

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (dba Key Pen Parks)

Park System Comprehensive Plan 2014 to 2019



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Key Pen Parks

Parks System Comprehensive Plan 2014-2019

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Executive Summary

Key Pen Parks manages 1232 acres of property on the Key Peninsula ranging from open space to neighborhood parks to natural shoreline areas. Some of the amenities at the various properties include lighted baseball field, skate park, half-court basketball, horseshoe pits, a disc golf course, picnic shelters, playgrounds, walking, biking, and equestrian trails, and access to salt water beaches. Key Pen Parks offers recreational programs for youth, adults, and special events.

The Key Peninsula is located in western Pierce County, and is the southernmost sliver of land extending into the south Puget Sound. The Key Peninsula is approximately 25 miles long, 5 miles wide at its widest point, and covers approximately 65 square miles. According to the State of Washington Office Financial Management, the population of the Key Peninsula grew to 17,588 as of September 24, 2013. The area is predominantly designated as rural and resource land in the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.

Guiding Principles for Key Pen Parks Operations

Certain fundamentals are used to guide decisions made by Key Pen Park's staff and Board of Commissioners during each Comprehensive Plan period. Key Pen Parks believes recreation, the pursuit of athletic and leisure activities indoors and out, and the preservation of parks, natural areas and open spaces for use in recreation are essential elements in maintaining a balanced quality of life on the Key Peninsula. These principles, while not intended to provide strict decision-making rules, provide general, guidance for decisions and actions between Comprehensive Plan revisions. These principles are:

1. To provide a full range of active and passive parks and recreational opportunities for citizens of all age groups on the Key Peninsula.
2. To operate and maintain park facilities and programs in a fiscally responsible manner, utilizing all possible funding sources for park operations, maintenance, acquisition, and facility development (using -- public funds, grants, public-private cooperative partnerships, and other short and long-term sources of financing).
3. To consider acquiring and maintaining and/or improving park assets on the Key Peninsula as Key Pen Parks budget allows and as broad public demand supports
4. To develop, operate, and maintain the parks system in an environmentally responsible manner.
5. To promote responsible use of Key Pen Parks' parks, facilities, trails and open spaces.

Progress in Meeting Previous Planning Goals

Key Pen Parks has grown since it was created by a vote of citizens in 2004, from managing 245 acres of park and open space land to managing 1232 acres in 2014. When Key Pen Parks completed its first comprehensive plan in 2007 the public desired the following:

- Greatest demand was for:
 - o Developing trails
 - o Acquiring land
 - o Playgrounds.

Accomplishments of Key Pen Parks from 2007-2013 were:

- Developed over 3 miles of soft surface trails.
- Acquired 988 acres of land
 - o 899 acres acquired with 50 year no cost leases
 - o 89 acres purchased as strategic acquisitions or water access
- Built two playgrounds.

Plan Update Process

Because Key Pen Parks desires to ensure that the Park System Comprehensive Plan continues to reflect the needs of the Key Peninsula, periodic updates are made. Key Pen Parks completed its first plan in 2007; information was gathered to update this plan by public outreach along with internal assessment of current system conditions.

Mission Statement

Key Pen Parks is dedicated to serving our community and citizens. We are deeply committed to the enhancement and preservation of our community's quality of life. In partnership with our citizens, we strive to provide and promote the highest quality leisure and recreation environment.

Points of emphasis

- There are currently no developed parks in the 98329 zip code where the greatest Key Peninsula population percentage resides.
- Trails-- Almost 73% of the survey participants felt it was "Somewhat Important to Very Important" to have a connecting trail system on the Key Peninsula. (72.9 %; 229/314)
- There are currently no developed parks in the 98351 zip code. .
- Key Pen Parks should acquire properties via long term lease, easement, or purchase that that adjoin property currently controlled by Key Pen Parks in order to provide connectivity.
- The demand for sports fields can be met by building one new field; for example if a new all-purpose field was built with synthetic turf surface and lights, it would also meet the demand of baseball, soccer, and football fields.

Approach

This plan analyzes the supply, demand, and need for public recreation facilities and services within the Key Peninsula. The inventory includes a comprehensive assessment of public and private facilities and agencies within the Key Peninsula. The development strategies proposed for the Key Pen Parks are the result of this comprehensive analysis. Generally, the proposed strategies recommend focusing resources where park and recreation needs are most critical, and where the efforts will be most effective.



Maple Hollow Beach

Chapter 1: Introduction

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District, Key Pen Parks, was formed in May, 2004 to provide locally governed parks and recreation facilities for the citizens of the Key Peninsula. It replaced the financially challenged 30 year old Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District.

History

- May 2004: The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District, Key Pen Parks, was formed by a special election.
- October 2004: Key Pen Parks' purchased Volunteer Park and Home property from previous recreation district, Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation District.
- August 2007: Volunteer Park Field 1 Renovated.
- December 2007: First Comprehensive Plan 2007-2013 was adopted.
- February 2008: Taylor Bay Property was acquired.
- September 2008: Home Park playground and picnic shelter were erected.
- November 2009: Minter Creek Property was acquired.
- June 2009: 360 Trails and Maple Hollow Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) trust land properties were leased to Key Pen Parks for 50 years.
- May 2010: Maple Hollow renovation was completed.
- June 2011: Key Central Forest Washington State DNR trust land property was leased to Key Pen Parks for 50 years.
- May 2012: Playground was erected at Key Peninsula Civic Center.
- June 2012: Gateway Property was acquired.
- September 2012: Property adjacent to Key Central Forest was acquired for future access development.
- December 2013: Picnic shelter was erected at Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Planning Process

Key Pen Park's Park System Comprehensive Plan is designed to provide guidance for short and long range projects to the elected Board of Commissioners, staff and the public. This plan identifies the Key Peninsula's park, facility and programming needs for the future and builds upon the previous 2007-2013 plan. The planning process was divided into five of the six required elements.

1. Public Involvement
2. Goals and Objectives
3. Inventory
4. Demand and Need Analysis
5. Capital Improvement Plan
6. Plan adoption

Public involvement

Community input was gathered in a number of ways: communication with Board Commissioners; dialogue and collection of public comments at a series of public meetings with various community groups; and an online park system survey (see Appendix).

- The planning process was overseen by the Executive Director of Key Pen Parks with the assistance of Key Pen Park's staff and the Board of Commissioners.
- At the beginning of the update process, the Board of Commissioners reviewed, refined and approved survey questions drafted by Key Pen Parks staff.
- The online survey ran from March 2013 through April 2013.
- The online survey was publicized via the following methods:
 - Public meetings attended by Key Pen Parks staff and Board of Commissioners.
 - Notices on Key Pen Parks' social media account on Facebook.
 - Key Peninsula News ad which is distributed to 9000 residents of the Key Peninsula every month.
 - Key Pen Park's website.
 - E-newsletters.
 - Direct e-mails to past program attendees, interested citizens and Key Peninsula Little League.
- Public Service Announcements (PSA's) were included in the Key Peninsula News.
- Post cards with the web address of the survey were made available at public meetings attended by park staff.
- The Park System Comprehensive Plan was listed as an agenda item for multiple regularly scheduled and two specially scheduled Park Board Meetings throughout the planning process to review inventory, goals and objectives, survey creation and results, level of service, demand and needs analysis, capital improvement plan, and funding strategies.

Interpretation

Key Pen Parks Park System Comprehensive Plan is one of a series of plans for the Key Peninsula. This plan does not directly address the same issues that are the subject of other plans; however these other plans may have relevance to the implementation of the objectives, concepts, and proposed projects contained herein. The Key Peninsula Community Plan, a Component of the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan, particularly impacts this plan and will be considered important in the planning of physical facilities and improvements. Any proposed improvements within the Key Pen Parks system will be implemented with consideration of local state parks facility improvements discussed in the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission's South Sound CAMP Project.

Chapter 2: Goals and objectives

The following goals and objectives are based on an analysis of existing park, recreation, and open space conditions, the results of the park system survey of April 2013 found in Appendixes and the information in the “Key Peninsula Comprehensive Plan a Component of the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan” found in Appendixes. Please note, Key Pen Parks goals and objectives do not replace the policies in the “Key Peninsula Community Plan a Component of the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan” rather they amplify the policies which are referenced therein.

Open spaces and preserves

- Develop a high quality, diversified park and open space system that preserves and enhances significant environmental resources and features.
- Define and conserve a system of open space corridors or separators to provide definition between natural areas and commercial and residential land uses.
- Increase natural area and open space linkages.
- Acquire and/or preserve environmentally sensitive areas as natural area linkages and separators to provide definition between natural areas and commercial and residential land uses.
- Cooperate with other public and private agencies, and with private landowners to set-aside land and resources necessary to provide high quality, convenient park and recreational facilities before the most suitable sites are lost to development.
- Work with Pierce County and State of Washington agencies and departments to increase access to public lands.

Trail Systems

Develop a high quality interconnected system of linear parks/trails and corridors that connect significant environmental features, public facilities and developed local communities and business districts.

- Cooperate with other public and private entities to enhance water access to salt and freshwater bodies of interest to non-motorized water craft users.
- Create an interconnected off-road multipurpose trail system which provides access to environmental corridors, natural areas, historic sites, scenic vistas, parks, public facilities, local business districts and other trail corridors.
- Identify and support an on-road bicycle route system which provides access to historic areas, scenic vistas, parks, public facilities, and business districts for local resident commuter and recreational biking enthusiasts. Support linking local on-road bicycle routes with regional routes to provide opportunities for extended touring opportunities for local and regional enthusiasts alike.
- Create trailhead improvements that furnish trail systems with appropriate supporting services including interpretive and directory signage systems,

- maps, rest stops, potable water, restrooms, parking and loading areas, and other services.
- Where appropriate locate trailheads at, or in conjunction with, park sites, schools, and other community facilities to increase local area access to the trail system and reduce duplication of supporting improvements.
- Develop trail improvements to design and development standards which are easy to maintain and access by maintenance, security, and other appropriate personnel, equipment, and vehicles.

Wildlife resources

Incorporate natural areas, habitat features and resources into the park and open space system to protect threatened species, preserve habitat, and retain migration corridors that are unique and important to local wildlife.

Natural areas

- Preserve and protect significant environmental features including wetlands, meadows, woodlands, shorelines, waterfront uplands and other physical features that support wildlife and reflect Key Peninsula's natural heritage.
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas and sites that are especially unique to the Key Peninsula and provide public access in an ecologically sound manner.

Community Parks and Pocket Parks

Develop community parks and pocket parks that provide easy access to basic park and playground facilities across the Key Peninsula.

Recreational Facilities

Develop a high quality, diversified recreation system that provides for all ages and interest groups, and enhances regional resources and facilities across the Key Peninsula. Promote and encourage use of existing facilities.

Waterfront access and facilities

- Cooperate with governmental and non-governmental agencies, home owners associations and private developers to acquire and/or preserve additional shoreline access for waterfront fishing, wading, swimming, motorized boating, and other related recreational activities and pursuits.
- Assist in the development of watercraft access opportunities for motorized and non-motorized watercraft.

Athletic and Event facilities

- Develop athletic facilities that meet the applicable competitive playing standards and requirements for various age groups, skill levels, and recreational interests.
- Provide space and utilities (water, electricity, parking, etc. for use by groups wishing to conduct appropriate expositions, community fairs etc.

- Partner, where appropriate, in the development of a select number of facilities that provide a high competitive level of local and regional athletic events and opportunities, in conjunction with Pen Met Parks and Peninsula School District.
- Major facility development may be long-term (within the next 30 years).

Indoor facilities

Coordinate with other public and private agencies/groups to expand public access to, and use of, existing meeting rooms, class rooms, recreational facilities and theatrical facilities.

Recreational programs

Continue development of high quality recreational programs and services that meet community group needs.

Athletic programs

Promote various public and private athletic programs that support local interests.

Cultural arts programs and resources

Support, where practical, Key Peninsula public and private artistic and cultural resources.

Historic

Where practical include historic features, areas, artifacts and motifs in the Key Peninsula Park System.

Special purpose facilities

Develop quality facilities that meet the interests of the community.

- Special purpose facilities may include dog parks, additional ball fields, a fairground and event center, equestrian-use-only facilities and any other facility designed for a limited purpose.
- Special use facility construction initiation may be beyond the operational time scope of this plan (up to 30 years).
- Partner with private investors to develop commercially viable enterprises, such as zip line, terrestrial and aerial/tree-top challenge courses, equipment rental, restaurant and food service business, which enhance end users' recreational experiences.

Design and access standards

Design and develop facilities that are accessible, environmentally friendly, safe, and maintainable within available resources, with life-cycle features that best balance long term costs and benefits within the assigned resources.

Accessibility

- o Compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be implemented as facilities are upgraded, renovated, redeveloped or constructed.
- o Develop outdoor picnic areas, fields, courts, playgrounds, certain trails, parking lots, restrooms, and other active and supporting facilities to be accessible, where possible, to individuals and organized groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and activity interests - especially at sites with significant interpretive opportunities. (It should be understood that many equestrian, bicycle and hiking trails are activity specific and not compatible with the aforementioned accessibility objective.)
- o Develop indoor facility spaces, activity rooms, restrooms, hallways, parking lots, and other active and supporting spaces and improvements to be accessible to individuals and organized groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and activity interests, but not to the detriment of the use of existing facilities available to the public.

Maintenance

- Use low maintenance and appropriate capacity design standards and capabilities to reduce overall facility maintenance and operation requirements and costs.
- Where appropriate, institute standards for low maintenance materials, settings or other value engineering considerations that reduce care and security requirements, and retain natural conditions and experiences.
- Evaluate life cycle costs when selecting materials and equipment.
- Use appropriate national, state and local design and development standards to improve developed park facility safety and security features for park users, Key Pen Parks' staff, and the public-at-large.
- Continue safety procedures and programs that provide proper training and awareness for Key Pen Parks' staff. Safety is the primary priority of the district staff.
- Define, disseminate and enforce rules and regulations concerning park activities and operations that protect user groups, Key Pen Parks' staff, and the public-at-large.
- Where appropriate, continue adopt-a-park programs, community park watches, park pals, park patrols, and other innovative programs that increase safety and security awareness and visibility.
- Coordinate with the Pierce County Sheriff for law enforcement on district property.

2013 Parks Appreciation Day



Financial resources and coordination

Utilize effective and efficient methods of acquiring, developing, operating, and maintaining facilities and programs that equitably distribute costs to public and private interests.

Finance

- Continue use of innovative methods, such as private donations or inter-local agreements, to finance facility development, maintenance, and operating needs in order to reduce costs, retain financial flexibility, match user benefits and interests, and increase facility services.
- Continue joint ventures with other public and private agencies including, Peninsula School District, Pen Met Parks, Pierce County, Kitsap County, City of Gig Harbor, Key Pen Parks Foundation, Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, Longbranch Improvement Club regional, state, federal and other public and private agencies including for-profit concessionaires where feasible and advantageous to the Key Pen Parks.

Cost/benefit assessment

- Utilize effective and efficient methods of acquiring, developing, operating, and maintaining park and recreational facilities in manners that equitably ascertain costs and benefits to the general public.
- Continue recreational programs that serve the broadest needs of the population, recovering program and operational costs through a combination of registration fees, user fees, grants, sponsorships, donations, scholarships, volunteer efforts, and the use of general funding as appropriate.
- Where appropriate and as capacity allows, provide recreational programs for those interested groups who are willing to finance the cost through user fees, registration fees, volunteer efforts or other means.

Tourism

With full knowledge of the economic and geographical challenges facing the Key Peninsula, and in recognition of the profound positive impact tourism can have on a community, Key Pen Metro Parks staff encourages, solicits and promotes tourism within the system parks and facilities.

Dog agility at Volunteer Park





Chapter 3: Inventory

(A Key Peninsula Area Inventory Matrix is include in appendix C)

Facilities Administered by Key Pen Parks

Volunteer Park

Park/Facility Description: this 20.7acre park is located approximately in the middle of Key Peninsula could be a potential north-south link in future Head-to-Toe Trail. The park provides a mix of active and passive use areas with three baseball fields (one adult/two youth), a large grass area, amphitheater, horseshoe pits, skate park, half-court basketball hoop, batting cage, play area, picnic shelter, 9-hole disc golf course, 1/4 mile paved walking path, concession stand, restrooms, maintenance shop, and park office. Programs and Activities at the site: Key Peninsula Little League; skateboarding, basketball, disc golf, picnicking, social interaction, walking, horseshoe throwing, dog walking, youth playground activities, youth day camps, youth summer camps, outdoor movies and special events.

Condition: facilities at this site are in fair condition.

Home Park

Park/Facility Description: this 1.75 acre park was completed in the fall of 2008 to include a playground, swings, picnic shelter and concrete vault restroom. The neighborhood park has been a tremendous asset to the community and is enjoyed as a gathering place for youth and adults.

Programs and Activities at the site: social interactions, geo-caching, playground, and picnicking.

Condition: facilities at this site are in good condition.

Taylor Bay

Park/Facility Description: this 39 acre property comprised of three parcels has over 600 feet of shoreline access to Taylor Bay. In addition to shoreline, the property characteristics include wetlands, a significant pocket estuary, hard sand and mudflats, lagoon, salt marshes, a small creek, a larger creek, forested uplands, riparian areas and patches of open meadows. Future plans for the property could include picnic shelter, water access for kayaking, hiking, and potential north-south link in future Head-to-Toe Trail.

Programs and Activities at the site: picnicking and beach combing, swimming.

Condition: facilities (two car garage) are in fair condition.

Gateway Park

Park/Facility Description: this almost 39 acre property, located in the northern area of the Key Peninsula along State Route 302, is comprised of two parcels and was acquired in the summer of 2012. The majority of the property is fairly level, with areas of rolling hills and Little Minter Creek meandering through it. The property will be used as access point for the 360 Trails by providing parking (including for horse trailers), and restrooms for hikers, bikers and riders and be the northern trail head of future Head-to-Toe Trail. In addition, the site could feature picnic areas, community garden, playground, multipurpose fields for active recreation (team sport fields), a location for equestrian sports, a location for special events, and maintenance operations area to support the property.

Programs and Activities at the site: special events, walking, mountain biking, horseback riding.

Condition: facilities at this site include farm house, barn and outbuilding and are in fair condition with limited public access at this time.

Minter Creek

Park/Facility Description: this 5 acre undeveloped property slopes down to Minter Creek and has 160ft of estuarine shoreline. The property was acquired with three main goals of providing public access to water, protecting habitat, and offering opportunities for environmental education.

Programs and Activities at the site: public access to water, bird watching, and fishing.

Condition: public facilities at this site have not yet been developed.

Future Key Central Forest Access

Park/Facility Description: this 4.90 acre undeveloped property was purchased in 2012 as a potential trailhead and parking area to 480 acre Key Central Forest. Future plans for this property could include trailhead parking, vault restroom, and informational kiosk.

Programs and Activities at the site: none.

Condition public: facilities at this site have not yet been developed.

The following properties are owned by Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Key Pen Parks will manage the properties until at least 2059.

Maple Hollow Park

Park/Facility Description: this 58-acre site offers 1.5 miles of walking trails, 300 foot ADA trail to scenic view of Mount Rainier, vault restroom, kiosks, picnic tables, tent pads and access to 1400 feet of saltwater beach on Carr Inlet. The park could be a potential eastern spur to future Head-to-Toe Trail.

Programs and Activities at the site: camping, beachcombing hiking, boating, bird watching, sailing, fishing, swimming, kayaking, picnic shelter, geo-caching, scenic vistas, and picnicking.

Condition: Excellent.

360 Trails

Park/Facility Description: this 360 acre site includes a small trailhead parking area, over 4 miles of mixed use trails, mountain biking trails, picnic tables, benches, and seasonal portable restroom. The site could be a potential east-west link to future Head-to-Toe Trail.

Programs and Activities at the site: walking, running, mountain biking, equestrian activities, geo-caching, dog walking, special events, and bird watching.

Condition: The network of trails is overall in good condition; public road access is challenging.

Key Central Forest (KCF)

Park/Facility Description: this 480 acre property of undeveloped land is located near Key Center with a network of social trails and logging roads. Current public road access is very challenging from the east. The property could be a potential north-south link in future Head-to-Toe Trail.

Programs and Activities at the site: walking, running, mountain biking, equestrian activities, dog walking, and geo-caching.

Condition: public facilities at this site have not yet been developed.

The following property is owned by Pierce County and Key Pen Parks has 5 year lease that began in 2011.

Rocky Creek Conservation Area

Park/Facility Description: this 224 acre site includes 2-vehicle parking areas, trailhead, close to 2 miles of trails, kiosk, and benches. The forested canopy is a mixture of Fir, Hemlock, Alder, and Maple with a wetland area and two streams (Glee Creek and East Fork of Rocky Creek). The property could be a potential north-south link in future Head-to-Toe Trail.

Programs and Activities at the site: walking, running, mountain biking, equestrian activities, geo-caching, dog walking and bird watching.

Condition: Fair.

Trillium taken in Rock Creek



Many other parks and recreation facilities, programs, and operations exist across the Key Peninsula under the auspices of other organizations and entities. Those facilities are overlaid on the preceding map of the Key Peninsula and are described below to fully detail the scope of parks and recreation opportunities available to the citizens of the Key Peninsula. Many of the following are regional in nature.

Facilities Administered by Washington State Parks

Penrose Point State Park

Park/Facility Description: this 162 acre marine and camping park on the shores of Puget Sound has over two miles of saltwater frontage on Mayo Cove and Carr Inlet. The park has 83 tent spaces, (no hook-up sites) one dump station, three restrooms (two with showers) and group camping area. Boaters can anchor to one of 5 moorage buoys. The park also features close to 4 miles of trails with views of Mayo Cove and Carr Inlet. **The park could be a potential eastern spur in future Head-to Toe Trail.**

Programs and Activities at the site: camping, beach combing, hiking, boating, bird watching, sailing, fishing, swimming, shell fish harvesting, canoe access, picnic shelter, and picnic area

Condition: Facilities at this site are in fair overall condition.

Joemma Beach State Park

Park/Facility Description: A 122-acre marine camping park with 3,000 feet of saltwater frontage on Case Inlet. The park has 19 tent spaces and five vault toilets (all ADA). In addition, there are two water trail sites (available only to campers arriving by human-powered watercraft) and two primitive hiker/biker sites (no motorized vehicles permitted). There is a 5 finger dock/float, moorage buoys and boat launch that boaters can use. **The park could be a potential western spur in future Head-to Toe Trail.**

Programs and Activities at the site: camping, beach combing, hiking, boating, sailing, fishing, swimming, canoe access, crabbing, shellfish harvesting, picnic shelter, picnic area, moorage buoy, metal detecting, and boat launch.

Condition: Facilities at this site are in fair overall condition.

Haley Property

Park/Facility Description: is a 178 acre undeveloped property on the east side of Case Inlet, 1980 feet of saltwater shoreline and 2900 feet of freshwater shoreline. **The property could be a potential north-south link in future Head-to Toe Trail.**

Programs and Activities at the site: None

Condition: public facilities at this site have not yet been developed

Facilities Administered by Washington State Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Division

Dutcher Cove

Park/Facility Description: 26 acres tidelands only accessible by boat on the east side of Case Inlet.

Programs and Activities at the site: clawing.

Condition: no public facilities.

Facilities Administered by Washington State Fish & Wildlife

Bay Lake Boat Launch

Park/Facility Description: There is a rough gravel boat launch, restroom, and parking. Internal combustion engines are allowed. The site is also accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Programs and Activities at the site: freshwater fishing.

Condition: Fair.

Carney Lake

Park/Facility Description: There is a primitive ramp and toilet facilities. Internal combustion engines are prohibited.

Programs and Activities at the site: fresh water fishing.

Condition: Fair.

Horseshoe Lake

Park/Facility Description: There is a concrete gravel boat launch, restroom, and parking. Internal combustion engines are allowed. The site is also accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Programs and Activities at the site: freshwater fishing

Condition: Fair

Jackson Lake Boat Launch

Park/Facility Description: There is a rough gravel boat launch, restroom, and parking. Internal combustion engines are allowed. The site is also accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Programs and Activities at the site: freshwater fishing.

Condition: Fair.

Facilities Administered by Pierce County (Parks & Public Works Departments)

Purdy Spit and Boat Launch (SR 302 and Goodrich DR NW)

Park/Facility Description: undeveloped property with 3/4 miles beach along SR 302.

Programs and Activities at the site: Windsurfing, picnicking, swimming, beachcombing, boating, bird watching, sailing, fishing, and kayaking access.

Condition: Fair; parking along SR 302 shoulder.

Devil's Head

Park/Facility Description: undeveloped 94 acre property with about a mile shoreline. Other site characteristics include two bald eagle nesting sites, wetlands, active feeder bluffs for beach regeneration, near-shore salmon habitat, old growth and second growth timber, early succession forest, forested riparian habitat and a pocket estuary. The property could be used as a regional park for passive recreational use, including shoreline access for non-motorized boats and kayaking, trails, hiking and beach walking, and protection of wildlife and habitat. The property provides a scenic view of Mount Rainier and the Olympic Mountains. The property could be the southern trail head of future Head-to-Toe Trail.

Programs and Activities at the site: None.

Condition: public facilities at this site have not yet been developed.

Home (A Street) Boat Launch

Park/Facility Description: The boat launch was renovated in the summer of 2013 with concrete panels.

Programs and Activities at the site: boating.

Condition: Good.

Vaughn (Hall Road) Boat Launch

Park/Facility Description: The boat launch was renovated in the summer of 2012 with concrete panels.

Programs and Activities at the site: boating.

Condition: Good.

Longbranch (72nd ST KPS) Boat Launch

Park/Facility Description: The boat launch was renovated in the fall of 2012 with concrete panels.

Programs and Activities at the site: boating.

Condition: Good.

Herron Island Ferry

Park/Facility Description: Ferry dock, parking lot and 100 to 200 feet of saltwater beachfront on Case Inlet adjacent to ferry dock.

Programs and Activities at the site: ferry access, beachcombing, picnicking.

