

## 3.14 Parks and Recreation

### 3.14.1 Affected Environment

#### Current Plan Area

The City of Sumner (City) has a long tradition of providing quality and well-maintained parks. The quantity and type of park facilities grew dramatically in the 1990s. The *Sumner Parks and Open Space Plan*, which accompanied the *1994 City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan* (1994 Comprehensive Plan), was adopted in that same year. It provided a 20-year guideline for the planning, development, and maintenance of parks within the city. A plan supplement, adopted in 2000, reviewed the City's progress toward meeting the goals set forth in the 1994 plan and updated its inventory of facilities, existing levels of service, and capital improvement plan. The supplemented plan was accepted by the State of Washington<sup>1</sup>.

The content of this chapter has been updated from the *2000 Parks and Open Space Plan* to reflect changed project status and new growth projections.

#### Existing Facilities

The City's park facilities are discussed below and shown in Table 3.14-1 and on Figure 3.14-1.

**Table 3.14-1. Summary of CityPark Spaces (Updated)**

Park Areas and Facilities	Acres	Number of Sites
Loyalty	2.6	
Seibenthaler	2.0	
Heritage	.5	
Eastside	4.0	
Riverbend Park	6.6	
Salmon Creek Park	6.4	
Regional Parks	11.2	1
Sports Complex	11.2	
Waterfront Parks	.5	1
Library Park	.5	
Special Use Areas <sup>1</sup>	1.35	2
Ryan House	.35	
Senior Center	1.0	
Beautification Sites	1.5	3
Golf Course	165	1
<b>Total City Park Land</b>	<b>201.65</b>	<b>14</b>
School District Recreation Facilities	14.5	4
<b>Total Park Space</b>	<b>230.65</b>	<b>21</b>

Source: City of Sumner 2000.

<sup>1</sup> Special use areas include miscellaneous sites that do not fit another category. Examples include the Ryan House Museum and the Senior Center.

<sup>1</sup> Local Parks Plans are accepted by the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) to be eligible for State Parks grants. Plans must remain 5-years current for jurisdictional projects to be eligible.

**Loyalty Park**

The oldest park in the city measures about 2.7 acres at the southeast corner of Park Street and Sumner Avenue. Improvements include a regulation-sized basketball court, a multi-age play area, horseshoe pits, and picnic tables. The park has been the focus of considerable investment and most facilities are in excellent condition. Restrooms are a desired improvement.

**Seibenthaler Park**

This 2-acre park has been considerably improved in the past decade. It now contains a full-size basketball court, a children's play area, a children's soccer field, and picnic tables.

**Rueben Knoblauch Heritage Park**

This 0.5-acre park is in the heart of downtown Sumner at the corner of Cherry and Kincaid avenues. Opened in 1995, the park includes a gazebo, tables, a fountain, and a sloped grass area that serves as a small, natural amphitheater. The park is home to the summer concert series.

**Daffodil Valley Sports Complex**

The Daffodil Valley Sports Complex was culmination of a 10-year Rotary Club of Sumner project started with a grant from the Seattle Mariners. The 11.2-acre complex, which opened in 1996, includes a regulation baseball field, volleyball pit, two tennis courts, two softball diamonds (which convert to a soccer field), a basketball court, and a concessions stand. This is also the home to the City's skate park, called Sk8. The play area for the complex is shared with the adjacent Daffodil Valley Elementary School. A covered play shed with basketball is available on the school site. .

**Ryan House**

The Ryan House is the home of the Sumner Historical Society's Ryan House Museum. Open to the public, the Museum provides artifacts and information about the history of the Sumner area. Over time, improvements have included repair of earthquake damage, paint, new porch and foundation, site improvements, electrical system upgrades, and roof replacement. The City has primary responsibility for the maintenance and operational costs of the building, while the Society operates the Museum. The property is 0.35 acre.

**Golf Course**

The City owns a 150-acre parcel, which is the Sumner Meadows Golf Links. It is located at the northeast corner of the City Center at 14802 Stewart Road (formerly 8th Street East). The 18-hole course is open year-round. The facility includes parking, a small club house with snack bar, and driving range.

**Senior Center**

A new senior center was constructed at 15506 62nd Street East in 1996. It was expanded as recently as 2003 for a total size of 7,000 square feet. This facility includes activity rooms, a lounge, restrooms, a commercial kitchen and food service area, and office and meeting space. The center is open to the public for rentals for special events and meetings. The site is 1 acre.

**Daffodil Valley Elementary School**

The Daffodil Valley Elementary School opened in 1999 at 1509 Valley Avenue. The school features an indoor gymnasium, an outdoor basketball court, a covered play shed, and a children's play area (shared with the adjacent sports complex).

