

## 2022-2042 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan



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# Chapter 1: Introduction

Covington has grown since the last Parks, Recreation, & Open Space (PROS) Plan was developed in 2016.

The choices that confront Covington at the present time are significant and could alter the character and quality of open space, trail, and park facilities, and recreation programs and services if not adequately planned.

This document outlines the choices that are available and the means for implementing preferred actions found to be beneficial to Covington residents.

## Objectives

The specific objectives of this planning effort were to:

**Define the setting** - within Covington including climate, environment, wildlife habitat, history, culture, population changes, and current development conditions.

**Inventory assets** - existing public and private park facilities and recreational services that have been developed to-date within Covington by the city, Kent, King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, Washington State, and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

**Forecast demand** - for future open spaces, trails, parks, and recreation facilities and recreation services that may be provided by the city or other agencies.

**Identify appropriate roles and responsibilities** - that should be undertaken by Covington to meet critical open spaces, trails, and park facilities and recreation program needs.

**Develop the elements of a citywide plan** - for open spaces, trails, and park facilities and recreation programs including wildlife habitat and conservation areas, open spaces and natural resource

areas, trails, athletic fields and facilities, indoor community and recreation centers, and other special purpose facilities.

**Determine the costs** - involved in maintaining and/or improving open spaces, trails, and park facilities and recreation program levels-of-service (LOS), particularly the possible use of innovative financing tools or methods.

**Define an implementation program** - outlining the actions necessary to realize the plan and update park impact fees including supporting actions necessary for agreements with King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts Washington State, and private nonprofit and for-profit organization.

**Determine public opinion** - through a series of public participation events and resolve final project, plan, and financing components based on the results of public input.

## Approach

This study analyzed the supply, demand, and need for public and private open spaces, trails, and park facilities and recreation services within Covington on a citywide basis. The analysis includes city, county, state, school district, Homeowner Association (HOA), and some private park and recreation assets in order to holistically determine needs, and demand, and thereby the city's ultimate role in coordinating the development of park and recreational facilities in the future including the city's role and responsibilities.

While HOA and other private facilities are included, that does not mean that these parks are available for public use. It is up to park users to follow posted and adopted rules and make authorized use of HOA and other private facilities.

The proposed implementation strategies are the result of this comprehensive or holistic analysis. Generally, the proposed strategies recommend the city focus its resources where open

spaces, trails, and park facilities and recreation needs are most critical and the most effective.

## Public involvement

The Covington Parks & Recreation Department oversaw this planning process during which the Department conducted a series of:

- **Focus group sessions** - with surveys and discussions of open space, trail, park, and recreation service conditions, utilization, and suggestions with the Parks & Recreation Commission, Equity, Cultural & Social Justice Commission, Youth Council, Human Services Commission, and Arts Commission.
- **On-line outreach surveys** - conducted of city adult residents and school students at the beginning of the process to determine their current park utilization practices, condition assessments, and recommendations.
- **On-line voter survey** - at the end of the process to identify project priorities and financing preferences.
- **Open house** - with the public at the end of the process to review the PROS Plan proposals and respond to questions and suggestions.

The proposals contained within this document represent the opinions developed from these public participation events.

## Documentation

This report is organized into 6 chapters outlining goals and objectives, plan and program elements, and implementation measures.

Separate technical appendices detailing the city setting, facility inventories, park opportunities, land and facility demand, finances, and public opinion are available from the Covington Parks & Recreation Department.

## Chapter 2: Goals and objectives

Goals and objectives form the framework for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan. A goal is a general statement describing an outcome the City wishes to provide.

**Goals** - typically do not change over time unless community values or economic conditions make it necessary.

**Policies** - are statements of intent (objectives) that describe a means to achieving goals, to making decisions, are measurable, and may change over time.

### Goal 1: Recreation programs

Promote healthy and active lifestyle programs and outreach activities of special interest and lifestyle benefit for city residents with an emphasis on social equity. Promote, and work with other public, nonprofit, and for-profit agencies, organizations, and vendors including King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, Washington State, and other public, nonprofit, and for-profit agencies.

Such programs may include athletic leagues and sport groups (like youth soccer, little league, lacrosse, and football), youth, teen, and senior age groups, and special needs population where these activities are of major interest and benefit to city residents of all ages, skills, incomes, and cultures.

#### **Policy 1.1: Healthy lifestyle**

Promote healthy and active lifestyle programs including education, awareness, and developmental partnerships for youth, teen, and senior age groups, and special needs populations where these activities are of major interest and benefit to city residents of all ages, skills, incomes, and cultures.

#### **Policy 1.2: Active lifestyle**

Facilitate development of a network of parks, trails, facilities, and programs that encourage an active lifestyle involving walking, hiking, biking, playing, swimming, exercising, and other pursuits

that help regulate weight and physical condition, and mental and physical health and well being for all age, skills, income, and cultural groups.

#### **Policy 1.3: Environmental**

Promote the operation of environmental, historical, cultural, and recreational programs providing instruction, volunteerism, and participation in habitat restoration, water-based recreation, trail development and security, interpretive and outdoor programs, summer and day camps, maintenance, and other site-specific activities at park sites and properties in Covington.

#### **Policy 1.4: Historical**

Support historical and cultural initiatives to develop and display artifacts, reports, and exhibits; and conduct lectures, classes, and other programs that document and develop awareness of Covington's heritage at park sites and properties.

#### **Policy 1.5: Art and culture**

Promote programs for enrichment, physical conditioning and health care, meeting facilities, daycare, after school, and other program activities for all age, developmental ability, income, and cultural groups in Covington by all agencies and vendors as appropriate.

#### **Policy 1.6: Athletics**

Designate and preserve appropriate sites, and facilitate agreements with user and league organizations to operate basketball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, baseball, softball, and other instruction and participatory programs for all age, skill level, income, and cultural groups in the city.

### Goal 2: Cultural arts

Promote development of high quality, diversified cultural arts facilities and programs that increase awareness, attendance, and participation opportunities at parks and properties in Covington.

**Policy 2.1: Programs**

Support successful collaborations between Covington, Kent, Maple Valley, King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, and other public agencies, service groups, schools, arts patrons, and artists that optimally utilize artistic resources and talents at parks and properties in Covington.

**Policy 2.2: Artworks**

Where appropriate, incorporate public artworks including paintings, sculptures, exhibits, and other media for indoor and outdoor display to expand resident access and appropriately furnish public places in parks and properties in Covington.

**Goal 3: Resource conservancies**

Assume a major responsibility for the planning, coordination, and preservation of unique environmental areas, wetlands, wildlife habitat, open spaces, forestlands, and scenic areas.

Work with other public and mission related nonprofit and private agencies, such as Kent, King County, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO), and others to create an effective approach to the following conservation issues.

**Policy 3.1: Wildlife habitat**

Identify and conserve critical wildlife habitat including nesting sites, foraging areas, and migration corridors within or adjacent to natural areas, open spaces, and the developing urban areas – especially along Big Soos, Little Soos, Jenkins, and Cranmar Creeks and including, where appropriate, parks around stormwater retention sites.

**Policy 3.2: Natural areas**

Preserve and protect significant environmental features including unique wetlands, open spaces, woodlands, shorelines, waterfronts and other characteristics that support wildlife and reflect the city's resource heritage – especially Covington's Crystal View, ECo, Jenkins Creek, North Wingfield, Rainier Vista, and SoCo Parks and

Open Spaces and King County's Cedar Creek and Soos Creek Trail and Open Space.

**Policy 3.3: Public access**

Provide non-intrusive public access to environmentally sensitive areas and sites that are especially unique to the city and surrounding area – including Big Soos, Little Soos, Jenkins, and Cranmar Creeks and King County's Cedar Creek and Soos Creek Trail and Open Space.

**Policy 3.4: Forestlands**

Conserve and restore forest cover and the scenic attributes woodlands provide – especially the remaining woodlands that define the riparian habitat and open spaces in Crystal View, ECo, Jenkins Creek, North Wingfield, and SoCo Parks and Open Spaces.

**Policy 3.5: Open spaces**

Define and conserve a system of open space corridors or separators to provide definition between natural areas and urban land uses in the city – especially the open spaces in and around the city-owned open space and homeowner association (HOA) developments.

**Policy 3.6: Linkages**

Increase natural area and open space linkages within the developed urban areas as well including along Big Soos, Little Soos, Jenkins, and Cranmar Creeks.

**Policy 3.7: Urban growth preserves**

Cooperate with other public and private agencies including Kent, King County, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and with private landowners to set-aside land and resources necessary to provide high quality, convenient open space, trail, and park facilities before the most suitable sites are lost to development.

**Policy 3.8: Set aside**

Preserve unique environmental features or areas in future land developments and increase public use and access. Cooperate with other public and private agencies, and with private landowners to set aside unique features or areas as publicly accessible resources.

## Goal 4: Historical resources

Assist where appropriate in the planning, coordination, and preservation of unique archaeological, historical, cultural, scenic, and man-made places, sites, landmarks, and vistas.

Work when appropriate with other public and private agencies, such as the Washington State Historical Societies, Muckleshoot Tribe, King County, and others, to create an effective approach to the following resource conservation issues and proposals.

### **Policy 4.1: Historical features and interests**

Identify, preserve, and enhance the city's heritage, traditions, and cultural features including historical sites, buildings, artworks, views, and monuments within park sites and historical areas.

### **Policy 4.2: Significant lands and sites**

Identify and incorporate significant historical and cultural lands, sites, artifacts, and facilities into the open space, trail, and park system to preserve these interests and provide a balanced social experience, and other places of interest in the city.

### **Policy 4.3: Incorporate into parks**

Work with the Washington State Historical Society, and other archaeological and cultural groups to incorporate historical and cultural activities into park developments and recreational programs.

### **Policy 4.4: Manmade environments**

Incorporate appropriate manmade environments, structures, activities, and areas into the open space, trail, and park system to preserve these features and provide a balanced recreational experience.

### **Policy 4.5: Public access**

Work with property and facility owners to increase public access and utilization of these special sites and features.

## Goal 5: Trail systems

Assume a major responsibility for the planning, development, and operation of a variety of trails including water trails, off-road hike and bike that are directly related to environmental resources that are of most interest to city residents.

Work with other public and private agencies, including Kent, King County, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) to develop and maintain an integrated system of trails.

### **Policy 5.1: Water access**

Support a system of kayak, canoe, and other hand carry boat access landings and other improvements for appropriate access to Pipe Lake and other bodies of water.

### **Policy 5.2: Water trails**

Where feasible designate a water trail network for hand-carry or car-top craft including canoes and kayaks on Pipe Lake and other bodies of water.

### **Policy 5.3: Scenic routes and vistas**

Develop where practical viewpoints and interpretive exhibits that integrate scenic routes with specific historical, cultural, environmental, and scenic points of interest – especially including Big Soos, Little Soos, Jenkins, and Cranmar Creeks, King County's Cedar Creek Park and Soos Creek Trail & Open Space, and views of Mount Rainier.

### **Policy 5.4: Artworks**

Integrate as feasible artworks into trails, parks, park facilities, and historical sites – especially within the downtown district, residential neighborhoods, and at the gateways to the city.

**Policy 5.5: On and off-road trail systems**

Support a comprehensive system of hike and bike trails that access scenic, environmental, historic, and open space attributes in and around the city expanding and linking existing trail systems to create city and area-wide networks including linkages with Soos Creek Trail.

**Policy 5.6: Trailheads**

Develop a series of trailheads, trailside rest stops, viewpoints, interpretive exhibits, and trail signage systems that integrate hike and bike trails with specific historical, cultural, environmental, and scenic points of interest.

**Policy 5.7: Local connections**

Integrate continuous trail corridors and local spur or loop routes with parks, schools, other public facilities, historical sites, and Covington's downtown district and residential neighborhoods.

**Policy 5.8: Furnishings**

Furnish trails with appropriate supporting trailhead improvements that include interpretive and directory signage systems, rest stops, restrooms, parking and loading areas, water, and other services.

**Policy 5.9: Joint locations**

Where appropriate, locate trailheads at or in conjunction with park sites, schools, and other community facilities to increase local area access to citywide trail systems and reduce duplication of supporting improvements.

**Policy 5.10: Standards**

Develop trail improvements following design and development standards that make it easy to maintain and access by maintenance, security, and other appropriate personnel, equipment, and vehicles.

**Policy 5.11: Stewardship**

Where appropriate and economically feasible, develop and support an Adopt-A-Trail program for citizens and organizations to help provide trail maintenance and litter pick-up activities.

**Policy 5.12: On and off-leash dog areas**

Designate a system of on and off-leash dog areas that provide controlled and convenient exercise opportunities for dog owners including appropriate segments of the proposed multipurpose trail system and parks.

**Goal 6: Resource parks**

Plan, develop, and operate a variety of resource-oriented facilities. These facilities may include fishing sites, hand-carry boat access, swimming beaches, and picnicking areas that are directly related to environmental resources that are of most interest to city residents.

Work with other public and private agencies, particularly Kent, King County, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) to develop and operate the following appropriate resource park facilities.

**Policy 6.1: Waterfront access and facilities**

Acquire and support additional shoreline access for waterfront fishing, wading, swimming, and other related recreational activities and pursuits along Pipe Lake and other bodies of water.

**Policy 6.2: Picnicking and day-use activities**

Acquire and develop additional citywide picnic sites, shelters, and day-use group picnic grounds at major resource parks and along major off-road trail corridors in and around the city.

**Goal 7: Playgrounds, fields, and special activities**

Develop an integrated system of local neighborhood playgrounds, courts, and fields that are of most interest to city residents. Assume responsibility for the planning of a system of local and regional athletic park facilities including competitive soccer, lacrosse, softball, and baseball and multiuse fields that are of interest to city residents and league participants.

Coordinate and assist as appropriate other public and private agencies including Kent, King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, and city youth sports league organizations. Site and sponsor the development of major competitive outdoor and indoor athletic facilities for all age, skill, income, and cultural groups that are within reasonable geographic service areas of local neighborhoods in the city.

**Policy 7.1: Playgrounds and tot lots**

Develop and designate a network of local play sites and facilities that meet playing standards and requirements for all age, skill, income, and cultural groups within convenient walking distances of residents.

**Policy 7.2: Recreational courts**

Develop and designate a network of local park sites that provide a variety of recreational sports courts (such as basketball, sand volleyball, bike polo, pickleball, and tennis courts) that meet the highest quality pick-up and competitive practice and playing standards and requirements for all age, skill, income, and cultural groups and recreational interests within convenient walking distances of residents.

**Policy 7.3: Skateboard parks, pump tracks, disc golf and challenge courses**

Develop park sites that provide specialized activities (such as skateboard, in-line skating, pump tracks, disc golf, climbing walls, and challenge courses) that meet the highest quality recreation practice and playing standards and requirements for all age, skill, income, and cultural groups and recreational interests.

**Policy 7.4: Athletic fields**

Designate a network of sites that can be developed for organized sports leagues (such as soccer, lacrosse, softball, and baseball fields) to meet the highest quality recreation practice and playing standards and requirements for all age, skill, income, and cultural groups and recreational interests – including competition field sites at Covington Community Park, as well as potential joint ventures with Kent and Tahoma School Districts.

**Policy 7.5: Dog parks**

Where appropriate, designate and develop off-leash dog parks that provide controlled and convenient exercise and social area opportunities for dog owners in convenient service areas of the city.

**Goal 8: Recreation facilities**

Coordinate the planning, development, and operation of specialized indoor facilities including aquatic facilities, gymnasiums, arts and crafts, classrooms, meeting rooms for special populations, children, teens, seniors, and the general population that are of major interest to city residents of all ages, skills, incomes, and cultures.

Seek cooperation from other public and private agencies including Kent, King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, and related nonprofits, among others, to realize the following effective facilities and services within reasonable geographic service areas of neighborhoods.

**Policy 8.1: Aquatics centers**

Develop and maintain an indoor aquatics facility that provides instruction, aerobics, recreation, and competition facilities for all age, skill, income, and cultural groups and aquatics interests on a seasonal or year-round basis at the Covington Aquatic Center or the proposed Regional Aquatic/Community Center – possibly working with Maple Valley, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, Boys & Girls Club, and YMCA.

**Policy 8.2: Recreation centers**

Develop and designate multiple use indoor recreational centers that provide gymnasiums, physical conditioning, recreational courts, and other athletic spaces for all age, skill, income, and cultural groups and community interests on a year-round basis – possibly working with Kent, Maple Valley, King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, YMCA, and other nonprofit and private groups.

**Policy 8.3: Community centers**

Develop and designate a system of multipurpose community centers and facilities that can provide arts and crafts, music, video,

classroom instruction, meeting facilities, eating and health care, daycare, latch key, and other spaces for all age, skill, income, and cultural groups including preschool, youth, teens, and seniors on a year-round basis.

**Policy 8.4: Meeting facilities**

Support the continued development of relationships with other organizations of special meeting, assembly, and other community facilities that provide general support to school age populations and community-at-large functions like the proposed Regional Aquatic/Community Center.

**Policy 8.5: Arts centers**

Develop and maintain special indoor and outdoor cultural and performing arts facilities that enhance and expand music, dance, drama, cultural and historical interpretations, and other audience and participatory opportunities for the city-at-large including special summer farmers' markets and festival events in the city.

**Goal 9: Special purpose facilities**

If practical and economically feasible, coordinate and assist other public and private agencies including the Washington State Historical Society, and the Kent and Tahoma School Districts, among others, with special purpose facilities.

**Policy 9.1: Special enterprises**

Where appropriate and economically feasible, support the development and operation of specialized and special interest recreational facilities.

**Policy 9.2: Joint planning**

Where appropriate and economically feasible, participate in joint planning and operating programs with other public and private agencies for special activities like the farmers' market and other activities in the city.

**Goal 10: Design standards**

Design and develop Covington facilities that are accessible, safe, and easy to maintain, with life cycle features that account for long-term costs and benefits.

**Policy 10.1: Outdoor accessibility**

Design outdoor picnic areas, trails, playgrounds, courts, fields, parking lots, restrooms, and other active and supporting facilities to be accessible to individuals and organized groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and cultural interests.

**Policy 10.2: Indoor accessibility**

Design indoor facility spaces, activity rooms, restrooms, hallways, parking lots, and other active and supporting spaces and improvements to be accessible to individuals and organized groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and cultural interests.

**Policy 10.3: Maintenance**

Design, retrofit, and develop facilities that are sustainable, of low maintenance, and high capacity design to reduce overall facility maintenance and operation requirements and costs. Where appropriate, incorporate low maintenance materials, settings or other value engineering considerations that reduce care and security requirements, and retain natural conditions and experiences.

**Policy 10.4: Volunteers**

Where practical and appropriate, implement an Adopt-a-Trail and Adopt-a-Park programs where volunteer users and citizens can help perform maintenance, collect litter, and other support activities.

**Policy 10.5: Pest management**

Integrate pest management principles in the management of park landscape resources by utilizing a holistic approach to managing pests using biological, cultural, mechanical, and herbicide tools.

**Policy 10.6: Security and safety standards**

Implement the provisions and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Washington State Building Codes, and other design and development standards that improve park facility safety and security features for park users, department personnel, and the public-at-large.

**Policy 10.7: Safety procedures**

Develop and implement safety standards, procedures, and programs that provide proper training and awareness for department personnel.

**Policy 10.8: Safety regulations**

Define and enforce rules and regulations concerning park activities and operations that protect user groups, department personnel, and the general public-at-large.

**Goal 11: Financial resources**

Create effective and efficient methods of operating, maintaining, acquiring, and developing facilities and programs that accurately distribute costs and benefits to public and private interests.

**Policy 11.1: Finance**

Investigate innovative available methods, such as impact fees, land set-a-side or fee-in-lieu-of-donation ordinances, and inter-local agreements, for the financing of facility development, maintenance, and operating needs in order to reduce costs, retain financial flexibility, match user benefits and interests, and increase services.

**Policy 11.2: Joint ventures**

Consider joint ventures with other public, nonprofit, and private agencies including Kent, Maple Valley, King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, Washington State, and other regional, state, federal, public, and private agencies including for-profit concessionaires, where feasible and desirable.

**Policy 11.3: Public and private resource coordination**

Create a comprehensive, balanced open space, trail, park, and recreation system that integrates Covington facilities and services

with resources and funding available from the county, nonprofit organizations, school districts, and other regional, state, federal, and private park and recreational lands and facilities in a manner that will best serve and provide for Covington resident interests.

**Policy 11.4: Joint planning**

Cooperate with King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, Washington State, and other regional, state, and federal, public, nonprofit organizations, and private organizations to avoid duplication, improve facility quality and availability, reduce costs, and represent resident area interests through joint planning and development efforts.

**Policy 11.5: Cost/benefit assessment**

Define existing and proposed land and facility levels-of-service (ELOS/PLOS) standards that differentiate requirements due to population growth impacts, improved facility standards, and regional and local nexus of benefits. Differentiate Covington standards compared to composite standards that include the city, county, school districts, state, and other public and private provider agency efforts in order to effectively plan and program open space, trails, parks, and recreation needs in the city.

**Policy 11.6: Public/private benefits**

Create effective and efficient methods of acquiring, developing, operating, and maintaining open space, trail, park, and recreational facilities in manners that accurately distribute costs and benefits to public and private user interests – such as the application of impact fees where new urban developments impact potential level-of-service (ELOS) standards.

**Policy 11.7: Cost recovery**

Develop and operate recreational programs that serve the broadest needs of the population, recovering program and operating costs with a combination of registration fees, user fees, grants, sponsorships, donations, scholarships, volunteer efforts, and the use of general funding.

## **Goal 12: Human resources**

Develop, hire, train, and support a professional parks and recreation staff that effectively serves Covington in the realization of the above listed goals and objectives.

### **Policy 12.1: Personnel**

Employ a diverse, well-trained work force that is motivated to achieve citywide goals. Encourage teamwork through communications, creativity, positive image, sharing of resources, and cooperation toward common goals.

### **Policy 12.2: Staff development**

Where appropriate, provide staff with education, training, technology, equipment and supplies to increase personal productivity, efficiency, and pride.

## Chapter 3: Program elements

The following proposals concerning elements of the recreational programs approach are based on the results of demand analysis, workshop planning sessions, and the survey of resident households.

The proposals outline the vision developed for recreational programs within Covington for the next 6-20 years. The program proposals are **CONCEPTUAL**, in some instances, subject to further study and coordination with public and private participants that may modify the eventual program particulars.

### Population projections

**King County's population** - in 1900 was 110,053 persons located primarily along Elliot Bay and Lake Washington. The county's population increased to 284,638 persons by 1910 or by an annual rate of growth of 10.0% as railroads extended into King County and the area's logging, agriculture, and fishing industries grew in importance.

King County population increased over the decades due to the development of the ship building industry, the advent of World War 1 and 2, and the location of aircraft manufacturing in the county. Recent growth rates, however, have been gradual averaging 1.1% between 2000-2010 and 1.5% between 2010-2015 due largely to the impact of the economic recession on area industries.

Washington State's Office of Financial Management (OFM) expects King County's rate of growth will gradually decline from 1.5% on an annual average basis between 2020 to 0.6% by 2050 due to the aging of the population.

**Population components** - OFM expects the number of deaths in King County will increase from 75,465 between 2020-2025 to 104,802 by 2035-2040 due to the aging of the county population while births will only slightly increase from 142,004 between 2020-

2025 to 152,920 by 2035-2040 due to a declining proportion of the population in child-bearing ages and a stable and low birth rate. Net migration will increase from 57,624 in-migrating persons in 2020-2025 to 52,275 persons by 2035-2040 contributing to King County's continued resident population growth.

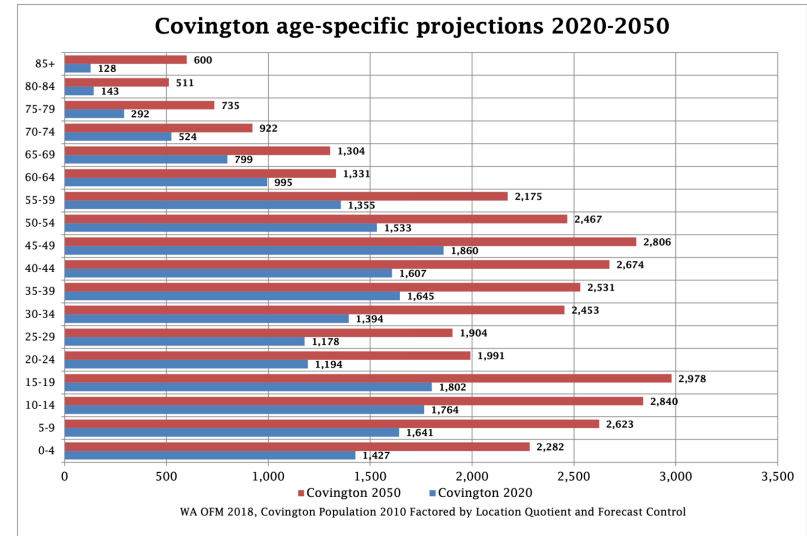
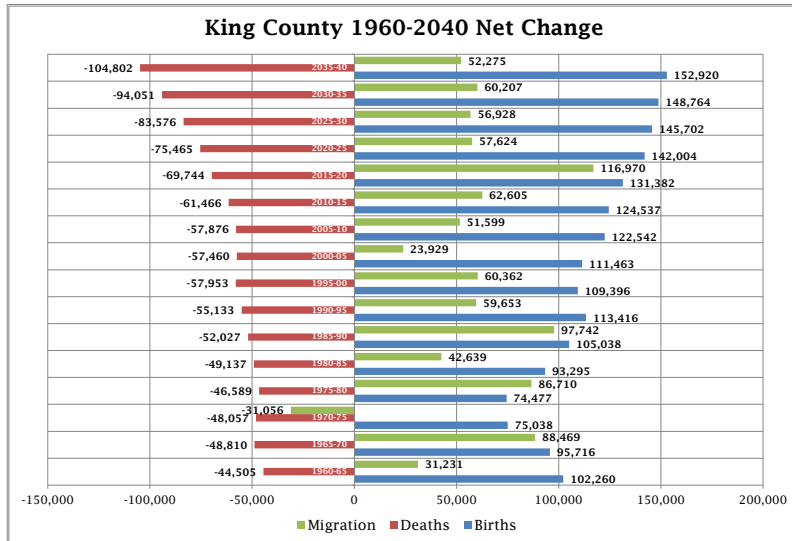
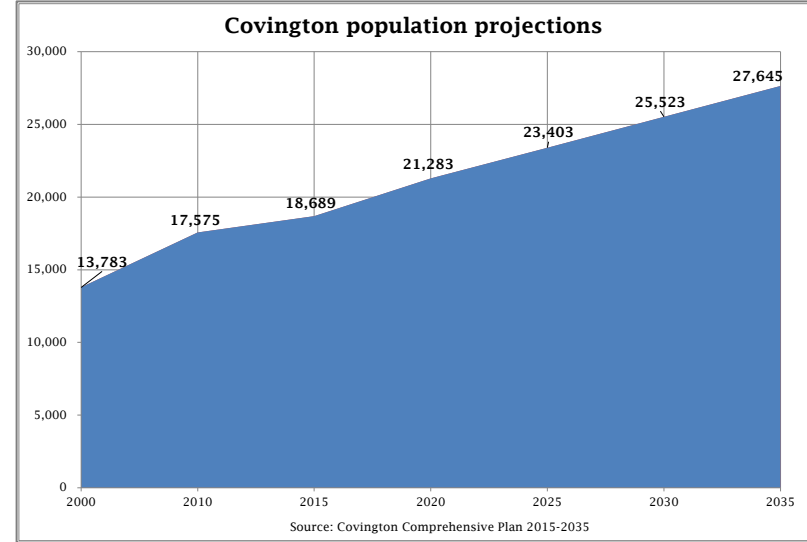
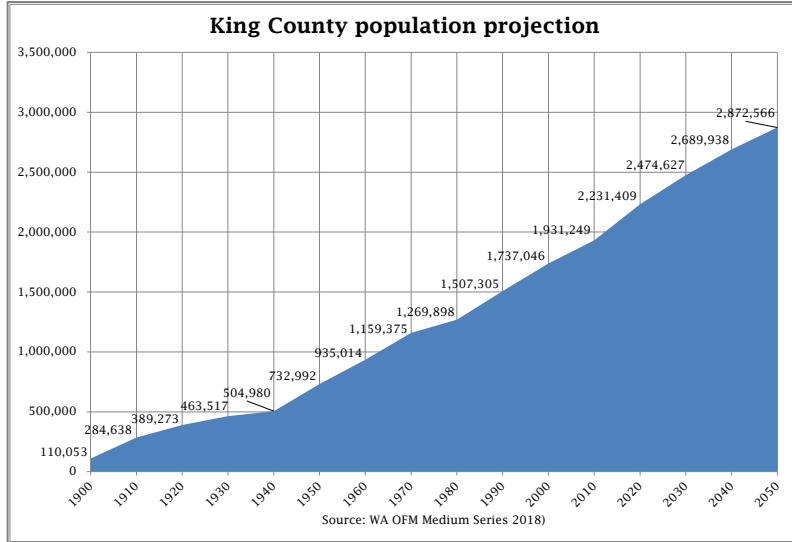
**Age distribution** - within King County will shift with slightly less proportion of the population in child ages 0-19 of 22.9% in 2020 versus 21.6% by 2050 and more in senior ages 65+ of 14.6% in 2020 versus 19.6% by 2050 reflecting the continued aging of the population in the county similar to the trends nationally.

**Covington's population** - in 2000 was 13,783 persons located along SE 272nd Street/SR-516. Covington's population increased to 21,283 by 2020 or by an annual average rate of 2.5% as the city attracted housing and commercial development expanding east from Kent.

The city's population and annual average rate of growth are expected to increase from 21,283 persons in 2020 to 35,129 persons by the year 2050 or by 165% due to the area's urban densification under GMA allocations and an assumption that the city will gradually annex the residential developments within its unincorporated urban growth area (UGA).

**Population components** - most of Covington's growth is expected to be due to births and in-migration from households seeking to live in Covington's emerging urban center.

**Age distribution** - Covington's age distribution is generated by determining the percent Covington has attracted of each King County age group then factoring the attraction rate forward through the projection years and reducing the resulting combined age group totals to match the city's total population allocation for each year.



Covington's age distribution will gradually shift with an increasing population in child ages 0-19 of 6,634 persons in 2020 to 10,273 by 2050 or by 155% and a significantly increasing proportion of the population concentrated in senior ages 65+ of 1,886 persons in 2020 to 4,072 persons by 2050 or by 216% like what will occur in King County.

## Recreation demand

Washington State's Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) develops a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) every 6 years to help decision-makers better understand recreation issues statewide and to maintain Washington's eligibility for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funds.

RCO conducted a series of 12-month diary surveys of a random sample of Washington State residents in 2000 and 2006, and an annual survey in 2012 to determine the type of indoor and outdoor recreation activities residents engaged in over the year including the resident's age, gender, ethnicity, income, and regional place of residence.

The RCO SCORP surveys recorded what residents participated in of 140 different indoor and outdoor activities and special spectator events including the participation rate and number of occasions per year by season, month, week, and type of environment (urban, rural, mountain). The surveys did not record the location of the activity.

**The 2006 RCO diary-based survey is used in this analysis because it was the most comprehensive and age-specific of the RCO surveys** and used computer-assisted telephone interviews of randomly sampled persons (with no more than 1 person per household) during each month of the 12-month survey period from each of the 10 tourism regions.

King County is in the Seattle-King Region that includes all of King County. For projection purposes, Covington recreation behaviors are likely representative of the Seattle-King County Region given

Covington's level of urbanization and age distributed population groups.

The 2006 statewide survey was completed by 2,135 persons and collated and weighted by age, gender, region, race, and income of which 300 were completed from the Seattle-King County region and weighted accordingly. The survey is within a +/-2.5% statewide and +/-6.0% by region. Response by age, gender, region, race/ethnicity, and income varies.

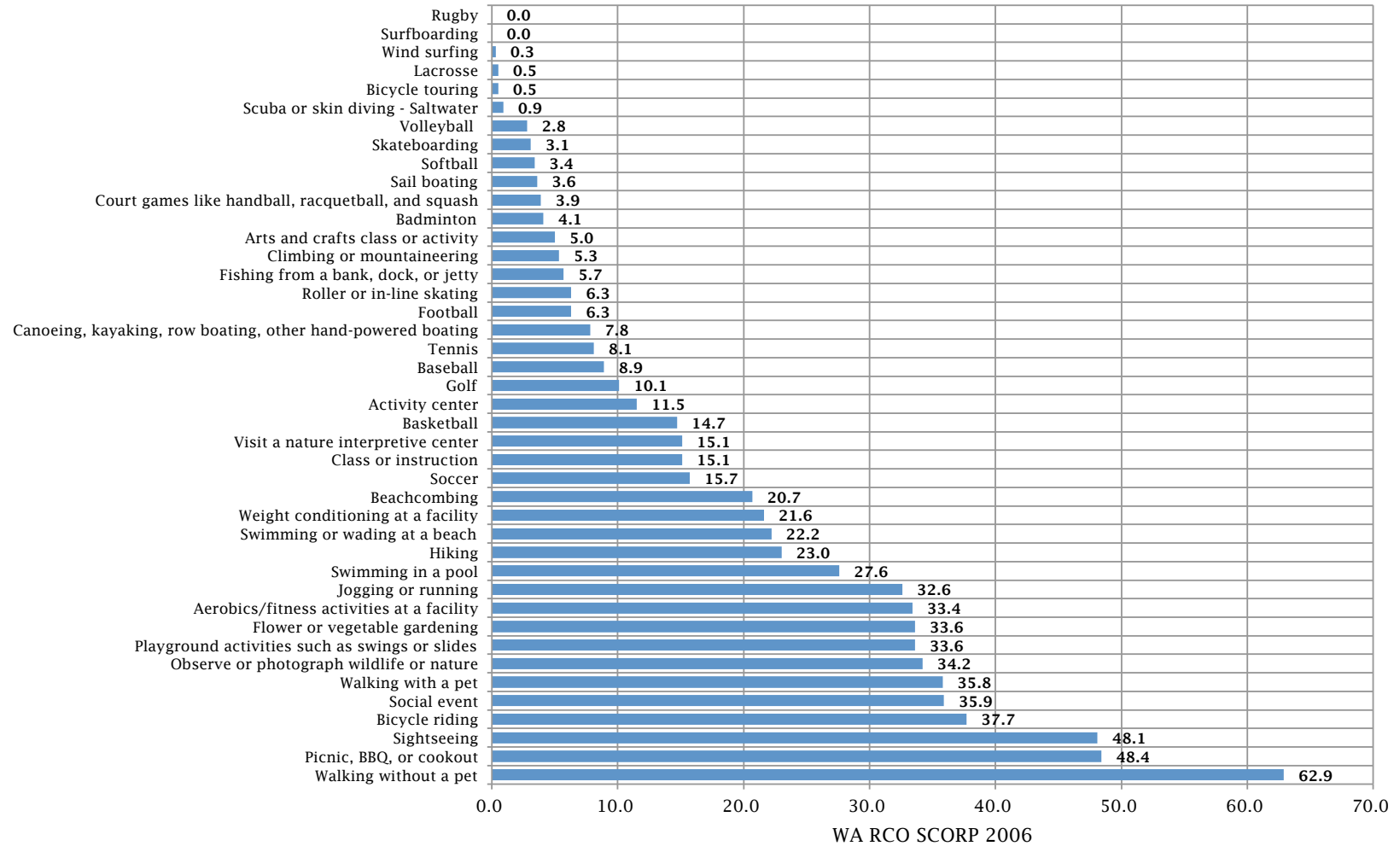
The 2006 RCO survey elicited what participants did for recreational activities but not where the activity occurred. Survey participants from King County may engage in activities but possibly outside of King County, and conversely participants from other regions may travel to engage in activities in King County. The survey did not control for user transpositions between regions.

Since the survey was taken in 2006, the survey may not completely reflect recent regional activity trends in some select and emerging activities such as skateboard parks, dog parks, lacrosse, or other niche behaviors.