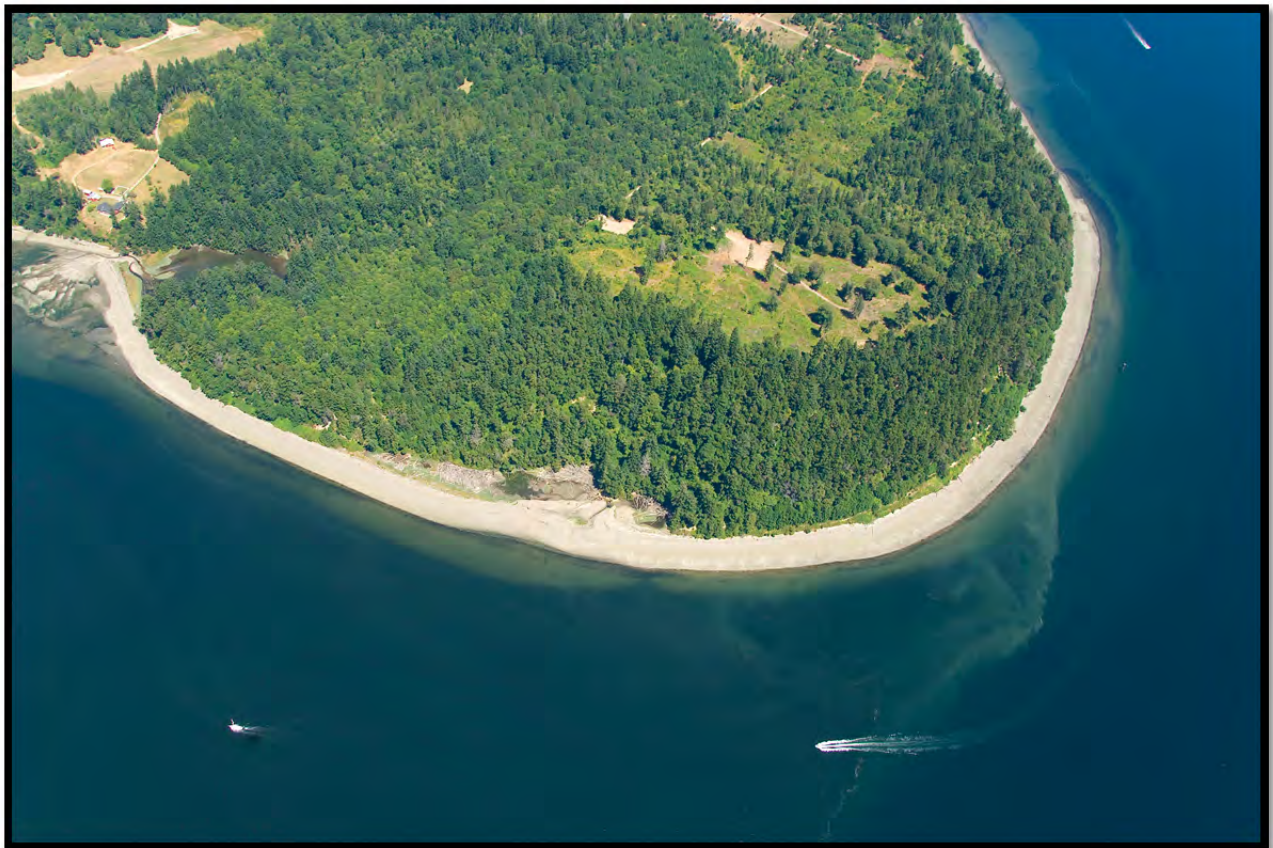
Condition: fair.

Facilities Administered by Kitsap County Parks

Horseshoe Lake

Park/Facility Description: This 39 acre park is located in south Kitsap County just outside of the Key Pen Parks jurisdiction and provides fresh water lake access with: swimming area, dock, walking trails, picnic areas, BBQ, playgrounds, ball field, sand volleyball courts and restrooms. Key Pen Parks has jointly cooperated in summer maintenance of this park in 2012, 2013 and budgeted funds for 2014 due to lack of similar property on the Key Peninsula.

Condition: fair.



Devils Head

Facilities Administered by Peninsula School District

Evergreen Elementary School

Park/Facility Description: The 9.9 acre school site is located on the south end of the Key Peninsula along the Key Peninsula Highway. The site has a non-regulation soccer field, grass area, and playground equipment. The school site could be a possible north-south link in future Head-to-Toe Trail.

Programs and Activities at the site: basketball, soccer, running; youth playground activities; special events

Condition: public and semi-public areas at this site are in fair to good overall condition. Soccer fields at the site are generally suited more for practice than for formal competition.

Key Peninsula Middle School

Park/Facility Description: The 76 acre school site is located along Key Peninsula Highway next to Volunteer Park. The site has one regulation football/soccer field, quarter mile running track, large grass field area that can be used for soccer or baseball practice, and half basketball court. The school site could be a possible north-south link in future Head-to-Toe Trail.

Programs and Activities at the site: baseball, softball, football, soccer, track, camps and special events

Condition: Public and semi-public areas at this site are in fair condition. The large field area is not maintained on a regular basis and is generally only used for practices.

Minter Creek Elementary School

Park/Facility Description: This 10 acre school site has a grass area that can be used for non-regulation soccer or baseball (soccer goals and two backstops) and playground equipment.

Programs and Activities at the site: basketball, soccer, running; youth playground activities; special events.

Condition: public and semi-public areas at this site are in fair condition. Soccer field and baseball at the site are generally suited more for practice than for formal competition.

Peninsula High School (immediately outside of service area but this is the high school that Key Peninsula students attend.)

Park/Facility Description: This 44.50 acre school site includes one synthetic soccer/football field, grass soccer field, one regulation baseball field, one fast pitch softball field, 400 meter rubber surfaced running track, competition indoor swimming pool, and 4 tennis courts.

Programs and Activities at the site: baseball leagues, camps, and instruction; softball leagues, camps, and instruction; soccer leagues, camps, and instruction; football

leagues, camps, and instruction; tennis leagues, camps, and instruction; basketball; fitness walking, hiking, running; active recreation classes and special events; sports classes, training events, and competitions.

Condition: public and semi-public areas at this site are in good overall condition.

Vaughn Elementary School

Park/Facility Description: The almost 15 acre school site has two non-regulation soccer fields, one grass non-regulation baseball diamond, and playground equipment.

Programs and Activities at the site: basketball, soccer, running; youth playground activities; special events.

Condition: public and semi-public areas at this site are in fair condition. Soccer field and baseball at the site are generally suited more for practice than for formal competition.



Home Park

Facilities Administered by Other Entities for Public Use

Horseshoe Lake Golf Course (just outside service area)

Park/Facility Description: Horseshoe Lake Golf Course was established by Robert Roland in 1992. The 18-hole public course was designed by Jim Richardson and built by Fore Inc. Located on the Kitsap County line near Gig Harbor and Port Orchard the course is adjacent to the north boarder of 360 Trails. Has public restaurant/club house/pro-shop. Horseshoe Lake Golf Course offers sweeping views of forests and ravines.

Programs and Activities at the site: Golf.

Condition: Fair.

Lakebay Marina

Park/Facility Description: Lakebay Marina is one of the last Mosquito Fleet Marinas in the Puget Sound. The Marina offers daily, weekly or monthly moorage, boat launch, gas dock, cabins, RV sites and cage/store.

Programs and Activities at the site: Marina

Condition: Fair to Poor.

Key Peninsula Civic Center

Park/Facility Description: This 3.75 acre parcel in Vaughn includes a small grass field, playground equipment, picnic shelter, tennis courts, three meetings rooms, gym with stage, commercial kitchen, garden, and museum and office space for various organizations.

Programs and Activities at the site: playground equipment, tennis court, basketball hoop, roller skating activities, family, concerts, plays, meetings, dances, socials, and other special events

Condition: public facilities at this site are in fair condition

Longbranch Improvement Club and Marina (LIC)

Park/Facility Description: This 10 acre site in Longbranch was created in 1921 for the “purpose to purchase real estate for recreation and for a consolidated school”. The LIC has continued in this tradition with the addition of gym built in 1939 by WPA and a floating dock with moorage at the same location as the original 1885 wharf. The site includes clubhouse with large ballroom and stage, meeting room, restrooms, and kitchen; field for outdoor events, a softball field, and generous parking. The club also manages a marina on Filucy Bay with 760 feet of public moorage with basic amenities: fresh water, electrical hookups, toilets and garbage disposal. The property could be a potential north-south link in future Head-to-Toe Trail.

Programs and Activities at the site: family functions, concerts, plays, meetings, dances, socials, and other special events.

Condition: public facilities at this site are in fair condition.

Facilities Administered by Other Private/Non-Profit Entities, Where Limited Public Use Are Allowed

YMCA Camp Seymour (YMCA of Pierce / Kitsap County)

Park/Facility Description: 125 acre site with yurts, cabins, new dining hall/kitchen (opened April 2013), waterfront pier, picnic area, campfire circles, canoes and kayaks, challenge course, initiatives area, climbing wall, gaga ball, volleyball court, pickle ball court, basketball court, games field, beach, estuary, heated outdoor swimming pool, environmental center, classroom.

Programs and Activities at the site: residential day and overnight camps, environmental education, climbing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, picnicking.

Condition: Fair to good.

YMCA Camp Coleman (YMCA of Seattle/King County)

Park/Facility Description: This 98 site allows for off season rental to groups and includes: yurt, cabins, dining hall, row boat dock, volleyball court, picnic area, campfire circles, sand spit, canoes, challenge course, basketball court, ball field, gaga ball, initiatives course, putt putt golf, archery, giant swing, climbing wall, badminton court, pickle ball court, beach, estuary.

Programs and Activities at the site: residential overnight camps environmental education, climbing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming.

Condition: Fair

Miracle Ranch (Crista Family of Ministries)

Park/Facility Description: This 70 acre western style camp site began in 1960 along the shores of Horseshoe Lake. The property has lake access, horse barn, arena, ropes course, archery, walking/horse trails, sports court, meeting rooms, cabins, dock, field, and paintball area.

Programs and Activities at the site: canoeing, kayaking, swimming, picnicking, horseback riding and lesson program.

Condition: fair.

Sound View Camp (Presbytery of Olympia)

Park/Facility Description: 93 acres site located along Drayton Passage with cabins, platform tents, rustic chalets, longhouse, Calvinwood hall, dining hall, waterfront pier, volleyball court, basketball court, field, horse facility, campfire, tree house, sand spit, canoes and kayaks, challenge course, paintball field, basketball court, beach, and archery. The property is available for off season rentals.

Programs and Activities at the site: residential overnight camp, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, picnicking, archery, paintball, arts crafts, basketball, and horseback riding.

Condition: Fair.

Camp Stand by Me (Easter Seals Society of Washington)

Park/Facility Description: 20 acre site located on Vaughn Bay with A-frame cabins, dining hall, waterfront pier, heated swimming pool, hot tub, picnic area, campfire, games field, beach, estuary, basketball hoop, volleyball court, badminton court, tractor rides, arts and crafts, nature trails, archery. Property is available for season rental to groups and residents of the Key Peninsula can pay a fee to use the heated indoor pool.

Programs and Activities at the site:

Condition:

Camp Gallagher (Catholic Youth Organization of the Seattle Arch Diocese)

Park/Facility Description: 166 acre facility with 1000 feet of shoreline along Case Inlet that was mothballed in 2011. The site has open air cabins, platform tents, dining area, campfire circles, sand spit, canoes and kayaks, beach, and grass field. The facility does not offer any rentals to any other groups.

Programs and Activities at the site: summer resident camp.

Condition: fair to poor.

Delano Bay Christian Camp (Lakeview Church of Christ)

Park/Facility Description: Delano Bay Christian Camp is a 7 acre Christian Camp located on Delano Bay. The site has a Lodge/Dining Hall, two hillside lodges, cabins, RV parking, barn, basketball court, horse shoe pits, playground, and volleyball court. The property is not available for public use.

Programs and Activities at the site: canoeing, kayaking, swimming, picnicking, beach combing

Condition: fair



Running at 360 Trails

Chapter 4: Demand Analysis

Key Pen Parks owns, or manages with long-term leases from other governmental agencies 1009 acres of land on the Key Peninsula. This analysis identifies the resources of Key Pen Parks and reveals the areas in which we are or not meeting the public's needs and the need for future developments. This analysis is based on information gathered on population estimates, public meetings, a survey conducted as part of the master plan (Appendix A), survey narrative/results(Appendix B), Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), National Park Recreational Association data, other master park plan analyses, and the unique features of the Key Peninsula.

Population Report

Key Peninsula Estimated Total Population*	
Year	Total Population
2010	17,237
2011	17,324
2012	17,500
2013*	17,588
Percent Change in Population 2010-2013	2.04%
Percent Change in Population 2000-2010	15.05%

*Washington State Office of Financial Management 9/24/13

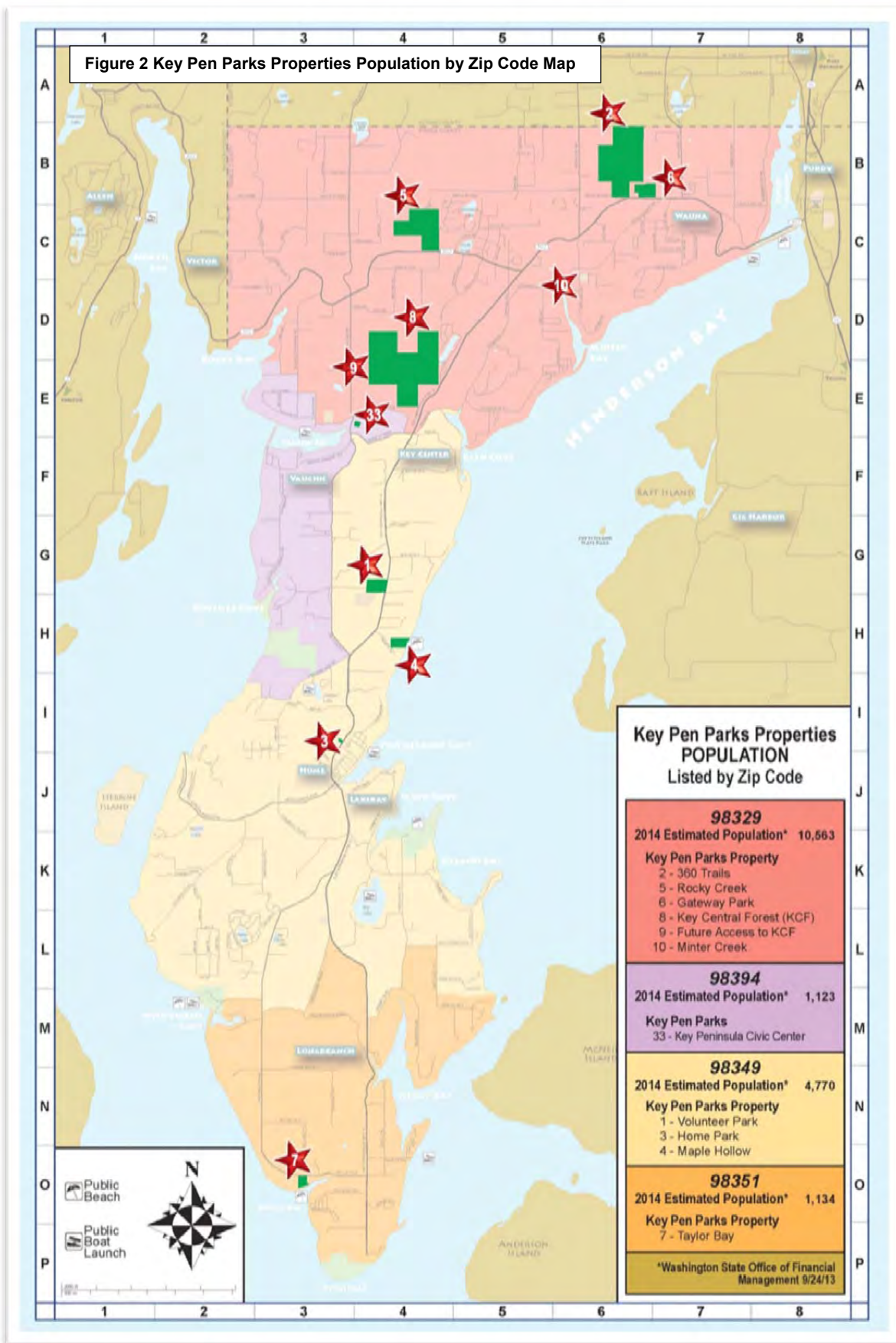
Projected Population 2019

Current Population 2013	Projected Annual Population Growth Rate	Projected Population Added During Plan	Projected Key Peninsula Population in 2019
17,588	.005% (88-90) New Annually	446	18,122

Population by Zip Code (see Figure 2 Key Pen Parks Population by Zip Code Map)

Zip Code	Estimated Population*	Change in Population 2010 to 2013	Percent Change in Population 2010 to 2013
98329	10,563	161	1.54%
98349	4,770	156	3.37%
98351	1,134	19	1.71%
98394	1,123	16	1.43%

*Washington State Office of Financial Management 9/24/13



Park/Property	Acreage	Developed or Undeveloped	Classification	Zip Code Location
Gateway	39	Undeveloped	Community/Regional	98329
360 Trails	360	Undeveloped	Regional/NOS	98329
Minter Creek	5	Undeveloped	Natural Open Space	98329
Rocky Creek Conservation Area*	224	Undeveloped	Natural Open Space (NOS)	98329
Key Central Forest (KCF)	480	Undeveloped	Natural Open Space	98329
Future KCF Access	5	Undeveloped	Natural Open Space	98329
Key Peninsula Civic Center**	2	Developed	Neighborhood	98394
Volunteer Park	20	Developed	Community	98349
Maple Hollow	58	Developed	Regional/NOS	98349
Home Park	2	Developed	Neighborhood	98349
Taylor Bay	40	Undeveloped	Regional/NOS	98349
	1235 acres***			

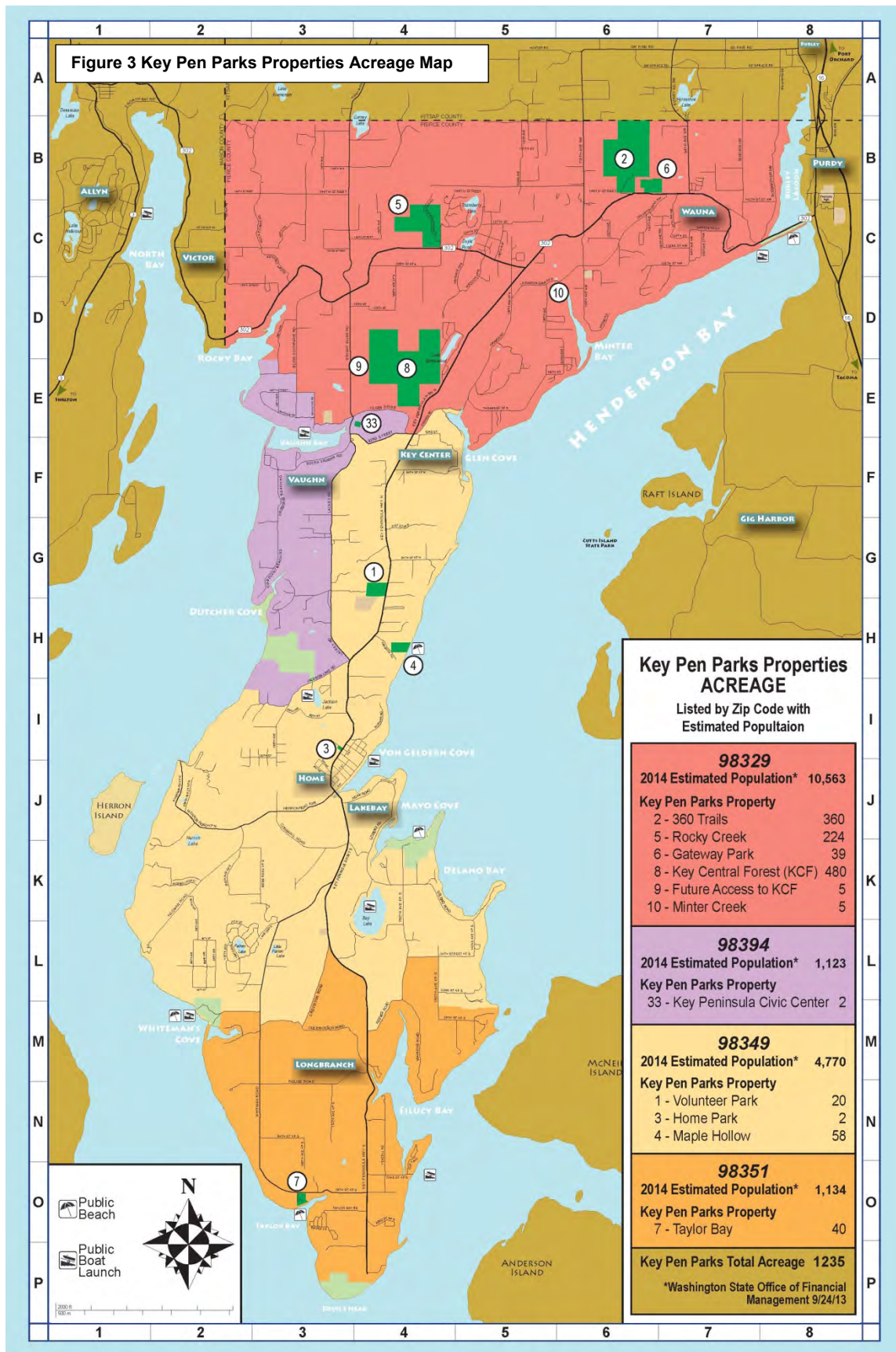
* Key Pen Parks has a lease with Pierce County that expires in 2016 and allows for a five year renewal and is therefore not included in level of service analysis.

** Key Pen Parks entered into a memorandum of understanding to construct a playground and picnic shelter on Key Peninsula Civic Center property

*** See Figure 3 Key Pen Parks Properties Acreage Map



2013 Summer Fun Run at 360 Trails



Current Level of Service

All Park/Property
(Figure 3) $\frac{1011}{17,588} \times 1000 = 57.48 \text{ acres/1000}$ **Goal is 70 acres/1000**

Regional
(Figure 4) $\frac{58}{17,588} \times 1000 = 3.30 \text{ acres/1000}$ **Goal is 5 acres/1000**

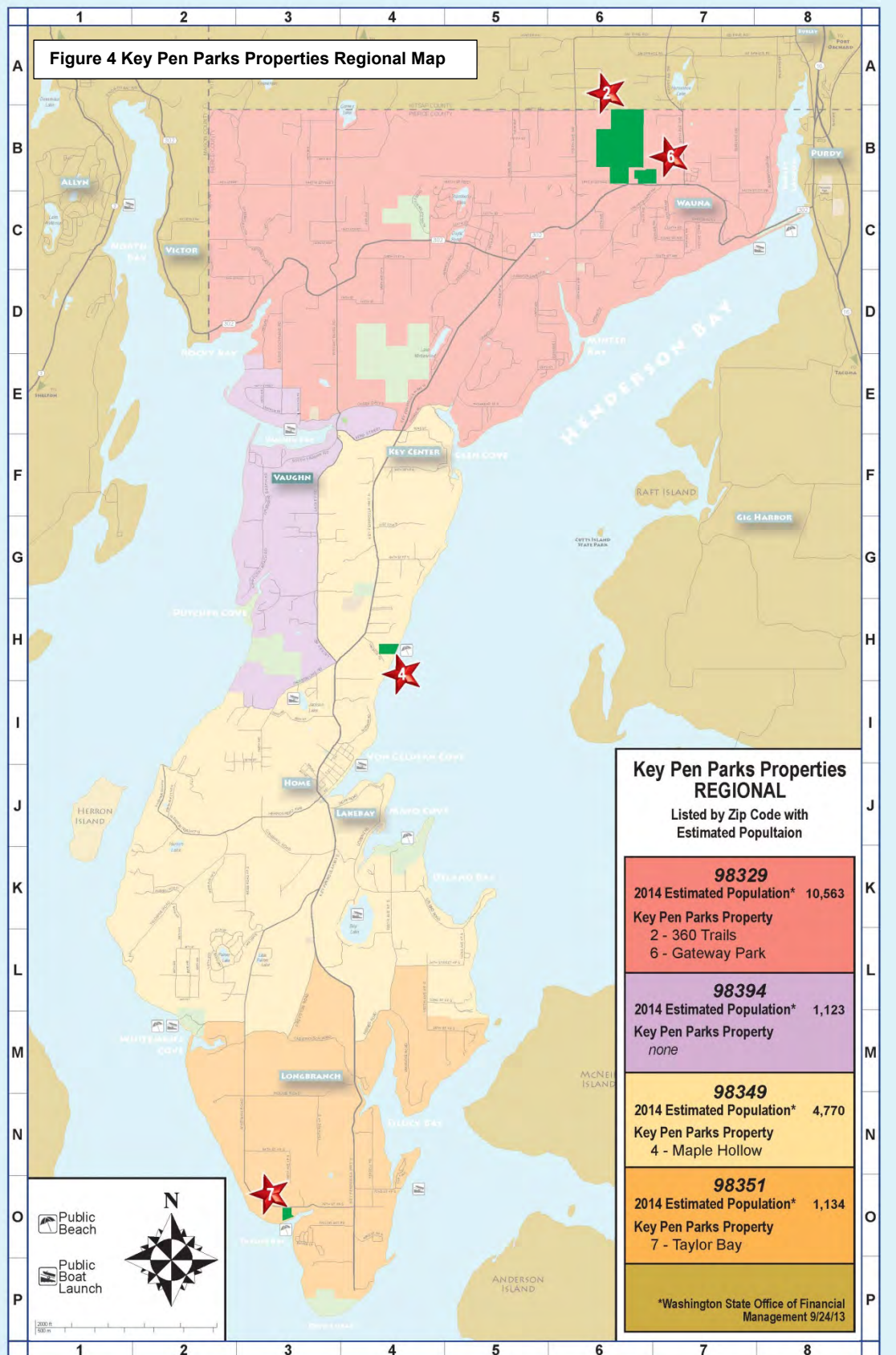
Community
(Figure 5) $\frac{20}{17,588} \times 1000 = 1.14 \text{ acres/1000}$ **Goal is 3 acres/1000**

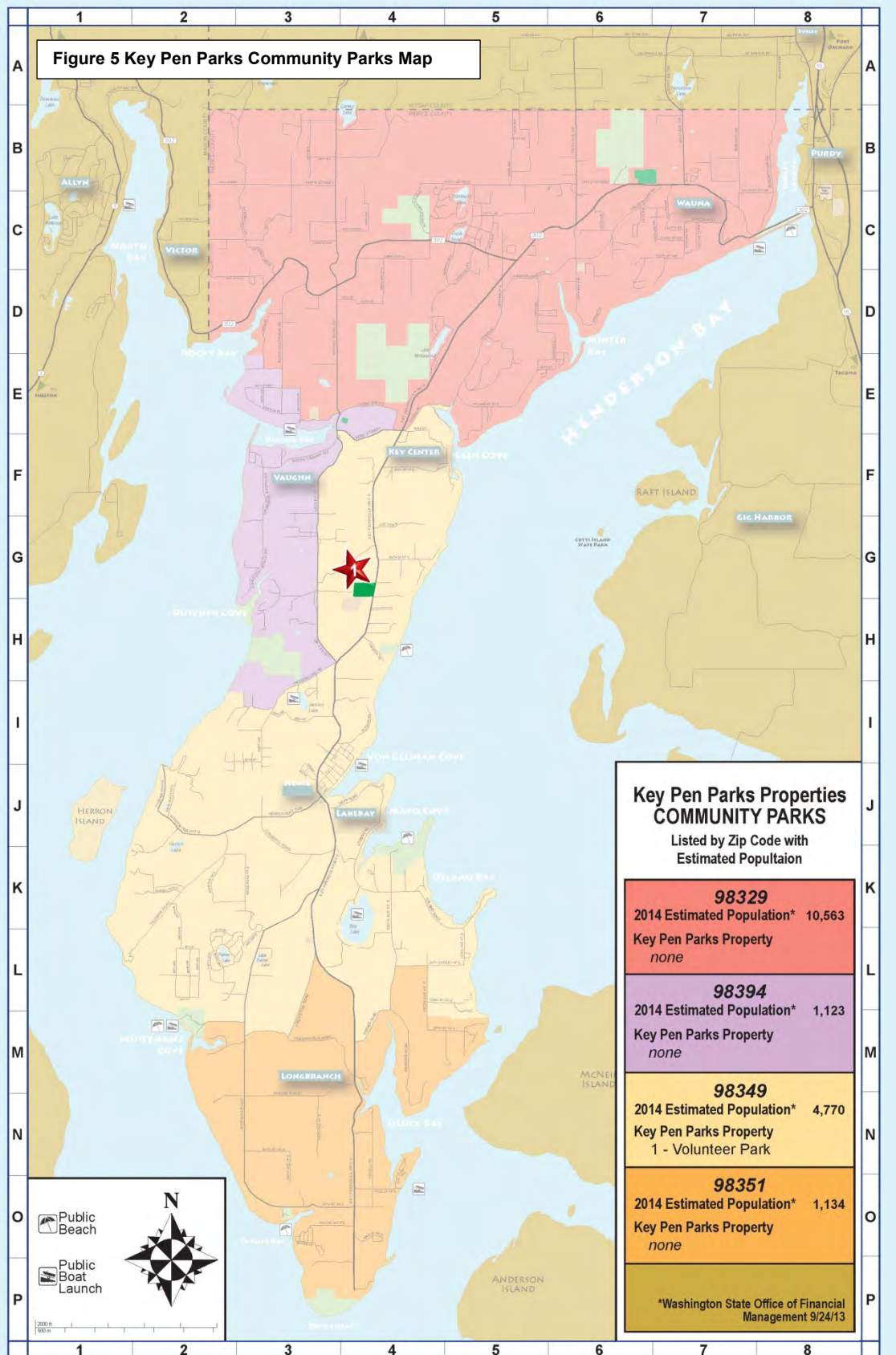
Neighborhood
(Figure 6) $\frac{4}{17,588} \times 1000 = .34 \text{ acres/1000}$ **Goal is 1 acre/1000**

