



OLYMPIA

2045



Timeline

- Start public outreach and engagement
- Community Values and Vision check-in
- **Chapters:**
 - Public Participation & Partners
 - Natural Environment
 - Transportation
 - Utilities
 - Economy
 - Parks, Arts & Recreation

2023

- Public outreach and engagement continued
- **Chapters:**
 - Land Use & Urban Design
 - Housing
 - Public Safety
 - Capital Facilities
- Second Community Values and Vision check-in
- Begin update of development regulations

2024

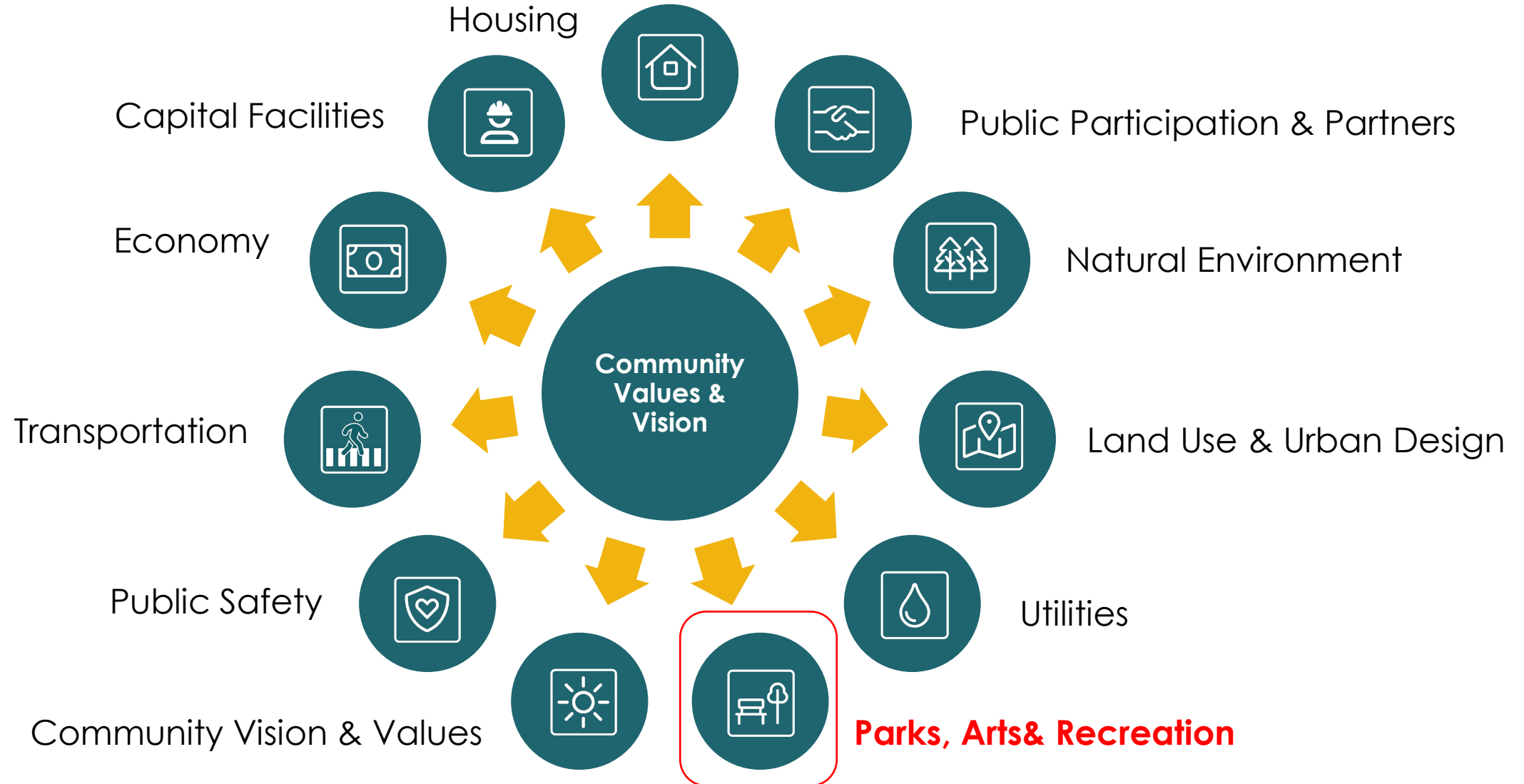
- Public outreach and engagement continued
- Environmental review (Environmental Impact Statement anticipated)
- Update development regulations (continued)
- Adoption process