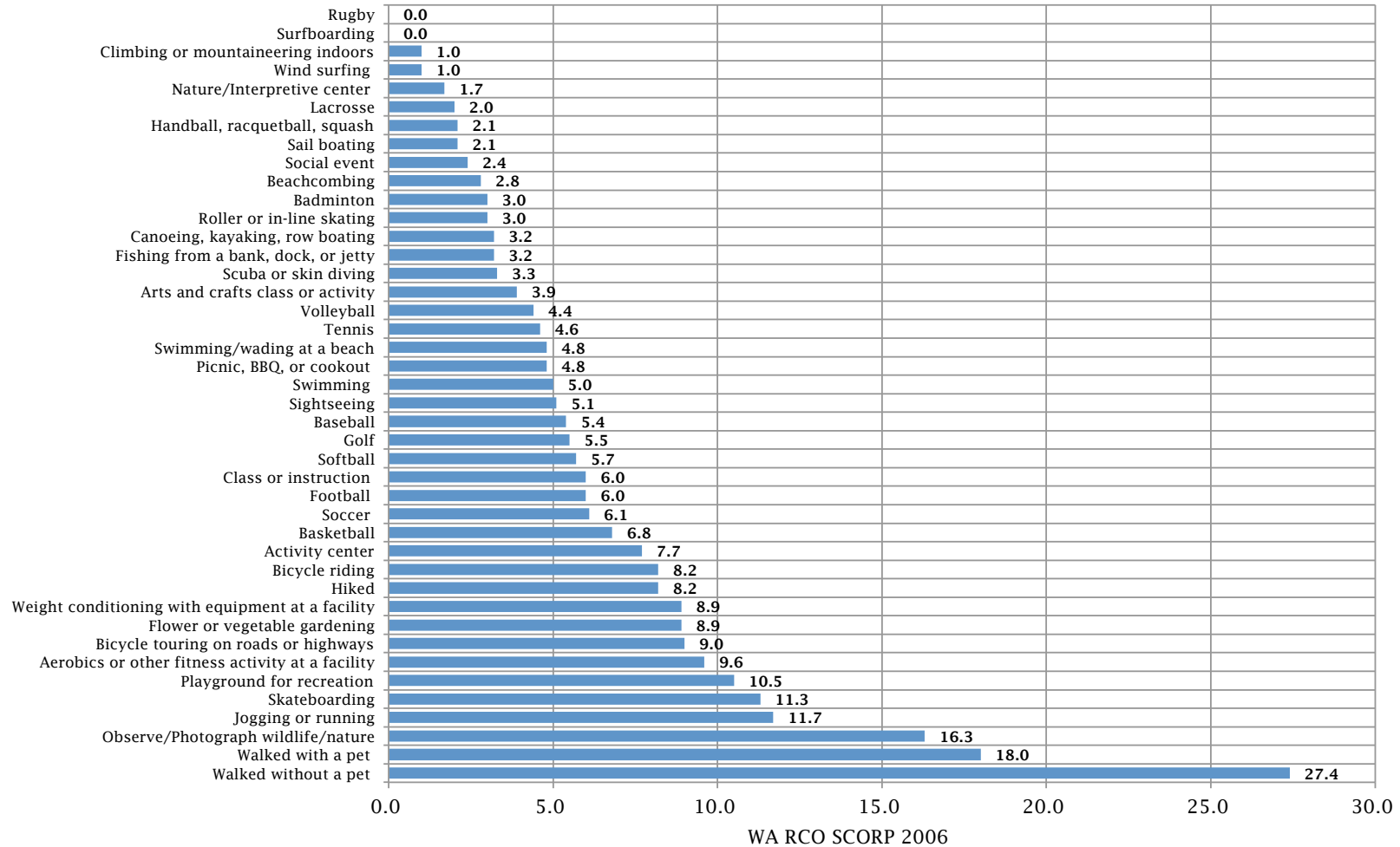
### Covington (Seattle-King County region)

| Annual participation rates    | Participation | Frequency |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Walking without a pet         | 62.9%         | 27.4      |
| Picnic, BBQ, or cookout       | 48.4%         | 4.8       |
| Sightseeing                   | 48.1%         | 5.1       |
| Bicycle riding                | 37.7%         | 8.2       |
| Social event indoors          | 35.9%         | 2.4       |
| Walking with a pet            | 35.8%         | 18.0      |
| Observe/photograph wildlife   | 34.2%         | 16.3      |
| Playground activities         | 33.6%         | 10.5      |
| Flower or vegetable gardening | 33.6%         | 8.9       |
| Aerobics/fitness activities   | 33.4%         | 9.6       |
| Jogging or running            | 32.6%         | 11.7      |
| Swimming in a pool            | 27.6%         | 5.0       |
| Hiking                        | 23.0%         | 8.2       |
| Swimming or wading at a beach | 22.2%         | 4.8       |

## Participation rate - percent of the population



## Frequency - number of times per year by participant



| <b>Annual participation rates</b> | <b>Participation</b> | <b>Frequency</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Weight conditioning at a facility | 21.6%                | 8.9              |
| Beachcombing                      | 20.7%                | 2.8              |
| Soccer                            | 15.7%                | 6.1              |
| Class or instruction              | 15.1%                | 6.0              |
| Visit a nature center             | 15.1%                | 1.7              |
| Basketball                        | 14.7%                | 6.8              |
| Activity center indoors           | 11.5%                | 7.7              |
| Golf                              | 10.1%                | 5.5              |
| Baseball                          | 8.9%                 | 5.4              |
| Tennis                            | 8.1%                 | 4.6              |
| Canoeing, kayaking, rowboat       | 7.8%                 | 3.2              |
| Football                          | 6.3%                 | 6.0              |
| Roller or in-line skating         | 6.3%                 | 3.0              |
| Fishing from a bank, dock, jetty  | 5.7%                 | 3.2              |
| Climbing or mountaineering        | 5.3%                 | 1.0              |
| Arts and crafts class or activity | 5.0%                 | 3.9              |
| Badminton                         | 4.1%                 | 3.0              |
| Handball, racquetball, squash     | 3.9%                 | 2.1              |
| Sail boating                      | 3.6%                 | 2.1              |
| Softball                          | 3.4%                 | 5.7              |
| Skateboarding                     | 3.1%                 | 11.3             |
| Volleyball                        | 2.8%                 | 4.4              |
| Scuba or skin diving - Saltwater  | 0.9%                 | 3.3              |
| Bicycle touring                   | 0.5%                 | 9.0              |
| Lacrosse                          | 0.5%                 | 2.0              |
| Wind surfing                      | 0.3%                 | 1.0              |
| Surfboarding                      | 0.0%                 | 0.0              |
| Rugby                             | 0.0%                 | 0.0              |

**Participation rate** – the percent of the population that participates in a recreational activity

**Frequency** – the number of times per year those that participate engage in the activity

**Source:** 2006 SCORP RCO Diary Based Survey

### **Participation rates**

The 2006 RCO survey found significant differences in the statewide population's participation in recreation activities including distinctions for Covington (Seattle-King County) participants.

### **Top 5 activities with the highest percent of the population participating**

– in Covington (Seattle-King County) included walking without a pet, picnicking, barbequing, or cooking out, sightseeing, bicycle riding, and social event indoors.

### **Bottom 5 activities with the lowest percent of the population participating**

– in Covington (Seattle-King County) included rugby, surfboarding, wind surfing, lacrosse, and bicycle touring.

**Organized team sports** – involved lesser percentages of the population of the Covington (Seattle-King County) ranging from the highest for soccer (15.7%) to the lowest for rugby (0.0%).

**Indoor community center activities** – involved a varying range of percentages of the population participating from a social event indoors (35.9%), aerobics/fitness activities (33.9%), swimming in a pool (27.6%), weight conditioning at a facility (21.6%), class or instruction (15.1%), activity center (11.5%), and arts and crafts class or activity (5.0%). Generally, indoor or community center related activities engage the population in greater percentages than organized team sports.

**Environmental or cultural activities** – involved a varying range of percentages of the population participating from sightseeing (48.1%), observe or photograph wildlife or nature (34.2%), beachcombing (20.7%), and visit a nature interpretive center (15.1%). Generally, environmental, or cultural related activities engage the population in greater percentages than indoor or community centers as well as organized team sports.

### **Annual frequencies**

The 2006 RCO survey determined the number of times or the annual frequency that an average participant would engage in each activity. The frequency averages are for all kinds of participants. Enthusiasts or organized team players may engage more frequently than the average indicates but are included within the average, nonetheless.

**Activities with the highest annual frequencies of over 10.0 occasions** - in Covington (Seattle-King County) were for walking without a pet (27.4 times per year), walking with a pet (18.0), observing and photographing wildlife (16.3), jogging or running (11.7), skateboarding (11.3), and playgrounds (10.5).

**Activities with the lowest annual frequencies of less than 2.0 occasions** - in Covington (Seattle-King County) were for rugby (0.0 times per year), surfboarding (0.0), climbing or mountaineering indoors (1.0), windsurfing (1.0), and visiting a nature or interpretive center (1.7).

**Organized team sports** - in Covington (Seattle-King County) ranged from the highest for basketball (6.8 times) to the lowest for rugby (0.0).

**Indoor community center activities** - in Covington (Seattle-King County) were activity center (7.7 times per year), class or instruction (6.0), swimming in a pool (5.0), arts and crafts (3.9), and social event (2.4). Generally, indoor or community center frequencies are similar to the range of organized team sports.

**Environmental or cultural activities** - in Covington (Seattle-King County) were observing or photographing wildlife (16.3 times per year), sightseeing (5.1), beachcombing (2.8), and visiting a nature or interpretive center (1.7). Generally, environmental, or cultural related activities that involve observing or photographing wildlife occur in greater numbers per year than indoor or community centers as well as organized team sports.

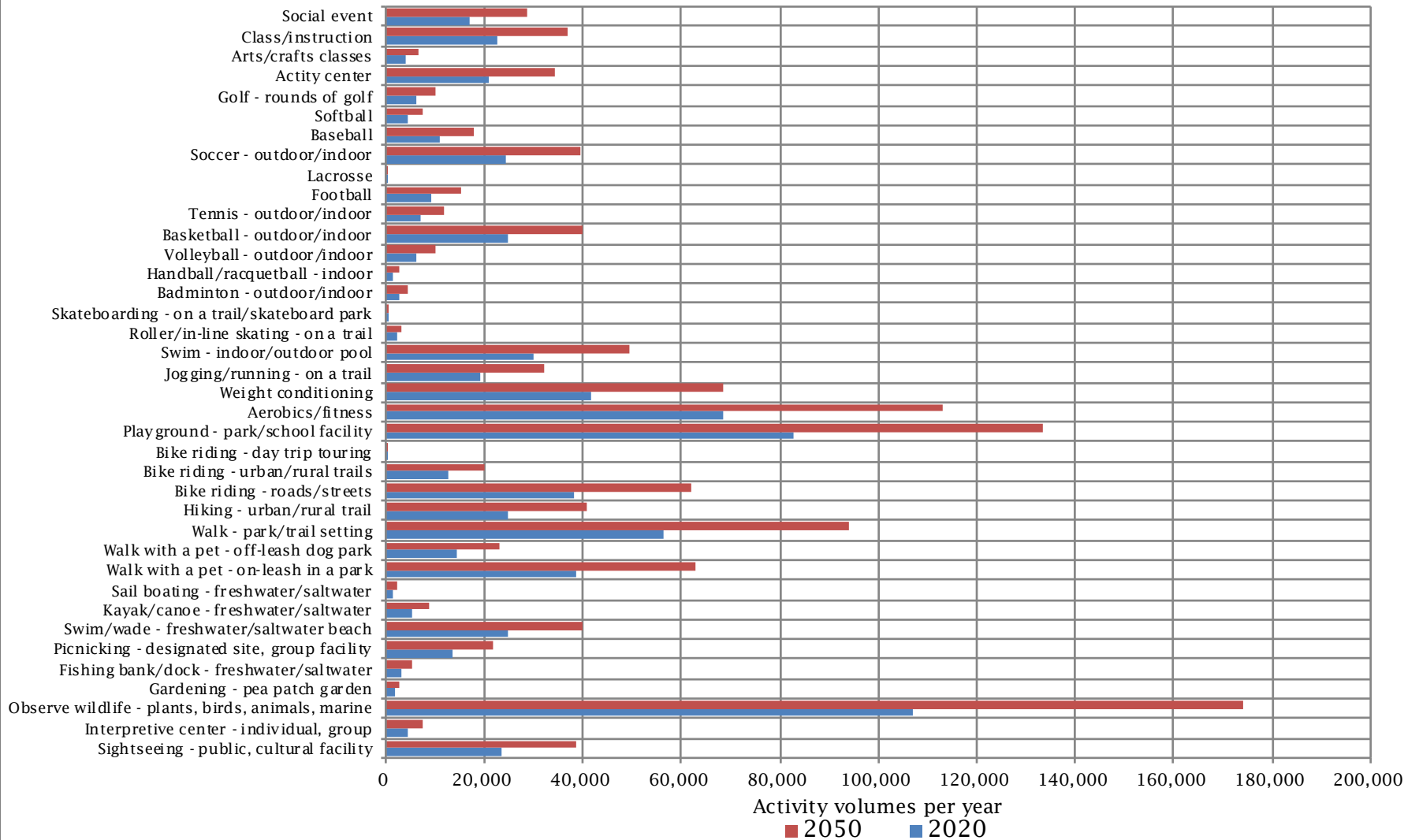
### **Covington's annual volumes 2020-2050**

Covington's total volume of annual recreation activity is determined by multiplying the age-specific participation and frequency or occurrence rates by the number of persons projected to be in each age-specific category for the projection years.

The following table itemizes the projected total annual volume in 2020, 2050, and the amount and percent of volume increase that will occur between 2020-2050.

| Activity                          | 2020    | 2050    | Addnl  | Pct |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|-----|
| Sightseeing - public, cultural    | 23,610  | 38,730  | 15,121 | 64% |
| Interpretive center               | 4,653   | 7,564   | 2,910  | 63% |
| Observe/photograph wildlife       | 107,043 | 174,020 | 66,976 | 63% |
| Gardening - pea patch             | 1,673   | 2,712   | 1,039  | 62% |
| Fishing from bank, dock, jetty    | 3,248   | 5,290   | 2,042  | 63% |
| Picnic - site, group facility     | 13,353  | 21,726  | 8,373  | 63% |
| Swimming/wading at a beach        | 24,632  | 39,953  | 15,320 | 62% |
| Canoeing, kayaking, rowboat       | 5,343   | 8,628   | 3,285  | 61% |
| Sail boating                      | 1,380   | 2,200   | 820    | 59% |
| Walk with pet - on-leash, park    | 38,484  | 63,020  | 24,536 | 64% |
| Walk with pet - dog park          | 14,382  | 23,132  | 8,751  | 61% |
| Walk - park/trail setting         | 56,497  | 94,233  | 37,735 | 67% |
| Hiking - urban/rural trail        | 24,812  | 40,985  | 16,173 | 65% |
| Bike riding - roads/streets       | 38,337  | 62,071  | 23,735 | 62% |
| Bike riding - urban/rural trails  | 12,533  | 20,260  | 7,727  | 62% |
| Bike riding - day trip touring    | 176     | 279     | 103    | 58% |
| Playground - park/school site     | 82,687  | 133,351 | 50,664 | 61% |
| Aerobics/fitness at a facility    | 68,584  | 112,919 | 44,335 | 65% |
| Weight conditioning at facility   | 41,584  | 68,306  | 26,722 | 64% |
| Jogging or running - on a trail   | 19,325  | 31,965  | 12,640 | 65% |
| Swim - outdoor/indoor pool        | 30,192  | 49,434  | 19,242 | 64% |
| Roller/in-line skating - on trail | 2,112   | 3,392   | 1,280  | 61% |
| Skateboarding - in a park         | 456     | 741     | 285    | 63% |
| Badminton - outdoor/indoor        | 2,697   | 4,392   | 1,694  | 63% |
| Handball/racquetball - indoor     | 1,613   | 2,616   | 1,003  | 62% |
| Volleyball - outdoor/indoor       | 6,191   | 10,109  | 3,918  | 63% |

## Covington activity volumes 2020-2050



|                                |        |        |        |     |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Basketball - outdoor/indoor    | 24,638 | 40,007 | 15,369 | 62% |
| Tennis - outdoor/indoor        | 7,022  | 11,680 | 4,659  | 66% |
| Football                       | 9,365  | 15,228 | 5,863  | 63% |
| Lacrosse                       | 251    | 414    | 163    | 65% |
| Soccer - outdoor/indoor        | 24,457 | 39,472 | 15,016 | 61% |
| Baseball                       | 11,095 | 17,927 | 6,833  | 62% |
| Softball                       | 4,486  | 7,299  | 2,814  | 63% |
| Golf - rounds of golf          | 6,012  | 10,046 | 4,034  | 67% |
| Activity center                | 20,787 | 34,439 | 13,652 | 66% |
| Arts and crafts class/activity | 3,993  | 6,487  | 2,494  | 62% |
| Class or instruction           | 22,789 | 37,102 | 14,313 | 63% |
| Social event                   | 17,071 | 28,693 | 11,622 | 68% |

2050 - the total volume that will occur in 2050, Additional - the volume increase in volume over 2020 by 2050, Pct - the percent increase the additional volume between 2020-2050 represents

Source: RCO SCORP Survey 2006

- **Greatest annual volume in 2050** - will be observing wildlife (174,020 occurrences) due to the high percentage of the population that engage in the activity and the high number of times or frequencies that they engage per year.
- **Significant to moderate increases in volume in 2050** - will be playground at a park or school (133,351 occurrences), aerobics or fitness at a facility (112,919 occurrences), walking in a park or trail setting (94,233 occurrences), and walking with a pet on-leash in a park (63,020 occurrences).
- **Lowest annual volume in 2050** - will be for bike riding as a daytrip tour (279 occurrences), lacrosse (414 occurrences), and skateboarding on a trail or in a skateboard park (741 occurrences) due to the low percentage of the population that engages in the activity and the low annual frequency.

### **Percent would like to do more**

In addition to participation and frequency, the 2006 survey also asked respondents to indicate their preferences to engage in activities they did not participate in or to engage more frequently in activities that they did. Survey results were collated on a statewide per person basis only due to the smaller respondent sample size.

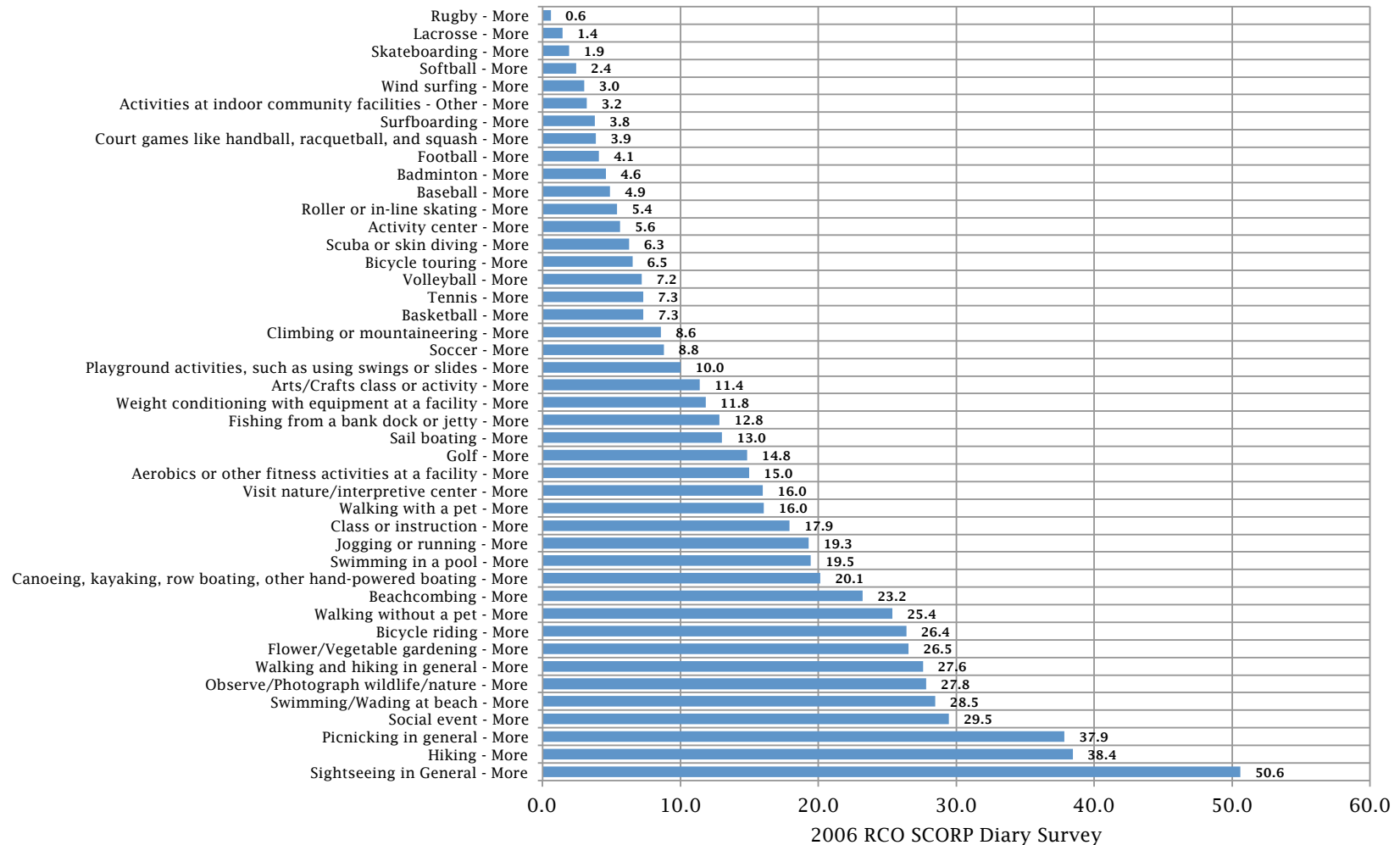
### **Washington State**

#### **Percent would like to do/do more**

#### **WA**

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Sightseeing                          | 50.6% |
| Hiking                               | 38.4% |
| Picnicking                           | 37.9% |
| Social event                         | 29.5% |
| Swimming/wading at beach             | 28.5% |
| Observe/photograph wildlife/nature   | 27.8% |
| Walking and hiking                   | 27.6% |
| Flower/vegetable gardening           | 26.5% |
| Bicycle riding                       | 26.4% |
| Walking without a pet                | 25.4% |
| Beachcombing                         | 23.2% |
| Canoeing, kayaking, row boating      | 20.1% |
| Swimming in a pool                   | 19.5% |
| Jogging or running                   | 19.3% |
| Class or instruction                 | 17.9% |
| Walking with a pet                   | 16.0% |
| Visit nature/interpretive center     | 16.0% |
| Aerobics or other fitness activities | 15.0% |
| Golf                                 | 14.8% |
| Sail boating                         | 13.0% |
| Fishing from a bank dock or jetty    | 12.8% |
| Weight conditioning with equipment   | 11.8% |
| Arts/Crafts class or activity        | 11.4% |
| Playground activities                | 10.0% |
| Soccer                               | 8.8%  |
| Climbing or mountaineering           | 8.6%  |
| Basketball                           | 7.3%  |
| Tennis                               | 7.3%  |
| Volleyball                           | 7.2%  |
| Bicycle touring                      | 6.5%  |
| Scuba or skin diving                 | 6.3%  |
| Activity center                      | 5.6%  |
| Roller or in-line skating            | 5.4%  |
| Baseball                             | 4.9%  |
| Badminton                            | 4.6%  |
| Football                             | 4.1%  |

## Percent of the population that would like to do more



|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Handball, racquetball, and squash | 3.9% |
| Surfboarding                      | 3.8% |
| Activities at indoor community    | 3.2% |
| Wind surfing                      | 3.0% |
| Softball                          | 2.4% |
| Skateboarding                     | 1.9% |
| Lacrosse                          | 1.4% |
| Rugby                             | 0.6% |

Source: 2006 SCORP RCO Diary Based Survey

Generally, survey participants would like to do and if already participating in, would like to do more of activities with the highest participation rates already including sightseeing (50.6% do and do more), hiking (38.4%), picnicking (37.9%), and so on.

Were survey participants to engage in activities and to engage more in activities they are already participating in they could increase the volume of activity but not change the overall rank order of activity participation.

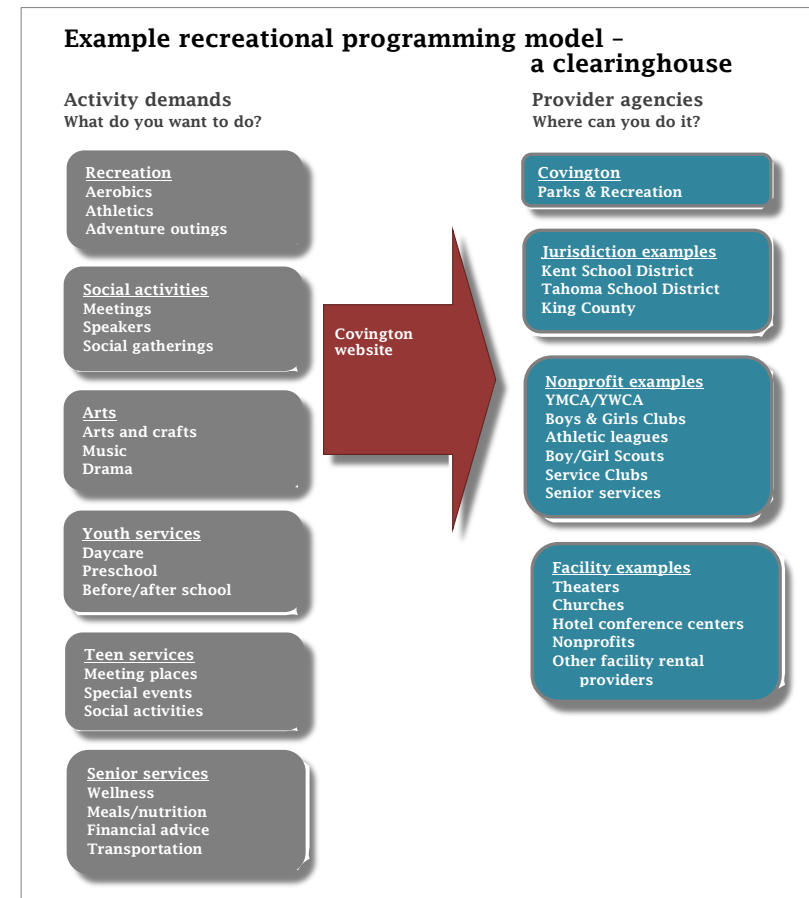
## Recreational clearinghouse

Covington could seek to operate a web-based recreational clearinghouse coordinating recreational program offerings that include as wide a variety of activities as there is an interest by city residents and tourists, regardless of age, skill level, income - or program provider.

Recreational program offerings offered through the clearinghouse should include activities providing health, education, social, recreational, and other welfare activities for children, teens, adults, seniors, and special populations.

Parks & Recreation Department staff or contractors could conduct programs to the extent possible, practical, and consistent with the city's mission. However, depending on demand, cost, and feasibility, the clearinghouse can also coordinate programs to be conducted by other public, non-profit, or for-profit organizations and even vendors.

To the extent possible and practical, program offerings should include activities that will be conducted in Covington parks, community centers, and trail facilities. However, depending on demand, the clearinghouse may also include program offerings that



may be conducted in schools and other public facilities inside or out of the city, as well as at non-profit sites and facilities.

## Vision

The web-based recreational clearinghouse may be realized through the coordination of:

- **Covington programs** - where there is sufficient demand to meet the city's park and recreation mission and pricing and delivery objectives.
- **Other jurisdictions** - including Kent, King County, and Kent and Tahoma School Districts.
- **Non-profit organizations** - such as YMCA, Boy and Girl Scouts, Campfire USA, athletic leagues, Lions, Rotary, and Kiwanis Clubs, among others.

## Pricing and delivery criteria

Covington will continuously assess the mission criteria illustrated in the program formula for all program offerings the city is considering of providing with staff, contract instructors, or vendors:

### **1: Is the program consistent with the city's park and recreation mission and level of service proposals?**

**If not** - the city does not offer the program but may facilitate the program to be offered by other providers including the option of partnering or brokering the program, and/or offering scholarships or other services, and/or publishing the program offering on the clearinghouse.

### **2: If yes - should the city directly provide the program?**

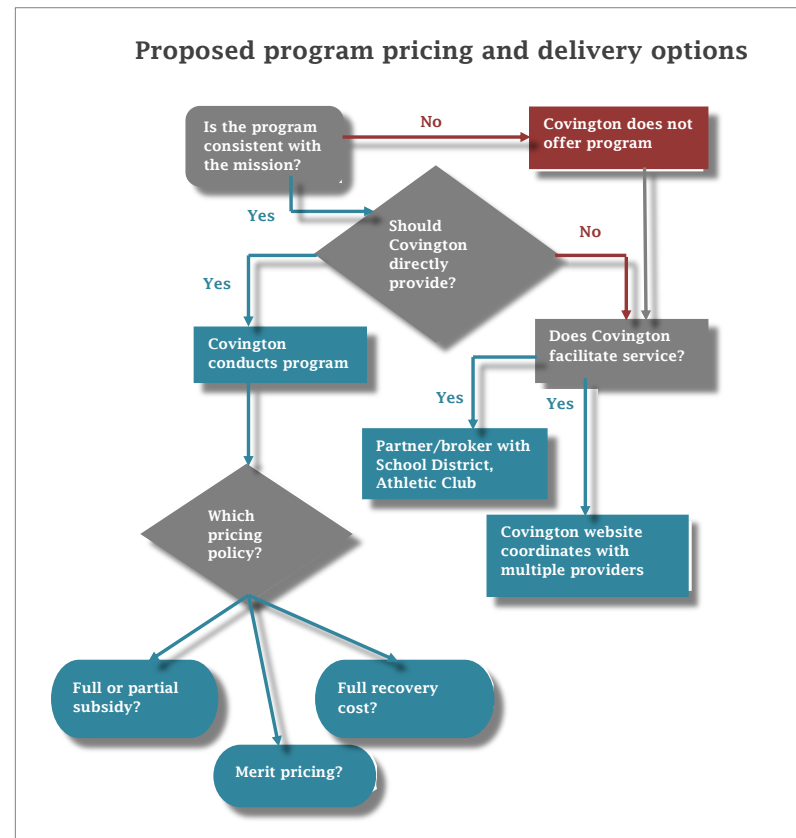
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### **3: If yes - what pricing policy or goal should the city establish for the program on a public good or benefit versus private good or benefit scale - full cost recovery, merit pricing, or full subsidy?**

- **Full cost recovery programs** - will recover all direct costs (including full and part-time staff, supplies, materials, maintenance,

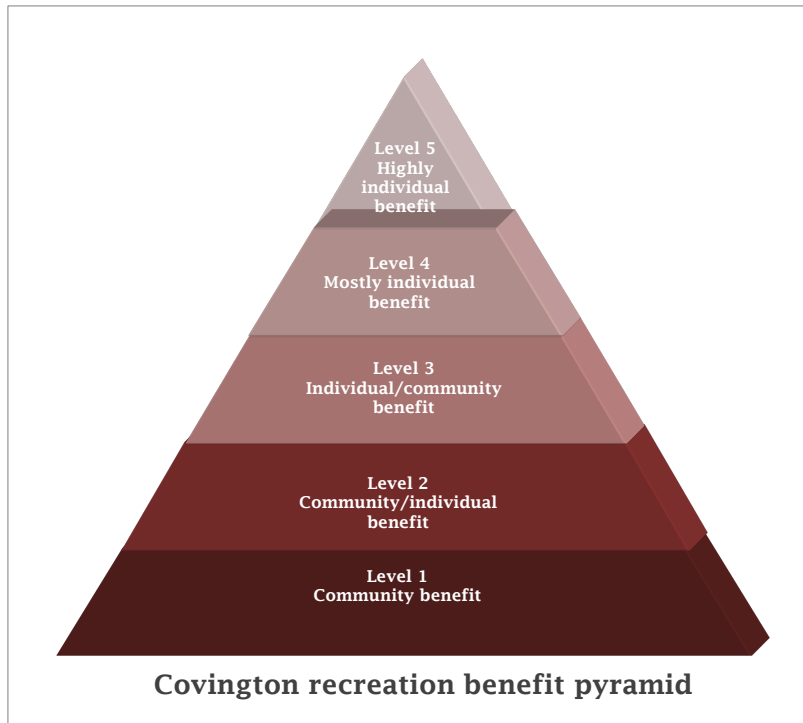
and utilities) and indirect costs (including department overhead for staff benefits).

Generally, full cost recovery programs will include services that primarily provide private goods or benefits to a specialized user group, such as golf courses, marinas, RV parks, gun and rifle ranges, equestrian facilities, elite adult sports field rentals, and classes.



In some instances, the city may add a surcharge to recover a slight profit or return on investment with which to defray long-term life

cycle costs for maintenance and repair, and/or to reinvest in similar facilities elsewhere in the system.



- **Merit pricing (partial cost recovery) programs** - will partially recover direct and indirect costs based on a policy decision about the degree to which each program provides public versus private goods or benefits. Merit pricing programs may also include the providing of scholarships to eligible user individuals or user groups that would prevent the program from realizing full cost recovery.

Merit pricing program determinations will consider the degree to which the program provides a public benefit to the public at large or to special users within the general population (such as teens or seniors); whether the program can or is able to be offered by other

providers at a reasonable cost; and the practicality of collecting fees for service.

Generally, merit price programs may include boat launches, facility rentals, day camps and field activities, youth sports field rentals, senior health and nutrition programs, and safety and instruction programs of all kinds.

- **Subsidy (no or very low-cost recovery) programs** - will not attempt to recover costs as a fee, although it may ask for donations or grants from using individuals, groups, or organizations who benefit or are likely sponsors.

Generally, subsidy programs benefit the population at large sufficiently to justify the use of public funding and/or include activities that are not practical to effectively recover a fee or charge, such as special events or festivals, special need programs and playgrounds, interpretive exhibits, parks, and trail related activities.

## Park service gaps

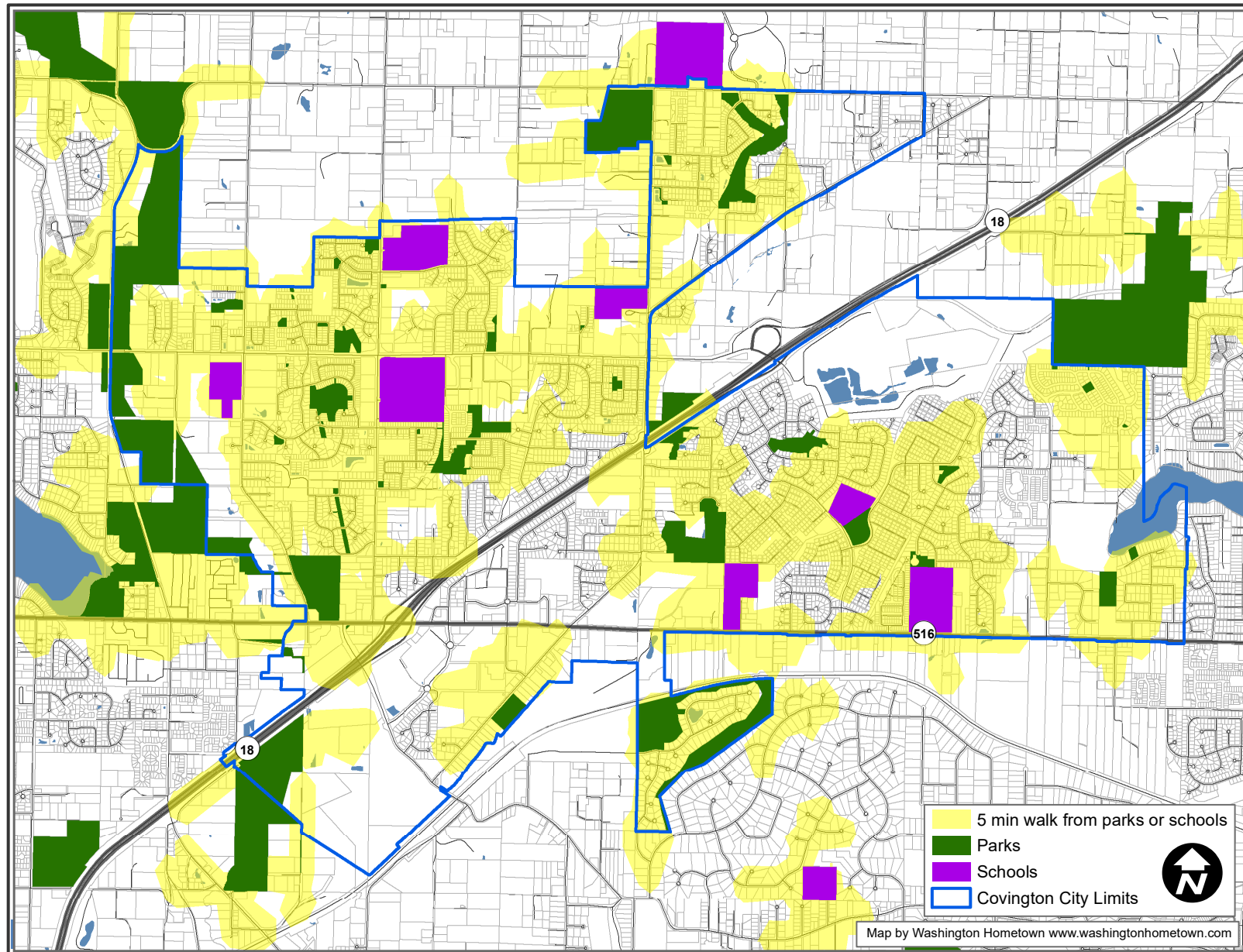
An effective park system should provide a park, trail, playground, community center, or other recreation facility within a 5-minute walk of any residential area measured by actual walking routes on trails, paths, sidewalks, or other routes.

