

Downtown Parks Strategy Outline

I. Introduction

- The need for a downtown parks strategy – park needs issues unique to downtown
- Description/map showing what is considered “Downtown” for the purposes of this strategy
- How the downtown parks strategy fits with the goals of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan and the Downtown Strategy (i.e. Goals LU4, H7)

II. Existing downtown park inventory

- Table showing parks, ownership, acreage, amenities
- Map
- Summary of recreational amenities available (i.e. 3 miles of waterfront trail, one playground, one interactive water feature, etc.)

III. Challenges and opportunities unique to downtown parks

- Artesian Commons and Isthmus case studies – lessons learned
- Strategies for park location selection to increase likelihood of success – CPTED, etc
- Potential impacts of sea level rise

IV. Public Input

- Methodology – Meeting with Downtown Neighborhood Association, Olympia Downtown Alliance, Engage Olympia Survey (Perhaps do all of this as part of the public input process for the Parks Plan)
- Results

V. Needs Analysis

- Existing downtown population and projected growth (both numbers, demographics, and approximate location of projected growth)
- Parks and park amenities needed for residents, downtown employees, visitors
- Discussion about developer-required amenities
- Types and approximate locations of proposed parks/trails to meet needs (including map, “Big W”, etc)

VI. Implementation

- Capital Investment Strategy
- Programming

