

Chapter 8. Parks, Recreation and Open Space



8.1 Community Key Goals – Parks, Recreation and Open Space

- Develop active and passive parks, recreation programs and facilities, and an open space system that benefits citizens of all ages, incomes, and physical abilities.
- Establish **and maintain a** network of trails, **safe walkways** ~~pedestrian linkages~~, and open spaces throughout the Poulsbo community.
- Provide ~~more~~ opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreational activities and team sports in City of Poulsbo parks.

8.2 Plan Context

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space element addresses the present and future park, recreation and open space issues for Poulsbo. ~~A community parks and recreation survey was completed in 2011, with the results supporting the goals and policies in this plan.~~ The **2015** Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (**PROS Plan** ~~Parks Plan~~) adopted by the City supplements this chapter and is included in as Appendix B-5 to the Comprehensive Plan. The Urban Paths of Poulsbo Plan (Trails Plan) adopted by the City **also** supplements this chapter and is included as Appendix B-6.

This element includes policies related to:

- Parkland Acquisition
- Parkland Development
- Park Stewardship
- Urban Paths of Poulsbo
- Community Recreation and Programs
- Implementation and Funding

8.3 Goals and Policies

The richness of Poulsbo's natural setting and environment has long been central to the city's quality of life it offers. ~~Lying along~~ Surrounding Liberty Bay, the city enjoys its a fjord setting and spectacular views of the Olympic Mountains. Within the city's boundaries are saltwater shorelines, urban forests, wetlands and streams that support a variety of wildlife. The



Entrance gate to Community Garden at Frank Raab Park

City park system goals recognizing the uniqueness of ~~this~~ the natural setting and correspond to Poulsbo's active lifestyle. ~~the City's park system goals respond to the vision of Poulsbo's vibrant community and natural setting.~~

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

A strong park system is vital to the Poulsbo community. As the city's population grows, ~~the~~ demand and need for park facilities will continue to increase. In is important that the City anticipate and

respond to the growing demand on the City's park facilities, recreation programs, and open space resources in order to maintain the quality ~~qualities~~ and services for

which it is known. ~~that define the city.~~

The key overarching goals reflected in this Chapter include:

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

PARK LAND ACQUISITION

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

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

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



*Muriel Iverson Williams Waterfront Park
and a portion of Boardwalk*

The City has identified a long-range park land acquisition program that is reflected in its “**2036 2025** Park System Acquisition and Improvements,” found in Section 2 Capital Facility Plan. The acquisition projects are also mapped in Figure PRO-2. **Upon review of the 2015 community survey results, review by the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Commission, and the** long-range park land acquisition list, three priorities are identified:

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

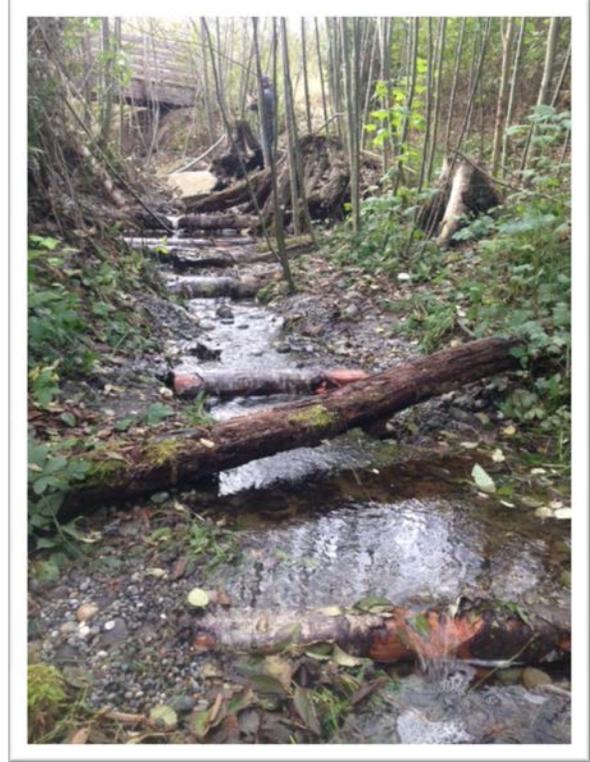
GOAL PRO-1

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

Policy PRO-1.1

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

- *Natural areas and features with outstanding scenic or recreational value;*
- *Lands that provide public access to Liberty Bay shoreline, **the Dogfish Creek estuary,** and **other** creeks **located within the city;***
- *Lands with value for wildlife or watershed conservation, science, education, or that have other significant natural amenities;*
- *Lands that connect natural areas, or provide important linkages for trails, plant communities, or wildlife habitat;*
- *Lands valuable for active recreation, ~~such as~~ **including** playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities, trails, fishing, swimming or ~~picnic~~ **picnicking** activities;*
- *Lands that provide an appropriate setting and location for a community center facilities;*
- *Parkland ~~that~~ **which** enhances the surrounding land uses;*
- *Land that preserves significant historical areas and features.*



Stream restoration for SF Dogfish Creek at Poulsbo Fish Park

Policy PRO-1.2

Ensure a reasonably equal geographic distribution of parks, playgrounds and related recreation opportunities. New park land acquisition shall be based on park needs identified through level of service analysis. Geographic areas within the city and urban growth area identified for acquisition of new neighborhood parks are depicted on Figure PRO-2.