**Maple Lawn Elementary School**

This school, located at 230 Wood Avenue, has two small softball fields, which convert to a small soccer field. There is also a play area for children. The fields and play area are approximately 2.5 acres.

**Sumner Junior High School**

Sumner Junior High School is located at 1508 Willow Street. Facilities at this school include four regulation tennis courts, a full-size soccer/football field and track, two baseball fields, and a gymnasium. The fields are available for public use when not in school use or otherwise booked. The play area is approximately 4 acres.

**McAlder Elementary School**

McAlder Elementary School is located outside the city limits, but within the area that was in the 1994 Comprehensive Plan and slated for inclusion in the city limits. The school has a large soccer field, softball field, and children's play area and is located at 15502 96th Street E.

**Sumner High School**

The high school, located at 1707 Main Street in the center of the City, includes numerous athletic facilities available to the public when not in school use. These include one large regulation baseball field, two softball fields which convert to a soccer field, a full-size gymnasium, and a competition football/soccer field at Sunset Chev Stadium. The stadium is the home field for other local football teams. The total field area equals approximately 8 acres.

**Bob Miller Gym**

Located at the Daffodil Valley School site, the Bob Miller Gym was reconstructed in 2000 to house a multi-purpose gymnasium and offices for recreational programs. The gym is heavily used seven days a week. The facility is owned and maintained by the Sumner School District and operated by the tri-party<sup>2</sup> Recreation Program.

**Library Park**

Library Park, a 0.5-acre area, offers direct access to the White (Stuck) River. There are a few benches and parking is available at the Library. The Park's existence is not widely publicized because of the lack of other supporting facilities.

**Eastside Park**

This 4-acre park includes a regulation basketball court, children's play area and spray garden, picnic facilities, restrooms, and picnic shelter.

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<sup>2</sup> The Recreation Program is operated under an interlocal agreement between the cities of Bonney Lake and Sumner and the Sumner School District who share costs and governance of the program.

### **Salmon Creek Park**

The City owns approximately 6.4 acres along Salmon Creek between 60th and 64th Streets East. Based on the *East Sumner Neighborhood Plan*, the area will be used for a passive park, wetlands mitigation for development in the area, stormwater detention, stream restoration and flood control. The *City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan* (City Comprehensive Plan) calls for additional land to be purchased and for the removal of the 60th Street East road crossing and the construction of a new crossing on the future 62nd Street East.

### **Riverbend Park**

This 6.6-acre unimproved park is located at the eastern terminus of 16th Street East. It is relatively flat and provides excellent access to the White (Stuck) River. It was purchased from the City's sewer utility and given to the City's general fund for park and open space purposes in 2001. Potential future uses of the facility include river access, a trailhead, and picnicking.

### **Trails**

In 1996, the cities of Sumner and Pacific completed the *Sumner/Pacific Trail Master Plan*, which was incorporated into the *Parks and Open Space Plan*. The City updated this plan in June 2008 with revised trail maps, cost estimates, and environmental goals. Unlike the original plan, the 2008 update focused on facilities within the city limits, and was not a joint effort with the city of Pacific. A map of the proposed trail system from the *Trail Master Plan* is shown in Figure 3.14-2. The plan outlines a trail system that links the City to other regional trails and serves the needs of City residents. Construction of the currently planned City trail system consists of nine discrete projects, split into two phases. These planned projects are concentrated in the northern part of the city limits, near the connection to the city of Pacific's trail system, and along the White River, northwest of downtown.

### **Private Recreation**

The only major private recreational facility in the immediate area is the Mel Korum YMCA located on Puyallup's South Hill. Opened in 2000, it is the largest YMCA in the south Puget Sound area; it has over 9,000 members and numerous indoor and outdoor athletic facilities.

### **Park Maintenance**

Parks activities are primarily managed through the City's Community Development and Parks Department, under the direction of an Assistant City Administrator. A parks and facilities manager supervises the parks staff (along with cemetery and facility functions). The staffing for parks includes five full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and two seasonal employees. The most recent addition was a single maintenance FTE in 2004.

### **Park Level of Service**

Level of service (LOS) for parks is usually defined as people per facility or acre of park land. A community will typically define the types of facilities (e.g., basketball courts, soccer field, picnic tables) that it wishes to maintain without impact from new growth. LOS may also be expressed in terms of persons per acre of various park facilities (e.g., local, regional, community). LOS may be expressed either for residential or employment, based on residential population and employment population, respectively.

