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Notes:

- In August 2023, the Planning Commission requested to have Chapter 8 streamlined, since the language is repetitive with the adopted PROS and UPP plans (both adopted by reference in the Appendices). The PROS and UPP plans are updated on different cycles than the Comprehensive Plan and it can lead to inconsistencies between the documents. The streamlining proposed in September 2023 includes removal of most of the narrative, excluding section 8.1 (new).
- The City of Pouslbo's PROS Plan is updated every 6 years and serves as a strategic plan for managing and enhancing our parks and recreation services. The City of Pouslbo Parks and Recreation Department and the Planning Department worked in tandem to update the PROS Plan in 2021. The 2021 PROS Plan was adopted as Appendix B-5 to the City's Comprehensive Plan with Ordinance 2022-02.
- In 2018, the Pouslbo Parks and Recreation Commission worked with Planning Department staff to update the Urban Paths of Pouslbo (UPP). The UPP was adopted as Appendix B-6 to the City's Comprehensive Plan with Ordinance 2019-08.

Chapter 8. Parks, Recreation and Open Space

8.1 ~~Community Key Goals – Parks, Recreation and Open Space~~

- ~~Establish and maintain a network of trails, safe walkways, and open spaces throughout the Pouslbo community.~~
- ~~Develop active and passive parks, recreation programs and facilities, and open space system that benefits citizens of all ages, incomes, and physical abilities.~~
- ~~Provide opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreational activities and team sports in city parks and other recreational facilities.~~ (Key goals are integrated into the goals and policies of this chapter)

8.1.2 Plan Context

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS) addresses present and future park, recreation, and open space issues for Pouslbo. The 2021 PROS Plan ~~will be~~ is included in as Appendix B.5 to the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Urban Paths of Pouslbo Plan (UPP Trails Plan) ~~adopted by the city~~ is included as Appendix B.6 of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Refer to those appendices for full narrative regarding Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Urban Paths.

8.2.3 ~~Vision, Goals and Policies~~

~~It is the vision of the Pouslbo Parks and Recreation Department to be the heart of a healthy community through sustainable, safe, and diverse programs and open spaces, where all residents and visitors feel inspired to live, play, learn, and thrive.~~

~~The richness of Pouslbo's natural setting and environment has long been central to the city's quality of life. Located on Liberty Bay, the city enjoys a fjord setting and spectacular views of the Olympic Mountains. Within the city's boundaries are saltwater shorelines, urban forests, wetlands, and streams that support a variety of wildlife. The City Park system goals recognize the uniqueness of the natural setting and correspond to Pouslbo's active lifestyle.~~

~~The vision that guides the goals and policies is to enrich the lives of citizens in the greater Pouslbo area with quality recreation opportunities, facilities, special events, parks, trails, and passive open space park areas; and to provide wise stewardship of the natural and cultural resources within Pouslbo's parks and open space.~~

~~A strong park system is vital to the Pouslbo community. As the city's population grows, demand and need for park facilities will continue to increase. It is important that the city anticipate and respond to the growing demand on the City's park facilities, recreation programs, and open space resources in order to maintain the quality and services for which it is known.~~

~~The key overarching goals reflected in this Chapter include:~~

- ~~Continue to develop and enhance active and passive parks, recreation programs and facilities, that benefit residents of all ages, incomes, and physical abilities.~~
- ~~Create a hybrid system of on-street facilities, off-street links, and shared-use paths to create a continuous and complete network for pedestrians and bicyclists that connects neighborhoods, commercial areas, schools, transit facilities, parks and open spaces, and the waterfront.~~
- ~~Provide enhanced opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreation activities and team sports in Pouslbo parks and recreational facilities.~~

To direct us in achieving our listed goals, the following policies are outlined in this chapter:

- ~~Parkland acquisition~~
- ~~Parkland development~~
- ~~Park stewardship~~
- ~~Urban Paths of Poulsbo~~
- ~~Community recreation and programs~~
- ~~Implementation and funding of this plan~~

Park Land Acquisition

~~Poulsbo is committed to building and improving its park system and utilizing various acquisition strategies to assure that land is available to meet the City's current and future park and open space needs. The city directs its acquisition efforts toward achieving a coordinated and connected system of parks and open space that provides land needed for public park-related facilities and activities and protects significant environmental features. Property acquisition is driven by availability and affordability. In order to be able to take advantage of opportunities as they arise, strong leadership and a variety of acquisition tool options must be available.~~

