



SPOKANE PARKS AND NATURAL LANDS MASTER PLAN

VISION STATEMENT

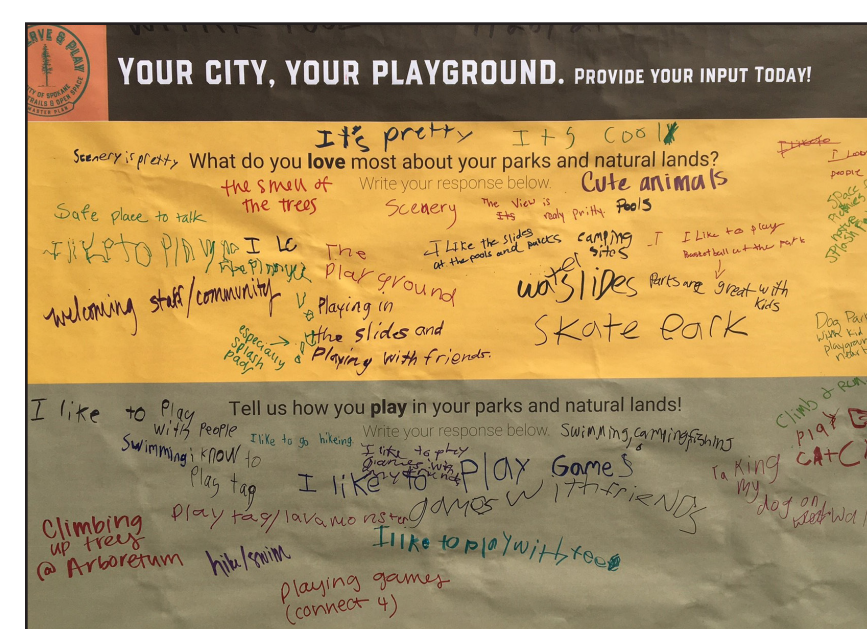
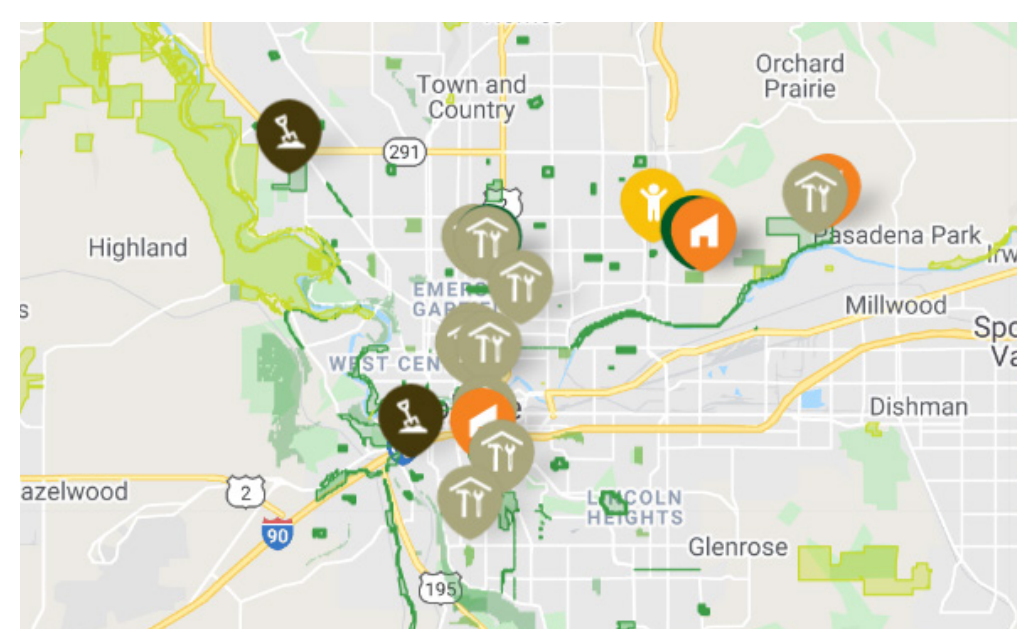
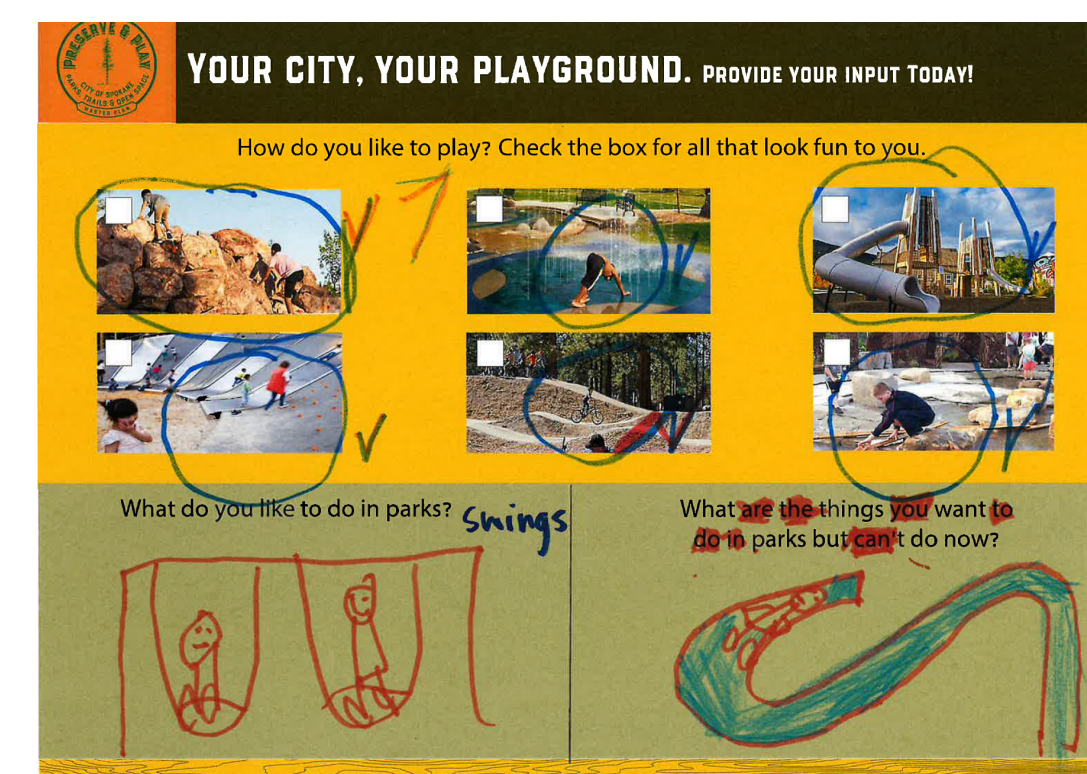
Spokane is a visionary city, founded with parks and natural lands at its heart and with commitment to continue to build a community legacy. We focus on creating prosperity with equitable park development and targeted outcomes that uplift people. We cherish our special landscape with a strong environmental ethic.