Natural features such as steep hillsides, water bodies, and other obstacles as well as manmade obstacles like limited access highways or major traffic corridors or the lack of safe paths, trails, sidewalk improvements affect a 5-minute walk measurement.

Walkability maps are generated by Geographic Information Systems (GIS) that calculate 5-minute walk distances using roads, sidewalks, paths, and trails that account for natural and manmade obstacles from existing park, recreation, school, and other community facilities.

Service gaps are areas that are beyond the 5-minute walk distances of residential developments indicating residents of these areas

must walk further time-distances or commute by bike or vehicle or



are blocked by natural or manmade obstacles from or in order to engage in a recreational activity.

A walkability map generated around existing city, Kent, King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, and Homeowner Association (HOA) facilities indicates there are significant developed areas of the city and UGA that lack effective park and recreational services:

- **Central Covington** - including portions of the oldest neighborhoods in the city.
- **Undeveloped lands** - in the Lakepoint Development area.

The plan proposes trail, parks, and recreation facilities to fill these service gaps.

## Social equity

An effective park system should also ensure that park and recreational services and facilities, including those that provide health, nutrition, childcare, education, employment, and socialization as well as recreational activities are provided residents in areas of the city that are less advantaged than the general population due to:

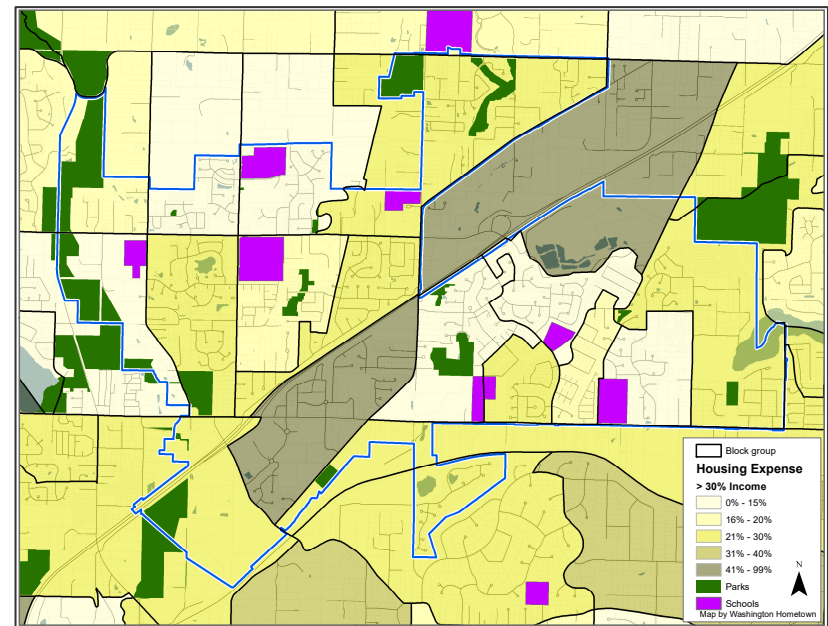
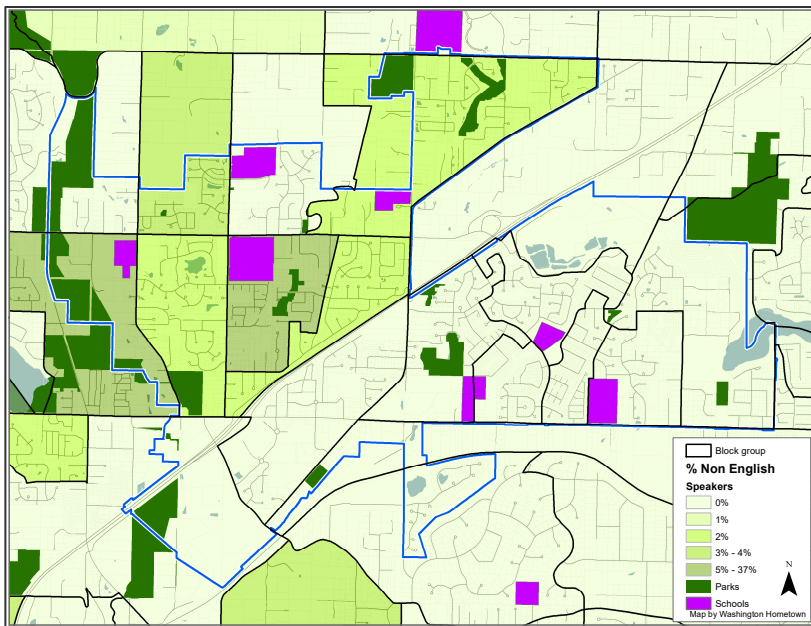
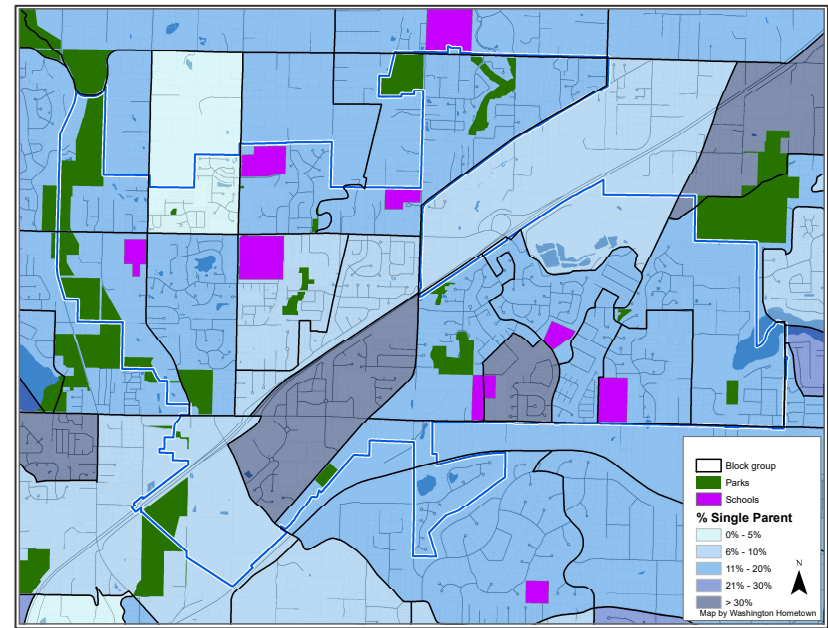
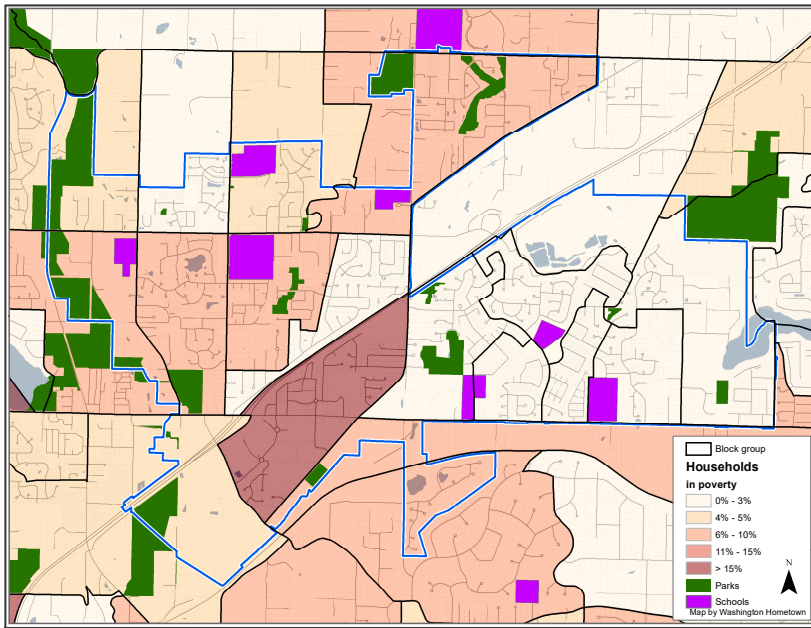
- **Poverty** - particularly for families with children under age 18,
- **Single parent households** - headed by a male or female with children with no other spouse present,
- **Non-English speaking** - defined by immigrant households where members do not speak English very well or not at all,
- **Housing cost stressed** - of households paying more than 35% of gross income for rent or mortgage payments,

GIS maps generated for the city using the US Census Bureau's 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) Block Groups indicate:

- **Households with incomes below poverty lines** - are more than 15% of all households located in the oldest central neighborhoods,

- **Households headed by single parents** - are more than 30% of all households located in the oldest central neighborhoods,
- **Households of non-English speaking** - are more than 5% of all households located along Soos Creek and Kentwood High School,
- **Households with high housing costs** - are more than 41% of all households located in the oldest central neighborhoods and north along SR-18.

The plan proposes to increase trail, parks, and recreation amenities in these areas to provide for social equity.



## Chapter 4: Public opinion

### Resident outreach survey

An on-line with mail-back option survey was conducted of all Covington households within the city zip codes using USPS's Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) postcard notification. The zip code boundaries are imperfect matches to city limits with some extending beyond and some not completely covering corporate boundaries. As shown below, 11% of the respondents indicated, or believe, they live outside of Covington city limits.

Survey questions sought to obtain information on park and recreation behavior, use of programs and parks, and opinions and priorities for potential future improvements. 431 persons completed the survey.

Following is a summary of the findings – detailed results including comments are available from the Parks & Recreation Department. In most instances, the results have been statistically weighted and ranked as noted to provide meaningful findings.

#### How did you find out about this survey?

Answered: 425 Skipped: 6

|                 |     |               |     |
|-----------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| Mailed postcard | 56% | Word of mouth | 30% |
| City Facebook   | 49% | City website  | 29% |
| Email blast     | 31% |               |     |

#### Where do you live – inside or outside of city limits (based on a reference map included in the survey)?

Answered: 422 Skipped: 9

|        |     |                     |     |
|--------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Zone 1 | 24% | Zone 4              | 27% |
| Zone 2 | 19% | Outside city limits | 11% |
| Zone 3 | 19% |                     |     |

#### How many years have you lived in Covington?

Answered: 425 Skipped: 6

|     |     |       |     |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 0-2 | 11% | 11-15 | 19% |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|

|      |     |     |     |
|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 2-5  | 22% | 16+ | 23% |
| 6-10 | 26% |     |     |

#### How many people are in your household?

Answered: 420 Skipped: 11

|   |     |    |     |
|---|-----|----|-----|
| 1 | 5%  | 5  | 11% |
| 2 | 21% | 6  | 10% |
| 3 | 28% | 7+ | 3%  |
| 4 | 24% |    |     |

#### What age group are you in?

Answered: 421 Skipped: 10

|       |     |       |     |
|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| 10-14 | 6%  | 41-55 | 22% |
| 15-18 | 6%  | 56-65 | 12% |
| 19-25 | 18% | 65+   | 5%  |
| 26-40 | 32% |       |     |

#### How many members in your household are in the following age groups? (Fill in a number for all that apply.)

Answered: 426 Skipped: 5

|       |      |       |      |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 0-5   | 1.00 | 26-40 | 1.66 |
| 6-10  | 1.11 | 41-55 | 1.35 |
| 11-14 | 1.19 | 55-65 | 1.16 |
| 15-18 | 1.20 | 65+   | 1.03 |
| 19-25 | 1.31 |       |      |

#### What language do the members in your household speak at home?

Answered: 426 Skipped: 5

|            |     |                      |    |
|------------|-----|----------------------|----|
| English    | 94% | Japanese             | 0% |
| Spanish    | 1%  | Korean               | 1% |
| Vietnamese | 1%  | Other Pacific Island | 0% |
| Chinese    | 1%  | Other                | 2% |

### What is your gender?

Answered: 427 Skipped: 4

|        |     |                      |    |
|--------|-----|----------------------|----|
| Male   | 34% | Other                | 0% |
| Female | 63% | Prefer not to answer | 2% |

### What is your current housing situation?

Answered: 417 Skipped: 14

|       |     |      |     |
|-------|-----|------|-----|
| Own   | 77% | Rent | 21% |
| Other | 2%  |      |     |

### Do you have any suggestions or recommendations concerning the development of parks, recreation, and open space in Covington?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 262

#### Implications

Adults who completed the outreach survey:

- Are informed primarily by postcard mailer and Facebook.
- Are distributed proportional to each zone's population.
- Have lived in Covington proportionally for all years ranging from 0 to 16+.
- Live primarily in 2 and 4-person households.
- Are concentrated in ages 19-65 with a significant representation over age 65.
- Speak English almost exclusively.
- Were predominantly female.
- Are primarily owners though with a suitable representation of renters.

The survey priority results were numerically weighted for each option where lowest was 1, low 2, moderate 3, high 4, and highest 5 and then divided by the number of responses to determine an average or weighted score where 5.00 was the highest and 1.00 the lowest possible priority.

### How often do you utilize the following Covington parks or improved open spaces (map included)? Answers ranked in order of highest use.

Answered: 431 Skipped: 0

### Covington parks

#### Weight

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Covington Community Park | 2.81 |
| Covington Aquatic Center | 2.38 |
| Jenkins Creek Park       | 2.29 |
| Jenkins Creek Trail      | 2.29 |
| Rainier Vista Trail      | 2.12 |
| Gerry Crick Skate Park   | 2.07 |
| Friendship Park          | 2.05 |
| Crystal View Park        | 2.03 |

#### Implications

- While Covington Community Park is the most used, all city parks are used by respondents.

### How often do you utilize the following Kent and King County parks? Answers ranked in order of highest use.

Answered: 428 Skipped: 3

### Kent and King County parks

#### Weight

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Lake Meridian Park          | 2.76 |
| Soos Creek Trail            | 2.69 |
| Cedar Creek Park            | 2.20 |
| Service Club Community Park | 2.02 |

#### Implications

- Kent and King County parks are frequented as much as Covington parks even though some are located outside city limits.

### Only residents of Homeowner Associations (HOA) can use private HOA parks. If you are a HOA resident, how often do you utilize private HOA parks?

Answered: 413 Skipped: 18

|                  |     |         |     |
|------------------|-----|---------|-----|
| Not HOA resident | 33% | Monthly | 16% |
| Never            | 11% | Weekly  | 16% |
| Yearly           | 16% | Daily   | 8%  |

#### Implications

- 76% of the respondents are HOA residents and use HOA parks on a yearly to weekly basis.

**How often do you utilize the following trails in Covington (map included)?** Answers ranked in order of highest use.

Answered: 430 Skipped: 1

| <b>Covington trails</b>        | <b>Weight</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Covington Community Park       | 2.71          |
| Soos Creek Trail & Open Space  | 2.64          |
| Walmart/Post Office            | 2.44          |
| Jenkins Creek Trail            | 2.27          |
| Cedar Creek Park               | 2.23          |
| Jenkins Creek Park             | 2.17          |
| Rainier Vista Trail            | 2.14          |
| Wingfield Open Space           | 2.03          |
| The Reserve HOA                | 2.00          |
| Gateway Open Space             | 1.97          |
| Friendship Park                | 1.94          |
| Abbotsford HOA                 | 1.00          |
| Pioneer Ridge (High Point) HOA | 1.00          |
| Tamarack HOA                   | 1.00          |
| Winterwood Estates HOA         | 1.00          |

#### **Implications**

- The most used trails are in public parks (Covington Community Park and Soos Creek Trail & Open Space) or public sidewalks (Walmart/Post office).

**What priority would you give to having the following types of outdoor facilities increased or added in Covington?** Answers ranked in order of use.

Answered: 426 Skipped: 5

| <b>Outdoor facility</b>                   | <b>Weight</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Trails and open spaces                    | 3.65          |
| Playgrounds and play areas                | 3.42          |
| Spray and splash parks                    | 3.18          |
| Soccer, baseball, and softball fields     | 3.12          |
| Picnic facilities and shelters            | 3.10          |
| Basketball, tennis, and volleyball courts | 3.10          |
| Community gardens                         | 3.03          |
| Dog parks                                 | 3.01          |
| Skate parks                               | 2.69          |

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| Pump tracks | 2.45 |
|-------------|------|

#### **Implications**

- Trails and open spaces ranked the highest priority of all outdoor facility options though all options have scores of moderate and above except skate and pump parks that are used by smaller percentages of the population.

**What priority would you give to having the following types of indoor facilities increased or added in Covington?** Answers ranked in order of use.

Answered: 427 Skipped: 4

| <b>Indoor facility</b>                              | <b>Weight</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Youth activity center                               | 3.28          |
| Leisure swimming pool                               | 3.28          |
| Indoor gymnasium (basketball, volleyball, etc.)     | 3.22          |
| Indoor walking/running track                        | 3.20          |
| Classrooms (yoga, Pilates, tai chi, exercise, etc.) | 3.16          |
| Fitness facility (weights, aerobic, other)          | 3.14          |
| Lap swimming pool                                   | 3.13          |
| Spray/splash feature                                | 3.09          |
| Childcare                                           | 3.06          |
| Climbing wall or structure                          | 2.98          |
| Commercial kitchen (cooking classes, event rental)  | 2.94          |
| Juice, tea, and coffee latte bar                    | 2.88          |
| Large event rooms and rental space                  | 2.83          |
| Computer/IT/media classroom                         | 2.83          |
| Small-medium meeting rooms and rental spaces        | 2.80          |
| Nonprofit space (city sponsored option)             | 2.80          |
| Rental/lease space (business revenue generating)    | 2.80          |
| Nonprofit space (leased option)                     | 2.74          |

#### **Implications**

- Highest priorities were given the youth activity center, then active recreation spaces (leisure swimming pool, gymnasium walking and running track, and fitness facility) though all activities scored moderate and above in priorities.

**What recreational groups or programs have you participated in?**

Answers ranked in order of use.

Answered: 426 Skipped: 5

| Activity by organization                              | Weight |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Covington Parks & Recreation                          | 2.65   |
| School programs or sports                             | 2.50   |
| Private specialized centers (aquatics, fitness, etc.) | 2.44   |
| Independent sports group or league                    | 2.37   |
| Church groups                                         | 2.34   |
| Nonprofit club (YMCA, Boys & Girls, Scouts, etc.)     | 2.27   |
| Kent Parks & Recreation                               | 2.24   |
| King County Parks & Recreation                        | 2.20   |
| Maple Valley Parks & Recreation                       | 2.15   |
| Auburn Parks & Recreation                             | 2.00   |

**Implications**

- While Covington and School District programs are the most cited, a variety of groups are providing residents recreation services.

**If you did not participate in any Covington Parks & Recreation programs in the last year, why not?** Answers ranked by response.

Answered: 363 Skipped: 68

| Reason                      | Weight |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Unaware of programs         | 1.03   |
| Schedule conflicts/too busy | 0.96   |
| Cost of participating       | 0.84   |
| Not interested in programs  | 0.72   |
| Transportation challenges   | 0.65   |

**Implications**

- Other than not being aware of programs that are available, there are no specific reasons why residents are not using available programs.

**What priority would you give to having the following recreation programs provided in Covington by age group?** Answers ranked in order of use.

Answered: 426 Skipped: 5

| Programs by age group | Weight |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Youth programs (0-11) | 3.68   |

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Teen-youth adult programs (11-21)    | 3.53 |
| Programs for those with disabilities | 3.37 |
| Senior programs (55-70)              | 3.24 |
| Elder programs (70+)                 | 3.13 |
| Adult programs (30-55)               | 3.12 |
| Young adult programs (21-20)         | 3.08 |

**Implications**

- While programs for all ages scored moderate to high priority, youth programs were ranked highest.

**What priority would you give to having the following types of recreational programs in Covington?** Answers ranked in order of use.

Answered: 427 Skipped: 4

| Recreation programs                                | Weight |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| After-school programs                              | 3.34   |
| Environmental (park and trail maintenance)         | 3.31   |
| Aquatics classes/programs                          | 3.30   |
| Outdoor recreation (skiing, hiking, camping, etc.) | 3.30   |
| Athletics (non-school and sports leagues)          | 3.26   |
| Preschool childcare                                | 3.25   |
| Health, wellness, and nutrition                    | 3.19   |
| Fitness (aerobics, Pilate, etc.)                   | 3.16   |
| Dance, music, or drama                             | 3.14   |
| Education and media                                | 3.14   |
| Art or textile                                     | 3.12   |
| Travel (local trips to museums, exhibitions, etc.) | 3.01   |
| Landscape and gardening classes                    | 2.97   |
| Sports league or competition play                  | 2.00   |
| Fitness (aerobics, cross-fit weightlifting, etc.)  | 1.00   |

**Implications**

- All recreation programs ranked moderate priorities except for sports league or competition play and fitness.

**What priority would you give to having the following types of indoor programs in Covington?** Answers ranked in order of use.

Answered: 425 Skipped: 6

| Indoor programs                                    | Weight |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Athletics (basketball, handball, volleyball, etc.) | 3.30   |

|                                        |      |
|----------------------------------------|------|
| After-school programs                  | 3.28 |
| Education                              | 3.27 |
| Fitness (yoga, Pilate, aerobics, etc.) | 3.24 |
| Preschool childcare                    | 3.21 |
| Dance, music, or drama                 | 3.21 |
| Health, wellness, and nutrition        | 3.16 |
| Art or textile                         | 3.11 |
| Media                                  | 2.91 |

#### **Implications**

- All indoor programs ranked moderate priorities.

**What priority would you give to attend the following types of events in Covington?** Answers ranked by response.

Answered: 427 Skipped: 4

| <b>Types of events</b>            | <b>Weight</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Farmers' markets and craft bazars | 3.60          |
| Festivals                         | 3.44          |
| Music concerts and performances   | 3.29          |
| Walking and running events        | 3.22          |
| Children events                   | 3.22          |
| Events with alcohol (age 21+)     | 2.85          |

#### **Implications**

- Respondents favored farmers' markets, craft bazars, and festivals events.

**If you have not attended any special events in Covington, what are the reasons?** Answers ranked by response.

Answered: 381 Skipped: 50

| <b>Reasons for not attending</b> | <b>Weight</b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Unaware of events                | 1.08          |
| Schedule conflicts/too busy      | 1.00          |
| Not interested in events         | 0.77          |
| Cost of attending                | 0.73          |
| Transportation to event          | 0.59          |

#### **Implications**

- While respondents indicated to be unaware of events as the major reason for not attending, the scores do not indicate any significant factors account for not attending.

**Which of the following methods is the best way to communicate with you?** Ranked in order of priority.

Answered: 425 Skipped: 6

|                      |      |               | <b>Weight</b> |
|----------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Email                | 1.57 | City Facebook | 0.91          |
| Mailer or newsletter | 1.15 | City website  | 0.67          |

### **School student survey**

An on-line survey was conducted of Covington middle and high school students using email and Facebook invitations through the Youth Council and Kent and Tahoma School District parent organizations.

Survey questions sought to obtain information on park and recreation behavior, use of programs and parks, and opinions and priorities for potential future improvements. 49 school students completed the survey.

Following is a summary of the findings – detailed results including comments are available from the Parks & Recreation Department. In most instances, the results have been statistically weighted and ranked as noted to provide meaningful findings.

**What age group are you in?**

Answered: 47 Skipped: 2

|             |     |       |     |
|-------------|-----|-------|-----|
| 10 or under | 2%  | 15-16 | 23% |
| 11-12       | 34% | 17-19 | 11% |
| 13-14       | 30% |       |     |

**What is your gender?**

Answered: 43 Skipped: 6

|        |     |                      |    |
|--------|-----|----------------------|----|
| Female | 60% | Other                | 5% |
| Male   | 33% | Prefer not to answer | 2% |

**Which school do you attend?**

Answered: 46 Skipped: 3

|                      |     |                  |    |
|----------------------|-----|------------------|----|
| Cedar Heights Middle | 61% | Home schooled    | 0% |
| Mattison Middle      | 0%  | Other in Kent SD | 2% |

|                   |     |                    |    |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------|----|
| Kentwood High     | 35% | Other in Tahoma SD | 0% |
| Maple View Middle | 0%  | Other              | 2% |

#### How do you get to school, a recreation program, or park?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 2

|               | School | Rctn | Park |
|---------------|--------|------|------|
| Walk          | 15%    | 10%  | 24%  |
| Bike          | 4%     | 0%   | 4%   |
| Bus           | 38%    | 2%   | 0%   |
| Drive car     | 17%    | 33%  | 22%  |
| Family drives | 26%    | 55%  | 49%  |

#### Which community do you live in?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 1

|              |     |        |    |
|--------------|-----|--------|----|
| Covington    | 48% | Renton | 0% |
| Kent         | 44% | Auburn | 0% |
| Maple Valley | 2%  | Other  | 6% |

#### How many years have you lived in Covington?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 3

|     |     |       |     |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 0-1 | 13% | 6-10  | 17% |
| 2-5 | 17% | 11-18 | 52% |

#### What is the best way of communicating with you and your peers?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 3

|                     |      |                 |      |
|---------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Phone or cell phone | 3.02 | Facebook        | 1.38 |
| Text                | 3.54 | Website posting | 1.47 |
| Email               | 2.53 | Mail - postcard | 1.61 |
| Twitter             | 1.33 | Family, friend  | 2.61 |
| Instagram           | 2.39 | Chat group/blog | 2.20 |

#### Do you have any specific comments to make that the prior questions did not address?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 33

The survey priority results were numerically weighted for each option where lowest was 1, low 2, moderate 3, high 4, and highest 5 and then divided by the number of responses to determine an

average or weighted score where 5.00 was the highest and 1.00 the lowest possible priority.

#### What Covington Parks & Recreation Department programs have you participated in over the past year? Answers ranked by response.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 1

| Program                                         | Weight |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Athletic leagues - basketball, soccer, baseball | 0.58   |
| Recreation, open swimming                       | 0.44   |
| Arts classes                                    | 0.24   |
| Swimming competitively, for training, club      | 0.21   |
| Safety classes                                  | 0.17   |
| Dance classes                                   | 0.15   |
| Athletic camps                                  | 0.11   |
| Circus arts classes                             | 0.09   |
| Lifeguard lessons in CPR/Red Cross/Water Safety | 0.08   |
| Martial art classes                             | 0.08   |
| Diving                                          | 0.06   |
| Gymnastic classes                               | 0.02   |
| Water polo                                      | 0.00   |

#### Implications

▪ A very small number and percent of school student respondents are involved in Covington Parks & Recreation Department programs including athletic leagues where 71% have never participated.

#### If you did not participate in any Covington Parks & Recreation Department programs over the past year, what were the reasons? Answers ranked by response.

Answered: 42 Skipped: 7

| Reasons for not participating      | Weight |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Unaware of programs offered        | 1.56   |
| Not interested in programs offered | 1.38   |
| Time of day programs scheduled     | 1.27   |
| Cost of program                    | 1.11   |
| Transportation to program          | 0.92   |

#### Implications

▪ Major reason for not participating appears to be unaware of programs.

**How often do you use recreation programs offered by the following organizations?** Answers ranked in order of use.

Answered: 47 Skipped: 2

| Activity by organization                              | Weight |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Kent or Tahoma School District                        | 1.36   |
| Kent Parks & Recreation                               | 0.80   |
| Covington Parks & Recreation                          | 0.76   |
| King County Parks & Recreation                        | 0.42   |
| Other                                                 | 0.42   |
| Private specialized centers (aquatics, fitness, etc.) | 0.36   |
| Auburn Parks & Recreation                             | 0.20   |
| Maple Valley Parks & Recreation                       | 0.13   |
| Boy or Girl Scouts or Campfire Boys & Girls           | 0.07   |
| Church groups                                         | 0.04   |

#### **Implications**

- Kent and Tahoma School District programs capture the highest participation rates though the school student respondents live in numerous cities and are, therefore, not captured by any single city recreation program.

**Which recreation programs would you like to participate in - during the school day, on interscholastic teams that require practice and play at other schools after school hours and on the weekends, and/or in Covington Parks & Recreation programs after school and during the summer? Check all that you would like to do.**

Answered: 48 Skipped: 1

| Recreation activity       | No interest | During school | School team | Parks & Rctn |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Arts - paints, ceramics   | 54%         | 43%           | 17%         | 9%           |
| Baseball/softball         | 76%         | 9%            | 13%         | 15%          |
| Basketball                | 65%         | 15%           | 20%         | 17%          |
| Bicycling                 | 74%         | 13%           | 9%          | 13%          |
| Bowling                   | 63%         | 15%           | 15%         | 11%          |
| Camping                   | 60%         | 11%           | 16%         | 24%          |
| Computer programming      | 57%         | 30%           | 20%         | 22%          |
| Conditioning, weight loss | 78%         | 9%            | 7%          | 15%          |
| Cross-country             | 87%         | 4%            | 9%          | 7%           |

|                              |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Dance                        | 74% | 11% | 21% | 9%  |
| Drama and theater            | 70% | 22% | 17% | 9%  |
| Disc sports, frisbee golf    | 87% | 4%  | 4%  | 7%  |
| Environmental conservation   | 72% | 17% | 11% | 13% |
| Fencing                      | 80% | 11% | 9%  | 9%  |
| Film and video production    | 57% | 34% | 21% | 13% |
| Fitness                      | 73% | 18% | 7%  | 13% |
| Football - flag or touch     | 74% | 17% | 17% | 11% |
| Gymnastics                   | 85% | 7%  | 11% | 9%  |
| Hiking                       | 72% | 11% | 7%  | 20% |
| Jump rope                    | 87% | 2%  | 9%  | 4%  |
| Kayaking                     | 83% | 7%  | 11% | 13% |
| Lacrosse                     | 87% | 2%  | 11% | 9%  |
| Music, band, chorus          | 70% | 22% | 15% | 20% |
| Photography                  | 55% | 34% | 19% | 17% |
| Pickleball                   | 80% | 9%  | 11% | 9%  |
| Ping pong                    | 76% | 15% | 11% | 7%  |
| Racket sports - tennis       | 70% | 17% | 17% | 13% |
| Roller hockey, in-line skate | 79% | 6%  | 15% | 17% |
| Self-defense                 | 57% | 30% | 21% | 28% |
| Skateboarding                | 74% | 11% | 17% | 15% |
| Skiing/snowshoeing           | 73% | 4%  | 18% | 22% |
| Soccer                       | 65% | 20% | 30% | 22% |
| Swimming                     | 64% | 11% | 28% | 17% |
| Track and field              | 70% | 11% | 26% | 11% |
| Volleyball                   | 50% | 37% | 33% | 30% |
| Wildlife viewing             | 72% | 9%  | 15% | 17% |
| Wrestling                    | 87% | 2%  | 13% | 9%  |

#### **Implications**

- Programs with the most interest during school, on school teams, and in Covington programs include arts with paints and ceramics, computer programming, film and video production, photography, self-defense, and volleyball.
- Programs with the most interest in being provided by Covington Parks & Recreation include camping, computer programming, hiking, music with band and chorus, self-defense, skiing and snowshoeing, and volleyball.

**How often do you use the Covington, Kent, and King County developed parks shown on the map?** Answers ranked in order of use.

Answered: 47 Skipped: 2

| Park                             | Weight |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Lake Meridian Park               | 0.98   |
| Soos Creek Trail                 | 0.91   |
| Covington Community Park         | 0.89   |
| Covington Aquatic Center         | 0.60   |
| Jenkins Creek Trail              | 0.41   |
| Jenkins Creek Park               | 0.36   |
| Cedar Creek Park                 | 0.19   |
| Friendship Park                  | 0.15   |
| Gerry Crick Skate Park           | 0.13   |
| Service Club Community Park      | 0.13   |
| Crystal View Park                | 0.09   |
| North Wingfield Open Space Trail | 0.00   |
| Rainier Vista Trail              | 0.00   |

#### **Implications**

- Lake Meridian Park, Soos Creek Trail, and Covington Community Park are the most heavily used parks because they provide the most diverse activities and are used by school students who also live outside of the city.

**What is your favorite activity when visiting a park?** Answers ranked in order of use.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 61

| Activity                                 | Weight |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Meeting friends                          | 3.85   |
| Hiking and walking                       | 3.00   |
| Picnicking                               | 2.98   |
| Attending events                         | 2.89   |
| Active sport - baseball, soccer, other   | 2.68   |
| Casual sport - games, kite flying, other | 2.46   |

#### **Implications**

- Meeting friends is the favorite activity school students engage in when using a park.

**If it were possible, what type of outdoor recreation amenities or programs would you like to see added to facilities in Covington?**

Ranked in order of priority.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 1

| Added outdoor activity                               | Weight |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Sports courts for basketball, pickleball, volleyball | 2.50   |
| Dog parks                                            | 2.38   |
| Trails and open space                                | 2.30   |
| Athletic fields for soccer, baseball                 | 2.26   |
| Spray and splash parks                               | 2.15   |
| Picnic facilities and shelters                       | 2.09   |
| Community gardens                                    | 2.02   |
| Bike parks and pump tracks                           | 1.83   |
| Skate parks and skate dots                           | 1.57   |

#### **Implications**

- All outdoor amenities received low priorities though sports courts were the highest rated option.

**What type of indoor recreation programs would you like to see added to facilities in Covington?** Ranked in order of priority.

Answered: 47 Skipped: 2

| Added indoor activity                            | Weight |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Leisure swimming pool with lazy river            | 2.79   |
| Concession - juice and coffee bar                | 2.67   |
| Concession - soup, sandwich cafe                 | 2.67   |
| Indoor gym for basketball, volleyball, badminton | 2.57   |
| Commercial kitchen with cooking classes          | 2.40   |
| Climbing wall or structure                       | 2.24   |
| Youth activity center                            | 2.09   |
| Indoor walking/running track                     | 1.84   |
| Fitness facility with weights, aerobics          | 1.83   |
| Computer/IT/media room                           | 1.57   |
| Class and meeting rooms                          | 1.42   |

#### **Implications**

- All indoor amenities received low priorities though leisure swimming pool and concessions were the highest rated options.

**What type of events have and would you like to attend in Covington parks?** Ranked in order of priority.

Answered: 46 Skipped: 3

| Events                            | Weight |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Festivals                         | 3.73   |
| Music concerts and performances   | 3.27   |
| Farmers' markets and craft bazars | 3.48   |
| Walking and running events        | 2.50   |

**Implications**

- Festivals and music concerts and performances were the highest ranked events.

**If you have not attended a Covington Parks & Recreation event, what were the reasons?** Ranked in order of priority.

Answered: 40 Skipped: 9

| Reasons for not attending   | Weight |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Unaware of events           | 3.46   |
| Schedule conflicts/too busy | 3.21   |
| Not interested in event     | 2.76   |
| Time of year event held     | 2.26   |
| Cost of attending           | 2.21   |
| Transportation to event     | 2.05   |

**Implications**

- Being unaware of the event was the event was the major reason for not attending a Covington event.

**In addition to recreation, what other kind of activities would you like to participate in?** Ranked in order of priority.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 10

|                                                                                                            | Currently involved | Would like to be |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Social</b> - participate in a school or community club or organization in special events and activities | 50%                | 53%              |
| <b>Public service</b> - volunteer with a community organization and network with community leaders         | 26%                | 78%              |
| <b>Employment</b> - have an internship or job                                                              | 24%                | 79%              |

**Implications**

- Greatest interest is in being involved in public service and employment.

**PROS Plan priorities survey**

A follow-up on-line with mail-back option survey was conducted of all Covington households within the city zip codes using USPS's Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) postcard notification.