~~There are four park types in the City's inventory, and which new park land acquisition would be classified under based on its size, primary purpose, and intended population. They are:~~

- ~~Neighborhood parks — serve the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood in the city;~~
- ~~Community parks — serve a broader population, may include athletic fields, sports courts, trails, playgrounds, picnicking facilities, and open space;~~
- ~~Regional parks — serve the largest population because people will come from outside of Poulsbo to enjoy the park. These parks are generally located along the City's shoreline and located in the economic or tourist areas of the city;~~
- ~~Natural/Open space parks — are natural lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, open space and areas for aesthetics and buffering.~~

~~The city has identified a long-range park land acquisition program that is reflected in its "2044-2036 Park System Acquisition and Improvements," found in Section 2 Capital Facility Plan. The acquisition projects are also mapped in Figure PRO-2. Upon review of the 2021 PROS Plan (Appendix B-5) 2015 community survey results, review by the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Commission, and the long-range park land acquisition list, three priorities are identified:~~

- ~~Acquire land along the shoreline of Liberty Bay and in the Dogfish Creek Corridors to provide shoreline access, preserve open space and provide natural trails.~~
- ~~Acquire land in the geographically underserved areas where the population is growing, primarily located on the edges of the city.~~
- ~~Acquire land or recreational easements that can serve to link together sections of a citywide trail system.~~

GOAL PRO-1

Acquire land for public park use that provides a variety of recreational opportunities, and access to the city's shorelines, preserves natural areas, and meets the city's park needs based on adopted level of service standards.

Policy PRO-1.1

Identify and acquire a wide variety of lands for parks and public open space purposes. These shall be identified in the Parks' Capital Facility Plan section and meet identified needs based on Level of Service standards:

- *Natural areas and features with outstanding scenic or recreational value;*
- *Lands that provide public access to Liberty Bay shoreline, the Dogfish Creek estuary, and other creeks located within the city;*
- *Lands with value for wildlife or watershed conservation, science, education, or that have other significant natural amenities;*
- *Lands that connect natural areas, or provide important linkages for trails, plant communities, or wildlife habitat;*

- *Lands valuable for active recreation, including playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities, trails, fishing, swimming, or picnicking activities;*
- *Lands that provide an appropriate setting and location for a community center;*
- *Parkland that enhances the surrounding land uses;*
- *Land that preserves significant historical areas and features.*

Policy PRO- 1.2

Community and neighborhood parks, recreation facilities and playfields should be as centrally located as possible within their service area and within walking distance of the population they serve.

Policy PRO-1.3

Publicly owned lands shall be examined and analyzed for their potential value as parkland, trail access or open space before being declared surplus and being disposed of. Underutilized publicly owned properties should be evaluated for partnership or parkland improvement opportunities. Prior to city owned park land being disposed of, the city shall establish a public process that includes the Park and Recreation Commission, to study its park potential and provide recommendations to the City Council.

Policy PRO-1.4

When a private developer is contemplating making a public benefit donation to the city, donations that help implement the Park's Capital Facility Plan or provide connectivity to other public park land, open space and/or pedestrian access should be encouraged, including the use of stormwater vaults as public parks.

Park Land Development

~~Poulsbo's parks are designed to meet active and passive recreation needs of their neighborhoods and communities at large and provide safe and healthy places for children to play and for people of all ages to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. Priorities should be given to completing park plans, such as Play for All at Raab Park, Rotary Morrow Community Park, Poulsbo's Fish Park, and West Poulsbo Waterfront Park. In addition, upgrading and renovating older parks should remain a high priority. This includes projects already identified as part of the city's Capital Improvement Plan, such as the public bathrooms in Lion's Park, an upgraded skate park, increasing the trails and urban paths, and other general upgrades of park facilities (courts, basketball hoops, and playground equipment). Finally, development of newly acquired parkland should also be a priority as funding becomes available. Much of the development of existing parks can be more successful through current and newly established community partnerships.~~

~~In carrying out upgrades and enhancements of existing parks and planning for new parks, particular attention should be given to the following: designing with environmental sustainability in mind (through water and energy conservation measures, for example), connecting paths and trails, seeking out opportunities to enhance the wildlife benefit of new and existing parks, and through innovation that considers diversity and inclusion for all.~~

~~The city has identified a long-range parkland development program that is reflected in its "Park System Acquisition and Improvement Plans," found in Chapter 6 of the 2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces PROS Plan. The development/renovation projects are also mapped in Figure PRO-2. Upon review of the long-range parkland development list, the priorities are:~~