PRESERVE & PLAY

At the heart of this plan are two guiding principles that reflect the values of the residents of Spokane: preserve and play. A nod to both the region's historic conservation efforts and contemporary desire to mitigate the effects of climate change, preservation is woven into each theme, goal, and strategy. The Inland Northwest's unadulterated beauty and natural playground influence recreation trends and goals for the Parks Department.

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PLAN

This plan is derived from the goals, desires and feedback obtained over months of outreach and engagement. A variety of in-person and virtual engagements provided broad outreach that resulted in representational participation.



3 NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOPS

14 PLAN AMBASSADORS

14 POP-UP EVENTS

200 YOUTH OUTREACH PARTICIPANTS

275 VIRTUAL MEETING + MAP RESPONDENTS

330 STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY RESPONDENTS

3,297 OPEN SURVEY RESPONDENTS

THEMES

Four themes emerged from the community engagement process: land, water, people and legacy. The goals and objectives that guide future investments are organized by theme.



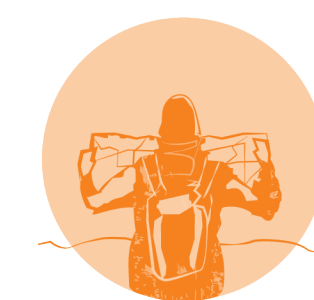
LAND

Ensuring everyone in Spokane has equitable access to park properties, programming and facilities and celebrating the diverse landscape and special recreation opportunities it provides

GOAL A. SERVING THE UNDER-RESOURCED

GOAL B. INLAND NORTHWEST LIVING

GOAL C. PRESERVE OUR WILD



PEOPLE

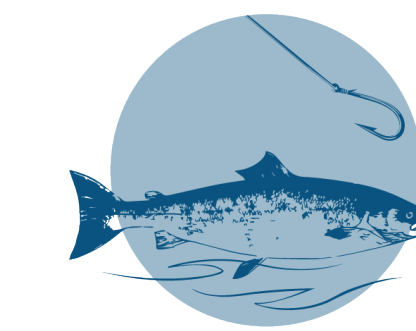
Celebrating and improving how residents engage with and utilize parklands and programming

GOAL G. PARKS FOR ALL

GOAL H. BUILD AWARENESS

GOAL I. DIVERSITY OF OFFERINGS

GOAL J. CO-EXISTENCE



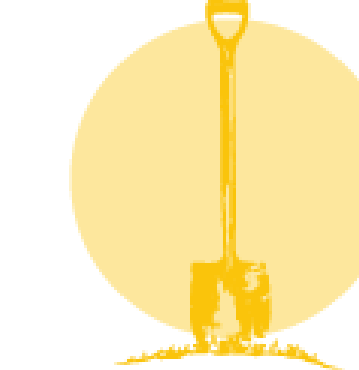
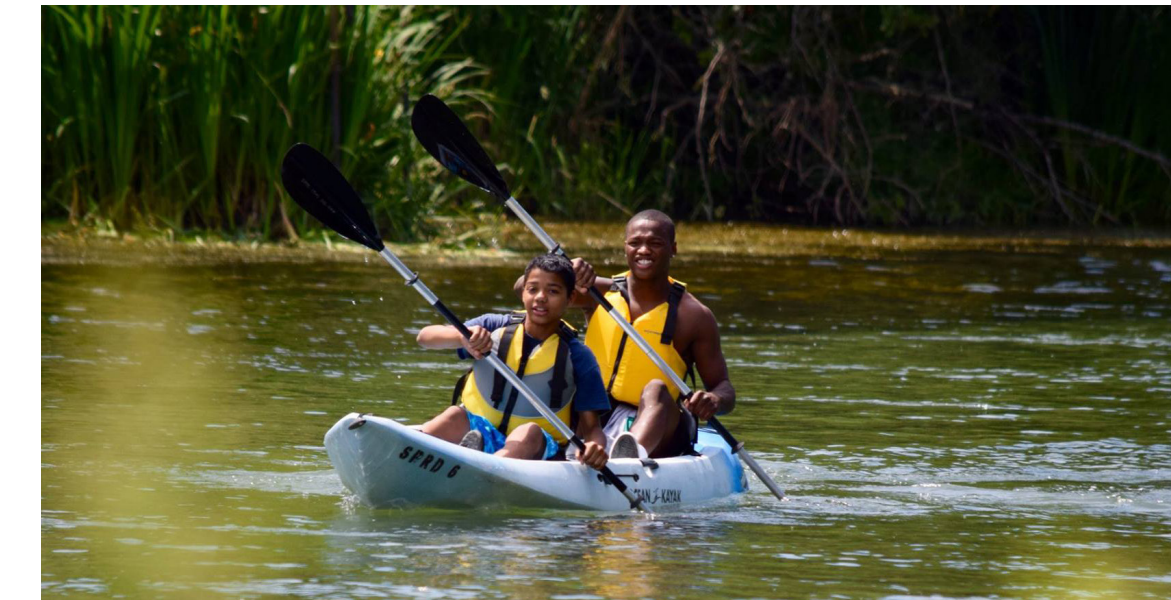
WATER

