

# Ridgefield Parks Board

MANAGING PARK DEVELOPMENT AND CITY GROWTH

# What is Ridgefield's vision for parks?

**Vision statement:** An interconnected community with a park, trail, and greenway system that contributes to the City's small town character, provides a variety of recreation opportunities, and is an integral part of the community.



# Why are parks important in Ridgefield?

- ▶ Maintain health and quality of life for citizens of all ages
- ▶ Retain connection to nature
- ▶ Preserve small town character and livability



City of Ridgefield

# Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan



## How do we plan for parks?

- Six year plan to manage and enhance parks
- Assess what we have and what needs to be done
- Plan how to address changes that come with growth

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# Ridgefield Growth

## THE RIDGE

News and information about the City we love.



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- ▶ 2003: 2,000 residents
  - ▶ 2010: 4,800 residents
  - ▶ 2015: 6,400 residents
  - ▶ 2017: 7,950 residents
  - ▶ 2035: 25,000+ projected!
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- ▶ Fastest growing city in the state of Washington multiple years

# How many parks do we need?

From 2014 plan, levels of service standards recommend:

- ▶ Community Parks: 6 acres per 1,000 people
- ▶ Neighborhood Parks: 1.56 acres per 1,000 people
- ▶ Trails: .75 miles/1,000 people
- ▶ Greenways: 9.5 acres/1,000 people
- ▶ Recreational Facilities:
  - ▶ Baseball fields: 1/3,000 people
  - ▶ Soccer fields: 1/2,000 people



# How much will all of that cost?

For acquisition, development, and renovation  
of current and proposed parks (six year plan):

- ▶ Community Parks: \$14,285,000.00
  - ▶ Neighborhood Parks: \$ 6,739,500.00
  - ▶ Trails: \$ 1,555,000.00
  - ▶ Special Use and  
Pocket Parks: \$ 8,108,700.00
- Total: \$30,688,200.00**



# Does growth pay for itself?

- Park Impact Fees are imposed on new development to meet the increased demand for parks that results from new growth (average about \$4,500 per home)
- 25% of all developments must be dedicated to parks and open space
- Maintenance costs and costs for existing parks rest on the City. Need to plan ahead for those ongoing expenses.





# Movement toward innovative parks



Innovative play equipment



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Ornamental Gardens



Community Gardens

Sensory Gardens

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Dog Parks



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Fitness Parks



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## Mountain Bike Trails



Pump Tracks

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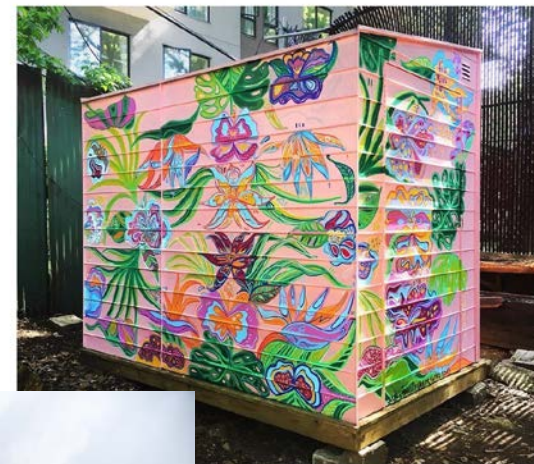
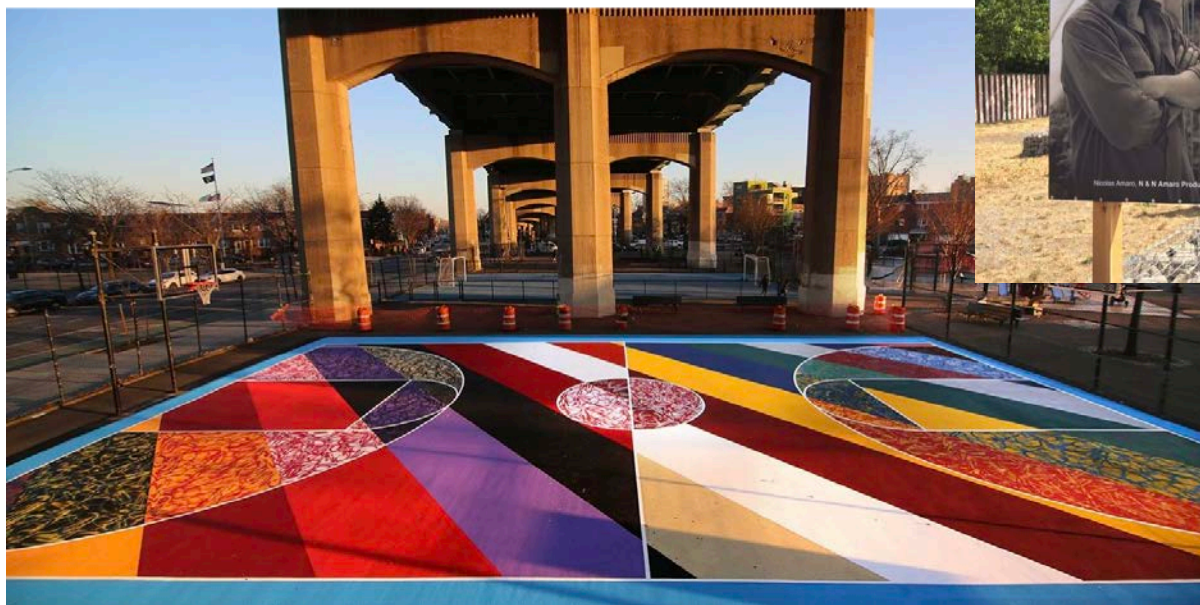