Developed
(Figure 7) $\frac{82}{17,588} \times 1000 = 4.66 \text{ acres/1000}$ **Goal is 10 acres/1000**



Key Peninsula Little League Opening Day





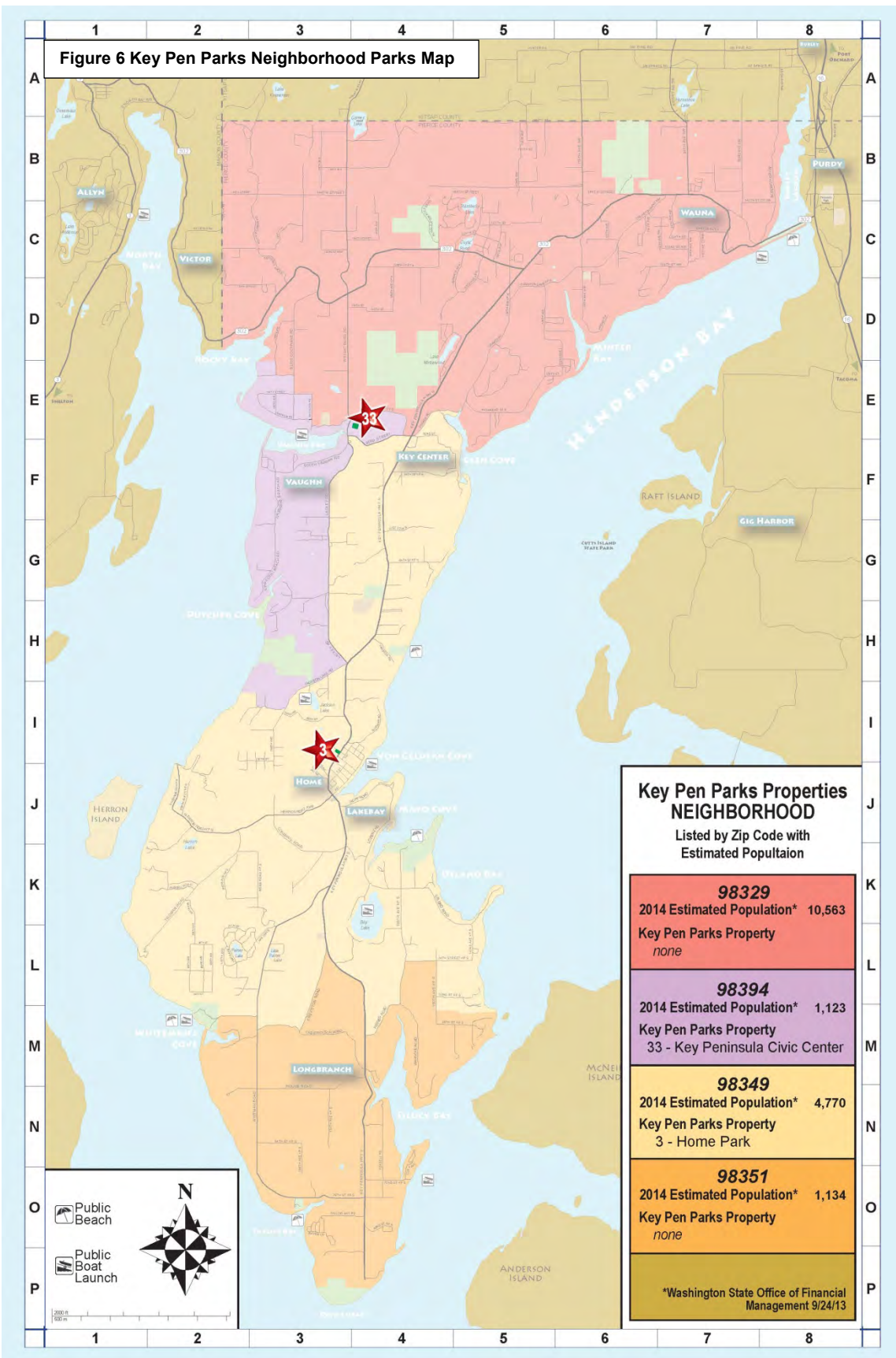
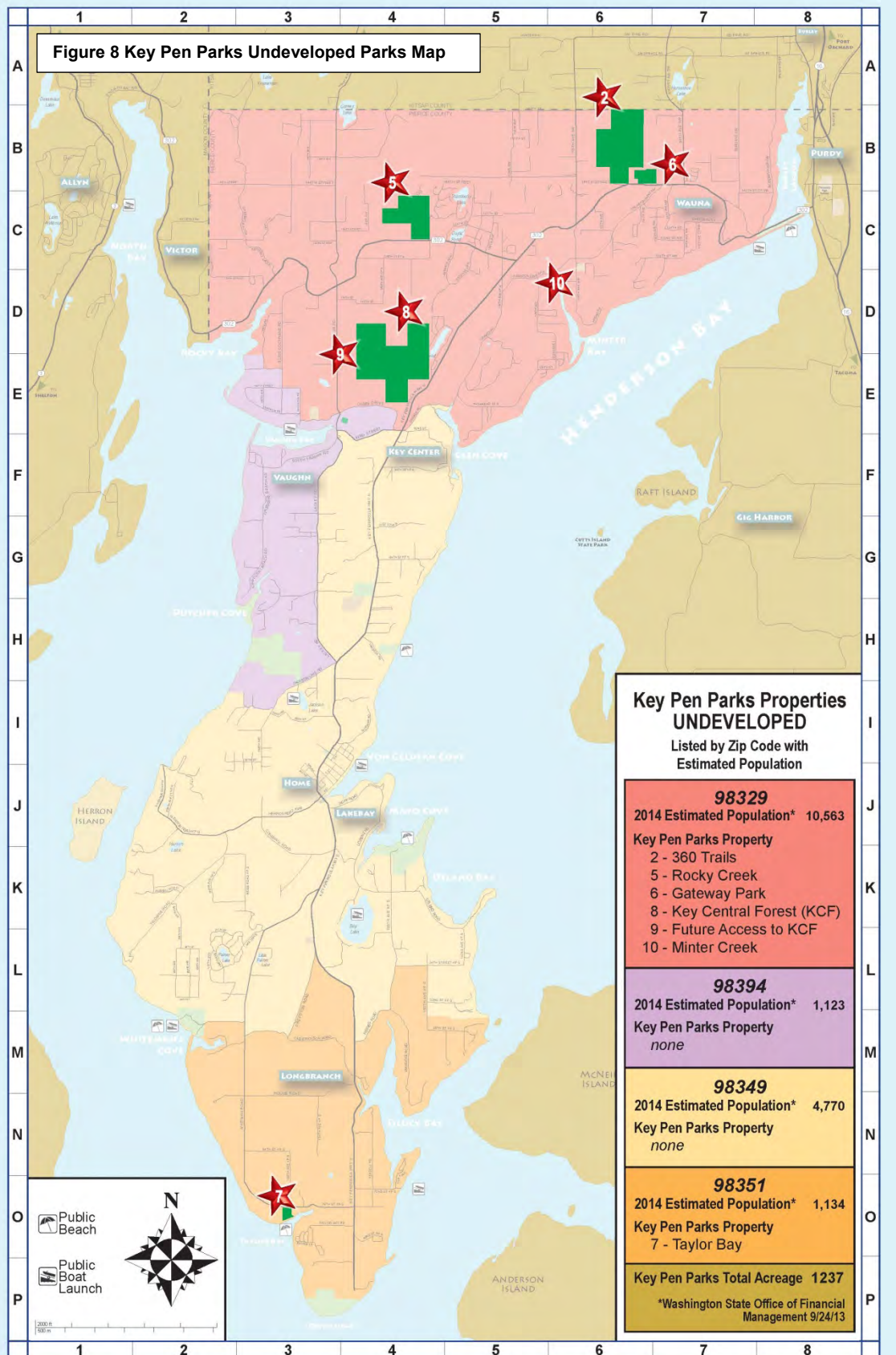


Figure 7 Key Pen Parks Developed Parks Map

Key Pen Parks Properties DEVELOPED
Listed by Zip Code with Estimated Population

Zip Code	2014 Estimated Population*	Key Pen Parks Property
98329	10,563	33 - Key Peninsula Civic Center
98394	1,123	33 - Key Peninsula Civic Center
98349	4,770	1 - Volunteer Park 3 - Home Park 4 - Maple Hollow
98351	1,134	none

*Washington State Office of Financial Management 9/24/13



Level of Service Summary (RCO LOS Tool)	
Indicators and Criteria	Grade
Number of Developed Park and Recreation Facilities	E (53%)
Facilities that Support Active Recreation	E (20%)
Facilities Capacity	D
Quality Criteria	
Agency-Based Assessment	B (75%)
Public Satisfaction	A (83%)
Distribution of Access and Criteria	
Population within Service Area	D (33.5%)
Access	E

Number of Developed Parks and Recreation Facilities: $10 - 4.66 = 5.34 / 10 = 53.40\%$

Facilities that Support Active Recreation -- $2 / 10 = 20\%$

Facilities Capacity—Key Pen Parks estimates it meets about 40% of demand for facilities and programs.

Agency-Based Assessment—Key Pen Parks feels that three out of four facilities are fully functional for their purpose, design and safety.

Public satisfaction – Mostly satisfied (102), satisfied (109), very satisfied (61) $272 / 328 = 83\%$

Population within Service Area—Four developed parks are clustered in Zip Codes 98349 and 98394 with a population of 5893. Based upon a total population of 17,588 on the Key Peninsula this equals 33.5% ($5,893 / 17,588$)

Access—Due to the rural nature of the Key Peninsula less than 20% can be accessed safely via foot, bicycle or public transportation. Private vehicle access is the only option.

Facility Type	Number of Facilities	LOS Currently Provided	Service Level Goal	Needed to Meet Goal
Baseball*	1	1field/17,588 residents	1/10,000	1
Adult Softball	1	1field/17,588 residents	1/8,000	2
Youth Baseball	3	3 fields/17,588 residents	1/4,000	2
Soccer**	1	1field/17,588 residents	1/6,000	2
Multi-Purpose	0	0 field/17,588 residents	1/12,000	2
Playground***	2	2fields/17,588 residents	1/4000	3

* Baseball and Adult Softball share one field.

** Soccer field is located at Key Peninsula Middle School.

*** Key Pen Parks entered in memorandum of understanding to construct playground and picnic shelter on Key Peninsula Civic Center property.

Volunteer Park

This 20 acre park located along the Key Peninsula Hwy adjacent to Key Peninsula Middle School and is the main park for the community. Volunteer Park is the most actively/intensively used park on the Key Peninsula and is the home field for Key Peninsula Little League.

Current Park Amenities

- Ball fields
- Playground equipment
- Skate park
- Half basketball court
- Picnic shelter
- Outdoor Amphitheater
- 9-hole disc golf course
- Horseshoe pits
- Walking/hiking trails
- Parking, restrooms, seating

Future Planned Improvements

- Refer to the Volunteer Park Master Plan adopted March 2010.

Three Community Desired improvements from Survey

- Access point for Key Peninsula Trail System (64.7%; 167/258)
- Outdoor Education/Nature Displays (38.4%; 99/258)
- Lighted Soccer Field (34.5%; 89/258)



Home Park

1.75 acre park located along Key Peninsula HWY in Home was constructed in 2008.

Current Park Amenities

- Playground equipment
- Picnic shelter
- Parking, restrooms, seating

Future Planned Improvements

- None

Two Community Desired improvements from Survey

- Outdoor Education/Nature Displays (49.1%;53/108)
- Outdoor Exercise Stations (42.6%; 46/108)



Maple Hollow

Key Peninsula Parks manages this land under a 50 year TLT lease (2009-2059) from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. This 58 acre park is located is between 44th St and Vanbeek Rd along the Key Peninsula Hwy and has views of Carr Inlet and Mt. Rainier.

Current Park Amenities

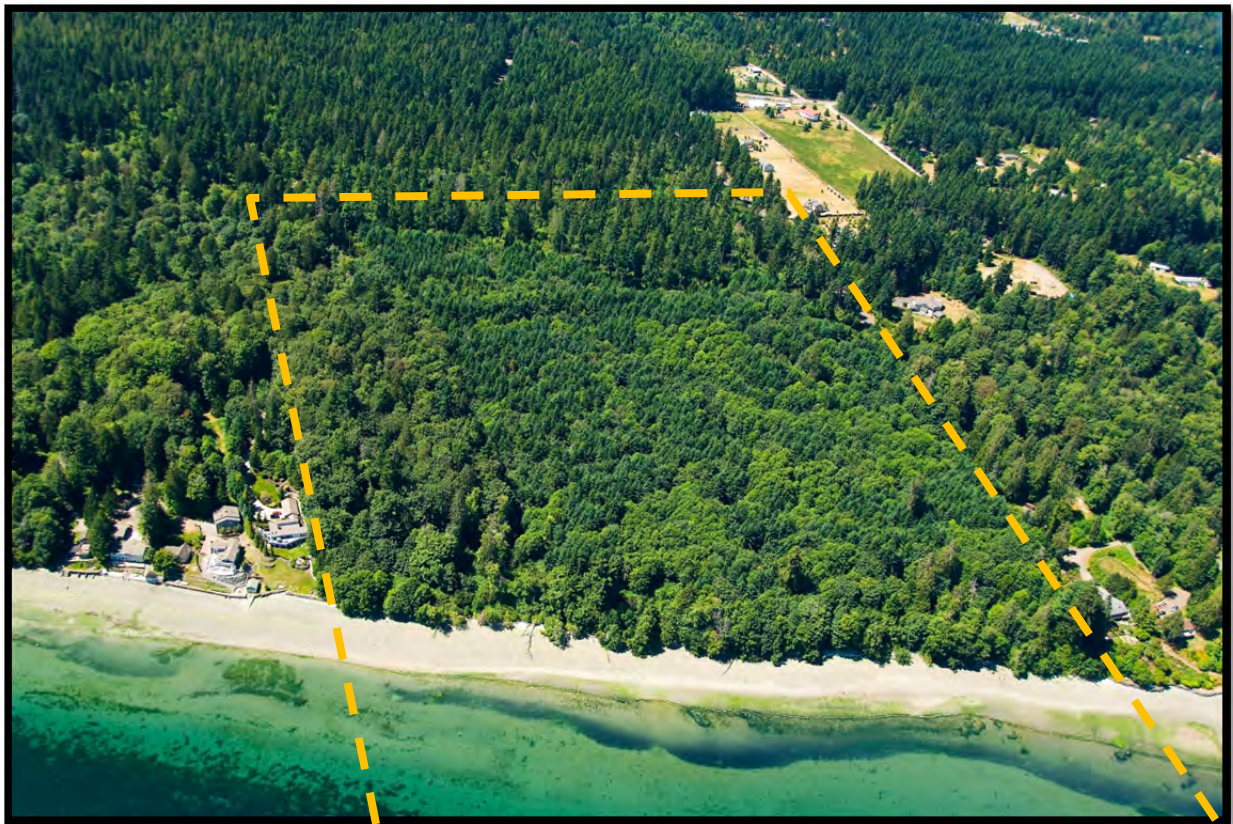
- Walking/hiking trails
- Scenic Overview
- Picnicking
- Primitive camp sites
- Parking, restrooms, seating
- Water Access

Future Planned Improvements

- None

Three Community Desired improvements from Survey

- Signage & Maps on trails (52.8%; 75/142)
- Additional walking trails (48.6%; 69/142)
- Outdoor Education/Nature Displays (38.7%; 55/142)



Gateway Park

Key Pen Parks purchased this 39 acre property in 2012. The park is located along SR 302 in the northern area of the Key Peninsula. The property abuts 360 Trails via with an easement from a neighboring property owner.

Current Property Amenities

- None

Future Planned Improvements

- Master planning process budgeted for 2014.

Three Community Desired improvements from Survey

- Picnic Area & Restroom (49%; 123/251)
- Access point for Key Peninsula Trail System (41%; 103/251)
- Off Leash Dog Park (30.7%; 77/251)



360 Trails

Key Peninsula Parks manages this land under a 50 year TLT lease (2009-2059) from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. This property is located on 144th St. NW off of the Key Peninsula Hwy. This 360 acre piece of land is undeveloped land with over 4 miles of social trails.

Current Property Amenities

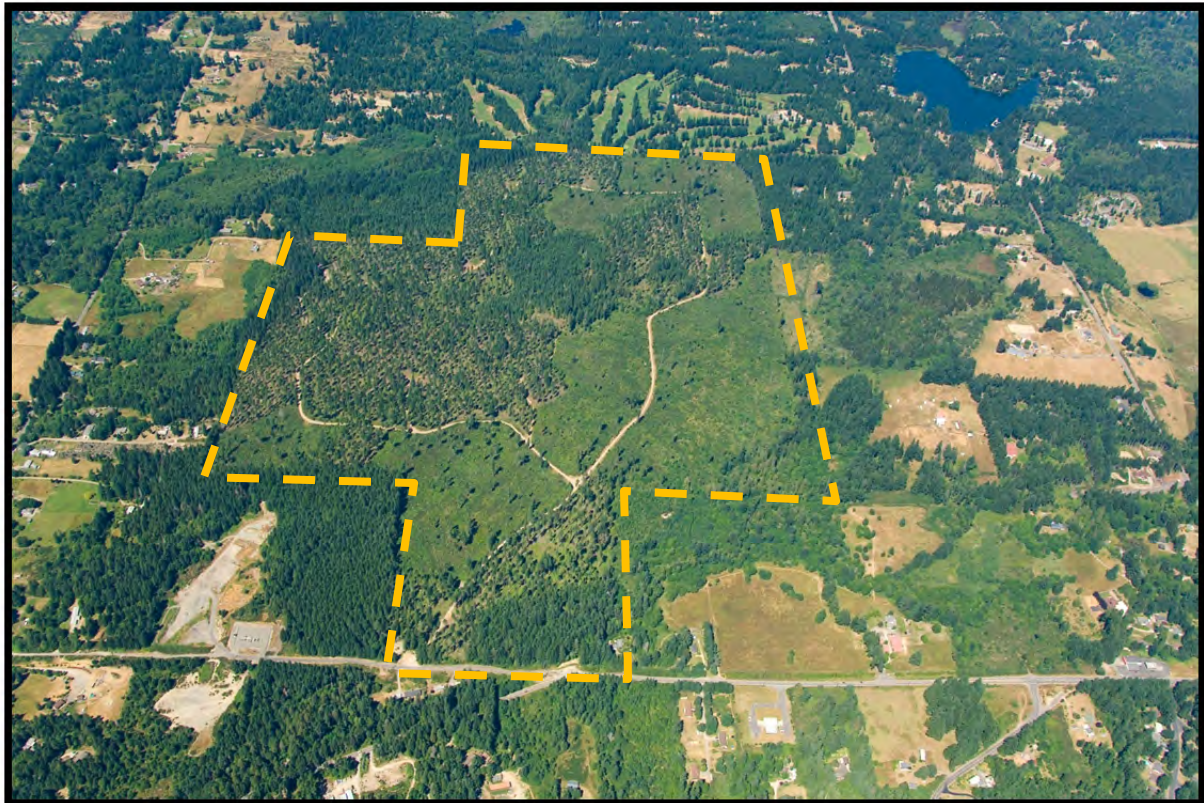
- Social walking, mountain bike, equestrian trails (old skid roads)
- Benches and tables

Future Planned Improvements

- Connection Master planning process budgeted for 2014

Three Community Desired improvements from Survey

- Signage & Maps on Trails (54%; 129/239)
- Amenities along trails (seating, shade) (41.4%; 993/239)
- More Trails (91.5%; 217/239)
 - o Walking (40.6%; 97/239)
 - o Bike (25.5%; 61/239)
 - o Equestrian (24.7%; 59/239)



Taylor Bay

Located on the saltwater at the southwest end of the Key Peninsula off of 76th Street the property consists of two non-contiguous land parcels. The first parcel is about 8 acres of waterfront on Taylor Bay and the second is a 32 acre parcel designed conservation land.

Current Property Amenities

- Water access

Future Planned Improvements

- None

Three Community Desired improvements from Survey

- Picnic Area & Restroom on small parcel (71.9%; 105/146)
- Walking trails on large parcel (54.8%; 80/146)
- Signage & Maps on Trails (32.9%; 48/146)



Minter Creek

This five acre property is located near Minter Creek Salmon Hatchery.

Current Property Amenities

- Water access

Future Planned Improvements

- None

Three Community Desired improvements from Survey

- Parking area (59.3%; 73/123)
- Picnic Area & Restroom (56.9%; 70/123)
- Outdoor Education/Nature Displays (32.5%; 40/123)



Key Central Forest

Key Peninsula Parks manages this land under a 50 year TLT lease (2011-2061) from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. This property is located near Key Center off of the Key Peninsula Hwy. This 480 acre piece of land is undeveloped land with over 2 miles of social trails.

Current Property Amenities

- None

Future Planned Improvements

- None

Three Community Desired improvements from Survey

- More Walking Trails (43.4%; 72/166)
- Parking area (39.8%; 66/166)
- Signage & Maps on Trails (38%; 63/166)

Future Key Center Forest Access (FKCFA)

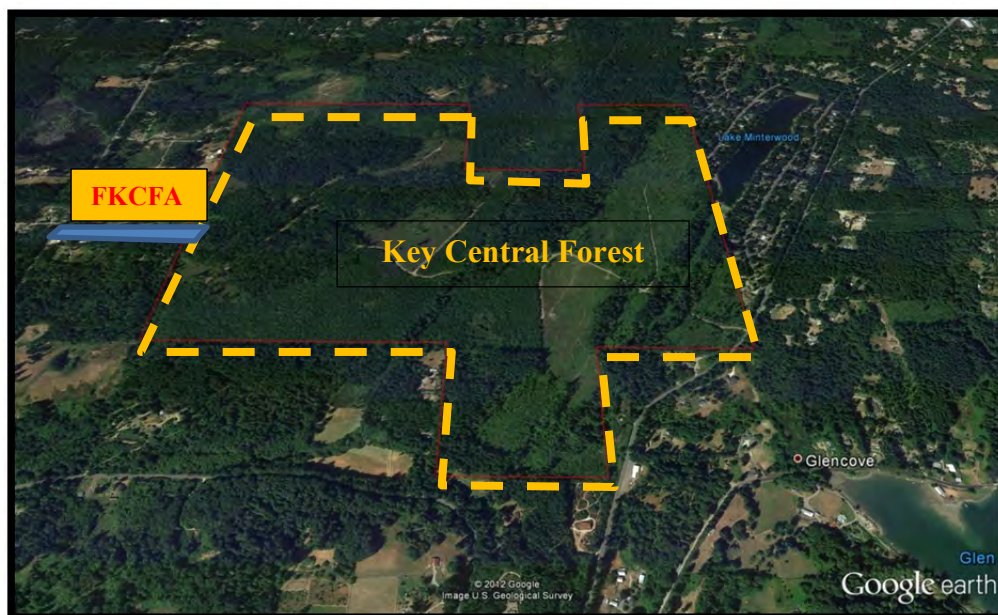
This five acre property abuts Key Center Forest and is located along Wright-Bliss RD.

Current Property Amenities

- None

Future Planned Improvements

- Parking and trailhead access to Key Center Forest



Rocky Creek

Key Pen Park has a short term lease on this property that is set to expire in 2016 with Pierce County. The lease allows for one five-year renewal. The property is 224 acres of conservation land with close to 3 miles of non-motorized trails

Current Property Amenities

- None

Future Planned Improvements

- None

Three Community Desired improvements from Survey

- Picnic Area & Restroom (52.9%; 74/140)
- Signage & Maps on Trails (43.6%; 61/140)
- More Walking Trails (38.6; 54/140)



Programs – What types of programs, activities, and events should Key Pen Parks provide for YOUTH?

Answer Options	I want to see this offered	I am willing to pay a fee for this	Response Count	Willing to pay a fee for
Fitness Classes	123	75	137	54.7%
Sports Classes	148	85	163	52.1%
Visual Arts Classes	84	52	95	54.7%
Performance Arts Classes	103	71	120	59.2%
Environmental Education/Nature Classes	159	65	170	38.2%
Cooking Classes	74	56	90	62.2%
Gardening Classes	100	47	111	42.3%
Equestrian (Horse) Activities	89	53	102	51.9%
Bicycling Events	111	54	124	53.5%
Running Events	121	60	135	44.4%
Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies concerts)	136	85	149	57.0%
Day Trips (ball games, cultural events)	98	63	113	55.7%



Youth Basketball Skills Clinic

Programs -- What types of programs, activities, and events should Key Pen Parks provide for ADULTS & SENIORS?

Answer Options	I want to see this offered	I am willing to pay a fee for this	Response Count	Willing to pay a fee for
Fitness Classes	170	119	187	63.6%
Sports Leagues	97	65	109	59.6%
Visual Arts Classes	82	62	90	68.8%
Community Theater	99	67	108	62.0%
Environmental Education/Nature Classes	127	61	134	45.5%
Cooking Classes	98	76	113	67.2%
Gardening Classes	128	81	142	57.0%
Equestrian (Horse) Activities	78	52	89	58.4%
Bicycling Events	77	41	88	46.6%
Running Events	89	54	103	52.4%
Triathlon	74	48	86	55.8%
Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies concerts)	138	99	152	65.1%
Day Trips (ball games, cultural events)	90	65	101	64.3%



Adult Fitness

What types of programs, activities, and events should Key Pen Parks provide for FAMILIES to do recreation together?

