○

**Proposal to expand and develop additional community centers**



**12. AQUATIC, ARTS, YOUTH, SENIOR, SOCIAL CENTERS** - under the proposed plan, the city would upgrade the swimming pool and consolidate all recreation and community buildings at Forest Park (shown in the yellow circle number 1 on the preceding concept graphic). The city would also develop a new recreation and community center in south Everett probably at Walter E Hall Park (shown in yellow circle number 21 on the preceding concept graphic) to compliment the wide variety of other public, nonprofit, and for-profit facilities in Everett (shown in the green circles - the YMCA's proposed new facility is shown in the yellow circle number 2). How would you rate this proposal?

	Lowest	Low	Moderate	High	Highest
Upgrade swimming pool and consolidate buildings into one recreation and community center at Forest Park?	<input type="radio"/>				
Develop a new recreation and community center in south Everett?	<input type="radio"/>				

**13. SPECIAL EVENTS** - various organizations host special events throughout the year. The city supports these activities by providing security, equipment set-up and take-down, trash and site cleanup, and a number of other services which are costly. The city could use a weighted scale to determine how to support each event considering: 1) the extent of benefit to the public-at-large, 2) the percent of participants and spectators who are local residents, 3) the economic stimulus of the event on local businesses, and other factors. To what extent would you support this policy approach?

	Lowest	Low	Moderate	High	Highest
Provide weighted scale of support for special events based on public benefits	<input type="radio"/>				

**14.** The existing inventory of Everett open spaces, trails, parks, and recreation facilities is estimated to be worth \$4,944 per an average single family house. This amount is approximately what it would cost to add additional park facilities for each newly developed single family house if the city is to maintain the same standards in the future for park, recreation, and open space facilities that the city is currently providing existing residents.

Based on this information, how would you rate the following methods for dealing with the impact of new residential development in Everett on park acquisition and development including the proposals outlined in the preceding questions?

	Lowest	Low	Moderate	High	Highest
Allow population growth to outpace growth in park facilities?	<input type="radio"/>				
Collect a one-time park growth impact fee from new housing development projects to pay for or provide additional park acquisitions and development?	<input type="radio"/>				

15. If a park growth impact fee were to be charged developers of new residential construction, what percent or amount of the \$4,944 park value or cost per new single family house would you recommend be charged? Note - any amount that is less than 100% that is charged the developer of a new single family house will have to be financed with other city funds.

0%=\$0 25%=\$1,236 50%=\$2,472 75%=\$3,708 100%=\$4,944

Percent to be charged developer of every new single family house

16. Growth impact fees cannot be used to add or improve park facilities for existing residents - or for maintenance or operational needs. Additional funds will ultimately be necessary to meet Everett's projected park and recreation requirements. Given this fact, how would you rate the following possible methods for financing some of Everett's park and recreation facility acquisition, development, maintenance, and operational needs - all of which require voter approval?

Lowest Low Moderate High Highest

Submit a BOND - to pay for acquisition and development of existing or additional park facilities (note - bonds cannot pay for maintenance and operations)?

Submit a limited duration LEVY (typically 7 years) - to acquire, develop, maintain, and operate existing and future park facilities?

RESET the property tax RATE with the increase dedicated exclusively to parks to acquire, develop, maintain, and operate existing and future park facilities until the needed amount has been raised after which the property tax rate reverts back?

17. If City Council were to place a bond or a limited duration 7-year levy or a property tax rate reset on the ballot to finance park and recreation acquisition, development, maintenance, and operations how much would your household be willing to PAY PER YEAR?

\$0 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$125 \$150 \$151+

Annual amount?

18. METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT (MPD) - as an option, City Council could place a referendum on the ballot for voter approval (50% +1 needed for approval) authorizing the creation of a Metropolitan Park District to coincide with Everett city limits. An MPD is a separate junior taxing district able to levy a dedicated property tax up to \$0.75 per \$1,000 value (\$75 per \$100,000 value) dedicated exclusively to the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of park and recreation programs and facilities. How would you rate this option for providing a dedicated source of funds?

Lowest Low Moderate High Highest

If City Council members are the MPD Board members

If MPD Board members are separately elected

**19. What recreational programs do you think should be offered in Everett for the following age groups that your household members would use?**

	Lowest	Low	Moderate	High	Highest
Toddlers and Preschoolers	<input type="radio"/>				
Elementary school age youth	<input type="radio"/>				
Teens (middle and high school)	<input type="radio"/>				
Adults	<input type="radio"/>				
Seniors (62+ years)	<input type="radio"/>				
Families	<input type="radio"/>				
Developmentally disabled (school age)	<input type="radio"/>				
Developmentally disabled (adult)	<input type="radio"/>				

**20. What recreational programs do you think should be offered in Everett (by the city or any other groups) for the following interest areas that your household members would use?**

	Lowest	Low	Moderate	High	Highest
Out-of-school/child care	<input type="radio"/>				
Health and fitness	<input type="radio"/>				
Visual arts	<input type="radio"/>				
Performing arts	<input type="radio"/>				
Sports and athletics	<input type="radio"/>				
Community events	<input type="radio"/>				
Outdoor recreation	<input type="radio"/>				
Aquatics (swim programs)	<input type="radio"/>				
Health and safety programs	<input type="radio"/>				
Senior (62+ years) programs	<input type="radio"/>				

