

Chapter Six: **Recommendations**

As is the case with all planning programs, the true determination of a plan's effectiveness is the degree to which the plan's recommendations are implemented over the given timeframe. These recommendations should be formulated from sound decisions based on the findings of the various methods of determining needs.

The recommendations should be an expression of the goals identified in Chapter 2 and remain consistent with the policies proposed to achieve those goals. If implemented, those goals and policies should serve to provide the residents and visitors of Sequim quality recreation sites and facilities through the life of the Plan.

Recommendations have been established for each of the geographic areas identified in Chapter 4. Also identified are existing recreation sites and facilities in each area.

I. Geographic Area South of Highway SR101

South-West:

Exists

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Dr. Standard Park provides Little League ball fields and is part of the City of Sequim well field located just outside the City Limits.

Proposed:

- A. A neighborhood park with soccer fields and trail linkage to the City's walking-bike trail.
- B. Safe walking, bike riding and vehicle connection to and from Dr. Standard Park .
- C. An alternative pedestrian route needs to be provided for non-motorized crossing of SR101.
- D. Park areas should be included in a trail system along the irrigation line (See Non-motorized trail #15).
- E. Investigate the potential of acquiring larger parcels for park designation such as those along Silberhorn Road and River Road.

South-Central:

Exists:

No parks, or trails are currently located in this geographical area.

Proposed:

- A. Neighborhood park with trail and bikeways between Miller Road and Brownfield Road, to include bike lanes, trails and walkways.
- B. Bike lanes, trails and walkways should be provided on 3rd Avenue; along West Brownfield Road; Happy Valley Road from 3rd Street to 7th Avenue; from 7th Avenue to River Road; and, complete 7th Avenue from Happy Valley Road to Silberhorn Road with non-motorized facilities.
- C. A trail system, walking trail and bike lane on East Brownfield Road should parallel SR101 on the south.
- D. Walking and bike trails should be developed along the irrigation line. (See Non-motorized study #15)
- E. The Bell Creek corridor walking-bike trail should be developed through the City. Bell Creek would provide for many opportunities for an eco-trail with stations for viewing the environment.
- F. Miller Road extension should be completed with a separated trail from 3rd Ave. to Sequim Ave. (See Non-motorized study #46)

South-East:

Exists:

No parks, or trails are currently located in this geographical area.

Proposed:

- A. A prospective large land parcel that is presently surrounded with rolling hills and wetlands is a potential park site and eco-trail, which would be constructed around the pond and through the surrounding rolling hills. This trail should begin at Simdars Road and be connected to the Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT).
- B. Simdars Road and Brownfield Road are in the process of being constructed. Brownfield Road will connect Simdars to South Sequim Ave and a walking/bike trail along Brownfield Road is needed as discussed in the South Central Geographical Area.
- C. The Johnson Creek corridor provides another opportunity for an eco-trail system that needs to be constructed and connected to other trail systems in the area.

II. Geographic Area North of Highway SR101

East-Marine:

Exists:

John Wayne Marina and associated park/picnic and beach areas located within this geographic area. Good connection from West Sequim Bay Road and the Marina to the ODT via Whitefeather Way.

Proposed:

- A. Potential eco-park at the beachfront and the salt marsh wetland south of White Feather Way on West Sequim Bay Road.

North-East:

Exists:

No parks, or trails are currently located in this geographical area.

Proposed:

- A. Evaluate opportunity to provide an eco-trail system from the Bell Creek corridor to the Washington Harbor wetlands.
- B. Several wetlands are located in this area and need to be developed into eco-trail systems and viewing areas.
- C. Complete Bell Creek trail to serve this area (See Non-motorized study #3).
- D. Complete the E/W route across private property and WSDOT property from Hendrickson Road/Blake Road intersection to Port Williams Road to connect to Nelson Park (Non-motorized study #5).
- E. Complete the proposed John Scott Road extension that will connect to Port Williams Road (Non-motorized study #22, 44).