- ~~Complete phased development of existing parks, such as Nelson Park, Raab Park, Centennial Park, and Poulsbo's Fish Park.~~
- ~~Continue to research and develop the feasibility of the Poulsbo Events and Recreation~~
- ~~Center (PERC) to include multi-use sports/recreational fields at College Market Place.~~
- ~~Develop trails along Liberty Bay shoreline and Dogfish Creek.~~
- ~~Retrofit parks with barrier-free recreational equipment.~~
- ~~Enhance playground and recreational facilities.~~
- ~~Include adult outdoor exercise activities, such as disc golf and fitness/circuit equipment.~~

GOAL PRO-2

Develop the City's public parks to their highest potential in order to offer a high quality, inclusive, and equitable park system that benefits citizens of all ages, incomes, and physical abilities.

Policy PRO-2.1

Continue the city's practice of preparing master park plans for acquired park land, in order to guide the development of city parks through a phased process as funds and resources become available. New park designs shall include appropriate active recreation facilities for a variety of abilities and age groups. Utilize volunteer groups to help with park master planning and development as warranted.

Policy PRO-2.2

Provide barrier-free recreation opportunities throughout the Poulsbo Parks system. Consult social service agencies for technical and financial assistance in order to best provide opportunities where mentally and physically challenged individuals can accompany and interact with their families in selected city parks and on trails.

Policy PRO-2.3

Evaluate impacts on surrounding land uses when considering sites for acquisition and in developing park sites. Neighbors shall be consulted and considered in the design of new parks.

Policy PRO-2.4

Incorporate public art and cultural resources into park design features that highlight Poulsbo and Tribal history, traditions, and natural resources.

Policy PRO-2.5

Continue to incorporate interpretative stations and viewing areas in city parks that educate the community and support the Kitsap Audubon Society's designation of Liberty Bay, the ancestral history of Poulsbo, and the Dogfish Creek estuary as the "Poulsbo Fjords Audubon Wildlife Viewing Area."

Policy PRO-2.6

Evaluate the future use of the land formerly owned by Kitsap County and the Department of Natural Resources for park and recreation purposes.

Park Stewardship

~~Poulsbo's parks should balance resource protection with recreational activities and uses. This can be accomplished through careful and thoughtful management of our public lands.~~

GOAL PRO-3

Provide wise stewardship of the resources existing within Poulsbo's parks and recreation programs.

Policy PRO-3.1

New park master plan designs should incorporate energy efficient facilities, plan for water conservation, protect wildlife habitat, encourage recycling, and employ low-impact development techniques to handle storm water runoff.

Policy PRO-3.2

Ensure parks are adequately maintained by providing Public Works staff with the resources to operate and maintain the parks and facilities with the most cost-effective methods and policies. Minimize or eliminate the need to use irrigation by incorporating native and/or drought-tolerant vegetation.

Policy PRO-3.3

Minimize or eliminate the use of pesticides, artificial fertilizers, or herbicides through the use of integrated pest management techniques in the maintenance of City parks.

Policy PRO-3.4

Seek opportunities to incorporate environmental education in parks and open spaces throughout Poulsbo to encourage stewardship by current and future generations.

Policy PRO-3.5

Continue to develop partnerships with volunteers, businesses, schools, and civic groups to assist with capital improvements, and general park maintenance activities. Through fostering these relationships, we can better maintain a watchful eye on our parks and open spaces and help generate community stewardship of public spaces.

Urban Paths of Poulsbo

~~During the 2009 Comprehensive Plan update process, Poulsbo residents identified a citywide trail system as a top priority. Opportunities for walking and hiking continues to be very important to residents; this was reaffirmed in the city's 2015 and 2021 Parks and Recreation community survey, where developing more trails was identified as the highest priority for City Park acquisition and development.~~

~~Updated in 2018, the Urban Paths of Poulsbo (UPP) Plan was developed with the goal of improving access to non-motorized facilities for all residents. The UPP updates the comprehensive framework for future investment in facilities that support all forms of non-motorized transportation and recreation in the city. The plan identifies specific projects and programs that can be considered by as opportunities become available.~~

~~In 2018, a vision was affirmed for the UPP:~~

~~The Poulsbo trail system embodies the community spirit that distinguishes our city, linking the places we live, learn, work, play and find inspiration. Trails reconnect us to ourselves, and lead people of all ages and abilities to greater health and self-sufficiency. Our trails, like branches, support Poulsbo and reach out to connect neighbor to neighbor; land to water; people to nature; homes to businesses; city to countryside; and Poulsbo's history to our future.~~

