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RE: Master Plan Updates: Workshop 1  
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### **Summary**

During the Committee's first Workshop on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan held on Thursday, July 13, staff were directed to redraft Section 1 ahead of the next Regular Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. Those changes to the Master Plan are included in the redrafted document attached below.

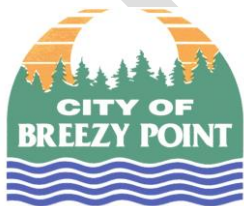
### **Committee Action**

Staff is seeking Committee approval of the redrafted first section, or Plan Elements section, of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.



**City of Breezy Point**

# ***PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN***



**July 24, 2023**

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## **Section 1: Plan Elements**

### **Mission Statement of the Parks and Recreation Committee**

The City of Breezy Point Parks and Recreation Committee seeks to acquire and preserve natural environmental areas with green spaces and provide recreational services that positively impact the health of our citizens, the broader City economy, and quality of life.

### **The Objective of the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan Master Plan**

The City of Breezy Point Parks and Recreation Committee seeks to ensure existing park and recreational opportunities serve the residents of Breezy Point today and in the future. As such, this plan will create a framework to achieve this goal and ensure the community secures sufficient and appropriate land to:

- Develop high quality parkland with varying recreational opportunities.
- Create Open spaces and trails that meet the needs of all members of the community.
- Continue developing park and community areas with amenities for residents and visitors alike.
- Communicate and promote the use of parkland to enhance its use as a community building tool.

This document refines and implements general direction established throughout the Breezy Point Comprehensive Plan to guide park and recreation development moving forward. As the City grows, the Committee will plan for its budget to responsibly reflect this growth, so that subsequent Committees and residents are able to:

“Increase the amount of land devoted to parks and public open space whether for recreation or environmental protection. Extend and improve the trail corridor system. Improve public access to the lakes.”

The City of Breezy Point Parks and Recreation Committee believes the citizens of Breezy Point desire a community that protects and preserves its natural asset features, recreation, and water quality. The development of parks, trails, and open spaces is an expenditure that can serve as an investment in the future well-being of individuals and groups when handled responsibly. As such, the committee will strive to contribute to the attractiveness and viability of the City while planning to utilize the City’s monetary resources in a responsible and cohesive manner for the long term.

This Master Plan is a living document which the Committee intends to review every 5 years to evaluate and refine demographic, recreational, or financial trends that evolve over time. The Parks and Recreation Committee can alter this plan at any time to reflect changes in the City’s Comprehensive Plan accordingly.

### **History and Development of the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan**

In 2011 the City of Breezy Point Parks and Recreation Committee drafted the City’s original Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan utilizing information gathered throughout the 2010 Comprehensive Planning process. This process included:

- A review of planned future land use development in long term planning.
- A review of the 2010 community survey and presentation of relevant data.
- A review of all currently owned parkland, trails, and open spaces within the City.
- A review of the standing parkland dedication formulas and their associated financial costs.
- A review of all associated goals, strategies, and policies associated with parkland development.

Core considerations of the original plan were developed throughout several Citizen Brainstorming Sessions. From these sessions the Parks and Recreation Committee learned people chose to live in

Breezy Point primarily for its location, natural features, and quiet community. Following from this the Committee tasked itself with sustaining these features by:

- To Preserve the City’s feel of clean lakes, trees, wildlife, and general green space or nature as a draw for tourism in recreational activities. Previous land use planning and development has focused on this broad goal.
- To Improve said spaces with green and/or nature focused amenities, such as trails and paths, while maintaining open water access through the City beach. Previous improvements have focused on maintaining access opportunities for community members regardless of age or location.
- To allow for the unique character of Breezy Point to thrive by further developing the City’s recreational facilities and opportunities. Proposed improvements included a community center, public swimming pool, fitness center, and trail system expansions.

**Timeline of Regular Events**

A timeline of events relevant to the Parks and Recreation Committee is included below. While not all items on this list require committee action some may be of general interest to members.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Tax Forfeiture Lot County Announcement</i>	1/1/2023
<i>Budget Calendar Approval</i>	2/2/2023
<i>Parks and Recreation budget Approval</i>	3/3/2023
<i>Tax Forfeiture Lot Auction</i>	4/4/2023
<i>Budget Workshop</i>	5/5/2023
<i>Final Budget Approval</i>	6/6/2023

**Section 2: Parks**

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