



PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE PLAN

Joint Board/Commission Meeting #1



Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Planning Process Overview
- III. Parks and Recreation System Overview
- IV. Discussion: Parks, Recreation Facilities, Trails, Open Space Programs & Events
- V. Close/Next Steps



Planning Process Overview

Purpose of PROS Plan

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan will identify community priorities and recommend ways to improve and enhance parks, recreation facilities, trails, programs, events and related services.

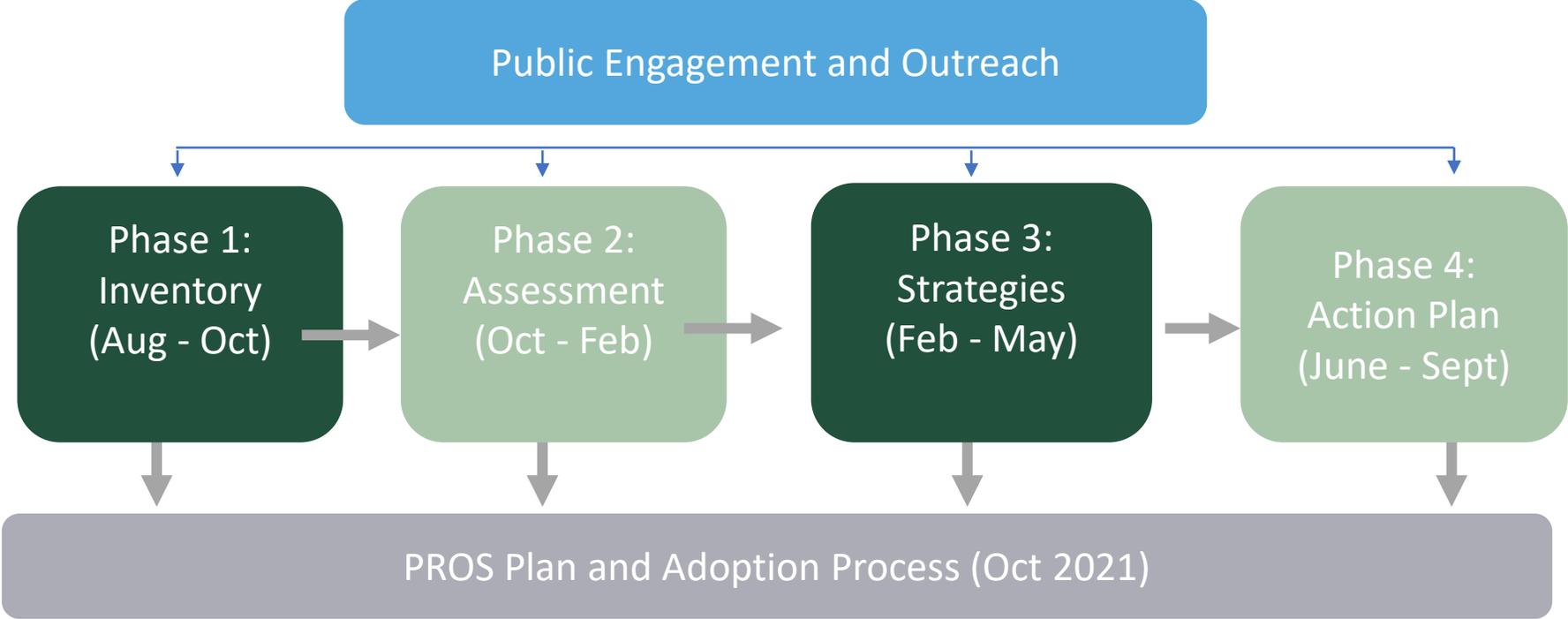


PROS Plan Objectives

- Update 2015 PROS Plan
- Update Chapter 7 of the City of Monroe's Comprehensive Plan
- Provide overarching directions for next 20 years
- Create a 6-year capital improvement plan and funding/partnership strategy
- Revise City's park mitigation fee schedule
- Obtain Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) approval to support grant eligibility



Community-Driven Process



Outreach & Engagement Goals

- Ensure the PROS Plan reflects City priorities and goals.
- Involve as many people as possible.
- Involve a broad cross section of the community, including stakeholders and underrepresented groups.
- Collect data about park use and program participation.
- Identify needs for parks, recreation facilities, trails, programs and events.
- Document community preferences for park investment.
- Foster long-term support for parks and recreation.