Survey questions sought to obtain priorities for the specific open space, trails, parks, financing, and other particulars in the proposed PROS Plan. 234 persons completed the survey.

Following is a summary of the findings - detailed results including comments are available from the Parks & Recreation Department. In most instances, the results have been statistically weighted and ranked as noted to provide meaningful findings.

**Where do you live based on the reference map included in the survey?**

Answered: 234 Skipped: 0

|        |     |                     |     |
|--------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Zone 1 | 32% | Zone 4              | 37% |
| Zone 2 | 6%  | Outside city limits | 18% |
| Zone 3 | 8%  |                     |     |

**Implications**

- Slightly more people lived in zone 1 and 4 than 2 and 3 compared to the first outreach survey.

**How many years have you lived in Covington?**

Answered: 234 Skipped: 0

|      |     |                    |     |
|------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| 0-1  | 9%  | 11-20              | 23% |
| 2-5  | 21% | 21+                | 21% |
| 6-10 | 13% | Don't live in city | 15% |

### Where do you work?

Answered: 230 Skipped: 4

|                       |     |                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Retired               | 18% | Elsewhere King County | 52% |
| Not currently working | 11% | Elsewhere             | 3%  |
| Covington             | 17% |                       |     |

### What type of house do you live in?

Answered: 232 Skipped: 2

|     |     |      |    |
|-----|-----|------|----|
| Own | 93% | Rent | 7% |
|-----|-----|------|----|

#### Implications

- Much higher homeownership compared to the first outreach survey.

### How many people in your household are in the following age groups?

Answered: 232 Skipped: 2

|          |     |       |     |
|----------|-----|-------|-----|
| Under 18 | 199 | 35-49 | 169 |
| 18-24    | 143 | 50-64 | 151 |
| 25-34    | 143 | 65+   | 142 |

### Are you a registered voter of the City of Covington?

Answered: 232 Skipped: 2

|     |     |    |     |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 75% | No | 25% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|

### Using the map provided of public parks, what is the estimated walking time to and name of the park closest to your residence?

Answered: 229 Skipped: 5

|            |     |             |     |
|------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 5 minutes  | 35% | 15+ minutes | 31% |
| 10 minutes | 34% |             |     |

### Do you have any specific comments to make that the proposals described in this survey do not address?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 178

#### Implications

Adults who completed the PROS Plan priorities survey:

- Live predominately in zone 1 and 4.
- Have lived in Covington proportionally for all years ranging from 0 to 21+.

- Are retired, or not currently working, or work elsewhere in King County.
- Are predominately homeowners.
- Are in households with members in all age groups from 18-65+.
- Are majority registered voters in the city of Covington.
- A significant percentage live more than 15 minutes from a public park.

The survey priority results were numerically weighted for each option where lowest was 1, low 2, moderate 3, high 4, and highest 5 and then divided by the number of responses to determine an average or weighted score where 5.00 was the highest and 1.00 the lowest possible priority.

**In general, how would you rate the location, quantity, and quality of the existing inventory of parks, recreation, open spaces, and trails provided in Covington by the city, neighboring cities, county, and school districts?** Answers ranked in order of highest ranking.

Answered: 231 Skipped: 3

| Park characteristics                                    | Weight |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Quality</b> - condition, furnishings of facilities   | 3.13   |
| <b>Location</b> - of existing parks and trails          | 2.90   |
| <b>Quantity</b> - the number and size of existing parks | 2.84   |

#### Implications

- Generally, survey respondents gave moderate scores to all characteristics of existing parks.

**In general, what priority would you give to the acquisition and development of the following park facilities to meet projected population growth requirements and needs?** Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 232 Skipped: 2

| Facility development                                 | Weight |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Playgrounds                                          | 3.66   |
| Swimming pools and splash pads                       | 3.49   |
| Conservancies along creek corridors                  | 3.46   |
| Off-road trails throughout the city                  | 3.42   |
| On-road bike lanes and sidewalks throughout the city | 3.32   |

|                                                      |      |
|------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Sports courts for basketball, pickleball, volleyball | 3.28 |
| Picnic shelters and tables                           | 3.17 |
| Community gardens                                    | 3.14 |
| Physical fitness facilities                          | 2.94 |
| Soccer fields                                        | 2.91 |
| Baseball/softball fields                             | 2.87 |
| Dog parks                                            | 2.86 |
| Gymnasiums                                           | 2.86 |
| Skateboarding                                        | 2.51 |
| Meeting rooms                                        | 2.36 |

#### **Implications**

- Playgrounds, swimming pools and splash pads, conservancies along creek corridors, and off-road trails throughout the city received the highest priorities.

Most of the facility improvements listed above, were illustrated in graphics shown in Chapter 5. Following are the rank priorities given by survey respondents when shown a proposed plan for each facility improvement.

**CONSERVE AND ENHANCE CREEK CORRIDORS - under the proposed plan, the city could conserve and enhance corridors along Soos, Little Soos, Jenkins, and Cranmar Creeks including some that are and will remain privately owned. The objective would be to remove invasive species, replant native vegetation, and install interpretive signage and exhibits. Rate this proposal below based on the graphic (illustrated in Chapter 5)?** Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 232 Skipped: 2

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Conserve and enhance creek corridors | 3.53 |
|--------------------------------------|------|

#### **Implications**

- This proposal was given a high-highest priority.

**PARK PICNIC SHELTERS AND TABLES - under the proposed plan, the city could install picnic facilities and park trails to provide public access to passive park features including woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat. The proposal would provide picnic facilities within a 5-minute walk of most residential areas including group picnic shelters in locations suitable for public**

**gatherings. Rate this proposal below based on the graphic (illustrated in Chapter 5)?** Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 233 Skipped: 1

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Add picnic shelters and tables | 3.35 |
|--------------------------------|------|

#### **Implications**

- This proposal was given a high priority.

**OFF-ROAD TRAILS - under the proposed plan, the city could develop an off-road hike and bike trail network to provide connections to parks, schools, and other community destinations that access all residential areas. The trail segments would be designed for hike, bike, and dog use depending on environmental constraints and neighborhood property impacts. The proposal would install wayfinding signage and directories along trail corridors. Rate this proposal based on the graphic (illustrated in Chapter 5)?** Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 233 Skipped: 1

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Develop off-road trail network | 3.50 |
|--------------------------------|------|

#### **Implications**

- This proposal was given a high-highest priority.

**ON-ROAD BIKE LANES AND SIDEWALKS - under the proposed plan, the city could develop an on-road bike lane and sidewalk network to provide connections to parks, schools, and other community destinations that access all residential areas. The trail segments would be designed to serve recreational users with family-oriented safety measures and multiuse standards. The proposal would install wayfinding signage and directories along the on-road trail network. Rate this proposal based on the graphic (illustrated in Chapter 5)?** Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 233 Skipped: 1

|                                          |      |
|------------------------------------------|------|
| Develop on-road bike lanes and sidewalks | 3.32 |
|------------------------------------------|------|

#### **Implications**

- This proposal was given a high priority.

**PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS - under the proposed plan, the city could develop playgrounds and play areas to provide access**

within a 5-minute walking distance of most residential areas in the city. The proposal would design age-appropriate features for young and older age children. The proposal would upgrade some existing playground equipment to meet ADA requirements, safety concerns, and new activity interests. Rate this proposal based on the graphic (illustrated in Chapter 5)? Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 231 Skipped: 3

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Develop playgrounds and play areas | 3.60 |
|------------------------------------|------|

#### Implications

- This proposal was given a high-highest priority.

**SPORTS COURTS** - under the proposed plan, the city could develop sports courts to provide multiuse basketball, pickleball, volleyball, and other activities within a 5-minute walking distance of most residential areas in the city. The proposal would upgrade some existing basketball courts to increase surface and equipment durability meet safety concerns and accommodate new activity interests. Rate this proposal based on the graphic (illustrated in Chapter 5)? Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 230 Skipped: 4

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Develop sports courts | 3.10 |
|-----------------------|------|

#### Implications

- This proposal was given a moderate-high priority.

**SOCCKER (MULTIUSE) FIELDS** - under the proposed plan, the city could develop multiuse soccer/baseball fields at Covington Community Park and possibly improve other existing fields for multiuse to serve all age groups with practice and competition game opportunities. Rate this proposal based on the graphic (illustrated in Chapter 5)? Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 230 Skipped: 4

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Develop multiuse fields | 2.96 |
|-------------------------|------|

#### Implications

- This proposal was given a moderate priority.

**INDOOR FACILITIES** - under the proposed plan, the city could develop indoor facilities able to serve multiple generations

(children, teens, adults, older adults) with indoor spaces for programs, gatherings, and rentals. There are two types of indoor facilities for consideration - 1) Under a recently completed feasibility study, a regional aquatic/recreation center would serve the greater community of Covington and Maple Valley. 2) Another option would be for relatively smaller community center facility(ies) with less amenities that would focus on service City of Covington residents (not regional) Rate this proposal based on the graphic (illustrated in Chapter 5)? Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 231 Skipped: 3

|                                              |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|
| Develop a regional aquatic/recreation center | 3.54 |
| Develop community center facility(ies)       | 3.35 |

#### Implications

- Both proposals were given a high priority with the regional aquatic/recreation center slightly higher.

Additional funds will ultimately be necessary to meet Covington's projected park and recreation development, maintenance, and operating requirements. Given this fact, rate the following possible methods for financing some of Covington's park and recreation facility acquisition, development, maintenance, and operational needs - all of which require voter approval. Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 229 Skipped: 5

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <u>Approve a limited duration levy (typically 7 years)</u> - to acquire, develop, maintain, and operating existing and future park facilities.                                                                                                                    | 3.25 |
| <u>Approve a bond</u> - to pay for acquisition and development of existing or additional park facilities (note - bonds cannot pay for maintenance or operations)                                                                                                  | 3.11 |
| <u>Approve resetting the property tax rate</u> - with the increase dedicated exclusively to acquire, develop, maintain, and operating existing and future park facilities until the needed amount has been raised after which the property tax rate reverts back. | 2.46 |

#### Implications

- A limited duration levy was given a moderate priority, a bond moderate, and resetting the property tax rate a less than moderate.

**If 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.** Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 231 Skipped: 3

|      |     |       |     |        |     |
|------|-----|-------|-----|--------|-----|
| \$0  | 11% | \$75  | 5%  | \$150  | 10% |
| \$25 | 17% | \$100 | 25% | \$175  | 3%  |
| \$50 | 14% | \$125 | 5%  | \$200+ | 9%  |

#### **Implications**

- 50% would pay more than \$100 per year.

**What recreational programs do you think should be offered in Covington for the following age groups?** Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 225 Skipped: 9

| <b>Programs</b>                       | <b>Weight</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Teens (middle and high school)        | 3.82          |
| Elementary school age youth           | 3.65          |
| Families                              | 3.61          |
| Developmentally disabled (school age) | 3.46          |
| Seniors (62+ years)                   | 3.42          |
| Developmentally disabled (adults)     | 3.33          |
| Toddlers and preschoolers             | 3.25          |
| Adults                                | 3.20          |

#### **Implications**

- Teens were given the high-highest priority though all of the age groups were given moderate-high rankings.

**What recreational programs do you think should be offered in Covington (by the city or any other group) for the following interest areas?** Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 230 Skipped: 4

| <b>Interest areas</b>   | <b>Weight</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Outdoor recreation      | 3.75          |
| Community events        | 3.64          |
| After-school programs   | 3.57          |
| Aquatics (swim program) | 3.57          |
| Health and fitness      | 3.47          |

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Sports and athletics        | 3.46 |
| Senior (62+ years) programs | 3.31 |
| Health and safety programs  | 3.26 |
| Performing arts             | 3.20 |
| Visual arts                 | 3.06 |
| Childcare                   | 2.95 |

#### **Implications**

- Outdoor recreation and community events were given the high-highest priority though all interest areas were given moderate-high rankings.

**Covington currently recovers most but not all costs for providing recreation programs depending on the type of program and user. However, if the program 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 the additional costs?** Answers ranked in order of highest priority.

Answered: 232 Skipped: 2

| <b>Methods of funding</b>                                                                       | <b>Weight</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Solicit other funding sources including donations and sponsorships                              | 4.06          |
| Selectively increase user fees to finance some program services                                 | 3.31          |
| Selectively reduce the number of programs to control overall costs                              | 2.78          |
| Selectively reduce the content, variety, and duration of some programs to control overall costs | 2.77          |
| Increase property taxes to finance program cost shortfalls                                      | 2.18          |

#### **Implications**

- Solicit other funding sources including donations and sponsorships and selectively increasing user fees were given highest and moderate-high priorities while the other methods were rated moderate-low.



## Chapter 5: Plan elements

The following proposals concerning elements of the parks, recreation, and open space plan are based on the results of environmental inventories, field analysis, demand analysis, workshop planning sessions, and surveys of resident households. The proposals outline the vision developed for parks, recreation, and open spaces in Covington for the next 20 years.

The proposals are **CONCEPTUAL**, in some instances, subject to further study and coordination with public and private participants that may modify the eventual project components.

The proposals refer to a site or property that may provide a major type of park, recreation, or open space activity. A particular site or property may include one or all of the described plan features. The proposals in each section describe the improvements that will be accomplished under each major type of plan element.

### Conservancies

Resource conservancies or open spaces protect, preserve, and conserve lands that have environmental features of critical area significance (floodplains and landslide hazard), ecological importance (shorelines, wetlands and watersheds), forestland (old growth, woodland cover, and prime productive), wildlife habitat (threatened and endangered species), and open space.

To the extent possible and practical, resource conservancy lands will link preserved open spaces (even though these lands may not be publicly accessible) to greenways and open space networks. These linked areas will visually define the developed urban area in accordance with the objectives of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA).

Resource conservancy lands may provide nature and interpretive trails, exhibits, and interpretive facilities to increase public awareness and appreciation for significant and visually interesting environmental, wildlife, and forest features.

Resource conservancy activities may be located on independent properties or include portions of other sites that provide resource activities, trail corridors, or other public facilities. Conservancies may also be developed on other publicly owned lands subject to public use agreements or easements; or on lands acquired for other public purposes including storm water management, groundwater recharge, potable water storage, and wastewater treatment.

#### Vision

Conservancies may be realized through:

- **Acquisition of development rights and/or title of resource lands or historical sites** - that would otherwise be developed or used for other urban land use;
- **Provision for public access and interpretive use** - that would not be possible if the lands remained in private ownership without such provisions.
- **Provisions for signing and interpretation** - subject to appropriate security measures and underlying property owner agreements,

### Conservancies – open space

#### **Existing resource or open space conservancy sites**

The following sites provide open space conservancy protection through easements, land use agreements, or acquisitions by Covington, King County, and Homeowner Associations (HOA). In most instances, the open spaces conserve wetlands, woodlands, steep slopes, and other features along Soos, Little Soos, Jenkins, and Cranmar Creek riparian corridors and around HOA residential developments.

|                                                                                                                                     |                          | Existing conservancy acreage |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Covington parks with open space                                                                                                     |                          | 83.35                        |
| 1                                                                                                                                   | Covington Community Park | 20.39                        |
| This community park is located at 17649 on SE 240th Street on an opposite corner from the Coving Aquatic Center. The entire park is |                          |                              |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                 |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| protected with a conservation easement. A part of this conservation easement, about 13.61 acres is protected for passive recreation and open space; and the other 16.22 acres is protected for designated active recreation.             |                                 |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Little Soos Creek riparian corridor</li> <li>▪ Fenced retention pond</li> <li>▪ Woodlands cover the south site</li> </ul>                                                                       |                                 |              |
| <b>2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Crystal View Park</b>        | <b>1.29</b>  |
| This neighborhood park is located at 25412 170th Place SE. About 68% of the property is reserved for conservation.                                                                                                                       |                                 |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Little Soos Creek crosses the southeast of the wooded site</li> </ul>                                                                                                                           |                                 |              |
| <b>3</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>ECo Park</b>                 | <b>5.28</b>  |
| This resource park is located at 20720 SE 269th Street in eastern Covington.                                                                                                                                                             |                                 |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Undeveloped property with extensive woodlands</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                        |                                 |              |
| <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Evergreen Park</b>           | <b>1.62</b>  |
| This neighborhood park is located at 19801 SE 262nd Street within a developed residential neighborhood. The wooded park buffers a small wetland and connects with a roadside trail that extends north to King County's Cedar Creek Park. |                                 |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Woodlands buffering small wetland</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                    |                                 |              |
| <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Jenkins Creek Park</b>       | <b>15.22</b> |
| This community park is located on Jenkins Creek with access from 18050 SE 267th Place on the east and SE 267th Place on the west. About 75% of the property is conservancy.                                                              |                                 |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jenkins Creek riparian habitat</li> <li>▪ Spring pond located in the center of the park</li> <li>▪ Woodlands along Jenkins Creek and the east portion of the park</li> </ul>                    |                                 |              |
| <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Jenkins Creek Trail</b>      | <b>3.37</b>  |
| This open space and trail facility is located on Jenkins Creek north of 262nd Street and east of 180th Avenue with access from a frontage road along SR-18/Auburn-Echo Lake Cut Off Road.                                                |                                 |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jenkins Creek riparian corridor</li> <li>▪ Small wetland on the east edge of the park</li> <li>▪ Scattered wetlands throughout park</li> </ul>                                                  |                                 |              |
| <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Rainier Vista Open Space</b> | <b>21.44</b> |
| This undeveloped open space is located south of 240th Street at 185th Avenue.                                                                                                                                                            |                                 |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ North stem of Jenkins Creek riparian corridor</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                        |                                 |              |

|                                                                                                                                    |                                              |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extensive wooded natural area</li> </ul>                                                  |                                              |              |
| <b>8</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>SoCo Park</b>                             | <b>5.62</b>  |
| This undeveloped open space is located on the east side of 17081 SE Wax Road on the west side of Jenkins Creek.                    |                                              |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jenkins Creek riparian corridor</li> <li>▪ Woodland stands along Jenkins Creek</li> </ul> |                                              |              |
| <b>9</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>Wingfield Open Space &amp; Stormwater</b> | <b>9.12</b>  |
| This undeveloped open space is located on Little Soos Creek north and south of 18050 SE 261st Street.                              |                                              |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Little Soos Creek riparian corridor</li> </ul>                                            |                                              |              |
| <b>City of Covington Open Space</b>                                                                                                |                                              | <b>40.50</b> |
| <b>1</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>231st Street Open Space</b>               | <b>0.51</b>  |
| This undeveloped open space is located at the end of 167th Avenue SE.                                                              |                                              |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access to undeveloped Kent School District property</li> </ul>                            |                                              |              |
| <b>2</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>Cedar Downs Park Access</b>               | <b>0.05</b>  |
| This undeveloped open space is located at SE 156th Street and 207th Avenue SE.                                                     |                                              |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access to King County's Cedar Hills Park</li> </ul>                                       |                                              |              |
| <b>3</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>Cedar Valley Drainage</b>                 | <b>1.05</b>  |
| This undeveloped open space is located on Timberlane Way SE on the border with Cedar Valley Elementary School.                     |                                              |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Storm retention</li> </ul>                                                                |                                              |              |
| <b>4</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>Cedar Valley Park</b>                     | <b>6.65</b>  |
| This undeveloped open space is located between SE 260th and SE 262nd Street.                                                       |                                              |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Natural area</li> </ul>                                                                   |                                              |              |
| <b>5</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>Covington Legacy Greenspace</b>           | <b>10.15</b> |
| This undeveloped open space is located from SE 272nd Street/SR-516 around the west property of Home Depot.                         |                                              |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trail corridor</li> </ul>                                                                 |                                              |              |
| <b>6</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>Emerald Downs Open Space</b>              | <b>3.48</b>  |
| This undeveloped open space is located at SE 251st Street and SE 251st Place.                                                      |                                              |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wooded open space</li> </ul>                                                              |                                              |              |
| <b>7</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>Foxwood Greenspace &amp; Stormwater</b>   | <b>3.39</b>  |
| This undeveloped open space is located on SE 261st Street.                                                                         |                                              |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provides access to Foxwood HOA Park</li> </ul>                                            |                                              |              |

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| <b>8</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>Gateway Park</b>                      | <b>0.06</b>   |
| This undeveloped open space is located at the corner of Covington Way SE and SE 272nd Street/SR-516.                        |                                          |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green space</li> </ul>                                                               |                                          |               |
| <b>9</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>Green Valley Park</b>                 | <b>0.27</b>   |
| This undeveloped open space is located at roundabout on SE 168th Street.                                                    |                                          |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green space</li> </ul>                                                               |                                          |               |
| <b>10</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>Meridian Trace Open Space</b>         | <b>1.21</b>   |
| This undeveloped open space is located at SE 258th Street.                                                                  |                                          |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access and open space in residential development</li> </ul>                          |                                          |               |
| <b>11</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>Mountain Meadows HOA Access Trail</b> | <b>0.51</b>   |
| This undeveloped open space is located north of SE 152nd Place.                                                             |                                          |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail corridor</li> </ul>                                                            |                                          |               |
| <b>12</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>Pearl Jones Open Space</b>            | <b>0.15</b>   |
| This undeveloped open space is located at SE 259th Street in a residential development.                                     |                                          |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail connection between SE 259th and 260th Streets with grass open space</li> </ul> |                                          |               |
| <b>13</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>SE Wax Road Open Space</b>            | <b>1.02</b>   |
| This undeveloped open space is located north of Covington Way SE between SE Wax Road and BNSF Railroad.                     |                                          |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wooded riparian corridor along Jenkins Creek</li> </ul>                              |                                          |               |
| <b>14</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>Shire Hills Drainage</b>              | <b>0.76</b>   |
| This undeveloped open space is located between 199th and 200th Avenues SE.                                                  |                                          |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grass open space</li> </ul>                                                          |                                          |               |
| <b>15</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>South Jenkins Creek Open Space</b>    | <b>10.08</b>  |
| This undeveloped open space is located at SE 257th Place.                                                                   |                                          |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open space in middle of residential development</li> </ul>                           |                                          |               |
| <b>16</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>Tall Timbers Greenspace</b>           | <b>0.33</b>   |
| This undeveloped open space is located north from SE 270th Place to SE 256th Place.                                         |                                          |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential trail corridor</li> </ul>                                                  |                                          |               |
| <b>17</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>Unnamed Open Space</b>                | <b>0.83</b>   |
| This undeveloped open space is located at 27605 168th Avenue SE.                                                            |                                          |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green space</li> </ul>                                                               |                                          |               |
| <b>King County Parks &amp; Open Space</b>                                                                                   |                                          | <b>775.75</b> |
| <b>1</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>Cedar Creek Park</b>                  | <b>130.00</b> |

This resource park is accessed at South 253rd Street northeast of Covington city limits. The main park site includes 127 acres of mature forest that was previously owned by Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as part of the school trust lands. The property was last logged in the 1930s.

- Includes some of King County's oldest cedars, maples, Douglas-fir, and western hemlock with springs, wetlands, and salmon bearing Jenkins Creek.
- It is among the healthiest wildlife habitat in the county, home to deer, mountain beaver, river otters, coyote, and sometimes elk and black bear. Heron, osprey, red-tailed hawk, and eagles also visit the wetlands.

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| <b>2</b> | <b>Soos Creek Park &amp; Trail</b> | <b>638.50</b> |
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Soos Creek is one of the two largest tributaries of the Green River (the other is Newaukum Creek). Soos Creek contains Chinook and steelhead.

- The corridor attracts beaver that results in retaining water for longer periods in the sub-basin, recharging groundwater, and creating open-water wildlife habitat.

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| <b>3</b> | <b>Jenkins Creek Natural Area</b> | <b>7.25</b> |
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This undeveloped conservancy is located north of SR-18 and SE 256th Street.

- Wooded site
- Jenkins Creek riparian corridor

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| <b>HOA parks with conservancy</b> |  | <b>58.29</b> |
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| <b>1</b> | <b>Aqua Vista at Pipe Lake HOA</b> | <b>0.75</b> |
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This pocket park is located at SE 268th Street on Pipe Lake.

- Wooded grassy area

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| <b>2</b> | <b>Cedar Valley Park HOA</b> | <b>3.63</b> |
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This pocket park is located between SE 262nd Street and 201st Place SE

- Extensive woodlands

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| <b>3</b> | <b>Channing Park HOA</b> | <b>0.59</b> |
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This pocket park is located at SE 260th Street.

- Wooded area

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| <b>4</b> | <b>Maple Creek HOA</b> | <b>0.13</b> |
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This pocket park is located at 176th Avenue SE.

- Woodlands

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| <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>North Rainier Vista Park East</b>      | <b>0.05</b>  |
| This pocket park is located off SE 246th Street and 180th Place SE around a storm retention pond.                                                                                                               |                                           |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tree cover</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                  |                                           |              |
| <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>The Reserve HOA</b>                    | <b>9.43</b>  |
| This neighborhood park is located between SE 258th and 260th Streets.                                                                                                                                           |                                           |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wetland pond with the western portion under BPA powerlines.</li> <li>▪ Pond fountain aeration</li> </ul>                                                               |                                           |              |
| <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Timberlane Estates Common Areas</b>    | <b>3.43</b>  |
| This neighborhood park is located adjacent to Cedar Valley Elementary School between Timberlane Way SE and 194th Avenue SE.                                                                                     |                                           |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Woodlands</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                   |                                           |              |
| <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Winterwood Estates HOA</b>             | <b>40.28</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located at SE 279th Place and 183rd Place SE surrounding a water feature.                                                                                                             |                                           |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Large wetland pond with sandy beach</li> </ul>                                                                                                                         |                                           |              |
| <b>HOA Open spaces</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                           | <b>77.83</b> |
| <b>1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Cedar Creek Neighborhood Connector</b> | <b>0.02</b>  |
| This greenspace is located along 204th Avenue SE between SE 262nd and 264th Avenue Streets.                                                                                                                     |                                           |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Landscaped streetscape</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                      |                                           |              |
| <b>2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Cedar Creek Park HOA Open Space</b>    | <b>2.72</b>  |
| These greenspaces are located off 201st Place SE and 203rd Avenue SE.                                                                                                                                           |                                           |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Woodlands on corner with SE 262nd Street</li> <li>▪ Woodlands around south end of 201st Place SE storm retention</li> <li>▪ Woodlands along 203rd Avenue SE</li> </ul> |                                           |              |
| <b>3</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Channing Park HOA Connector</b>        | <b>0.05</b>  |
| This greenspace is located at 261st Place and 261st Court SE.                                                                                                                                                   |                                           |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wooded corridor</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                             |                                           |              |
| <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Cornerstone HOA Connector</b>          | <b>0.08</b>  |
| This greenspace is located along SE 272nd Street/SR-516.                                                                                                                                                        |                                           |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Landscaped streetscape</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                      |                                           |              |
| <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Crofton Hills Greenspace</b>           | <b>0.90</b>  |
| This greenspace is located along 160th Avenue SE                                                                                                                                                                |                                           |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Landscaped</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                  |                                           |              |

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| <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Emerald Downs Greenspace</b>           | <b>3.24</b> |
| This greenspace is located between 170th Place and 171st Avenue SE                                                                                                           |                                           |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Woodlands</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |                                           |             |
| <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Foxwood Greenspace</b>                 | <b>0.79</b> |
| This greenspace is located off 175th Way SE.                                                                                                                                 |                                           |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wooded area</li> </ul>                                                                                                              |                                           |             |
| <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Glenwood HOA Connector H78</b>         | <b>0.07</b> |
| This greenspace is located along SE 264th Street.                                                                                                                            |                                           |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Landscaped streetscape</li> </ul>                                                                                                   |                                           |             |
| <b>9</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Maple Hills HOA Common Areas</b>       | <b>6.08</b> |
| These greenspaces are located off SE 259th Street, 204th Avenue SE, 207th Avenue SE, and throughout Maple Hills HOA.                                                         |                                           |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Woodland corridors</li> </ul>                                                                                                       |                                           |             |
| <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Mountain Meadows Connector</b>         | <b>0.25</b> |
| This greenspace is located at SE 252nd Place.                                                                                                                                |                                           |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Streetscape landscaping</li> </ul>                                                                                                  |                                           |             |
| <b>11</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Pearl Jones HOA Connector</b>          | <b>0.23</b> |
| This greenspace is located off 178th Place SE.                                                                                                                               |                                           |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Paved trail connections through Wood Creek HOA Park west to SE 258th Place SE and north and south to housing development</li> </ul> |                                           |             |
| <b>12</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Pioneer Ridge Greenspace BPA Trail</b> | <b>2.00</b> |
| This pocket park is located from 267th Place SE north to 264th Place SE under BPA powerlines.                                                                                |                                           |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grass area</li> <li>▪ Paved trail</li> </ul>                                                                                        |                                           |             |
| <b>13</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Rainier Vista HOA Open Space</b>       | <b>0.23</b> |
| This greenspace is located along the west edge of Rainier Vista Open Space.                                                                                                  |                                           |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Paved trail from the southwest end to the northwest end of the open space</li> </ul>                                                |                                           |             |
| <b>14</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Stonefield Greenspace</b>              | <b>2.23</b> |
| This greenspace is located between 167th and 168th Place SE.                                                                                                                 |                                           |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Woodlands</li> <li>▪ Trail between North Wingfield Open Space and Kentwood High School</li> </ul>                                   |                                           |             |
| <b>15</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Suncrest Park Greenspace</b>           | <b>3.56</b> |
| This greenspace is located along SE 267th Street.                                                                                                                            |                                           |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Woodlands</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |                                           |             |

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| ▪ Access trail                                                                                                                                                    |               |
| <b>16 Tamarack HOA Connector</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>0.25</b>   |
| This greenspace is located at 161st and 164th Avenue SE                                                                                                           |               |
| ▪ Wooded                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| ▪ Gravel trail                                                                                                                                                    |               |
| <b>17 Tamarack Ridge Greenspace</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>0.13</b>   |
| This greenspace is located at SE 249th and 250th Place                                                                                                            |               |
| ▪ Landscaped                                                                                                                                                      |               |
| ▪ Paved trail                                                                                                                                                     |               |
| <b>18 Timber Heights Open Space</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>0.69</b>   |
| This greenspace is located across SE 266th Street.                                                                                                                |               |
| ▪ Woodland corridor                                                                                                                                               |               |
| <b>19 Timberlane Green Spaces</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>45.50</b>  |
| This greenspace is located off Timberlane Way SE and 194th Avenue SE surrounding and within the Timberlane HOA development.                                       |               |
| ▪ Extensive woodland areas incorporated throughout the development                                                                                                |               |
| <b>20 Timberlane Greenspace</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>5.22</b>   |
| This greenspace is located at along the east boundary of Jenkins Creek Park on the west edge of Timberlane HOA development.                                       |               |
| ▪ Extensive woodland areas incorporated into the development                                                                                                      |               |
| <b>21 Wingfield HOA Connector</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>0.08</b>   |
| This greenspace is located at the end of SE 263rd Street.                                                                                                         |               |
| ▪ Grass area                                                                                                                                                      |               |
| ▪ Trail connection across North Wingfield Open Space to Kentwood High School                                                                                      |               |
| <b>22 Winterwood Estates HOA Open Space</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>3.51</b>   |
| This greenspace is located across SE 266th Street past storm retention pond.                                                                                      |               |
| ▪ Woodland corridor                                                                                                                                               |               |
| <b>Private open spaces</b>                                                                                                                                        | <b>84.45</b>  |
| <b>1 Camp McCullough</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>37.86*</b> |
| This 6,864 square foot camp facility is owned by First Presbyterian Church located at 208th Avenue SE on Pipe Lake available for conference and retreat bookings. |               |
| ▪ Heavily wooded site                                                                                                                                             |               |
| ▪ Lakefront shoreline with viewpoints                                                                                                                             |               |
| <b>2 Spencer's Meadow</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>46.59</b>  |
| This extensive open space is located under PSE powerlines north                                                                                                   |               |

and west of SE 244th Place.

- Grasslands with wetland

**Total existing conservancy acres** **1,120.17\***

\* Total site acreage may also provide for other resource or recreational activities.

#### **Proposed conservancy of creek corridors**

Besides King County's conservancy along Soos Creek, the city could conserve and enhance corridors along Little Soos, Jenkins, and Cranmar Creeks including some that are and will remain privately owned. The objective would be to remove invasive species, replant native vegetation, and install interpretive signage and exhibits.

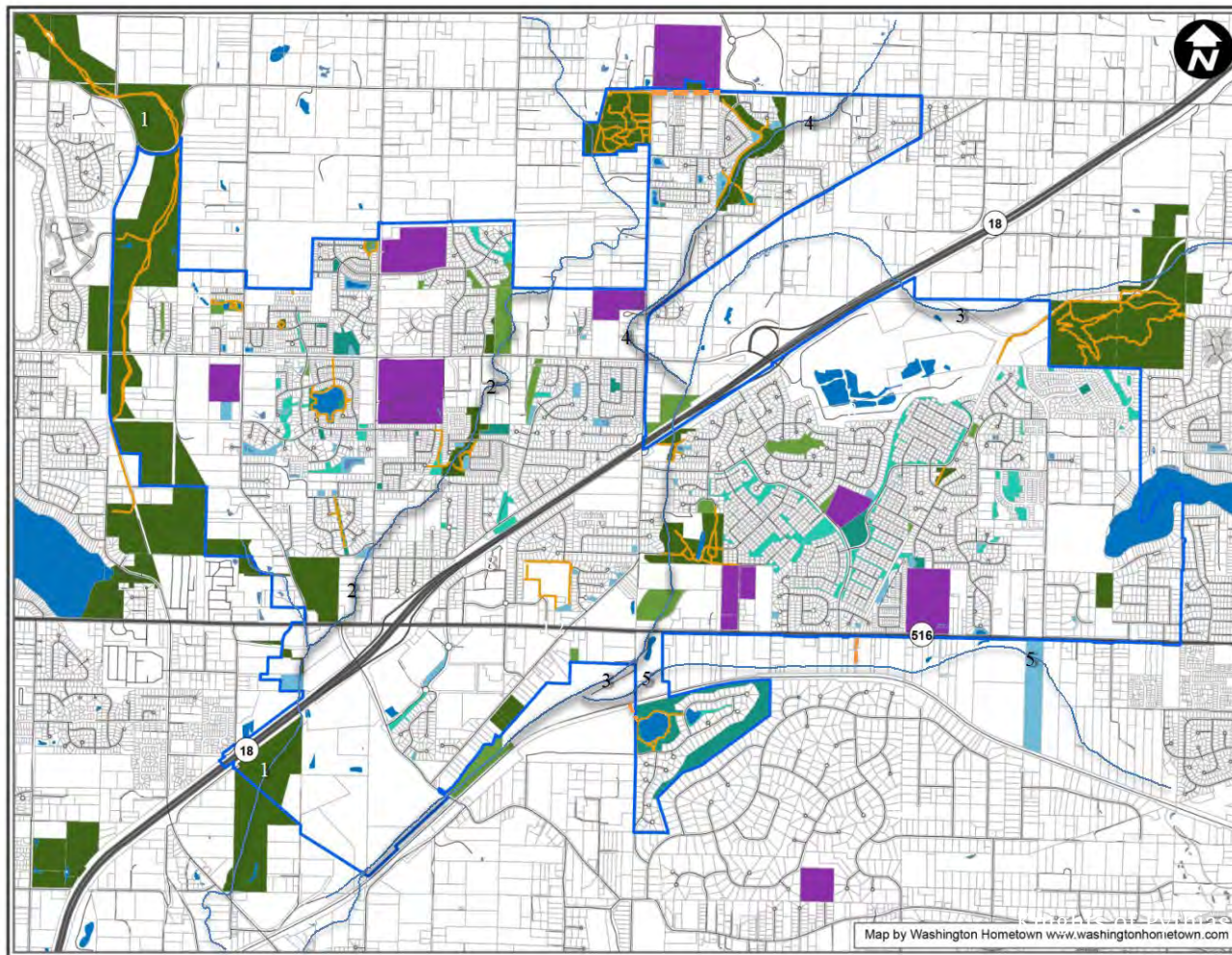
#### **Proposed corridor conservancies**

##### **Covington with others**

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| <b>2 Little Soos Creek Corridor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>tbd</b> |
| ▪ Conserve and enhance the riparian habitat along Little Soos Creek from Covington Community Park south to the juncture with Big Soos Creek south of SE 272nd Street/SR-516.                                                                                                              |            |
| <b>3 Jenkins Creek Corridor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>tbd</b> |
| ▪ Conserve and enhance the riparian habitat along Jenkins Creek from Cedar Creek Park south through King County's Jenkins Creek Natural Area, Jenkins Creek Trail, Jenkins Creek Park, the city's open space parcel, Kent and King County open space properties to and through SoCo Park. |            |
| <b>4 North Stem Jenkins Creek Corridor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>tbd</b> |
| ▪ Conserve and enhance the riparian habitat along the North Stem of Jenkins Creek from Rainier Vista Open Space to the juncture with Jenkins Creek at King County's Jenkins Creek Natural Area.                                                                                           |            |
| <b>5 Cranmar Creek Corridor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>tbd</b> |
| ▪ Conserve and enhance the riparian habitat along Cranmar Creek from Winterwood Estates HOA to the juncture with Jenkins Creek in Kent's watershed property.                                                                                                                              |            |

**Total proposed conservancy acres** **tbd**

**Tbd - proposed to be determined based on open space assets, property boundaries, and conservation method.**



- Existing corridor conservancies**
- 1 Big Soos Creek Corridor
- Proposed corridor conservancies**
- 2 Little Soos Creek Corridor
  - 3 Jenkins Creek Corridor
  - 4 North Stem Jenkins Creek Corridor
  - 5 Cranmar Creek Corridor

## Conservancies – creek corridors



## Resource parks

Resource parkland will be conserved in Covington that provides public access to significant environmental features including shorelines, woodlands, and scenic areas. Where appropriate, resource park sites will be improved with a variety of outdoor facilities including group and individual campsites and picnic facilities. Supporting services will include parking lots, restrooms, and utilities.

