

City of Mercer Island

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday · December 5, 2019
Regular Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm Call to Order & Roll Call

6:35 pm Minutes of November 7, 2019 Meeting

6:40 pm Appearances

6:45 pm Regular Business

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| 1. Director's Report | Ryan Daly (5 min) |
| 2. Aubrey Davis Master Plan Update | Ryan Daly (5 min) |
| 3. Parks & Open Space Operations | Alaine Sommargren & Kim Frappier (40 min) |
| 4. PROS Plan Survey | Ryan Daly (40 min) |
| 5. Approve 2020 Draft Meeting Schedule | Chair (5 min) |
| 6. Next Meeting: Wednesday January 8, 2019
Joint with Arts Council | Chair (5 min) |

8:25 pm Other Business (5 min)

8:30 pm Adjourn (estimated)

BOARD MEMBERS

Rory Westberg, Chair
Jodi McCarthy, Vice Chair
Sara Berkenwald
Don Cohen
Lyn Gualtieri
Amy Richter
Vacant Position

STAFF

Ryan Daly, *Director (Interim)*
Tammy Bodmer, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Mayor Debbie Bertlin





PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES November 7, 2019

Call To Order:

Chair Westberg called the meeting to order at 6.31 pm at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St., Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Rory Westberg, Sara Berkenwald, Don Cohen, Lyn Gualtieri, Amy Richter, and Jodi McCarthy were present.

Mayor Bertlin was absent.

Staff present were Ryan Daly, Parks and Recreation Interim Director, Tammy Bodmer, Senior Administrative Assistant, and Lauren Chomiak, Marketing & Community Relations Coordinator.

Minutes

Minutes from 10/3/19 meeting were presented. Cohen motioned to accept the minutes and McCarthy seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Appearances:

No appearances.

Regular Business:

1. Director's Report

Daly gave the director's report.

- Pumpkin Walk – approximately 2600 people attended.
- Upcoming Parks & Recreation events:
 - The Lighting at Mercerdale Park & Firehouse Munch – December 6, 2019. Sponsored by donors. Richter in charge of volunteer organization.
 - Arbor Day was a huge success
- Current work of P&R Maintenance with Fall clean up
- Commission vacancy. Appointment anticipated in December.
- Herbicide use recent situation and community communication process

2. Department Marketing & Communication Engagement

Chomiak presented to the Commission on the Departments Marketing & Community Engagement.

3. PROS Plan Survey Discussion

Daly discussed the timeline for getting the survey out to the community. Commissioners will review the draft survey and send comments/suggestions to staff by 11/20/19. Survey will be sent via US mail and Survey Monkey.

Westberg asked Daly to highlight how the public can give feedback. Daly suggested Let's Talk, open houses, pop up events, schools, Commission meetings, Arts Council meetings, etc. Adoption is planned for late 2020

4. ADMP Update

Daly shared staff presented to Council 10/15/19. Did not make it through the whole presentation as there were many questions. Presented again 11/4/19 to finish presentation. 11/19/19 to City Council.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, at 6:30 pm, at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center.

Other Business:

- Reminder to report volunteer hours
- 2020 meeting dates

Adjournment: 8:28 pm

MERCER ISLAND OPEN SPACE



BIENNIUM REPORT 2017-2018



INTRODUCTION

Mercer Island Parks and Recreation has been managing 300+ acres of open space with its capital program since 2005. Invasive plant removal, tree planting, and other stewardship activities have improved the function of the forest ecosystem and engaged citizens in the process. This marks the second biennium that the program is guided by the Open Space Vegetation Plan 10-year Evaluation and Update approved by City Council in 2015. The primary goals of the plan that provide the framework for our work include:

1. Maintain the functional benefits of open space vegetation.
2. Foster resilient plant communities that can recover from disturbances and adapt to climate change.
3. Implement work based on the value of these functional benefits, the community's priorities for the open space properties, and the condition of the vegetation found there.
4. Maximize the return on available funding through volunteers, matching grants, and donations.

Due to the rising costs of professional restoration contractors and continued budget constraints, the Open Space program sought to focus its efforts this biennium on maintaining active restoration sites and canopy retention activities. Not wanting to lose progress made to date, the program did not initiate new comprehensive removal projects and only invested in two high priority large-scale plantings.

One of many highlights for the program in 2018 was the first annual Arbor Day Celebration where the City of Mercer Island was recognized as a Tree City USA. The following report provides more detail on the Open Space's program accomplishments in the 2017-2018 biennium.

2017-2018 BIENNIUM OVERVIEW

During the 2017-2018 biennium, restoration activities were accomplished by in-house staff, non-profit partners EarthCorps and Mountains to Sound Greenway, and professional restoration contractors. Activities included invasive plant removal, invasive tree treatment, ivy rings, fall planting, watering of select planting sites, and noxious weed management. Contractors conducted restoration on 133 acres in 17 parks. Contracted crews and volunteers planted 1,652 trees and 4,132 shrubs in 11 parks.

OPEN SPACE ACCOMPLISHMENTS							
	2005-2006	2007-2008	2009-2010	2011-2012	2013-2014	2015-2016	2017-2018
Total acres worked	88.3	99.2	204	139	149.7	110	133
Trees planted	3,799	2,407	12,947	5,705	6,574	3,559	1,652
Shrubs planted	N/A	2,066	2,027	3,027	4,470	3,315	4,132
Ivy survival rings	2,233 rings	30.4 acres	37.4 acres	21.5 acres	62.4 acres	18.3 acres	40.7 acres
Volunteer events	125	92	109	114	101	94	101
Volunteers	1,312	2,089	4,148	6,496	3,104	3,040	3,150
Volunteer hours	2,260	8,371	13,547	12,684	13,008	10,065	12,312

CONTRACTED RESTORATION WORK

In 2017-2018 contracted crews conducted invasive plant removal and watering to maintain new planting sites as well as upkeep of sites in which comprehensive invasive removal had cleared most of the invasive species. Additional tasks included ivy ring creation to protect mature trees, as well as invasive tree treatment primarily targeting English holly, cherry laurel, and common hawthorn. Contracted tree and shrub planting were limited to Pioneer Park and SE 50th Open Space.