Policy PRO-1.3

Seek additional opportunities to acquire park land and access easements to provide public access along the shoreline of Liberty Bay. Build upon existing road ends and public easements with access to the shoreline. Whenever possible, include boating facilities, fishing piers, beach access and swimming, and boardwalks as water access amenities.

Policy PRO-1.4

The City shall prioritize acquisition of land adjacent to the Dogfish Creek estuary to connect, enhance and enlarge the City's Fish Park.

Policy PRO- 1.2 5

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



Arbor at Frank Raab Park

Policy PRO-1.6

Endeavor to obtain through purchase, lease and/or conservation easements, any available tidelands within the city limits. These may include agency-owned, tax-defaulted or surplus federal tidelands.

Policy PRO-1.3 7

*Publicly owned lands shall be examined and analyzed for **their** its potential value as parkland, trail access or open space before **being declared** considering surplus and **being** disposed of. Underutilized publicly owned properties should be evaluated for **partnership or** parkland improvement opportunities. Prior to City*

owned park land being disposed of, the City

shall establish a public process that includes the Park and Recreation Commission, to study its park potential and provide recommendations to the City Council.

Policy PRO-1.4 8

Provide incentives within the City's zoning ordinance for private developers to dedicate land or easements for public access to the City for public park land, open space and/or pedestrian access. When a private developer is contemplating making a public benefit donation to the City, donations that help implement the Park's Capital Facility Plan or provide connectivity to other public park land, open space and/or pedestrian access should be encouraged.

PARK LAND DEVELOPMENT

Poulsbo's parks are designed to meet active and passive recreation needs of their neighborhoods and communities at large, provide safe and healthy places for children to play and **for** people of all ages to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. Priorities should be given to completing existing parks, such as Nelson Park, **Centennial Park** and Poulsbo's Fish Park, as well as upgrading and renovating older parks, **such as the Waterfront Park public bathrooms**. **New Development of newly acquired parkland** such as Centennial Park, should also be a priority as funding becomes

available. Development of all existing parks will be more successful when community partnerships are developed and maintained.

In carrying out upgrades and enhancements of existing parks and planning for new parks, particular attention should be given to the following: designing with environmental sustainability in mind (through water and energy conservation measures, for example),



connecting paths and trails, seeking out opportunities to enhance the wildlife benefit of new and existing parks, and expanding access for children and adults with physical disabilities.

The City has identified a long-range park land development program that is reflected in its “**2036 2025** Park System Acquisition and Improvements,” found in Section 2 Capital Facility Plan. The development/renovation projects are also mapped in Figure PRO-2. Upon review of the long-range park land development list, the priorities are:

Nelson Park

- Complete master planned phased development of existing parks, such as Nelson Park, **Centennial Park**, Indian Hills Recreation Area, and Poulsbo’s Fish Park.

- Construct **or partner to develop** multi-use fields at College MarketPlace.
- ~~Develop recently acquired properties, such as Centennial Park.~~
- Develop trails along Liberty Bay shoreline and Dogfish Creek.
- Retrofit parks with barrier-free recreational equipment.
- Improve ~~ing~~ playground facilities.
- **Include outdoor exercise activities, such as disc golf and circuit equipment**
- **Develop** North Kitsap Event Center, including ballfields.

GOAL PRO-2

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

Policy PRO-2.1

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

Policy PRO-2.2

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

Policy PRO-2.3

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



Driftwood fish artwork by Travis Foreman at Poulsbo’s Fish Park

Policy PRO-2.4

~~*Design and manage city owned open space and parks as beneficial places for local and migratory wildlife. Add wildlife habitat features such as birdhouses, bat boxes and water features to existing parks, and seek opportunities to add wildlife habitat features during the development of new parks. Maintain and enhance areas of layered and texturally diverse native vegetation to meet habitat needs.*~~

Policy PRO-2.4 5

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

Policy PRO-2.5 6

Incorporate into ~~the City’s~~ Fish Park and Nelson Park, and along the planned Liberty Bay/Dogfish Creek shoreline trail, interpretative stations and viewing areas to support the Kitsap Audubon Society’s designation of Liberty Bay and the Dogfish Creek estuary as the “Poulsbo Fjords Audubon Wildlife Viewing Area.”

