



**To** Lake Forest Park Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; Lake Forest Park Planning Commission; Mark Hofman, AICP

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**Subject** Parks, Trails, & Open Space Element Discussion Guide

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## Introduction:

The Growth Management Act lists a park and recreation element that implements and is consistent with the capital facilities plan in relation to parks and recreation facilities as mandatory; however, guidance from MRSC states it is “optional because funds have not been appropriated to help pay [for its preparation].”<sup>1</sup> The parks element shall include:

- Estimates of park and recreation demand for at least a ten-year period
- Evaluation of facilities and service needs
- Evaluation of tree canopy coverage within the urban growth area
- Evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches that meet park and recreational demands

King County’s Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) and PSRC Vision 2050 include parks-related policies with which the LFP Comprehensive Plan must comply. Generally, the 2015 Parks, Trails, & Open Space Element needs revisions to be consistent with these documents:

- King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs):
  - ✓ Promote a pattern of compact development within the Urban Growth Area that includes parks and open space (CPP DP-2).
  - Prioritize neighborhoods with historical underinvestment in green infrastructure (CPP DP-43).
  - Require water reuse and reclamation, where feasible, especially for high-volume non-potable water users such as parks, schools, and golf courses (CPP PF-11).
  - Provide parks, trails, and open space within walking distance of urban residents. Prioritize historically underserved communities for open space improvements and investments (CPP EN-22).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/planning/gma/comprehensive-planning>

- PSRC Vision 2050
  - Identify and create opportunities to develop parks, civic places (including schools) and public spaces, especially in or adjacent to centers (MPP-DP-11).
  - Provide parks, trails, and open space within walking distance of urban residents. Prioritize historically underserved communities for open space improvements and investments (MPP-En-15).

## Discussion Questions and Guidance:

1. **Incorporating Resilience.** Should we prepare additional background analysis and policies to address social cohesion as a way of improving community resilience?
2. **Equity.** Please review carefully and confirm the suggested changes in policy intentions are appropriate for LFP.
3. **Legacy 100-Year Vision.** Are additional considerations from the Legacy 100-Year Vision (2008) needed to incorporate resilience and equity?
4. **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Priorities.** What other priorities should be included in the element?