North-Central:

Exists:

No neighborhood park in this area. Hendrickson Road borders this area which parallels the ODT.

Proposed:

- A. Evaluate the recreational opportunities for a park at the Port Williams Well fields.
- B. Existing open space in this area includes potential for non-motorized access/trails, picnicking, sports fields, tennis courts at the Port Williams wellfield site. This is a high priority project, providing an early opportunity to add 15 acres of parkland using land already owned by the City.

- C. Protect the Gierin Creek drainage and wetlands, which begin in this neighborhood, and which could provide potential trail corridor accessing these wetlands.

North-West:

Exists:

There are no park areas other than landscaping at the large retail Complexes; and very few trails, none of which connect to the City's walking-bike trail system or to the ODT.

Proposed:

- A. Connection to the ODT and other trail systems should be improved in accordance with the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.
- B. Review opportunities for neighborhood park development looking at large parcels between 5th and Priest Road and south of West Hendrickson Road.
- C. Shaded picnic areas or plazas are needed adjacent to the large retail outlets to provide shelter and shade for visitors and residents shopping in this area.
- D. Consideration for non-motorized travel is needed at the River Road overpass crossing of SR 101.

Greater Downtown:

Exists:

Carrie Blake Park, Pioneer Park, Zwicker Park behind QFC, Kirner Park, Children's Park at the Community School, Heritage Park, Seal Street Park, Spruce St. Park. The Sequim School District makes available its athletic fields and gymnasiums to parties and organizations outside of the school for small fee, and based on a performance contract.

Proposed:

- A. A shady, grassy area at the entrance to the City, near SR101 and South Sequim Avenue should be improved. The remaining trees (known as the Garry Oaks) east of Sequim Avenue along the route from the Sequim Avenue exit off SR101 should be preserved and could provide potential amenities/attractions for this type of community park.
- B. Continuation of Hendrickson Road to the east is proposed as a trail by the Non-motorized study. (#11)

Citywide:

Proposed:

A. Recreational facilities, which have been requested by Sequim residents and/or are available in other communities:

- Dog-friendly off-leash park
- Bocce courts
- Lawn Bowling
- Additional Soccer fields
- Additional Tennis courts
- Upgraded Softball fields to support Senior Softball
- Water Fountains (for display, not drinking)
- Town squares/plazas



To assist in accomplishing the recommendations, the following projects have been identified.

III. Recommended Projects:

1. Analyze potential for park and recreation activities at the City's Port Williams well field.
2. Evaluate the opportunity to create eco-tour parks, particularly when associated with critical areas.
3. Evaluate the need to add recreational programs that generate revenues for Park system acquisitions and improvements.
4. Develop a safe pedestrian and bicycle connection between Dr. Standard Park [little league baseball fields] and the City limits, at 7th Avenue along Silberhorn Road.
5. Complete the proposed trail system throughout the city and the UGA, according to the *Non-Motorized Transportation Plan*.
6. Provide recreational fixtures/amenities for all ages, such as, jungle gyms, soccer goals, large checker board tables, basketball hoops, etc.
7. Complete the Olympic Discovery Trail from the Water Reuse Demonstration Park to North Sequim Avenue.
8. Extend Zwicker trail from Blake to Brown along Washington Place and East Washington according to the *Non-Motorized Transportation Plan*.
9. Investigate potential candidate sites for parks and open space, for each neighborhood area.
10. Analyze park system capacity to offer specific recreational programs for individualized activities (including those listed in Goal #10 and

Citywide recommendations) while accommodating the general recreational activities of others.

11. Identify and periodically update, through surveys, a user profile which includes, peak times of use, frequency of use and activities or facilities used, and/or needed.
12. Establish an interlocal agreement among the City of Sequim, SARC and the Sequim School District regarding the uses and maintenance of school playing fields, swimming and athletic facilities, and city parks.