~~To realize the vision and goals of the UPP Plan, the trail system in Poulsbo will be a hybrid system including existing trails and infrastructure and making on- and off-street improvements to link the network. A pedestrian may walk along sidewalks, trails, or a shared-use path along the way. A bicycle route may include streets with bicycle lanes, sharrows, or shared paths. The goal is to create continuous and complete routes.~~

~~The UPP is incorporated in the City's Comprehensive Plan as Appendix B-6. It is the primary resource for trail goals, policies, implementation, and strategies for financing improvements. The plan includes implementation strategies and maps. This section is meant to provide a framework for establishing safe routes for walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorized transport.~~

~~The City is committed to expanding the trail system through a variety of mechanisms by acquiring land and easements, partnering with private developers or with other organizations like the North Kitsap School District on properties it owns within the city.~~

~~The UPP Plan includes a Pedestrian Map and a Bicycle Route Map. Figure PRO-3 identifies the proposed network of pedestrian facilities, corresponding to the Pedestrian Map in the UPP Plan. A policy in the Transportation Element requires the Engineering Department to review the UPP Plan and maps to incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facilities into their Transportation Improvement Program and development standards, as appropriate.~~

GOAL PRO-4

Create a hybrid system of on-street facilities, off-street links, and shared-use paths to create a continuous and complete network for pedestrians and bicyclists that connects neighborhoods, commercial areas, schools, transit facilities, parks and open spaces, and the waterfront.

Policy PRO- 4.1

Use the UPP Urban Paths of Poulsbo Plan and maps to identify and prioritize implementation strategies and key acquisition and development opportunities for connections supporting non-motorized travel. Prioritize these connections in the city's 6-Year Capital Improvement Program, which is reviewed annually.

Policy PRO-4.2

~~Use a multi-faceted approach to implement the Urban Paths of Pouslbo Plan. As set forth in the UPP plan, the implementation strategies should include:~~

- ~~• Reviewing the city's municipal code to incorporate standards for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, bicycle parking, and incentives for developers who provide connections for walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorized travel.~~
- ~~• Coordinating with the Planning Department to look for opportunities for non-motorized linkages during the development review process.~~
- ~~• Working with homeowners' associations to identify prospective paths in their subdivisions, including the use of sewer easements, to connect the neighborhood to outside routes.~~
- ~~• Seeking partnerships with other jurisdictions, private businesses, non-profit organizations, the development community, and citizens to realize the UPP vision.~~
- ~~• Working with the city Engineering Department to consider and evaluate the UPP plan, maps, and implementation list in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of roadway projects.~~
- ~~• Establishing maintenance and preservation standards and ensuring adequate funding is available for maintenance and preservation of trails in parks and on-street facilities.~~
- ~~• Reviewing existing policies for non-motorized users and coordinating with the Police Department to ensure adequate enforcement for public safety. {Repetitive with PRO 4.1}~~

Policy PRO-4.23

A key priority for trails planning in Pouslbo is to link citizens with the shoreline. Therefore, the city should emphasize acquisition of land and/or conservation easements along the shoreline of Liberty Bay to connect, enhance, and lengthen the existing, but limited, shoreline pedestrian trail. All shoreline development is subject to the requirements of the City's Shoreline Master Program.

Policy PRO-4.34

Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to connect the city's trail system with theirs and participate in county, regional and statewide efforts to plan and implement a statewide trail, where connection through Pouslbo provides a vital link to the Olympic Peninsula.

Policy PRO-4.45

Use the trail standards identified in the Urban Paths of Pouslbo functional plan as a guide for trail construction unless a specific standard is required by a funding agency. If modification to a trail standard is necessary due to topography, or is not physically or technically feasible, an alternative trail standard shall be as acceptable to the City Engineer and Parks and Recreation Director.

Policy PRO-4.56

Utility easements should be considered for possible trail easements. Working only with willing property owners, the city should work to encourage multi-purpose easements that allow for public access where it is identified or supported by the Urban Paths of Pouslbo Plan.