During the 2017-2018 biennium, the Open Space program continued to implement the Pioneer Park Forest Health Plan, adopted by the Open Space Conservancy Trust Board in 2009. Pioneer Park received the following restoration treatments from professional contractors: fall planting (10.5 acres), planting maintenance (22 acres), invasive removal maintenance (4.2 acres), ivy rings (24 acres), follow-up invasive tree treatment (4.3 acres), and plant establishment watering (5.3 acres).

In addition to laying out a framework for on-the-ground restoration, the Pioneer Park Forest Health Plan specified that data be collected every ten years, to track changes in ecological health. In summer 2018, the City hired two field technicians to collect vegetation data in the plots established for the 2008 Pioneer Park Forest Health Survey. The new data will be analyzed, and results presented to the Open Space Conservancy Trust Board in 2020.

NATURAL RESOURCES SEASONAL CREW

The Natural Resources seasonal crew is tasked with supporting both vegetation management as well as trail maintenance and repair. Restoration work conducted by the crew during the 2017-2018 biennium included monitoring and treatment of noxious weeds such as jewelweed, knotweed, yellow flag iris, and yellow archangel as well as manual removal and treatment of invasive trees. Seasonal crewmembers also support volunteer stewardship projects with mulch deliveries and site preparation where needed.

VOLUNTEER FOREST STEWARDSHIP

Volunteer forest stewardship continues to be a vibrant component of the Open Space program. In 2017-2018, the City contracted with EarthCorps and Mountains to Sound Greenway (MTSG) to manage 101 events in eight parks. They engaged 3,150 volunteers who worked 11,092 volunteer hours. In addition to EarthCorps and MTSG volunteers, an additional 1,220 volunteer hours were contributed by our local Forest Stewards and 'Friends of' groups who worked independently in their nearby park or hosted neighborhood events. Currently, the Forest Steward Program has stewards working in seven parks.



Figure 2. Planting demonstration at Luther Burbank Park

Volunteer stewardship not only accomplishes important field work, it also strengthens our community, engages and educates the public, and supports the City's efforts to create resilient healthy forested parks and open spaces. During this biennium, we continued to engage Islander Middle School, Youth and Family Service's VOICE program, University of Washington Restoration Ecology Network, as well as other community, school, and corporate groups such as the Boy Scouts of America, Mercer Island High School, Stroum Jewish Community Center, Eastside Catholic, Expedia, Microsoft, and Amazon.

TREE CITY USA & FIRST ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

In 2018, Mercer Island joined 3,400 communities from across the United States that made the commitment to become a Tree City USA. This is achieved by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day. Obtaining this distinction not only recognizes the many ways the City of Mercer Island supports trees and urban forestry; it also makes the City eligible for new grant opportunities to support on-the-ground forest restoration work and policy development. The achievement of becoming a Tree City USA was an interdepartmental effort between the Parks and Recreation Open Space Program and Public Works department.



On October 20, 2018, Parks and Recreation and the Mountains to Sound Greenway hosted the City's first Arbor Day Celebration which included a brief ceremony and comments by Mercer Island Mayor Debbie Bertlin, County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, WA Community Forestry Council member Lisa Ciecko, and MTSG board member Harry Thomas. The event, which also served as the Greenway's annual tree planting celebration was a huge success with 200 volunteers planting over 1,200 trees and shrubs. The Open Space Program will continue to host annual Arbor Day Celebrations.

Figure 3. Mercer Island Arbor Day and Tree Planting Celebration

KNOTWEED CONTROL PROGRAM

In addition to the many noxious weed species that Natural Resources staff map and treat within Mercer Island parks, the Open Space Program also maps, signs and treats invasive knotweed on all City-owned properties. This program, which began in 2013, also performs community outreach and education about identification, ecological damage, and effective control options for homeowners. Natural Resources staff posts signs to alert Public Works staff and homeowners to avoid mowing knotweed along road edges and performs all herbicide treatments on the species.

Knotweed monitoring and treatment continued in 2017-2018 and was very effective. Open Space staff is currently tracking 95 distinct populations of the noxious weed on roadsides and in parks. Several populations have now been successfully controlled, while Mercer Island residents continue to report new sightings both on public and private land.

TREE RISK ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

In late 2015, the Natural Resources team adopted a comprehensive, proactive approach to assessing risk from trees along park and open space boundaries, replacing a system that was more reliant on citizen reports and piecemeal assessments. This protocol includes assessing park boundaries where trees border infrastructure or places where people congregate, collecting detailed assessment information and GPS location of specific trees, tracking trees with future monitoring needs, establishing a re-inspection interval based on site conditions, and noting which trees require pruning or removal in the near future. Trees are only removed when they pose a great enough risk to safety. When removal or pruning are deemed too technical for City crews or the quantity of work is too great, work is put out for bid to private contractors.

In 2017-2018, staff on the Natural Resources team assessed 5.1 of the total 13.7 miles of park boundaries identified as requiring assessment. Inspection intervals for these locations vary from 1-7 years depending on site conditions. By sharing tree removal bidding and contracting with the Public Works Right-of-Way program, the program was able to realize efficiencies in staff time and related costs. Staff expect contracted tree work costs to decrease as the first round of assessments on all boundaries is completed in the coming biennia, and become relatively stable as routine maintenance and monitoring assessments are performed.

The tree risk assessment program's methodical approach to tree risk assessment and mitigation has reduced the amount of tree failures along park edges. This was evident after the February 2017 and February 2019 snowstorms, when staff found very few failures along assessed boundaries.



Figure 4. Knotweed sign on North Mercer Way.

