

Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area
PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ACCESS
NEEDS ASSESSMENT



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Executive Summary

Parks in the Interstate Corridor will be safe places that provide residents with quality outdoor areas for relaxation and play in spaces that are separate and apart from the built environment. Interstate CAC Vision Statement

From July 2002 to July 2003 staff from Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) collaborated with the Interstate Parks Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to produce a Parks Needs Assessment. This project was funded through the Portland Development Commission (PDC). The Needs Assessment provides a prioritized list of the more pressing capital projects for the 12 parks in the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (ICURA).

Each year the CAC will make recommendations to PDC about allocating urban renewal funds for parks. The Needs Assessment provides background and direction for those choices. It provides a flexible 5 year capital improvement scenario with a more defined look at the next two years. The CAC can use the Needs Assessment each time it revisits its short and long term strategies for improving parks, trails and open spaces in the Interstate Corridor URA.

When assessing the 12 parks in ICURA only the “out of door” park space was considered. Pools and community centers sited in several parks were excluded from review, as were school properties. In addition, the project looked at the NEEDS of existing parks and did not address deficiencies in recreational resources, population growth or changing recreational trends. Recreational facility and acreage needs were discussed but it was agreed that they are elements of a future CAC work plan.

Since the allocation of urban renewal funding will be low in the first 5 years, this initial CAC planning effort focused on short term goals (2003-2008) and smaller scale projects. Over the long term the ambitions for parks and open spaces are more visionary. As funding increases over 20 years the CAC efforts will work to fully realize their vision statement.

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i. Purpose of the Parks Needs Assessment

This document summarizes the process and reports the recommendations from the recently completed Needs Assessment for the 12 parks in the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (ICURA). The project was funded by PDC and endorsed by the Community Livability Committee.

The purpose of the Parks Needs Assessment was to produce an initial list of capital projects that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) would choose from each year when recommending how PDC should allocate urban renewal funds slated for parks & open space investments.

This document consists of six sections and an appendix of materials pertinent to the project.

Project Background describes the rationale for doing a Needs Assessment as a planning tool to guide capital improvements.

Interstate Corridor Parks provides a brief summary of the 12 parks and their general condition.

Citizen Advisory Committee Process summarizes the 12 month work plan of the Needs Assessment.

2003-05 Project Recommendations outlines the methodology for project ranking. The CAC sorted projects using three key criteria while also considering district wide equity in their selection.

Trail and Open Space Access provides a condensed list of assorted opportunity projects that will enhance connections to natural areas or complete trail loops in or near the district.

Resource Development refers to tracking funding opportunities.

This Needs Assessment identifies park improvements but it can only point to funding possibilities.

Interstate urban renewal area will span 20 years; this document initiates a long term effort to revitalize parks in Interstate.



Columbia Park Swings

I. Project Background

The expansive boundaries of Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (ICURA) provide 120 acres of parkland within 12 parks.

The north & northeast sections of the city also offer splendid natural resource areas connected by planned trail systems along Columbia Slough, Marine Drive, across the peninsula and traversing the Willamette Bluff down to Swan Island.

Among the 12 Interstate parks - which span both North and Northeast Portland - there is a great diversity in park access, physical condition and recreational resources. The geographical distribution of parks is also not even. Bridgeton and Humboldt neighborhoods lack parks and Boise, Eliot and even Kenton are under-served.

Finishing the gaps in the trail systems and providing better access to natural areas present significant challenges. Yet, when completed, this system promises to be the most comprehensive local trail network in the city.

Given the bounty of opportunity and challenges, the Community Livability Committee produced a finely tuned strategy for improving parks and trails in the district.

The *Parks and Open Space* element of the **Community Livability Implementation Strategy** addressed these needs for both current and future residents. This strategy, approved by Portland City Council in 2001, sets out both long and short term priorities for park improvements.