Advisory Direction

The Planning Commission and Park Board will meet three times during the planning process to provide guidance and be ambassadors and liaisons for the project.

Dates	Meeting Topic
September 2020	Meeting #1: Orientation, Existing Conditions and SWOT
April/May 2021	Meeting #2: Outreach Findings, Needs and Strategic Moves
September 2021	Meeting #3: Draft Plan Review

Engagement Activities

- Stakeholder and Key Leader Videoconference Interviews
- Social Media Posts, Project Briefings, Comment Log
- Online Questionnaire (English and Spanish)
- Pop-Up Engagement / Virtual Events
- Virtual Focus Groups/Town Hall Prioritization Challenge
- Draft Plan review hearings





System Overview

Existing Inventory: Parks

Classification	# of Sites	Total Acreage	Examples
Community Parks	2	110.4	Lake Tye Park, Skykomish River Park
Neighborhood Parks	9	14.9	Blueberry Children's Park, Currie View Park, Hillcrest Park, Stanton Meadows Park, Wales St. Park, etc.
Special Use Parks	2	1.6	Lewis St. Park, Travelers Park
Nature Preserves	1	104.1	Al Borlin Park
TOTALS	15	231.0	

Approximately 231 acres of park land.

Existing Inventory: Trails and Pathways

	# of Sites	Total Miles	Examples
Trails and Pathways	23	14.2	Al Borlin Park Pedestrian Pathway, Fryelands Blvd Trail, Stanton Meadows Trail, etc.