2017-2018 FUNDING USE ANALYSIS

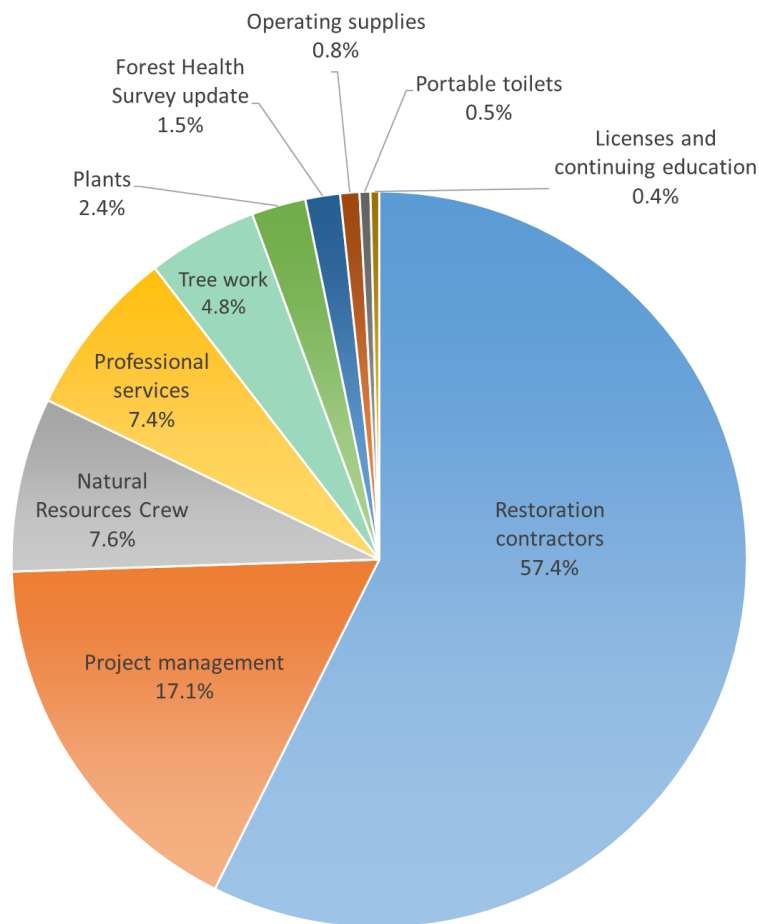


Figure 5. 2017-2018 Open Space Vegetation Management fund use.

- In the 2017-2018 biennium, 57% of the Open Space budget was allocated to **restoration contractors** to perform tasks in open space areas. This work was scoped by staff and awarded to the lowest qualified bidders on a per-park basis.
- The majority of funds allocated to **professional services** pay for contracts with EarthCorps and Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, non-profits that organize and lead volunteer events in natural areas.
- Restoration work is also performed by the **Natural Resources crew**, a 6-month seasonal crew whose hours are shared between the Open Space Vegetation Management program and the Trails program.
- Contracted **tree work**, which covers professional pruning and removals, cost approximately \$53,000, or 5% of the total budget.
- The **project management** portion of the expenditure covers all year-round staff that contribute to Open Space work, including restoration scoping and contract management, tree assessments and contracting, and Open Space Conservancy Trust Board responsibilities.

2019-2020 BIENNIUM WORKPLAN

The focus of the 2019 work plan is to maintain existing restoration projects and conduct activities to preserve forest canopy. These activities include maintaining recent planting sites, invasive removal maintenance, creation of ivy rings on trees, and invasive tree treatment. Due to budget constraints and continued high cost of some professional restoration services, the Open Space program will not be initiating comprehensive removal projects or large-scale planting projects. Planting projects will be conducted only on volunteer sites.

Looking ahead to 2020, the program will continue to prioritize areas in need of maintenance that do not receive work in 2019 and continue to invest in projects that preserve existing canopy and native tree installations. The program will continue to support volunteer-led plantings and initiate select contractor plantings in high priority sites. As outlined in the ten-year update, large scale contracted restoration projects will be prioritized based on high value habitat as well as those that contribute to erosion control and stormwater buffering such as riparian, shoreline and other wet areas, areas with mature or old-growth trees, and north-facing ravines.

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Title:

Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan- Community Survey Review #2

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Ryan Daly, Interim Director

Date: Nov. 27, 2019

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Commission was provided a report titled "Parks, Recreation & Open Space-Community Survey" (**attached**) prior to the November 7th Commission Meeting. This report briefly explained the Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan, as well as the initial steps being taken for the community engagement process. Included in the report was the draft Community Survey (**attached**).

At the Nov. 7th Commission meeting, staff provided methodology as well as what information was to be gained through the Community Survey. The goal of this survey is to be a tool and a guide to inform the initial direction and development of the PROS Plan. Survey results will be a starting point for data to engage the community and to begin framing the conversation around the future of Mercer Island's parks, recreation and open spaces as well as where the community feels a need to focus attention.

As a result of the Nov. 7th Commission Meeting, Commissioners discussed ways to provide input on the draft survey. It was determined that Commissioners would submit questions, comments and statements regarding the Community Survey to staff by Nov. 20nd. Thereafter, staff would compile a matrix of the input received, and provide revisions to an updated draft to the survey for the Commission to review on Dec. 5th, 2019.

REVISED COMMUNITY SURVEY

Staff has compiled a matrix of input provided by the Parks and Recreation Commission (**attached: *Commission Community Survey Comment Matrix***). This matrix provides the question number, input received, comment category, and updates to the draft Community Survey to be made. Staff is in the process of revising the draft Community Survey which will be subsequently added to the Commission Packet, emailed to commissioners and updated online **by 5pm on Dec. 2nd**. The revised draft Community Survey will include a red-lined version to highlight changes.

Staff Recommendation:

- Commission to review attached materials ahead of the Dec. 5th meeting and discuss further at Dec. 5th meeting.
- Approve draft Community Survey as revised or with additional revisions.
- Direct Interim Parks and Recreation Director to finalize Community Survey as approved and move forward with executing survey in mid-January.