Other (please specify)

**21. If the programs you selected require more money than can be currently budgeted from city funds to provide, how would you rate the following methods of paying for them?**

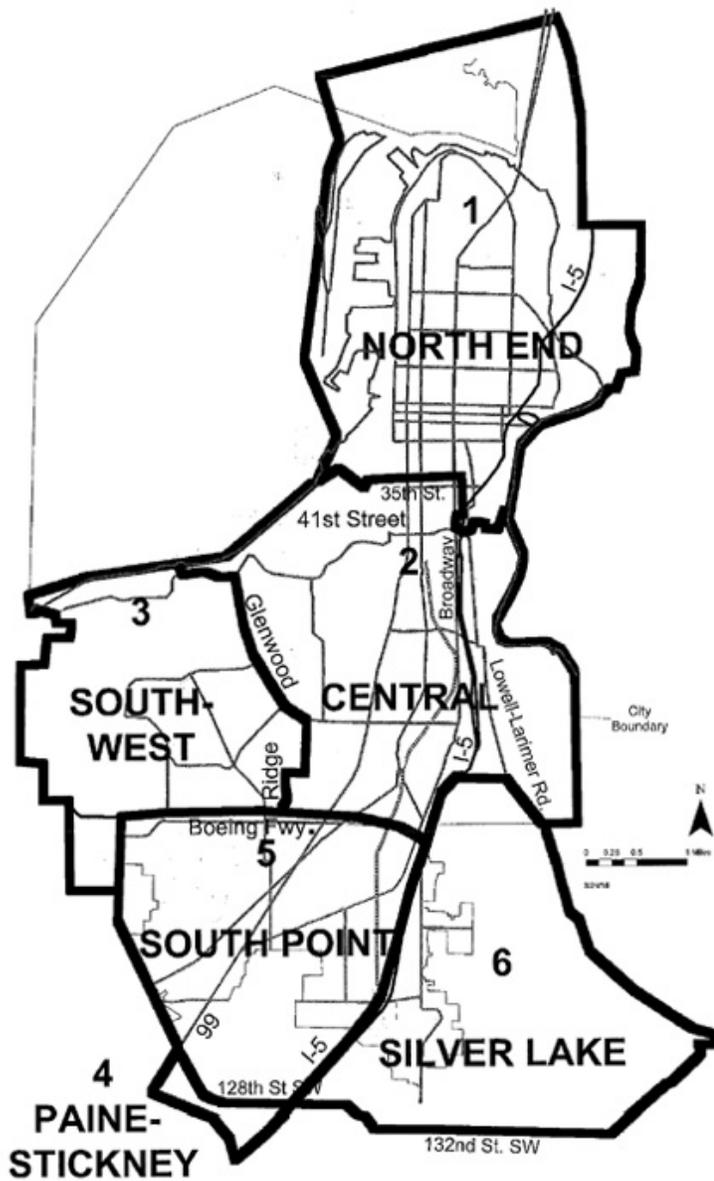
	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Highest</i>
<i>Reduce the total number of programs to control costs</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
<i>Reduce the content, variety, and duration of existing programs to control costs</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
<i>Increase user fees to finance program services</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
<i>Increase property taxes to finance needed program services</i>	<input type="radio"/>				

**22. How would you rate the desirability of partnerships with the following organizations for the operation of RECREATION PROGRAMS?**

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Highest</i>
<i>With other public agencies</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
<i>With nonprofit organizations</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
<i>With for-profit enterprises</i>	<input type="radio"/>				

**23. How would you rate the desirability of partnerships with the following organizations for the DEVELOPMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES?**

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Highest</i>
<i>With other public agencies</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
<i>With nonprofit organizations</i>	<input type="radio"/>				
<i>With for-profit enterprises</i>	<input type="radio"/>				



24. Where do you live based on the map above?

- Area 1
  Area 2
  Area 3
  Area 4
  Area 5
  Area 6
  Not any areas shown

25. How many years have you lived in Everett?

- 0-1
  2-5
  6-10
  11-20
  21+
  Don't live in Everett

26. Where do you work?

- Retired
  Not currently working
  Everett
  Elsewhere in Snohomish County
  Elsewhere

**27. What type of housing do you live in?**

*Owner occupied*

*Rental*

**28. How many people in your household are in the following age groups?**

	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5+</b>
<i>under 18</i>	<input type="radio"/>					
<i>18-24</i>	<input type="radio"/>					
<i>25-34</i>	<input type="radio"/>					
<i>35-49</i>	<input type="radio"/>					
<i>50-64</i>	<input type="radio"/>					
<i>65+</i>	<input type="radio"/>					

**29. Are you a registered voter of the city of Everett?**

	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<i>Are you a registered voter of the city of Everett?</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**30. Do you have any specific comments to make that the prior proposals described in this survey did not address?**

**31. Do you have any specific comments or recommendations to make about the proposed park plan update or this survey?**

**32. Provide your name and email or phone number if you would like to be entered in the drawing for a \$250 gift certificate.**

**Name**

**Email/phone**