

# Naming Park Facilities: The Armory, Yelm Highway Community Park & Kaiser Woods Park

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City Council  
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# Presentation Overview

- 1) Three park properties to be named
- 2) Naming Process To Date
- 3) OMC 12.62.050 - Naming of Parks and Park Facilities
- 4) Overview of Recommended Names
- 5) Questions & Discussion



# The Armory

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- The Armory facility is a almost 43,000 sq ft facility that includes an outbuilding, large 10,000 sq ft event space, kitchen, and more than 18 smaller rooms.
- Vision: Be a catalyst for creativity in Olympia which inspires creative thinking, opportunities, community bonds and collaboration through the arts.
- Future home to eight Anchor Partners as well as home to many future community events through facility rental.

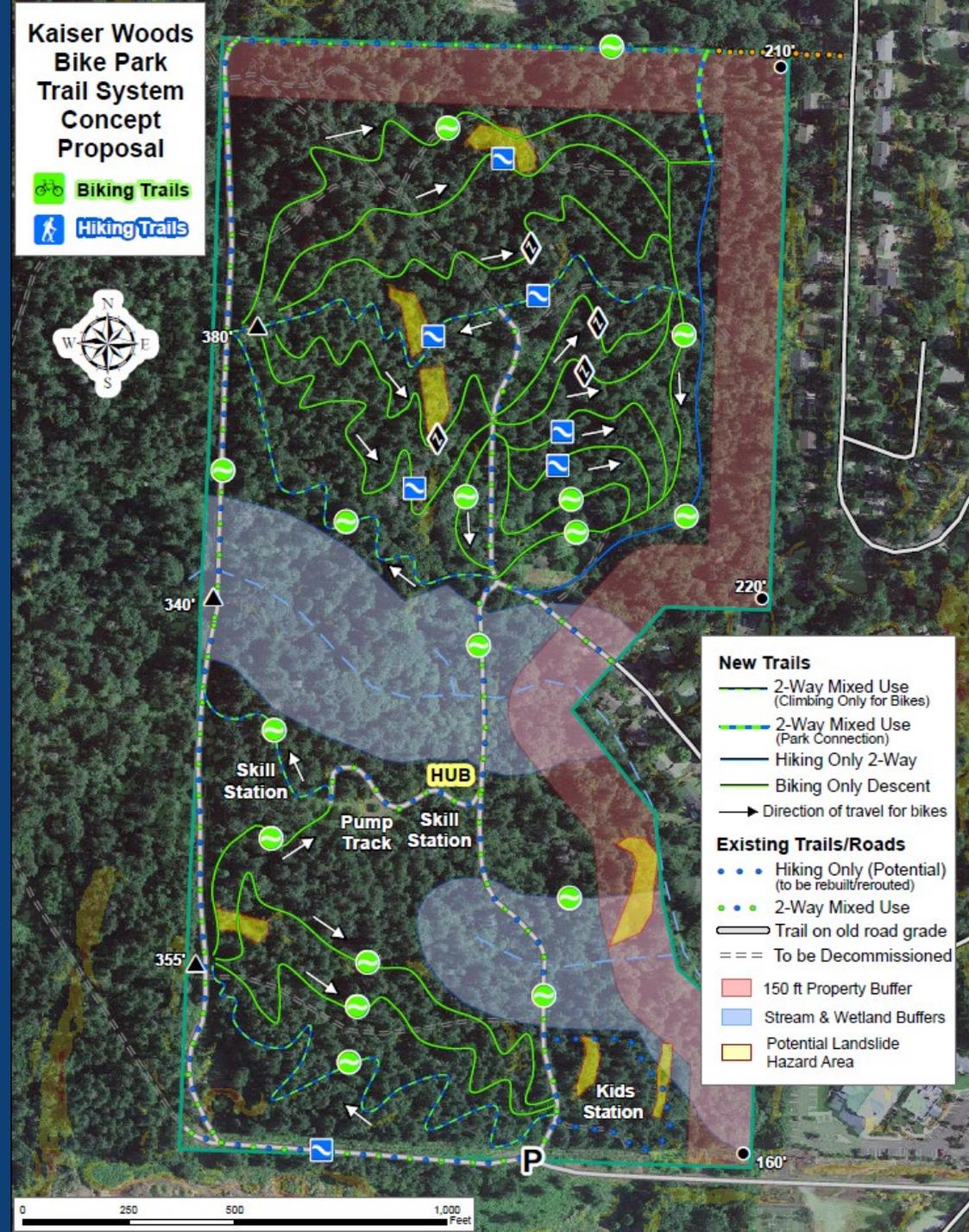


# Yelm Highway Community Park



# Kaiser Woods Park

- Kaiser Woods Park is a 70.19-acre forested park located in Southwest Olympia. Currently it includes hiking and mountain biking trails.
- The proposed park design includes:
  - 5 miles of trails for hiking and biking
  - Beginner to advanced trails for bikers
  - New access from Black Lake Boulevard
  - New parking lot with 25 stalls
  - A single stall restroom
  - Art along the trail



# Process To Date

- Solicited name suggestions for all three park facilities from the community using Engage Olympia (September 2024)
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) held a public hearing and made name recommendations (October 2024)
- PRAC revisited their recommended names at their February and March meetings in light of additional information.
- The Community Livability & Public Safety (CLPS) Committee recommended the names:

Daley Arts Center

Jolene Unsoeld Community Park

Marj Yung Park





# OMC 12.62.050

D. In naming parks and other park facilities, consideration shall be given primarily to:

1. Neighborhood, boundary roads, or common usage identification;
2. A natural or geographic feature;
3. Significant historical events or cultural attributes;
4. A historical figure;
5. A name chosen by an individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the park system;
6. An individual who has contributed outstanding civic service to the City or has been instrumental in acquiring or developing parks properties and who has been deceased for a period of at least one year;
7. Organizations having contributed to and influenced the betterment of the City.