Table 3.14-2 shows the existing facilities, quantity, and existing LOS (based on a 2008 population of 10,404) for those facilities. The facilities listed were adopted in the 1994 Comprehensive Plan and the City's *Parks and Open Space Plan* (updated in 2000) as those with mandatory levels of service. The adopted LOS has also been included in the table.

The comparison of the existing LOS to the required LOS (from the adopted *Parks and Opens Space Plan*) shown in Table 3.14-2 indicates that there are few existing deficiencies. The City is currently short soccer fields (2.2 fields), volleyball courts (0.1 court), community park land (1.4 acres), picnic tables (23.6), picnic shelter gazebo at Rueben Knoblauch Heritage Park, children's play areas (1.1), and regional park land (3.7 acres). Other park items are either at the desired level or there is a substantial surplus.

**Table 3.14-2. Existing Park Facilities and Residential Level of Service**

Activity	Required Level of Service	Existing Number	Location	Existing Level of Service
Softball	1/2,000	7	Sports Complex, Maple Lawn, Junior High, High School	1/1,486
Baseball	1/5,000	5	Sports Complex, High School, Junior High	1/2,081
Soccer Fields	1/2,000	3	Sports Complex, Junior High, Seibenthaler	1/3,468
Football Fields	1/20,000	1	High School	1/10,404
Tennis Courts	1/3,000	8	Sports Complex, Junior High, High School	1/1,301
Basketball Courts	1/1,000	13	Sports Complex, Loyalty Park, Maple Lawn, Junior High, High School, Daffodil Valley, Bob Miller, Seibenthaler	1/800
Volleyball Courts	1/5,000	2	Sports Complex, Maple Lawn	1/5,202
Indoor Pool	1/20,000	1	High School	1/10,404
Community Parks	1 acre/1,000	9 acres	Loyalty, Seibenthaler, Heritage, Eastside	1 acre/1,156
Urban Trails	0.95 mile/1,000	None		0
Picnic Shelter/Gazebo	1/8,500	1	Heritage	1/10,404
Picnic Tables	1/250	18	Loyalty, Sports Complex, Heritage, Library Complex	1/578
Horseshoes	None	2	Loyalty	1/5,202
Children's Play Area	1/1,700	5	Loyalty(2), Seibenthaler, Maple Lawn, Sports Complex	1/2,081
Community Center	None	None	—	—

Activity	Required Level of Service	Existing Number	Location	Existing Level of Service
Golf Course	None	18 holes	Sumner Meadows Golf Links	1/10,404
Regional Park	1 acre/710	11 acres	Sports Complex	1 acre/ 946

Source: City of Sumner 2000; Windish pers. comm.

<sup>1</sup> Where softball and soccer fields overlap, each is counted. Small youth T-ball fields are not counted.

<sup>2</sup> Only regulation baseball fields are counted.

<sup>3</sup> The high school has the only regulation football field, although it is not generally available to the public.

<sup>4</sup> Both indoor and outdoor basketball courts are counted. Stand-alone basketball hoops are not counted.

<sup>5</sup> All facilities at the sports complex are considered available to the public.

<sup>6</sup> Although some sections of the riverside trail are completed, they are generally not accessible. Consequently, no trail amount is shown.

<sup>7</sup> The children's play area at Loyalty Park is counted as two.

<sup>8</sup> The Eastside Park is counted as park acreage but no improvements are included because they have not yet been funded.

<sup>9</sup> Although no LOS was established for Urban Trails in the *Parks and Open Space Plan*, it was later adopted by Ordinance 1911 based on the 1996 Sumner/Pacific Trail Master Plan

## Park Development Plan

This section updates the 20-year park development plan that was provided in the *2000 Parks and Open Space Plan*. The status of pending City park facility projects is described below and the following Table 3.14-3 gives the planned schedule for their improvement.

- **Loyalty Park.** Some additional lighting is desirable. Restrooms were completed during the 2005-2010 period. Remaining improvements are maintenance.
- **Seibenthaler Park.** Safety lighting is necessary. A desirable picnic area and some tables have been installed, but not a shelter.
- **Ryan House.** No change to 1994 development plans although major maintenance improvements are still required.
- **Riverside Trails.** The *Sumner Trails Master Plan* will guide the development of this trail system. The plan includes a phasing plan for construction of the trails.
- **Golf Course.** Construction of a larger clubhouse is a planned future development item for the Sumner Meadows Golf Links, and it has been included in the capital budget for the golf course.
- **Active Park.** One alternative for the 40-acre City property south of the existing golf course is to construct an active regional park with river access.
- **Par-3 Golf Course.** This is a second alternative for the City property south of the existing golf course.
- **Eastside Park.** This park project was completed in 2005.
- **Salmon Creek Park.** Formerly called the "Urban Village Park" or "East Sumner Neighborhood Park," the land purchased for this park was developed in of 2005. However, no further development of this park has occurred.
- **Community Center.** This facility is planned for after the year 2016.
- **Sumner Farm.** This proposal is for the long-term acquisition of open space.