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Title:

Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan- Community Survey Review #1

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Ryan Daly, Interim Director

Date: Oct. 31, 2019

BACKGROUND

In September 2019 the Parks and Recreation Department, in collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Commission begin the process of producing an updated Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan. The current plan expires in December of 2019. This is a six-year plan that anticipates the programming and capital projects necessary to meet the community's needs for parks, recreation, and open space, as well as trails, arts, and cultural events. To begin the PROS plan process, Conservation Technix was selected as a consultant through the City's request for qualifications processes to provide deliverables in regards to the PROS Plan.

This updated community driven plan will help guide the City in providing parks and recreation services in our community and map out priorities for the next 5-10 years. This plan is a requirement for the city's eligibility for grant funding through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and must be updated every six years. From 2014-2019, we received \$673,000 in grant funds through the RCO.

Community Survey

The PROS plan is a community driven plan that will evaluate the needs of the community. An initial method of engagement will be administering a community survey. This survey will ask questions regarding park amenities, usage, programs, demographics, and availability of services.

Working closely with staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission, Conservation Technix will design and implement a mixed sample mail- and online based survey to identify general community sentiment and preferences, needs, demand and the general use of parks and

recreation facilities. This tool will inform and guide the initial direction and development of the Plan. The survey will be prepared for mail distribution. A random sample of 2,500 residents will be gathered using a random address sample from a third-party consumer address firm for the mail survey. Reminder postcards and phone calls will follow to ensure response. The goal is to have at least 300 surveys completed by resident households to ensure a statistically valid sampling.

Additionally, a parallel online version of the mailed survey will be prepared for the general public and segregate the datasets. Conservation Technix will compile and analyze the data and prepare summary findings as a technical memorandum to highlight key subgroup responses (age, gender, etc.) and core attitudes toward parks and recreation issues.

Additional details:

- Two separate SurveyMonkey collectors (each with unique web link) – one is the for the mail survey and another is for the general community-wide survey
- The printed mail survey will show a QR code that directs recipients to the mail-version of the SurveyMonkey survey; the printed mail survey also shows a unique URL (miprosplan.com) which is a re-direct to the mail-version of the SurveyMonkey survey. That URL will serve no other purpose in this project.
- The printed mail survey also will show a unique ID# that recipients will need to enter when they initiate an online response in SurveyMonkey. These ID#s are unique to each of the 2500 randomly selected addresses, so Conservation Technix can cross-check to see if there are duplicates or illegitimate entries.
- Once a mail survey respondent initiates the online SurveyMonkey survey, they have two forced questions to answer before they start the actual parks survey questions. Q1 asks whether they received a print version in the mail (Y/N). If Yes, then the next required question asks for the unique ID# from the printed survey. Once this is entered, they begin the parks survey. If the respondent answers No to the first question, they are immediately redirected to the community-wide, online only SurveyMonkey survey site. It looks identical and is seamless.
- Internet Protocol (IP) address tracking enabled, and Conservation Technix can sort the data for responses from the same IP address, if need be
- We have the “multiple responses” option turned off – meaning that once a respondent completes the survey from their IP address, they cannot take it again.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff requests the following:

1. Parks & Recreation Commissioners review the attached survey questions (Exhibit 1).
2. Consider any public comment.
3. Provide direction to staff regarding recommendations or changes to the survey questions.
4. Staff will return on December 5th with final survey draft for Commission approval.

Question	Commissioner Comments	Comment Category	Survey Update(s)
Q1	Change question and options to: How important are Mercer island parks and recreation opportunities to the quality of life you enjoy on Mercer island? oEssential oVery Important oSomewhat important oNot important oDon't know	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	Added the following response option: Parks and recreation does not contribute to quality of life within Mercer Island
	Remove "...that we don't need" from option #3	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
Q2	"Walking/Biking Trails"	Add answer options	Updated the following response options: *Row 1: Parks w/ playgrounds, activity space, restrooms, etc. *Row 2: Pedestrian & bike trails
	oRemove Walking /Biking Trails		
	oAdd Walking/Running Trails		
	oAdd Biking Trails		
	Concern that swimming, boating/paddle boarding, and fishing not included in #2 but are in #4.	Add answer options	
	List tennis courts separate	Add answer options	
	Add Off-leash dog areas		
	oPossibly more questions about off leash dog areas and rules	Add answer options	
	"Parks with playgrounds, sports areas, restrooms" – oToo broad a question ols it asking the respondent to evaluate "Parks" that contain all 3 of the amenities listed (playgrounds, sports areas, and restrooms?) or is it asking a respondent to evaluate the amenities separately? Respondent could feel there are plenty of playgrounds but not enough sports areas – or not enough bathrooms, but plenty of playgrounds. If that is the case, the question doesn't seem to capture that.	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	What is the difference between a Sports Area and a Sports Field?	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Where would skate park be categorized?	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Define and/or break out 'sport areas', sport field and sport courts.	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	What is the difference between a Sports Area and a Sports Field?	Consistency	
	Change "Forested open space" to "undeveloped open space."	Consistency	
Q3	Define and/or break out 'sport areas', sport field and sport courts.	Consistency	
	#2, #4 and #6 are duplicative in part.	Duplicate questions	
Q4	Change "Forested open space" to "undeveloped open space."	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
	Change "city park" to "MI park"	Clarify the question and/or answer options	Question update: Changed city park to Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces
Q3	"Recreation Facility" - are there others besides the Community Center? Could be unclear to the respondent what they should be evaluating.	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
Q4	Add: oTennis Courts oOff Leash Dog Area oPaddle Boarding	Add answer options	Question update: Changed Mercer Island parks and open spaces to Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces
	Keep options to activities since other questions deal with facilities.	Clarify the question and/or answer options	Updates to response options:
	Organization by topic or alphabetized as list is long	Clarify the question and/or answer options	*Alphabetized the list
	Mercer Island Community and Event Center, Farmers Market, & Private Events are neither "Parks" nor "Open Space"; consider broadening the question to cover those	Clarify the question and/or answer options	*Updated/added the following response options: Walking or running Biking Youth sports league Adult sports league Outdoor sport courts Boating and watersports Dog walking or exercise
	#2, #4 and #6 are duplicative in part.	Duplicate questions	
	"Relaxation"- add or substitute with "Connect with Nature"	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
	Replace "dog walking" with "Dog walking/exercise" - covers those letting dogs run in off leash parks for exercise	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	