2025

Plan due June 2025

Olympia 2045 Chapters

Climate, equity and health are addressed in every section.



Parks, Arts & Recreation Chapter



- Current planning documents influence the Comprehensive Plan
- 2022 Adopted Parks, Arts & Recreation Plan



Supporting Plans & Studies



- ADA Assessment and Transition Plan
- West Bay Park Recreation, Trail & Restoration Master Plan
- Kaiser Woods Park Design
- Karen Fraser Woodland Trail Phase III Route Feasibility Analysis
- LBA Woods Trail Improvement Plan
- LERN Recreation Program Review
- Yelm Hwy Park Master Plan (in-process)
- Regional Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study
- TRPC Regional Transportation Plan
- Sea Level Rise Response Plan



Parks Plan Public Engagement

Summer - Fall 2020

Survey #1

- Online @ Engage Olympia
- Paper surveys at 19 Free Lunch Sites (*English, Spanish, Vietnamese*)
- 252 responses

Youth Summer Camps

- Mini-survey
- “Design Your Dream Park” exercise

Ideas Tool on Engage Olympia

- 7 Questions, 63 Ideas

Winter – Spring 2021

Survey #2

- Random Sample Survey
- Paper surveys mailed to City & Olympia UGA residents
- 515 responses

Advisory Committees & Council Review

- PRAC – April 15, 2021
- Council – April 20, 2021
- Arts Commission – May 13, 2021

Summer 2021 - Spring 2022

Advisory Committees Con’t....

- Planning Commission – June 7, 2021
- Coalition of Neighborhood Associations – June 14, 2021

Public Review Draft – Sep 2021

- Engage Olympia
- PRAC
- Arts Commission

Revised Draft – Dec 2021

- Council Public Hearing Jan 2022
- Council Adoption Feb 2022

2020

2021

2022

Plan adopted Feb 2022



Top Themes:

- Balance of Investments
 - Acquisition
 - Maintenance
 - Development
- Major projects are still a priority
- Trails
- Swimming Pool
- Restrooms
- Equity
- Climate
- Safety

New Climate Goals & Policies



GR 12 Olympia's park system is resilient and provides climate mitigation and adaptation benefits.

PR 12.1 Connect - an urban trail system to enable car-free transportation to parks and other resources.

PR 12.2 Cooling – Restore and plant native vegetation and trees. Maintain and support Olympia's street trees to help cool streets and neighborhoods.

PR 12.3 Absorb – Conserve forested areas that provide carbon sequestration and use best practices for stormwater management.

PR 12.4 Protect - habitat, restore natural areas, manage shorelines, and plan for climate change impacts.

PR 12.5 Educate – about environmental stewardship and conservation including climate change impacts and solutions.

PR 12.6 Inspire – inspire community members to act by leading through example in environmental stewardship, visible changes in the way we do business and how we plan for the future.



New Equity Goals & Policies

GR 11 Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation is an industry leader in equity and inclusion, where ALL people feel safe and are provided equitable access to engage in parks, arts, and recreation services.

PR 11.1 Develop an Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Plan for the Department.

PR 11.2 Identify and address procedural, distributional, structural, and cultural inequities in the Department and the work that we do.

PR 11.3 Set performance metrics to hold us accountable toward reaching our goals.

PR 11.4 Conduct an equity analysis and utilize equity measures when prioritizing park development projects to target areas of highest need.