PARK STEWARDSHIP

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

GOAL PRO-3

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

Policy PRO-3.1

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

Policy PRO-3.2

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



Community Garden at Frank Raab Park

Policy PRO-3.3

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

Policy PRO-3.4

Minimize or eliminate the need to use irrigation in the City parks by incorporating natural vegetation where possible and encourage maintenance practices that do not adversely impact local surface water quality.

Policy PRO-3.4 5

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

Policy PRO-3.5 6

Encourage volunteer, business, schools, and civic groups to assist with capital improvements, park maintenance and litter clean-up activities, to maintain a watchful eye on our parks and open spaces, and help in general stewardship of public spaces.

URBAN PATHS OF POULSBO

During the 2009 Comprehensive Plan update process, Poulsbo residents identified a citywide trail system as a top priority. Opportunities for walking and hiking continues to be very important to residents; this was reaffirmed in the City's 2015 Parks and Recreation community survey, where developing more trails was identified as the highest priority for City park acquisition and development. A 2002 Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office assessment listed walking and bicycling among the most popular outdoor activities in our state. ~~The study also projected that of the many future recreation activities, those estimated to have the greatest increase over the next 20 years are walking, nature activities, visiting a beach, and canoeing/kayaking.~~

Commencing in late 2008, the *Urban Paths of Poulsbo (UPP) Plan* was developed over several years, led by the Parks and Recreation Department and a Trails Committee composed of citizens, representatives of the City's Tree Board and Parks and Recreation Commission, city council, city staff, and representatives from agencies and organizations including the Kitsap Health District and local land trusts. The group began the planning effort by establishing a vision:

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

To realize the vision and goals of the UPP Plan, the trail system in Poulsbo will be a hybrid system including existing trails and infrastructure and making on- and off-street improvements to link the network. A pedestrian may walk along sidewalks, trails, or a shared-use path along the

way. A bicycle route may include streets with bicycle lanes, sharrows, or shared paths. The goal is **to create** ~~creating~~ continuous and complete routes.



Trail connecting Nelson Park with Poulsbo Fish Park

For more detailed information, the *Urban Paths of Poulsbo Plan* is adopted as a functional plan and incorporated as Appendix B-6. It is the primary resource for trail goals, policies, implementation, and strategies for financing improvements. The plan includes a ~~matrix~~ of implementation strategies and maps. This **section** ~~chapter~~ is meant to provide a framework for building a safe non-motorized transportation system to connect the city, ~~with the details of that framework developed in the UPP Plan.~~

Additional direction can be found in Section 2 of the Comprehensive Plan and as projects are

prioritized through the six-year Capital Improvement Program.

The City is committed **to expanding the trail system** ~~additional trail system acquisitions~~ through a variety of mechanisms **by acquiring land and easements**, ~~including public park and open space acquisition, partnering~~ partnership opportunities with private developers or with other organizations like the North Kitsap School District on properties ~~they it owns~~ within the city. ~~or through easement acquisition.~~

The UPP Plan includes a Pedestrian Map and a Bicycle Route Map. Figure PRO-3 identifies the proposed network of pedestrian facilities, corresponding to the Pedestrian Map in the UPP Plan. A policy in the Transportation Element requires the Engineering Department to review the UPP

Plan and maps to incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facilities into their Transportation Improvement Program and development standards, as appropriate.

GOAL PRO-4

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

Policy PRO- 4.1

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

Policy PRO 4.2

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

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

Policy PRO-4.3

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

Policy PRO-4.4

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

Policy PRO-4.5

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

Policy PRO-4.6

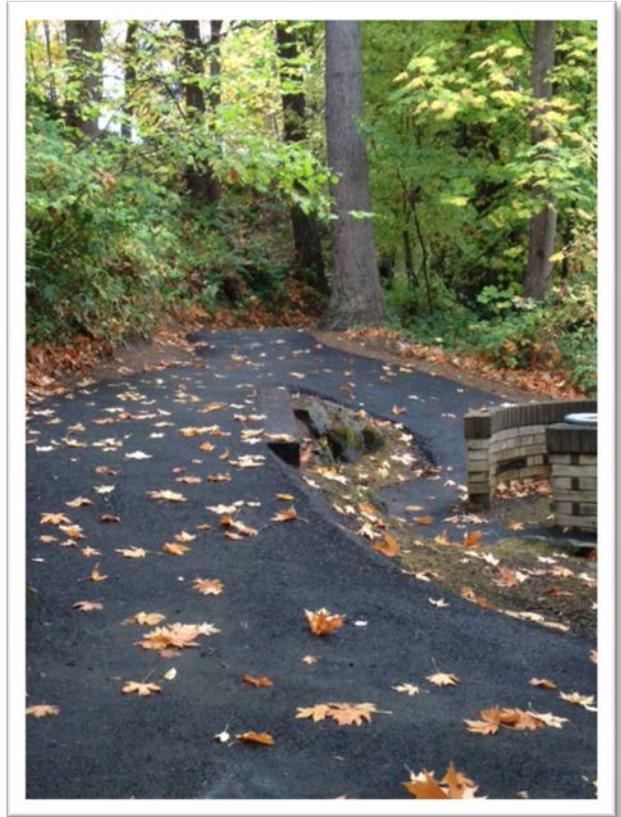
Make trails accessible to people with disabilities as much as possible.