Q5	Add: oParking Availability oRestroom Availability	Add answer options	<p>Question update: Changed City of Mercer Island parks or facilities to Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces</p> <p>Updated/added the following response options:</p> <p>Do not have the appropriate equipment Are not well maintained Barriers related to physical or psychological accessibility Do not feel safe in facility, park, or open space Too crowded Too far from my home Not enough parking Not enough restrooms Too busy to go to facilities, parks, or open spaces Use parks or facilities provided by another city, organization, or private club I do not know what is offered</p>
	Re-order and/or limit number of answers so not too many choices. Could result in last few choices not being read or rarely chosen.	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Move this question after #3. Logical follow-up	Overall survey clarity	
	"Parks are too far from home" doesn't seem relevant as everything is close on Island	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
	"The right equipment" should be re-worded.	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
	Remove "None/I regularly use parks or recreation facilities"	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
Q6	Add: oRunning to the "Multi-use walking & biking trails" oBoating/paddle boarding oSwimming oFishing oRowing oGeneric attribute that targets the need/demand for age appropriate amenities (i.e. "Outdoor Amenities targeting 0-10 years? "outdoors amenities for 10-15 years old?") Or add another question i.e. are we meeting the needs of different age groups across the island (toddlers up to Sr's.) oPop up dog parks oAll weather recreation fields	Add answer options	<p>Updated the following response options:</p> <p>*Row 2: Pedestrian & bike trails</p> <p>*Row 8: All-inclusive playground equipment (ADA)</p> <p>*Row 10: Outdoor fitness, climbing, or parkour equipment</p> <p>*Row 11: BMX track/bike pump track</p> <p>Added the following response options: Synthetic turf fields Boating/watersport facilities (docks, boat launch, etc.)</p>
	Is there value in finding out if we "Have need for less" of something? i.e. – some residents may feel we have too many of something and would like to see it repurposed.	Add answer options	
	Clarify "all inclusive" playground equipment	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Definition for parkour	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	"Sports fields for soccer, football, lacrosse" – are we looking for people to answer this based on # of fields (availability) or field types that enable usage i.e. "all weather recreation fields"	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	#2, #4 and #6 are duplicative in part. (with more types of facilities	Duplicate questions	
	Replace "on Mercer Island" for "locally" in the question to keep people focused on MI only	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
	Separate Walking trails from Biking Trails	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
	Change Skate Park – to clearer verbiage "Skateboard Park"	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
	BMX/Pump Track – oDifferent and may connote different things to different people. oRespondents may not be familiar with the term "pump track". Change to "Bike Park" or "Bike Pump Track" oDrop BMX or giving it separate line.	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
Q7	This question does not seem actionable nor does it tell us much based on how someone responds. I see value in it if the dept tracks satisfaction ratings over time, but if not, I don't see the value.	Clarify the question and/or answer options	<p>Updated the question to:</p> <p>Rate your household's satisfaction with Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces.</p>
	Reword – o"Please rate your overall satisfaction with the facilities and services of the City of Mercer island Parks and recreation programs." oAsking to rate "value" is vague and confusing.	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	

Q8	Add: oRowing Clubs oSwimming to "Private Clubs (golf, tennis, swimming)" oMary Waite Pool oGolf (not sure we have any private golf clubs on the island)	Add answer options	Updated/added the following response options: Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces Mary Waite Pool Private clubs (golf, tennis, swimming)
	Youth sport associations - does this include both MI programs and off island programs--if we are trying to distinguish, we should label it "MI Youth Associations" or separate between "On island and off island"	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Not sure what is meant by State or Federal parks/lands in this choice. Would that really be a possibility?	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
Q9	Add: oRowing to "Sailing & boating programs and outdoor classes" oFishing oPaddle boarding	Add answer options	Question update: Changed locally to within Mercer Island Updates to response options: *Changed the second response column header from to If Yes, how well are your needs met for each? *Updated row 12: Boating programs, such as sailing, kayaking, paddleboarding & rowing *Added the following option: Outdoor classes and education, such as fishing, orienteering & environmental
	Clarify what "outdoor classes" are	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Change "locally" to City of Mercer island parks and recreation programs unless it is talking about a larger area.	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
Q10	Does this question only cover improvements for existing structures or programs: **Include new amenities	Clarify the question and/or answer options Add answer options	Staff recommend removing this question from the survey (topics would be covered in later public engagement phases such as stakeholder discussions and open houses)
	Add: oADA updates oBike Park - asked in previous question oSkateboard Park - asked in previous question oBike Trails - asked in previous question oRowing/Boating House	Add answer options	
	Insert running with walking trails linking question?	Add answer options	
	Clarify difference between a "top" priority and a "high" priority. oCan there be only one "top" priority? oSuggest drop that category. oIs this a comprehensive list? oIdentify in the question where the list came from.	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Include link for park locations so residents can clarify which park is being referenced	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	The verbiage "Each one would be funded by your tax dollars" oIs this question purposely designed to have people prioritize the purchases as if they were paying for it? oDoes the research show that respondents prioritize differently if they are paying for vs. someone else?	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	oGrants & community donors often fund projects, why are we asking them to prioritize based on who is paying vs. prioritizing based on what is important to them?	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Include a link to the Hollerbach trail - may be an unknown to some people	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	The option list does not entirely map to the previous questions asked .. i.e. "How interested are you in a skateboard park?" but no option to improve a skateboard park in this question.	Consistency	
	Change verbiage on "Install Synthetic turf" to "Install all-weather recreation fields (i.e. synthetic turf)" oDo we need to constrain that question to include a specific location? oLocation seems secondary upon first understanding if turf is a priority for the community regardless of where it is put.	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	