Celebrating and caring for our natural water resources and improving access to water recreation

GOAL D. SWIM AND SPLASH

GOAL E. CARE FOR AND ACTIVATE THE SPOKANE RIVER

GOAL F. IMPROVE WATER USE EFFICIENCY



LEGACY

Sustainable funding and management with strategies that are mindful of future generations

GOAL K. MAINTAIN AND CARE

GOAL L. FUNDING FUTURES

GOAL M. STRATEGIC ACQUISITIONS AND REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT



KEY PROJECTS

1

Complete design concepts for major park construction projects at Minnehaha, Meadowglen, and Cowley Parks

2

Improve the condition and types of amenities offered at neighborhood and community parks

3

Outline future natural lands acquisition and preservation that provide high quality habitat for wildlife, scenic views and recreational opportunities

4

Establish a framework for a citywide policy requiring park development and dedicating additional funding for parks as Spokane grows

5

Conserve water, enhance irrigation efficiency, and increase access to aquatic recreation

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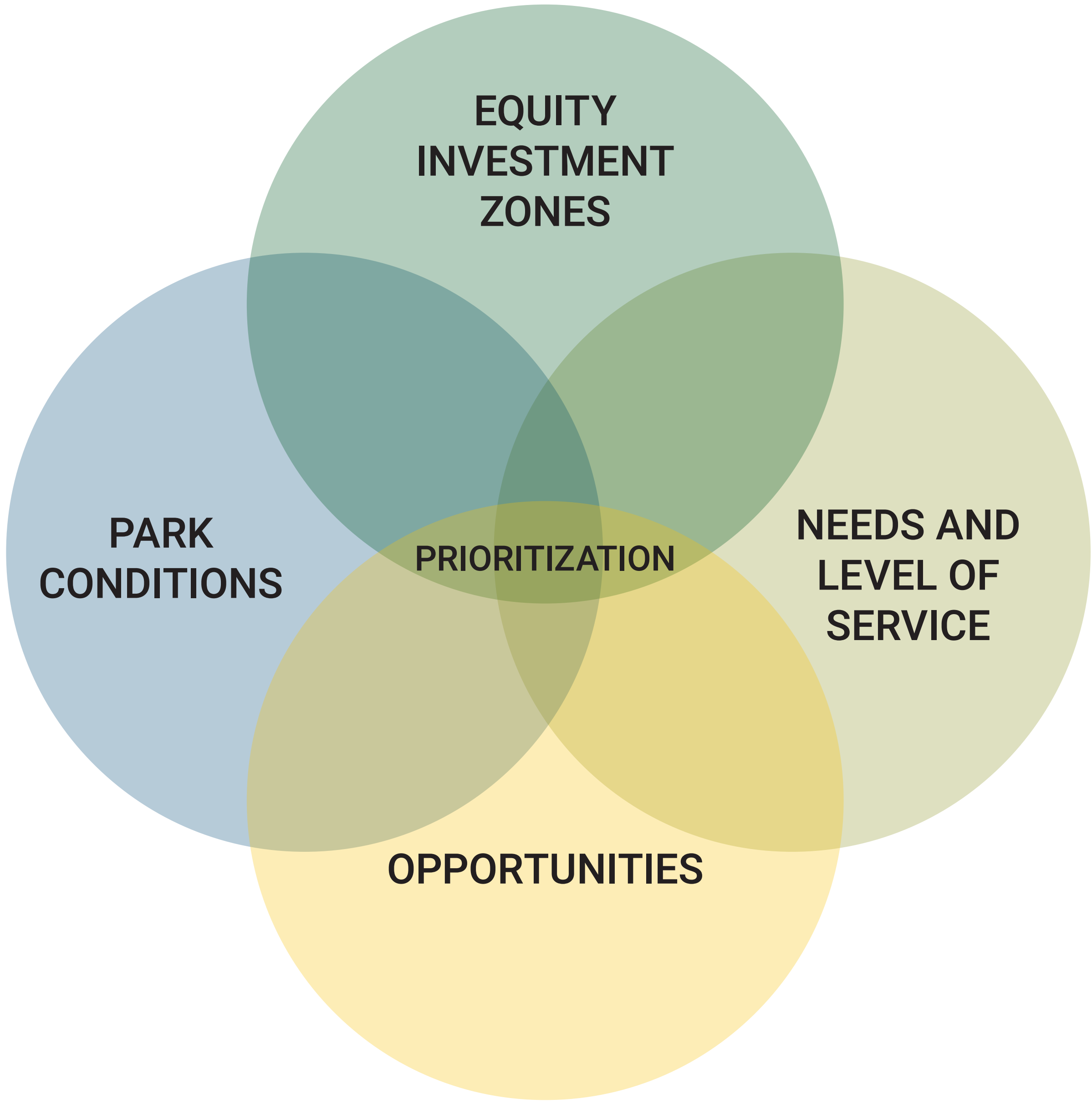
IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