Policy PRO-4.7

Utility easements should be considered for possible trail easements. ~~Only~~ Working only with willing property owners, the City should work to encourage multi-purpose easements that allows for public access where it ~~when the need~~ is identified or supported by the Urban Paths of Poulsbo Plan.

Policy PRO-4.8

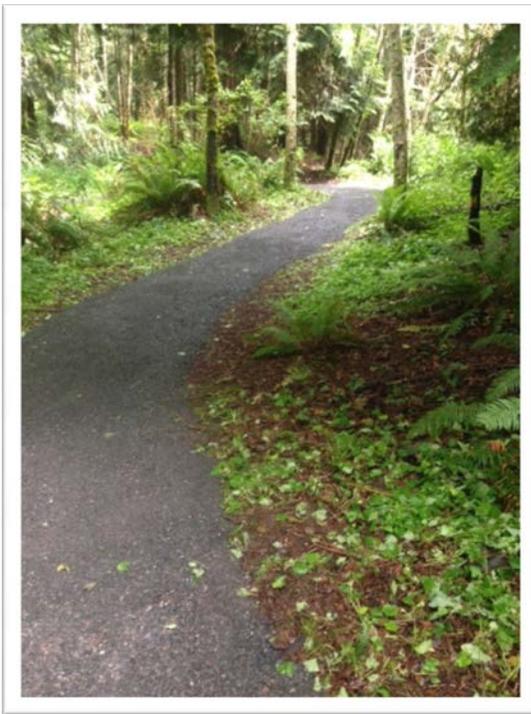
The City intends to develop the Urban Paths of Poulsbo (UPP) Plan primarily through (1) continued construction of sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and shared-use paths in conjunction with new roadway projects; (2) through multi-purpose easements as described in Policy PRO-4.7; and (3) through the development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



Trail at American Legion Park providing shoreline access

Policy PRO-4.9

When a public trail is designed to be located within a regulated critical area, **the City shall engage professional consultants or other experts to ensure appropriate mitigation of any potential conflicts between path construction and wildlife habitat.** ~~professional consultant services or other qualified resources, shall be consulted to ensure potential conflict between path construction and wildlife habitat is appropriately mitigated.~~ Trail development within critical areas is subject to the requirements of the City's Critical Areas Ordinance **and Shoreline Master Program.**



Trail at Forest Rock Hills Park

Policy PRO-4.10

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

Policy PRO-4.11

Proposed routes ~~Trails and non-motorized connections shown in the UPP Plan and Figure PRO-3 are conceptual.~~ Actual alignment may vary based on topography, property ownership and willingness **of**

property owners, and other variables that may be identified at the time of pathway construction. The City will **involve** ~~only work with~~ willing property owners. If a connection is not feasible, an alternative alignment and/or connection that meet the intent of the UPP Plan and Figure PRO-3 will, when possible, be determined.

COMMUNITY RECREATION AND PROGRAMS

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

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

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

GOAL PRO-5

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

Policy PRO-5.1

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

Policy PRO-5.2

Provide a variety of recreational sports and participatory activities for all age, skill level, and income groups in the community.

Policy PRO-5.2 3

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

Policy PRO-5.4

Coordinate with other service, program and facility providers to provide programs and special events to the citizen and visitors in the Poulsbo community and use of City parks for regional special events.