Policy PRO-4.67

The city intends to develop the Urban Paths of Pouslbo (UPP) Plan primarily through (1) continued construction of sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and shared-use paths in conjunction with new roadway projects; (2) through multi-purpose easements as described in Policy PRO-4.7; and (3) through the development of trails with willing and cooperative property owners going through the development review process, including but not limited to subdivisions, Planned Residential Developments, and commercial site plans. The city will engage only with willing property owners in the implementation of the UPP Plan.

Policy PRO-4.78

When a public trail is designed to be located within a regulated critical area, the City shall engage professional consultants or other experts to ensure appropriate mitigation of any potential conflicts between path construction and wildlife habitat.

Policy PRO-4.89

Install wayfinding and route signs and provide maps to guide users through the city's pedestrian and bicycle network. Coordinate with schools and agencies to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety through educational programs and events. Develop local trail maps and collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions to develop regional trail maps. Expand "adopt-a-park" programs to include an "adopt-a-trail" component.

Policy PRO-4.910

Proposed routes shown in the UPP Plan and Figure PRO-3 are conceptual. Actual alignment may vary based on topography, property ownership and willingness of property owners, and other variables that may be identified at the time of pathway construction. The City will involve only willing property owners. If a connection is not feasible, an alternative alignment and/or connection that meets the intent of the UPP Plan and Figure PRO-3 will, when possible, be determined.

Community Recreation and Programs

~~Poulsbo offers a wide variety of services and programs intended to provide all people with opportunities for lifelong learning and enjoyment, including access to activities that contribute to a healthy lifestyle.~~

~~Developing strong partnerships with other service providers throughout the community is a key factor in meeting the City's services and programming goals. The City's partnership with North Kitsap School District, for instance, is a key to providing active recreation facilities and full utilization of school athletic fields. Other ongoing partnerships that enable the city to expand its offerings include those with Western Washington University Poulsbo, Washington State University Kitsap Extension Office, Port of Poulsbo the Kitsap Audubon Society, Kitsap Public Facilities District, Poulsbo Farmer's Market, Poulsbo Garden Club and others.~~

~~The city offers extensive and high-quality recreational opportunities and enrichment programs throughout the year. From the Learn and Grow preschool classes, to sailing instruction on Liberty Bay, Viking Fest Road Race and Summer Nights on the Bay special events, to arts and crafts and foreign language classes, the City's varied offerings provides exceptional life-long learning and recreational opportunities for city and county residents.~~

GOAL PRO-5

Continue to offer high quality recreation, education and enrichment programs for all ages, interests and abilities.

Policy PRO-5.1

Provide a variety of enrichment programs such as arts and crafts, language, music and dance, physical conditioning, and special interest classes. Provide adult and youth programs, recreational sports for all ages and skill levels, senior activities and excursions, and other activities for a diversity of cultural, age, physical and mental capability, and income groups in the community.

Policy PRO-5.2

Share resources with Kitsap County, WWU Poulsbo, Olympic College, Kitsap Regional Library and North Kitsap School District, and other parks and recreation agencies throughout the county to encourage cooperative use of facilities and work toward the development of a combined program guide and website on recreational, educational and park offerings.

Policy PRO-5.3

Provide areas within the park system for "P-Patches" or community agriculture plots to allow urban residents the opportunity to garden and grow their own vegetables.

Policy PRO-5.4

Continue to seek funding sources for the Poulsbo Events and Recreation Center (PERC). The city has identified several options for the PERC and will continue to explore the feasibility of this project and the various options.

Implementation and Funding

~~Implementing the PROS Plan relates specifically to capital improvements for acquisition, development, and redevelopment projects, and depends on both opportunity and funding availability. As competing demands escalate for City resource~~

dollars, creative solutions are needed to fund park-related projects. It is clear that completion of the City's Park system will take time and will need a sound and realistic financial strategy.

The Capital Facilities Plan (Section 2) identifies park projects to address needs over the 20-year term of this Plan. The short-term projects identified in the Six-Year Park Capital Improvement Program (CIP) define the more immediate needs, providing the short-term budgetary prioritization of park acquisition and development.

Development and redevelopment are equally important to provide citizens with a variety of passive and active recreation opportunities. Renovation of facilities plays a role in ensuring a safe, functional, and well-maintained park system. There must be a strong commitment to maintain and redevelop, as necessary, existing parks if the city is to maximize its open space and recreation potential.

Partnerships with state and local government agencies, Poulsbo's active civic clubs and community groups, North Kitsap School District, and local land trusts, assists the City in the provision of parkland and the development of those parks. Continuing these relationships is a primary goal of the city.