PURPOSE

The Implementation Action Plan (Chapter 7 of the Master Plan) provides guidance on the order of execution for specific projects.

HOW IT WORKS

Prioritization is based on a matrix of need including whether the park is in an Equity Zone, existing needs and level of service in the neighborhood, existing park condition, and opportunities for funding and partnerships. Tier one projects should be completed in 10 years and are listed to the right. The full list of action items can be found in Chapter 7 of the Master Plan.



Capital investments, policies, and operational shifts that meet the above criteria and are desired by the community are prioritized highly. Refer to tables at right for specific actions.

TIER 1 ACTION ITEMS

GOAL A. SERVING THE UNDER-RESOURCED

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 1. Address Geographic Gaps in Park Provision	» Shiloh Hills: Identify and purchase land for development in Shiloh Hills neighborhood, east of North Nevada Street. Vacant parcels in this area present opportunities for a community or neighborhood park. » East Central: Acquire land for development for a future pocket park, east of South Ray Street.
●	Objective 2. Invest In Equity Priority Zones	» Courtland Park, Minnehaha Community Park, Liberty Park, Grant Park, Summit Boulevard Parkway, North Maple Street Parkway, Logan Peace Park » Prioritize development on vacant park properties that are located in Equity Priority Zones: Sterling Heights (District 2), Skeet-so-mish (District 3), Wildhorse (District 1)
●	Objective 3. Focus On Neighborhood And Community Parks	» Focus on new neighborhood and community parks on existing city owned property: Meadowglen, Sterling Heights, and Qualchan Hills
●	Objective 1. Address Geographic Gaps in Park Provision	» Pursue additional development and future implementation of the three concept plans performed during this master plan (Minnehaha, Meadowglen, and Cowley). » Conduct a feasibility study for purchasing vacant land in locations that have a gap in parks in walking distance of residents

GOAL B. INLAND NORTHWEST LIVING

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 1. Offerings Reflect Our Mountain Landscape And Respond To Our Recreation And Park Use Trends	» Prioritize District 1: Disc golf courses; Pickleball courts; Paved and unpaved trails for hiking and biking. Prioritize renovation of existing trail heads, especially in Camp Sekani Park and Beacon Hill, to construction of new. Mountain bike park/pump tracks, skate parks; Gathering spaces for picnics and bbqs; Dog parks; Nature Play; water access for kayak/raft/canoe/SUP and designated fishing areas; Traditional sports equipment and fields; Wellness and enrichment programs » Prioritize District 3 for: Paved and unpaved trails for hiking and biking; Prioritize renovation of existing trail heads, especially in Palisades Park, to construction of new; Dog parks; Nature Play: water access for kayak/raft/canoe/stand up paddle board (SUP); Pickleball courts