Policy PRO-5.3 5

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

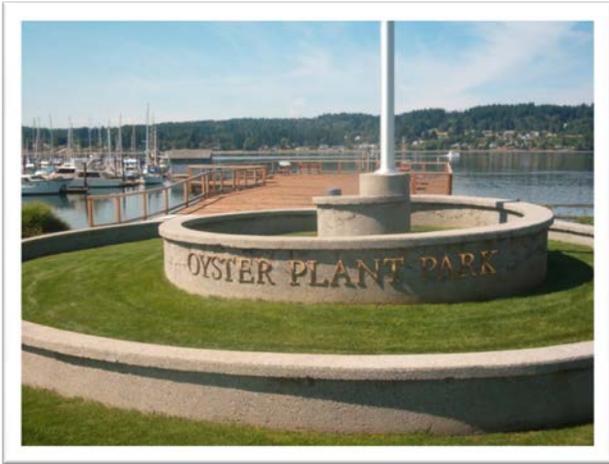
Policy PRO-5.6

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Viking Fest Road Race

~~Conduct regular evaluation of the public's use of City parks, facilities and recreational programming, incorporating citizen input, to ensure that user needs are being met, and to maintain ongoing communication with City residents. Use the findings of these evaluations to update the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and ensure it is maintained as a valuable guide for City elected officials, appointed commissioners and developers shaping the landscape of Poulsbo.~~



Oyster Plant Park

~~works property that is contiguous to Centennial Park, once public works is relocated; or 3) utilize other properties within the city.~~

Policy PRO-5.7

~~Provide information and referral services for local parks and recreational opportunities to the greater Poulsbo community.~~

Policy PRO-5.4 &

Seek locations and funding sources for a **full-service** Recreation Center in Poulsbo. The City has identified **several possible** options for a Poulsbo Recreation Center: 1) enhance the current recreation center; 2) coordinate with the North Kitsap Regional Event Center partners and approved master plan to

potentially place a recreation facility near North Kitsap High School; 3) ~~utilize the City's public~~

IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING

Implementing the Park Plan relates specifically to capital improvements for acquisition, development and redevelopment projects, and depends on both opportunity and funding availability. As competing demands escalate for ~~increasingly limited~~ City resource dollars, creative solutions are needed to fund park-related projects. It is clear that completion of the City's park system will take time and will need a sound and realistic financial strategy.

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

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

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

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

GOAL PRO-6

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

Policy PRO-6.1

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

Policy PRO-6.2

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

Policy PRO-6.3

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

Policy PRO-6.4

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

Policy PRO-6.5

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

Policy PRO-6.6

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



Policy PRO-6.7

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

Volunteers during work party at Poulsbo Fish Park

- North Kitsap School District
- Poulsbo’s service and civic clubs
- Ports of Poulsbo and Kingston
- Suquamish Tribe
- Kitsap County
- Housing Kitsap Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority
- Kitsap Public Facilities District
- Kitsap Audubon Society
- Greater Peninsula Conservancy
- Poulsbo Farmers Market
- Poulsbo Marine Science Foundation
- Western Washington University – Poulsbo
- Washington State University- Kitsap Extension Office
- Kitsap Regional Library

GOAL 7

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

Policy PRO-7.1

*Provide a Park and Recreation planning program to identify and manage the acquisition and development of park land, trails, and open space to satisfy the recreation program needs of the community. The Mayor shall appoint a Park and Recreation Commission to **provide recommendations to the City Council.** ~~recommend courses of actions in accordance with PMC 2.36.01.~~ **Conduct regular evaluation of the public's use of the City parks, facilities and recreational programming, incorporating citizen input, to ensure that user needs are being met, and to maintain ongoing communication with City residents.***