Nature Parks



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## Public Art in Parks



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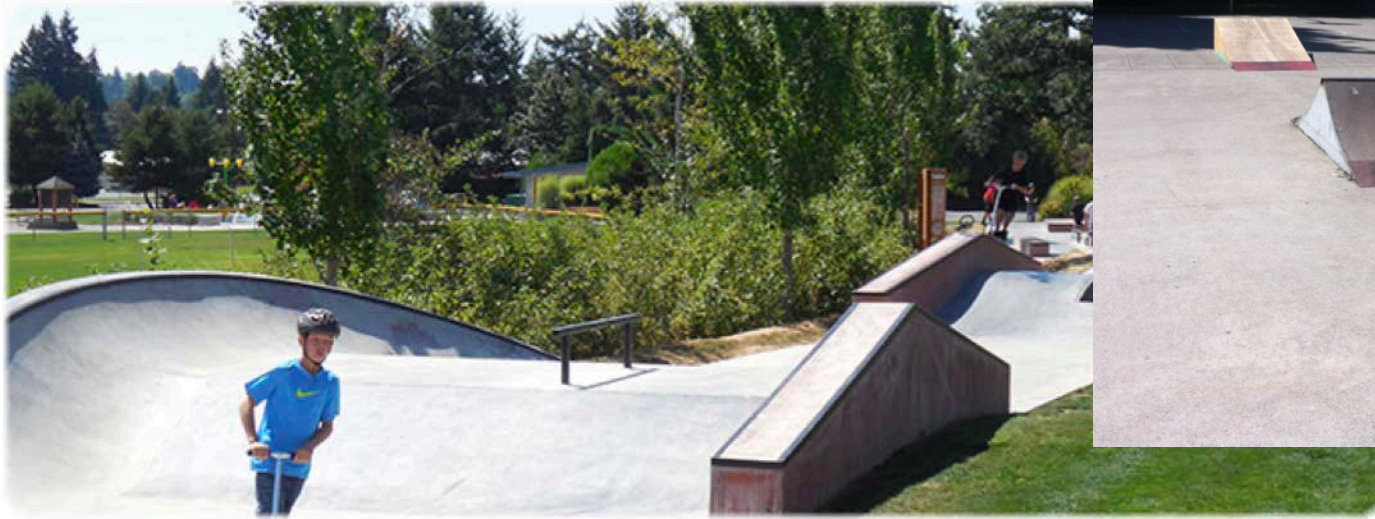
Spray Parks, Splash Pads, and Water Parks





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## Skate Parks and Skate Spots



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Sport Courts



Sport Fields

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Disc Golf Course



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Earthworks Parks



# Creating a park-forward city

- ▶ Support from city manager and city council
- ▶ Detailed ordinances and regulations
- ▶ Ongoing citizen input
- ▶ Proactive in working with developers
- ▶ Forward-thinking park plans