Long Term Strategies:

- 1. Protect and enhance the 120 acres of existing parks.*
- 2. Develop new parks and open spaces to address current deficiencies and meet future population needs.*
- 3. Provide new and improved access to natural areas and waterways from the district neighborhoods.*

Short Term Strategies:

- 1. Conduct a Needs Assessment of the existing parks and trails system.*
- 2. Fund small scale projects.*
- 3. Develop a strategy for site acquisition of new park land.*

Livability Committee, along with PDC, endorsed a 12 park Needs Assessment proposed by Portland Parks & Recreation. This included a study of trail and open space access opportunities. The project was planned as a joint effort of Parks staff and a newly formed citizens advisory committee.

the groundwork for future direction. A wide-range of park improvements are proposed. These will elevate basic service levels and add new amenities to the district's 12 parks. The continuing role of the CAC will guide changes to the parks over the life of the district.

II. Interstate Parks

Interstate Urban Renewal Area contains two of Portland's oldest and most beautiful parks – Columbia and Peninsula. These historical landscapes also function as City community parks.

Overlook, Northgate, Farragut, Kenton and University Parks are also community parks. These larger parks range from 10 to 33 acres. They provide a wide variety of activities, like soccer and softball, which attract league members from outside the neighborhood. Community parks



Dawson Park

In order to determine what park projects and problems needed to be addressed first, the Community

This document summarizes the Interstate Parks Needs Assessment, its process and findings. However the best documentation of park needs are the parks themselves.

“One finding is eminently clear: more people would use their parks if they were in working order.”

Betsy Radigan – CAC/Piedmont

The Needs Assessment provides the background, the CAC the decision making, and this document lays

usually offer basketball, larger play structures, picnic areas and sometimes tennis. While community parks have more diverse uses they also bring greater noise and traffic impacts to neighbors.

and in much poorer condition than the community parks.

<i>Trenton</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1941</i>
<i>Patton</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>(1910)</i>
<i>Unthank</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>1966</i>
<i>(park includes SEI building)</i>		
Total 10.6		

Community parks (114 acres) comprise the majority of Interstate's 125 total park acres. As a result, Interstate has a notable lack of neighborhood park acreage - just 10.6 acres. Neighborhood parks are smaller and ideally located to serve residents within a quarter mile walking distance of the park.

Interstate has five neighborhood parks: Dawson, Patton, Trenton Denorval Unthank and one acre of Madrona Park (mostly a natural area). In addition to a lack of acreage the Interstate district neighborhood parks are quite small

Parks In Interstate

<i>Park</i>	<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Acquired</i>
<i>Community Parks</i>		
<i>Columbia</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>1891</i>
<i>Farragut</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>1940</i>
<i>Kenton</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1941</i>
<i>Northgate</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>1940</i>
<i>Overlook</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1930</i>
<i>Peninsula</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>1909</i>
<i>University</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>1953</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>114.5</i>	

Neighborhood Parks

<i>Dawson</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1921</i>
<i>Madrona</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1921</i>

In total Interstate has 12 parks serving 10 neighborhoods. No park in this district has been fully restored, although Peninsula and Columbia are definitely in above average condition. All the parks need work and some – like Patton, Trenton & University - are in need of serious renovation and master planning. The deterioration of the parks in Interstate has occurred for several reasons:



Northgate Park's popular soccer field

General Condition Assessment

- ❑ The average age of these 12 parks is 74 years.
- ❑ They suffer from lack of consistent & adequate capital funding for major maintenance over the years.
- ❑ Only 5 of the 12 parks received renovation funding from the 1990's park general obligation bond (GOBI).
- ❑ Distribution of funding for all these parks has been uneven to the point where some, like Patton, University and Trenton, have been virtually forgotten.

At a simplistic level the condition of these 12 parks can be divided into three categories:

- ❑ Adequate park services:
Columbia, Farragut, Madrona, Northgate, Peninsula, Kenton.
- ❑ Missing key park services:
Overlook, Unthank, & Dawson.
- ❑ Below minimum park services:
Trenton, University and Patton.