Resource park activities may be located on independent properties or include portions of other sites provided for environmental conservancies, trail corridors, recreation, or other public facilities. Resource park activities may also be developed on other publicly owned lands subject to public use agreements or easements.

### Vision

As described herein, the resource park vision will be realized through:

- **Acquisition of resource parklands** - that would otherwise be developed for other land uses,
- **Provision of public access** - and use of natural features which would not be possible if the lands remained in private ownership,
- **Conservation for public access** - and use of unique and available natural features that visually define and separate developing urban areas.

## Picnic facilities

The city will install picnic facilities to provide public access to passive park features including woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat. The proposal will provide picnic facilities within a 5-minute walk of most residential areas including group picnic shelters in locations suitable for public gatherings.

### Existing picnic tables and shelters

The following sites provide day-use picnic table and shelter facilities for group activities in existing parks.

### Existing picnic facilities

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| <b>Covington parks</b>                                                                                                                                                                |                                    | <b>11 - 4</b> |
| <b>1</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Covington Community Park</b>    | <b>2 - 3</b>  |
| This community park is located at 17649 on SE 240th Street on an opposite corner from the Covington Aquatic Center and is part of the Little Soos Creek riparian corridor.            |                                    |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 picnic tables adjacent concession stand</li> <li>▪ 3 picnic shelters with tables and grills</li> </ul>                                     |                                    |               |
| <b>2</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Crystal View Park</b>           | <b>2 - 0</b>  |
| This neighborhood park is located at 25412 170th Place SE.                                                                                                                            |                                    |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 picnic tables</li> </ul>                                                                                                                   |                                    |               |
| <b>3</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Friendship Park</b>             | <b>2 - 1</b>  |
| This neighborhood park is located at 15808 SE 254th Place.                                                                                                                            |                                    |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 picnic tables</li> <li>▪ 1 picnic shelter</li> </ul>                                                                                       |                                    |               |
| <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Gerry Crick Skate Park</b>      | <b>1 - 0</b>  |
| This special use facility is located at 25064 164th Avenue SE.                                                                                                                        |                                    |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 picnic table</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    |                                    |               |
| <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Jenkins Creek Park</b>          | <b>1 - 0</b>  |
| This community park is located on Jenkins Creek with access from 18050 SE 267th Street on the east and SE 267th Place on the west, and is part of the Jenkins Creek riparian habitat. |                                    |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 picnic table</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    |                                    |               |
| <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Jenkins Creek Trail</b>         | <b>2 - 0</b>  |
| This open space and trail facility is located on Jenkins Creek north of 262nd Street and east of 180th Avenue.                                                                        |                                    |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 picnic tables</li> </ul>                                                                                                                   |                                    |               |
| <b>Kent parks</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |                                    | <b>0 - 3</b>  |
| <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Lake Meridian Park</b>          | <b>0 - 2</b>  |
| This community park is located at 14800 SE 272nd Street west of Covington's city limits on 742-acre Lake Meridian.                                                                    |                                    |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 468 square foot picnic shelter with showers</li> <li>▪ 780 square foot shelter and restrooms</li> </ul>                                      |                                    |               |
| <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Service Club Community Park</b> | <b>0 - 1</b>  |
| This community park is located at 14608 SE 288th Street southwest of Covington's city limits.                                                                                         |                                    |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Picnic shelter with BBQ grill</li> </ul>                                                                                                     |                                    |               |
| <b>HOA parks</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |                                    | <b>44 - 4</b> |
| <b>2</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Aqua Vista at Pipe Lake HOA</b> | <b>1 - 0</b>  |

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| This pocket park is located at SE 268th Street on Pipe Lake.                                 |                                                      |              |
| ▪ 1 picnic table with fire pit                                                               |                                                      |              |
| <b>5</b>                                                                                     | <b>Coho Neighborhood Park</b>                        | <b>2 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located north of SE 261st Street.                                        |                                                      |              |
| ▪ 2 picnic tables                                                                            |                                                      |              |
| <b>7</b>                                                                                     | <b>Crofton Hills HOA Pocket Park</b>                 | <b>2 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located at SE 254th Street.                                              |                                                      |              |
| ▪ 2 picnic tables                                                                            |                                                      |              |
| <b>9</b>                                                                                     | <b>Glenwood HOA</b>                                  | <b>2 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located on the corner of 164th Avenue SE and SE 264th Street.            |                                                      |              |
| ▪ 2 picnic tables                                                                            |                                                      |              |
| <b>11</b>                                                                                    | <b>Maple Hills HOA Infrastructure</b>                | <b>1 - 0</b> |
| These pocket parks are located off SE 256th Street bordering King County's Cedar Creek Park. |                                                      |              |
| ▪ Picnic table                                                                               |                                                      |              |
| <b>12</b>                                                                                    | <b>Maple Hills 206th Place &amp; 259th Court HOA</b> | <b>0 - 1</b> |
| This pocket park is located between 206th and 207th Avenues SE.                              |                                                      |              |
| ▪ Picnic shelter                                                                             |                                                      |              |
| <b>13</b>                                                                                    | <b>Morgans Creek HOA</b>                             | <b>2 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located at SE 254th Street.                                              |                                                      |              |
| ▪ 2 picnic tables                                                                            |                                                      |              |
| <b>15</b>                                                                                    | <b>North Rainier Vista Park</b>                      | <b>1 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located off SE 244th Street.                                             |                                                      |              |
| ▪ Picnic table                                                                               |                                                      |              |
| <b>17</b>                                                                                    | <b>Park Meadows HOA</b>                              | <b>1 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located at SE 247th Street.                                              |                                                      |              |
| ▪ 1 picnic table                                                                             |                                                      |              |
| <b>18</b>                                                                                    | <b>Pearl Jones HOA</b>                               | <b>2 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located at 178th Place SE.                                               |                                                      |              |
| ▪ 2 picnic tables                                                                            |                                                      |              |
| <b>20</b>                                                                                    | <b>Rainier Vista HOA</b>                             | <b>2 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located at 185th Place SE.                                               |                                                      |              |
| ▪ 2 picnic tables                                                                            |                                                      |              |
| <b>22</b>                                                                                    | <b>Savana HOA</b>                                    | <b>1 - 1</b> |
| This pocket park is located at SE 260th Street under BPA powerlines.                         |                                                      |              |
| ▪ 1 picnic table                                                                             |                                                      |              |
| ▪ Picnic shelter                                                                             |                                                      |              |

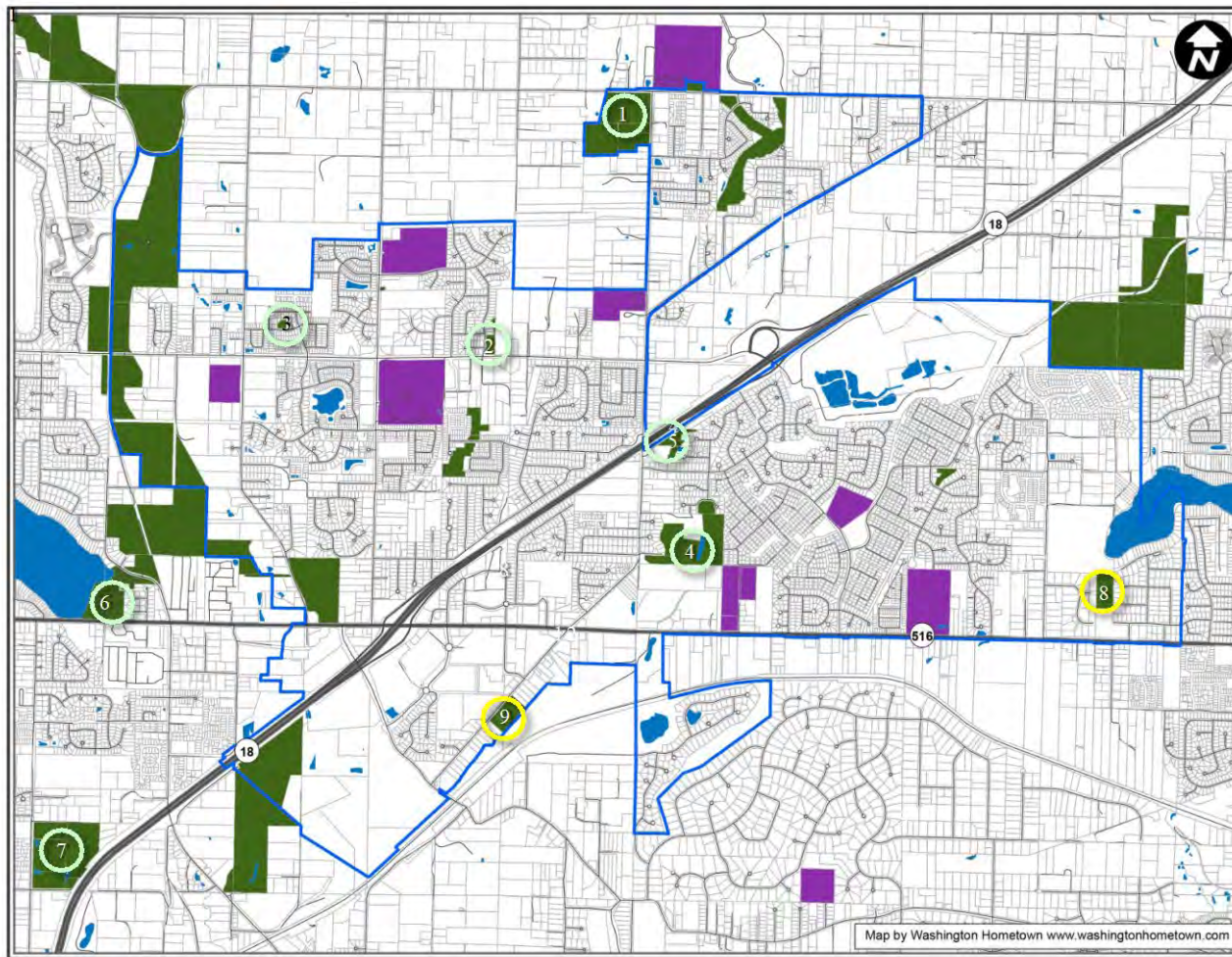
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| <b>23</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>South Rainier Vista</b>             | <b>2 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located off 185th Place SE adjacent to Rainier Vista Open Space.                                                          |                                        |              |
| ▪ 2 picnic tables                                                                                                                             |                                        |              |
| <b>24</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>Stonefield Pocket Park</b>          | <b>1 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located at the corner of SE 260th Street and 166th Place SE.                                                              |                                        |              |
| ▪ Picnic table                                                                                                                                |                                        |              |
| <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>Tamarack HOA</b>                    | <b>5 - 1</b> |
| This pocket park is located at 160th Avenue SE under BPA powerlines.                                                                          |                                        |              |
| ▪ 5 picnic tables                                                                                                                             |                                        |              |
| ▪ Picnic shelter                                                                                                                              |                                        |              |
| <b>26</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>The Reserve HOA</b>                 | <b>5 - 0</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located between SE 258th and 260th Streets containing a wetland pond with the western portion under BPA powerlines. |                                        |              |
| ▪ 5 picnic tables                                                                                                                             |                                        |              |
| <b>27</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>Timberlane Estates Common Areas</b> | <b>3 - 0</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located adjacent to Cedar Valley Elementary School between Timberlane Way SE and 194th Avenue SE.                   |                                        |              |
| ▪ 3 picnic tables                                                                                                                             |                                        |              |
| <b>28</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>Timberland Estates HOA</b>          | <b>2 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located at the north end of 196th Avenue SE.                                                                              |                                        |              |
| ▪ 2 picnic tables                                                                                                                             |                                        |              |
| <b>29</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>Wingfield HOA</b>                   | <b>2 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located north of SE 261st Street adjacent to Wingfield Open Space.                                                        |                                        |              |
| ▪ 2 picnic tables                                                                                                                             |                                        |              |
| <b>30</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>Winterwood Estates HOA</b>          | <b>4 - 1</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located at SE 279th Place and 183rd Place SE surrounding a water feature.                                           |                                        |              |
| ▪ 4 picnic tables                                                                                                                             |                                        |              |
| ▪ Picnic shelter                                                                                                                              |                                        |              |
| <b>31</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>Wood Creek Neighborhood Park</b>    | <b>2 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located at the corner off 178th Place SE.                                                                                 |                                        |              |
| ▪ 2 picnic tables                                                                                                                             |                                        |              |

|                                                                                  |                       |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>32</b>                                                                        | <b>Wood Crest HOA</b> | <b>1 - 0</b> |
| This pocket park is located at the corner of SE 260th Street and 166th Place SE. |                       |              |
| ▪ 1 picnic table                                                                 |                       |              |
| <b>All total picnic tables</b>                                                   |                       | <b>55</b>    |
| <b>All total picnic shelters</b>                                                 |                       | <b>11</b>    |

#### **Proposed picnic facilities**

The following sites will increase day-use picnic facilities in existing and proposed future parks.

|                                            |                           |                                   |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                            |                           | <b>Proposed picnic facilities</b> |
| <b>Covington</b>                           |                           | <b>18 - 3</b>                     |
| <b>4</b>                                   | <b>Jenkins Creek Park</b> | <b>6 - 1</b>                      |
| ▪ Add additional picnic tables and shelter |                           |                                   |
| <b>33</b>                                  | <b>ECo Park</b>           | <b>6 - 1</b>                      |
| ▪ Add picnic tables and shelter            |                           |                                   |
| <b>34</b>                                  | <b>SoCo Park</b>          | <b>6 - 1</b>                      |
| ▪ Add picnic tables and shelter            |                           |                                   |
| <b>Total proposed picnic tables</b>        |                           | <b>18</b>                         |
| <b>Total proposed picnic shelters</b>      |                           | <b>3</b>                          |



- Covington Parks**
  - 1 Covington Community Park
  - 2 Crystal View Park
  - 3 Friendship Park
  - 4 Jenkins Creek Park
  - 5 Jenkins Creek Trail
- Kent Parks**
  - 6 Lake Meridian Park
  - 7 Service Club Community Park
- Proposed**
  - 4 Jenkins Creek Park
  - 8 ECo Park
  - 9 SoCo Park

## Picnic facilities

City Limits

## Trails

A trail/non-motorized master plan will be developed to link major environmental assets, park and recreational facilities, schools, community centers, and historical features throughout Covington. The master plan will define trail alignments, develop trail design standards, and define policies on public and private development of trail sections. Generally, trails will provide for several modes of recreational and commuters use including bicycles and pedestrians where appropriate.

### Park walking trails

Park walking trails will be developed within major parks and open spaces to provide internal access to wetlands, woodlands, picnic areas, courts, and fields with parking lots, restrooms, and other supporting facilities.

Park walking trails will be developed to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) or US Forest Service (USFS) walking trail standards with a crushed rock, bark, or compacted dirt base. Most trail segments will be ADA accessible and usable by all age and skill groups. Walking trails will be developed in urban park sites with an asphalt or concrete surface, ADA accessible, and usable by all age and skill groups.

### Vision

The parks walking trails vision will be realized by providing trail opportunities in Covington and the surrounding area that:

- **Access natural features** - within major park sites and open spaces,
- **Serve persons** - with varied physical abilities and skills,
- **Establish high visibility and volume pedestrian routes** - through the most developed urban areas and park sites,

### Existing parks trails

The following park trails have been developed within major park sites in the city that access wetlands, ponds, lakes, woodlands, and other park activities.

|                                                                                          | Existing park trail miles |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Covington parks trails</b>                                                            | <b>5.24</b>               |
| <b>1 Covington Community Park</b>                                                        | <b>1.50</b>               |
| ▪ Paved trail under BPA powerlines and gravel trails throughout woodland area            |                           |
| <b>2 Evergreen Park</b>                                                                  | <b>0.07</b>               |
| ▪ Soft surface trail through site                                                        |                           |
| <b>3 Friendship Park</b>                                                                 | <b>0.06</b>               |
| ▪ Paved circular trail around grass area                                                 |                           |
| <b>4 Jenkins Creek Park</b>                                                              | <b>0.95</b>               |
| ▪ Paved and gravel trails throughout park                                                |                           |
| <b>5 Jenkins Creek Trail</b>                                                             | <b>0.22</b>               |
| ▪ Paved trail through park site                                                          |                           |
| <b>6 Little Soos Creek</b>                                                               | <b>1.40</b>               |
| ▪ Paved                                                                                  |                           |
| <b>King County parks trails</b>                                                          | <b>4.00</b>               |
| <b>7 Cedar Creek Park</b>                                                                | <b>4.00</b>               |
| This resource park is accessed at South 253rd Street northeast of Covington city limits. |                           |
| ▪ 4 miles of multi-use trails for hiking, mountain biking, horses, and dog walking       |                           |
| <b>HOA parks trails</b>                                                                  | <b>2.10</b>               |
| <b>8 Abbotsford HOA</b>                                                                  | <b>0.27</b>               |
| ▪ Paved trail                                                                            |                           |
| <b>9 Pioneer Ridge (High Point) HOA</b>                                                  | <b>0.20</b>               |
| ▪ Paved trail                                                                            |                           |
| <b>10 Tamarack HOA</b>                                                                   | <b>0.18</b>               |
| ▪ Paved path and walkway                                                                 |                           |
| <b>11 The Reserve HOA</b>                                                                | <b>0.65</b>               |
| ▪ Paved perimeter trail                                                                  |                           |
| <b>12 Winterwood Estates HOA</b>                                                         | <b>0.58</b>               |
| ▪ Paved and lighted perimeter trail                                                      |                           |
| <b>13 Wood Crest HOA</b>                                                                 | <b>0.22</b>               |
| ▪ Paved path                                                                             |                           |
| <b>All total park trail miles</b>                                                        | <b>11.3</b>               |

### Proposed parks trails

The following sites will be improved with park walking trails to provide access to wetlands and other natural features.

| Proposed parks trail miles                            |                  |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| <b>Covington</b>                                      |                  |             |
| <b>14</b>                                             | <b>ECo Park</b>  | <b>0.20</b> |
| ▪ Develop an interpretive trail through the woodlands |                  |             |
| <b>15</b>                                             | <b>SoCo Park</b> | <b>0.20</b> |
| ▪ Develop an interpretive trail along Jensen Creek    |                  |             |
| <b>Total proposed park trail miles</b>                |                  | <b>0.40</b> |

### Multipurpose trails

Multipurpose on and off-road trails will be developed within corridors separate from vehicular or other motorized forms of transportation such as utility easements or in separate property alignments. In some instances, an on-road trail may be developed as improvements within the right-of-way of established vehicular or other transportation corridors.

Multipurpose trails will be developed to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) trail standards. The trails will be concrete, asphalt or very fine crushed rock base, handicap accessible, and usable by all age and skill groups.

Trail corridors will be improved with trailhead services including rest stops, parking lots, restrooms, water, and air utilities. Where the trail is located in another park and recreational improvement or public facility, the trailhead may be improved with active picnic, playgrounds, and play areas.

Multipurpose trail corridors will be independent properties or include portions of other sites provided for resource conservancies, resource activities, athletic facilities, and other park and recreational or public facility properties.

### Vision

As described, the multipurpose trails vision may be realized by providing recreational trail opportunities that:

- Access natural features - that may not be available otherwise,
- Link open spaces - and other conservation areas into a greenway system,
- Serve persons - with varied physical abilities and skills,
- Establish high visibility and volume pedestrian routes - through the most developed urban areas and park sites,
- Expand roadway corridors - to provide recreational and commuter trail opportunities,

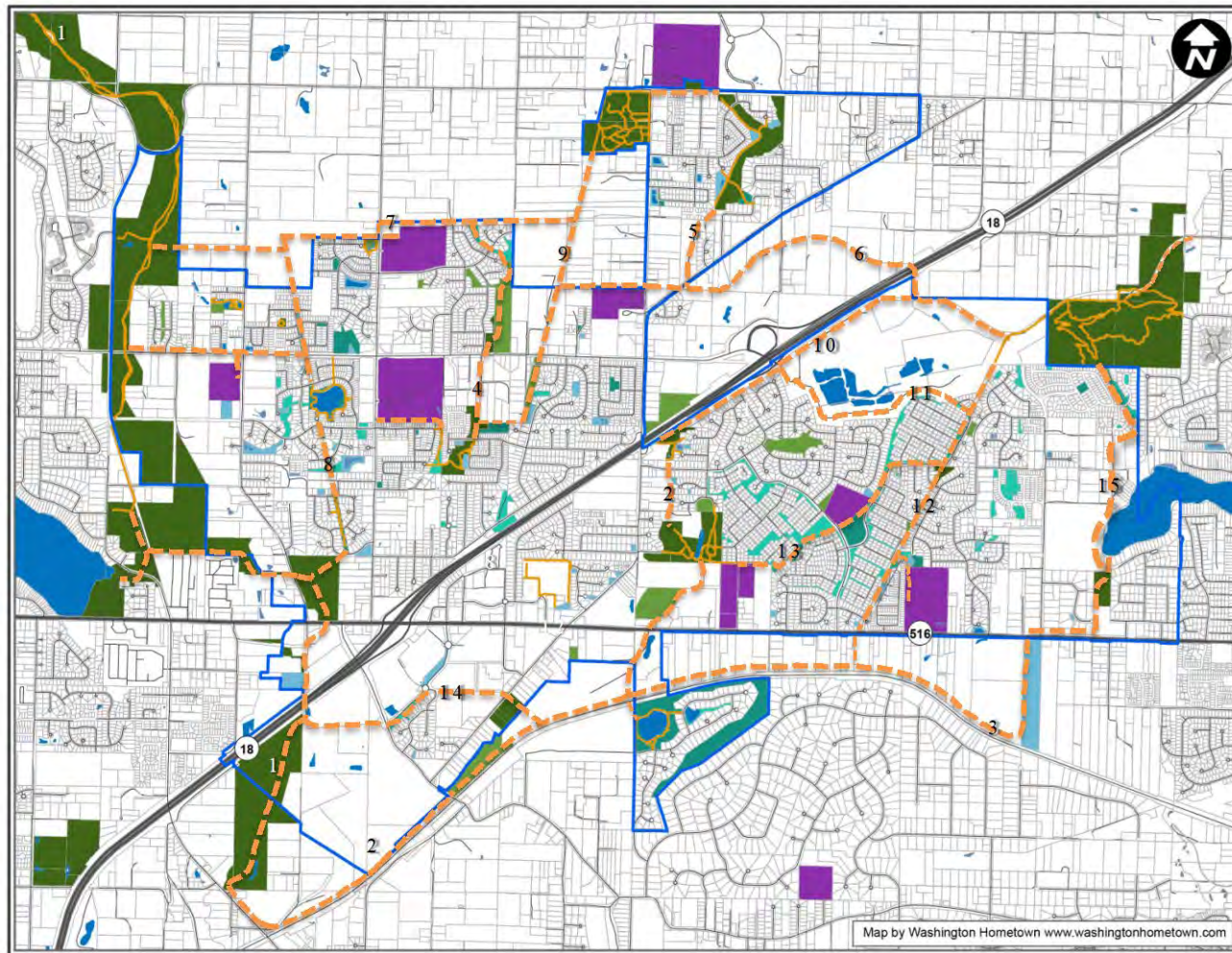
### Existing off-road multipurpose trails

The following multipurpose trail systems have been developed to provide combined hike and bike trail opportunities.

| Existing multipurpose off-road trail miles                                                                                                                                    |                                    |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>King County</b>                                                                                                                                                            |                                    | <b>5.90</b> |
| <b>1</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Soos Creek Park &amp; Trail</b> | <b>5.90</b> |
| This 5.9-mile multipurpose paved trail extends from Lake Meridian in Kent north to a connection to the Lake Youngs Trail at SE 216th St corridor.                             |                                    |             |
| ▪ Paved with soft shoulder - a separate soft surface horse trail exists along some portions of the trail                                                                      |                                    |             |
| ▪ Though paved, the grade of some portions not ADA suitable                                                                                                                   |                                    |             |
| ▪ Access provided at SE 192nd Street & 124th Avenue SE - SE 208th Street just east of 135th Avenue SE - SE 249th Street & 148th Avenue SE - SE 266th Street & 148th Avenue SE |                                    |             |
| ▪ Connected to the Lake Youngs Trail (9 miles, unpaved) along SE 216th Street corridor                                                                                        |                                    |             |
| <b>Total existing multipurpose trail miles</b>                                                                                                                                |                                    | <b>5.90</b> |

### Proposed off-road multipurpose trails

Under the proposed plan, the city could develop an off-road hike and bike trail network to provide connections to parks, schools, and other community destinations that access all residential areas. The trail segments would be designed for hike, bike, and dog use depending on environmental constraints and neighborhood



| Existing public trails |                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1                      | Big Soos Creek Trail           |
| Proposed trails        |                                |
| 2                      | Jenkins Creek Trail            |
| 3                      | Cranmar Creek Trail            |
| 4                      | Little Soos Creek Trail        |
| 5                      | North Stem Jenkins Creek Trail |
| 6                      | East Stem Jenkins Creek Trail  |
| 7                      | @ 247th Street Trail           |
| 8                      | Pioneer Ridge Trail            |
| 9                      | Powerline Trail                |
| 10                     | Frontage Road Trail            |
| 11                     | Lakeside Trail                 |
| 12                     | Gas Pipeline Trail             |
| 13                     | Cedar Valley ES Trail          |
| 14                     | 165th Place/276th Street Trail |
| 15                     | Pipe Lake Trail                |

## Off-road trails



property impacts. The proposal would install wayfinding signage and directories along trail corridors.

| <b>Proposed multipurpose off-road trails</b>                                                                                                                                                    |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Covington with others</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>18.90</b> |
| <b>2 Jenkins Creek Trail</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>2.59</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Jenkins Creek Trail south through SoCo Park to Kent/Black Diamond Road                                                                                                       |              |
| <b>3 Cranmar/Cedar Creek Trail</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>2.10</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail parallel to railroad tracks and Cranmar Creek from Jenkins Creek Trail at Winterwood Estates HOA east to 204th Avenue SE then north to Eco Park, Pipe Lake, and Cedar Crest Park. |              |
| <b>4 Little Soos Creek Trail</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>0.84</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Wingfield Open Space north to Kentwood High School and along Little Soos Creek north through Crystal View Park to 170th Way and 247th Street Trail.                          |              |
| <b>5 North Stem Jenkins Creek Trail</b>                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1.12</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from SE Wax Road north through Rainier Vista Open Space to SE 240th Street and Covington Community Park.                                                                          |              |
| <b>6 East Stem Jenkins Creek Trail</b>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1.61</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Crestwood Elementary School east along the East Stem Jenkins Creek and under SR-18 to Lakepointe Development.                                                                |              |
| <b>7 247th Street Trail</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>1.75</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Soos Creek Trail east along 247th Street alignment to Powerline Trail.                                                                                                       |              |
| <b>8 Pioneer Ridge Trail</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1.26</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Soos Creek Trail north through High Point and Savana HOAs open spaces under the powerlines to 247th Street Trail.                                                            |              |
| <b>9 Powerline Trail</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1.05</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Windfield Open Space north under the powerlines to Covington Community Park.                                                                                                 |              |
| <b>10 Frontage Road Trail</b>                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1.05</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Jenkins Creek Trail northeast parallel to SR-18 through the Lakepointe Development and east to Cedar Creek Park.                                                             |              |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>11 Lakeside Trail</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>1.12</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Frontage Road Trail east through the Lakepointe Development to the Gas Pipeline Trail.                                                  |              |
| <b>12 Gas Pipeline Trail</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>1.19</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Cranmar Creek Trail north past Cedar Heights Middle School on the gas pipeline corridor to Lakepointe Development and Cedar Creek Park. |              |
| <b>13 Cedar Valley ES Trail</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>0.98</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Cedar Valley Elementary School north through Timberlane Estates HOA open space to SE 262nd Street then east to the Gas Pipeline Trail.  |              |
| <b>14 165th Place/276th Street Trail</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>1.19</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Jenkins Creek Trail west on 276th Street to 165th Place and across Covington Way SE to Soos Creek Trail.                                |              |
| <b>15 Pipe Lake/Cedar Creek Trail</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>1.05</b>  |
| ▪ Paved trail from Jenkins Creek Trail west on 276th Street to 165th Place and across Covington Way SE to Soos Creek Trail.                                |              |
| <b>Total proposed multipurpose trails</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>18.90</b> |

## On-road bike lanes

Bicycle routes will be extended into neighborhoods to create an integrated on-road bicycling system. The local on-road bicycling system will provide access to local parks and recreational facilities, schools and public facilities, community centers and business districts, places of employment, and transit transfer centers for adult and youth bike riders from local areas.

Bicycling touring routes will be developed to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) or American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards with expanded, designated or marked road shoulders and lanes. In the less congested areas, bicycle-touring routes will be simply designated for joint roadway vehicular/bicycle use.

### Vision

As described, the on-road bike lane trails vision may be realized by providing network opportunities that:

- **Serve persons** - with varied physical abilities and skills,
- **Establish high visibility and volume pedestrian routes** - linking schools, parks, community facilities, commercial centers, and other destinations,
- **Expand roadway corridors** - to provide recreational and commuter biking opportunities,

### **Existing on-road biking routes**

The following roadways and linking routes will be designated or developed with shoulders, lanes, or other signage designations.

|                                                                                                                                                                                 | Existing on-road biking trail miles |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Covington</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>4.83</b>                         |
| <b>1 SE 256th Street</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1.19</b>                         |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of street from 156th Avenue east past Covington Elementary School through the roundabout at 164th Avenue SE and Kentwood High School to 168th Place. |                                     |
| <b>2 164th Avenue SE</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>0.98</b>                         |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of street from Mattson Middle School south through the roundabout at SE 256th Street past Kenwood High School to SE 269th Street.                    |                                     |
| <b>3 165th Place SE</b>                                                                                                                                                         | <b>0.49</b>                         |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of street from Covington Way SE north past Costco and Fred Meyer to 272nd Street/SR-516.                                                             |                                     |
| <b>4 SE Wax Road</b>                                                                                                                                                            | <b>2.17</b>                         |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of road from the roundabout at 276th Place north to 180th Avenue SE then east to SE 240th Street.                                                    |                                     |
| <b>Total existing on-road bike miles</b>                                                                                                                                        | <b>4.83</b>                         |

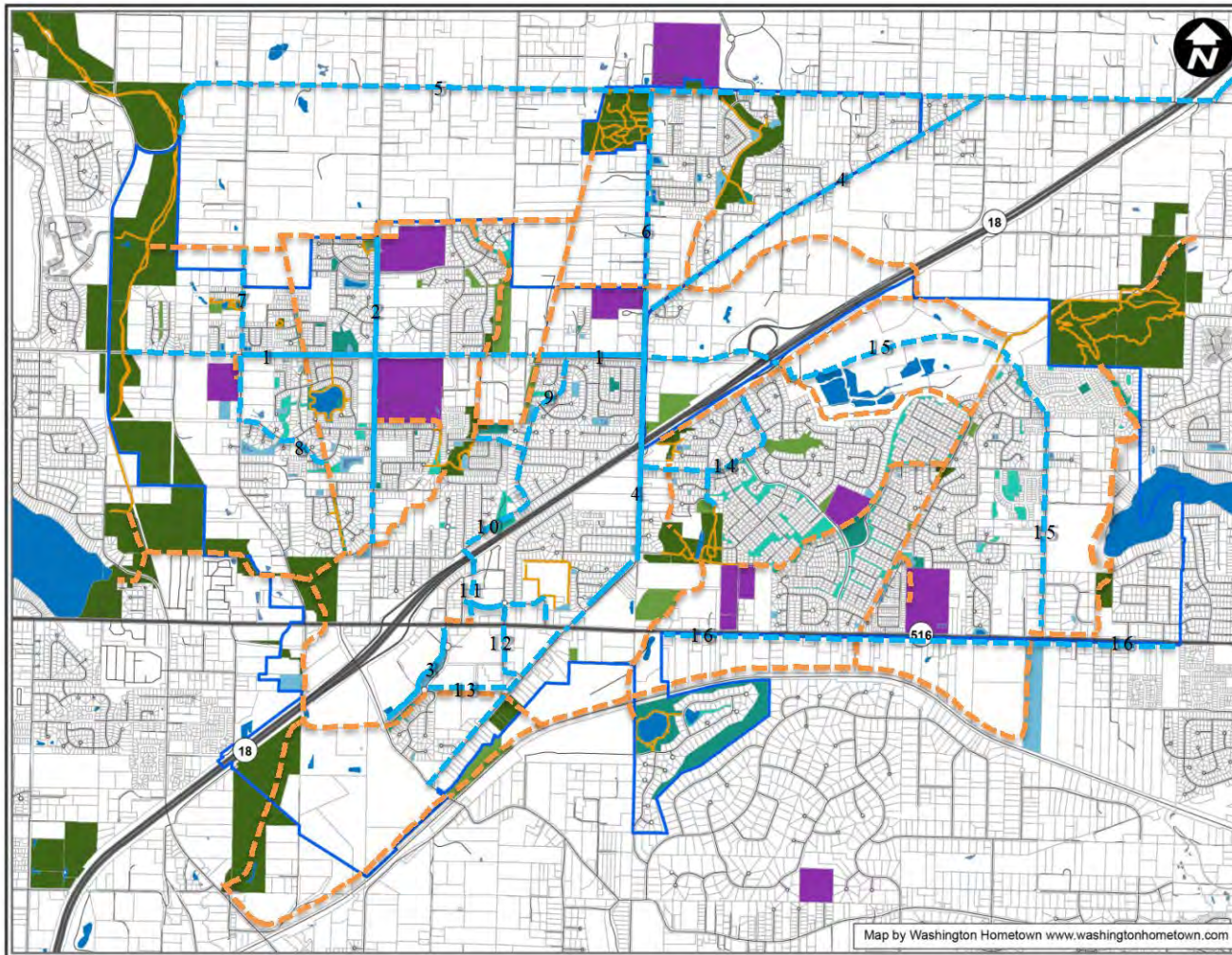
### **Proposed on-road paths and sidewalks**

The following on-road bike lanes, shoulders, and designations will be developed to complete a grid of walking and biking opportunities connecting with parks, schools, community facilities, commercial districts, and off-road trails.

|                                                                  | On-road bikeway miles |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Covington with others</b>                                     | <b>15.87</b>          |
| <b>1 SE 256th Street Extension</b>                               | <b>1.33</b>           |
| ▪ Extend bike lanes west to 148th Avenue SE and Soos Creek Trail |                       |

|                                                                                                                                                    |                    |             |
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|                                                                                                                                                    | and east to SR-18. |             |
| <b>2 164th Avenue SE Extension</b>                                                                                                                 |                    | <b>0.21</b> |
| ▪ Extend bike lanes south to SE 264th Street to SE 268th Street.                                                                                   |                    |             |
| <b>4 SE Wax Road Extension</b>                                                                                                                     |                    | <b>1.47</b> |
| ▪ Extend bike lanes south to Covington Way SE.                                                                                                     |                    |             |
| <b>5 SE 240th Street</b>                                                                                                                           |                    | <b>4.20</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of the street from 148th Avenue SE and Soos Creek Trail east past Covington Community Park and Aquatic Center to SR-18. |                    |             |
| <b>6 180th Avenue SE</b>                                                                                                                           |                    | <b>0.84</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of the avenue from Wax Road north past Crestwood Elementary School to Covington Community Park at SE 240th Street.      |                    |             |
| <b>7 156th Avenue SE</b>                                                                                                                           |                    | <b>0.63</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of the avenue from Covington Elementary School north to 247th Street Trail.                                             |                    |             |
| <b>8 SE 260th Street/159th Place SE</b>                                                                                                            |                    | <b>0.63</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of the street from Covington Elementary School east on 159th Place SE to Pioneer Ridge Trail.                           |                    |             |
| <b>9 172nd Avenue SE/175th Way</b>                                                                                                                 |                    | <b>0.56</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of the avenue from SE 267th north to SE 256th Street.                                                                   |                    |             |
| <b>10 SE 267th Street</b>                                                                                                                          |                    | <b>0.32</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of the street from the proposed overpass of SR-18 at 170th Avenue to 172nd Avenue.                                      |                    |             |
| <b>11 169th Place SE</b>                                                                                                                           |                    | <b>0.49</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of the road from the overpass at 170th Avenue of SR-18 to 270th Place network of roads,                                 |                    |             |
| <b>12 172nd Place SE</b>                                                                                                                           |                    | <b>0.25</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of road from Wax Road north to SR-516/SE 272nd Street.                                                                  |                    |             |
| <b>13 SE 276th Street</b>                                                                                                                          |                    | <b>0.32</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of street from Wax Road west to 165th Place SE.                                                                         |                    |             |
| <b>14 204th Avenue SE</b>                                                                                                                          |                    | <b>0.70</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of street from Cranmar Creek Trail north on 204th Avenue SE to ECo Park.                                                |                    |             |
| <b>15 Timberland Boulevard/204th Avenue SE</b>                                                                                                     |                    | <b>1.89</b> |
| ▪ Bike lanes on both sides of boulevard from SE 262nd Place east                                                                                   |                    |             |

|                                     |                                                                                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                     | and north to 186th Place SE then south on 204th Avenue SE past ECo Park to the Cranmar Creek Trail. |              |
| <b>16</b>                           | <b>SE 272nd Street/SR-516</b>                                                                       | <b>2.03</b>  |
| ▪                                   | Bike lanes on both sides of highway from 180th Avenue SE east to 204th Avenue SE.                   |              |
| <b>Total proposed bikeway miles</b> |                                                                                                     | <b>15.87</b> |



#### Existing bike lanes and sidewalks

- 1 SE 256th Street
- 2 164th Avenue SE
- 3 165th Place SE
- 4 SE Wax Road

#### Proposed bike lanes and sidewalks

- 5 SE 240th Street
- 6 180th Avenue SE
- 7 156th Avenue SE
- 8 SE 260th Street/159th Place SE
- 9 172nd Ave SE/175th Way
- 10 SE 267th Street
- 11 169th Place SE
- 12 168th Place SE
- 13 SE 276th Street
- 14 Timberlane Boulevard
- 15 Lakepointe Blvd/204th Avenue SE
- 16 SE 272nd Street/SR-516

### On-road bike lanes and sidewalks



## Athletic parks

**Local or neighborhood parks** - will be developed with playgrounds, basketball, volleyball, play fields, and other facilities that provide pickup games, youth sports, and leagues of interest to neighborhood children and families. These local park improvements will be combined with picnic shelters and tables, trail systems, natural areas, local schools, and other facilities to create an accessible neighborhood park system in Covington.