E. Parks and park facilities shall not ordinarily be named for living persons unless they have stipulated the name as a condition of donation or unless the park or park facility is part of a regional facility that is named in conjunction with other governmental entities.



# Bill Daley

(August 9, 1943 – October 16, 2023)

- Bill Daley served several terms on the Advocated for Downtown, including a vision for the Washington Center, Percival Landing, The Olympia Center and Farmer's Market.
- He assembled the group that proposed the Arts Commission. Olympia City Council, including one as mayor, starting in 1982 and served on the last City Commission and the first City Council.



Olympia Mayor Bill Daley is shown in Washington, D.C., circa 1987, fifth from left holding the All-American City Award from the National League of Cities. Others shown, from left, include business owner Rob Panowicz, former city manager Dick Cushing, city councilmember Holly Gadbow, Olympia Chamber of Commerce president Jim Krinbring, Olympia public information specialist Karen Goettling and city housing director Ken Black.

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# Jolene Unsoeld

(December 3, 1931 – November 28, 2021)

- Successfully lobbied for a 1972 bill in the state legislature that created Washington's public disclosure act.
- In 1984, she ran for the office of state representative, and served two terms in the Washington State Legislature prior to running for Congress in 1988.
- A Democrat, Unsoeld represented the 3rd District in Congress from 1989 to 1995, where she furthered environmental legislation. She was the third woman to represent Washington in Congress.



# Marjorie (Marj) Yung

(May 1, 1935 – October 26, 2016)

- Thurston County Commissioner (1974-1979) - helped modernize County Government.
- Helped establish the 911 central dispatch system
- Advocated for comprehensive planning and zoning for the County.
- Long-time member of the League of Women Voters.
- Worked on planning, parks, and shoreline management issues. Helped establish Burfoot Park.
- Artist, lover of plants, and writer. Wrote and illustrated a booklet on the plants of Ken Lake and a report on the McLane Nature Trail.



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# Proposed Motion

Move to approve the Community Livability & Public Safety Committee's recommendation to officially name

The Olympia Armory "Daley Arts Center",

Yelm Highway Community Park "Jolene Unsoeld Community Park" and,

Kaiser Woods "Marj Yung Park".



# Questions & Discussion

THANK YOU!