Answer Options	I want to see this offered	I am willing to pay a fee for this	Response Count	Willing to pay a fee for
Visual Arts Classes	84	52	95	54.7%
Community Theater	103	71	120	59.2%
Environmental Education/Nature Classes	159	65	170	38.2%
Cooking Classes	74	56	90	62.2%
Gardening Classes	100	47	111	42.3%
Equestrian (Horse) Activities	89	53	102	51.9%
Bicycling Events	111	54	124	53.5%
Running Events	121	60	135	44.4%
Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies concerts)	136	85	149	57.0%
Day Trips (ball games, cultural events)	98	63	113	55.7%



Santa Breakfast

Property	PROJECT	Funding Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Volunteer Park	Trail Access	Planning	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Volunteer Park	Field lighting	Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gateway	SR 302 Road Ingress Design	Planning & Permits	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gateway	Master Plan	Planning	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gateway	SR 302 Ingress, Parking, Vault Restroom	Capital	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gateway	Master Plan Improvements	Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
360 Trails	Trail work	Capital	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
360 Trails	Site Amenities	Capital	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Key Central Forest Access	Ingress & Design	Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Key Central Forest Access	Ingress Construction	Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
Key Central Forest	Trail work	Capital	\$ 10,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Home Park	Outdoor Education/Nature	Capital	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Maple Hollow	Trail work/Site Amenities	Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Taylor Bay	Planning & Design	Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
Taylor Bay	Site Improvements	Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000
KP Trail System Development	Trail Planning	Capital	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Minter Creek	No projects planned		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky Creek	No projects planned		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total			\$ 127,500	\$ 820,000	\$ 306,000	\$ 307,000	\$ 232,000	\$ 167,000

Funding strategies

The implementation of a park system comprehensive plan will be funded through multiple sources, including grants, bonds, tax revenues, volunteer work and donations to name a few.

Grants – The type and variety of grants available for parks, recreation and open space areas provide a good resource for possible funding which should be considered continually. Key Pen Parks has received a number of grants since its formation, including those from the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, and other public/private grant sources.

Property Taxes – Key Pen Parks levies property taxes on a yearly basis and the rate may not exceed \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The rate is determined at the start of each year depending upon assessed values and what other agencies needs are.

Sales Taxes—Key Pen Parks receives 1/10 of 1% sales tax paid in Pierce County based upon the population of the Key Peninsula. This tax is commonly referred to as the “Zoo Trek Tax.”

Conservation Futures—Key Pen Parks may apply for conservation futures program funds; this program is administered by Pierce County Parks for the purchase of property.

REET – real estate excise tax

Donations – Key Pen Parks receives donations from individuals or groups to help with park improvements. The donations are usually for a designated purpose such as sitting benches, ball field improvements, or equipment improvements.

Intergovernmental Service – Inter-local agreements that can provide revenue from another governmental agency for service provided.

Debt service funds: Debt service funds are derived from a dedicated portion of the property tax or general fund proceeds to repay the sale of general obligation (voted) and councilmanic (non-voted/limited) bonds. Monies authorized by these types of bonds must be spent within 3 years of authorization to avoid arbitrage requirements unless invested at less than bond yield. In addition, bonds may be used to purchase or construct, but not maintain or operate, facilities. Both types of bonds may be used to finance park facility improvements - but not maintenance or operational costs.

Councilmanic (limited) Bonds - May be issued without voter approval by the Council/Board for any facility development purpose. The total amount of all outstanding non-voted general obligation debt may not exceed 1.5% of the assessed valuation of all district property.

General Obligation Bonds - Must be approved by at least 60% of resident voters during an election which has a turnout of at least 40% of those who voted in the last state general election.

Public/Private Partnership and or Joint venture agreements – These agreements often better match costs/benefits with users, avoid duplication, save cost, increase service and allow all to make the best use of available funds.

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District
Dba Key Pen Parks



Resolution No R 2014-03

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2014-2019 PARK SYSTEM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of Key Pen Parks desires to adopt a Park System Comprehensive plan; and

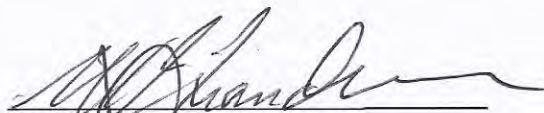
WHEREAS, Staff attended several community meetings, conducted a public survey, the Board of Commissioners had the issue of Park System Comprehensive Plan on the monthly agenda and held public meetings on the Comprehensive Plan on January 27 and February 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have met and made adjustments and changes deemed necessary and proper to the Park System Comprehensive Plan, now, therefore be it,

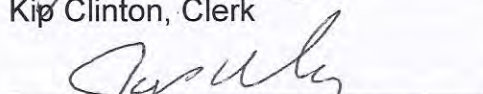
RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners that Key Pen Parks adopts by reference the 2014-2019 Park System Comprehensive Plan. A copy of this resolution and the Six-year Comprehensive Plan will be submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Park Commissioners for Key Pen Parks at a special meeting held at Volunteer Park Annex this 24th day of February, 2014.

Attest:


Bill Trandum, President


Kip Clinton, Clerk


John Kelly, Member-at-Large

Key Pen Parks
Board of Commissioners
Pierce County, Washington


Mark Michel, Vice President


Edward Robison Member-at-Large

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Park Systems Planning Survey

Introduction

Key Pen Parks provides many programs and services to Key Peninsula residents and we are currently assessing how well we are meeting your needs and the needs of the community. We are working to create a Master Plan for existing and possibly future parks, natural areas, recreation, programs, facilities, and services. Your responses are very important to the Needs Assessment process for our 6 year Park Systems Plan. The survey will only take about 10-15 minutes to complete; thank you for your time.

PHOTO EXHIBIT A – Key Pen Parks Properties Map

1. Do you live on the Key Peninsula? ☐Yes ☐No If so, how long? _____
2. If you do not live on the Key Peninsula, do you own property on the KP? ☐Yes ☐No
3. If you do not live on the Key Peninsula, do you use the KP for parks, recreation programs, or events? ☐Yes ☐No

Park Improvements: Volunteer Park

Volunteer Park • 5514 Key Peninsula Hwy N, Lakebay, WA 98349

Site Amenities: •Softball Fields •Picnic Shelter •Concession Stand •Natural Amphitheater •Skate Park •Basketball Court •Soccer Field •Horseshoe Pits •Walking Trail •Restrooms •9 Hole Disc Golf Course

PHOTO EXHIBIT B – Volunteer Park

4. What best describes your relationship with this park property?
☐Never heard of it ☐Know of it; never used ☐Visited ☐Use sometimes ☐Use regularly
5. What features or programs at this park have you used?
☐Youth Programs ☐Disc Golf ☐Picnic Shelter ☐Skate Park ☐Walking Trail ☐Horseshoe Pits
☐Basketball Court ☐Paved Walking Path ☐Meeting ☐Key Fest ☐Concessions ☐Little League ☐Adult Softball ☐Pet Easter Treat Hunt ☐Junk in your Trunk ☐All Hallows Harvest Celebration
☐Other _____
6. Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at this park.
☐Skate Park expansion ☐Bike Pump Track (skate park for bikes) ☐More Outdoor Exercise Stations
☐Lighted Soccer Field ☐Access point for KP Trail System ☐Outdoor Education Interpretive Displays
☐Other _____
7. For future planning, should we... ☐Improve this park ☐Maintain this park ☐Close this park
8. Are there any safety issues at this park? ☐Yes ☐No If yes, please tell us the issue: _____

Park Improvements: Gateway Park & 360 Trails

Gateway Park & 360 Trails •360 Trailhead: 10905 144th St NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98329 •Gateway: 10215 SR 302

Site Amenities: •Walking Trails •Equestrian Trails •Biking Trails (360 Trails) •Geo Cache

•Gateway Park was recently acquired for future park development, approximately 40 acres, including a farmhouse, barn, gardens, and greenhouse ***PHOTO EXHIBIT C – Gateway Park & 360 Trails***

9. What best describes your relationship with this park property?
☐Never heard of it ☐Know of it; never used ☐Visited ☐Use sometimes ☐Use regularly
10. What features or programs at this park have you used?
☐360 Biking Trail ☐360 Equestrian Trail ☐Geo Cache ☐PenLight Summer Fun Run ☐KP Farm Tour
☐Other _____
11. Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at on 360 Trails.
☐More Walking Trails ☐More Bike Trails ☐More Equestrian Trails ☐Signage & Maps on Trails
☐Amenities along trails (seating, shade) ☐Outdoor Education Interpretive Displays
☐Other _____

12. Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at Gateway Park?

- ☐ Skate Park ☐ Disc Golf Course ☐ Community Garden ☐ Off Leash Dog Park ☐ Baseball Fields
☐ Soccer Field ☐ Basketball Court ☐ Lighted Field/Court(s) ☐ Playground ☐ Picnic Area & Restroom
☐ Equestrian Parking ☐ Equestrian Arena ☐ Bike Pump Track (skate park for bikes) ☐ Outdoor Exercise
Stations ☐ Access point-KP Trail system ☐ Spraypark ☐ Fairgrounds ☐ Other _____

13. For future planning, should we... ☐ Improve this park ☐ Maintain this park ☐ Close this park

14. Are there any safety issues at this park? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please tell us the issue: _____

Park Improvements: Home Park

Home Park •17220 8th Avenue KPN, Lakebay, WA 98349 **Site Amenities:** •Picnic Area •Playground •Restroom

PHOTO EXHIBIT D – Home Park

15. What best describes your relationship with this park property?

- ☐ Never heard of it ☐ Know of it; never used ☐ Visited ☐ Use sometimes ☐ Use regularly

16. If you have used this park, what features or programs at this park have you used?

- ☐ Playground ☐ Picnic Shelter ☐ Other _____

17. Choose any improvements you would like to see at this park.

- ☐ Outdoor Exercise Stations ☐ Outdoor Education Interpretive Displays ☐ Other _____

18. For future planning, should we... ☐ Improve this park ☐ Maintain this park ☐ Close this park

19. Are there any safety issues at this park? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please tell us the issue: _____

Park Improvements: Maple Hollow

Maple Hollow •4411 Van Beek Rd KPN, Lakebay, WA 98349 **Site Amenities:** •Hiking Trail •Picnic Area •Saltwater Access •Mt Rainier Views •Washington Water Trail •Non-motorized Boat Destination •Campsite

PHOTO EXHIBIT E – Maple Hollow

20. What best describes your relationship with this park property?

- ☐ Never heard of it ☐ Know of it; never used ☐ Visited ☐ Use sometimes ☐ Use regularly

21. What features or programs at this park have you used?

- ☐ Walking Trail ☐ Beachcombing ☐ Washington Water Trail ☐ Non-motorized Boat Destination ☐ Campsite
☐ Other _____

22. Choose any improvements you would like to see at this park.

- ☐ More Walking Trails ☐ Signage & Maps on Trails ☐ Outdoor Education Interpretive Displays
☐ Other _____

23. For future planning, should we... ☐ Improve this park ☐ Maintain this park ☐ Close this park

24. Are there any safety issues at this park? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please tell us the issue: _____

Park Improvements: Rocky Creek Conservation Area

Rocky Creek Conservation Area •SR 302 at 150th Ave (trailhead on Crews Rd), Gig Harbor, WA 98329

Site Amenities: •Walking Trails •Equestrian Trails ***PHOTO EXHIBIT F – Rocky Creek Conservation Area***

25. What best describes your relationship with this park property?

- ☐ Never heard of it ☐ Know of it; never used ☐ Visited ☐ Use sometimes ☐ Use regularly

26. What features or programs at this park have you used?

- ☐ Walking Trail ☐ Equestrian Trails ☐ Other _____

27. Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at this park.

- ☐ More Walking Trails ☐ More Equestrian Trails ☐ More Biking Trails ☐ Signage & Maps on Trails
☐ Amenities along trails (seating, shade) ☐ Picnic Area & Restroom ☐ Additional Parking ☐ Outdoor
Education Interpretive Displays ☐ Other _____

28. For future planning, should we... ☐ Improve this park ☐ Maintain this park ☐ Close this park

29. Are there any safety issues at this park? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please tell us the issue: _____

Park Improvements: Taylor Bay

Taylor Bay •17916 76th St, Longbranch, WA 98351 **Site Amenities:** •Water Access •Non-motorized Boat Destination •Beachcombing **PHOTO EXHIBIT G – Taylor Bay**

30. What best describes your relationship with this park property?

☐ Never heard of it ☐ Know of it; never used ☐ Visited ☐ Use sometimes ☐ Use regularly

31. What features or programs at this park have you used?

☐ Water Access ☐ Beachcombing ☐ Other _____

32. Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at this park. *Trail developments would occur on the northern 32 acres (not on the 7 acre beachfront portion)

☐ Walking Trails ☐ Signage & Maps on Trails ☐ Amenities along trails (seating, shade) ☐ Outdoor Education Interpretive Displays ☐ Picnic Area & Restroom (on beachfront property) ☐ ADA Trail to Beach (on beachfront property) ☐ Other _____

33. For future planning, should we... ☐ Improve this park ☐ Maintain this park ☐ Close this park

34. Are there any safety issues at this park? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please tell us the issue: _____

Park Improvements: Key Central Forest

Key Central Forest •480 acres (undeveloped) **PHOTO EXHIBIT H – Key Central Forest**

35. What best describes your relationship with this park property?

☐ Never heard of it ☐ Know of it; never used ☐ Visited ☐ Use sometimes ☐ Use regularly

36. If you have used this park, what features or programs at this park have you used?

☐ Walking Trails ☐ Equestrian Trails ☐ Biking Trails ☐ Other _____

37. Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at this park.

☐ More Walking Trails ☐ More Biking Trails ☐ More Equestrian Trails ☐ Perimeter Trail ☐ Signage & Maps on Trails ☐ Amenities along trails (seating, shade) ☐ Picnic Area & Restroom ☐ Parking Area ☐ Equestrian Parking Area ☐ Outdoor Education Interpretive Displays ☐ Other _____

38. For future planning, should we... ☐ Improve this park ☐ Maintain this park ☐ Close this park

39. Are there any safety issues at this park? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please tell us the issue: _____

Park Improvements: Minter Creek

Minter Creek •12315 126th Ave KPN, Gig Harbor, WA 98329 --5 acre stewardship **PHOTO EXHIBIT I – Minter Creek**

40. What best describes your relationship with this park property?

☐ Never heard of it ☐ Know of it; never used ☐ Visited ☐ Use sometimes ☐ Use regularly

41. If you have used this park, what features or programs at this park have you used?

☐ Water Access ☐ Other _____

42. Choose any improvements you would like to see at this park.

☐ Picnic Area & Restroom ☐ Parking Area ☐ Outdoor Education Interpretive Displays ☐ Other _____

43. For future planning, should we... ☐ Improve this park ☐ Maintain this park ☐ Close this park

44. Are there any safety issues at this park? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please tell us the issue: _____

Programs, Activities, and Events

45. What types of programs, activities, and events should Key Pen Parks provide for YOUTH?

Fitness Classes

☐ Fitness Classes I want to see this offered

☐ Fitness Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this

Sports Classes

☐ Sports Classes I want to see this offered

☐ Sports Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this

Visual Arts Classes

☐ Visual Arts Classes I want to see this offered

☐ Visual Arts Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this

Performance Arts Classes	☐ Performance Arts Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Performance Arts Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Environmental Education/Nature Classes	☐ Environmental Education/Nature Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Environmental Education/Nature Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Cooking Classes	☐ Cooking Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Cooking Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Gardening Classes	☐ Gardening Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Gardening Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Equestrian (Horse) Activities	☐ Equestrian (Horse) Activities I want to see this offered	☐ Equestrian (Horse) Activities I am willing to pay a fee for this
Bicycling Events	☐ Bicycling Events I want to see this offered	☐ Bicycling Events I am willing to pay a fee for this
Running Events	☐ Running Events I want to see this offered	☐ Running Events I am willing to pay a fee for this
Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts)	☐ Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts) I want to see this offered	☐ Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts) I am willing to pay a fee for this
Day Trips (ball games, culture events)	☐ Day Trips (ball games, culture events) I want to see this offered	☐ Day Trips (ball games, culture events) I am willing to pay a fee for this
Other (please specify)		

46. What types of programs, activities, and events should Key Pen Parks provide for ADULTS?

Fitness Classes	☐ Fitness Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Fitness Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Sports Leagues	☐ Sports Leagues I want to see this offered	☐ Sports Leagues I am willing to pay a fee for this
Visual Arts Classes	☐ Visual Arts Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Visual Arts Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Community Theater	☐ Community Theater I want to see this offered	☐ Community Theater I am willing to pay a fee for this
Environmental Education/Nature Classes	☐ Environmental Education/Nature Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Environmental Education/Nature Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Cooking Classes	☐ Cooking Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Cooking Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Gardening Classes	☐ Gardening Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Gardening Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Equestrian (Horse)	☐ Equestrian (Horse) Activities I	☐ Equestrian (Horse) Activities I am

Activities	want to see this offered	willing to pay a fee for this
Bicycling Events	☐ Bicycling Events I want to see this offered	☐ Bicycling Events I am willing to pay a fee for this
Running Events	☐ Running Events I want to see this offered	☐ Running Events I am willing to pay a fee for this
Triathlon	☐ Triathlon I want to see this offered	☐ Triathlon I am willing to pay a fee for this
Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts)	☐ Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts) I want to see this offered	☐ Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts) I am willing to pay a fee for this
Day Trips (ball games, culture events)	☐ Day Trips (ball games, culture events) I want to see this offered	☐ Day Trips (ball games, culture events) I am willing to pay a fee for this
Other (please specify)		

47. What types of programs, activities, and events should Key Pen Parks provide for FAMILIES to do recreation together?

Visual Arts Classes	☐ Visual Arts Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Visual Arts Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Community Theater	☐ Community Theater I want to see this offered	☐ Community Theater I am willing to pay a fee for this
Environmental Education/Nature Classes	☐ Environmental Education/Nature Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Environmental Education/Nature Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Cooking Classes	☐ Cooking Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Cooking Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Gardening Classes	☐ Gardening Classes I want to see this offered	☐ Gardening Classes I am willing to pay a fee for this
Equestrian (Horse) Activities	☐ Equestrian (Horse) Activities I want to see this offered	☐ Equestrian (Horse) Activities I am willing to pay a fee for this
Bicyling Events	☐ Bicycling Events I want to see this offered	☐ Bicycling Events I am willing to pay a fee for this
Running Events	☐ Running Events I want to see this offered	☐ Running Events I am willing to pay a fee for this
Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts)	☐ Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts) I want to see this offered	☐ Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts) I am willing to pay a fee for this
Day Trips (ball games, culture events)	☐ Day Trips (ball games, culture events) I want to see this offered	☐ Day Trips (ball games, culture events) I am willing to pay a fee for this
Other (please specify)		

48. Do you use programs provided by entities other than Key Pen Parks? If so, what and where? (i.e. KP Civic Center, Library, YMCA, etc.)

49. How important is it to you to have a connecting trail system on the Key Peninsula?

☐ Not at all important ☐ a little important ☐ somewhat important ☐ important ☐ very important

50. Should Key Pen Parks look to acquire any of the following properties?

☐ Purdy Spit (owned by Pierce County) ☐ Devil's Head (owned by Pierce County) ☐ Penrose Point State Park (owned by State of WA) ☐ Joemma State Park (owned by State of WA) ☐ Haley Property (owned by State of WA) ☐ Property around Gateway Park (private owners)

51. Should Key Pen Parks continue assisting in operations at Horseshoe Lake, May-September (owned by Kitsap County)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

52. In general, how satisfied are you with Key Pen Parks?

☐ Not at all Satisfied ☐ Fairly Satisfied ☐ Mostly Satisfied ☐ Satisfied ☐ Very Satisfied

53. Are you aware of the Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed to promote and benefit parks and recreation on the Key Peninsula? ☐ Yes ☐ No

54. Would you be interested in helping the Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation Foundation in any of the following ways? ☐ Property Donation ☐ Tax deductible cash donation ☐ Trust Fund Allocation ☐ Open Space & Forest Preservation ☐ Volunteering

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBERS IF YOU HAVE CHECKED ANY OF THE ABOVE BOXES:

55. What zip code do you live in? ☐ 98395 ☐ 98329 ☐ 98349 ☐ 98351 ☐ 98394 ☐ 98366 ☐ 98367 ☐ Other _____

56. What is your age? ☐ Under 18 years old ☐ Over 18 years old ☐ Senior Citizen

57. What is your gender? ☐ Female ☐ Male

58. How many children under the age of 18 are in your household? ☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5+

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our survey. Please return to Jessica Smeall at the Volunteer Park Office. You can also mail to PO Box 70, Lakebay WA 98349

GENERAL INFO OF RESPONDANTS

#1

Do you live on the Key Peninsula?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	86.5%	294
No	13.5%	46
If so, how many years?		277
<i>answered question</i>		340
<i>skipped question</i>		0
5 YEARS OR LESS= 40 6-10 YEARS= 72 11-20 YEARS= 81 21-40 YEARS= 65 40+= 18		

#2

If you do not live on the Key Peninsula, do you own property on the KP?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	56.7%	59
No	43.3%	45
<i>answered question</i>		104
<i>skipped question</i>		236

#3

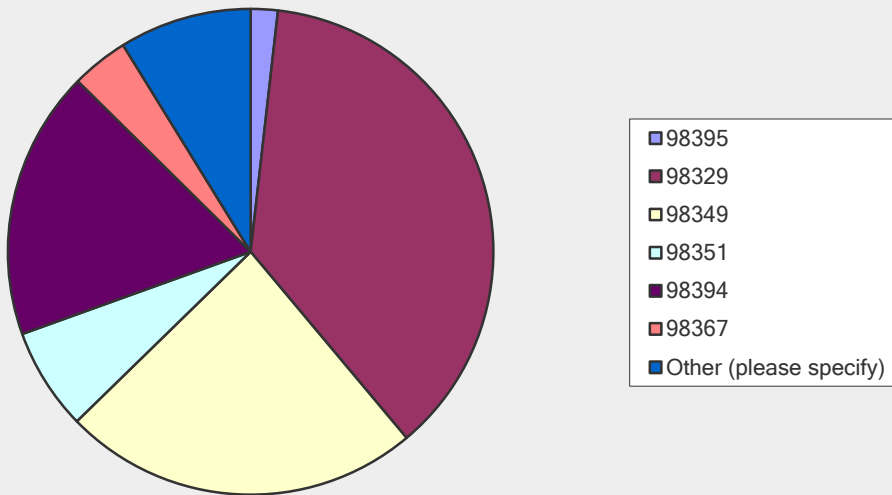
If you do not live on the Key Peninsula, do you use the KP for parks, recreation programs, or events?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	82.1%	78
No	17.9%	17
<i>answered question</i>		95
<i>skipped question</i>		245

#55

Which zip code do you live in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
98395	1.8%	6
98329	37.1%	126
98349	23.8%	81
98351	6.8%	23
98394	17.9%	61
98367	3.8%	13
Other (please specify)	8.8%	30
<i>answered question</i>		340
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Other zip codes—30% Gig Harbor, 30% Tacoma, 15% Kitsap, 25% way out of town!

Which zip code do you live in?



#56

What is your age?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18 years old	8.8%	30
Over 18 years old	54.4%	185
Senior Citizen	37.4%	127
<i>answered question</i>		340
<i>skipped question</i>		0

#57

What is your gender?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	62.6%	211
Male	37.4%	126
<i>answered question</i>		337
<i>skipped question</i>		3

#58

How many children (under 18) are in your household?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	57.8%	193
1	10.2%	34
2	22.2%	74
3	8.1%	27
4	1.5%	5
5+	0.3%	1
<i>answered question</i>		334
<i>skipped question</i>		6

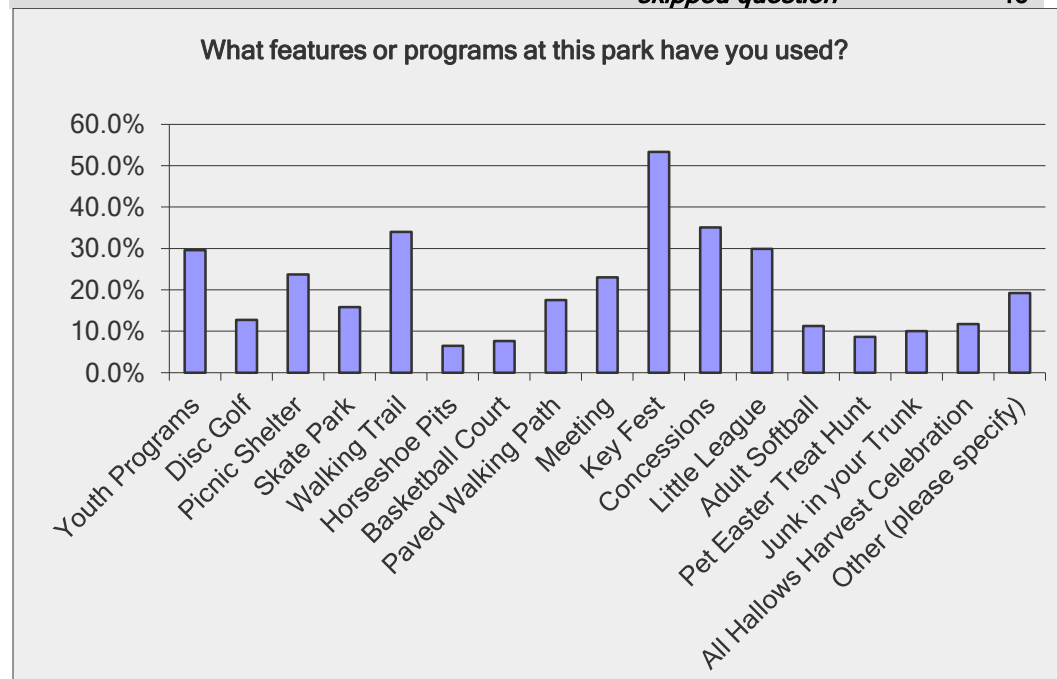
VOLUNTEER PARK

#4

What best describes your relationship with this park property?						
Never heard of it	Know of it; never used	Visited	Use sometimes	Use regularly	Rating Average	Response Count
12	31	84	143	56	3.61	326
<i>answered question</i>						326
<i>skipped question</i>						14

#5

What features or programs at this park have you used?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Youth Programs	29.6%	86
Disc Golf	12.7%	37
Picnic Shelter	23.7%	69
Skate Park	15.8%	46
Walking Trail	34.0%	99
Horseshoe Pits	6.5%	19
Basketball Court	7.6%	22
Paved Walking Path	17.5%	51
Meeting	23.0%	67
Key Fest	53.3%	155
Concessions	35.1%	102
Little League	29.9%	87
Adult Softball	11.3%	33
Pet Easter Treat Hunt	8.6%	25
Junk in your Trunk	10.0%	29
All Hallows Harvest Celebration	11.7%	34
Other (please specify)*	19.2%	56
<i>answered question</i>		291
<i>skipped question</i>		49



#5 **OTHER** RESPONSES:

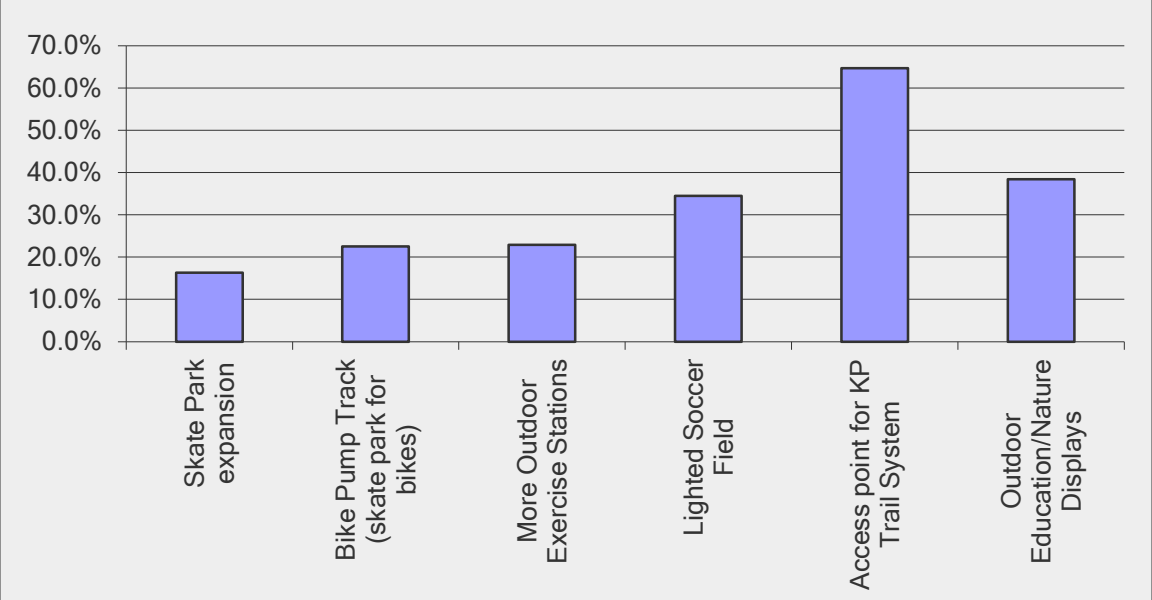
- Adult classes
 boot camp x2
 Camping at mud bowl
 Community Fair x3
 dad works here
 Disc golf
 Dog event
 Edju class
 Exercise our dog
 fields
 Fireman thing
 fitness classes, use of offices for meetings in the past
 fourth of july
 geocaching
 Halloween Fest
 homeschool group activities
 jewelry class
 Jousting (horse) Clinic
- Junior Softball
 kids practice for sports..ie flag football, baseball etc..
 Meetings of the KEY Pen Parks board
 mountain bike
 Murph's BBQ - Excellent!
 office services
 Outdoor films; Scouts; Boot Camp; Baseball; Soccer
 playground x2
 PYF football practice
 Relative donated this.
 rode mountainbike with my daughters when they were younger
 SAIL signs
 summer movie nights x10
 Tennis x3
 The potty.
 Volunteer x2
 Watched my grandchildren

#6

Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at this park.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Skate Park expansion	16.3%	42
Bike Pump Track (skate park for bikes)	22.5%	58
More Outdoor Exercise Stations	22.9%	59
Lighted Soccer Field	34.5%	89
Access point for KP Trail System	64.7%	167
Outdoor Education/Nature Displays	38.4%	99
<i>answered question</i>		258
<i>skipped question</i>		82

Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at this park.



