



PARKS CONCEPT PLAN REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

In the winter / spring of 2019, the City of Gresham began a process to identify potential recreation improvements for six undeveloped parks found throughout the city. The parks identified for future improvements were two community parks and four neighborhood parks. The sites included in the report are:

- Southeast Community Park
- Southwest Community Park
- Columbia View Neighborhood Park
- Jenne Butte Neighborhood Park
- East Gresham Neighborhood Park
- Southeast Neighborhood Park

This exploration of future improvements was initiated by the city to understand costs, maintenance needs and prioritization of improvements to prepare for future funding opportunities. The information in this report is intended to provide a range of options and possibilities at the conceptual design level. A detailed scope of operation and maintenance needs is something that is analyzed as part of a master planning level of effort, which has not been determined at this time.

Development of future park sites provide a wide range of benefits to the city such as:

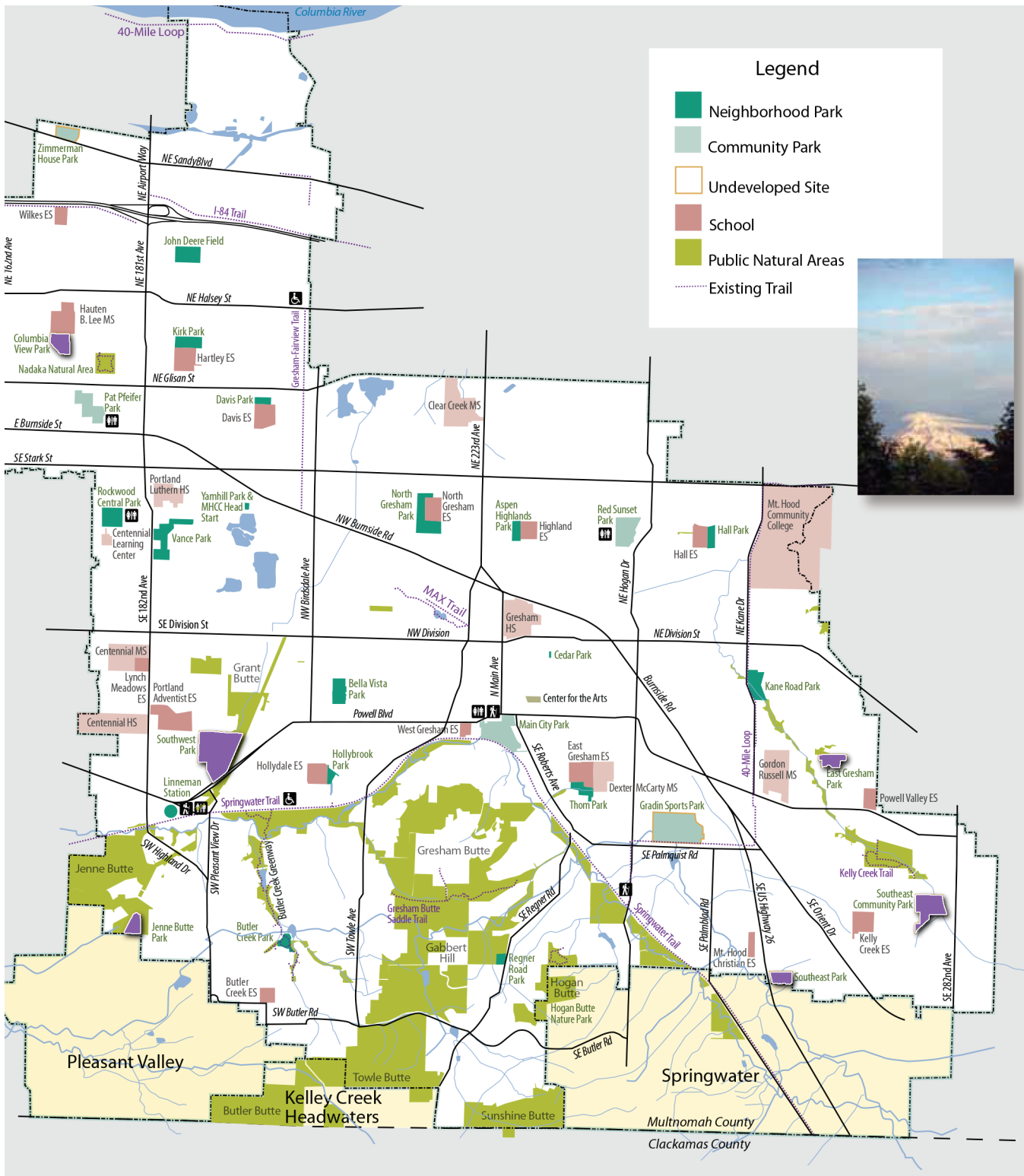
- Addressing park access needs for underserved communities
- Serving future growth areas
- Promoting economic development and community livability
- Strengthening community identity



A key component of this concept planning effort included hearing from community members about opportunities and concerns related to developing these parks. During this effort, a number of engagement events were held to hear community members' ideas about how these future parks can serve their needs. The engagement efforts included neighborhood meetings on site, listening sessions, and neighborhood association presentations, and planning commission meetings to identify community preferences for future park development.

Each of the parks have unique opportunities and challenges, but there were some general topics that applied to all of the parks. These included topics such as:

- Maintenance and operations
- Wildlife habitat protection
- Impacts of homelessness
- Adequate parking
- Include pollinator habitat
- Provide accessible trails



The six parks are identified in purple