Local or neighborhood parks will be sited as independent properties or portions of other sites that include trail corridors, resource parks, multi-use indoor centers or other public facilities. Where practical, local or neighborhood playgrounds will be co-located with elementary schools. Where feasible and appropriate, neighborhood parks will be sited on lands that are owned and operated for other public purposes.

Local or neighborhood parks will be located at sites serviced by trails and local bicycling routes that are within a 5-10-minute walk convenient to younger age neighborhood youth and families.

Local or neighborhood parks will be developed to provide flexible play capabilities - typically providing 1 to 2 dirt or grass rectangular fields with portable goal and backstop stanchions to allow for varied age groups and activities.

**Community or regional parks** - will be developed with competitive athletic court and field facilities to provide the highest quality competitive playing standards and requirements. The competitive regional athletic park complexes will include field activities that satisfy the largest number of organized and older age recreational league participants including skateboard, soccer, football, rugby, lacrosse, softball, and baseball facilities.

Regional athletic parks will be developed for older youth and adult league tournaments and other peak competition days, events, and schedules thereby freeing fields located at elementary schools, neighborhood parks, and other local sites for younger age clinics,

practices, neighborhood pickup play, and some youth league participant games.

Regional recreational parks will be located on sites that can accommodate relatively high traffic volumes, evening lighted field use, noise, and other activities without adversely impacting adjoining land uses.

Regional competitive recreational areas will be developed to provide sustained, high-capacity play capabilities typically providing 3 to 5 full-size competition fields at a location. Most sites will be designed to provide high capacity, rectangular field configurations that include turf or all-weather fields with permanent soccer goals and baseball diamond backstops at the field ends with moveable perimeter fencing, spectator seating, and night-lighting systems.

When practical and feasible, regional athletic parks will include middle or high school facilities, particularly where the facilities are located with other competition fields or when the facilities can be used for recreational league tournaments or special events.

**Local and regional athletic parks** - will be improved with restrooms, concessions, and parking lots including grass overflow parking areas to accommodate peak events or schedules. Depending on the location, some sites will include tennis, basketball, volleyball courts, and other recreational facilities. Where appropriate, some regionally competitive recreational sites will also be furnished with group picnic shelters and possibly even recreational vehicle overnight campsite services to support tournament events.

### **Vision**

**Local or neighborhood athletic parks** with playgrounds, courts, and fields will:

- Provide flexible informal activity areas,
- Suited to younger age and local neighborhood game activities,
- In sites convenient to neighborhood youth and families,
- At sites that may co-locate with elementary schools and facilities.

**Community or regional athletic parks** will:

- Provide the highest quality competitive play athletic facilities,
- Of the highest capacity facility improvement designs,
- Within convenient proximity to organized adult and older age recreational league playing populations,
- At sites that do not disrupt adjacent land uses,
- At sites that may co-locate with schools and/or utilize other major public facilities,
- To alleviate overcrowding on smaller, more local park and elementary school fields so local sites can be used for younger age league participant games, practice sessions, and neighborhood pickup games.

## Playgrounds

Under the proposed plan, the city will develop playgrounds and play areas to provide access within a 5-minute walking distance of most residential areas in the city. The proposal will design age-appropriate features for young and older age children. The proposal will upgrade some existing playground equipment to meet ADA requirements, safety concerns, and new activity interests.

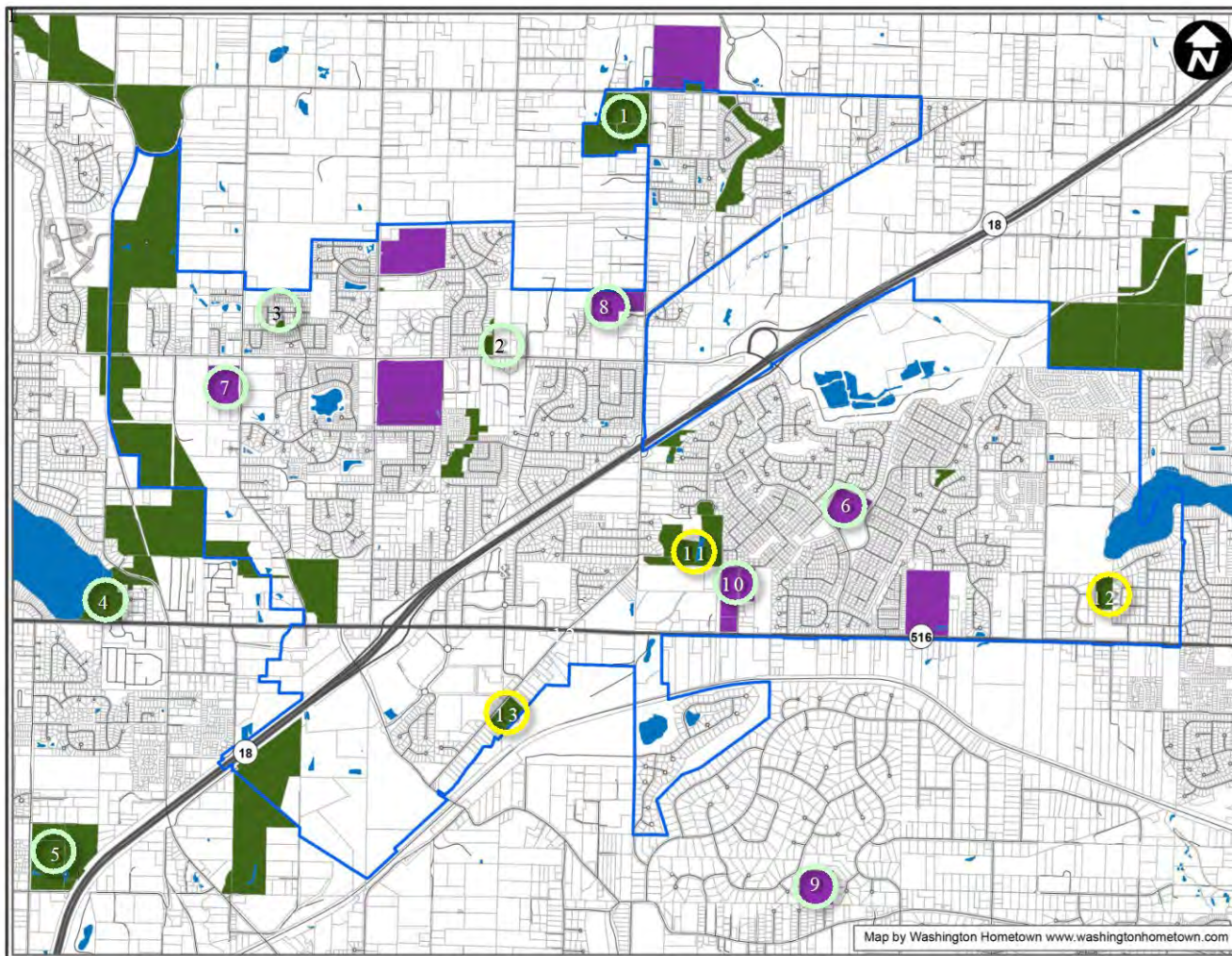
**Existing playgrounds/play areas**

The following are covered and uncovered playground facilities and play areas. Some of the listed school facilities may not be available for public use during school hours.

|                                                                                                                                                                                            | Existing playground/play facilities |
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| <b>Covington</b>                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>4</b>                            |
| <b>1 Covington Community Park</b>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1</b>                            |
| This community park is located at 17649 on SE 240th Street on an opposite corner from the Covington Aquatic Center.                                                                        |                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grassy play area</li> <li>▪ Playground with soft surface and all-age and skill equipment</li> <li>▪ Paracourse exercise equipment area</li> </ul> |                                     |
| <b>2 Crystal View Park</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1</b>                            |
| This neighborhood park is located at 25412 170th Place SE.                                                                                                                                 |                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grassy play area</li> <li>▪ Playground for young children ages 2-5</li> </ul>                                                                     |                                     |

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| <b>3 Friendship Park</b>                                                                                                          | <b>1</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located at 15808 SE 254th Place.                                                                        |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Playground with equipment for younger age children</li> </ul>                            |          |
| <b>4 Jenkins Creek Park</b>                                                                                                       | <b>1</b> |
| This community park is located on Jenkins Creek with access from 18050 SE 267th Place on the east and SE 267th Place on the west. |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grassy play area</li> </ul>                                                              |          |
| <b>Kent playgrounds</b>                                                                                                           | <b>2</b> |
| <b>5 Lake Meridian Park</b>                                                                                                       | <b>1</b> |
| This community park is located at 14800 SE 272nd Street west of Covington's city limits on 742-acre Lake Meridian.                |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grassy play area</li> <li>▪ Large playground for all age children</li> </ul>             |          |
| <b>6 Service Club Community Park</b>                                                                                              | <b>1</b> |
| This community park is located at 14608 SE 288th Street southwest of Covington's city limits.                                     |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grassy play area</li> <li>▪ Large playground with equipment for all ages</li> </ul>      |          |
| <b>Kent School District playgrounds</b>                                                                                           | <b>5</b> |
| <b>7 Cedar Valley Elementary</b>                                                                                                  | <b>1</b> |
| This elementary school is located at 26500 Timberlane Way SE in east central Covington.                                           |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Asphalt play area</li> </ul>                                                             |          |
| <b>8 Covington Elementary</b>                                                                                                     | <b>1</b> |
| This elementary school is located at 25811 156th Avenue SE in west central Covington.                                             |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 asphalt play area with playground</li> </ul>                                           |          |
| <b>9 Crestwood Elementary</b>                                                                                                     | <b>1</b> |
| This elementary school is located at 25225 180th Avenue SE in north central Covington.                                            |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 asphalt play area</li> <li>▪ 1 playground</li> </ul>                                   |          |
| <b>10 Grasslake Elementary</b>                                                                                                    | <b>1</b> |
| This elementary school is located at 28700 191st Place SE south of Covington city limits in Kent.                                 |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 asphalt play area</li> <li>▪ 1 playground</li> </ul>                                   |          |
| <b>11 Jenkins Creek Elementary</b>                                                                                                | <b>1</b> |
| This elementary school is located at 26915 186th Avenue SE in                                                                     |          |

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| south central Covington.                                                                     |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 asphalt play area</li> <li>1 playground</li> </ul>  |           |  |
| <b>City property/HOA improved and maintained</b>                                             | <b>3</b>  |  |
| <b>12 Abbotsford Estates HOA Park</b>                                                        | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This neighborhood park is located at SE 260th Street.                                        |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground equipment</li> </ul>                       |           |  |
| <b>13 Channing HOA</b>                                                                       | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This neighborhood park is located at                                                         |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grassy play area</li> </ul>                           |           |  |
| <b>14 The Reserve HOA</b>                                                                    | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This neighborhood park and connector is located between SE 258th and 260th Streets.          |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>HOA Parks playgrounds</b>                                                                 | <b>26</b> |  |
| <b>15 156th Place HOA</b>                                                                    | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located at the end of 158th Place SE.                                    |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>16 Aqua Vista at Pipe Lake HOA</b>                                                        | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located at SE 268th Street on Pipe Lake.                                 |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small playground</li> </ul>                           |           |  |
| <b>17 Cedar Valley Park HOA</b>                                                              | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located between SE 262nd Street and 201st Place SE                       |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>18 Channing Park HOA</b>                                                                  | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located at SE 260th Street.                                              |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small playground</li> </ul>                           |           |  |
| <b>19 Coho Neighborhood Park</b>                                                             | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located north of SE 261st Street.                                        |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>20 Crofton Hills Greenspace</b>                                                           | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located at 252nd Place SE and 160th Avenue SE under BPA powerlines       |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>21 Crofton Hills HOA Pocket Park</b>                                                      | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located at SE 254th Street.                                              |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>22 Crofton Hills Neighborhood Park???</b>                                                 | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located SE 256th Street.                                                 |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>23 Glenwood HOA</b>                                                                       | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located on the corner of 164th Avenue SE and SE 264th Street.            |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>24 Maple Hills HOA Infrastructure</b>                                                     | <b>1</b>  |  |
| These pocket parks are located off SE 256th Street bordering King County's Cedar Creek Park. |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>25 Maple Hills 206th Place &amp; 259th Court HOA</b>                                      | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located between 206th and 207th Avenues SE.                              |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>26 Morgans Creek HOA</b>                                                                  | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located at SE 254th Street.                                              |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 playgrounds</li> </ul>                              |           |  |
| <b>27 North Rainier Vista Park</b>                                                           | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located off SE 244th Street.                                             |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground</li> </ul>                                 |           |  |
| <b>28 Park Meadows HOA</b>                                                                   | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located at SE 247th Street.                                              |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grassy area</li> <li>Playground</li> </ul>            |           |  |
| <b>29 Pearl Jones HOA</b>                                                                    | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located at 178th Place SE.                                               |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grassy area</li> <li>Playground</li> </ul>            |           |  |
| <b>30 Rainier Vista HOA</b>                                                                  | <b>1</b>  |  |
| This pocket park is located at 185th Place SE.                                               |           |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grass area</li> <li>Playground</li> </ul>             |           |  |



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  - 12 ECo Park
  - 13 SoCo Park

## Playgrounds and play areas

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| <b>31 Rainier Vista ROW Connector</b>                                                                                                         | <b>1</b> |
| This pocket park is located at the south end of 178th Court SE.                                                                               |          |
| ▪ Playground                                                                                                                                  |          |
| <b>22 Savana HOA</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>1</b> |
| This pocket park is located at SE 260th Street under BPA powerlines.                                                                          |          |
| ▪ Playground                                                                                                                                  |          |
| <b>33 South Rainier Vista</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>1</b> |
| This pocket park is located off 185th Place SE adjacent to Rainier Vista Open Space.                                                          |          |
| ▪ Playground                                                                                                                                  |          |
| <b>34 Stonefield Pocket Park</b>                                                                                                              | <b>1</b> |
| This pocket park is located at the corner of SE 260th Street and 166th Place SE.                                                              |          |
| ▪ Playground                                                                                                                                  |          |
| <b>35 The Reserve HOA</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>1</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located between SE 258th and 260th Streets containing a wetland pond with the western portion under BPA powerlines. |          |
| ▪ Playground                                                                                                                                  |          |
| <b>236 Timberlane Estates Common Areas</b>                                                                                                    | <b>1</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located adjacent to Cedar Valley Elementary School between Timberlane Way SE and 194th Avenue SE.                   |          |
| ▪ Playground and equipment                                                                                                                    |          |
| <b>37 Wingfield HOA</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>1</b> |
| This pocket park is located north of SE 261st Street adjacent to Wingfield Open Space.                                                        |          |
| ▪ Playground                                                                                                                                  |          |
| <b>38 Winterwood Estates HOA</b>                                                                                                              | <b>1</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located at SE 279th Place and 183rd Place SE surrounding a water feature.                                           |          |
| ▪ Playground                                                                                                                                  |          |
| <b>39 Wood Creek Neighborhood Park</b>                                                                                                        | <b>1</b> |
| This pocket park is located at the corner off 178th Place SE.                                                                                 |          |
| ▪ Playground                                                                                                                                  |          |
| <b>40 Wood Crest HOA</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>1</b> |
| This pocket park is located at the corner of SE 260th Street and                                                                              |          |

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| 166th Place SE.                       |           |
| ▪ Playground                          |           |
| <b>All total existing playgrounds</b> | <b>40</b> |

#### **Proposed playgrounds/play areas**

The following playgrounds will be developed in existing parks and proposed future park sites to provide access within a 5-10-minute walk of all residential neighborhoods within the city and urban growth area.

|                                                                              |                                            |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                                              | <b>Proposed playground/play facilities</b> |          |
| <b>Covington</b>                                                             |                                            | <b>3</b> |
| <b>4 Jenkins Creek Park</b>                                                  |                                            | <b>1</b> |
| ▪ Install all age playground in accordance with master plan                  |                                            |          |
| <b>41 ECo Park</b>                                                           |                                            | <b>1</b> |
| ▪ Install all age playground                                                 |                                            |          |
| <b>42 SoCo Park</b>                                                          |                                            | <b>1</b> |
| ▪ Install all age playground to serve housing developments around Towncenter |                                            |          |
| <b>Total proposed playgrounds</b>                                            |                                            | <b>3</b> |

### **Skateboard/pump track facilities**

#### **Existing skateboard courts**

The following skateboard court facilities have been developed to support skateboarding activities in the city and surrounding area.

|                                                                                      |                                  |          |
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|                                                                                      | <b>Existing skateboard court</b> |          |
| <b>Covington</b>                                                                     |                                  | <b>1</b> |
| <b>1 Gerry Crick Skate Park</b>                                                      |                                  | <b>1</b> |
| This special use facility is located at 25064 164th Avenue SE.                       |                                  |          |
| ▪ An above ground skate court with ramps, pipes, and terraces for skateboard and BMX |                                  |          |
| ▪ Mural artwork painted by Aaron Kekoa Lui-Kwan in 2016                              |                                  |          |
| <b>Total existing skateboard court</b>                                               |                                  | <b>1</b> |



Skate dot in Seattle



Skate dot in Seattle



Dirt pump track in Bellingham



Paved pump track in Lake Chelan

### Proposed skate dots and pump tracks

Skate dots - single pieces of skateboard equipment such as quarter and half-pipes, rails, stairs, and concrete bowls will be distributed throughout city parks to provide skateboard activity for younger age groups within a convenient distance of residential neighborhood. A pump track composed of mounds and jumps for manually pumped bicycles may be developed to support this growing recreational activity.

|                                           | Proposed skateboard dots |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Covington</b>                          | <b>6</b>                 |
| <b>2 Covington Community Park</b>         | <b>1</b>                 |
| ▪ Install skate dot in park activity area |                          |
| <b>3 Crystal View Park</b>                | <b>1</b>                 |
| ▪ Install skate dot in park activity area |                          |
| <b>4 Friendship Park</b>                  | <b>1</b>                 |
| ▪ Install skate dot in park activity area |                          |
| <b>5 Jenkins Creek Park</b>               | <b>1</b>                 |
| ▪ Install skate dot in park activity area |                          |
| <b>6 ECo Park</b>                         | <b>1</b>                 |
| ▪ Install skate dot in park activity area |                          |
| <b>7 SoCo Park</b>                        | <b>1</b>                 |
| ▪ Install skate dot in park activity area |                          |
| <b>Total proposed skate dots</b>          | <b>6</b>                 |

### **Sports courts – basketball/volleyball/pickleball**

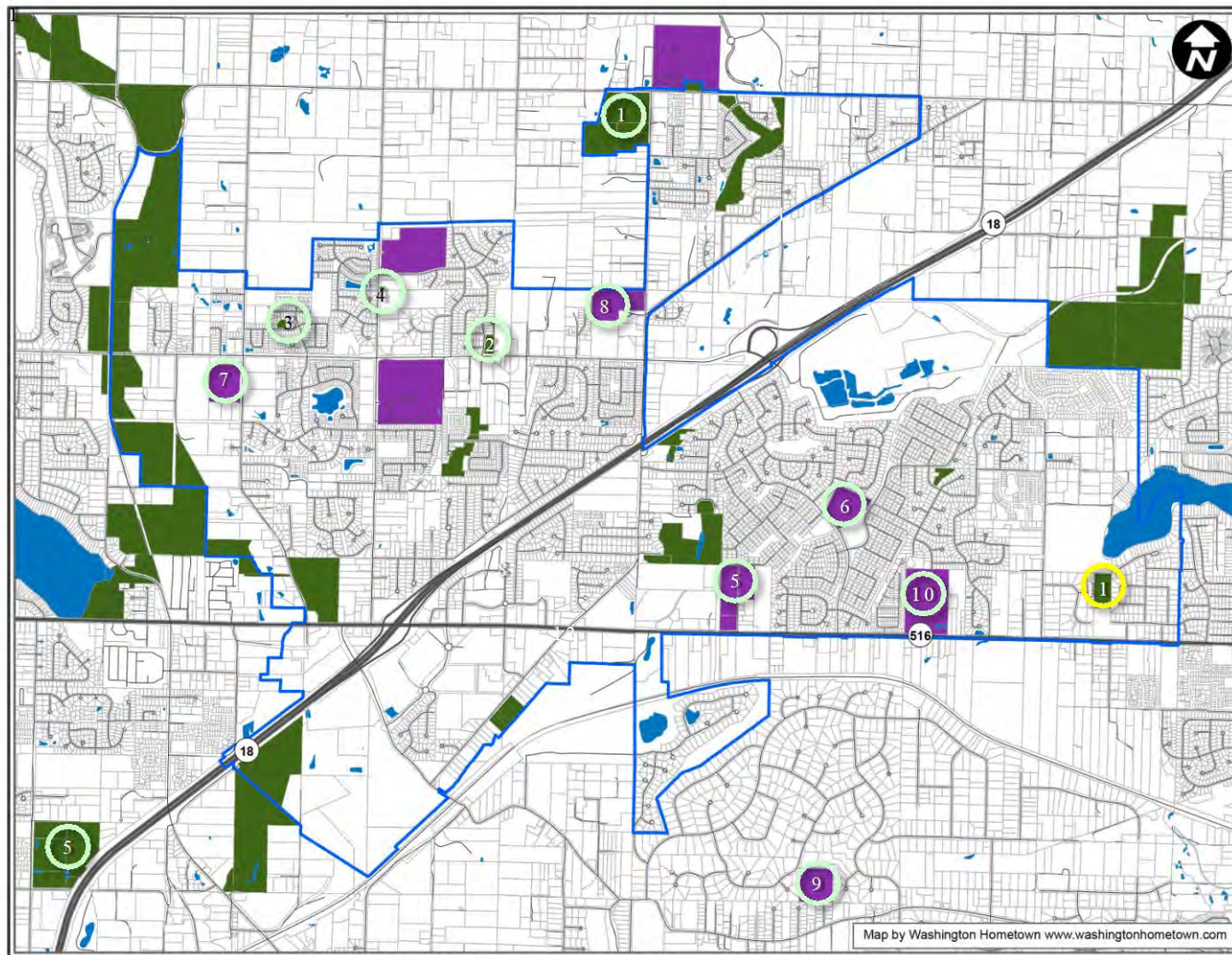
Sports or multi-use courts combine basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and tennis as well as a variety of other activities in half (25x50 feet) or full court (up to 50x100 feet) flexible layouts. The city will develop sports courts to provide multi-use basketball, pickleball, volleyball, and other activities within a 5-minute walking distance of most residential areas in the city. The proposal will upgrade some existing basketball courts to increase surface and equipment durability to meet safety concerns and accommodate new activity interests.

### Existing sports courts

The following basketball and volleyball courts have been developed in the city to support local neighborhood recreational activities.

|                                                               | Existing courts |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Covington</b>                                              | <b>2</b>        |
| <b>1 Covington Community Park</b>                             | <b>1</b>        |
| This community park is located at 17649 on SE 240th Street.   |                 |
| ▪ 1 tennis/pickleball court                                   |                 |
| <b>2 Crystal View Park</b>                                    | <b>0.5</b>      |
| This neighborhood park is located at 25412 170th Place SE.    |                 |
| ▪ 0.5 basketball court                                        |                 |
| <b>3 Friendship Park</b>                                      | <b>0.5</b>      |
| This neighborhood park is located at 15808 SE 254th Place.    |                 |
| ▪ 0.5 basketball court                                        |                 |
| <b>Kent</b>                                                   | <b>1</b>        |
| <b>4 Service Club Community Park</b>                          | <b>1</b>        |
| This community park is located at 14608 SE 288th Street.      |                 |
| ▪ 1 basketball court                                          |                 |
| <b>Kent School District</b>                                   | <b>19</b>       |
| <b>5 Cedar Valley Elementary</b>                              | <b>3</b>        |
| This elementary school is located at 26500 Timberlane Way SE. |                 |
| ▪ 3 basketball courts (1 junior sized)                        |                 |
| <b>6 Covington Elementary</b>                                 | <b>1</b>        |
| This elementary school is located at 25811 156th Avenue SE.   |                 |
| ▪ 1 covered play shed with basketball court                   |                 |
| <b>7 Crestwood Elementary</b>                                 | <b>2</b>        |
| This elementary school is located at 25225 180th Avenue SE.   |                 |
| ▪ 1 outdoor basketball court                                  |                 |
| ▪ 1 play shed with basketball court                           |                 |
| <b>8 Grasslake Elementary</b>                                 | <b>1</b>        |
| This elementary school is located at 28700 191st Place SE.    |                 |
| ▪ 2 half-court basketball                                     |                 |
| <b>9 Jenkins Creek Elementary</b>                             | <b>1</b>        |
| This elementary school is located at 26915 186th Avenue SE.   |                 |
| ▪ 1 play shed with basketball court                           |                 |





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## Sport courts - basketball, pickleball, volleyball, and other activities

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| <b>10 Cedar Heights Middle</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>3</b>   |
| This middle school is located at 19640 SE 272nd Street.                                                                                               |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 basketball court and 2 basketball backboards</li> <li>2 tennis courts</li> </ul>                             |            |
| <b>11 Mattson Middle</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>2</b>   |
| This middle school is located at 16400 SE 251st Street.                                                                                               |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 outdoor basketball court</li> <li>1 play shed with basketball court</li> </ul>                               |            |
| <b>12 Kentwood High School</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>6</b>   |
| This high school is located at 25800 164th Avenue SE.                                                                                                 |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 tennis courts</li> </ul>                                                                                     |            |
| <b>Tahoma School District Schools</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>13 Maple View Middle</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>5</b>   |
| This middle school is located at 18200 SE 240th Street.                                                                                               |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 lighted tennis courts</li> </ul>                                                                             |            |
| <b>City property/HOA improved and maintained</b>                                                                                                      | <b>2.5</b> |
| <b>14 Abbotsford Estates HOA Park</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>0.5</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located at SE 260th Street.                                                                                                 |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 basketball court</li> </ul>                                                                                |            |
| <b>15 Channing HOA</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>1</b>   |
| This neighborhood park is located at                                                                                                                  |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sport court with pickleball and basketball backboard</li> </ul>                                                |            |
| <b>16 Tamarack HOA</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>0.5</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located at 160th Avenue SE under BPA powerlines. About 0.42 acres or 25% of the property has been developed for active use. |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 court basketball</li> </ul>                                                                                |            |
| <b>17 The Reserve HOA</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>0.5</b> |
| This neighborhood park is located between SE 258th and 260th Streets.                                                                                 |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 court basketball</li> </ul>                                                                                |            |
| <b>HOA Parks</b>                                                                                                                                      | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>18 Cedar Valley Park HOA</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>0.5</b> |
| This pocket park is located between SE 262nd Street and 201st Place SE                                                                                |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 court basketball</li> </ul>                                                                                |            |
| <b>19 Channing Park HOA</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>0.5</b> |
| This pocket park is located at SE 260th Street.                                                                                                       |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 basketball court</li> </ul>                                                                                |            |

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| <b>20 Coho Neighborhood Park</b>                                                                      | <b>1</b>   |
| This pocket park is located north of SE 261st Street.                                                 |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball court</li> </ul>                                    |            |
| <b>21 Crofton Hills Greenspace</b>                                                                    | <b>0.5</b> |
| This pocket park is located at 252nd Place SE and 160th Avenue SE                                     |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 court basketball</li> </ul>                                |            |
| <b>22 Crofton Hills Neighborhood Park???</b>                                                          | <b>1</b>   |
| This pocket park is located SE 256th Street.                                                          |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball court</li> </ul>                                    |            |
| <b>23 Maple Hills 206th Place &amp; 259th Court HOA</b>                                               | <b>0.5</b> |
| This pocket park is located between 206th and 207th Avenues SE.                                       |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 court basketball court</li> </ul>                          |            |
| <b>24 North Channing Pocket Park</b>                                                                  | <b>1</b>   |
| This pocket park is located north of 258th Street SE under BPA powerlines.                            |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pickleball court</li> </ul>                                    |            |
| <b>25 North Rainier Vista Park</b>                                                                    | <b>0.5</b> |
| This pocket park is located off SE 244th Street.                                                      |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 court basketball</li> </ul>                                |            |
| <b>26 Park Meadows HOA</b>                                                                            | <b>0.5</b> |
| This pocket park is located at SE 247th Street.                                                       |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 basketball court</li> </ul>                                |            |
| <b>27 Pearl Jones HOA</b>                                                                             | <b>0.5</b> |
| This pocket park is located at 178th Place SE.                                                        |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 basketball court</li> </ul>                                |            |
| <b>28 Pioneer Ridge HOA Pocket Park</b>                                                               | <b>1</b>   |
| This pocket park is located on the corner of 264th Place SE and 162nd Avenue SE under BPA powerlines. |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tennis court</li> </ul>                                        |            |
| <b>29 Rainier Vista HOA</b>                                                                           | <b>0.5</b> |
| This pocket park is located at 185th Place SE.                                                        |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 basketball court</li> </ul>                                |            |
| <b>30 Savana HOA</b>                                                                                  | <b>0.5</b> |
| This pocket park is located at SE 260th Street under BPA powerlines.                                  |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 basketball court</li> </ul>                                |            |
| <b>31 South Rainier Vista</b>                                                                         | <b>0.5</b> |
| This pocket park is located off 185th Place SE adjacent to Rainier Vista Open Space.                  |            |

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| ▪ 0.5 court basketball                                                   |             |
| <b>32 Tamarack HOA</b>                                                   | <b>0.5</b>  |
| This pocket park is located at 160th Avenue SE under powerlines.         |             |
| ▪ 0.5 court basketball                                                   |             |
| <b>33 The Reserve HOA</b>                                                | <b>0.5</b>  |
| This neighborhood park is located between SE 258th and 260th Streets.    |             |
| ▪ 0.5 court basketball                                                   |             |
| <b>34 Timberlane Estates Common Areas</b>                                | <b>1</b>    |
| This neighborhood park is between Timberlane Way SE and 194th Avenue SE. |             |
| ▪ Basketball court                                                       |             |
| <b>35 Timberland Estates HOA</b>                                         | <b>0.5</b>  |
| This pocket park is located at the north end of 196th Avenue SE.         |             |
| ▪ 0.5 court basketball                                                   |             |
| <b>36 Wingfield HOA</b>                                                  | <b>1</b>    |
| This pocket park is located north of SE 261st Street.                    |             |
| ▪ Basketball court                                                       |             |
| <b>37 Winterwood Estates HOA</b>                                         | <b>1</b>    |
| This neighborhood park is located at SE 279th Place and 183rd Place.     |             |
| ▪ Basketball court with 2 pickleball overlays                            |             |
| <b>38 Wood Creek Neighborhood Park</b>                                   | <b>0.5</b>  |
| This pocket park is located at the corner off 178th Place SE.            |             |
| ▪ 0.5 court basketball                                                   |             |
| <b>Total existing sport courts</b>                                       | <b>32.5</b> |
| <b>Total existing tennis courts</b>                                      | <b>11</b>   |

#### Proposed sports courts

The following outdoor sports courts will be developed to support basketball (50x84 feet), volleyball (30x60 feet), and pickleball (30x60 feet) play on a single court surface within a 5-10-minute walk of residential neighborhoods. Some existing basketball courts may be adapted to support volleyball and pickleball play.