Policy PRO-7.2

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

Policy PRO-7.3

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

Policy PRO-7.4

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

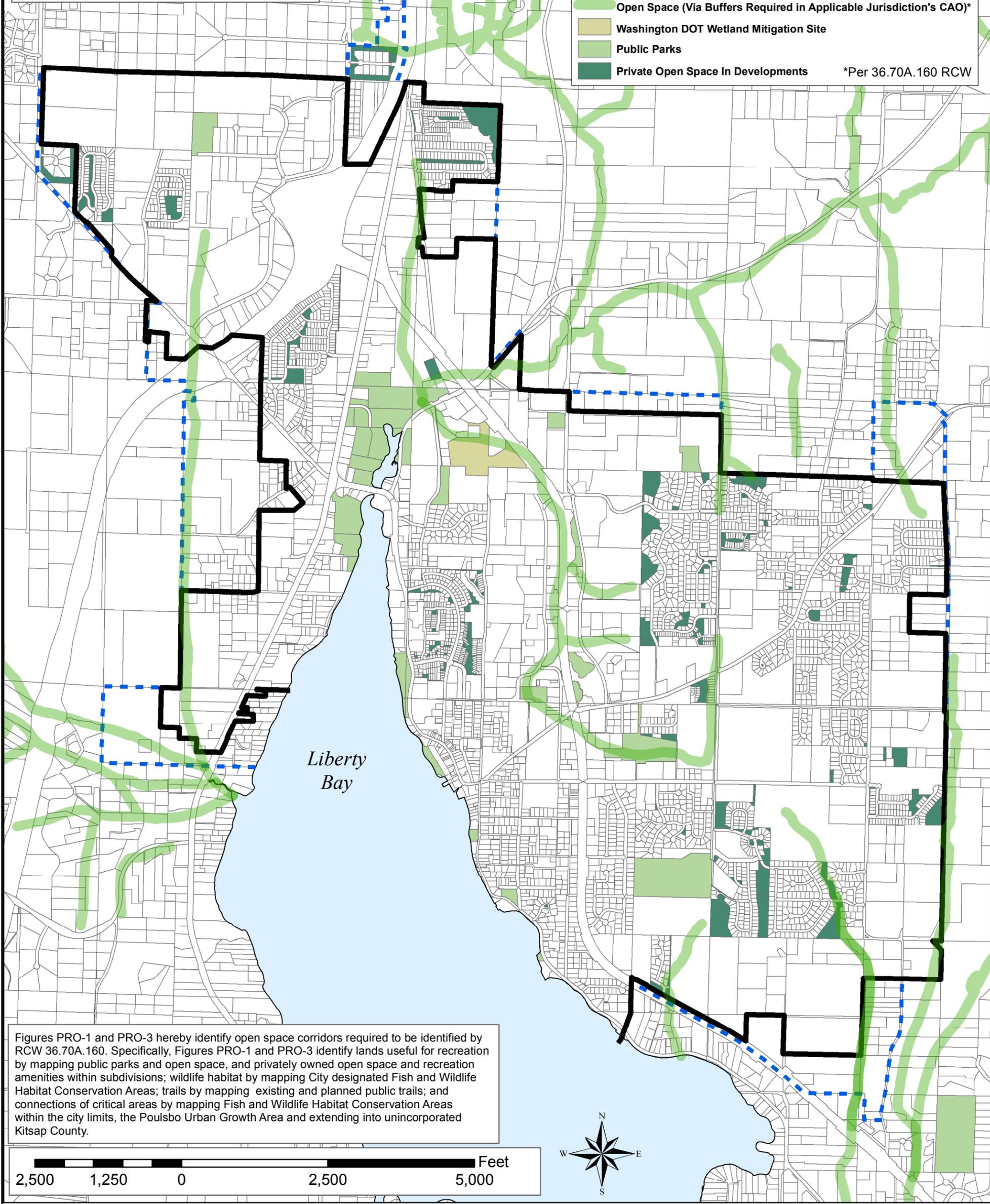
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Figure PRO-1

Citywide Park & Open Space Map

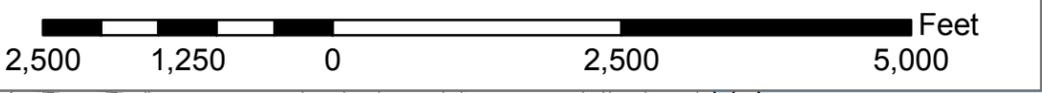
Legend

-  City Limits
-  Urban Growth Area
-  Open Space (Via Buffers Required in Applicable Jurisdiction's CAO)*
-  Washington DOT Wetland Mitigation Site
-  Public Parks
-  Private Open Space In Developments