IMPORTANT NOTE: THE “OTHER” BOX WAS LEFT **OFF** THIS QUESTION, SO LOOK AT QUESTION 7 FOR OTHER RESPONSES

#7

For future planning, should we...				
Improve this park	Maintain this park	Close this park	Rating Average	Response Count
147	165	0	2.47	312
Other (please specify)				21
<i>answered question</i>				312
<i>skipped question</i>				28

OTHER RESPONSES:

Add a forest garden
 Add more playground equipment
 Add trail access to county land to north/garbage dump.
 Bike Trails
 Disc Golf Course improvements
 Drainage on the field area on the side closest to the main road . It is wet and uneven for running/soccer/football
 Have more activities at this park, excercise classes, YOGA
 HIKING trails
 How about bocce ball?
 make more family orinted
 make soccer field in upper area above field one
 more events
 mtb trails
 New baseball dugouts on field 2 and 3.
 new bleachers for baseball
 Perhaps use it as a trail head parking site, but the more useful place for foot traffic would be the county gravel pit in Home. It would provide both parking and a hub for traveling multiple lovely, local walking circuits.
 put the tennis court back
 senior play equipment
 The children's play equipment was too far away from anything and I felt very unsafe with my young daughter.
 This is your signature park
 Well taken care of park, a major & very much used addition would be adding a soccer field/track or soccer fields, much needed for Key Peninsula.

#8

Are there any safety issues at this park property?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	9.9%	27
No	90.1%	246
If yes, please tell us the issue(s).		29
<i>answered question</i>		273
<i>skipped question</i>		67

Ball field 3 outfield fence sloughing away	security, not enough coverage.
Baseballs hit car glass. Need protection	shelter, larger meeting room
Bees, especially on field 3, they are swarming in	Lower t-ball field floods. If you want the kiddos to continue to play...
cougars/wildlife	skate park youth and aggressive parental behavior x2
Disc trail has drop off spots..down a hill	Softball fields are very poorly kept. Poor drainage, uneven infield,
Don't feel comfortable walking alone here	Sometimes entering and leaving the park onto the highway scary
Driveway to close to school driveway	The swamp down below where the tablets play
Driving access to upper field should be improved.	unattended attraction for graffiti and vandalism --
Gone to the park and found beer and condoms	uneven ground and poor drainage
lighting	Vandalism
middle school access- students ditch on the	walkway needed after out of cars so no hazard to people
need lots of horse trailer parking	When there's no one around and you're there with just your
No closed circuit, security cameras. (cctv)	Lighting is questionable.

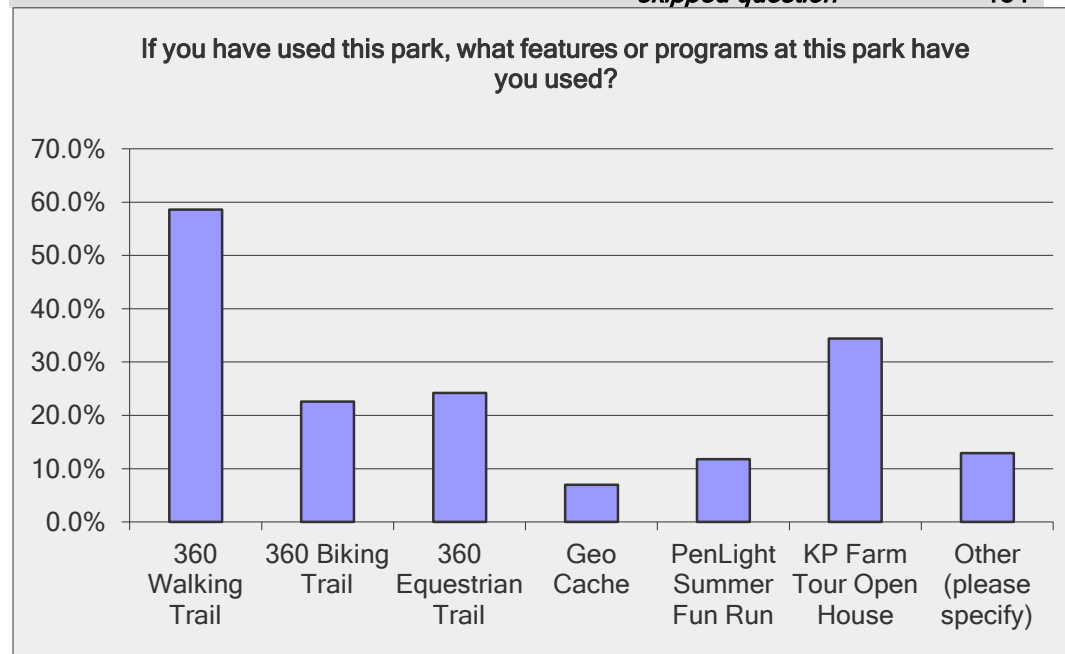
GATEWAY PARK & 360 TRAILS

#9

What best describes your relationship with this park property?						
Never heard of it	Know of it; never used	Visited	Use sometimes	Use regularly	Rating Average	Response Count
59	95	72	71	40	2.82	337
<i>answered question</i>						337
<i>skipped question</i>						3

#10

If you have used this park, what features or programs at this park have you used?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
360 Walking Trail	58.6%	109
360 Biking Trail	22.6%	42
360 Equestrian Trail	24.2%	45
Geo Cache	7.0%	13
PenLight Summer Fun Run	11.8%	22
KP Farm Tour Open House	34.4%	64
Other (please specify)	12.9%	24
<i>answered question</i>		186
<i>skipped question</i>		154



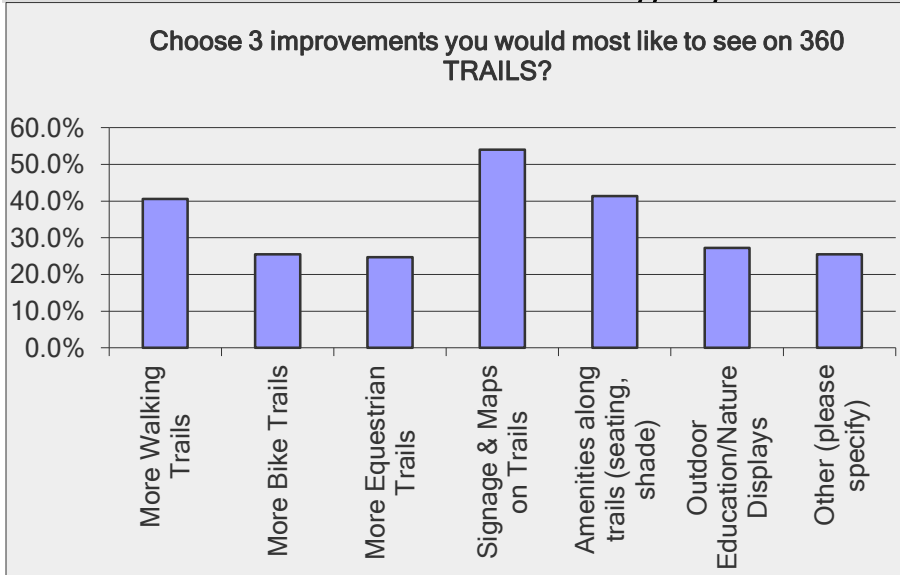
Before it was a park I played with my dog here
boot camp x2
hunted the property prior to the park buying

children's activities
discussed at meeting
dog walking
fitness classes
gardens
greenhouse - weekly
Have been there prior to it being a park

KPC meeting/party in building
Meeting/Party
mushroom hunting
Park isn't open yet but please keep barns for easy saddle area
Party/meeting of KP Community Council
renaissance fair
running trails, camping, animal tracking and watching
This is newly aquired....how has anyone use it?
tour & meeting
Why is this kept a secret? Some kind of a scam??

Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see on 360 TRAILS?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More Walking Trails	40.6%	97
More Bike Trails	25.5%	61
More Equestrian Trails	24.7%	59
Signage & Maps on Trails	54.0%	129
Amenities along trails (seating, shade)	41.4%	99
Outdoor Education/Nature Displays	27.2%	65
Other (please specify)	25.5%	61
answered question		239
skipped question		101



advertise where it is x2
 alternate bike/horse use days-bikes dangerous on sm trails

amphitheatre
 Bathroom x2
 would walk my dog

better access for pedestrians to get to it.
 Better parking for horse trailers x2
 Better signs on highway to alert drivers that horse trailers will be pulling out into traffic.
 bike paths for seniors
 BMX and mountain bike courses
 camping?
 Classes-crafts, exercise, other esp. Tuesdays for School Bus Connection
 Concerts, classes/for gardeners? art shows?
 Connection to extended multi-user trail system.
 Covered Picnic Area
 Crushman trail
 Dog scooping bags and a place to dispose of them.
 easier emergency access
 Easier entrance for horses.
 Equestrian Boundryline Trail

equestrian uses - eg. cross country jumps
 fewer improvements; leave it wild
 Geocaching
 Habitat Restoration

horses not allowed on bike trails and horses cleaned up after on paths

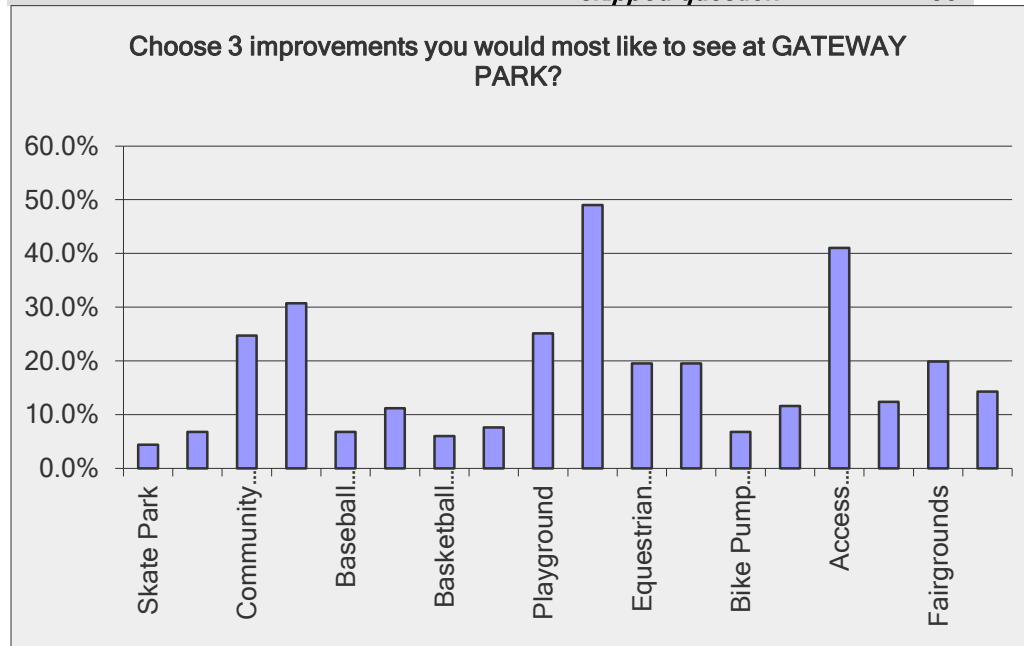
How to access signage
 I plan to hike this park in the spring, summer and fall. I would hope for signs, maps and seating along the way.
 Make available to us if we are paying for this.
 mile/distance markers
 More Bike trails and connecting trails both reg and single track
 obstical course

off leash dog area x2
 open all weather arena for horses, 200' x 300'
 Parking x2
 parking, a play area, a field to p;ay in; Ball type

Pet owners(horses too) cleaning up after their pets.
 picnic area
 Picnic Tables, Volleyball Court, Swimming Pool
 RC Flying Field
 remove new horse entry dangerous at present
 Running trails
 RV PARK
 safer parking area
 Turning off the highway can be kind of scary
 would like to see part of the property set aside for bowhunting or atleast a archery range
 historical museum site
 Use it for the KP Lions volk march
 water & restrooms x3

Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at GATEWAY PARK?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Skate Park	4.4%	11
Disc Golf Course	6.8%	17
Community Garden	24.7%	62
Off Leash Dog Park	30.7%	77
Baseball Fields	6.8%	17
Soccer Field	11.2%	28
Basketball Court	6.0%	15
Lighted Field/Court(s)	7.6%	19
Playground	25.1%	63
Picnic Area & Restroom	49.0%	123
Equestrian Parking	19.5%	49
Equestrian Arena	19.5%	49
Bike Pump Track (skate park for bikes)	6.8%	17
Outdoor Exercise Stations	11.6%	29
Access point for KP Trail system	41.0%	103
Spraypark	12.4%	31
Fairgrounds	19.9%	50
Other (please specify)	14.3%	36
answered question		251
skipped question		89



amphitheater x2
archery range rifle range x2

Better access for equestrians to 360 park
Boundless playground
camping areas
challenge exercise course (climbing walls , rope course)
connecting bike trails regular and single track
Covered picnic area with outdoor kitchen
football field and stage

Keep natural as we can
master gardener veggie growing classes
No ball fields, the kids can Volunteer Park, the Equestrian Community has waited over 20 years for a place on the peninsula. Look this up in the Volunteer Park History
picnic area for both foot and equestrian
Picnic Tables, Volleyball Court, Swimming Pool
separate horse areas or paths with horses always on one side of path/road only
Signage?
Sure would be nice to keep horse activities here.
swimming pool

Forest Garden like Seattle is putting in. Very Low cost, free food.

Geocaching
historical museum site x5

hitching posts near a future picnic area & restroom

Tennis courts
Traffic problems coming from the south. I don't think using Creviston as an alternative route to the park during busy times is going to work.
Use for large events with lots of parking
use of building to allow year round classes of a variety but largely focused on kids learning a new kind of relationship with animals which automatically extends to humans

#13

For future planning, should we...

Improve this park	Maintain this park	Close this park	Rating Average	Response Count
220	70	0	2.76	290
Other (please specify)				9
<i>answered question</i>				290
<i>skipped question</i>				50

add tennis court
entrance-turn off
Go see Horse Park on Vashion Island and copy it!
How to access signage

maintain as nature trails only
multi-use complex, but amenities are so important!
never been here
power and water, lights
The new bike only trails look great so far and I would love to see more

#14

Are there any safety issues at this park property?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	17.7%	38
No	82.3%	177
If yes, please tell us the issue(s).		50
<i>answered question</i>		215
<i>skipped question</i>		125

360 feels isolated and unprotected
access for emergency personel at need
Access for horse trailers turning off of Hwy 302
Again getting off and on the highway.
any time you have a large wooded area to deal with it raises safety concerns.
bikers/runners scare horses without warning. also many dogs off leash/uncontrolled
Bridge(s) to 360 x2
dogs are regularly off leash

driveway onto 302

equestrian users put ALL other users at risk

horse access is unsafe, can't use anymore
Horseback riders often come at high speed around corners
I saw glass from broken car windows in the parking area
ingress and egress x12

lack of yielding education
lighting
Lighting at 360 in evenings
Mountain bikes and horses don't mix

No public telephones for accidents

None that don't exist everywhere
parking x4
People at the 360 w/ dogs off-leash x3
People tend to dump garbage out there in the parking area
Pulling in and out off of the road and the entrance into the trails for horses id dangerous with the logs there. I quit using it.
some parts of the main trail are so sandy and soft that they're difficult to bike on

some very reckless horseback riders

uneven ground
Would not feel comfortable going alone.

HOME PARK

#15

What best describes your relationship with this park property?						
Never heard of it	Know of it; never used	Visited	Use sometimes	Use regularly	Rating Average	Response Count
31	120	88	71	28	2.84	338
<i>answered question</i>						338
<i>skipped question</i>						2

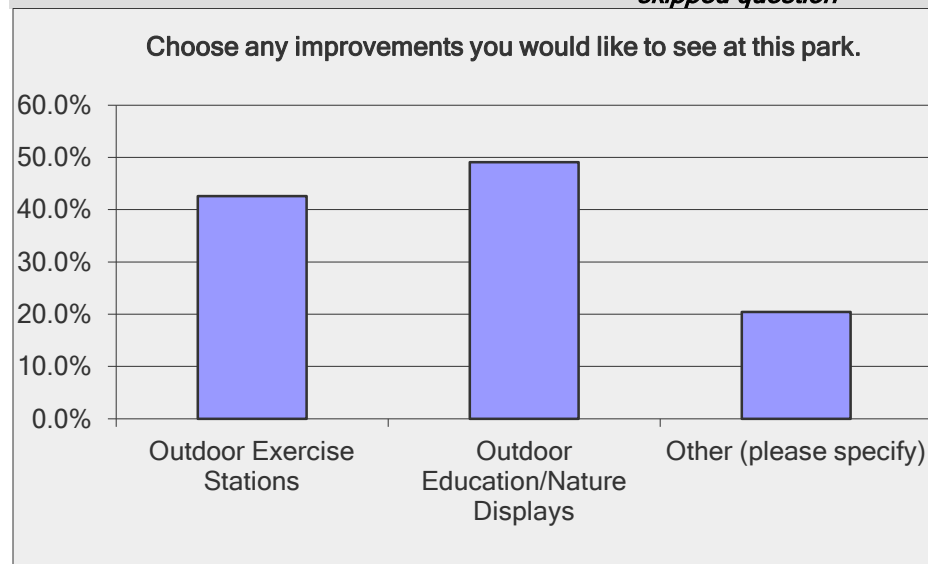
#16

What features or programs at this park have you used?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Playground	79.8%	138
Picnic Shelter	62.4%	108
Other (please specify)	11.0%	19
<i>answered question</i>		173
<i>skipped question</i>		167

Cousins Birthday	rest while waLKiNG THE PEN.
Field around playground X3	restroom X6
geocaching	shelter for picnic
liked seeing the kids having fun safely.	Start point of roadside cleanup
meeting for KPBA road clean-up X3	With grandchildren
Park Cleanup	

#17

Choose any improvements you would like to see at this park.		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Outdoor Exercise Stations	42.6%	46
Outdoor Education/Nature Displays	49.1%	53
Other (please specify)	20.4%	22
<i>answered question</i>		108
<i>skipped question</i>		232



#17 OTHER:

Bathroom X4

Please make a double solid line in the road in front of park. Not place for cars to pass!

better lighting
better swingset

Running water, more playground and parking
Skate park

Update play ground. Designed only for little kids.
Adding more of a play ground for big and small kids would be an attraction I think.
History display of Home
More Boundless play equipment
natural gardens/short trails
play equipment for older kids

Ask the county to keep the speed limit at 30 until past the park and move the 45 mph sign on the north end further toward Key center so cars aren't speeding past the park.
Expansion of the park area X2
Volleyball Court
water source/drinking fountain

#18

For future planning, should we...

Improve this park	Maintain this park	Close this park	Rating Average	Response Count
56	224	2	2.19	282
Other (please specify)				10
<i>answered question</i>				282
<i>skipped question</i>				58

I would like to see more play equipment for young children in general on the KP. A park like the one at Discovery Elementary would really be an asset. I don't think the one at the Civic Center is big enough.

build bigger playground for teens X3

expanded

I love this park, even though I have no young children. I love that it replaced the former appliance dump.

some of the equipment doesn't make sense

#19

Are there any safety issues at this park property?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	5.0%	10
No	95.0%	191
If yes, please tell us the issue(s).		15
<i>answered question</i>		201
<i>skipped question</i>		139

crazy people who walk the streets in front of park

there are some shady people who stop and talk to the kids

the couch swing

no first aid booth (BandAids ect...)

The Restroom is not very clean

Broken line in road allows passing, when the park is unseen going north, until you're on top of it.

sometimes at night adults/teens party and trash the park with their bottles

Move the northbound 45 mph sign up around the corner so cars down speed up at the firestation and zip past the park at 50.

If no parents with kids--presents liability

parking gets difficult, and I worry about the sanitary conditions of the bathroom, but I love this little park
lighting

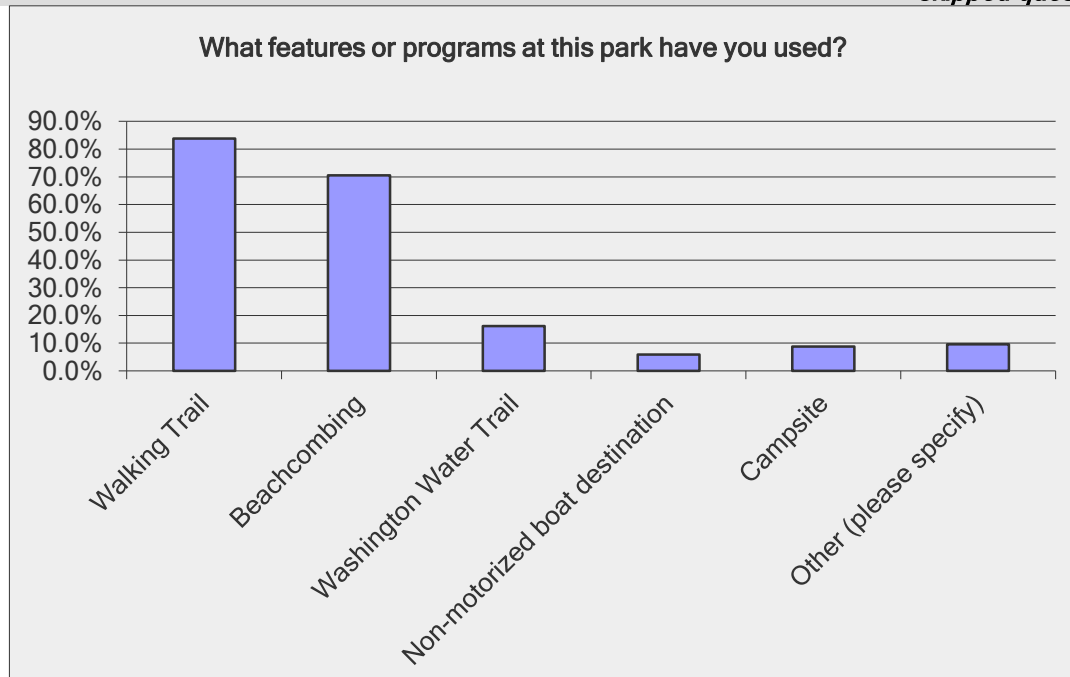
MAPLE HOLLOW

#20

What best describes your relationship with this park property?						
Never heard of it	Know of it; never used	Visited	Use sometimes	Use regularly	Rating Average	Response Count
138	66	60	53	18	2.24	335
<i>answered question</i>						335
<i>skipped question</i>						5

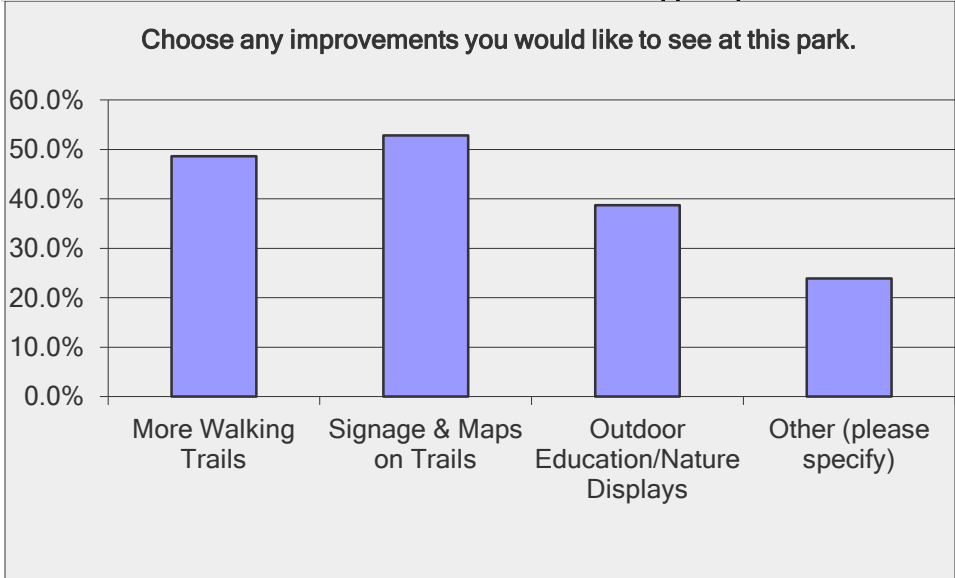
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What features or programs at this park have you used?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walking Trail	83.8%	114
Beachcombing	70.6%	96
Washington Water Trail	16.2%	22
Non-motorized boat destination	5.9%	8
Campsite	8.8%	12
Other (please specify)	9.6%	13
<i>answered question</i>		136
<i>skipped question</i>		204



animal tracking and watching
 dog walking
 eco camp
 geocaching
 Have tried to enter and use trails but parking not acessible!
 Not used it since the late 1980s when the neighboring lot was logged
 Overnight Anchorage
 picnic
 Picnic Area
 Would love water access for kayaking and beachcombing

Choose any improvements you would like to see at this park.		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More Walking Trails	48.6%	69
Signage & Maps on Trails	52.8%	75
Outdoor Education/Nature Displays	38.7%	55
Other (please specify)	23.9%	34
answered question		142
skipped question		198



- advertise where it is

archery range or shooting range

bbq and picnic tables

Better safer trails

bettr picnic area

camp site near rest room

camping

finished steps on the trail at the beach access point!

improve trails

improved camping, better beach access

It is great the way it is and only needs signage.