	Renovating the boiler house – oLacks clarity on purpose of renovation which makes it hard to evaluate the priority. Revise wording to include generic purpose – ie. Renovate Boiler House for future community use	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
	Restroom question overly specific compared to other questions – Change to “additional bathrooms throughout parks” Locations included are very different – respondents might be in support of the Aubrey Davis restroom, but not the beach.	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	
Q11	What is the intent of this question? oWithout knowing the groups and the reasons why it would be difficult to make an informed choice.	Clarify the question and/or answer options	Updated the question to: Currently the City provides access to parks and recreation facilities for nonprofit and community service groups at reduced cost. How supportive are you of the City offering reduced cost access to these facilities?
	oDo you want feedback on the policy in general? Reduced or no cost to “certain groups” doesn’t provide enough information to answer the question meaningfully.	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Provide more detail on the “certain groups”. (i.e. MI Local, nonprofit, etc.)	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Should this question be in here for public comment? It doesn’t seem appropriate.	Survey relevance	
Q12	Add: oLetterboxing oPumpkin walk oAll Island Track Meet	Add answer options	Question update: Changed Parks & Recreation to Mercer Island Parks & Recreation
		Clarify the question and/or answer options	Updates to response options: *Updated/added the following response options: Arbor Day First Fridays with Friends MICEC Family Nights (Hoedown, Movie Night, Around the World, etc.)
	What is the Fun Run – and does it have a more specific name?	Clarify the question and/or answer options	*Removed the following response option: Fun Run
	What is a Themed Family Night - can we provide examples in parentheses?	Clarify the question and/or answer options	
	Reword to “you and members of your household value and/or would participate in”. i.e. as a parent of older kids, I would not participate in an Egg Hunt, but I still value it for our community and the younger families.	Reword/rephrase the question and/or answer options	Staff recommend additional discussion with the Commission about this question.
Q17	Include an embedded link showing general area referencing or edit verbiage to “North Island (North of 40th); Mid Island (Btw SE 40th and SE 68th) and South Island (South of SE 68th)	Overall survey clarity	No updates

Exhibit 1- PROS PLAN SURVEY DISCUSSION**Dear Mercer Island Resident:**

The City of Mercer Island is kicking off a community-led process to update its citywide Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan). With your participation, this Plan will help guide the City in providing parks and recreation services in the community. As an initial step in the process, the City is conducting this short, random-sample survey to assess the community's recreation and facility needs. Additional public engagement, including another survey available community-wide, will follow, and final review of the Plan is tentatively targeted for the end of 2020. Your participation is important to the City.

The survey has 21 questions and will only take a few minutes to complete.

Thank you in advance for participating!

1. When you think about the things that contribute to the quality of life in Mercer Island, would you say that public parks and recreation opportunities are... (CHECK ONE OPTION)

Essential to the quality of life here
Important, but not really essential
More of a luxury that we don't need
Don't Know

2. When it comes to meeting your needs for parks, amenities and activities, would you say there are... (CHECK ONLY ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)

	More than Enough	About the Right Amount	Not Enough	Don't Know
Parks with playgrounds, sports areas, restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking / biking trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sport fields & sport courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forested open space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor recreational facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community events (such as Movies in the Park)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation programs (camps & classes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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3. How often do you visit or use a city park or recreation facility, including Community Center?

At least once a week

Two or three times a month

About once a month

Two or three times over the year

Did not visit a park / facility

Don't know

4. What would you say are the main reasons you visited Mercer Island parks and open spaces this year? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Fitness

Trails

Playgrounds

Sport fields

Sport courts

Beach / Waterfront

Boating

Fishing

Dog walking

Mercer Island Community & Event Center

Community events / concerts

Family gatherings / picnics

Private event / celebration

Farmers market

Relaxation

Wildlife viewing

Class, camp or league activity

Public meeting

Public art viewing

N/A - I didn't go to Mercer Island parks or open spaces this year

Other: _____

5. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why your household does not use City of Mercer Island parks or facilities more often.

Parks do not have the right equipment

Parks and facilities are not well maintained

Concerned about interactions with off-leash dogs

Inaccessible for my physical abilities

Do not feel safe in park or facility

Parks and sport courts are too crowded

Parks are too far from my home

Too busy to go to parks and facilities

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Use parks or facilities provided by another city, organization or private club

I do not know what is offered

None / I regularly use local parks or recreation facilities

Other: _____

6. Please indicate how well your household needs are met locally **AND** if you have a need for more of each of the following park and recreation amenities.

	Very Well Met	Somewhat Met	Fully Unmet	Have Need for More	Have No Need
Picnic shelters / Small gathering spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multi-use walking & biking trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Off-leash dog areas (enclosed dog parks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sport fields for soccer, football & lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sport fields for baseball / softball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paddle / Racquet sport courts (tennis, pickleball)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All-inclusive playground equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indoor fitness and exercise facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adventure sport facilities, such as climbing, parkour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BMX / Pump track	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skate park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor water spray parks / splash pads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Rate your satisfaction with the overall value your household receives from the City of Mercer Island for parks and recreation amenities.

Very Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Somewhat Dissatisfied

Very Dissatisfied

Don't Know

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8. From the following list, please CHECK ALL the organizations that you or members of your household have used for parks, recreation facilities and program offerings during the past year.

Mercer Island parks & facilities
King County parks
State or Federal parks / lands
School facilities
Youth sports associations
Strom Jewish Community Center
Mercer Island Boys & Girls Club
Homeowners association/apt. complex
Neighboring communities
Private Clubs (golf, tennis)
Health Clubs (fitness)
Church / faith center facilities
None
Other: _____

9. Please indicate if your household has an interest in each of the programs or activities below, **AND** for each you marked as having an interest, please indicate how well your needs are met locally.