The Needs Assessment addresses, at a more detailed level, individual improvements for each park.



Solitary Slide in Trenton Park



*University Park softball field
ICURA Neighborhoods & their
Parks*

- Bridgeton: 40 Mile Loop Trail
- Boise: Unthank
- Eliot: Dawson
- Humboldt: Two Pocket Parks
- Kenton: Kenton & Trenton
- Overlook: Overlook, Patton & Madrona
- Piedmont: Farragut & Peninsula
- Portsmouth: University, Columbia & Northgate



Unthank Park Path & SEI in background

Common Problems Found in Interstate Parks



Many parks lack multi-age play areas.



Sports field have turf and drainage problems from overuse.



Poorly lit areas and deteriorating seating are common safety problems.



Restroom conditions have deteriorated.



Parks often lack enough seating.



Historic Resources need to be protected.

III. Interstate Parks Citizen Advisory Committee Process

The Interstate parks citizen advisory committee (CAC) consists of representatives from eight neighborhoods: Bridgeton, Boise, Eliot, Humboldt, Kenton, Overlook, Piedmont and Portsmouth. The twelve month Parks Needs Assessment process was divided into 6 phases.

1. July to September 2002

- ❑ CAC was formed.
- ❑ Initial public outreach was done using a survey.
- ❑ Over 300 surveys were collected asking users about their respective parks.

2. October to December 2002

- ❑ CAC visits all parks and meets with Operations staff.
- ❑ CAC reviews background material on all parks.
- ❑ CAC creates early individual park project lists.
- ❑ Survey results collated and made available.

3. January to March 2003

- ❑ Individual park projects ranked High, Medium & Low.
- ❑ Project selection criteria developed.
- ❑ All projects combined into a district wide list ranked High, Medium & Low.
- ❑ Criteria applied to district wide list of high project priorities.

4. April 2003

- ❑ Presentation made to ICURAC.
- ❑ Presentations made to Neighborhood Associations.

5. May to June 2003

- ❑ Presentations to Neighborhood Associations continue.
- ❑ Two year list of key projects recommended.
- ❑ Community Livability Committee recommends 2003-04 budget for Interstate parks.
- ❑ Staff report on Trails & Open Space Access opportunities presented to CAC.
- ❑ Final projects for 2003-04 recommended by CAC.

6. July 2003 and Beyond

- ❑ CAC recommends a two year Capital Improvement Plan.
- ❑ Parks Needs Assessment distributed.
- ❑ PDC executes an IGA with PP&R for initial project implementation.

Beach Community Garden

The first park capital improvement project in Interstate was completed in June 2003. PDC and BES provided matching funds for construction of 23 new garden plots at Beach Community Garden. Parks and Water Bureau were also funding partners.

IV. Interstate Parks Capital Improvement Recommendations



Can Dawson Park play area be expanded?

Over 100 improvements were identified during the Needs Assessment. Some are obvious fixes and less expensive, some will require additional planning and some are simply big projects.

***“Twelve parks totaling 120 acres to serve ten neighborhoods sounded impressive until we did a site tour and saw their condition.*”**

Our parks need a wide range of improvements just to maintain basic service levels. With funding from ICURA, we can help get our parks back in shape and serving many more residents.”

Betsy Radigan, CAC/Piedmont



Farragut Park play structure, which was added under GOBI, sets a good standard.

The identified improvements were divided into the following categories:

◆ **Playgrounds**

- ◆ **Restrooms**
- ◆ **Trees & Landscaping**
- ◆ **Turf Drainage and Sports Fields**
- ◆ **General Park Improvements**
- ◆ **New Facilities**
- ◆ **Master Plans**

“Playgrounds in most of our parks are woefully out of date and much too small. Families are looking for outdoor places to play. Our parks need decent playgrounds.”

Cynthia Sulaski –CAC/Overlook



Trenton Park - old wooden play structure is in need of replacement.

Project Ranking Criteria

As it evaluated and sorted all the identified park projects the CAC used the following criteria to develop the HIGH project category.