It was gated when I tried to access it on a weekend.

lighting and/or security features at the gate

Make it more accessible. I understand that the trail down to it is quite steep and not well maintained

mooring bouys
- more publicity

open gate for parking X2

outhouse code

Parking outside of gate.

Picnic Area

Playground

Provide Better Parking

regular checking by police, maintenance? lots of funny stuff goes on there.

restore the water system and bathrooms

sign on road, better parking

Upland multi-user trail

USE THE BEACH

walk-in campng

Water front signage of park trail heads

watertrails and camping

#23

For future planning, should we...				
Improve this park	Maintain this park	Close this park	Rating Average	Response Count
94	131	2	2.41	227
Other (please specify)				15
<i>answered question</i>				227
<i>skipped question</i>				113

advertise it a little more. i'm actually not even really sure where it is
 beach area outhouse
 Better safer trails
 Connect to multi-user trail system.
 Get the word out on this beautiful trail
 Habitat restoration
 I thought the State leaches were responsible for this park.
 Mooring buoys
 more campsites segregated for adults and for familys
 open the gate
 Open the gate into the park so we can get in and park and use the trails
 water and outhouses
 When the old picninc sites were removed, a lot of use was lost. I am glad that this area has been finally reopened. I would like to see the trails improved, and some minor facilities (setaing / tables) added back in down near the waterfront.

#24

Are there any safety issues at this park property?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	15.0%	20
No	85.0%	113
If yes, please tell us the issue(s).		29
<i>answered question</i>		133
<i>skipped question</i>		207

bad walk ways
 condition of the ground
 dogs not on leash
 drug deals there
 evidence of alcohol and drug use in park
 I don't feel safe walking into the interior of the park.
 Lack of parking
 last part of trail onto beach is steep, rocks for steps are loose, almost fell when one tipped over
 lots of places for people to hide near trails. perhaps clear more around trails.
 need bear awareness signs
 No telephones
 parking
 Repair steps to the water
 Road in from the N(direction unsure) has very large rocks which are hard to walk on. Our visit was last year.
 slippery slope areas with no hand rails (right at beach)
 steep and very slippery trail, rocks too coarse for hill trails
 steps on the trail at the beach access point
 Vehicle security
 walking trail very slippery and unsafe when wet, rocks used on trail horrible to walk on, easy to break bones on this trail
 washouts
 We live on Van Beek; oftentimes there are cars parked at the entrance to the (dark) trail after dark.
 Property nearby and trail head (outside gate) subject to dumping and trash. The sign has been torn down (by vandals) and is being replaced -> \$\$.

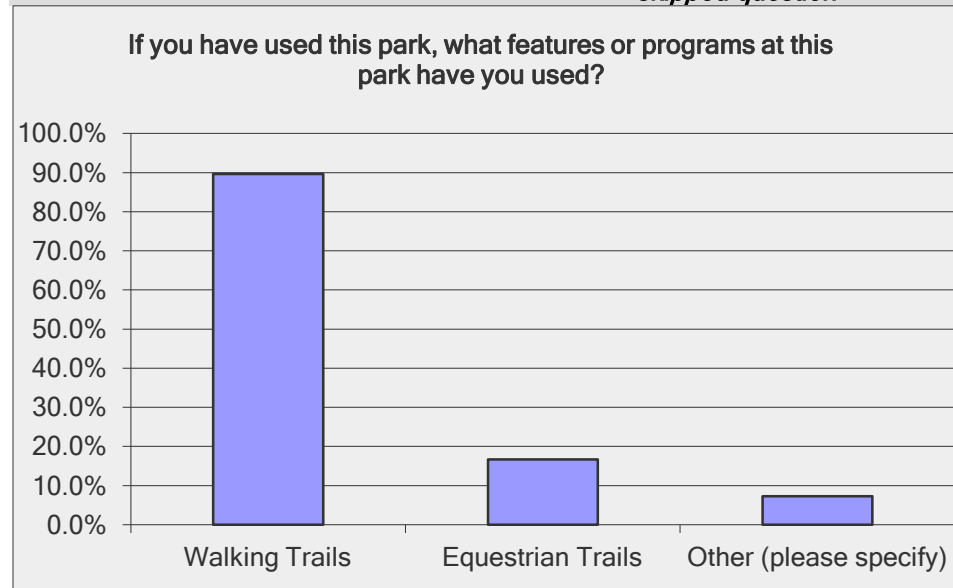
ROCKY CREEK

#25

What best describes your relationship with this park property?						
Never heard of it	Know of it; never used	Visited	Use sometimes	Use regularly	Rating Average	Response Count
123	115	54	30	11	2.07	333
<i>answered question</i>						333
<i>skipped question</i>						7

#26

If you have used this park, what features or programs at this park have you used?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walking Trails	89.6%	86
Equestrian Trails	16.7%	16
Other (please specify)	7.3%	7
<i>answered question</i>		96
<i>skipped question</i>		244



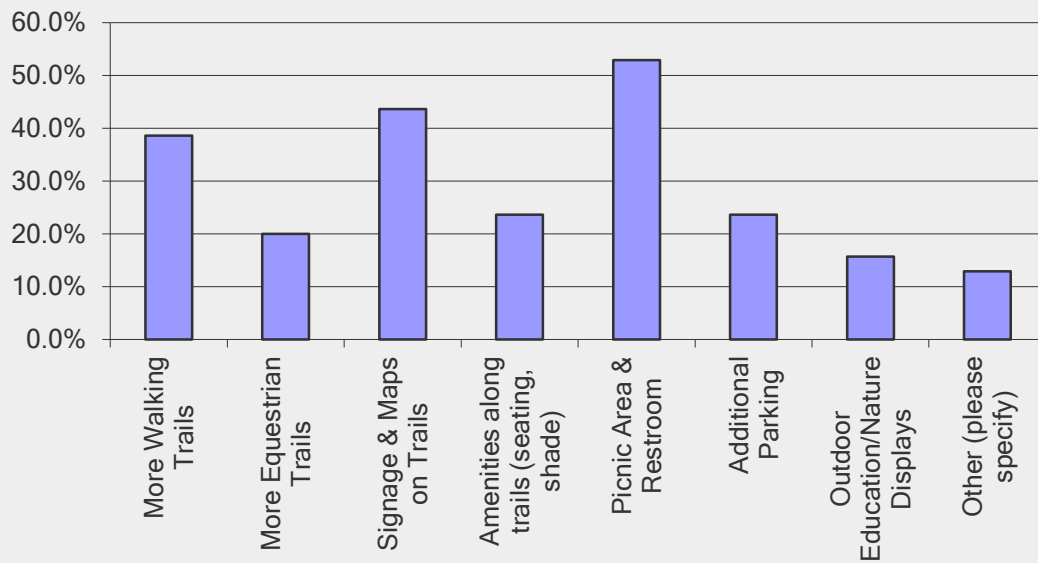
dog walking
 Exploring the wilderness
 geocaching
 Make trails circular - no dead ends - improve bridge for horses
 rode bikes through and rode to 360 Park on the Tacoma Power road

#27

Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at this park.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More Walking Trails	38.6%	54
More Equestrian Trails	20.0%	28
Signage & Maps on Trails	43.6%	61
Amenities along trails (seating, shade)	23.6%	33
Picnic Area & Restroom	52.9%	74
Additional Parking	23.6%	33
Outdoor Education/Nature Displays	15.7%	22
Other (please specify)	12.9%	18
<i>answered question</i>		140
<i>skipped question</i>		200

Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at this park.



access

access signage

Bicycle Trails

Bike trail through to 360 Park on the Tacoma Power road

Dog pick up bags

Geocaching

improve trails

is there equestrian parking now? was none last time there

leave as is

no more improvements; keep it wild

off leash dog park across Crews Road

safety features

siungle track bike trail

survival expeditions or lessons

Trail Connection

trails are very narrow and brush extends over trails in some areas

Trails on west side of Rocky Creek and multi-user bridge across creek.

#28

For future planning, should we...				
Improve this park	Maintain this park	Close this park	Rating Average	Response Count
83	109	3	2.41	195
				4
				195
				145

#29

Are there any safety issues at this park property?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	10.5%	12
No	89.5%	102
If yes, please tell us the issue(s).		16
	<i>answered question</i>	114
	<i>skipped question</i>	226

Barbwire

It's a little creepy to go by yourself. Maybe having a log in/ log out sheet would help.

just the amount of downed trees blocking access to some of the trails

need bear awareness signs

parking

Safe trail head parking

security

seems to be a lot of littering and vandals. makes me feel unsafe to use this area much

This is not an area I would be comfortable being at, based on the activities that happen in the neighborhoods nearby. I think there would have to be significant changes, maybe a few events where I could get out and see what has been done there

vandalism or theft along Crews Rd.

Vandalism, evidence of shooting

TAYLOR BAY

#30

What best describes your relationship with this park property?						
Never heard of it	Know of it; never used	Visited	Use sometimes	Use regularly	Rating Average	Response Count
117	136	61	14	3	1.94	331
<i>answered question</i>						331
<i>skipped question</i>						9

#31

If you have used this park, what features or programs at this park have you used?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Water Access	57.1%	48
Beachcombing	70.2%	59
Other (please specify)	11.9%	10
<i>answered question</i>		84
<i>skipped question</i>		256

geocaching
 Stopped to take a nap.
 Taylor Bay neighborhood picnics
 tried to find entry 2 years ago, never found it
 very unfriendly maintenance group
 Volunteer
 walk the beach
 Went to see the park on a drive.

#32

Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at this park. *Trail developments would occur on the northern 32 acres (not on the 7 acre beachfront portion)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walking Trails	54.8%	80
Signage & Maps on Trails	32.9%	48
Amenities along trails (seating, shade)	26.0%	38
Outdoor Education/Nature Displays	25.3%	37
Picnic Area & Restroom (on beachfront property)	71.9%	105
ADA Trail to Beach (on beachfront property)	28.8%	42
Other (please specify)	7.5%	11
<i>answered question</i>		146
<i>skipped question</i>		194

a non motorize boat launch
 Bicycle Trail
 camping
 Directions to get to it
 Geocaching
 land access
 Multi-user trails and connect to trail system
 Party area camps pots
 Water trails campsite, waterfront trailhead
 signage
 what is ada trail?

#33

For future planning, should we...				
Improve this park	Maintain this park	Close this park	Rating Average	Response Count
106	86	2	2.54	194
Other (please specify)				4
<i>answered question</i>				194
<i>skipped question</i>				146

ok for dogs?

Is it big enough for bikes /are there trails appropriate for bikes?

Habitat Restoration

access signage

#34

Are there any safety issues at this park property?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	2.9%	3
No	97.1%	99
If yes, please tell us the issue(s).		9
<i>answered question</i>		102
<i>skipped question</i>		238

ADA issues

drug people who live in surrounding area

parking

the people scare you half to death

Where is it?

KEY CENTRAL FOREST

#35

What best describes your relationship with this park property?						
Never heard of it	Know of it; never used	Visited	Use sometimes	Use regularly	Rating Average	Response Count
191	86	28	10	13	1.68	328
<i>answered question</i>						328
<i>skipped question</i>						12

#36

If you have used this park, what features or programs at this park have you used?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walking Trails	63.1%	41
Equestrian Trails	33.8%	22
Biking Trails	26.2%	17
Other (please specify)	12.3%	8
<i>answered question</i>		65
<i>skipped question</i>		275

Did not know there were Equestrian Trails. Will use it now.

dog walking

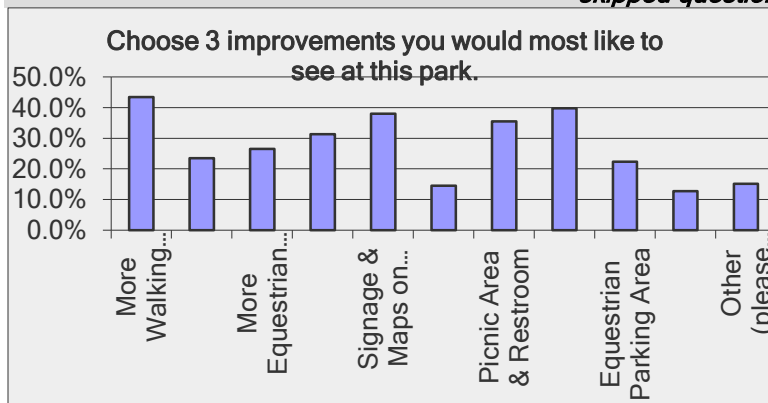
Grand holder n have used

great hunting area for archery people

roads for walking

#37

Choose 3 improvements you would most like to see at this park.		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More Walking Trails	43.4%	72
More Biking Trails	23.5%	39
More Equestrian Trails	26.5%	44
Perimeter Trail	31.3%	52
Signage & Maps on Trails	38.0%	63
Amenities along trails (seating, shade)	14.5%	24
Picnic Area & Restroom	35.5%	59
Parking Area	39.8%	66
Equestrian Parking Area	22.3%	37
Outdoor Education/Nature Displays	12.7%	21
Other (please specify)	15.1%	25
<i>answered question</i>		166
<i>skipped question</i>		174



#37 OTHER RESPONSES

A fence to discourage local dogs from coming in.
access
access signage
Allow usage like when DNR managed the property, motorized vehicles and hunting, don't limit usage.
and single track bike paths
Awesome! A place to bike in the forest?! Where are the entrances? I will use this park!
directions on how to get there
family (multi-age) friendly playground/shelter area,
improve entrance
inform surrounding residents that their is people in their backyards for safety reasons
More than one parking area with access
Multi-user trails and connection to trail system
no improvements, keep it wild
Off leash dog area X2
Orv trail or track
part of the area set aside for archery hunting or atleast a archery range.
Paths wide enough for horse driven buggy
Playground near picnic area
RC Flying Field
RV PARK
Signs pointing to it
trail links to key center and elsewhere

#38

For future planning, should we...

Improve this park	Maintain this park	Close this park	Rating Average	Response Count
127	57	12	2.59	196
Other (please specify)				11
<i>answered question</i>				196
<i>skipped question</i>				144

Close, if it can't be used like DNR / state lands have been used in the past.

I wish this space would just be left pretty much alone.

Make this park Equestrian only

access and mapping

dog park area

His park borders my property, please gather input from Minterwood folks

Who is benefiting from our maintaining this park?

since undeveloped-it could be sold easily if needed

trails and parking for horses

the property should be left alone

It's still very unknown, but this should be developed as an area for all ages to use, from small children, to couples and families to seniors. I think there has to be some care taken with the way we approach it, but accessibility and safety are huge!

#39

Are there any safety issues at this park property?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	23.2%	23
No	76.8%	76
If yes, please tell us the issue(s).		25
<i>answered question</i>		99
<i>skipped question</i>		241

Access parking is dangerous X14

Apparently used for target practice; no firearms should be allowed X2

Bee nests on trail

Mountain bikes and horse don't mix

one trail leads to properties with unleashed dogs

The abuse of people's property that ajoin this park must be addressed before anything is done to improve access to this park- you need to assume the liability for those abuses.

ungroomed trails should be left that way

MINTER CREEK

#40

What best describes your relationship with this park property?						
Never heard of it	Know of it; never used	Visited	Use sometimes	Use regularly	Rating Average	Response Count
143	129	47	12	2	1.80	333
<i>answered question</i>						333
<i>skipped question</i>						7

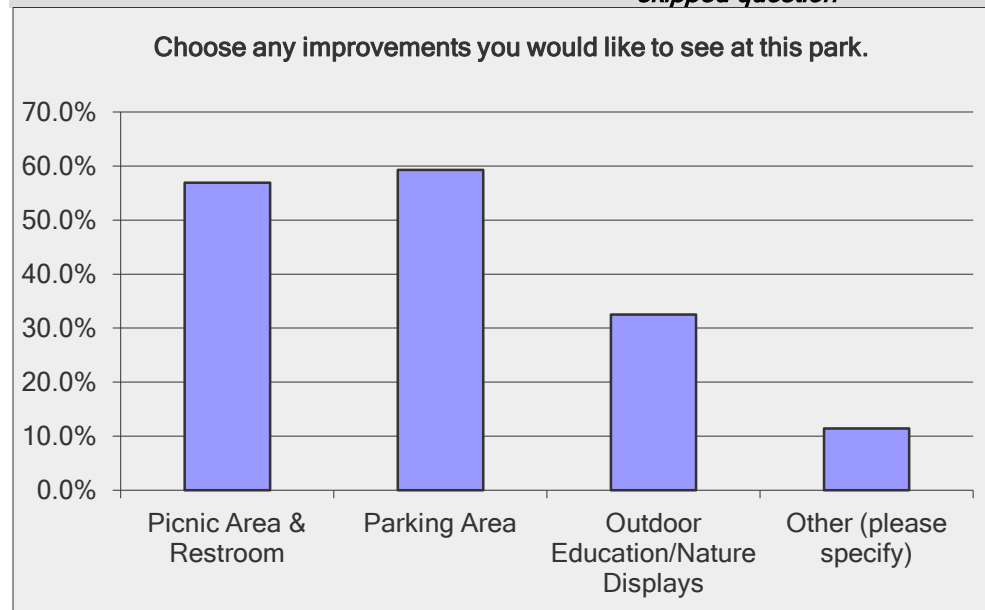
#41

If you have used this park, what features or programs at this park have you used?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Water Access	74.5%	41
Other (please specify)	25.5%	14
<i>answered question</i>		55
<i>skipped question</i>		285

Closed to public. Questions do not apply	Just to visit.
Did not know that it was developed for public use.	Look at Salmon
fishing	The school.
Fishing	walked around
Friend's houses	walked in
Geocatch	watching birds & fish
	wild life watching and
	fishing

#42

Choose any improvements you would like to see at this park.		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Picnic Area & Restroom	56.9%	70
Parking Area	59.3%	73
Outdoor Education/Nature Displays	32.5%	40
Other (please specify)	11.4%	14
<i>answered question</i>		123
<i>skipped question</i>		217



#42 OTHER RESPONSES

directions on how to get there X2
 access signage
 Added crosswalk
 blocks road bad when fisherman come out!!!!
 camping
 fishing access
 info about creek and hatchery
 Just better access to water, not effecting
 wildlife
 no improvements; leave it wild
 Playground
 water front signage for trailheads
 Whatever it needs most

#43**For future planning, should we...**

Improve this park	Maintain this park	Close this park	Rating Average	Response Count
78	86	14	2.36	178
Other (please specify)				6
<i>answered question</i>				178
<i>skipped question</i>				162

add trails to Minter Creek so you can see fish migrate
 Is this a personal park for the ouster company?
 Provide services to anglers
 sell fishing permits to fish on the property
 I didn't realize the parks owned property here.
 excellent opportunity to teach kids conservation

#44**Are there any safety issues at this park property?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	15.1%	14
No	84.9%	79
If yes, please tell us the issue(s).		17
<i>answered question</i>		93
<i>skipped question</i>		247

Bacteria, fishing gear
 crazy neighbor
 drop off at the end of trail into the creek
 Fisherman bring children when they are fishing. They play in the road. The hatchery is in between two deep curves. People standing on the edge of the road fishing are at risk. Children not being properly supervised are at risk.
 have to park along road
 lack of parking causes visitors to often park on the roadside, creating a traffic hazard to passing vehicles
 Parking
 parking during salmon runs presents a road hazard.
 People littering along waterway.
 Road crossing
 Safe walking access for all ages
 the road
 Water tides come up and walking out is not an option for some people.

PROGRAMS--YOUTH

#45

What types of programs, activities, and events should Key Pen Parks provide for YOUTH?			
Answer Options	I want to see this offered	I am willing to pay a fee for this	Response Count
Fitness Classes	123	75	137
Sports Classes	148	85	163
Visual Arts Classes	84	52	95
Performance Arts Classes	103	71	120
Environmental Education/Nature Classes	159	65	170
Cooking Classes	74	56	90
Gardening Classes	100	47	111
Equestrian (Horse) Activities	89	53	102
Bicycling Events	111	54	124
Running Events	121	60	135
Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts)	136	85	149
Day Trips (ball games, culture events)	98	63	113
Other (please specify)			27
<i>answered question</i>			277
<i>skipped question</i>			63

music concerts
 add a swimming pool along with lessons
 Preschool activities and summer/school break camps, golf clinic
 recreational shooting range or sportsman club
 safty and cpr classes
 equestrian rentals and equestrian trails for a small fee
 I think the parks department should secure land, develop facilities and let other youth organizations organize the youth activities using the parks. ie. provide the BB court and offer to check out balls but not provide a BB league. Offer soccer fields but not organize soccer leagues.
 I have grandchildren who visit often in the summer and would like to see a summer play activity offered.
 Survey the kids - see what they'd be interested in! Keep fees low for all.
 performing arts cool
 active youth soccer program tied into league; aikido
 Sorry, can't pay any fees.
 History of the Key Peninsula
 Small dog off leash parks
 The Events for horses, bikes and runs I am thinking of are charity events that split the proceeds between the Parks and a non-profit.
 trails
 craft classes
 Music events
 I have no teenaged children
 all would be appropriate for youth
 Keep the fees for things like outdoor cultural events as small as possible. Part of the draw is that you are staying close to home, and it should be affordable
 Reasonable fees would be acceptable
 programs connecting kids and animals in the new way, the future of the country is based on this foundation
 I do not have a "youth" who participates in these offerings. If I did, I'd be happy to pay for them.
 Connecting trails
 cultural events like pow wows, Bouncy houses, yoga
 eco camp was awesome

PROGRAMS-ADULTS

#46

What types of programs, activities, and events should Key Pen Parks provide for ADULTS & SENIORS?

Answer Options	I want to see this offered	I am willing to pay a fee for this	Response Count
Fitness Classes	170	119	187
Sports Leagues	97	65	109
Visual Arts Classes	82	62	90
Community Theater	99	67	108
Environmental Education/Nature Classes	127	61	134
Cooking Classes	98	76	113
Gardening Classes	128	81	142
Equestrian (Horse) Activities	78	52	89
Bicycling Events	77	41	88
Running Events	89	54	103
Triathlon	74	48	86
Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts)	138	99	152
Day Trips (ball games, culture events)	90	65	101
Other (please specify)			20
<i>answered question</i>			297
<i>skipped question</i>			43

farmer's markets

bike events for tricycles too

Walking Events

Camping, Cabins or yurts

Golf clinic

Walking Events

tough man run events

Working with other Key Penn organizations, offer park facilities for events and activities - could be for all the above but the parks do not need to organize, manage and run them.

aikido

All the events look great, but I'd probably only exercise.

craft classes, quilting, knitting, crochet or spinning

music festivals

History programs of the Key Peninsua

Outdoor Concerts more than movies

non-motorized trail system linking key destinations and parks

would like to see a meeting/conference facility that local community groups can use

walking events/ volksmarching clubs

Music events

Connecting trails

Dance Lessons, Jazzercise (not zumba), Yoga

PROGRAMS-FAMILIES

#47

What types of programs, activities, and events should Key Pen Parks provide for FAMILIES to do recreation together?

Answer Options	I want to see this offered	I am willing to pay a fee for this	Response Count
Visual Arts Classes	66	36	73
Community Theater	114	68	124
Environmental Education/Nature Classes	131	64	138
Cooking Classes	65	43	76
Gardening Classes	92	46	102
Equestrian (Horse) Activities	86	52	97
Bicycling Events	102	54	114
Running Events	91	57	106
Outdoor Cultural Activities (movies, concerts)	147	92	161
Day Trips (ball games, culture events)	97	60	107
Other (please specify)			18
<i>answered question</i>			262
<i>skipped question</i>			78

classical music on sundays

bikes need to include tricycles and runs need to include walking

Camping, Cabins or yurts

Golf clinic

cpr classes

Same as previously answered. The Farm Tour is an excellent example of collaboration.

Family field and track days, family play festivals, etc.

aikido

Again, it's all great, though I probably wouldn't access most.

History story telling, example is Fox Island

non-motorized trail systems linking beach and forest destinations

Music events

Day trips to Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helens, Hurricane Ridge would be great.

I am single

all would be good for families

Again, make sure it is accessible activities, raised bed gardening, etc. so that people who are not as mobile or able to be out on their hands and knees can still participate.

Car shows

RC Flying Field

OTHER PROGRAMS

#48

Do you use programs provided by entities other than Key Pen Parks? If so, what and where? (i.e. KP Civic Center, Library, YMCA, etc.)

Answer Options	Response Count
	176
<i>answered question</i>	176
<i>skipped question</i>	164

NOT THE BEST DATA, LOTS OF TEXT RESPONSES WITH EXPECTED ANSWERS.

#49

How important is it to you to have a connecting trail system on the Key Peninsula?

Not at all important	A Little Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very important	Rating Average	Response Count
32	53	91	85	53	3.24	314
<i>answered question</i>						314
<i>skipped question</i>						26

#50

Should Key Pen Parks look to acquire any of the following properties?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Purdy Spit (owned by Pierce County)	46.7%	107
Devil's Head (owned by Pierce County)	40.6%	93
Penrose Point State Park (owned by State of WA)	34.1%	78
Joemma State Park (owned by State of WA)	34.5%	79
Haley Property (owned by State of WA)	24.0%	55
Property around Gateway Park (private owners)	38.4%	88
Other (please specify)		44
<i>answered question</i>		229
<i>skipped question</i>		111

The inner Dutchers Cove tidelands adjoining the already protected outer tidelands. these tidelands are at risk of commercial development.

I believe that the parks should let the other entities pay and maintain those places.

I am not clear on why you would want to buy these if these if they are already maintained by Pierce County? Dont we already pay taxes on these?

do not know the specic economic impact

I would invest in upgrading current parks, not acquiring new ones. Now, if the State Parks Dept. is closing Penrose or Joemma, then a purchase should be considered.

acquire property between gateway and 360

Horseshoe Lake

Many of us would love a dog park

Key is access & funding, not who owns it.

Must have supporting funding for maintenance prior to new additions

I would prefer the Parks focus on improving properties they already have

Rocky Bay, park with public access to water

whatever it would take for development of a connecting trail system..... this is extremely important!