*Per 36.70A.160 RCW



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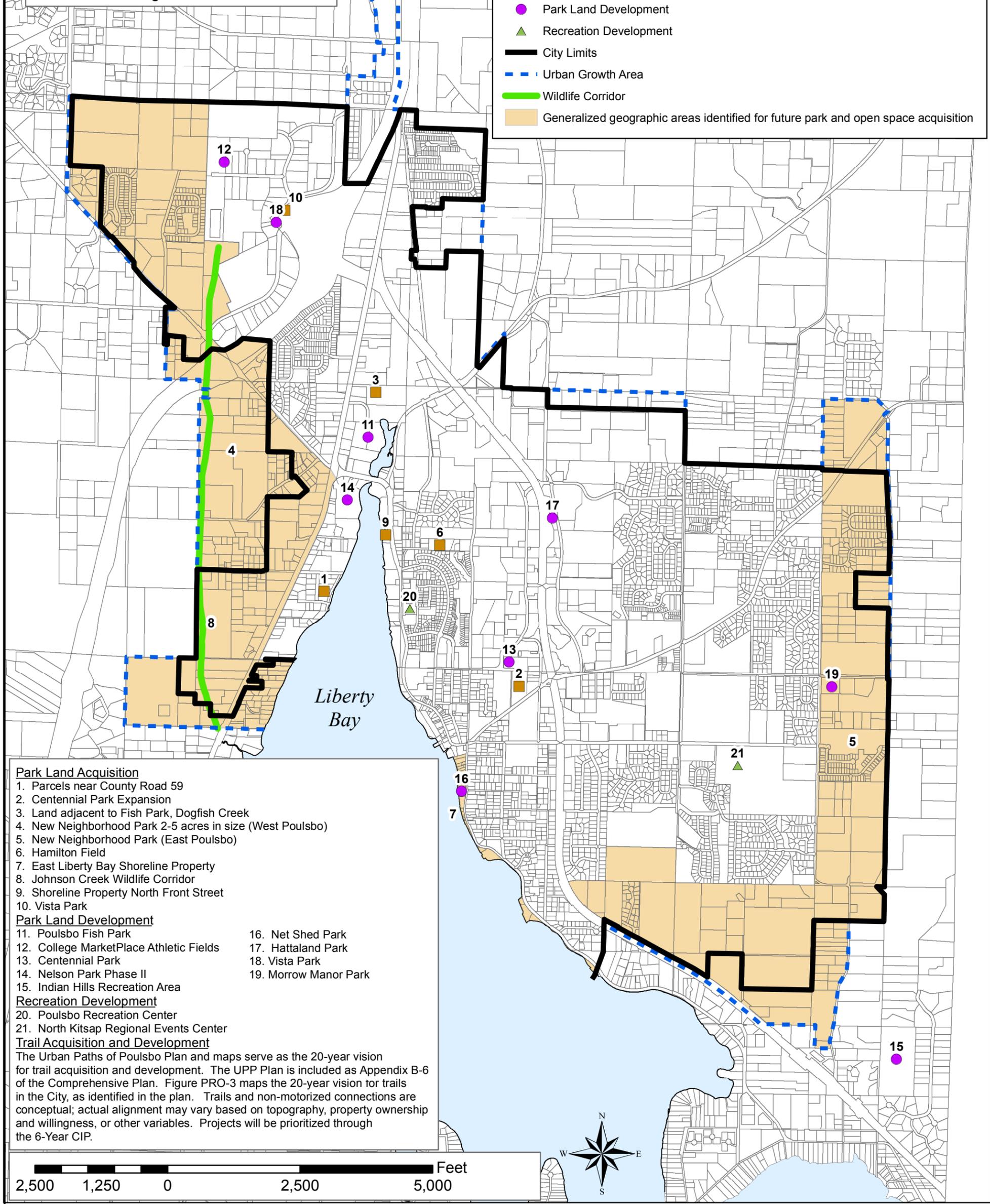
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Figure PRO-2

2036 Park System Acquisition & Improvements Plan

Legend

- Acquisition
- Park Land Development
- ▲ Recreation Development
- City Limits
- - -** Urban Growth Area
- Wildlife Corridor
- Generalized geographic areas identified for future park and open space acquisition



Park Land Acquisition

1. Parcels near County Road 59
2. Centennial Park Expansion
3. Land adjacent to Fish Park, Dogfish Creek
4. New Neighborhood Park 2-5 acres in size (West Poulsbo)
5. New Neighborhood Park (East Poulsbo)
6. Hamilton Field
7. East Liberty Bay Shoreline Property
8. Johnson Creek Wildlife Corridor
9. Shoreline Property North Front Street
10. Vista Park

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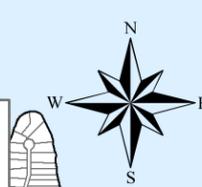
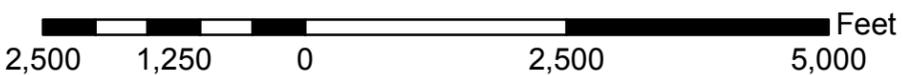
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| 11. Poulsbo Fish Park | 16. Net Shed Park |
| 12. College MarketPlace Athletic Fields | 17. Hattaland Park |
| 13. Centennial Park | 18. Vista Park |
| 14. Nelson Park Phase II | 19. Morrow Manor Park |
| 15. Indian Hills Recreation Area | |

Recreation Development

20. Poulsbo Recreation Center
21. North Kitsap Regional Events Center

Trail Acquisition and Development

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Figure PRO-2 maps the City's 2036 Park Development and Land Acquisition Goals. The parkland acquisition and development project descriptions are in the Comp Plan Section 2 - Capital Facilities Plan's park section.

Non-motorized connections and trail acquisition and development priorities are developed in the Urban Paths of Poulsbo Plan and Figure PRO-3. Trail project descriptions will be incorporated into the 6-Year CIP.

