



OLYMPIA

2045





Parks, Arts & Recreation

- Review of accomplishments
- Influences
- What we learned
- Volume 2 - Plan updates
- Questions & Comments



The last 10 years

Planning Projects

- Aquatic Feasibility Study
- Yelm Highway Park Plan
- Urban Farm Park Feasibility Study
- Downtown Waterfront Visioning
- West Bay Park Plan
- Rebecca Howard Park Plan
- Parks, Arts & Rec Plan update



The last 10 years...



Land and Facilities

- Acquired 478 acres of property since 2014 for future parks (*surpassing the 500-acre goal in 2021*)
- Secured the Armory for the future arts center

Programs & Services

- Launched a fully staffed Park Ranger Program
- Expanded recreation programs and offerings



The last 10 years

Arts & Inclusion

- Broadened the public arts inventory
- Expanded arts programming
- Created an Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (EIB) program

Accessibility & Maintenance

- Invested \$1.4M in ADA improvements (2018–2025)
- Dedicated \$5.25M toward major maintenance backlog



Influences

Key Plans

- 2022 Parks Plan
- Capital Facilities Plan
- Regional Trails Plan



2022-2028 Parks, Arts & Recreation Plan

City of Olympia

Draft September 2021



Influences

Government, Community & Committee Input

- Squaxin Island Tribe
- Public surveys
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
- Arts Commission
- Social Justice and Equity Commission
- Olympia Planning Commission
- Council (Study Session)





What we learned

Public concerns:

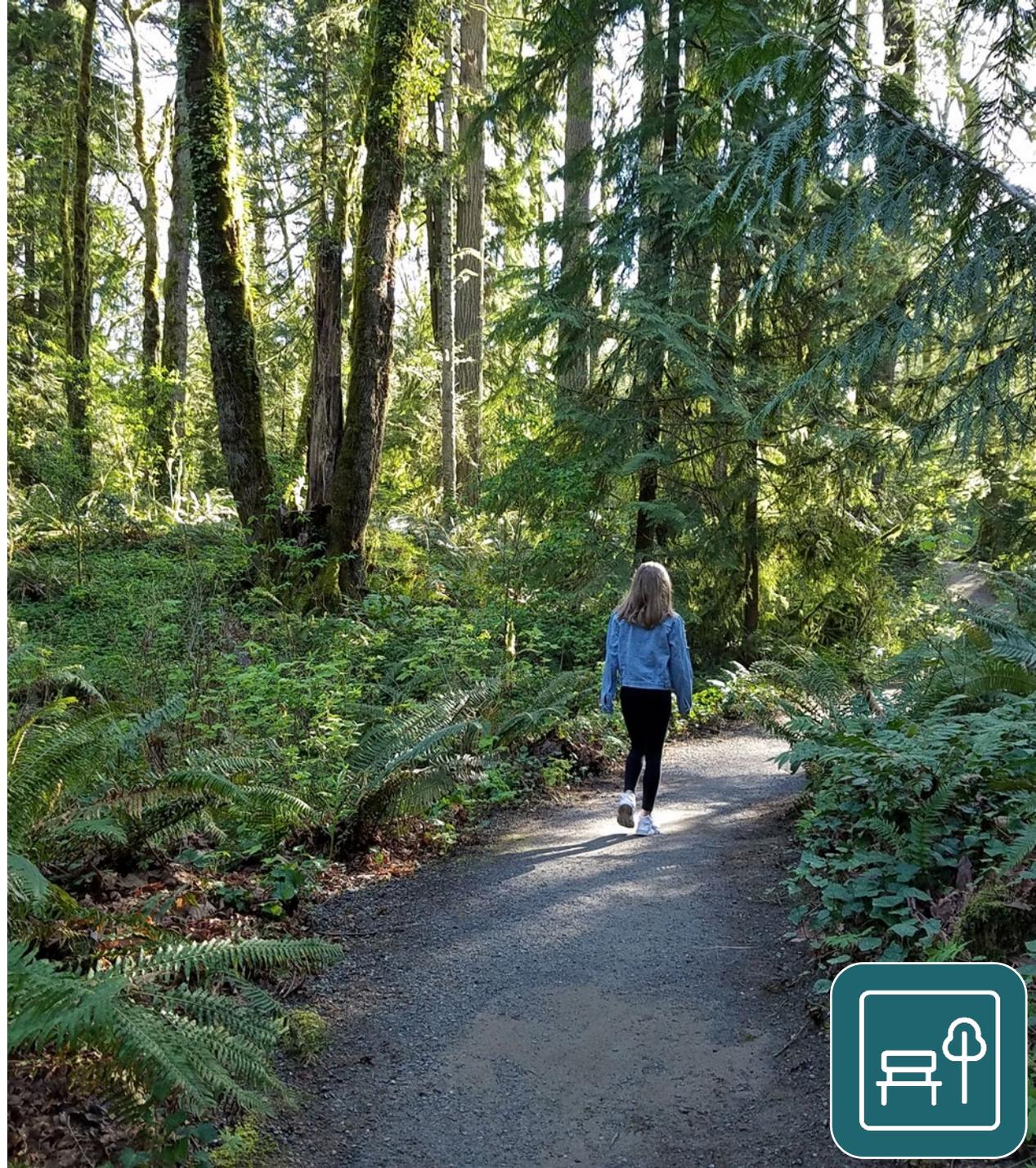
- Public Safety
- Acquisition & Development
- Climate



What we learned

Public Values:

- Inclusiveness and equity
- Community connections and connectivity
- Green space access for all





Planning Commission

- Access for all
- Support for multi-model transportation
- Service Levels for the Future
- Equity



Parks and Rec Advisory Committee



- Space for building community
- Equity & Access
- Capital Asset Management



Social Justice & Equity Commission

- Centering belonging
- Telling Olympia's histories in parks





Plan updates

- Climate adaptation and resilience prioritized
- Emphasis on creating a culture of belonging
- Focus on health and access to green spaces
- Council/Committee/public input incorporated
- Updated photos, maps, and external links



Our Vision for 2045

A healthy, fun, welcoming, safe, and enriching place to live for all Olympians.

- Everyone has access to parks, arts, and recreation
- Decisions are rooted in equity and sustainability
- The community is connected by trails and green spaces
- Art and culture are celebrated and supported
- Parks are places to gather and build community





Summary

- Significant progress made since 2014
- Community input shaped the plan
- Equity and climate resilience are now central priorities





Thank you!

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