Our Vision & Mission

Seattle Parks and Recreation provides welcoming and safe opportunities to play, learn, contemplate and build community, and promotes responsible stewardship of the land. We promote healthy people, a healthy environment and strong communities.
Park District Overview

- Approved by Seattle voters in August 2014
- Budgeted in six-year cycles
- Provides $50M annually to our city’s parks, recreation facilities, and community events
- 23% of SPR’s overall budget in 2019
- Budget proposed by Mayor, and adopted by City Council
- Oversight Committee convened to provide recommendations on how these funds are spent
Next Steps

**Mar 2020**
Public meetings on Park District and PDOC/Park Board process kickoff; Councilmember briefings

**May 2020**
Park District Oversight Committee presents recommendations

**Jun-Aug 2020**
Mayor’s Office budget process and prioritization

**Aug 2020**
Mayor transmits Proposed Park District 6-year spending plan to City Council in its role as the Park District Board

**Sep-Oct 2020**
Park District Board review process (discussions and public hearing)

**Nov 2020**
City Council Park District Board votes on 6-year spending plan and 2021 Park District budget
Offer free, culturally responsive programming
Reduce facility closures through preventative maintenance
Develop 14 new parks
Make critical repairs to community centers and pools
Maintain parks more frequently and provide enhanced cleaning where needed.
Restore thousands of acres of urban forest
Make dozens of accessibility improvements to our restrooms, pathways and facilities
Provide low-cost recreation and free drop-in programs
Enhance programming for older adults and people with disabilities
Hold hundreds of community events
Lessons Learned
Takeaways from work to date

- Community center and pool maintenance work was more significant than expected
- Major maintenance ramped up over Cycle 1; life-cycle management approach
- Challenge fund structure needed reevaluation
- Continuous improvement on performance management (key performance indicators, Park Inspection Program, etc.)
- Free programming very successful
- Recreation scholarships in demand
Why Plan Now?

Seattle has grown since 2015…

- 105,000 + new residents
- 110,000+ new jobs
- 44,000+ new housing units
- 88,000 residents living below poverty line in 2019
- 39% household income increase
- 26% increase in unsheltered individuals in Seattle since 2015

Why Plan Now?

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Commitment to Equity

The PATHWAY TO EQUITY is our department’s commitment to dismantling systemic racism in Seattle. We recognize that disparities exist with the perpetuation of institutionalized racism through factors like:

- The prevalence of white supremacy culture
- Inequitable distribution of power
- Lack of accountability to communities of color

We are taking steps now to build an equity and engagement plan, improve equity analysis tools, train our staff, and more.
Strategic Plan Inputs

Surveys offered in 12 languages, and social media posts translated into 7 languages

7 other City departments engaged (and Seattle Public Schools)

30+ engagement meetings and tabling at 20+ community events

Informed by past planning efforts

Over 25 meetings with SPR staff at all levels

Over 10,000 people engaged

2 years of planning

4 Task Forces & 1 PDOC subcommittee
## Strategic Priorities for the Next 12 Years

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What we are thinking about?

How can our parks, community centers, pools, and facilities serve more people?

- More community center hours
- More free and low-cost programming and activation, indoors and outdoors
- More restroom access at parks

How can we continue taking care of our system?

- Climate change response
- Accessibility improvements
- Safety improvements

How can we build toward the city of the future?
Grounding Principles

● Seattle Parks and Recreation 
  serves people.

● We prioritize equity.

● SPR is part of the citywide solution to challenges facing Seattle.

● As our city grows and changes, we must be open to a new way of doing things.

● We honor the diversity and history of our city, while also looking toward our future.

● We must engage in ongoing discourse with our community to ensure we are serving all of our residents.

● Our plan should work to mitigate the effects of climate change.

● We must build internal capacity to deliver excellent service.
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Group Discussion

- Please select a table based on the topic you would like to discuss:
  1. Serving more people at parks and centers and events
  2. Taking care of our system
  3. Building a city of the future
- Please give time for everyone to speak
- We’ll talk for 40 minutes and then share out with the larger group

Instructions also available at your table.
All input is valuable

• Please make sure that all voices can be heard at your table conversation and be respectful of others’ time.

• This is not a competition or a contest.

• We encourage folks to engage online, via email, and at our community meetings.

• If you’d like to follow up, take an info card or follow up with a staff person after the meeting.
Thank You!

More comments? Email us at PDPPlanning@seattle.gov

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healthy people healthy environment strong communities