



Parks Zone

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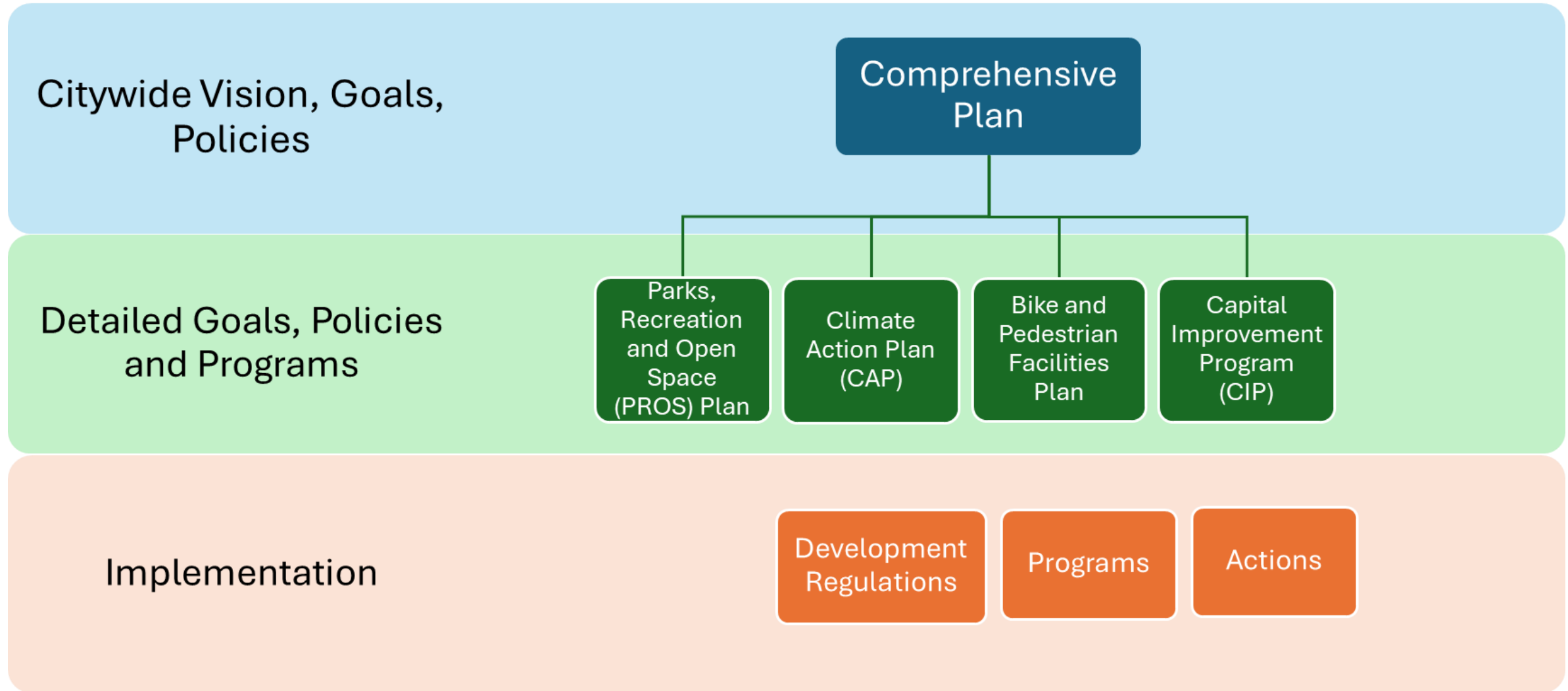