Type of Program / Activity	Do you have interest?		If you have interest, how well met are your needs for each?		
	Yes	No	Very Well Met	Somewhat Met	Not At All Met
Children's activities, such as supervised after-school & summer day camps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teen activities, such as drop-in facilities, trips & camps during school breaks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth activities, such as fitness, music, arts & crafts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth sports programs and camps during school breaks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs for youth, teens and young adults with special needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Performing arts / community theater / concerts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs for adults 55 and over, such as drop-in activities, trips & health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational classes, such as technology, natural history, safety & health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult sports leagues, such as soccer & softball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult classes, such as art, crafts & music, fitness classes & wellness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming & water safety, such as classes and for fitness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sailing & boating programs and outdoor classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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10. Below is a list of improvements and facilities that may be considered in the new Plan. Each one would be funded by your tax dollars. For each item, indicate whether you think that type of facility should be a Top Priority, a High Priority, a Low Priority, or Not a Priority at all. Costs are estimated as: \$ (somewhat expensive); \$\$ (moderate); \$\$\$ (very expensive)

	Top Priority	High Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority
Acquire open space next to Pioneer Park / Engstrom Open Space (\$\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install synthetic turf at Island Crest Park South (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repair and renovate older parks, such as Roanoke Park and Slater Park (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Upper Luther ravine trail or construct Hollerbach trail (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renovate an existing beach restroom or add new restroom at Aubrey Davis Park off West Mercer Way (\$\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repair and renovate the waterfront docks and boiler house at Luther Burbank Park (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop additional group picnic shelters (\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop walking trails through open space that link to other trails (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expand recreation programs for youth and teens (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renovate/improve access to existing beaches (\$\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Currently the City provides access to the Mercer Island Community and Event Center and park facilities for certain groups at reduced or no cost. How supportive are you of the City offering reduced cost or no cost access to these facilities?

Very Supportive
Somewhat Supportive
Somewhat Unsupportive
Not at All Supportive
Don't Know

12. From the following list, please CHECK ALL the Parks & Recreation special community events you and members of your household value and would participate in?

Summer Celebration Festival
Mostly Music in the Park concerts

Movies in the Park
Shakespeare in the Park
Egg Hunt
Holiday Lights/Firehouse Munch
Argosy Holiday Ships
Leap for Green Sustainable Fair
Senior Events & Lunches
Themed Family Nights
Fun Run

13. Please check ALL the ways you would prefer to learn about Mercer Island's parks, recreation facilities, programs and special events?

City website
Mercer Island Weekly (City e-news)
Facebook
Instagram
Mercer Island Reporter
Parks & Recreation Guide publication
Parks & Recreation e-newsletter
NextDoor
Flyers at City facilities
Community event signs
None
Other: _____

The following questions help us understand whether we have a cross-section of the community responding to this survey. It's important that you provide a response to each question. Please remember your answers are confidential.

14. How many children under age 18 live in your household?

0
1
2
3 or more

15. What is your age?

Younger than 20
20 to 34
35 to 44
45 to 54

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55 to 64
65 and older

16. If you are a Mercer Island resident, how long have you lived on the Island?

0 - 5 years
6 - 20 years
20 - 40 years
40+ years

17. Using the map, in which section of Mercer Island do you live?

(A) North of SE 40th
(B) Between SE 40th and SE 68th
(C) South of SE 68th
Don't live on Mercer Island

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The survey has 17 questions and will only take a few minutes to complete.

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Thank you in advance for participating!

1. When you think about the things that contribute to the quality of life in Mercer Island, would you say that public parks and recreation opportunities are... (CHECK ONE OPTION)

Essential to the quality of life here

Important, but not really essential

More of a luxury that we don't need

Parks and recreation does not contribute to quality of life within Mercer Island

Don't Know

2. When it comes to meeting your needs for parks, amenities, and activities, would you say there are... (CHECK ONLY ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)

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	More than Enough	About the Right Amount	Not Enough	Don't Know
Parks w/ playgrounds, <u>activity space, restrooms, etc.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Pedestrian & bike trails</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sport fields & sport courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forested open space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor recreational facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community events (such as Movies in the Park)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation programs (camps & classes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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3. How often do you visit or use Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces?

At least once a week

Two or three times a month

About once a month

Two or three times over the year

Do not visit a facility / park / open space

Don't know

4. What would you say are the main reasons you visited Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces this year? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)
year? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Fitness

Walking or running

Biking

Playgrounds

Youth sports league

Adult sports league

Outdoor sport courts

Beach / waterfront

Beach / waterfront

Boating / watersports

Fishing

Dog walking or exercise

Mercer Island Community & Event Center

Community events / concerts

Family gatherings / picnics

Private event / celebration

Farmers Market

Relaxation

Wildlife viewing

Class or camp

Public meeting

Public art viewing

N/A - I didn't go to Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces this year
this year

Other: _____

5. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why your household does not use Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces more often.

more often.

Do not have the appropriate equipment

Are not well maintained

Barriers related to physical or psychological accessibility

Barriers related to physical or psychological accessibility

Do not feel safe in facility, park, or open space

Too crowded

Too far from my home

Not enough parking

Not enough restrooms

Too busy to go to facilities, parks, or open spaces

Use facilities, parks, or open spaces provided by another city, organization, or private club

I do not know what is offered

Other: _____

Other: _____

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Inaccessible for my physical abilities

6. Please indicate how well your household needs are met within Mercer Island AND if AND if you have a need for more of each of the following parks and recreation amenities or facilities.