1. Safety

Safety was the highest concern for CAC members. Projects that would contribute to park security, like more lighting, better street visibility, or improved playground security were given first priority.

2. Working Order

Satisfactory working condition of facilities was the second priority for the CAC. Projects that addressed broken facilities, sanitation issues, drainage problems, wading pool closures, unhealthy trees, or preservation of historic resources ranked more highly than others.

3. Expansion of Service

Adding new facilities and park amenities to encourage greater use, like basketball courts, chess tables, more landscaping, covered shelters and picnic tables was the third priority for the CAC.

Additional project criteria the CAC considered were:

- ◆ *Project is children and family oriented.*
- ◆ *Project creates a positive environment for adults.*

- ◆ *Project supports community and neighborhood values.*



Overlook Park walkers on mulch path

Walking is a very popular activity among users of most parks. Paved paths encourage park accessibility for people of all abilities.

Interstate CAC HIGH Priority Project List

Park Codes: CP – Columbia; DP Dawson, FP Farragut; KP Kenton; MP Madrona; NP Northgate; OP Overlook; PP Peninusla; PS Patton: UP University; UTP Unthank

Playgrounds

- ◆ Build a new multi-age play area – remove old equipment. (NP)
- ◆ Explore if younger age equipment could be added to play area. (UTP)
- ◆ Assess whether current play area can be expanded. (DP)
- ◆ Remove sandbox and replace with Toddler playground. (PP)
- ◆ Remove lead paint on play equipment. (CP) (KP) (PP)
- ◆ Replace equipment to better serve the needs of the neighborhood. (TP)
- ◆ Install a multi-age play area to replace the one removed. (OP)

Restrooms

- ◆ Restroom floods, needs painting & upgrade. (CP) (KP)

Trees & Landscaping

- ◆ Provide more landscape screening along Interstate Ave. (OP)
- ◆ Replace lost trees along the railroad fence. (FP)
- ◆ Conduct a tree evaluation and replace Port Orford Cedars. (OP)
- ◆ Replace 12 cut Cedar Trees. (PP)

Drainage & Sports Fields

- ◆ Repair path drainage, add bioswale & new landscaping. (OP)
- ◆ Renovate the turf and drainage for improved soccer play. (NP)
- ◆ Repair poor drainage in the sports field area (dog waste). (UTP)
- ◆ Fix drainage problem in upper Rose Garden. (PP)

General Park Improvements

- ◆ Provide a drinking fountain near the basketball court. (MP)
- ◆ Provide a drinking fountain. (KP)
- ◆ Convert wading pool to spray pool. (CP) (PP) (OP) (FP) (NP) (KP)
- ◆ Address the railroad fence vandalism problem. (FP)
- ◆ Remove the fitness equipment. (OP)
- ◆ Repair walkways in the lower Rose Garden. (PP)

- ◆ Work with citizens to address dogs, add signage and analyze lighting improvements. (UTP)
- ◆ Evaluate park lighting & visibility from the street. (DP)
- ◆ Add more benches. (OP)
- ◆ Add a trash can. (TP) (MP) (UTP)

New Facilities

- ◆ Build covered area for games & picnics. (UTP)
- ◆ Add internal paths with lights. (UP)
- ◆ New Chess/game tables. (DP)

Master Plans

- ◆ Master Plan University Park to add recreational diversity to the park.
- ◆ Master Plan Patton Square to add lighting, paths & play area.



Dormant Wading Pool in Peninsula Park
“We’ve clearly only waded into a job that is going to take more time from this committee and the community. We’ll go the extra mile to get our projects off the paper and onto the ground”

Marcine Kment – CAC/Boise

Interstate Parks Capital Improvement Plan

The CAC has identified park projects that need to be addressed in both the short and the long term. As it builds its capital plan, the CAC has flexibility to move projects forward and back from year to year. Planning efforts scheduled for some of the Interstate parks will likely identify priority needs that the CAC will consider adding to its list.