Funding for park projects must come from a variety of means – city budget, park impact fees, federal and state grants, and in-kind donations, are the most common sources. Park projects that have been placed on the 6-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) have received a funding commitment, usually through a combination of grant funding, city budget, impact fees and in-kind donations.

GOAL PRO-6

Develop a funding strategy and financing plan to meet the City's Parks capital facility needs identified in the Parks Capital Improvement Program.

Policy PRO-6.1

Utilize the city's Park Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as the short-term budgetary prioritization of park development. Identify projects on the CIP that are the city's top park development priorities for funding and completion within the six-year timeframe. The CIP shall be reviewed annually and updated on a two-year cycle by the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Commission.

Policy PRO-6.2

Use any authority granted to the city under state law to require mitigation of new development impacts on the city's park system. The city will impose park impact fees, through its adopted impact fee ordinance, as set forth in the Growth Management Act.

Policy PRO-6.3

Maximize every possible funding source for park capital improvements. Funding sources available to the city include: city's annual budget – general fund and park reserves; impact fees; state and federal grants; conservation easements; donations; partnerships; in-kind donations of materials and labor; and voter approved bonds. The city shall consider ongoing dedicated funding for park and recreation improvements.

Policy PRO-6.4

Maintain dialog with Kitsap County, North Kitsap School District, the Kitsap Public Facilities District, and other interested parties to study alternative means of financing parks and recreation, including a Metropolitan Park District or regional approach to funding major recreation facilities, such as swimming pools and major event facilities.

Policy PRO-6.5

Ensure that individuals who wish to support Poulsbo Parks and Recreation through financial or property donations, conservation easements, or bequests are able to do so by providing easily accessible information and promote giving opportunities. Encourage donations that help implement the Park's Capital Facility Plan.

Policy PRO-6.6

Identify and develop partnership opportunities with interested individuals, groups, neighborhoods, and clubs to develop Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Trail programs.

Policy PRO-6.7

Foster partnerships with local government agencies, private individuals, civic clubs and community groups, to assist with the provision and development of public parks. Many agencies and groups have and will continue to partner with the City to provide quality parks and recreation facilities, such as:

- North Kitsap School District
- Poulsbo's service and civic clubs
- Ports of Poulsbo ~~and Kingston~~
- Suquamish Tribe
- Port Gamble/S'Klallam Tribe
- Kitsap County
- Housing Kitsap
- Kitsap Public Facilities District
- Kitsap Audubon Society
- Greater Peninsula Conservancy
- Poulsbo Farmers Market
- SEA Discovery Center and Western Washington University – Poulsbo
- Olympic College

GOAL PRO-7

Comprehensively plan the city Park's capital facility needs, evaluate Level of Service standards, and ensure quality park facilities continue to be available to Poulsbo residents.

Policy PRO-7.1

Provide a Park and Recreation planning program to identify and manage the acquisition and development of park land, trails, and open space to satisfy the recreation program needs of the community. The mayor shall appoint a Park and Recreation Commission to provide recommendations to the City Council. Conduct regular evaluation of the public's use of the city parks, facilities, and recreational programming, incorporating citizen input, to ensure that user needs are being met, and to maintain ongoing communication with city residents.

Policy PRO-7.2

The city Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and the Urban Paths of Poulsbo Plan shall serve as the city's functional plans for park and trail facilities. To ensure consistency, updates to the Parks functional plans shall be incorporated as appropriate into the Comprehensive Plan through the city's annual review process.

Policy PRO-7.3

Utilize the city's GIS mapping capabilities to meet the requirements of the Growth Management Act and to serve as important long-range planning tools. Open space corridors and lands useful for recreation as defined by RCW 36.70A.160, are depicted on Figure PRO-1 and Figure PRO-3. The City's long-term Park Capital Facility Plan project list identifies capital improvement projects necessary to provide the adopted level of service are depicted on Figure PRO-2. These maps shall be updated during the six-year review and update of the City's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Policy PRO-7.4

Figures PRO-1 and PRO-3 map open space corridors required to be identified under RCW 36.70A.160. Lands useful for recreation have been identified by mapping public parks, publicly owned open space, privately owned open space and recreational amenities within subdivisions; wildlife habitat by mapping critical area ordinance designated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas; trails by mapping existing and planned public trails; and connections of critical areas by mapping Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas within the city limits, Poulsbo Urban Growth Area, and extending into unincorporated Kitsap County. Regulation of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas is as provided in the applicable jurisdiction's critical areas ordinance.