Existing Inventory Map

Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan



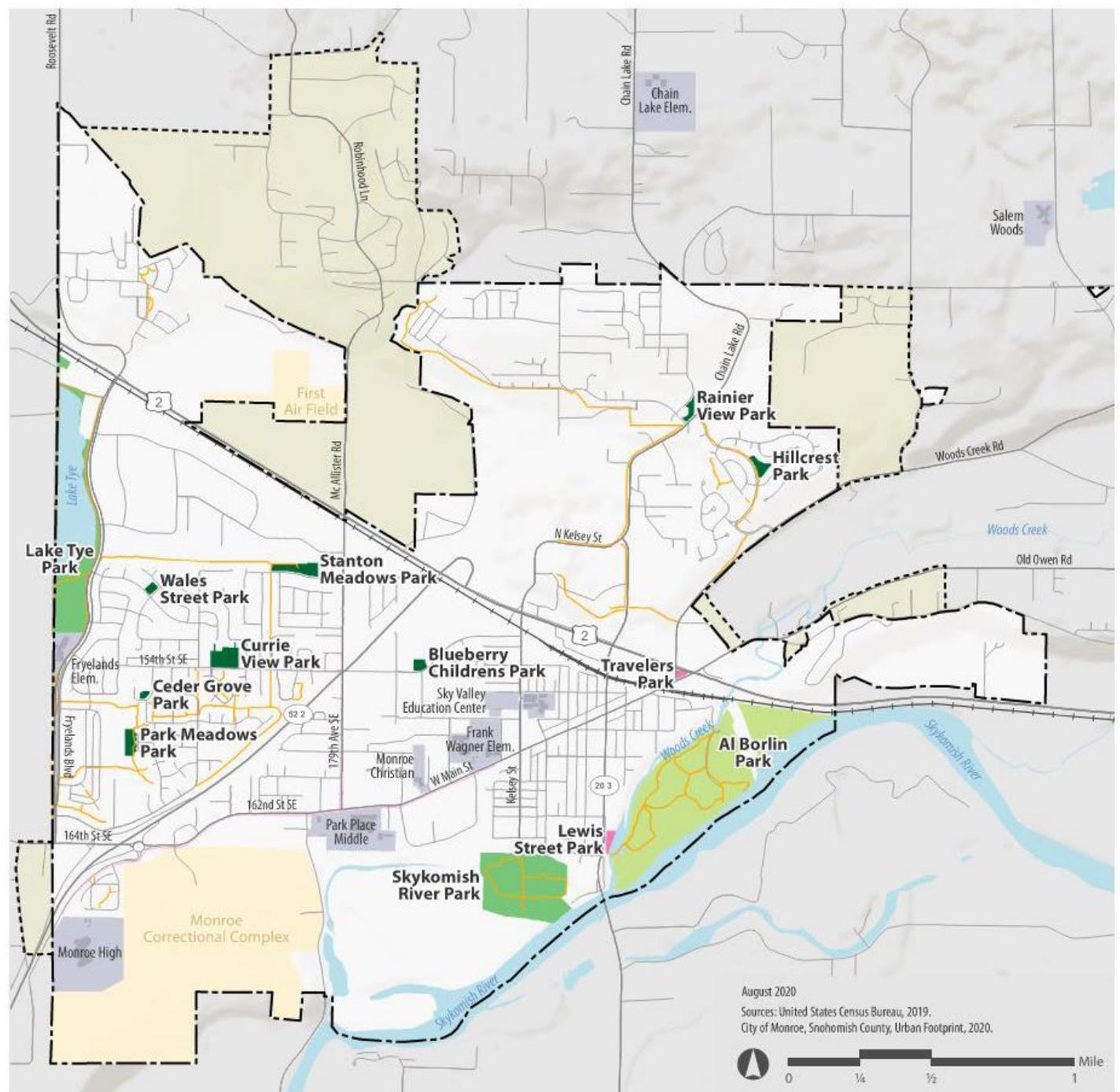
Map 1: Existing Parks and Trails

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Nature Preserve
- Special Use Park
- Bike Lane
- Trail

Base Map Features

- City of Monroe Boundary
- Urban Growth Boundary
- Burlington Northern SF Railway
- Snohomish County
- Waterbodies
- Schools
- Regional Facilities



August 2020
 Sources: United States Census Bureau, 2019.
 City of Monroe, Snohomish County, Urban Footprint, 2020.



Outdoor Facilities in Parks

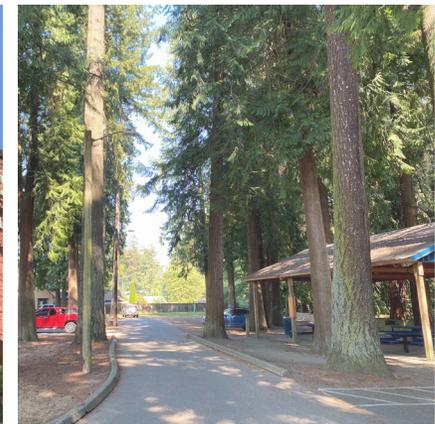
The most common amenities:

- Play Structures
- Baseball/Softball Fields
- Picnic Tables
- Grass Play Areas
- Fitness Equipment



The least common amenities:

- Dog Park
- Tennis/Pickleball Courts
- Swimming Area



Operations, Programs and Services

- Maintain park land
- Protect City's natural resources and tree canopy
- Offer recreation programs for youth and adults
- Organize special events
- Offer shelters, sports fields/courts, and park spaces for rental
- Facilitate the Stewardship Monroe Volunteer Program
- Create partnerships with local businesses and organizations

Special Events

- Triathlons, Races, Runs & Walks
- Water events (fishing, boat races, wake skiing, etc.)
- Music in the Park
- Movies Under the Moon
- Performing Arts performances
- Community fairs, festivals, and events



Recreation Programs

Recreation programs in parks are offered by other providers. Indoor programs for all ages are offered by the YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Monroe Community Senior Center, Library, School District.

Youth Ball

Adult Softball

Adult Soccer

Adult Sand Volleyball

Women's Indoor Volleyball

Pickleball

Daddy Daughter Dance

Mom Son Bowling

Sponsorships and Partnerships

- Snohomish County
- Skykomish-Snohomish Rivers Recreation Coalition
- Monroe Arts Council
- WSDOT
- Evergreen State Fairgrounds
- Boys and Girls Club Monroe
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Monroe School District
- Sky Valley Food Bank



Discussion

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- What is working well?
- What needs more attention?
- What opportunities and challenges should this plan address?
- How does this plan align with other City initiatives and priorities?
- What groups do we need to involve?