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|                                   | <b>Proposed sport courts</b> |          |
| <b>Covington</b>                  |                              | <b>4</b> |
| <b>1 Covington Community Park</b> |                              | <b>2</b> |

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| ▪ Construct a basketball court next to the plaza               |          |
| ▪ Construct a sand volleyball court                            |          |
| <b>39 ECo Park</b>                                             | <b>1</b> |
| ▪ Install sports court in park activity area                   |          |
| <b>40 Park South tbd</b>                                       | <b>1</b> |
| ▪ Install sports court in park to be sited to serve Towncenter |          |
| <b>Total proposed sport courts</b>                             | <b>4</b> |

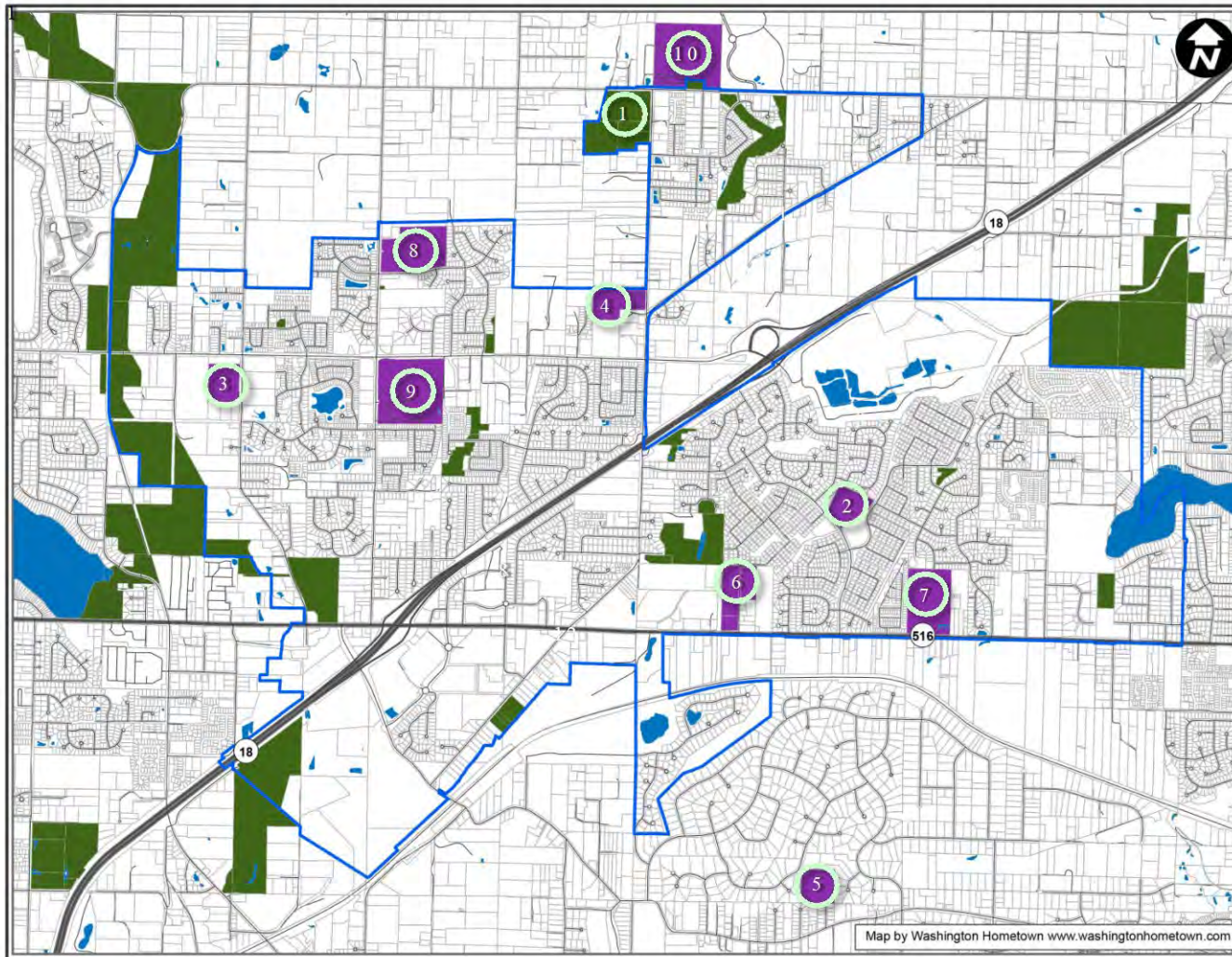
## Fields – soccer

#### Existing soccer fields

Rectangular grass fields support regulation (330x360 feet), youth ages 12-13 (300x330 feet), youth ages 10-11 (180x240 feet), youth ages 8-9 (90x150 feet) and youth age 6-7 (75x120 feet) soccer activities. The larger field areas can be subdivided to support younger age players practice and games. For example, a regulation field of 330x360 feet can be subdivided to support 12 age 6-7 fields of 75x120 feet. Consequently, while the fields are counted by regulation size the actual playing capacity of the fields can increase exponentially depending on the age of the soccer players and thereby their playing field requirements.

The following rectangular soccer or multipurpose grass fields have been developed to support local school and after school pickup games, youth clinics, and youth leagues. Some fields have soccer goals though most use temporary moveable goal fixtures. Some fields have grass baseball backstops or baseball diamonds installed at the end corners of the grass rectangular fields. Some of the listed school facilities may not be available for public use during school hours or suitable for competitive or league game play.

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|                                                                      | <b>Existing soccer fields</b> |          |
| <b>Covington</b>                                                     |                               | <b>1</b> |
| <b>1 Covington Community Park</b>                                    |                               | <b>1</b> |
| This community park is located at 17649 on SE 240th Street.          |                               |          |
| ▪ Rectangular multiuse grass soccer field with bleachers and fencing |                               |          |



- Covington Parks**
  - 1 Covington Community Park
- Kent School District**
  - 2 Cedar Valley Elementary
  - 3 Covington Elementary
  - 4 Crestwood Elementary
  - 5 Grasslake Elementary
  - 6 Jenkins Creek Elementary
  - 7 Cedar Heights Middle
  - 8 Mattson Middle
  - 9 Kentwood High
- Tahoma School District**
  - 10 Maple View Middle
- Proposed**
  - 1 Covington Community Park

**Soccer fields**  
 City Limits

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |
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| <b>Kent School District</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>12</b> |
| <b>2 Cedar Valley Elementary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>3</b>  |
| This elementary school is located at 26500 Timberlane Way SE.                                                                                                                                                                                      |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for soccer and 250-foot baseball field with backstop</li> <li>1 all weather sand-based soccer field</li> <li>1 unimproved grass area suitable for soccer use</li> </ul> |           |
| <b>3 Covington Elementary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>2</b>  |
| This elementary school is located at 25811 156th Avenue SE.                                                                                                                                                                                        |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for 2 soccer and 250-foot baseball field with backstop</li> </ul>                                                                                                       |           |
| <b>4 Crestwood Elementary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>3</b>  |
| This elementary school is located at 25225 180th Avenue SE.                                                                                                                                                                                        |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 grass multipurpose fields suitable for 3 soccer fields and 2 baseball fields with backstops</li> </ul>                                                                                                    |           |
| <b>5 Grasslake Elementary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1</b>  |
| This elementary school is located at 28700 191st Place SE.                                                                                                                                                                                         |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 asphalt play area</li> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for 1 soccer and 1 baseball with backstop</li> </ul>                                                                                       |           |
| <b>6 Jenkins Creek Elementary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>3</b>  |
| This elementary school is located at 26915 186th Avenue SE in south central Covington.                                                                                                                                                             |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 grass multipurpose fields suitable for 3 soccer and 3 baseball fields</li> </ul>                                                                                                                          |           |
| <b>Tahoma School District</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>7 Maple View Middle</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>2</b>  |
| This middle school is located at 18200 SE 240th Street.                                                                                                                                                                                            |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass small grass area suitable for soccer</li> <li>1 grass multipurpose soccer field</li> </ul>                                                                                                          |           |
| <b>Total existing soccer fields</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>15</b> |

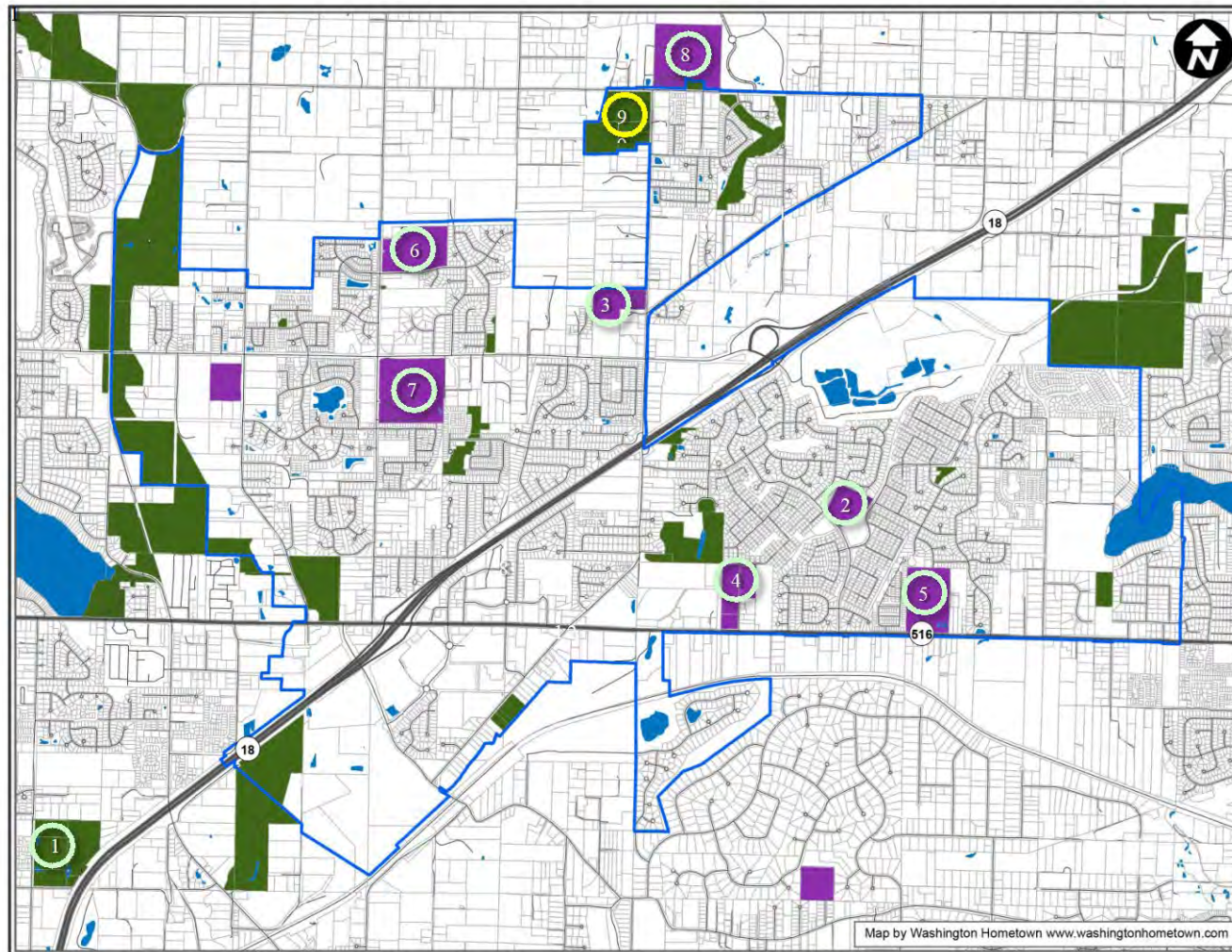
#### Proposed soccer fields

The following rectangular grass fields will be developed to support regulation (330x360 feet) and sub-dividable youth ages 12-13 (300x330 feet), youth ages 10-11 (180x240 feet), youth age 8-9 (90x150 feet) and youth ages 6-7 (75x120 feet) soccer activities within a 10-minute commute of residential neighborhoods.

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|                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Proposed soccer fields</b> |
| <b>Covington</b>                                                                                                                                             | <b>2</b>                      |
| <b>1 Covington Community Park</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>2</b>                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a multiple soccer field complex for 1-2 fields with synthetic turf, lighting, and stormwater vault</li> </ul> |                               |
| <b>Total proposed additional soccer fields</b>                                                                                                               | <b>2</b>                      |

Existing elementary school baseball/softball fields can be improved to support local pickup games, youth clinics, youth and adult league practices and games on rectangular fields in existing school grounds within 5-10-minute walking and commuting distance of all residential neighborhoods.

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|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Proposed soccer field upgrades</b> |
| <b>Covington with school districts</b>                                                                                                          | <b>(8)</b>                            |
| <b>2 Cedar Valley Elementary</b>                                                                                                                | <b>(1)</b>                            |
| This elementary school is located at 26500 Timberlane Way SE.                                                                                   |                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for soccer and 250-foot baseball field with backstop</li> </ul>      |                                       |
| <b>3 Covington Elementary</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>(1)</b>                            |
| This elementary school is located at 25811 156th Avenue SE.                                                                                     |                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for 2 soccer and 250-foot baseball field with backstop</li> </ul>    |                                       |
| <b>4 Crestwood Elementary</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>(2)</b>                            |
| This elementary school is located at 25225 180th Avenue SE.                                                                                     |                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 grass multipurpose fields suitable for 3 soccer fields and 2 baseball fields with backstops</li> </ul> |                                       |
| <b>5 Grasslake Elementary</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>(1)</b>                            |
| This elementary school is located at 28700 191st Place SE.                                                                                      |                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for 1 soccer and 1 baseball with backstop</li> </ul>                 |                                       |
| <b>6 Jenkins Creek Elementary</b>                                                                                                               | <b>(3)</b>                            |
| This elementary school is located at 26915 186th Avenue SE.                                                                                     |                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 grass multipurpose fields suitable for 3 soccer and 3 baseball fields</li> </ul>                       |                                       |
| <b>Total proposed youth field upgrades</b>                                                                                                      | <b>(8)</b>                            |



## Baseball/ softball fields

City Limits

- Kent Parks**
  - 1 Service Club Community Park
- Kent School District**
  - 2 Cedar Valley Elementary
  - 3 Crestwood Elementary
  - 4 Jenkins Creek Elementary
  - 5 Cedar Heights Middle
  - 6 Mattson Middle
  - 7 Kentwood High
- Tahoma School District**
  - 8 Maple View Middle
- Proposed**
  - 9 Covington Community Park

## Fields – baseball/softball

Baseball and softball field dimensions vary considerably by age and league for baseline, infield, pitcher's mound, and distance to left and center field fences. The field-defining dimension, however, is the distance to center field as the infield dimensions can be modified to fit the player's ages and league for baseball and softball.

Center field baseball distances for Pinto and Little League are 200-250 feet, Bonco 250 feet, Pony 300 feet, and high school and college 350-400 feet. Softball center field distances are proportionately less for youth ages 10 and under are 175 feet, high school 225 feet, college and adult 220-250 feet, and adult slow pitch 315 feet.

Baseball/softball fields may be dedicated with fixed skinned infield diamonds and outfield fences or located at the ends of rectangular fields where soccer fields can be overlaid the grass outfield areas.

The following dedicated and rectangular baseball/softball fields have been developed to support various age group leagues in the city. Some of the listed school facilities may not suitable or available for public competitive game play during school or school team use.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Existing baseball/softball fields |
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| <b>Kent</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>4</b>                          |
| <b>1 Service Club Community Park</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>4</b>                          |
| This community park is located at 14608 SE 288th Street.                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 grass lighted 250+ foot baseball/softball fields with fences, dugouts, and backstops</li> <li>2 grass lighted 300+ foot baseball/softball fields with fences, dugouts, and backstops</li> </ul> |                                   |
| <b>Kent School District</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>14</b>                         |
| <b>2 Cedar Valley Elementary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1</b>                          |
| This elementary school is located at 26500 Timberlane Way SE.                                                                                                                                                                            |                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for soccer and 250-foot baseball field with backstop</li> </ul>                                                                                               |                                   |
| <b>3 Covington Elementary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1</b>                          |

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| This elementary school is located at 25811 156th Avenue SE.                                                                                                                                                              |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for 2 soccer and 250-foot baseball field with backstop</li> </ul>                                                                             |           |
| <b>4 Crestwood Elementary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>2</b>  |
| This elementary school is located at 25225 180th Avenue SE.                                                                                                                                                              |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 grass multipurpose fields suitable for 3 soccer fields and 2 baseball fields with backstops</li> </ul>                                                                          |           |
| <b>5 Grasslake Elementary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1</b>  |
| This elementary school is located at 28700 191st Place SE.                                                                                                                                                               |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for 1 soccer and 1 baseball with backstop</li> </ul>                                                                                          |           |
| <b>6 Jenkins Creek Elementary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>3</b>  |
| This elementary school is located at 26915 186th Avenue SE.                                                                                                                                                              |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 grass multipurpose fields suitable for 3 soccer and 3 baseball fields</li> </ul>                                                                                                |           |
| <b>7 Cedar Heights Middle</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>2</b>  |
| This middle school is located at 19640 SE 272nd Street.                                                                                                                                                                  |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass baseball field</li> <li>1 grass softball field</li> </ul>                                                                                                                 |           |
| <b>8 Mattson Middle</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>2</b>  |
| This middle school is located at 16400 SE 251st Street in.                                                                                                                                                               |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass small softball field</li> <li>1 grass baseball field</li> </ul>                                                                                                           |           |
| <b>9 Kentwood High School</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>3</b>  |
| This high school is located at 25800 164th Avenue SE.                                                                                                                                                                    |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 small grass baseball field with bleachers</li> <li>1 dedicated grass baseball field with bleachers and fences</li> <li>1 grass baseball field with bleachers</li> </ul>         |           |
| <b>Tahoma School District</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>10 Maple View Middle</b>                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>3</b>  |
| This middle school is located at 18200 SE 240th Street.                                                                                                                                                                  |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass softball field with backstop</li> <li>1 grass dedicated softball field with bleachers, fences</li> <li>1 grass dedicated baseball field with bleachers, fences</li> </ul> |           |
| <b>Total existing baseball/softball fields</b>                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>21</b> |

### Proposed baseball/softball fields

Existing elementary school baseball/softball fields can be improved to support local pickup games, youth clinics, youth and adult

league practices and games on rectangular fields in existing school grounds within 5-10-minute walking and commuting distance of all residential neighborhoods.

| <b>Proposed baseball/softball field upgrades</b>                                                                                                |            |
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| <b>Covington with school districts</b>                                                                                                          | <b>(8)</b> |
| <b>2 Cedar Valley Elementary</b>                                                                                                                | <b>(1)</b> |
| This elementary school is located at 26500 Timberlane Way SE.                                                                                   |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for soccer and 250-foot baseball field with backstop</li> </ul>      |            |
| <b>3 Covington Elementary</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>(1)</b> |
| This elementary school is located at 25811 156th Avenue SE.                                                                                     |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for 2 soccer and 250-foot baseball field with backstop</li> </ul>    |            |
| <b>4 Crestwood Elementary</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>(2)</b> |
| This elementary school is located at 25225 180th Avenue SE.                                                                                     |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 grass multipurpose fields suitable for 3 soccer fields and 2 baseball fields with backstops</li> </ul> |            |
| <b>5 Grasslake Elementary</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>(1)</b> |
| This elementary school is located at 28700 191st Place SE.                                                                                      |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 grass multipurpose field suitable for 1 soccer and 1 baseball with backstop</li> </ul>                 |            |
| <b>6 Jenkins Creek Elementary</b>                                                                                                               | <b>(3)</b> |
| This elementary school is located at 26915 186th Avenue SE.                                                                                     |            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 grass multipurpose fields suitable for 3 soccer and 3 baseball fields</li> </ul>                       |            |
| <b>Total proposed youth field upgrades</b>                                                                                                      | <b>(8)</b> |

## Community centers

Community centers provide indoor activities on a year-round basis centrally accessible to residents for day and evening use. The facilities may be developed within a market-oriented service concept that protects the specialized investments that have already been made in these facilities by school districts and private organizations.

Community centers may not be developed where the using population will not be of sufficient size to realistically support an independent facility. In these circumstances, an existing center may be expanded within the next closest or supportable service area to provide facility requirements and programs.

Indoor community or recreation facilities may provide space for swimming pools (including outdoor facilities), gymnasiums, physical conditioning, arts and crafts, class and instruction rooms, meeting facilities, kitchens and dining, daycare and latch key, teen and senior center, and special population resource activities. Community centers may also incorporate historic museums, interpretive nature exhibits, and other buildings or constructions.

Independent community center buildings and sites may be developed to provide space and services for teen, adult, or senior center activities that occur during or conflict with school activities and sites. Generally, these facilities may provide space and services that are not suitably provided at school sites or that may not be duplicated by school facilities and programs.

When community and recreation centers are developed independent of school facilities, the buildings may be independent properties or portions of other sites that include trail corridors, resource activities, athletic or other public facilities such as civic centers and libraries.

### Vision

As described, the community and recreation center vision will:

- Provide a variety of indoor activities,
- Within a convenient and serviceable proximity to using populations,
- Within a facility and services concept that recognizes and supports the investments that have already made in existing city, county, and school facilities and programs, and
- In cooperative ventures with other interested and participating public and private agencies.

## Aquatic facilities

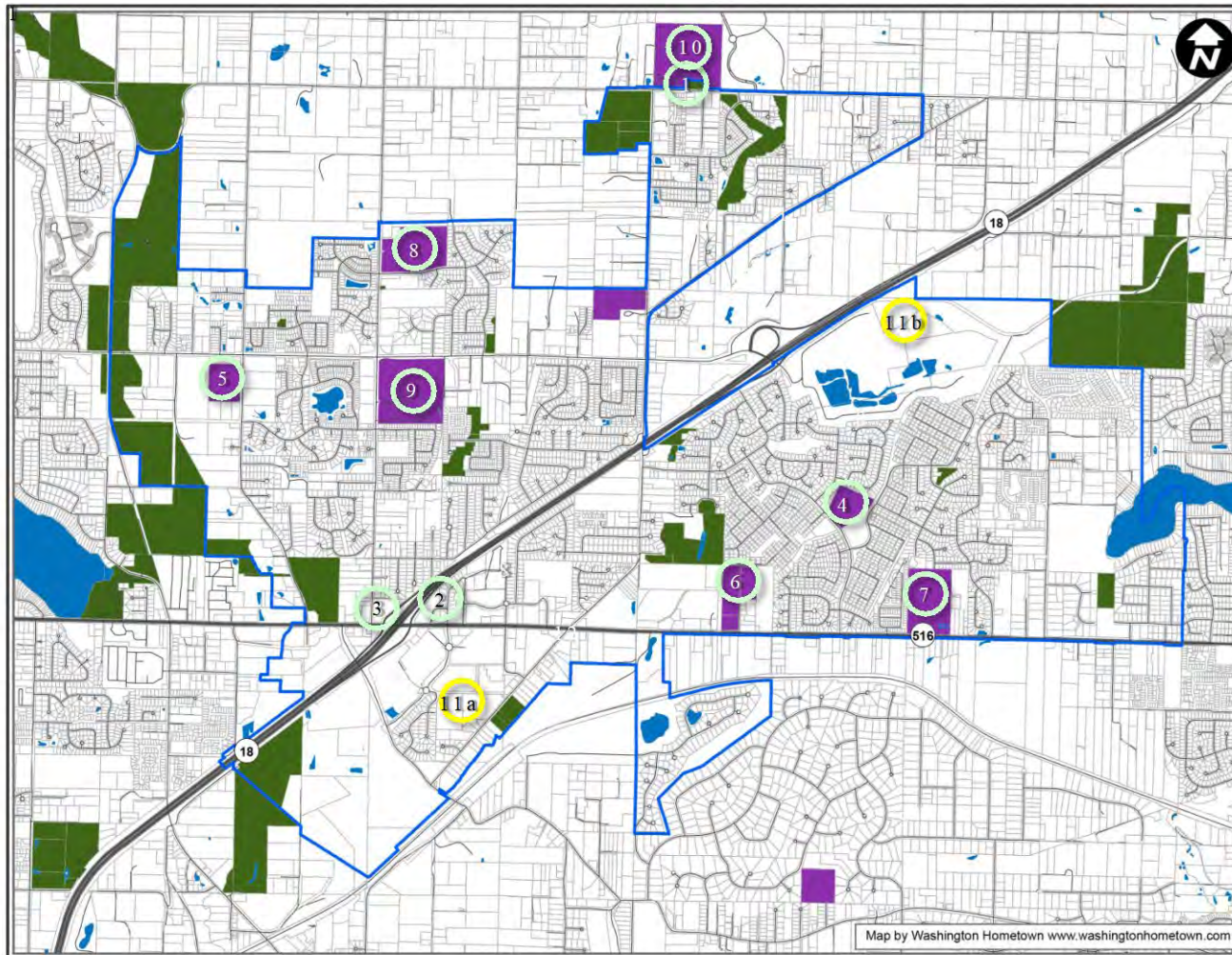
### Existing swimming pool facilities

The following pool facility was developed on the Maple Valley Middle School grounds to provide aquatic instruction and competitions for school leagues and leisure swims for residents.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Existing swimming pools |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Covington</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1</b>                |
| <b>1 Covington Aquatic Center</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>1</b>                |
| This special facility is located at 18230 SE 240th Street on Maple Valley Middle School property.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Indoor 2,660 square foot swimming pool</li> <li>▪ Moveable water barrier separating lap lanes and play areas</li> <li>▪ Water slide, rope swing, and floating play equipment</li> <li>▪ Lockers, showers, and restrooms</li> <li>▪ Lifeguard and administrative offices</li> <li>▪ Party room</li> <li>▪ Outdoor plaza with tree buffer</li> <li>▪ ADA accessible</li> </ul> |                         |
| <b>Total existing swimming pools</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>1</b>                |

### Proposed swimming pool facilities

The following pool facility may be developed to provide instruction, competition, and recreation aquatic activities for youth and adults to expand aquatic opportunities and/or to replace the aging Covington Aquatic Center facility.



- Covington Parks**
  - 1 Covington Aquatics Center
  - 2 City Hall Multipurpose Meeting Room
- King County**
  - 3 Covington Public Library
- Kent School District**
  - 4 Cedar Valley Elementary Assembly
  - 5 Covington Elementary Gym
  - 6 Jenkins Creek Elementary Assembly
  - 7 Cedar Heights Middle School Gym
  - 8 Mattson Middle School Gym
  - 9 Kentwood High School Gym
- Tahoma School District**
  - 10 Maple View Middle School Gym
- Proposed**
  - 11a Regional Aquatics/Recreation Center
  - 11b Regional Aquatics/Recreation Center

## Indoor facilities

City Limits

|                                                                                        | Proposed swim pools |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Covington with others                                                                  | 1                   |
| <b>2 Regional aquatic/recreation center</b>                                            | <b>1</b>            |
| ▪ Develop Olympic sized 50-meter pool with 8-10 lanes, 7-9-foot depth for competitions |                     |
| ▪ Add shallow, leisure, and therapy pools for health and public use                    |                     |
| <b>Total proposed swimming pools</b>                                                   | <b>1</b>            |

## Gymnasiums

### Existing gymnasiums

Indoor basketball courts vary in dimensions depending on the players age and league play where college courts are 50x94 feet, high school 50x84 feet, and middle school 42x74 feet not including team benches, referee and game clock tables, bleachers, lockers, showers, and restrooms. Gymnasium sizes can increase the overall interior size from 6,000 square feet or less in elementary schools to 8,400 to 14,100 square feet in middle and high schools depending on locker and shower accommodations.

Middle school and older ages play on hardwood floors while elementary school students may play on a variety of surfaces in multipurpose assembly rooms or in middle or high school gymnasiums in subdivided courts with lowered backboards.

Full size basketball courts can be subdivided to provide backboards along the sidelines to support 4 half courts for practice or for younger age group including elementary school games. The courts can also be subdivided to support 1-2 volleyball (30x60 feet) or 4 badminton courts (20x44 feet).

The following gymnasiums have been developed within the city and Kent and Tahoma School Districts to support elementary to high school players and leagues. Some of the listed facilities may not be available for public use during school hours or school team activities.

|                                                                                  | Existing gymnasiums |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Kent School District</b>                                                      | <b>48,000</b>       |
| <b>1 Cedar Valley Elementary</b>                                                 | <b>8,000</b>        |
| This elementary school is located at 26500 Timberlane Way SE.                    |                     |
| ▪ 8,000 square foot multipurpose hall                                            |                     |
| <b>2 Covington Elementary</b>                                                    | <b>8,000</b>        |
| This elementary school is located at 25811 156th Avenue SE.                      |                     |
| ▪ 8,000 square foot multipurpose hall with synthetic floor usable for basketball |                     |
| <b>3 Cedar Heights Middle</b>                                                    | <b>10,000</b>       |
| This middle school is located at 19640 SE 272nd Street.                          |                     |
| ▪ 10,000 square foot gymnasium                                                   |                     |
| <b>4 Mattson Middle</b>                                                          | <b>10,000</b>       |
| This middle school is located at 16400 SE 251st Street.                          |                     |
| ▪ 10,000 square foot gymnasium                                                   |                     |
| <b>5 Kentwood High School</b>                                                    | <b>12,000</b>       |
| This high school is located at 25800 164th Avenue SE.                            |                     |
| ▪ 12,000 square foot gymnasium                                                   |                     |
| <b>Tahoma School District</b>                                                    | <b>10,000</b>       |
| <b>6 Maple View Middle</b>                                                       | <b>10,000</b>       |
| This middle school is located at 18200 SE 240th Street.                          |                     |
| ▪ 10,000 square foot gymnasium                                                   |                     |
| <b>Total existing gymnasium square footage</b>                                   | <b>58,000</b>       |
| <b>Total existing number of youth gyms</b>                                       | <b>2</b>            |
| <b>Total existing number of competitive gyms</b>                                 | <b>4</b>            |

### Proposed gymnasiums

The following gymnasium will be developed to provide multipurpose space that includes instruction, recreation, and competition basketball activities to meet increasing school student attendance.

|                                                         | Proposed gymnasium |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Covington with others                                   | 12,000             |
| <b>7 Regional aquatic/recreation center</b>             | <b>12,000</b>      |
| ▪ Develop competition sized gymnasium with locker rooms |                    |
| <b>Total proposed gymnasium square footage</b>          | <b>12,000</b>      |
| <b>Total proposed number of gymnasiums</b>              | <b>1</b>           |

## Meeting rooms

### Existing classroom, meeting rooms

Meeting facilities including conference rooms, classrooms, assembly rooms, and theaters support a variety of functions including nutrition and health programs, education classes, music and drama instruction, public presentations, and performances for youth, teens, seniors, adults, and other community members. The facilities may be dedicated spaces, as in theaters, or flexible and divisible spaces that can be subdivided for a variety of activities. The facilities may include kitchens or catering areas, dressing rooms, or audio/visual supporting equipment in multipurpose or independent buildings and ownerships.

A number of meeting facilities have been developed in the Covington area in public parks or facilities and in nonprofit organization halls and lodges that are available on a rental basis.

The inventory does not include school classrooms and assembly halls that may also be used for meeting activities after hours or after other school hosted events.

| Existing meeting facilities                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Covington</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1,400</b> |
| <b>1 City Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>800</b>   |
| ▪ Multipurpose meeting room                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |
| <b>2 Covington Public Library</b>                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>600</b>   |
| ▪ Community meeting room                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| <b>Other public and nonprofit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>800</b>   |
| <b>3 Institute for Community</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>800</b>   |
| This nonprofit organization is located at 177th Avenue SE and provides classes and programs with schools and community organizations for ages 14-24 from a headquarters at Jack O'Dell Education Center in Kent. |              |
| ▪ Class and meeting room facility                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| <b>Total existing meeting facility square footage</b>                                                                                                                                                            | <b>2,200</b> |

### Proposed meeting rooms

The following meeting facility may be developed to provide multipurpose space to support nutrition and health programs, recreational and social activities, and other supporting services for youth, teen, seniors, adults, and other community members as well as parties, weddings, lectures, presentations, performances, and other special events.

| Possible meeting facility                             |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Covington</b>                                      | <b>20,000</b> |
| <b>4 Covington Community Center</b>                   | <b>20,000</b> |
| ▪ Develop local community center facility             |               |
| <b>Total possible meeting facility square footage</b> | <b>20,000</b> |

## Support facilities

Support facilities include maintenance yards, plant nurseries, and administrative activities necessary to support park, recreation, and open space programs and facilities.

Support facilities may be independent properties or portions of other sites that include other administrative offices, maintenance yards and shops, as well as trail corridors, resource activities, athletic facilities, indoor recreation centers or other park and recreation facilities.

### Vision

As described, the support facilities vision will:

- Provide facilities necessary to service park, recreation, and open space programs and activities for the general population,
- In a manner that is functional and cost effective.

## Administration offices/yard

### Existing support facilities

The following administration space has been developed to support park, recreation, and open space facilities within Covington.

#### Existing facilities square footage

##### Covington

|   |                       |     |
|---|-----------------------|-----|
| 1 | Park Maintenance Yard | Tbd |
|---|-----------------------|-----|

Total existing facilities square footage

#### Proposed facilities square footage

##### Covington

|   |                       |     |
|---|-----------------------|-----|
| 2 | Park Maintenance Yard | Tbd |
|---|-----------------------|-----|

Consolidated yard facility to be leased from Kent School District on property located north of Gerry Crick Skate Park on 164th Avenue SE.

Total proposed facilities square footage

## Chapter 6: Park plan exhibits

Following is an inventory of every public park, recreation, open space, and trail property within or adjacent to Covington.

### **Covington Parks**

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Covington Aquatic Center | 80 |
| Covington Community Park | 81 |
| Crystal View Park        | 83 |
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### **Kent Parks**

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Lake Meridian Park          | 93 |
| Service Club Community Park | 94 |

### **King County Parks**

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Cedar Creek Park      | 95 |
| Soos Creek Open Space | 96 |
| Soos Creek Trail      | 97 |



## City of Covington

### Covington Aquatic Center

This 1.45-acre special facility is located at 18230 SE 240th Street on leased property from the Tahoma School District. The former King County Forward Thrust pool was transferred to Covington for continued public use for swimming instruction, recreation swims, play activities, and rentals.

#### Existing improvements:

- 6-lane, 25-yard indoor swimming pool with moveable bulkhead for additional dive tank or shallow water space
- Water slide and floating play equipment
- Lockers, showers, and restrooms
- Lifeguard and administrative offices
- Rental room
- 2 picnic tables
- Parking provided through lease agreement with school district including ADA accessible parking spaces
- Outdoor plaza with tree buffer
- ADA accessible

#### Potential improvements:

Covington and Maple Valley recently completed an Aquatics and Recreation Center Feasibility Study to determine the long-range options available for the eventual replacement of the existing and aging Covington Aquatic Center.

- The study determined a joint community/aquatic center is possible to serve Covington and Maple Valley assuming new dedicated revenue such as a Metropolitan Park District (MPD).
- The study identified possible sites such as the city-owned portion of Towncenter and the Lakepointe Development sites.
- Install security camera
- Install wayfinding signage and park/trail directory



## City of Covington

### Covington Community Park

This 29.85-acre community park is located at 17649 on SE 240th Street on the opposite corner from the Covington Aquatic Center and Maple View Middle School. The park is accessed with parking lots on the east from 180th Avenue SE and the north from SE 240th Street.

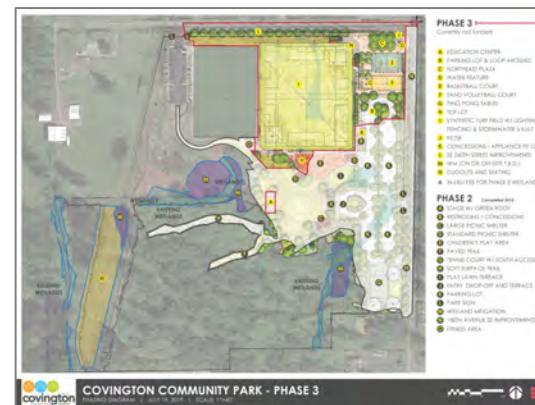
About 8.97 acres or 30% of the property has been developed for active use in accordance with a master plan. High-voltage transmission lines extend along the west edge of the park.