	Very Well Met	Somewhat Met	Fully Unmet	Have Need for More	Have No Need
Picnic shelters / <u>small gathering spaces</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Pedestrian & bike trails</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Off-leash dog areas (enclosed dog parks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sport fields for soccer, football, <u>Jacrosse</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sport fields for baseball, <u>softball</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Synthetic turf fields</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Boating / watersports facilities (docks, boat launch, etc.)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Racquet / paddle sport courts (tennis, pickleball)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All-inclusive playground equipment (<u>ADA</u>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Indoor fitness and exercise facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor fitness, climbing, parkour equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BMX track / bike pump track	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skate park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor water spray parks / splash pads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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7. Rate your household's satisfaction with Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces.

Very Satisfied
Somewhat Satisfied
Somewhat Dissatisfied
Very Dissatisfied
Don't Know

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8. From the following list, please CHECK ALL the organizations that you or members of your household have used for parks, recreation facilities, and program offerings during the past year.

Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces,

King County parks
State or Federal parks / lands
School facilities
Youth sports associations
Stroum Jewish Community Center
Mercer Island Boys & Girls Club

Mary Wayte

Homeowners association/apt. complex
Neighboring communities
Private Clubs (golf, tennis, swimming)
Health Clubs (fitness)
Church / faith center facilities
None

Other: _____

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9. Please indicate if your household has an interest in each of the programs or activities below, AND, for each you marked as having an interest, please indicate how well your needs are met within Mercer Island.

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Type of Program / Activity	Do you have interest?		If Yes, how well are your needs met for each?			Deleted: If you have interest Deleted: met are your needs for each?
	Yes	No	Very Well Met	Somewhat Met	Not At All Met	
Children's activities, such as supervised after-school & summer day camps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Teen activities, such as drop-in facilities, trips & camps during school breaks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Youth activities, such as fitness, music, arts & crafts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Youth sports programs and camps during school breaks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Programs for youth, teens and young adults with special needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Performing arts / community theater / concerts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Programs for adults 55 and over, such as drop-in activities, trips & health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational classes, such as technology, natural history, safety & health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adult sports leagues, such as soccer & softball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adult classes, such as art, crafts & music, fitness classes & wellness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Swimming & water safety, such as classes and for fitness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boating programs, such as sailing, kayaking, paddleboarding & rowing,	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deleted: Sailing & boating programs
Outdoor classes and education, such as fishing, environmental & orienteering)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deleted: and outdoor classes

10. Below is a list of improvements and facilities that may be considered in the new Plan. Each one would be funded by your tax dollars. For each item, indicate whether you think that type of facility should be a Top Priority, a High Priority, a Low Priority, or Not a Priority at all. Costs are estimated as: \$ (somewhat expensive); \$\$ (moderate); \$\$\$ (very expensive)

Commented [SB2]: Staff recommend removing this question; topics will be handled in later community engagement such as focus groups and open houses.
Discuss with P&R Commission on 12/5.

	Top Priority	High Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority
Acquire open space next to Pioneer Park / Engstrom Open Space (\$\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install synthetic turf at Island Crest Park South (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repair and renovate older parks, such as Roanoke Park and Slater Park (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Upper Luther ravine trail or construct Hollerbach trail (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renovate an existing beach restroom or add new restroom at Aubrey Davis Park off West Mercer Way (\$\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repair and renovate the waterfront docks and boiler house at Luther Burbank Park (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Develop additional group picnic shelters (\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop walking trails through open space that link to other trails (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expand recreation programs for youth and teens (\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renovate/improve access to existing beaches (\$\$\$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Currently the City provides access to parks and recreation facilities for nonprofit and community service groups at reduced cost. How supportive are you of the City offering reduced cost access to these facilities?

- Very Supportive
- Somewhat Supportive
- Somewhat Unsupportive
- Not at All Supportive
- Don't Know

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12. From the following list, please CHECK ALL the Mercer Island Parks & Recreation community special events you and members of your household value and would participate in.

- Summer Celebration Festival
- Mostly Music in the Park concerts
- Movies in the Park
- Shakespeare in the Park

Arbor Day

- Egg Hunt
- Holiday Lights/Firehouse Munch
- Argosy Holiday Ships
- Leap for Green Sustainable Fair
- Senior Events & Lunches

MICEC Family Nights (Hoedown, Movie Night, Around the World)

First Fridays with Friends

Other

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13. Please check ALL the ways you would prefer to learn about Mercer Island's parks, recreation facilities, programs and special events?

- City website
- Mercer Island Weekly (City e-news)
- Facebook
- Instagram

[Community Survey \(PROS\)](#)

[Updated 12/2/19](#)

Mercer Island Reporter

Parks & Recreation Guide publication

Parks & Recreation e-newsletter

NextDoor

Flyers at City facilities

Community event signs

None

Other: _____

The following questions help us understand whether we have a cross-section of the community responding to this survey. It's important that you provide a response to each question. Please remember your answers are confidential.

14. How many children under age 18 live in your household?

0

1

2

3 or more

15. What is your age?

Younger than 20

20 to 34

35 to 44

45 to 54

55 to 64

65 and older

16. If you are a Mercer Island resident, how long have you lived on the Island?

0 - 5 years

6 - 20 years

20 - 40 years

40+ years

17. Using the map, in which section of Mercer Island do you live?

(A) North of SE 40th

(B) Between SE 40th and SE 68th

(C) South of SE 68th

Don't live on Mercer Island

Community Survey (PROS)
Updated 12/2/19

2020 P&R Commission Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Notes
January 8, 2020 - Wednesday	6:30 pm	Joint with Arts Council
February 6, 2020 - Thursday	6:30 pm	
March 5, 2020 - Thursday	6:30 pm	
April 2, 2020 - Thursday	6:30 pm	
May 7, 2020 - Thursday	6:30 pm	
June 4, 2020 - Thursday	6:30 pm	
July 2, 2020 - Thursday	6:30 pm	
August 2020	---	No meeting
September 3, 2020 - Thursday	6:30 pm	
October 1, 2020 - Thursday	6:30 pm	
November 5, 2020 - Thursday	6:30 pm	
December 3, 2020 - Thursday	6:30 pm	