

One Seattle Comprehensive Plan

PARKS & OPEN SPACE

Parks and open spaces are critical infrastructure for the health and well-being of our communities and environment. Seattle's outdoor public space network includes a rich diversity of places and connections: parks, trails, P-Patch gardens, neighborhood greenways, shoreline street ends, and much more. This network provides us with opportunities to relax, exercise, play, connect with nature, enjoy performances and cultural events, meet our neighbors, and gather with friends and family.

Over 1,000 different public spaces in Seattle form one of the best public space systems in the country. The Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit, ranks Seattle's system in the top 10 in the United States, but there is still work we can do to improve.

Past investment decisions have perpetuated significant racial disparities in environmental harms and access to green space. Future green investments should focus on addressing these disparities while also creating jobs, economic opportunity, and affordable housing to allow BIPOC communities to thrive in place.

Major Issues



Equitable Access to Public Space



Environmental Justice and Environmental Health



Culture, Arts, and Community



Resiliency and Climate Change Mitigation

In this Comprehensive Plan update, we will be exploring strategies that expand, connect, improve, and maintain Seattle’s public space network. We will center racial equity in our work to support the health and well-being of all communities in our growing city. We will consider how public space can help provide resilience in the face of climate change. We will also look at ways we can deliver green improvements to neighborhoods that are vulnerable to displacement in ways that support community stability.

What We’re Working On Now

- [Current Seattle Parks & Recreation \(SPR\) Projects and Initiatives](#) 
- [SPR Strategic Plan Implementation](#) 
- [Seattle’s Outside Citywide Program](#) 
- [Seattle Dept of Transportation Public Space Management Program](#) 

Let’s Talk About the Future

How can we make our public spaces more welcoming and usable?

What are ways we could improve connectivity to and between parks and open spaces?

How can public spaces be improved to support environmental and human health?

How can our public space system provide community resilience in the face of climate change?

What are ways that public spaces can serve more residents?

What types of activities or events would attract people to spend more time outdoors?



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