PROJECTS 2003-04	Estimate
Trenton Playground	44,000
Humboldt Neigh Association	500
Bridgeton Easements	6,000
Unthank Design Issues	4,000
Public Involvement	3,000
Grant Writing	3,500
Peninsula Park Wading Pool	36,000
PPR Staff for Interstate	3,500
Sub-Total	\$100,500

Projects above were recommended for funding in 2003-2004. Projects below are being considered for future years. The estimates serve as place holders and costs will need to be revisited once a project is chosen for implementation.

This list forms the backbone of the CAC's five year capital improvement plan. The total for all the proposed projects exceeds \$700,000. This total does not include future funding for trails or building out Patton Square.

PROJECTS 2004-08	Estimate
General Improvements	
Patton Square MP	40,000
Bridgeton Trail	NA
Unthank Park	NA
Dawson Park Chess Tables	NA
Overlook Park Screening	21,000
Kenton Restroom Upgrade	52,000
Trenton Trash Can	1,500
Dawson Park Lighting	52,000
Wading Pool Conversions	
Northgate	5,000
Kenton	60,000
Farragut	60,000
Columbia	60,000
Overlook	60,000
Playground Renovations	
Overlook Playground	23,000
Columbia Park	17,000
Kenton Park	6,000
Peninsula Park	14,500
Dawson Park (Expand)	NA
Northgate Park (replace)	82,000
Peninsula Toddler Play	35,000

V. Trail and Open Space Access

Trail connectivity is a key category of improvements that the CAC will pursue more specifically in the coming years. Committee members from Bridgeton, Kenton, Portsmouth & Overlook, in particular, all the potential for expanding recreational opportunities for cycling, boating and hiking through new and improved trail development.

As a part of the Needs Assessment, Parks staff summarized trail improvement opportunities in the Interstate district. The general overview of trail and natural area connections provides a broad list of potential projects that are as diverse in geography as scope.

Successful implementation of most of these projects will depend upon timing, partnerships and finding matching funds.



Undeveloped Bridgeton Dike Trail

Trails and Open Space Access Opportunities

Bridgeton 40 Mile Loop

- ◆ Need bike & pedestrian connection on dike to provide access to Interstate MAX and Jantzen Beach.
- ◆ Construct missing 40 Mile Loop section for east to west I-5 connection.

Columbia Slough

- ◆ Complete Columbia Slough trail from Denver Ave to MLK.
- ◆ Public access and canoe launch
- ◆ Denver Ave and Schmeer Rd underpass to slough trail.
- ◆ Trail linkages from PIR Max station to slough.

Kenton Canoe Launch Sites

- ◆ West of viaduct north of slough.
- ◆ East of viaduct south of slough.
- ◆ Moyer property along slough.
- ◆ Assess & compare the 3 sites.

Repair Denver Viaduct/Kenton Connection

- ◆ This bridge is *the* connection between Kenton and the 40 Mile Loop. It only has one 3 foot sidewalk for pedestrians.
- ◆ Provide connection down from the bridge to slough trail.



Schmeer Rd undercrossing of Denver Ave.

East Delta to Columbia Slough

- ◆ Mitigation opportunities for I-5 widening may benefit trails.
- ◆ One possibility is to build a trail parallel to the freeway from East Delta Park to the slough.

Education and Stewardship

- ◆ Improve directional signage.
- ◆ Provide interpretative signage.
- ◆ Add more on-trail signage.
- ◆ Build an interpretative kiosk.
- ◆ Signage at light rail stations.



Unfinished Slough Trail



Willamette River bank revegetation

Swan Island Habitat

- ◆ Reintroduce wetlands; restore habitat in Swan Island Basin.

New Columbia/Portsmouth

- ◆ Add directional signage to the Peninsula Crossing trail.
- ◆ Improve street crossing at N. Columbia Blvd. and Woolsey.