Wouldn't want state park properties to go private. Didn't know the state wanted to sell these properties.

would like to see land bought to see a trail system

Not if they are no danger of being lost or sold

maintain what you have.

only if at risk of closure

only if the state or county will not maintain these parks

Wickslake

Let's concentrate on what we have and make sure we can improve and maintain those parks before expanding
 Key Pen Parks has enough on their plate. Take care of current properties, then lets see where to go.
 let state, county maintain if possible; else... aquire if cost effective
 why?
 Let the thieving county and state bastards maintain their own properties.
 Save your money for existing parks
 I'm clueless....I don't care if KPP,the State or the County owns it if I have walking access. Perhaps you could explain what the different ownerships mean to citizens.
 The property around Gateway Park would allow KeyPen Parks to develop the property into their premier location, which I would like to see include Fairgrounds with event structures. For the other properties, if the other properties are no longer being maintained or owned by their current owner, then it would be prudent for Key Pen Parks to persue an interest in acquiring the properties listed here. If the current owners are content with their maintenance and ownershi of the properties, then Key Pen Parks should focus on maintaining and improving their current properties.
 no
 If these properties are at risk of being sold for development then Key Pen Parks should look into it.
 if you acquire more property do you have the \$\$\$ to hire more employees??
 Home Gravel Pit - This site is pivotal to a trail system linking the Hayley beach, Jackson Lake, Herron Island, and the Home Boat Launch, even down to Joemma. Make the gravel pit the park and walk headquarters for non-motorized trail system.
 Pierce County owned Tiedmann Road property
 no
 Acquire only if they are in danger of "going away," otherwise let those other entities carry their share of the responsibility.
 I think we should focus on making the current properties a great fit for the needs of the community and improving what we have first. If there are opportunities that present themselves that wouldn't normally be possible, we should look at that, but I didn't even realize how much KP Parks had already expanded beyond Volunteer and Home Park until last year, and I think I'm not in the minority on being aware of what there is to offer - so I think publicized improvments and some events would be a great start to boosting awareness and use.
 Possibly acquire any of the properties that the county or state can't afford to keep or is willing to let go.
 no,manage what you have
 all of the above if it means saving the land as park
 NO.
 Maybe some Pocket parks and trail Otherwise you have enough
 All are important pieces of property but don't think KP Parks needs to acquire more. Should have involment to extent practical to help improve Devil's Head
 Key Pen Parks should avoid acquiring state park lands
 Consider purchase of additional tidal property up cove adjoining the Dutchers Cove tidal property.

#51

Should Key Pen Parks continue assisting in operations at Horseshoe Lake, May-September (owned by Kitsap County)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	41.0%	135
No	15.8%	52
Not sure	43.2%	142
<i>answered question</i>		329
<i>skipped question</i>		11

#52

In general, how satisfied are you with Key Pen Parks?						
Not at all Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied	Mostly Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Rating Average	Response Count
3	53	102	109	61	3.52	328
<i>answered question</i>						328
<i>skipped question</i>						12

FOUNDATION

#53

Are you aware of the Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed to promote and benefit parks and recreation on the Key Peninsula?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	50.3%	166
No	49.7%	164
<i>answered question</i>		330
<i>skipped question</i>		10

#54

Would you be interested in helping the Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation Foundation in any of the following ways?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Property Donation	2.9%	3
Tax Deductible Cash Donation	19.6%	20
Trust Fund Allocation	1.0%	1
Open Space & Forest Preservation	13.7%	14
Volunteering	79.4%	81
Please provide your email or phone number if you have checked any of the above options.		65
<i>answered question</i>		102
<i>skipped question</i>		238

Key Peninsula Area Inventory Matrix
Appendix C

Managed BY	Park/ Property Site	Number on Map	Trails	Forest	Sports Fields	Boat Launch/Marina	Swim	Beach walking	Camping	Tennis	Vistas	Golf	Picnic Shelter	Dog walking	Play ground	Equestrian use	Restrooms B=Bathroom P=Porta-Potty V= Vault
Key Pen Parks	Volunteer Park	1	yes		yes								yes	yes	yes		B
Key Pen Parks	360 trails	2	yes	yes										yes		yes	P
Key Pen Parks	Home Park	3											yes		yes		V
Key Pen Parks	Maple Hollow	4	yes	yes			yes	yes	yes		yes			yes			V
Key Pen Parks	Rocky Creek	5	yes	yes										yes		yes	
Key Pen Parks	Gateway	6															P
Key Pen Parks	Taylor Bay	7		yes				yes			yes						
Key Pen Parks	Key Central Forest (KCF)	8	yes	yes										yes		yes	
Key Pen Parks	Future Access to KCF	9	yes	yes												yes	
Key Pen Parks	Minter Creek	10	yes	yes													
WA. ST Parks	Penrose Point State Park	11	yes	yes			yes	yes	yes		yes			yes			V,B
WA. ST Parks	Joemma Beach State Park	12	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes		yes			yes			V
WA. ST Parks	Haley Property	13	yes	yes				yes								yes	
WA. ST DNR	Dutcher Cove	14						yes									
WDFW	Bay Lake	15				yes											P
WDFW	Jackson Lake	16				yes											P
WDFW	Carney Lake	17				yes											P
WDFW	Horseshoe Lake	18				yes											P
Pierce County	Purdy Spit	19				yes	yes	yes			yes						P
Pierce County	Devil's Head	20	yes	yes				yes			yes						

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Commonly-Used Terms and Definitions

Access: The public's ability to physically use land or water.

Active recreation: Activities which take place on developed property examples are baseball, soccer, and disc golf.

Capital improvement program (CIP): A list or description of proposal capital projects.

Capital project: A project that results in acquisition of new property or a new built facility.

Consumptive: Recreation that physically consumes resources; examples include berry picking, shellfish harvest, hunting, fishing.

Development: The construction of new elements, including structures and facilities to enhance outdoor recreation or habitat conservation resources, excluding unpaved trails.

Dispersed: Recreation that is scattered or spread across the landscape, and not concentrated at a specific site. Examples include trail uses, camping, walking, cycling, and jogging.

Impact (low, medium, high): The effect that recreational uses have on resources including but not limited to soils, water, species, habitat, sites, and facilities.

Improve: Expanding an existing site or facility to serve more uses or more types of use.

Level of Service: Measure of the current status of park and recreation system as a whole.

Maintain: To keep a site or facility in the condition for which it was originally designed and built.

Multiple-use: Use by more than one type of recreation on the same facility at the same time.

Multi-use: Use by more than one type of recreation on the same facility but not at the same time.

Non-consumptive: Resource recreation that depends on but does not consume resources; for example, photographing wildlife.

Park: Land or an area set aside for a special purpose, but particularly for leisure or recreation; natural areas/open spaces may be parks under this definition.

- Neighborhood parks have a service area of a reasonable transportation distance (approximately ten minutes travel time).

- Community parks have a service area that includes the boundary limits of an agency.
- Regional parks are intended to serve populations from multiple jurisdictions or have water access.
- State parks are owned/managed by the State of Washington.
- Marine parks are intended for access via watercraft in addition to upland access.
- Day-use parks do not allow overnight uses such as camping.
- Camping is an overnight stay in a tent or other non-permanent structure.
- Seasonal parks are intended for use in specific seasons.

Passive: Activities usually conducted on undeveloped property. Examples are picnicking, bird watching, and hiking, riding bicycles and horses and beach combing. Passive recreation is usually done individually and not as a team sport.

Open space: an area of land or water that either remains in its natural state or free from intensive residential, commercial, or industrial development. Open space can be publicly or privately owned, and includes agricultural and forest land, public parks, natural preserves, undeveloped coastal and estuarine lands, and undeveloped scenic lands. It also includes bodies of water such as lakes and bays. The definition of open space depends on the context. In a more urban environment, for example, a vacant lot or a small marsh can be open space. A small park or a narrow corridor for walking or bicycling is open space, though it may be surrounded by developed areas.

Renovate or renovation: Activities intended to improve an existing site or structure in order to increase its service life or functions.

Restoration: To rehabilitate or return a site or structure to its original function and capacity.

Shared use: Use by more than one type of recreation on the same facility.

Trail: According to the Washington State Trails Plan (RCO, 1991) "... a path, route, way, right-of-way, or corridor posted, signed, or designated as open for travel or passage by the general public but not normally designated as open for the transportation of commercial goods or services by motorized vehicles... an opportunity to experience solitude or companionship, recreation or challenge; an opportunity for the appreciation of nature; a means of achieving renewal of body, mind, and spirit." A trail is a recreational facility that also can serve as a non-motorized route for transportation.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Facilities and Services Element articulates needs for facilities and services to implement the visions and goals of the Key Peninsula Community Plan. Facilities and services are collectively considered infrastructure and may include public or privately funded projects. Policy statements regarding infrastructure provide direction to investors and decision-makers about investments desired and needed by the community. This element also prioritizes some of the projects and may suggest potential funding sources to acquire or construct facilities or provide services.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

Capital Facilities Planning in Pierce County

The Pierce County Comprehensive Plan contains a Capital Facilities Element, often referred to as the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). The CFP is a six-year plan for identifying and financing Countywide capital improvements that support the County's current and future population and designated land uses. The CFP is based on projected needs for capital facilities for the next 20 years, given current trends and expenses and is updated annually. Application of level of service (LOS) standards is a method for identifying needed capital improvements. LOS standards state the acceptable quantity and quality of a facility or service; expressed as unit of population, housing, acreage, square footage, gallons, vehicles per hour, waiting time, or similar unit of measurement.

Park and Recreation

History of Parks and Recreation Planning in Pierce County

Prior to 1958, the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma provided most of the park facilities and recreation programs throughout Pierce County. In 1958, the Board of Pierce County Commissioners created the Department of Parks and Recreation for Pierce County. At that time, several park sites outside the City of Tacoma were conveyed to Pierce County. The Pierce County Parks Department continued to grow in the 1980s and 1990s and established many recreational programs such as the All Abilities Camp, Sound to Narrows Race, mobile recreation, ski school, martial arts, aerobics, Tour de Pierce, Carless Commute, Cooperative Playshops, and sports leagues.

The Pierce County Comprehensive Plan contains general policies that serve as a guide for future development of park and recreation facilities in the County. These policies cover a range of issues including the County's responsibility in providing parks, technical assistance to local park associations, and include criteria for new park development. Section 19A.20.090 of the Comprehensive Plan states that the primary reliance is upon cities and towns and special purpose districts to provide local park facilities and services appropriate to serve local needs. The location criteria for park and recreation areas states

that new parks must be located on public roads. Open space passive recreation parks should be located on land offering significant environmental features.

The Pierce County Comprehensive Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (referred to as the Parks Plan) provides general direction and guidance for both facilities and programs. The Parks Plan does not contain project specific plans for the County's park properties.

In 1994, Pierce County adopted a Comprehensive Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan for the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas. This plan is often referred to as the Draggoo Study. The primary goals of this plan were to:

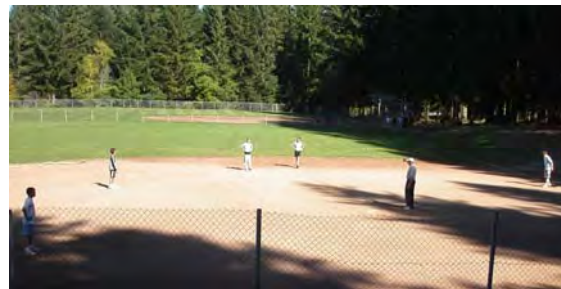
- Provide a full range of park and recreation services for all age groups and interests.
- Provide and support an efficient management structure that preserves local control and provides a system approach to the provision of park and recreation services.
- Reduce the burden on schools in providing for community recreation needs.
- Preserve and protect important natural areas for parks, trails, open space and shoreline use.
- Develop and support a broad and reliable funding base to support plan implementation and long-term provision of park and recreation services.
- Ensure that recreation program needs are met.

The 1994 plan specifically addressed and made recommendations for levels of service for neighborhood parks, school parks, community parks, natural open spaces, regional parks, and special use areas such as boat launches, shoreline access points, trails and indoor recreation spaces. Pierce County did not implement this park and recreation plan, principally because the LOS standards recommended in the plan were greater than described in the Countywide Capital Facilities Plan.

Key Peninsula Metro Parks

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (KPMPD) was formed by a special election in May of 2004 with over 60% voting in favor to form the district. KPMPD is the successor to Key Peninsula Parks & Recreation District, which was created in a 1972 general election. The current funding source for the KPMPD is the ZooTrek sales tax, collected by Pierce County.

The park system includes the Key Peninsula Sports Complex and Fairgrounds and Home Park. KPMPD and Pierce County cooperatively manage the Rocky Creek Conservation Area. The Park District is also in the process of acquiring approximately 360 acres from the State of Washington Department of Natural Resources. A five-member Board of Commissioners govern the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District. Commissioners serve six-year staggered terms and are the legislative body responsible for adopting the District budget and developing goals, policies and regulations, which will guide the District's future.



Pierce County Parks works closely with the KPMPD. Pierce County anticipates that the KPMPD will be the primary Park and Recreation provider on the Key Peninsula in the future.

Domestic Water

The Department of Ecology issues water rights in Washington State. A water right is a legal authorization to use a certain amount of public water for specific beneficial purposes. State law requires every user of streams, lakes, springs, and other surface waters to obtain a water right permit unless they use 5,000 gallons or fewer each day. A water right will be issued only if it is determined that water withdrawal will not have a detrimental effect on other nearby wells. Water rights are based on anticipated average daily flows from the proposed use and are approved for a specified number of wells.

Overview of Domestic Water Supply and Water System Plans, Policies and Regulations

Numerous water related plans, programs or processes occur at the State, County, Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA), and individual water system service area level. The Pierce County Comprehensive Plan, the Pierce County Coordinated Water System Plan - 2001, the Key Peninsula Gig Harbor Islands Watershed Characterization and Action Plan - July 1999, the Key Peninsula Islands Basin Plan - June 2006, and individual water purveyor water system plans address domestic water supplies in some manner.

Additionally, numerous regulations impact the provision of water service, including the Pierce County land use development regulations. A draft watershed plan was developed for Water Resource Inventory Area 15 - Kitsap Peninsula and Islands in June 2005 but was not completed. Consensus between the watershed committee members could not be reached. The Squaxin Island Tribe voted against the plan.

Water Systems Serving the Plan Area

Domestic water within the plan area is provided by a combination of individual on-site wells, small "Group B" water systems, and larger "Group A" water systems. Currently within the plan area, there are 58 "Group A" water systems that have either 15 or more connections or serve 25 or more people per day for 60 or more days per year regardless of the number of connections. Fifty-five separate water purveyors are responsible for operating these systems. Major purveyors on the Key Peninsula include Washington Water Service, Herron Maintenance Water System, and the Bruce Cole Water System. As required by state law, water service areas are exclusive service areas, which means only the designated purveyor is authorized to provide public water service to properties within their individual service area. Outside designated water service areas, wells exempt from the requirement to obtain a water right are expected to provide water service for new growth. These individual "exempt" wells or small "Group B" public water systems (utilizing an exempt well to provide 2-14 connections) are most likely to occur in the future. There is not a complete inventory of individual wells or Group B systems located on the Key Peninsula at this time.

Issues Facing Water Purveyors

Generally speaking, providing a safe, sustainable supply of water to a growing population is getting more and more difficult for water purveyors across the state. Balancing the need for water for people with the needs of fish, wildlife, and the natural environment is a major challenge. Fresh water is a finite resource with a growing demand and how we live and use water have significant cumulative impacts on how much water is available and how clean the water is. Educating users of water in a typically wet western Washington environment is a challenge facing policy makers and water purveyors. Many property owners and water users lack a basic understanding of the interaction between groundwater and the saltwater in our shoreline locations, between aquifers and freshwater streams, and generally lack the knowledge of how much water can be withdrawn before problems occur. In an area like the Key Peninsula which is totally dependent on groundwater for supply, it is important to have a water budget to understand the quantity of water available for current users and growth. A detailed water budget has not been completed for the Key Peninsula at this time. Essentially, how to manage the water resources into the future is at issue.

Pierce County policy makers and local water purveyors promote water conservation methods as a means of ensuring sufficient water supplies for growth. Conserved water is water that does not have to be purchased or conveyed so it is cost effective. Water conservation can be frustrated by development regulations and homeowner covenants that require extensive irrigated landscaping and similar features. Water conservation can be enhanced by requiring plumbing fixtures that conserve water, instituting leak detection and correction programs, and by developing strict irrigation and landscaping standards. Care in requiring landscaping that does not demand extensive irrigation for its survival will help, as will emphasis in landscaping standards that require the use of native plant materials and in land clearing regulations that limit the extent of native vegetation removal.

At this time, it can be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to obtain a new water right from DOE due to staffing limitations, lack of needed information, and the closure status of streams, among other reasons. How to balance water resource needs into the future, thereby providing water for both instream and out of stream uses, is an important issue facing many areas of the state, including Pierce County and the Key Peninsula Community Plan area. The failure to complete the Kitsap Peninsula and Islands - Water Resource Inventory Area 15 watershed plan may have a negative impact on the ability for new water rights to be attained in the future.

Septic Systems and Wastewater Disposal

As part of a strategy to guide urban intensity development into designated urban growth areas, the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan directs that sanitary sewers be provided almost exclusively to urban areas. The entire Key Peninsula Community Plan area is designated as rural under the County Comprehensive Plan and as a result, sewer service is generally not available. One exception to this is the sewer system at Taylor Bay. This system was developed for a moderate-density subdivision before the Growth

Management Act was implemented by Pierce County. All other areas of the Key Peninsula utilize septic systems for wastewater disposal.

Solid Waste

Solid waste management in Pierce County is governed by the Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan, which under state law is an integrated system plan addressing all issues related to solid waste collection, disposal, and processing. The following solid waste management services are provided to residences and businesses in the Key Peninsula Community Plan area:

- Refuse collection service is provided to residential and commercial customers by American Disposal, franchised under the authority of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. Waste Connection of California is the parent company of American Disposal.
- American Disposal provides curbside pick up of recyclables, including mixed waste paper, cardboard, newspaper, glass, and cans to single-family and multi-family residential customers. Commercial recycling programs are offered by American Disposal upon request.
- Key Center Drop Box Transfer Station near Key Center accepts household trash, recyclables and yard waste. Commercial or industrial waste is not accepted at this time.
- The Purdy Transfer Station located near Purdy on the Gig Harbor Peninsula at 14515 – 54th Avenue NW also provides recycling facilities as well as disposal services for appliances and other non-hazardous solid waste for plan area residents. A new household hazardous waste facility is anticipated to be constructed at this location in 2007.
- American Disposal provides yard waste containers and pick-up for plan area residents once per week and residents can also utilize the Purdy Composting Facility at the Purdy Transfer Station for disposing of large amounts of debris.
- Under an agreement with the City of Tacoma, Pierce County residents may dispose of their household hazardous waste at the Tacoma Landfill Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at 3510 S. Mullen in Tacoma. The facility is open seven days per week and a list of materials accepted and not accepted at the site is available.

The existing solid waste facilities within the community plan area are described in Table 14.

TABLE 14. EXISTING SOLID WASTE FACILITIES		
Name	Capacity	Location
Key Center Drop Box Transfer Station (self haul only)	2 -50 cubic yard drop box container	5900 Block of Key Peninsula Hwy Lakebay, WA

Solid waste that is not disposed of correctly can result in a variety of negative environmental consequences. Household hazardous waste can damage aquifers and the water quality of streams when gasoline, oils, and antifreeze are disposed of improperly. The short ravines commonly found in the Key Peninsula area can be a popular target for people looking to illegally dump garbage, yard waste, appliances, tires, hulks, and even commercial waste. Yard waste and grass clippings are the most common items dumped by adjacent landowners.

Illegal Dumping and Junk Vehicles

Pierce County Responds is the County's program to provide a comprehensive response to the problem of illegal dumping of waste and nuisance vehicles. The Solid Waste Division maintains a hotline to receive and investigate illegal dumping and nuisance vehicle complaints. Within the authority of this program, the County offers a cooperative abatement system to assist with cleanup of waste and vehicle removal, recommends cases for prosecution, effects site cleanups, and promotes citizen involvement in litter cleanup activities. The program brings together the staff and resources from the departments of Public Works and Utilities, Planning and Land Services, Community Services, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Information about the program can be found at: www.piercecountyresponds.org.

Fire Protection

Fire District No. 16 serves the entire Key Peninsula. It was voted into existence in 1952 by the citizens of the Key Peninsula. In the early 1960s the Firefighters Association formed the ambulance service. The district has six stations located throughout the Peninsula. Table 15 describes each station, location and equipment.



TABLE 15. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 16 STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT		
Station Number	Location	Equipment
Station One - Wauna	10320 SR-302	• 2004 E-One engine with 1250 GPM pump and 1000 gallon tank • 2002 Wheeled Coach ambulance • 1987 Omco 1500 gallon tender
Station Two - Key Center	8911 Key Peninsula Highway, KPN	• 2004 E-One engine with 1250 GPM pump and 1000 gallon tank • 2000 Wheeled Coach ambulance • 1980 3-D 1500 gallon tender • 1997 Ford F-350 Rescue • 2 - Kawasaki Personal Water Craft - Water Rescue Team • 1993 Wheeled Coach ambulance Re-Hab unit
Station Three - Home	1921 Key Peninsula Highway	• 2004 E-One engine with 1250 GPM pump and 1000 gallon tank • 2005 Wheeled Coach ambulance • 1980 3D 1500 gallon tender • 1999 Ford F-450 Brush truck
Station Four - Longbranch	4215 Key Peninsula Highway	• 1986 CanAm engine, 1000 GPM pump and 750 gallon tank
Station Five - Vaughn	12310 Wright-Bliss Road	• 2004 E-One engine with 1250 GPM pump and 1000 gallon tank • 1987 Omco 1500 gallon tender • 1992 GMC 3500 Brush truck • 1984 CanAm reserve engine, 1000 GPM pump and 750 gallon tank
Station Six - Herron Island	901 Yew Blvd	• 1986 CanAm pumper with 750 gallons of water and a 1000 GPM pump • 1997 Ford E-350 Ambulance

The district runs several special operations teams including water rescue, wildland firefighting, high angle rope rescue and also operates a fire boat. The district responded to 1,768 calls in 2005 with calls increasing by approximately 15% in 2006 averaging just over five calls per day. Approximately 80% of all calls relate to medical aid or rescue.

Electric Systems

Electric power is supplied to the plan area by Peninsula Light Company. Peninsula Light was established in 1925 as a non-profit member-owned utility. Peninsula Light currently serves approximately 30,000 members in a 107-square mile area of Pierce County west of the Tacoma-Narrows Bridge. The service area includes Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor Peninsula, Fox Island, Tanglewood Island, Raft Island, and Herron Island.

Approximately 13,500 of these electrical connections are within the Key Peninsula Community Plan area.

Transportation

Roadways

The roadway network in Key Peninsula is primarily made up of two-lane roads that follow the natural contours of the existing topography. Similar in ways to the Gig Harbor Peninsula, the roadways are not aligned in a grid pattern that is commonly found in more urbanized areas. The intersections are characterized by approaches that come in at tightly skewed angles. Many of the roadways are narrow and without shoulders. The adjacent topography, trees, and other environmental features complicate the widening of these roadways.

Access into and out of the Key Peninsula is primarily from State Route 302 (SR-302), which is a two-lane highway that runs in an east-west direction in the northern portion of Key Peninsula between Mason County and Purdy. Traffic levels, including heavy truck traffic, have been increasing on SR-302 through the Key Peninsula area over the years. Traffic backups are commonplace at the SR-302/Purdy Drive NW intersection during the weekday morning commute period and often extend over the Purdy Spit Bridge and into Wauna. Traffic congestion is also heavy at this intersection as well as on the SR-16 off-ramp to SR-302 for motorists heading to Key Peninsula during the evening commute hours. It should be noted that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is scheduled to begin work in 2007 on an environmental study and preliminary design work for the improvement and potential northerly realignment of the SR-302 corridor through the Key Peninsula.



Key Peninsula Highway is the main north-south thoroughfare that runs almost the entire length of the Peninsula from Longbranch to Elgin. Since Key Peninsula Highway provides direct access to SR-302 and some of the commercial centers in the community plan area, it handles the largest volume of traffic among the County roadways. However, traffic volumes have been gradually growing on the other north-south arterials (Wright-Bliss Road KPN, 118th Avenue NW, and 94th Avenue NW) due to the increase in commuters traveling to and from Kitsap County.

Nonmotorized Travel

In unincorporated Pierce County, nonmotorized transportation generally refers to facilities that are constructed within the roadway right-of-way and are designed primarily for the use of pedestrians and bicyclists and can also accommodate equestrians. Examples of nonmotorized improvements include sidewalks, shoulders, wide curb lanes, paths, and trails.

Nonmotorized transportation facilities are very limited in the Key Peninsula. With the exception of the paved shoulders along SR-302 and portions of Key Peninsula Highway and Wright-Bliss Road KPN, most of the roadways in Key Peninsula do not have pedestrian or bicycle facilities to accommodate nonmotorized travel. Because of its rural nature, the Key Peninsula does not receive priority in funding for nonmotorized improvements. The area's lack of nonmotorized facilities along with its minimal transit service results in the community being dependent upon motor vehicles to meet daily travel needs.

Ferry Service

Regular passenger ferry service to different areas of Key Peninsula was discontinued in the 1940s. There is a privately owned ferry service that runs to Herron Island, located in Case Inlet west of Key Peninsula. The mainland dock for this private ferry is located at Herron Bay at the end of North Herron Road KPN. In operation since 1958, this private passenger and vehicle ferry service runs seven days per week. However, it is restricted to full-time island residents and to visitors with authorized guest passes.

Transit Service

Pierce Transit provides local transit service to the Key Peninsula area. The rural nature of the Key Peninsula creates unique operating problems for Pierce Transit. Its low population density, discontinuous roadway system, and lack of pedestrian facilities have reduced Pierce Transit's ability to provide effective public transit service to this area. Pierce Transit operated local fixed route service on a fixed schedule with stops restricted to major roadways until 2000. Because that service did not extend into local residential neighborhoods, which are often removed from major streets, patronage was low. Fixed route service was eliminated as part of a larger transit reduction in 2000. In its place, Pierce Transit began Bus PLUS service on the Key Peninsula in September of 2003. Bus PLUS is designed to serve neighborhoods that do not have the population densities needed to support fixed route service. This service utilizes smaller buses that are designed to hold a maximum of 15 passengers and can operate on neighborhood streets that are unsuitable for full-sized buses.

Bus PLUS service (Route 113) is currently provided in the Key Peninsula area north of the Home area and includes scheduled bus stops at the Lake of the Woods development, Lake Kathryn Village, Key Center, and along SR-302 and the Key Peninsula Highway. Bus PLUS serves these scheduled stops every two hours during the weekdays. Pierce Transit provides unscheduled service along many other streets including Wright-Bliss Road KPN, Lackey Road KPN, Creviston Drive NW, and Cramer Road KPN. Passengers must contact Pierce Transit in order to make arrangements to be picked up at locations that are not on major streets. In 2005, Pierce Transit averaged 47 riders per day, which is an increase from the previous year (39 riders per day).

