

YELM HIGHWAY COMMUNITY PARK NAME SUGGESTIONS

	Name	Reason for Name	Likes
1	Nisqually Tribe to name it	My suggestion for an official name for the <u>Yelm Highway Park</u> is to allow the Nisqually Tribe to name to name it!!	
2	Tileq Community Park	Means strawberry in Nisqually Lushootseed	
3	Shimmering Prairie Park	My naming choice would be "Shimmering Prairie Park" to reflect the general translation of the Nisqually tribes description of the area.	
4	Farmland Park	This was farmland and is a region of top quality farm soils. We are unlikely to use farmland as name for another park. Represents local farming heritage	1
5	Strawberry Fields Community Park	Too many memories of picking strawberries as a kid.	9
6	Strawberry Fields		7
7	Random Openspace	Celebrating the arbitrary decisions leading to designation of a city park on the outer edge of said city that nobody asked for where threatened species lived until it became a park.	3
8	Berry Trails Park		
9	This Should Be a Farm Park	In recognition that the city is undermining its own goals of no net loss of farmland, a vibrant agricultural economy and a sustainable local food system by converting prime farmland into parking lots and manicured sports fields.	2
10	Strawberry Fields Never	Like the Beatles, but the opposite of their intention.	1
11	Tracy Reddick Community Park		
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14	Strawberry Fields	Everyone knows that location for the u-pick Spooner's Strawberries and their fruit stand. I think, Strawberry Fields, honor the past and incorporates the future planned use for playing fields and open space. I live next to the park area and volunteer strawberries grow around the area.	5

		(Pronounced as “uh-shee-lee suh sway-dah-hoo”). ʔəshəliʔ means “together” in Lushootseed, the language spoken by the Coast Salish tribes, symbolizing unity and the importance of family. swədaʔxʷ means “home” or “village,” reflecting a sense of community and shared space for families.	
15	ʔəshəliʔ cə swədaʔxʷ Park	The name highlights the significance of family and community, core values for the Native tribes of the Olympia region, including the Nisqually, Squaxin Island, and Puyallup tribes, while recognizing their language and heritage. This name brings together the themes of family, unity, and place, celebrating the enduring connection between people and the land.	4
16	čaʔadʔac	The Lushootseed name for the Garry oak.	2
17	Leschi Fields	Named after Chief Leschi of the Nisqually Indian Tribe who was a leader for the southern Puget Sound Indigenous tribes. He was unjustly hung and in 2004 the Washington Senate passed a resolution proclaiming Leschi's conviction and execution as an injustice, declaring him a "great and noble man". His conviction was overturned by the Supreme Court.	1
18	Chambers Creek Park	Named after Chambers Creek to the south of the property.	
19	Olympia Soccer Park		
20	Spooner Fields		
21	Shelm Prairie Park	Yelm's name has its roots in the language of the Nisqually Tribe. The name “Yelm” is derived from the Coast Salish word “shelm,” which means “land of the dancing spirits” or refers to the shimmering heat that rises off the prairie floor during the summer months ¹ . This name reflects the natural phenomena observed in the area and the cultural heritage of the Nisqually people. "HistoryLink.org"	
22	Olyberry Park		
23	Strawberry Fields	In recognition of the Spooner berry fields that once occupied this land. Families had fun here picking berries.	5
24	Spooners community park	I have lived in Olympia for 60+ years, we all know what we call that parcel even though Spooners hasn't owned it in over 6 years.	
25	Berry Blossom Park		1
26	Spooner Field		

27	Artesian Soccer Park	Artesian soccer has been a fun outlet for the local soccer community with outdoor, indoor and fun family soccer events. With this being a soccer-centric park would be fun to have Artesian history (the old brewery) and local soccer ("Artesian" Soccer) celebrated all in one name.	1
28	Evergrow Olympia Park	Strawberries are notoriously hearty and grow even in harsh conditions. Like the children and citizens of Olympia, we are ever-growing (like strawberries). This name captures the history of the space, expresses the growth nature of our community, and still identifies with Olympia.	1
29	I suggest "Yelm Highway Community Park".	This is a practical name -- tells what it is and where it is. Easy to remember An alternative would be just "Yelm Highway Park".	
30	Strawberry Flats Community Park	I remember riding an old bus to this strawberry field with other kids and working hard to fill containers called FLATS-equal to 8 quarts with berries for a little spending money. Heck, It is also a FLAT field... with strawberries in it... Hence, Strawberry Flats... Yum!	
31	Ask the Nisqually Tribe to name it	I already see some suggestions in the posts along these lines	