Swan Island Bluff, Greenway and Connector Trails

- ◆ Formalize a trail down the bluff using existing but steep road.
- ◆ New sidewalk now available down north side of Going St.
- ◆ New greenway trail will be built in front of BES pump station.
- ◆ Pedestrian connection from Port Center Rd. to new greenway section at pump station.
- ◆ Resolve intersection issues at Port Center Rd and Going St.
- ◆ Build a cross island trail from Willamette R. to boat ramp.
- ◆ Connect bluff trail with a cross island trail.

VI. Resource Development

The ICURA revitalization strategy calls for an investment of tax increment funds to improve parks and open spaces. The CAC has approached this opportunity by choosing projects and priorities that reasonably match expected funding levels. That is why small scale projects to improve existing parks are the focus for the first 5 years of our investments. Parks in full working order will better serve area residents now and help meet the increasing need in future years for outdoor places for relaxation and play.

The High Priority Project List is expected to grow however. Planning efforts scheduled for some of the ICURA parks will certainly identify other priority needs that the CAC will consider adding to their list.

It is also the CAC's intent to implement projects in every park within the ICURA. Having more resources would result in more improvements moving from the planning stage to actual construction. That is why the CAC recommends a resource development strategy to leverage funds awarded through ICURA.



Newer galvanized swing sets are durable.

Small park capital improvements are visible and usable right away. So park users & neighborhoods benefit immediately.



Walkers love internal park pathways.



Nike resurfaced over 50 park basketball courts in 2002.

How Can ICURA Funds Leverage Other Resources?

A coordinated and cooperative approach to resource development is needed to realize the most success in raising funds from sources other than the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area. This approach requires a partnership of Portland Parks & Recreation, PDC, the Parks CAC and their respective neighborhood associations. The CAC will take a leadership role to facilitate this partnership in order to develop the most competitive proposals possible.

Sources of other funds include local foundations, corporations and government grant programs that will consider requests for capital projects on publicly-owned property. A preliminary list of potential funders and prospective partners has been compiled.

Portland Development Commission

- ◆ Annual Interstate Community Livability budget.
- ◆ Annual Interstate Transportation funding (for trails, pedestrian & bike improvements).

Grant Opportunities

- ◆ *BHCD Community Initiatives Small Grant Program*, March & October 823-2375
- ◆ *Brownfield Showcase Program*, (BHCD) Clark Henry 823-7053
- ◆ *North Portland Trust Fund – Grant Application*, Tom Griffin Valade 823-4524 - deadline January
- ◆ *Community Watershed Stewardship Program* (BES), Jennifer Devlin 823-5740 – May – up to \$5,000.
- ◆ *North Portland Community Grant Opportunities*(METRO), May Karen Blauer 797-1506
- ◆ *BES CBO Mitigation Projects*, Debbie Caselton, 823-2831

Portland Parks & Recreation

- ◆ Maintenance Levy Funds.
- ◆ System Development Funds (for acquisition).

Agency & Non-Profit Partners

- ◆ Agencies: PDOT; PDC; BES; PP&R; ODOT; Metro; Tri-Met.
- ◆ ICURA Neighborhoods Arbor Lodge, Boise, Bridgeton, Eliot, Humboldt, Kenton, Overlook, Piedmont & Portsmouth.
- ◆ Columbia South Shore Watershed Council.
- ◆ 40 Mile Loop Trust.

“We are prepared to be creative.”

Susie Law – CAC/Humboldt

VII. Appendix

- ◆ Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area Parks Map
- ◆ Proposed Interstate Capital Improvement Projects
- ◆ Budget 2003-2008
- ◆ Descriptions for Proposed 2003-2005 Projects
- ◆ Individual Park Project Lists

Individual Park Project Lists

PARK	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
COLUMBIA PARK	<input type="checkbox"/> Refurbish restroom building. <input type="checkbox"/> Wading pool conversion. <input type="checkbox"/> Lead paint on play equipment.		<input type="checkbox"/> Add a basketball court.