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Figure PRO-3

Urban Paths of Poulsbo Conceptual Map

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- City Limits
- Urban Growth Area
- School Properties
- WSDOT Wetland Mitigation Site
- Parks
- Park and Ride (100 and over parking spaces)
- Park and Ride (less than 100 parking spaces)
- Transit Center

Existing Connections

- Existing Sidewalks
- Existing Trails
- Shoreline Access Street Ends & Easements (May be Undeveloped/High Bank)

Small Boat Launch Sites

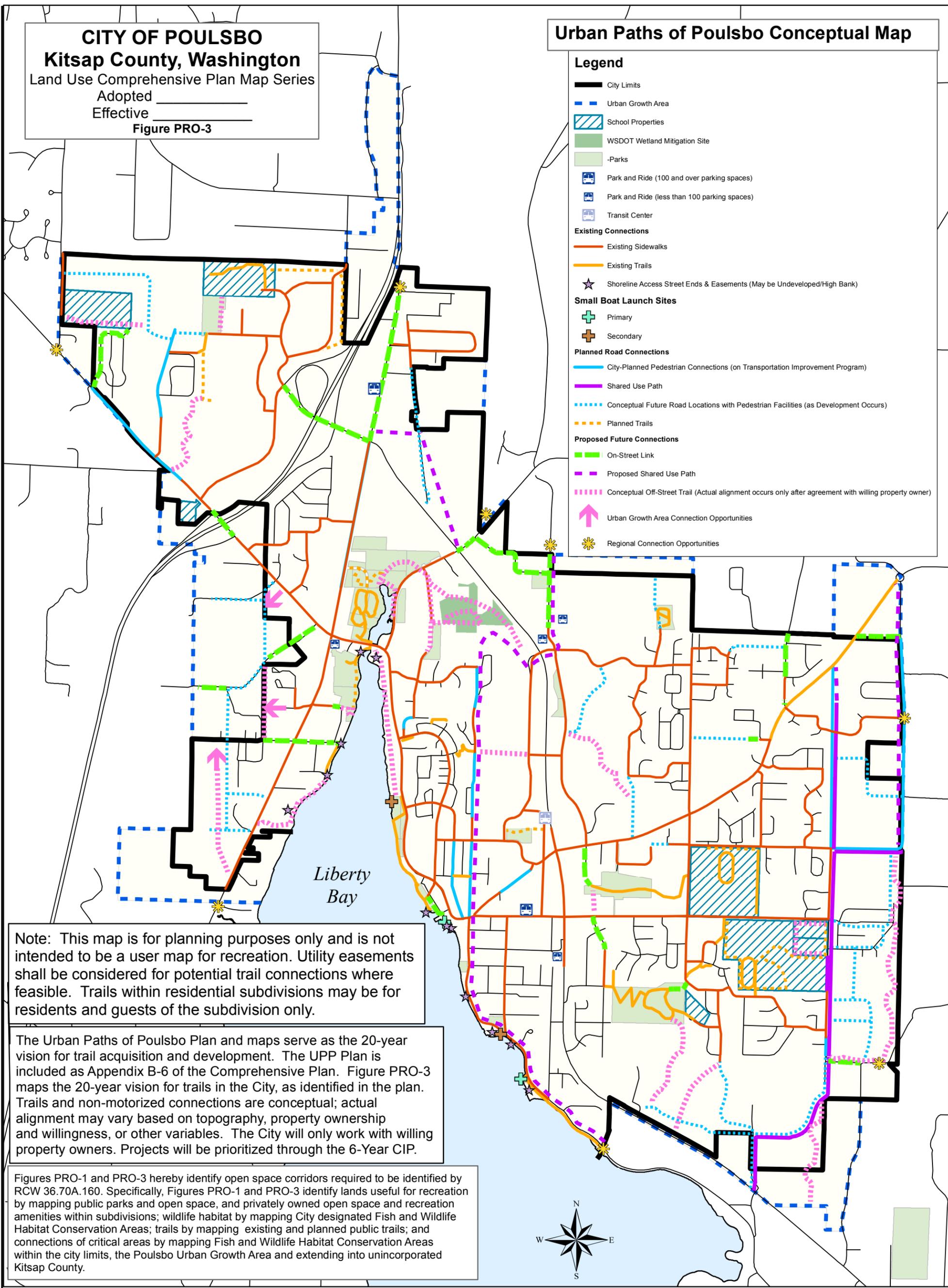
- Primary
- Secondary

Planned Road Connections

- City-Planned Pedestrian Connections (on Transportation Improvement Program)
- Shared Use Path
- Conceptual Future Road Locations with Pedestrian Facilities (as Development Occurs)
- Planned Trails

Proposed Future Connections

- On-Street Link
- Proposed Shared Use Path
- Conceptual Off-Street Trail (Actual alignment occurs only after agreement with willing property owner)
- Urban Growth Area Connection Opportunities
- Regional Connection Opportunities



Note: This map is for planning purposes only and is not intended to be a user map for recreation. Utility easements shall be considered for potential trail connections where feasible. Trails within residential subdivisions may be for residents and guests of the subdivision only.

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