GOAL C. PRESERVE OUR WILD

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 3. Initiate Interdisciplinary Partnerships For Land Management	» Using the urban forestry study completed in 2020, partner with others to prioritize tree plantings in areas of need. » Develop and implement a departmental trail maintenance plan with guidelines for seasonal trail clearing and brushing, trimming and invasive species management. Funding provided by the U.S. Forest Service
●	Objective 5. Enhance Our Natural Lands With Projects To Restore Ecologies And Build Resilience To Natural Disasters	» Explore potential fuel reduction treatments in overgrown natural areas, such as Cliff Park.

GOAL D. SWIM AND SPLASH

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
	No Tier 1 Action Items	

GOAL E. CARE FOR AND ACTIVATE THE SPOKANE RIVER

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 1. Develop Additional Water Access Points	» Identify potential ADA water sport access points and water sport equipment rental opportunities in popular water access locations

GOAL F. IMPROVE WATER USE EFFICIENCY

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 1. Reduce Water Needs	» Identify parks for drought-resistant landscape conversion.
●	Objective 2. . Improve City-Wide Water Management Practices	» Identify parks for water management improvements.

GOAL G. PARKS FOR ALL

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 1. Support ADA Accessibility	» Complete an accessibility survey of parks, playgrounds, and other facilities to benchmark and prioritize actions for replacement.
●	Objective 2. Parks Reflect People and Place	» Complete three neighborhood or community park plans (one in each District) following principles for culture and context sensitive planning and embedded in an overall neighborhood planning process.

GOAL H. BUILD AWARENESS

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 1. Signage and Wayfinding	» Develop a Request for Proposal for a signage and wayfinding plan.
●	Objective 3. Partnerships With Schools	» Identify staff liaison for school partnerships.
●	Objective 2. Ongoing Marketing Campaign For Program Offerings	» Develop several new strategies for reaching additional audiences and further engaging current audiences.

GOAL I. DIVERSITY OF OFFERINGS

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 1. Refresh program offerings	» Create more program offerings, specifically for teens and adults, within Spokane Parks system.

GOAL J. CO-EXISTENCE

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 1. Clarify Park's Role With Addressing Homelessness And Train Staff Members For Appropriate Response And Interactions	» Develop departmental strategy for addressing homelessness in parks.
●	Objective 2. Park Design For Positive Interactions	» Develop design guidelines for positive interactions.
●	Objective 3. Partner For A Public Awareness And Support Campaign	» Identify staff member to join Continuum of Care board.

GOAL K. MAINTAIN AND CARE

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 4. Environmental Education And Facilities/Trails	» Complete trail and native landscaping pilot project in Summit Boulevard Parkway and Manito Boulevard Parkway.

GOAL L. FUNDING FUTURES

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 1. Pursue Additional Funding Sources	» Develop study related to current City tax provisions as they relate to parks.

GOAL M. STRATEGIC ACQUISITIONS AND REAL ESTATE MGMT.

TYPE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM
●	Objective 1. New Development Pays for Itself	» Revise the Spokane Municipal Land Use Code to set expectations for park dedication.
●	Objective 2. Evaluate Current Land Holdings	» Initiate a land holding strategy.

KEY

● CAPITAL INVESTMENT

● POLICY CHANGE

● OPERATIONAL SHIFT

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QUESTIONS

WOULD YOU SUPPORT SPOKANE CITY PARKS IMPLEMENTING THIS PLAN’S RECOMMENDATIONS?

Place a dot on the scale above your level of satisfaction



WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT WITH THIS PLAN?

Write or draw your answer below.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD, OR CONCERNS?

Write or draw your answer below.