DAWSON PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assess whether current play area can be expanded. <input type="checkbox"/> Improve park lighting. <input type="checkbox"/> Add new chess tables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain the Gazebo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade restroom. <input type="checkbox"/> Add benches. <input type="checkbox"/> Add a bike rack.
FARRAGUT PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Address the Railroad Fence vandalism problem. <input type="checkbox"/> Replace lost trees along the railroad fence. <input type="checkbox"/> Wading pool conversion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assess condition of restroom & activity shack. <input type="checkbox"/> Improve school play area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide more benches. <input type="checkbox"/> Add a bike rack. <input type="checkbox"/> Repair drinking fountain. <input type="checkbox"/> Create a new picnic area in the park & add more tables.
KENTON PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the restroom. <input type="checkbox"/> Wading pool conversion <input type="checkbox"/> Renovate play structure. <input type="checkbox"/> Lead paint on play equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Add more benches & picnic tables. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete internal pathway system with lighting. <input type="checkbox"/> Improve park street frontages with sidewalks. <input type="checkbox"/> Add a drinking fountain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Add a basketball court. <input type="checkbox"/> Do something interesting with the BOWL area. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore the possibility of a skatepark in the park. <input type="checkbox"/> Address poor drainage throughout the park.
PARK	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
MADRONA PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Add a trash can. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a drinking fountain near the basketball court. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Improve existing trail and signage to natural area. 	

NORTHGATE PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Build a new multi-age play area – remove old equipment. ❑ Renovate the turf and drainage for improved soccer play. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Remove covered structure or utilize it for a picnic area or basketball. ❑ Consider adding a basketball court. ❑ Fix spray feature to operate effectively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Provide more benches. ❑ Install street signs to parking for park users. ❑ Upgrade the restroom. ❑ Study possible reuse of the tennis courts.
OVERLOOK PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Provide more landscape screening along Interstate Ave. ❑ Conduct a tree evaluation and replace Port Orford Cedars. ❑ Install a multi-age play area to replace one removed. ❑ Remove the fitness equipment. ❑ Wading Pool Conversion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Evaluate the condition of the shelter building and the restroom. ❑ Pave mulch path for better accessibility. ❑ Add more benches. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Add a full court basketball court.
PARK	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
PATTON SQUARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Work with the community and IFCC to develop a master plan. ❑ Lead paint on play equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Explore potential opportunities on the Water Bureau site. 	
PENINSULA PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Wading pool conversion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Replace/repair picnic tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Add (3) picnic tables on

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Remove sandbox and replace with a toddler playground. ❑ Replace Cedar Trees (12 cut) ❑ Lead paint on play equipment. 	<p>and shelter damaged by vandalism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Fix drainage problem in upper Rose Garden. ❑ Repair walkways in lower Rose Garden. 	<p>Kerby side of park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Add benches next to the tennis court and benches next to the playing fields.
TRENTON PARK	<p>Park needs MAJOR renovation and probably a Master Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Replace play equipment with something that serves the needs of the neighborhood. ❑ Add a trash can. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Master Plan to address need for walkways, play & picnic areas and lighting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Does the park need a restroom?
PARK	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
UNTHANK PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Repair poor drainage in the sports field area. ❑ Explore the addition of more play equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Add picnic table & more benches. ❑ Evaluate the condition of the restroom to determine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Explore adding a community gathering area somewhere in the park. ❑ Improve landscaping in the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Analyze lighting in the park. ❑ Work with neighborhood to address loose dogs. ❑ Add trash can @ entrance to walkway at N. Shaver. ❑ Add historic plaque. ❑ Add covered area for table games & picnics. 	what (if any) repairs are needed.	park & around SEI.
UNIVERSITY PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Conduct a Master Plan to provide more recreational diversity, shade, new lighting, paths seating & picnic area. ❑ Provide safe street crossings and a better connection to the Community Center. ❑ Relocate softball field & lights to another section of the park. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Rebuild or remove the existing restroom.