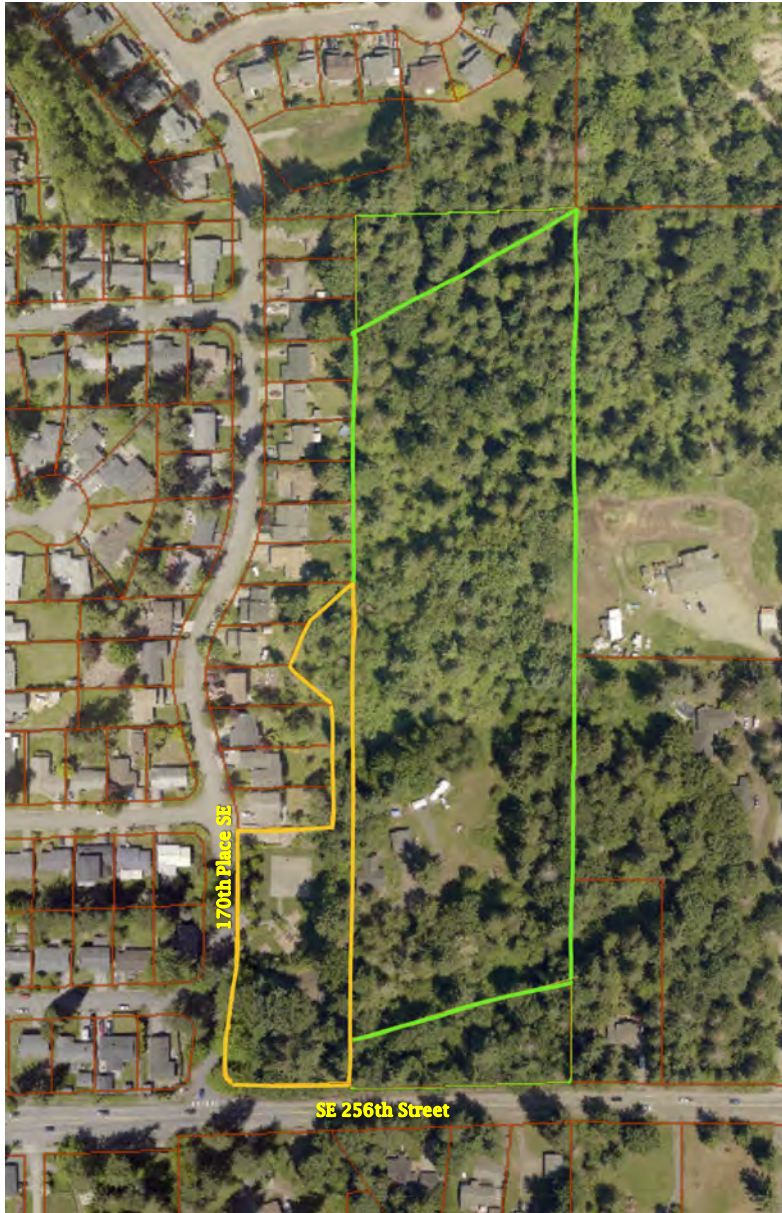
#### Existing improvements:

- Little Soos Creek riparian corridor
- Fenced retention pond
- Woodlands cover the southern portion of the park
- 1.50-miles of walking trails under the transmission lines and throughout wooded area
- 0.25-mile paved trail from west parking lot to facilities at east parking lot
- 2 picnic tables adjacent concession stand
- 3 picnic shelters with tables and grills
- Grassy play area
- Playground with soft surface and all-age and skill equipment
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Rectangular multiuse grass soccer field with bleachers and fencing
- 1 tennis/pickleball court
- Amphitheater - Margaret Harto Pavilion
- 224 square foot concession building with 8 restroom fixtures
- Portable restrooms and storage building adjacent multiuse field
- Pet waste stations
- 39 parking spaces (including 2 ADA accessible spaces) adjacent the multiuse field
- 104 parking spaces (including 17 ADA accessible spaces and 1 electrical vehicle charging space) next to amphitheater
- ADA accessible

### Planned improvements in phase 3:

- Develop education center with exhibits and information on the edge of the wetlands
- Develop a plaza at the corner of 240th Street and 180th Avenue facing Maple View Middle School
- Incorporate a water feature in the plaza
- Construct a basketball court next to the plaza
- Construct a sand volleyball court
- Add outdoor ping pong tables to the plaza complex
- Develop a tot lot adjacent to the playground in the middle of the park
- Develop a multiple soccer field complex for 1-2 fields with synthetic turf, lighting, and stormwater vault
- Install an informational kiosk in the plaza
- Install streetscape along 240th Street
- Develop dugouts and bleachers along
- Develop safe street crossing between the park and Maple View Middle School
- Install security camera
- Install wayfinding signage and park/trail directory





## City of Covington

### Crystal View Park

This 2.20-acre neighborhood park is located at 25412 170th Place SE along the Little Soos Creek corridor. About 0.61 acres or 32% of the property is developed for active use.

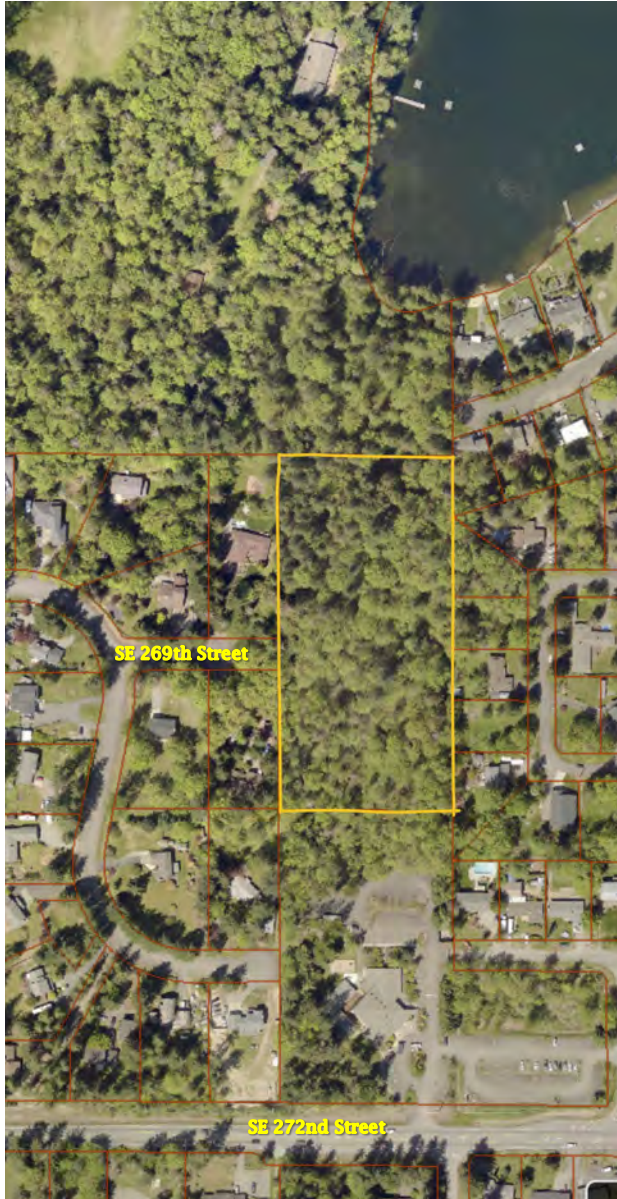
#### Existing improvements:

- Little Soos Creek crosses on the southeast of the wooded site
- 2 benches and seating area
- Grassy play area
- Play equipment for young children ages 2-5
- 2 picnic tables
- 0.5 basketball court
- Pet waste station
- On-street parking on 170th Place SE
- ADA accessible

#### Potential improvements:

- Acquire 7.78-acres directly adjacent to the park that includes segments of Little Soos Creek
- Demolish the existing residential structure and restore with native plantings
- Extend trails into the property acquisition along the Little Soos Creek corridor
- Install educational signing and exhibits
- Upgrade existing playground for ADA and equipment for young and older age children
- Upgrade existing basketball to sport court
- Install sidewalk along SE 256th Street
- Install security cameras
- Install wayfinding signage and park/trail directory





## City of Covington

### ECo Park

This recently acquired 5.28-acre park is located at 20720 SE 269th Street in eastern Covington.

#### Existing improvements:

- Undeveloped property with extensive woodlands

#### Potential improvements:

- Develop master plan for the park
- Extend access into the park
- Acquire and develop access into the park from the neighborhood to the east of the park
- Develop sidewalks and bike lanes between the park and 204th Avenue SE
- Acquire and develop trail segment(s) to connect to Cedar Creek Park



## City of Covington

### Evergreen Park

This 1.66-acre undeveloped open space is located at 19715 SE 262nd Street within a developed residential neighborhood. The wooded park buffers a small wetland and is a future segment of a trail following the pipeline corridor.

#### Existing improvements

- Woodlands buffering small wetland
- 0.04-mile unimproved walking path through the property along the pipeline corridor

#### Potential improvements:

- Trail improvements through the site as a segment of the pipeline trail
- Install wayfinding signage and trail directory



## City of Covington Friendship Park

This 0.60-acre neighborhood park is located at 15808 SE 254th Place in the middle of a developed residential neighborhood.

### Existing improvements:

- 0.06-mile circular paved path
- Grassy play area in the middle of the circle
- 2 benches and seating area along path
- 2 picnic tables
- 1 picnic shelter
- Play equipment for young children
- 0.5 basketball court
- ADA accessible

### Potential improvements:

- Upgrade picnic shelter with water, grill
- Install irrigation
- Install drinking fountain
- Install security camera
- Install wayfinding signage and a park/trail directory





## City of Covington

### Gerry Crick Skate Park

This 0.32-acre special facility is located at 25064 164th Avenue SE in the middle of a 14.56-acre undeveloped Kent School District property and south of Mattson Middle School. Another 0.60-acre city open space is located at the corner of SE 251st Street and 164th Avenue SE and a 0.52-acre city property is located on the east from 167th Avenue SE. Most of the school district property is heavily wooded.

#### Existing improvements

- Above ground skatepark with ramps, pipes, and other elements
- Benches and seating area
- 1 picnic table
- Mural painted by Aaron Kekoa Lui-Kwan in 2016
- Portable restroom
- ADA accessible
- Small storage building

#### Potential improvements:

- Install security camera
- Install wayfinding signage and park/trail directory



## City of Covington

### Jenkins Creek Park

This 24.08-acre community park located at 18400 SE 267th Street connects neighborhoods to the east, west, and south. A separate city 9.74-acre property is located south along Jenkins Creek west of a commercial center (1). City of Kent owns 58.37-acres south across SE 272nd Street on Jenkins Creek corridor (2).

Jenkins Creek flows through the west portion of the park with a wetland located in the center of the park. About 5.08 acres or 25% of the property is developed for passive park use. The southeast corner of the park adjoins 11.96-acre Jenkins Creek Elementary School (3).

#### Existing improvements

- Jenkins Creek riparian habitat
- Spring pond located in center of the park
- Woodlands along Jenkins Creek and the east portion of the park
- 0.95-miles walking trails throughout the park
- Bridges over Jenkins Creek and Spring Pond outlet
- 3 benches
- 1 picnic table
- Grassy play area
- ADA accessible

#### Planned improvements:

- Implement the improvements proposed within the updated master plan for additional interpretive signage and exhibits, open grass activity areas, paths, picnic facilities, and restorations
- Construct a parking lot and path connection to the park
- Install lighting and landscaping along paths
- Restore the natural areas and shoreline
- Install security camera
- Install wayfinding signage and park/trail directory



## City of Covington

### Jenkins Creek Trail

This 3.03-acre undeveloped open space is located on Jenkins Creek north of 262nd Street and east of 180th Avenue with access from the decommissioned frontage road along SR-18. The property adjoins a 2.82-acre Puget Sound Electric (PSE) property on the west (1). Jenkins Creek extends south into Jenkins Creek Park (2).

#### Existing improvements

- Jenkins Creek riparian corridor
- Small wetland on the east edge of the park
- Scattered woodlands throughout park
- 0.22-mile paved multiuse trail
- ADA accessible

#### Potential improvements:

- Develop planned improvements as part of a city trail master plan
- Extend the Jenkins Creek Trail through the property. Connections to the north would be to Lakepointe, Lakepointe Trail, and the King County trail system. Connections to the south would be to Jenkins Creek Trail, SoCo Park, Towncenter, and the King County trail system.
- Install wayfinding signage and park/trail directory



## City of Covington

### Rainier Vista Open Space

This 21.39-acre undeveloped open space is located south of 240th Street at 185th Avenue. Covington owns a 0.73-acre storm retention facility on the north boundary (1), a 0.70 storm site on the northwest boundary (2), and a 1.84-acre storm site on the southwest boundary of the open space (3).

Rainier Vista HOA owns a 0.05-acre park on the north boundary improved with a playground (4), a 0.19-acre maintenance facility on the east boundary (5), a 1.06-acre park on the southeast boundary improved with a playground and basketball court southeast corner of the site useable by HOA residents only (6). Heritage Grove HOA owns a 0.75-acre open space on the south end of the city's open space (7).

#### Existing improvements

- North stem of Jenkins Creek riparian corridor
- Extensive wooded natural area
- 0.63-mile walking path (including 0.06 miles of paved trail and 320 feet of boardwalk)
- 3 benches
- ADA accessible

#### Potential improvements:

- Develop a master plan for the site
- Develop planned improvements as part of a city trail master plan
- Install interpretive signage and exhibits
- Install wayfinding signage and park/trail directory



## City of Covington

### SoCo Park

This 5.45-acre park located at 17081 SE Wax Road contains a segment of Jenkins Creek and is across Wax Road from the city-owned Towncenter site (1).

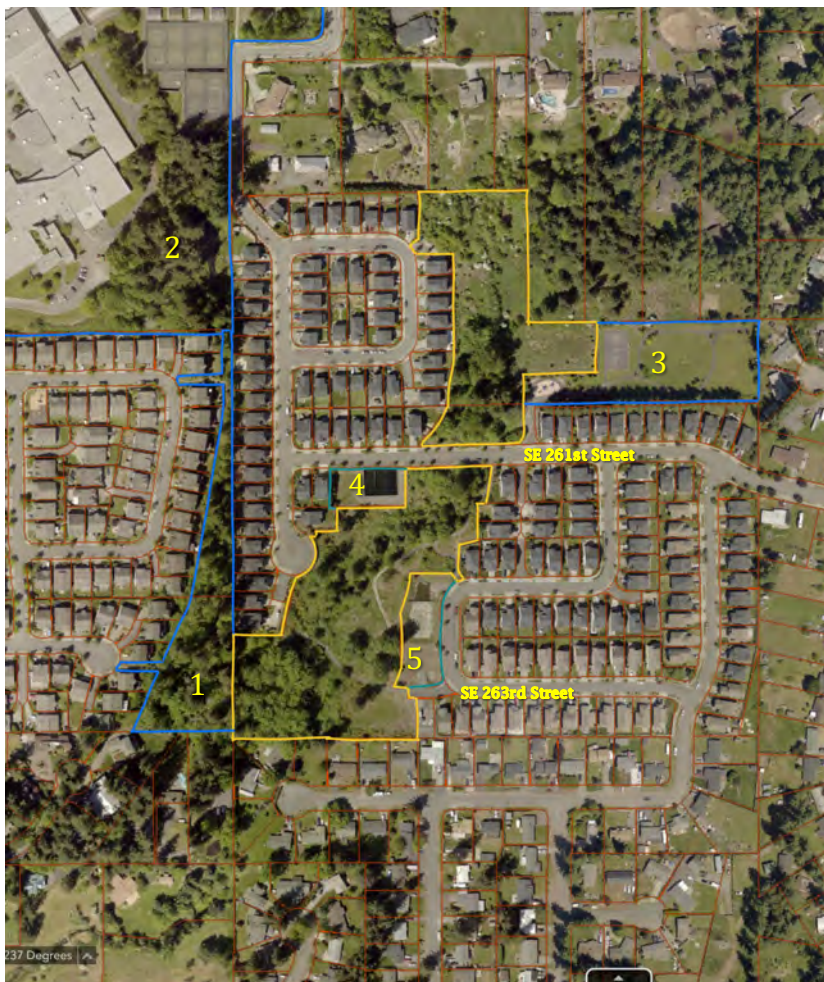
Nearby the City of Covington owns 9.95-acres along Jenkins Creek (2). The City of Kent owns 58.37-acres along Jenkins Creek (3). King County owns 40.56-acres across the BNSF railroad tracks (4).

#### Existing improvements

- Jenkins Creek riparian corridor
- Woodland stands along Jenkins Creek

#### Potential improvements:

- Develop master plan for the park
- Develop planned improvements as part of a city trail master plan including proposals to establish a trail system on the west side of Jenkins Creek
- Install wayfinding signage and a park/trail directory



## City of Covington

### Wingfield Open Space

This 9.05-acre undeveloped open space is located on Little Soos Creek north and south of SE 261st Street. The site is bordered on the west by 2.28-acre Stonefield HOA open space (1) that extends north to Kentwood High School (2). A separate 2.16-acre Wingfield North HOA open space is located on the east boundary of the site above SE 261st Street (3). Covington also owns a 0.41-acre storm infiltration (4) on the south frontage of SE 261st Street and a 0.66-acre storm holding pond on the east boundary of the site off SE 233rd Street (5).

#### Existing improvements

- Little Soos Creek riparian corridor
- 0.06-mile walking path from SE 263rd Street west to connect to a trail through the Stonefield HOA open space to Kentwood High School
- 0.08-mile walking path from SE 263rd Street to SE 261st Street

#### Potential improvements:

- Develop master plan for the property and site
- Expand trail access throughout the site along Little Soos Creek
- Restore native plant materials and habitat
- Install interpretive signage and exhibits
- Retrofit the storm detention facility on SE 261st Street with bio-retention swales as a demonstration project
- Install wayfinding signage and park/trail directory



## City of Kent

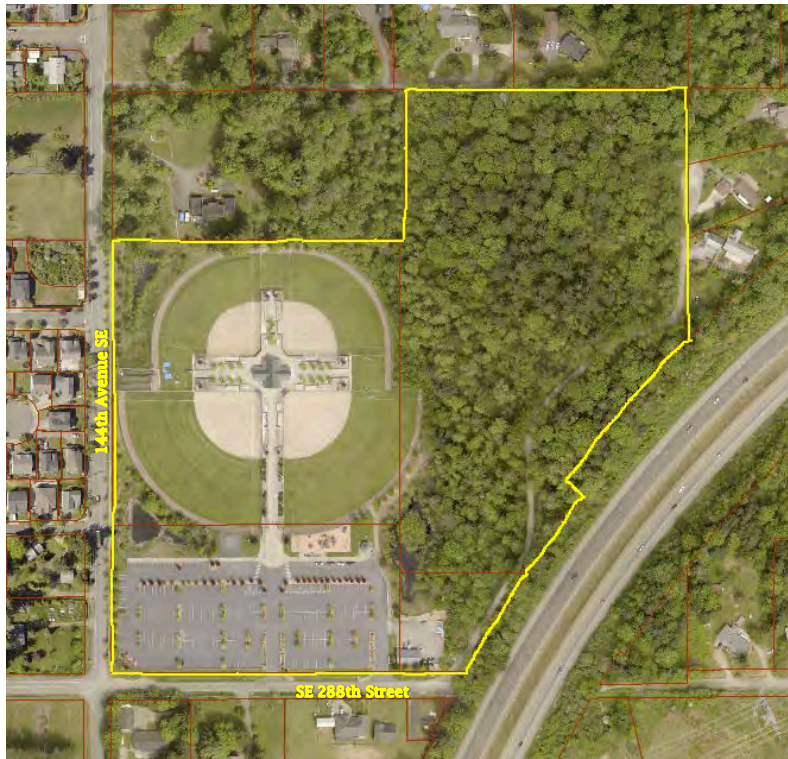
### Lake Meridian Park

This 16.02-acre community park is located at 14800 SE 272nd Street west of Covington's city limits on 742-acre Lake Meridian. The City of Kent owns 5.94-acres south across SE 272nd Street from the park (1). King County owns 45.32-acres as part of the Soos Creek Trail on the north boundary of the park (2).

#### Existing improvements

- 200 linear feet of sandy beach swimming waterfront with seasonal lifeguards
- 340 linear feet of floating platforms with fishing platform
- 1 boat launch ramp with 200 square foot dock
- 11 boat trailer parking stalls
- 140 square foot bridge over inlet
- 0.20-miles of lighted walking paths with link to Soos Creek Trail
- Grassy play area
- Large playground for all age children
- 468 square foot picnic shelter with showers
- 780 square foot shelter and restrooms
- 24 parking stalls on north access
- 100 parking stalls on south access
- Public artworks





## City of Kent

### Service Club Community Park

This 29.00-acre community park is located at 14608 SE 288th Street southwest of Covington's city limits.

#### Existing improvements

- 0.26-miles of perimeter walking paths
- Grassy play area
- Picnic shelter with BBQ grill
- Large playground with equipment for all ages
- 1 basketball court
- 2 grass lighted 250+ foot baseball/softball fields with fences, dugouts, and backstops
- 2 grass lighted 300+ foot baseball/softball fields with fences, dugouts, and backstops
- 728 square foot concessions and restrooms building
- 350 square foot concessions consulting building and parking
- 195 parking stalls and 11 handicap
- ADA access
- Public artworks





## King County

### Cedar Creek Park

This 130.00-acre resource park is accessed at SE 252nd Place northeast of Covington city limits. The main park site includes 127 acres of mature forest that was previously owned by Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as part of the school trust lands. The property was last logged in the 1930s.

The City of Covington owns 0.89-acres of property on the south boundary of the park (1) and another 1.01-acres to the west along the NW Pipeline (2). Maple Hills HOA owns 7 properties of 4.97-acres near or adjoining the south boundary for greenbelt and HOA park improvements (3).

#### Existing improvements

- Includes some of King County's oldest cedars, maples, Douglas-fir, and western hemlock with springs, wetlands, and salmon bearing Jenkins Creek.
- It is among the healthiest wildlife habitat in the County providing a home to deer, mountain beaver, river otters, coyote, and sometimes elk and black bear. Heron, osprey, red-tailed hawk, and eagles also visit the wetlands.
- Trailhead on SE 253rd Street between 212nd Place SE and SE 252nd Place
- 4.0 miles of multi-use trails for hiking, mountain biking, horses, and dog walking



## King County

### Soos Creek Open Space

This 64.57-acre regional site is located on Big Soos Creek south of SR-18 with access from 160th Avenue SE on the east, SE 288th Lane on the south, and SE 283rd Place on the west. The Park is a southern extension of the larger Soos Creek Open Space and Trail system.

#### Existing improvements

- Big Soos Creek riparian habitat
- Open pastures and wetlands
- Wooded stands
- House and outbuildings on SE 288th Lane
- BPA Powerlines cross the site



## King County

### Soos Creek Trail

This 5.9-mile corridor protects Soos Creek from Lake Meridian in Covington to Boulevard Lane Park in Renton. The corridor is improved with a multipurpose paved trail that extends from Lake Meridian Park (1) north to a connection to the Lake Youngs Trail (9 miles, unpaved) at SE 216th St corridor.

Soos Creek is one of the two largest tributaries of the Green River (the other is Newaukum Creek). Soos Creek contains Chinook and steelhead. The corridor attracts beaver that build dams that retain water, recharge groundwater, and create open-water wildlife habitat.

#### Existing improvements

- Paved with soft shoulder - a separate soft surface horse trail exists along some portions of the trail
- Though paved, the grade of some portions are not ADA suitable
- Access provided at SE 192nd Street & 124th Avenue SE, SE 208th Street just east of 135th Avenue SE, SE 249th Street & 148th Avenue SE, SE 266th Street & 148th Avenue SE
- Connected to the Lake Youngs Trail (9 miles, unpaved) along the SE 216th Street corridor

#### Planned improvements:

- King County is acquiring additional properties along the Soos Creek corridor to increase conservation, buffering, and public access



## Chapter 7: Implementation

Following is a summary description of the major tasks determined to be necessary to effectively implement the Covington Park, Recreation, & Open Space (PROS) Plan. The tasks represent the general priorities established by neighborhood workshops, public open house participants, and the survey of adult and youth residents, parks and recreation users, and registered voters.

As shown, a number of parties may be responsible for the leadership and management, participation, and supporting aspects of each action – as described in the following summaries. The tasks are grouped according to subject matter and not priority.

### Adopt plan

#### **Task 1: Adopt Covington PROS Plan as GMA element**

Covington City Council will by ordinance adopt the Covington PROS Plan as a stand-alone planning document for compliance with the Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) and as a complementary document of Covington's Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Growth Management Act (GMA) provisions.

- **Participants** – Covington City Council with the assistance of the Covington Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Department, and other stakeholders.

#### **Action**

- **Make Covington PROS Plan available on Covington website** – and distribute copies to appropriate public agencies and interested public and private parties in accordance with GMA adoption provisions.
- **Covington Planning Commission reviews Covington PROS Plan** – as necessary as part of Covington annual comprehensive plan update and provides for public hearing in conformance with GMA.
- **Covington adopts Covington PROS Plan** – as a component of the Covington Comprehensive Plan.

- **Covington adopts the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) integrating the PROS Plan** – as an element of the Covington comprehensive plan, thereby implementing the CIP in accordance with GMA provisions.

### Adopt program finance strategies

#### **Task 2: Expand clearinghouse function**

Covington will continue development and operation of its website which provides recreation program offerings that include a wide variety of activities accommodating the interests of city residents regardless of age, skill level, income – or program provider.

The Covington website will provide information related to recreation program activities providing health, education, social, recreational, and other welfare activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors, and special populations. The website will also provide other park provider information pertinent to the community as resources allow.

Covington staff or contractors will conduct park and recreational programs. However, depending on demand, cost, and feasibility, and when practical and consistent with Covington's mission statements, Covington may also coordinate with programs conducted by other public, nonprofit, or for-profit organizations and vendors.

Covington program offerings will include activities that will be conducted in Covington parks, facilities, and trails. However, depending on demand, Covington may also conduct programs in schools and other public facilities across the city, as well as in nonprofit and other facilities.

- **Participants** – Covington Parks & Recreation Department, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, Athletic Leagues and Clubs, and other nonprofit and private organizations.

#### **Action**

- **Continue to operate a Covington clearinghouse website** - for recreational activities.

#### **Task 3: Monitor user fee schedules**

Covington staff will assess criteria for all prospective program offerings. If the program is consistent with Covington's mission and level-of-service proposals shown in this plan, and if resources exist, Covington will offer the program under its recreational cost benefit policy that establishes a benefit scale under one of the following cost recovery scenarios:

- **Full cost recovery programs** - will recover all direct costs (including full and part-time staff, supplies, materials, maintenance, and utilities) and indirect costs (including department overhead for staff benefits).
- **Merit pricing (partial cost recovery) programs** - will partially recover direct and indirect costs based on a policy decision about the degree to which each program provides public versus private goods or benefits. Merit pricing programs may also include the providing of scholarships to eligible user individuals or user groups that would prevent the program from realizing full cost recovery.
- **Subsidy (no or very low-cost recovery) programs** - will not attempt to recover costs as a fee, although it may ask for donations or grants from using individuals, groups, or organizations who benefit or are likely sponsors.
- **Participants** - Covington Parks & Recreation Department, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, and nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

#### **Action**

- **Monitor user fee schedules to maintain a benefits scale for recreation activities** - collect user fees under a full, merit, or subsidy-based cost recovery policy for recreation programs.

#### **Task 4: Recruit program vendors**

Covington Parks & Recreation Department will assess the mission criteria for all prospective program offerings. If programs are not consistent with Covington's mission and level-of-service proposals shown in this plan, Covington will not offer the program, but may consider a partnership with other providers. This could include offering scholarships or other services or publishing the program offering. Depending on the program activity, other vendors may include:

- **Other jurisdictions** - including King County, Kent and Tahoma School Districts.
- **Nonprofit organizations** - such as the YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts, Campfire USA, Lions, Rotary, and Kiwanis Clubs, among others.
- **Private for-profit entities and vendors** - such as Camp McCullough among others.
- **Participants** - Covington Parks & Recreation Department, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, King County, and nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

#### **Action**

- **Work in conjunction with other sponsors and vendors** - to provide recreation activities as appropriate.

#### **Task 5: Resolve an inter-local agreement with school districts**

Covington Parks & Recreation Department will initiate discussions with the Kent and Tahoma School Districts for joint use and possibly development of shared facilities.

The inter-local agreement may resolve a coordinated method of scheduling courts, fields, gymnasiums, pools, classrooms, meeting rooms, and other facilities to make maximum effective use of the combined inventory in a method that is useful and equitable to all parties.

Depending on shared access, the inter-local agreement may include possible sharing of funds for improvement and maintenance of the jointly used and to be developed facilities.

As part of the discussion, an analysis of existing city, school, and league practice and game requirements will be conducted to determine a fair and efficient method of allocating the available capacity of the courts, fields, gymnasiums, pools, classrooms, meeting rooms, and other to be shared facilities.

- **Participants** – Covington Parks & Recreation Department and Kent and Tahoma School Districts.

#### **Action**

- **Implement an inter-local-agreement** – for sharing combined court, field, gymnasiums, pools, classrooms, meeting rooms, and other facilities possibly including joint development, maintenance, and operating funds.

### **Adopt project finance strategies**

#### **Task 6: Allocate capital facility funds as specified in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP)**

Covington City Council will allocate an appropriate amount of the monies received from dedicated park, recreation, open space, and trails-oriented revenue programs to provide funds for PROS Plan acquisition and development projects that reflect the objectives of these programs.

The revenue programs to be coordinated may include Covington property and sales tax fund proceeds, Covington Real Estate Excise Taxes (REET), and grant applications to the Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO), among others.

#### **Action**

- **Allocate a proportional amount from existing park, recreation, open space, and trail-oriented revenue programs to fund the acquisition and development of PROS Plan projects** – designating monies from Covington property tax levy, sales tax

proceeds, Covington Real Estate Excise Taxes (REET), and RCO grants.

#### **Task 7: Maintain GMA park impact fee**

Covington City Council will maintain a coordinated GMA park impact fee system on a citywide basis for citywide facility acquisition and development.

The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) allows Covington to impose a park impact fee on proposed residential, commercial, and industrial developments in the city as a means of maintaining existing park, recreation, and open space levels-of-service (ELOS).

The adopted ordinance for impact fees estimates the impact each development project has on parks, recreation, and open space facilities within a project benefit zone and makes provisions for setting aside the resources, including lands or monies, necessary to offset a project's citywide impacts.

#### **Action**

- **Continue with the GMA park impact fee on a citywide basis** – collecting a proportional fee based on the value of community facilities regardless of facility ownership and allocating the fees for citywide acquisition and development in accordance with this plan regardless of agency sponsor.

#### **Task 8: Seek a citywide capital facility and O&M park levy**

Covington City Council may place a limited duration property tax levy proposal for voter approval on a citywide basis for the acquisition, development, and operation of parks, recreation, and open space facilities throughout the city.

The funds collected from the levy will be allocated to the appropriate sponsoring agency, which may include the city, school districts, or non-profit organization, for the realization of park, recreation, and open space facilities identified within this plan.

Under Washington State enabling acts, Covington may levy a property tax for general governmental purposes at a rate not to exceed \$3.60 per \$1,000 of the assessed value of all taxable property within the city. The total of all property taxes for all taxing authorities cannot exceed 1.0% of assessed valuation, or \$10.00 per \$1,000 of value. If the taxes of all districts exceed the 1.0% or \$10.00 amount, each is proportionately reduced until the total is at or below the 1.0% limit.

In 2001, Washington State law was amended by Proposition 747, a statutory provision limiting the growth of the regular property tax levy to 1.0% per year, after adjustments for new construction. Any proposed increases over this amount are subject to a referendum vote.

The statute was intended to control local governmental spending by controlling the annual rate of growth of property taxes. In practice, however, the statute can reduce the effective property tax yield to an annual level far below a city's levy authorization, particularly when property values are increasing rapidly.

Proposition 747, the statutory provision limiting the growth of regular property taxes to 1.0% per year, can be waived by referendum approval of a simple (50%) majority of Covington's registered voters.

Covington voters may be asked to approve a resetting of the property tax levy rate that will adjust the amount of revenue the city can generate. (The new total revenue that will be generated by a resetting of the rate will be subject to the same 1.0% limitation, however, and the total amount of revenue and the resulting property tax rate will start to decline again in accordance with the Proposition.)

The adjusted rate and revenue will be used to finance the PROS facility proposals in this plan – or the projects and programs from this plan that involve construction, maintenance, and operations aspects that a majority of the voters are willing to pay for under the adjusted rate.

Covington voters may be asked to reset the rate on a permanent basis with the new differential rate dedicated to citywide PROS proposals, subject to the provisions of Proposition 747. Or Covington voters may be asked to reset the rate on a temporary basis, where the rate is adjusted until a specific amount of revenue has been generated to finance a specified number of PROS projects or programs – whereupon the rate reverts to the original or a specified amount defined in the referendum.

- **Participants** – Covington City Council with the assistance of the Covington Parks & Recreation Department, and other potential providers.

#### Action

- **Submit and approve a limited duration property tax levy or a property tax levy rate adjustment (on permanent or temporary basis) to acquire, develop, operate, and maintain facilities** – allocating the additional revenues for acquisition, development, and operation in accordance with this plan regardless of agency sponsor.

## **Initiate PROS projects**

### **Task 9: Protect open space and conservancies**

As appropriate, using funds generated from adjusted program fees and schedules, possible impact fees, and the possible limited duration levy or levy lid lift, Covington will acquire fee or use agreements and conserve significant wildlife, forestland, and open spaces indicated within this PROS Plan. Where appropriate, monies will be allocated to and/or combined with monies provided by the county, state agencies, and non-profit organizations for significant projects.

Depending on schedules and availabilities, initial acquisitions of development rights or fee title may include riverfront, community garden, on and off-road trails, dog parks, playgrounds, picnic sites and tables, group picnic shelters and parks, soccer fields, community facility upgrades, and others indicated in this PROS Plan.

- **Participants** – Covington City Council, Covington Parks & Recreation Department, and the participation of other public and non-profit organizations.

#### **Action**

- **Initiate the acquisition of fee title or use agreements and conservancy of significant open space and conservancy sites** – allocating revenues for significant properties in accordance with this Covington PROS Plan regardless of agency sponsor.

#### **Task 10: Acquire/develop parks**

Using funds generated from adjusted program fees and schedules, possible impact fees, and possible limited duration levy, or levy lid lift, Covington City Council will acquire, develop, maintain, and operate parks indicated within this plan. Where appropriate, monies will be allocated and/or combined with monies provided by the school districts, county, state agencies, and non-profit organizations.

Depending on schedules and availability, initial acquisitions and developments may include waterfront access, community gardens, off-road trails, dog parks, playgrounds, picnic tables and shelters, athletic field improvements, and recreation/community center upgrades to be distributed across the city.

- **Participants** – Covington City Council, Covington Parks & Recreation Department, and the participation of other public and nonprofit organizations.

#### **Action**

- **Initiate the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of parks** – allocating revenues in accordance with this Covington PROS Plan regardless of agency sponsor.

#### **Task 11: Acquire/develop trail systems**

As appropriate, using funds generated from adjusted program fees and schedules, possible impact fees, the possible limited duration levy, or levy lid lift, Covington City Council will acquire, develop,

maintain, and operate the significant on and off-road trail systems indicated within this Covington PROS Plan.

Where appropriate, monies will be allocated to and/or combined with monies provided by the county, state agencies, and non-profit organizations for significant projects. Generally, Covington Public Works Department will develop and maintain non-motorized trail connections within public road rights-of-way.

Depending on schedules and availability, initial acquisitions and developments may include off-road hiking, biking, and multipurpose trails extending within and between environmental areas, parks, schools, community facilities, and neighborhoods across the city.

- **Participants** – Covington City Council, Covington Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments, King County, Kent, Maple Valley, other public and private agencies, and property owners in SE King County to form a SE county consortium with a mission to develop the regions trail system.

#### **Action**

- **Initiate the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of significant corridors and on and off-road trail systems** – allocating revenues for significant projects in accordance with this PROS Plan regardless of agency sponsor.

#### **Task 12: Conserve/designate historic and cultural resources in parks**

As appropriate, Covington City Council will designate, and conserve significant historic and cultural resources indicated within this PROS Plan where such landmarks are located within park properties. Where appropriate, wayfinding and historic signage, artworks, and streetscape development monies will be allocated to and/or combined with monies provided by county and state agencies as well as private developers for significant projects.

Depending on schedules and availability, initial designations may include the Covington downtown district, streetscapes, and gateways, among others.

- **Participants** - Covington City Council with the assistance of Covington Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments, and the participation of the Covington Historic Society.

#### **Action**

- **Initiate the designation, management, acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of significant historic and cultural resources** - allocating revenues for significant projects in accordance with this plan regardless of agency sponsor.

#### **Task 13: Develop recreation/community centers**

Using funds generated from adjusted program fees and schedules, possible impact fees, the possible limited duration levy, and possible the levy lid lift, as well as a Metropolitan Park District (MPD), Covington City Council may develop a Regional Aquatic/Recreation Center to provide an aquatics, gymnasium, and fitness center to accommodate multi-generational activities. And/or, Covington City Council may develop a local community center to provide meeting and classrooms, health and welfare, and other local social services and activities in the city.

Where appropriate, development and/or lease-to-own monies will be allocated to and/or combined with monies provided by other public, private, and non-profit organizations for significant projects.

- **Participants** - Covington City Council, the Covington Park & Recreation Department, and other public agencies as well as private and non-profit organizations.

#### **Action**

- **Redevelop and purchase and development of multi-generational recreation/community center facilities** - allocating revenues for lease-to-own or purchase and development projects in accordance with this Covington PROS Plan regardless of agency sponsor.

## **Monitor progress**

#### **Task 14: Conduct progress assessments**

Covington and other public agencies will conduct progress assessments reviewing action on the projects and programs identified above and improve methods, assign responsibilities, or take other measures necessary to ensure effective implementation.

**Participants** - Covington City Council, Covington Planning Commission, Covington Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments, Kent and Tahoma School Districts, King County, public and non-profit organizations, private vendors, and citizens at large.

#### **Action**

- **Adjust parks, recreation, and open space vision, strategies, and implementing measures** - based on the results of the follow-up assessments.