Agenda

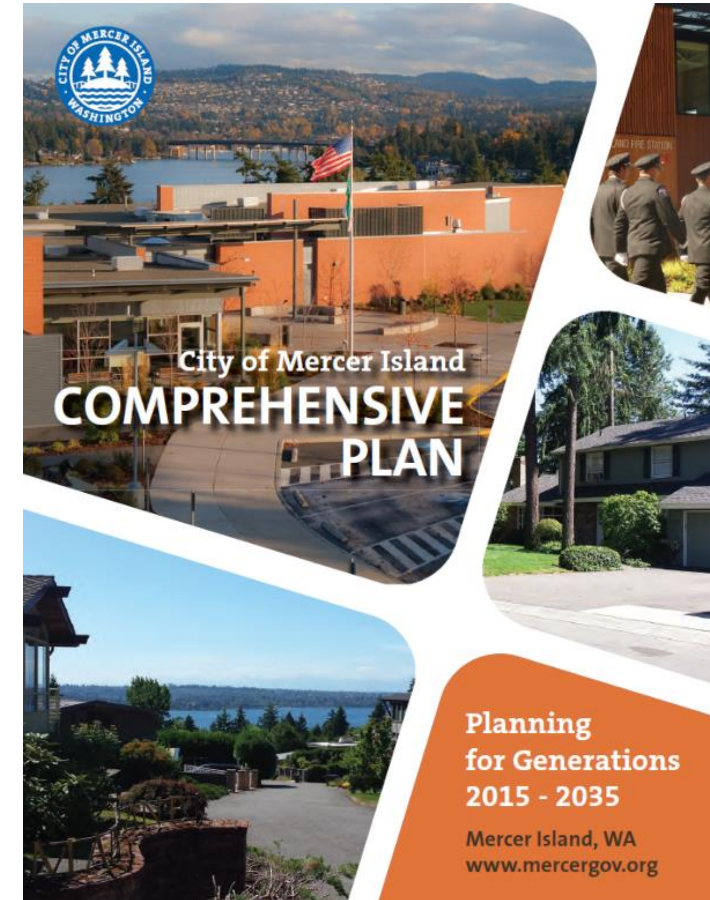
- Public Hearings
- Staff Presentation
 - Comprehensive Plan
 - PROS Plan
 - Capital Improvement Program
 - Development Code
- Legislative Review of Code and Comp Plan Amendments

Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan



Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan

- The Comprehensive Plan establishes the vision, goals and policies for the City, it includes 7 elements, each addressing different aspects of the City. The Plan went through a major periodic update, adopted in late 2024.
 1. Land Use
 2. Housing
 3. Transportation
 4. Parks and Open Space
 5. Economic Development
 6. Utilities
 7. Capital Facilities
- The Parks and Open Space Element was added to the Comprehensive Plan in 2024, which adopted the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan by reference.



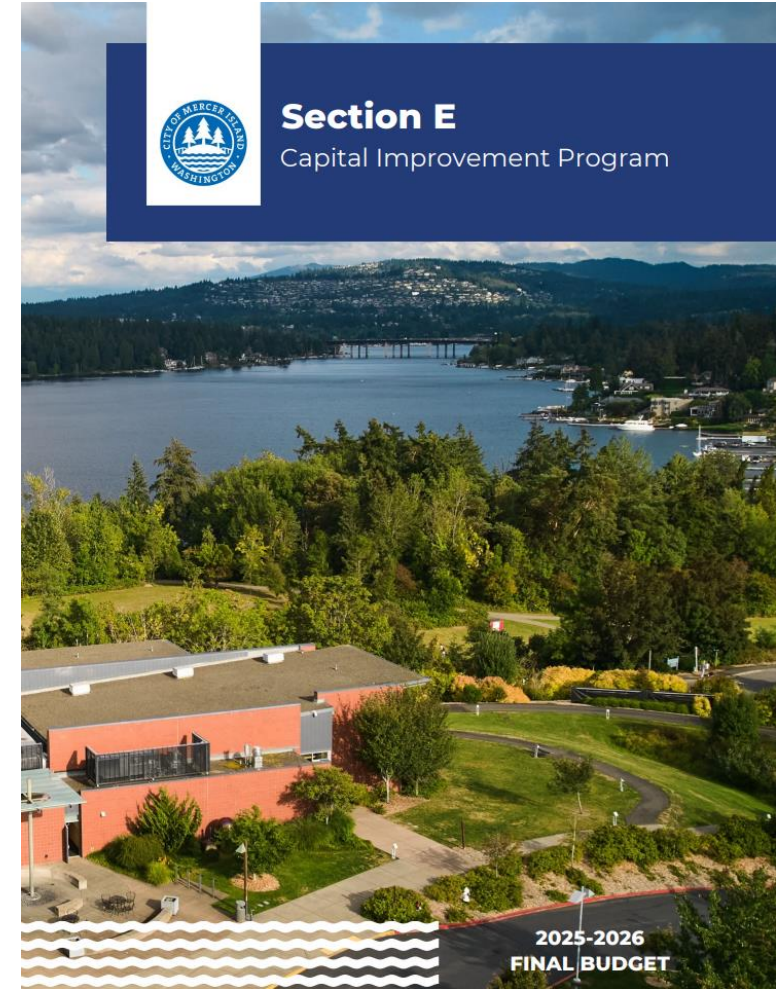
Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan

- Establishes goals and objectives which serve as the policy framework for parks and recreation services on Mercer Island
- Adopted in March 2022 after two years of community engagement: surveys, open houses, and guidance from the PRC, OSCT, and Arts Council
- Guides decisions related to planning, acquiring, developing, and maintaining parks, open space, trails, and recreation facilities
- Aligns with and incorporates all other parks and recreation related plans, policies, codes, and other work products



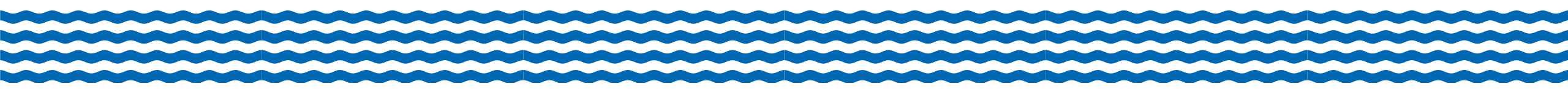
Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

- The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a section of the Biennial Budget that includes a six-year financial plan for the acquisition, expansion, or rehabilitation of land, technology, buildings, and other major public infrastructure.
- The CIP spans six years, but only funds for the first two years (2025-2026) are approved and appropriated as part of the biennial budget process.
- The CIP is funded by Real Estate Excise Taxes (REET), fuel taxes, utility rates, and the general fund.
- Park improvement projects are included in the “Parks, Recreation, and Open Space” project category.



Mercer Island Development Code

- The purpose of the Development Code (MICC Title 19) is to protect and promote health, safety, and general welfare through the regulation of development.
- The Development Code classifies the land within the city into zones and establishes the use of land and nature of buildings; controls the form of plats and subdivisions; regulates the construction of commercial and residential structures; and protects critical and sensitive areas.





Code and Comp Plan Amendments



Parks Zone: Code and Comp Plan Amendments

- Creation of the Parks Zone will require amendments to the **Development Code (MICC Title 19)** and the **Comprehensive Plan**:

Development Code Amendment

- New subsection MICC 19.05.05 establishing the Parks Zone purpose, designation requirements, and uses permitted.
- New subsection MICC 19.05.060, establishing the Parks Zone development standards.
- Amendment to MICC 19.16.010 to add new definitions for key terms used in the Parks Zone development regulations.
- Amendment to MICC 19.01.040 to establish the Parks Zone.
- Amendment to MICC Title 19 Appendix D – Zoning Map to reflect where the Parks Zone applies.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment

- Amendment to the Land Use Map to update land use designations of park properties.
 - Amendment to the Land Use Designation Table to update the “Park” land use designation description and implementing zoning designations.
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Process

- **Code Amendment**

1. Minor Amendments – approve as a block
2. Major Amendments – review one by one
 - Recommend, reject or redraft

- **Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

- Recommend, reject or redraft

- **Additional Recommendation(s)**

- Recommend, reject or redraft

- *June 10 meeting available for final review of any redrafted amendments*