Pierce Transit currently leases a Park-and-Ride lot at the Peninsula Market in Key Center that can accommodate up to 20 vehicles. The next closest Park-and-Ride lot is in Purdy. There is a vanpool that originates from Longbranch while other Key Peninsula residents utilize the express and local bus services that operate out of the Purdy Park-and-Ride lot.

DESCRIPTION OF DESIRED CONDITIONS

Park and Recreation

Specific Park Acquisition Sites

The community has identified the following sites as potential park and recreation facilities. All park and recreation providers, including Pierce County and the Key Peninsula Metro Park District, and other private organizations should strive to acquire property for parks, trails, and open space before the properties become cost-prohibitive for park and recreation use. The potential acquisition sites that are identified are not listed in order of priority.

TABLE 16. PARK ACQUISITION RECOMMENDATIONS (not in order of priority)			
Site	Acres	Location - Ownership	Recommended Use
Dalton Property	80	East side of Filucy Bay – <i>Dalton Family</i>	Passive Recreation, shoreline access
Tacoma - Lake Cushman Transmission Line (Trail extension)	Lineal trail	Burly Lagoon to Mason County line- <i>Tacoma City Light</i>	Develop trail to tie in with the Cushman trail on the Gig Harbor Peninsula
Horseshoe Lake “360 acre”	360	Adjacent to Kitsap Co. N. of Tac. Cushman Powerline - <i>WDNR</i>	Regional Park
Key Center “480 acre”	480	N. of Key Center – <i>WDNR</i>	Regional Park
3 parcels south of Evergreen Elementary School	106	West of KP Hwy S and Creviston Rd S. - <i>Foreclosure Investments BGCM LLC</i>	Regional Park
16621 92nd Street - vacant pasture west of Key Center	3.55	West of O’Callahans – <i>Claudia Loy</i>	Key Center rest stop, RV parking, information center
Vaughn	2.64	NE corner of Olson Drive and Wright Bliss Road - <i>Booth</i>	Community Park, parking lot
Lower Rocky/Muck Creek Properties	146.11	Near intersection of Rocky Creek Rd and SR-302 – <i>Squire 11</i>	Regional Park – natural conservation and wildlife area
Devils Head properties	74.29	Southern tip of Key Peninsula – <i>Inspiration Inn LLC</i>	Regional Park – shoreline access
Filucy Bay Lighthouse property	1.42	Longbranch point – <i>Roland</i>	Regional Marine Park- access to site from Filucy Bay only
40 acre site NW of DNR 360	40	NW of DNR 360 – <i>Christensen and Cramer</i>	Regional Park
Parcels and tidelands adjacent to the Home boat launch	0.52	Shoreline along “A” Street near the Boat Launch – <i>Home Colony LLC, Dadisman</i>	Regional Park

TABLE 16. PARK ACQUISITION RECOMMENDATIONS (not in order of priority)			
Site	Acres	Location - Ownership	Recommended Use
Doc Chapman forest parcels	79.98	South of 32nd Street KPN - <i>Kyle and Adelaide Chapman</i>	Regional Park – natural conservation and wildlife area
Taylor Bay estuary properties	39.03	Parcels on Taylor Bay adjacent to 76th Street KS - <i>Sylvia B. Schlag</i>	Regional Park – natural conservation and wildlife area
Tidelands adjacent to the Home Bridge.	0.62	Along “A” Street adjacent to the Home Bridge - <i>Boston</i>	Regional Park

The availability of parking facilities near public boat launch locations was cited as a major problem throughout the community. The following properties have been identified as possible locations for acquisition near existing boat launches.

TABLE 17. PARK ACQUISITION RECOMMENDATIONS (not in order of priority) Boat Launch Parking			
Wauna Boat Launch			
Parcel Number	Parcel Status	Ownership	Parcel Size
786000330	Vacant	WA DOT	.38 acre
786000210	Vacant	Pierce County	.27 acre
7860000202	Vacant	Pierce County	.20 acre
7860000231	Vacant	Hotchkiss	1.08 acre
7860000201	Vacant	Hotchkiss	.98 acre
Vaughn Boat Launch			
Parcel Number	Parcel Status	Ownership	Parcel Size
0021022022	Vacant	Post	2.88 acre
0021022043	Vacant	Moller living trust	7.71 acre
Home Boat Launch			
Parcel Number	Parcel Status	Ownership	Parcel Size
458500160	Vacant	Quigley	.38 acre
458500220	Vacant	Alskog family trust	.51 acre
458500232	Vacant	Alskog family trust	.41 acre
458500214	Unknown residential	Evans	.43 acre
Longbranch Boat Launch			
Parcel Number	Parcel Status	Ownership	Parcel Size
0020251003	Vacant	Etzel	.24 acre
5350200010	Vacant	Etzel	.39 acre
5350200020	Other residential	Stephen	.40 acre
5350200030	Vacant	Davis	.41 acre
0020253010	Vacant	Roland	10.0 acres

The following table describes potential uses that have been identified as desirable at existing parks or future parks in the community plan area.

TABLE 18. DESIRED RECREATIONAL USES AND AMENITIES AT PARKS
Active Recreation Uses
Skate boarding facilities
Multi-purpose event field
Ball Fields including softball, baseball and soccer
Exercise Circuit
Outdoor Amphitheater
Aquatic Center
Outdoor Pool/Kids Spray Pool
Kids Park with family area
Dog Park
Recreational Vehicle Park/Camping Area
BMX Track
Tennis Courts
Basketball Courts
Lawn Bowling
Frisbee Golf
Archery Range
Climbing Wall
Equestrian Facilities including Horse Arena, barn
Park Administrative Center
Passive Recreational Uses
Trails for walking, mountain biking and Equestrians
Natural Areas
Open Space
Bird Watching
Cultural Garden
Botanical Garden
Water Feature
Open Water and Shoreline Access

Finding funding sources for acquisition and maintenance of new park facilities is a challenge. However, when properties suitable for parks or trails become available, they should be purchased and put in trust for future development. Existing County-owned land (including road ends at the shoreline) should be reviewed to determine if any portion of these parcels is suitable for parks. Public and private partnerships for development of parks should be encouraged and, where feasible, incorporated into community development projects.

Domestic Water

Groundwater must be managed so that withdrawal rates will not exceed recharge rates in order to preserve the quality and supply of the Peninsula's groundwater resource. Water

conservation measures are encouraged and should be implemented whenever possible. Pierce County Planning, Public Works and Utilities, and the TPCHD should work together to limit new wells and development activities that require water withdrawals in those areas on the Key Peninsula that have been identified as being at risk for saltwater intrusion. Critical aquifer recharge areas throughout the Key Peninsula should be identified and further protected as necessary. Pierce County should implement adaptive management strategies based upon the information received from groundwater monitoring programs.

Septic Systems and Wastewater Disposal

The entire Key Peninsula is designated as a rural area under the County's Comprehensive Plan. New sanitary sewer facilities are not permitted in the rural area except under specific circumstances involving failing septic systems. In these cases community septic systems may be appropriate. Septic systems should be installed using the latest technology and placed in the most appropriate locations to operate correctly. Special care should be taken when installing septic systems and drainfields near environmentally sensitive areas such as freshwater streams, wetlands, and marine shorelines. Septic systems should be regularly maintained to properly function and if failing systems are discovered, they should be repaired or replaced immediately.

Solid Waste

The Key Peninsula should be provided with an environmentally sound, economically responsible means of solid waste management that balances the need for this service with the costs of waste disposal. Pierce County should encourage recycling and promote programs that reduce the volume of solid waste. Private industry is encouraged to provide sufficient disposal capacity for waste collection and processing capacity for recyclables produced in the plan area. Affordable recycling options for civic uses and small business should be explored. All residents of the Key Peninsula should have access to refuse disposal, hazardous waste disposal, and recycling collection services.

Fire Protection

Cost effective fire protection services should be maintained in the community. Pierce County and the County's Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) should continue to support the efforts of Fire District #16 in responding to the increasing population and demand for services on the Peninsula. The FPB should participate in discussions between the fire district and the water purveyors regarding the maintenance and testing of fire hydrants. Planning and Land Services should work with the fire district to ease the permitting process for construction of fire district facilities. Pierce County should continue to recognize the differences between rural developments and urban projects in fire safety regulations. Enforcement of fire and life safety codes should continue to be part of the review process for all building permits issued by Pierce County.

Electric Systems

Reliable electrical service should be provided in the community plan area to accommodate growth in a way that balances public concerns over the impacts of utility infrastructure with the consumer's interest in paying a fair and reasonable price. Peninsula Light Company should consider the community's natural environment and the impacts that utility infrastructure may have on it together with the community's desire that utility projects be aesthetically compatible with surrounding land uses when planning for and constructing electrical facilities. Regional electrical facilities should be permitted in the plan area. Pierce County should support expansion of electric utility facilities to meet future load requirements and support new clean energy technologies and conservation measures to aid in meeting future growth needs.

Transportation

Roadways

The policies included in the Key Peninsula Community Plan emphasize the community's desire to develop a transportation system that accommodates growth and emphasizes safety but still preserves the rural environment of the Key Peninsula. In general, capacity and traffic flow improvements are needed in the northern portion of the Key Peninsula while widening in the southern portion is not deemed necessary due to its smaller population base. A new east-west corridor in the form of a new or improved SR-302 corridor is considered crucial to the residential and economic growth of this area. In addition, a north-south alternative to Key Peninsula Highway in the southern portion of the Key Peninsula is needed for emergency access.



The rural character of the Key Peninsula and the County's funding limitations were also considered in identifying the roadway improvements applicable to the Key Peninsula. The improvement of existing roadways is preferred to the construction of new roadways in order to preserve existing land uses and to protect the natural environment. Intersection improvements are considered a top priority since they reduce congestion, improve safety, and are also cost effective. To further improve traffic flow, policies have been included in the community plan to limit or consolidate the number of new driveways along arterials. Although safety and operational improvements are not typically included in the long-range community plans since those types of improvements are addressed on a case-by-case basis as they arise, the community planning board felt that it was important to include policies that address traffic speeding and pedestrian safety concerns.

A listing of the motorized transportation project recommendations for the Key Peninsula Community Plan area is included in Appendix B. The improvement or realignment of SR-302 is considered a very high priority. Although recommendations for state highway projects are not required in the community plan, the CPB felt that it was important to

convey to the County and WSDOT that future improvements to SR-302 is of the utmost importance to the community. Other community priorities include making traffic flow and safety improvements at several intersections on the Key Peninsula Highway and constructing the missing section of 186th Avenue KPN north of Herron Road KPN in order to improve access and emergency response to and from the southern portion of Key Peninsula.

Nonmotorized Travel

There is strong support among both residents and business owners to create a system of nonmotorized facilities to enhance pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian travel throughout the Key Peninsula area. Improvements are needed in the commercial centers like Key Center and Home to make them more pedestrian friendly. To enhance safety and to preserve the rural character of the area, there is a preference for walkways that are separated from the roadway. Paved shoulders are recommended on roadways leading to destinations such as schools, parks, playfields, boat launches, transit stops, community facilities, and tourist sites. Bicycle travel should be accommodated throughout the entire length of Key Peninsula, including to Longbranch. Furthermore, any nonmotorized facilities should interconnect with the recreational trails in Key Peninsula as well as other trails in the surrounding areas (e.g., Cushman Trail).

A listing of the nonmotorized transportation project recommendations for the Key Peninsula Community Plan area is included in Appendix B. Community priorities include providing wider and continuous paved shoulders to Key Peninsula Highway, constructing pedestrian improvements in the commercial centers like Key Center and Home, and providing multi-use trails along SR-302 and 144th Street KPN/NW (Powerline Road).

Ferry Service

There are no plans at this time to initiate public or private ferry service to the Key Peninsula.

Transit Service

Although local residents realize that the Key Peninsula may not have the population base to support fixed bus route service, there is a desire for increased and more reliable transit service for local residents traveling within and outside of the Key Peninsula area. While service increases and transit improvements for the Key Peninsula are not currently listed as a priority in Pierce Transit's Six-Year Transit Development Plan, the transit agency is anticipating that the need for more "hybrid" services, such as Bus PLUS and vanpools, will expand for this area in the future.

Local residents have shown support for increasing the frequency and service area for the Bus PLUS service in Key Peninsula. Some commuters would like to see the Bus PLUS run on an hourly basis on weekdays and also operate on weekends. There has also been public support for extending the Bus PLUS zone from the current terminus in Home south to Longbranch. More frequent Bus PLUS service during commute hours to the Purdy Park-and-Ride lot is recommended in order to provide more timely connections

with the express bus service to Tacoma and Seattle. The expansion of local and express bus routes is also highly desired.

As the demand for express bus and vanpool services continues to grow, Pierce Transit anticipates that existing Park-and-Ride lots in Purdy and at the Peninsula Market in Key Center will become overcrowded. Community members have also suggested that another Park-and-Ride lot is needed in the Key Peninsula area with Lake Kathryn Village being mentioned as a candidate location. To accommodate the expected increase in transit demand associated with the opening of the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge as a toll facility in 2007, it should be noted that Pierce Transit is planning to construct the new Peninsula Park-and-Ride facility in Gig Harbor on the west side of SR-16 across from the existing Kimball Drive Park-and-Ride lot.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT

GOAL

Require that facilities and services are provided prior to or concurrent with development. These services include but are not limited to parks, recreation and open spaces, potable water supply, adequate sewage disposal, and stormwater and surface water management systems, fire protection and transportation systems.

OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, AND STANDARDS

Pierce County Offices

Intent: Residents of Key Peninsula have various needs to access Pierce County government offices ranging from applying for a building permit to attending a public hearing for a proposed subdivision. As the population of the community grows, the need for this access increases. Currently, Key Peninsula residents have to travel between 30 and 60 minutes to a County office in the City of Tacoma. Policy direction encourages Pierce County to make the County's services more accessible.

Objective 41. Improve access to Pierce County government services within the Key Peninsula community.

Principle 1. Encourage Pierce County to locate offices west of the Tacoma Narrows to enable residents and business owners to attend County related appointments and obtain permits without traveling to the City of Tacoma.

Standards

- 41.1.1 Identify existing public or private facilities on the Key Peninsula or Gig Harbor Peninsula that could serve as a potential Pierce County satellite service center.
- 41.1.2 Survey various segments of the Key Peninsula community to identify which services are desired in the community.

Park and Recreation

Intent: The Key Peninsula should have extensive parks, trails, open space, and recreational facilities for local residents and to promote tourism. The various park and recreational providers should collaborate in providing and maintaining these services.

Regional Parks

Objective 42. Achieve and sustain an acceptable level of service for regional park facilities. Regional parks should provide both passive and active recreational amenities.

Principle 1. The Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department should work with the Key Peninsula Metro Parks District, civic, community groups, and other local government agencies that provide park and recreational facilities on the Key Peninsula.

Standards

42.1.1 Provide community involvement opportunities in siting and developing regional park facilities.

42.1.2 The Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department shall provide technical assistance in the preparation of grants for park property acquisition, operation, and maintenance.

Principle 2. The amount of land designated for regional parks shall be measurable. This level of service (LOS) for regional parks shall be a ratio based on the number of acres of park that are designated for every 1,000 people in Pierce County.

Standards

42.2.1 Achieve and sustain an acceptable LOS for regional park facilities. Evaluate the LOS annually.

42.2.2 Include park lands owned by other park providers such as the Washington State Parks and Key Peninsula Metro Parks when measuring the LOS.

42.2.3 Land banking or acquisition of undeveloped land for future parks is appropriate and should be pursued prior to securing funding sources for operation and maintenance activities. Low cost recreational amenities such as undeveloped trails are appropriate on park land that has been acquired but not improved.

42.2.4 Improvement of shoreline parks and marine access locations are considered a higher priority than development of existing upland park facilities.

- Principle 3.** Marine shoreline locations are the highest priority for regional park land acquisition within the Key Peninsula Community Plan area. Upland areas that could provide parking or access to public marine shorelines are considered high priority for acquisition.

Trails

- Objective 43.** Develop a community-wide system of recreational trails. The system of trails should link neighborhoods with parks, school sites, and other public property. Public lands and existing rights-of-way should be used for trail purposes whenever feasible.

- Principle 1.** A community-wide system of public trails should be created to complement the nonmotorized transportation system.

Standards

- 43.1.1 Off-street trails that connect neighborhoods, parks, schools, designated bus stops and provide access to marine shorelines are a high priority.
- 43.1.2 Off-street trails should encourage pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian uses as designated. Off-road motorized vehicle use of community trails is limited to designated areas.
- 43.1.3 The Pierce County departments of Public Works, Planning and Land Services, and Parks and Recreation should collaborate to create a map of unopened road right-of-way throughout the Key Peninsula.
- 43.1.4 Prohibit the vacation of public right-of-way that provides pedestrian access or that could contribute toward a community-wide trail system.
- 43.1.5 Beach trails along the saltwater shoreline are a high priority.

- Principle 2.** Acquire property that will support a community-wide system of trails now and in the future. Whenever possible, unopened rights-of-way and other public lands should be dedicated for trail purposes. Acquiring easements across private lands should be considered when necessary.

Standards

- 43.2.1 Opportunities for property acquisition that provide shoreline access, trails for specific user groups, or that would contribute to a north-south community trail should be pursued.
- 43.2.2 Trail rights-of-way should be planned and constructed along existing corridors in order to minimize community disturbance. For example, railroad, utility line, and road rights-of-way should be followed when feasible.
- 43.2.3 Private property owners are encouraged to donate public access and should be compensated when donating easements for the public across private property. Compensation could be in the form of outright purchase, PDR and TDR programs, in the form of tax credits or development incentives. Trails on private property should follow property boundary lines whenever possible.
- 43.2.4 Trails should be designed to accommodate the intensity and capacity of the anticipated use. Trails should be developed that separate incompatible user groups. Barrier-free trail segments are encouraged.
- 43.2.5 The trail system on the Key Peninsula should eventually be linked with trail systems on the Gig Harbor Peninsula, in Kitsap and Mason counties, and the regional trail system on the east side of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.
- 43.2.6 Utilize open space areas, greenbelts in private developments, and public lands for trail purposes. Critical area buffers may only be used for impervious trails when impacts to the critical area are properly mitigated.
- 43.2.7 Partner with Tacoma Public Utilities to develop an east-west regional trail segment within the Tacoma-Cushman transmission corridor/144th Street KPN right-of-way.

Principle 3.

Develop a system of recreational trails for local residents and tourists. Recreational trails should be available for walking and hiking, off-road biking, and horseback riding as designated.

Standards

- 43.3.1 Signs that identify natural areas and wildlife habitat and encourage environmental awareness should be placed along trails in appropriate locations.

- 43.3.2 Recreational trails should not be part of the paved roadway; however, recreational trails within a public right-of-way adjacent to a paved road are acceptable.
- 43.3.3 Trailhead areas should be provided at the principal access points of major community-wide trails. They should include adequate parking with signage, barrier-free facilities, and a trail map. A primary trailhead should have a restroom and trash receptacles.
- 43.3.4 Natural barriers such as wild rose should be utilized in situations that require an obstacle between a trail and private property where feasible.
- 43.3.5 Trails should be designed to interconnect or form loops whenever possible. Trails should not dead-end unless unique circumstances exist such as a trail that provides access to a specific destination such as the marine shoreline.
- 43.3.6 Identify segments of trails where a par course for exercise and recreation is warranted and feasible. Distance markers should be placed along the trail for walkers and runners.
- 43.3.7 The Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department should facilitate an “adopt a park” and an “adopt a trail” program to encourage community support for these facilities.
- 43.3.8 Pierce County and Key Peninsula Metro Parks should explore partnership opportunities with the private sector, Washington State Parks and the Department of Natural Resources to develop informal trails and other beneficial uses at undeveloped sites such as Haley State Park and Maple Hollow.

Open Space

Objective 44. Introduce a variety of strategies that encourage public and private organizations to acquire, retain, and preserve open space.

Principle 1. All open space providers should strive to acquire property that will contribute to a community-wide system of open space throughout the Key Peninsula.

Standards

- 44.1.1 In a rapidly developing area like the Key Peninsula, it is important to acquire land for open space before properties become cost prohibitive.
- 44.1.2 Open space lands should be acquired through outright purchase, conservation easements, tax credits, donations, and other mechanisms.
- 44.1.3 Pierce County shall encourage and support the efforts of private non-profit organizations to acquire, retain, and preserve open space.
- 44.1.4 Public properties that are acquired for open space purposes should provide recreational trails when feasible.

Principle 2. Take advantage of open space acquisition opportunities through the Pierce County Conservation Futures Program.

Standards

- 44.2.1 Properties that are located within the adopted Open Space Map may be considered for public funding.
- 44.2.2 Consider including properties that are less than five -acres that provide a beneficial use such as access to marine shorelines.
- 44.2.3 Allow the purchase of easements for public access across private property when fee-simple acquisition is not practical or possible.
- 44.2.4 Consider purchasing development rights on properties that are large enough to be eligible for division and are zoned for agriculture resource lands, rural farm, park and recreation, or rural sensitive resource through the conservation futures program.

Principle 3. Support the ongoing efforts of land trusts and similar non-profit organizations that work to preserve open space.

Standards

- 44.3.1 Promote partnerships between organizations that provide open space including Pierce County, the Great Peninsula Conservancy land trust, the Key Peninsula Metro Park District, the Tahoma Audubon, and other local non-profit organizations.

Principle 4. Promote the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) and the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR).

Standards

44.4.1 Develop a process that will facilitate PDRs.

44.4.2 Develop a process that will facilitate TDRs.

Principle 5. Encourage participation in the Pierce County Current Use Assessment (CUA) program.

Standards

44.5.1 Conduct workshops within the plan area to educate property owners on the CUA program.

44.5.2 Advertise CUA workshops in local newspapers.

44.5.3 Provide educational opportunities for various County departments and other local government officials that may be in a position to provide information regarding the CUA program to the public.

Principle 6. Transfer publicly owned open space to local land trusts or the Key Peninsula Metro Parks District as appropriate.

Recreation

Objective 45. Encourage the development of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities for public use throughout the community at parks and at school sites. Recreational facility providers should retain natural features on these sites and provide habitat enhancement whenever possible.

Principle 1. Promote the development of recreational facilities at existing park locations and support the acquisition of new park sites that will provide a variety of recreational services.

Standards

45.1.1 Additional active and passive recreational uses including sports fields, a community recreation center, equestrian facilities, a community garden, and trails are important to the community.

45.1.2 Look for opportunities to develop public fishing piers at any of the marine parks.

- 45.1.3 An indoor multi-use recreation center that includes facilities for teens is a priority.
- 45.1.4 Additional recreational uses that should be considered at park locations include but are not limited to the uses described in Table 18.
- Principle 2.** Encourage acquisition and maintenance of shoreline access points that provide opportunities for boat launches, public docks or piers, beach walking, wildlife viewing, and other shoreline-dependent uses. Public rights to access public beaches, shorelands, tidelands, and associated water bodies should be protected.

Standards

- 45.2.1 Public access to marine and public fresh waters should be actively pursued in order to provide shoreline access to non-waterfront neighborhoods and the general public permanent access to those waters.
- 45.2.2 Inventory public shoreline access points at County road ends.
- 45.2.3 Prohibit the vacation or trading of unopened public rights-of-way at shoreline locations except when the vacation or trade would enable a public authority to acquire the vacated property for public purposes.
- 45.2.4 Promote development of public and private pedestrian access to shorelands and tidelands. Property owners that provide public access to marine waters may be eligible for a property tax reduction pursuant to Chapter 2.114, Pierce County Code.
- 45.2.5 Encourage the acquisition of land near County road ends at shoreline locations for parking and other public purposes. Mitigate impacts to adjacent property owners.
- 45.2.6 Access and use of public beaches and state owned tidelands in front of private waterfront properties is permitted. Mitigation of impacts to adjacent property owners at shoreline access points should be maintained (e.g., rest rooms, trash receptacles, buffering as appropriate). Signs that describe shoreline related hazards and proper use of the beaches shall be installed and enforced.

45.2.7 Public easements dedicating access to designated public waterfront areas should be included as a part of private upland development projects prior to site development of the private development.

45.2.8 Ensure public shoreline access locations are protected and maintained.

Principle 3. Shoreline parks and marine access locations should be developed utilizing low impact development techniques. Provide adequate facilities for the intended use at marine parks and mitigate impacts to neighboring property owners.

Standards

45.3.1 New and redeveloped marine parks and shoreline access locations should utilize low impact development techniques whenever feasible.

45.3.2 Boat launch length should be adequate to make the facility usable year-round at high and low tides. The site should be located in sheltered waters that have some protection from high winds if possible. Boat launch facilities should include a dock or pier to facilitate boat ingress and egress as appropriate for the location.

45.3.3 Where feasible provide support facilities such as restrooms, picnic shelters, picnic tables, and information signs. Proposed structures should maintain a low profile to avoid impacting views from adjacent properties.

45.3.4 Parking facilities should be dependent on the size, location, and activities proposed.

45.3.5 Identify improvements and maintenance activities needed to provide safe walking conditions for pedestrians to access the beach.

45.3.6 Remove physical impediments to pedestrian access at shoreline locations.

45.3.7 Mitigate impacts to adjoining private property when marine parks or shoreline access points are developed.

Domestic Water

Intent: Development on the Key Peninsula shall utilize groundwater at sustainable rates. Growth and development should not be permitted that

Planning Process Self Certification Form (Form #222)

Use this form to certify that the need for your projects have been determined through an appropriate planning process. Provide the completed form with the subject plans (on CD-ROM) and adoption documentation to RCO.

Name and adoption date of documents submitted in fulfillment of this requirement:

▸ Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District – Park System Comprehensive Plan 2014-2019

▸ February 24, 2014

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Check or Initial Each to Certify Completion	Plan Element Certification	Document and Page Number Location of Information
SG	1. Goals, objectives: The attached plan supports our project with broad statements of intent (goals) <i>and</i> measures that describe when these intents will be attained (objectives). Goals may include a higher level of service.	Page 7
SG	2. Inventory: The plan includes a description of the service area's facilities, lands, programs, and their condition. <i>(This may be done in a quantitative format, or in a qualitative/narrative format.)</i>	Page 13
SG	3. Public involvement: The planning process gave the public ample opportunity to be involved in plan development and adoption.	Page 6
SG	4a. Demand and need analysis: In the plans: - An analysis defines priorities, as appropriate, for acquisition, development, preservation, enhancement, management, etc., and explains why these actions are needed. - The process used in developing the analysis assessed community desires for parks, recreation, open space, and/or habitat, as appropriate, in a manner appropriate for the service area (personal observation, informal talks, formal survey(s), workshops, etc.).	Page 25
SG	4b. Level of Service assessment (optional): An assessment of the criterion appropriate to your community. Possibly establish a higher level of service as a plan goal (above).	Page 35
SG	5. Capital Improvement Program: The plans includes a capital improvement/facility program that lists land acquisition, development, and renovation projects by year of anticipated implementation; include funding source. The program includes any capital project submitted to RCFB for funding.	Page 48
SG	6. Adoption: The plans and process has received formal governing body approval (<i>that is, city/county department head, district ranger, regional manager/ supervisor, etc., as appropriate</i>). Attach resolution, letter, or other adoption instrument.	Page 50

I certify that this information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge,

Print Name: Scott Gallacher

Signature: _____

Title: Executive Director

Date: February 24, 2014