PR 11.5 Apply an equity analysis to all budget development and management decisions.

PR 11.6 Apply an equity analysis to the Department's demographic make-up and strategize proactive approaches to recruit a more diverse candidate pool when hiring. This will result in a team that is representative at all levels and reflects the community's demographics at a minimum. If it's not representative of the community at large, strategize proactive approaches to recruit a more diverse candidate pool when hiring.

PR 11.7 Seek to reduce barriers to access and participation whenever possible.



Comp Plan Public Engagement

Spring

Survey #1- Values & Vision

- Online @ Engage Olympia

Summer

Survey #2 – Climate & Equity

- Online @ Engage Olympia

Advisory Committees Briefing

- Arts Commission – Sep 14, 2023
- PRAC – Sep 21, 2023

Fall/Winter

Public/Gov't Review Draft –

- Engage Olympia
- Tribes, Neighborhoods, City Dept.
- Planning Commission – Nov 20

Revised Draft –

- Planning Commission Public Hearing – Dec 2
- PRAC – January 2024
- Arts Commission – January 2024
- Council Public Hearing - 2024

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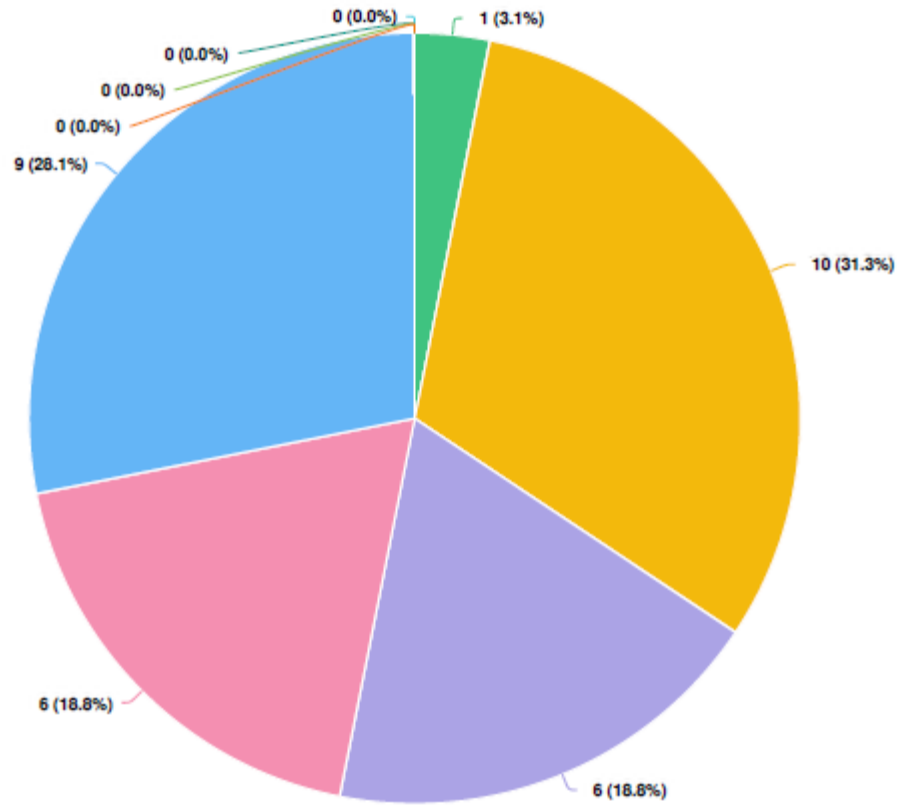
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Online Surveys

Influences entire plan:

- Public Input
- Themes – climate, equity & safety





Question options

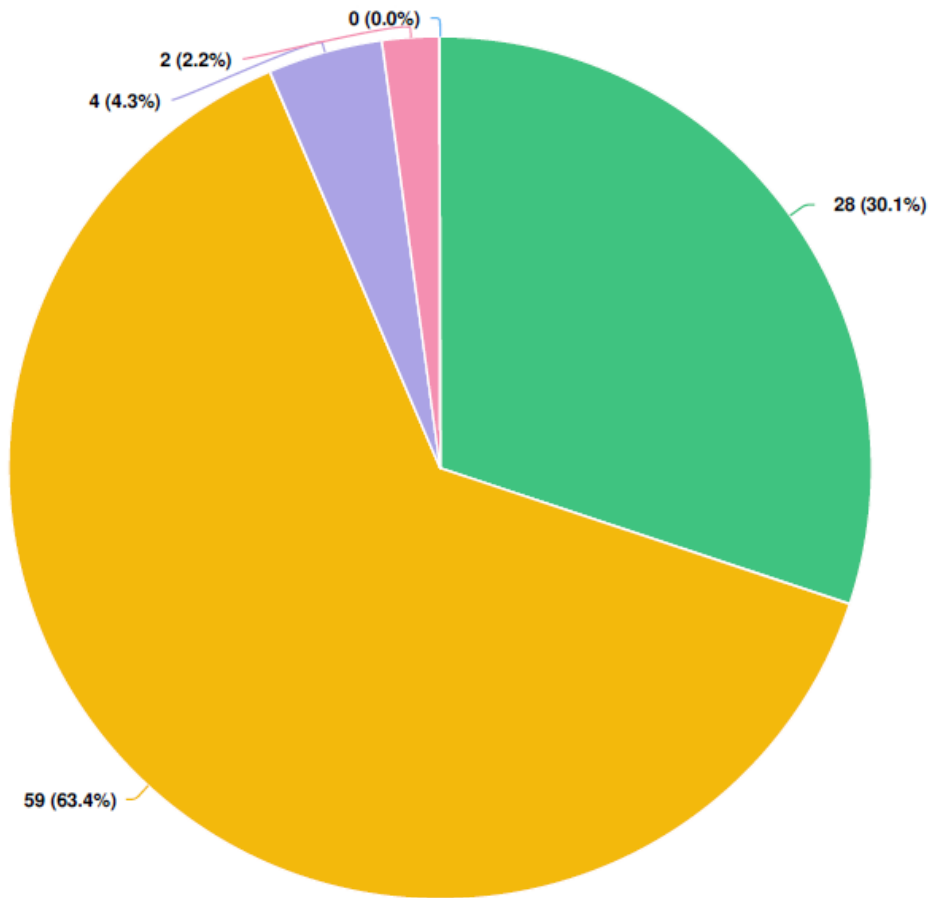
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Public Participation

- 94 people completed the survey
- Wide range of age
- 63.4% Female
- 83% white

Question options

Male
Female
Non-binary
Prefer not to say
Prefer to self-describe (Check box and enter below)



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Question options

White
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish
Black or African American
Asian or Asian Indian
American Indian or Alaska Native
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Some other race or ethnicity (Check box and enter below)
Prefer not to say
Middle Eastern or North African

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Challenges and opportunities:

- Safety
- Demand for new parks and arts exceeds resources
- Population growth creating demand for new park land
- Climate change impacts and actions
- Immediate need to undo institutional injustice in Parks, Arts and Recreation services



Priorities

- Increased safety in parks and facilities
- Acquiring new park land for future growth
- Development of “mega projects”
- Climate resilience and mitigation work
- Equity, inclusion and belonging work



What we heard –

Safety:

- 47% of responses say they do not always feel safe in our parks.
- Concerns expressed around open drug use in public
- Concern for those with mental health crisis
- Houselessness and encampments

Equity:

- Physical accessibility is important
- Financial access to activities
- 87% of people feel welcome in parks, arts events/programs and recreation facilities and activities.
- Distrust in government with regards to equity

Climate:

- Parks has a role in climate mitigation
 - Reducing carbon
 - Education
- Community values natural areas
- 84% of respondents agree that we must mitigate the impacts of climate change and build a climate resilient parks system to serve future generations.
- Value nature and trees





Questions?





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