



2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Chapter Summary – Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

STAFF NOTES:

- Not a required chapter per RCW 36.70A (Growth Management Act).
- You can find a ~~striketrough~~ and underline (with notes) version online [here](#) and a “clean copy” of the chapter allowing for ease of reading here.
- Community “Key Goals” integrated into the goals and policies.

BACKGROUND:

- In August 2023, the Planning Commission requested to have Chapter 8 streamlined, since the language is repetitive with the adopted Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) and Urban Paths of Poulsbo (UPP) plans (both adopted by reference in the Appendices). The PROS) and UPP plans are updated on different cycles than the Comprehensive Plan and it can lead to inconsistencies between the documents.
- The City of Poulsbo’s PROS Plan is updated every 6 years and serves as a strategic plan for managing and enhancing our parks and recreation services. The City of Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Department and the Planning Department worked in tandem to update the PROS Plan in 2021. The 2021 PROS Plan was adopted as Appendix B-5 to the City’s Comprehensive Plan with Ordinance 2022-02.
 - Poulsbo updates its PROS Plan every 6 years, as required by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to maintain eligibility for federal and state grant programs. The PROS Plan is also meeting the GMA requirements, by identifying parks and open space goals and policies, including a demand and needs analysis based upon the city’s assigned population allocation, and identifying future parkland acquisition and park development improvements which will be included in the City’s Capital Facilities Plan
- In 2018, the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Commission worked with Planning Department staff to update the Urban Paths of Poulsbo (UPP). The UPP was adopted as Appendix B-6 to the City’s Comprehensive Plan with Ordinance 2019-08.
 - The UPP is not a requirement of RCO or GMA. Therefore, would like to phase out the UPP in the future as its elements are integrated into the PROS and Complete Streets Plans.