Project Steps

• Public Outreach
  – Workshops and field trips
  – Parks & Rec Board and Greenways Advisory Committee
  – Community survey
  – Public Open House & email comments

• PEP Tool for equity presented to City Council

• GIS-based Park Inventory

• Final Draft to PRAB Oct. 9
Q2: What is your age

- 18 and under: 0.4%
- 19-25: 6%
- 26-39: 31%
- 40-55: 33%
- 55 and older: 30%
Q3: In the past month, how many times have you visited a park, trail or other park facility in Bellingham?

- Daily: 27%
- At least once a week: 57%
- At least once a month: 14%
- Never: 2%
Q4: For each of the following Park budget priorities, rate their importance to you

Public Input on Park Budget Priorities

- Building new parks and facilities
- Maintaining and improving existing parks, trails and facilities
- Building new trails
- Protecting open space and habitat
- Offering recreational programming (races, swim lessons, concerts, etc.)

- Not important
- Somewhat important
- Important
- Very important
- Essential
Q6: Which of the following features have you used in a City-managed park, trail or open space in the last year?
Q7: Which features do we need more of in Bellingham’s parks, trails and open spaces?
Open Comments

- **Trails/Trailhead (1432)** – more, connectivity, decrease social trails, garbage cans
- **Bikes (494)** – separate mountain bikes from hiking, speed limits, more trails, bike racks, pro/con for e-bikes on trails
- **Safety (425)** – concerns re homelessness, safe bike trails, pedestrian safety
- **Dogs (362)** – More poop bags, trash cans, pro/con off-leash areas
- **Pool (325)** – Need larger pool with more swim lanes
Open Comments

• **Signage (240)** – Educational signs, way-finding, speed limits
• **Programs (241)** – What programs are available? More bike events, concerts and volunteer programs
• **Restrooms (239)** – Add them to neighborhood parks, year-round access, maintenance
• **Pickleball (184)** – New courts, convert existing courts like Cornwall, covered and lit for year-round play
• **Galbraith (140)** – Way-finding, parking, restrooms
Plan Chapters

- Intro, Goals & Objectives
- Community Setting
- Existing Facilities
- Land and Facility Demand
- Recommendations
- Implementation
- Appendices
New Principles

• Protective
• Connected
• Playful
• Equitable
• Sustainable
• Inclusive
Goals and Objectives

- Citiworks Asset Management:
  - Create maintenance standards
  - Prioritize upgrades using PEP Tool
  - Renovate and expand existing facilities (pickleball, skating)

- Community Recreation Needs Assessment

- Year-round staffing

- Explore enforcement options

- Climate Resiliency

- Long-term financial sustainability
Multiple Levels of Service

– Proximity
– Acres/person
– Maintenance and Enhancement
– Cost/person
## Level of Service

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Parks Enhancement Prioritization Tool (PEP Tool)

Goal 7(c): Prioritize capital improvements based on safety, condition, socio-economic factors and population served.

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Neighborhood Parks

- ½ mile walk
- Add restrooms
- Use PEP Tool

Recommendations

- Acquire and develop neighborhood park in the Bakerview corridor.
- Renovate and upgrade Shuksan Meadows Park.
- Develop Julianna Park.
- Develop Maplewood/McLeod Park.
- Add additional park amenities at Sunset Pond Park.
- Acquire a Neighborhood Park in Happy Valley.
- Plan and develop North Samish Hill Park.
Community Parks

- Locate every 4 square miles
- Complete waterfront parks
- Capital Maintenance Plans

**Recommendations**

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<td>Master Plan and develop Van Wyck Park</td>
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Special Use

- Hand-carry boat launch
- North end skate park
- New town squares and plazas

Recommendations

- Acquire and renovate the pier for public access at Little Squalicum Park.

- Add parking, ADA access and trail connectivity to Woodstock Farm and develop a strategic management and maintenance plan.

- Provide identified improvements to community gardens, and form a committee to propose a strategic management and maintenance plan.

- Implement master plan improvements at Big Rock Garden, including improved fencing.
Trails

Recommendations

- Acquire trail corridor along Squalicum Creek.
- Extend trail along Whatcom Waterway as development occurs.
- Samish Crest – complete connection to Lake Padden.
- Connect Riley Open Space and the Cordata Trail.
- Evaluate and replace bridges – Wildflower, Civic, Silver Creek.
- Acquire and improve trailhead parking and access to Galbraith from the north.
- Complete Locust Beach trailhead and trail improvements.
Open Space

- Per map
- Waterfront access
- Evaluate Samish Crest
- Restore habitat and remove invasive species

Recommendations

- Improve parking and wayfinding at Riley Open Space.
- Prioritize and implement recommendations of Urban Forestry Plan on Parks open space.
- Develop access to King and Queen Mountain Greenway.
Implementation

• Assumes similar funding to last 5 years
  – REET
  – Park Impact Fees
  – Greenways or other levy
  – Grants & donations

• Total estimated recommendations cost: $107m

• Total estimated system value: $546.9m – basis for PIF Fee
Next Steps

- PRAB final recommendation: November 13
- Planning Commission: December 6
- City Council: January 2020
- Approval to State RCO due March 1, 2020
Questions?

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