- **Additional Community Parks.** Should significant annexations occur, additional community park land would be necessary.
- **Rivergrove Park.** There is desire to acquire land for and construct a park in the Rivergrove neighborhood. This park was not part of the *2000 Parks and Open Space Plan*. To date, no development has occurred for this project.
- **Salmon Creek Interpretive Center.** The City has been working to acquire additional land along the creek to provide access and interpretive opportunities.
- **Grand Park.** Grand Park is City-owned land that is adjacent to the Puyallup River, upriver from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge. There are no planned improvements for this park other than the future extension of the trail system.

### Capital Facility Plan

Tables 3.14-3 to 3.14-5 (updated from *2000 Parks and Open Space Plan*) summarize the planned capital facility improvements, costs, and timing. In addition, it is necessary to increase the parks maintenance staff as new facilities are added. Table 3.14-3 lists projects that were originally planned for construction during the 2005–2010 time period, but have not yet been completed.

**Table 3.14-3. 2005–2010 Improvement Plan for Parks and Open Space (Updated)**

Improvement	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Loyalty Park				\$25,000 <sup>2</sup>		
Seibenthaler Park			\$15,000 <sup>3</sup>		\$12,000 <sup>2</sup>	
Rivergrove Park	\$130,000 <sup>4</sup>			\$35,000 <sup>4</sup>		
Salmon Creek Park	\$200,000 <sup>5</sup>				\$900,000 <sup>4</sup>	
Salmon Creek Interpretive Center	\$110,000 <sup>5</sup>					
Trails	\$700,000		\$350,000			

Source: City of Sumner 2000; Windish pers. comm.

<sup>1</sup> Restrooms

<sup>2</sup> Lights

<sup>3</sup> Picnic Facilities

<sup>4</sup> Development

<sup>5</sup> Land

**Table 3.14-4. 2010–2015 Improvement Plan for Parks and Open Space**

Improvement	Cost/Component
Riverside Park	\$1.5 million/development
Salmon Creek Interpretive Center	\$300,000/development
Trail	\$1.6 million/land acquisition and construction
Open Space Acquisition	\$1 million/acquisition/purchase of development rights

Source: City of Sumner 2000; Windish pers. comm.

**Table 3.14-5. 2016–2022 Improvement Plan for Parks and Open Space (Updated)**

<b>Improvement</b>	<b>Cost/Component</b>
Park at Golf Course <sup>1</sup>	\$5 million/development
Par 3 Golf Course <sup>1</sup>	\$2 million/development
Additional Community Park	\$1.5 million/land and development
Trail	\$1.1 million/land acquisition
Open Space Acquisition	\$1 million acquisition/purchase of development rights
Community Center	\$1.5 million construction

Source: City of Sumner 2000; Windish pers. comm.

<sup>1</sup> Two options for the same City property located south of the Sumner Meadows Golf Links.

## Recreation

Recreation services for City residents are provided by the Sumner–Bonney Lake Parks and Recreation Program. A tri-party collaboration between the City, Sumner School District, and city of Bonney Lake, the program is part of the school district’s Community Services Program, which oversees the administration of the public swimming pool, performing arts center, and recreation programs. The 2009-2010 budget for the Community Services Program is \$1.34 million. A staff of five, who receive supervision from the school district, provides youth and adult leagues, special populations programs, sports leagues, community education, preschool and home-school programs, teen adventure programs, special events, and tournaments. (Sumner School District 2009)

## Opportunities to Provide Intergovernmental Cooperation

The City currently uses numerous intergovernmental programs related to parks and recreation, including:

- The tri-party agreement guides the operation of the Sumner–Bonney Lake Parks and Recreation Program.
- An agreement among the City, City of Bonney Lake, and Sumner School District guides the development and use of the Robert Miller Gymnasium for recreational purposes.
- An agreement between the City and Sumner School District guides the development and operation of the Daffodil Valley Sports Complex.
- An informal agreement between the City and the Sumner School District guides public use of school facilities for community purposes.
- An interlocal agreement between the City and Sumner School District guides the cooperation and shared use of facilities.
- A membership with and support for Forever Green, a countywide collaboration of jurisdictions guides the planning, development, and operation of parks and trails. Forever Green has developed shared marketing programs, a trails plan, and open space strategies. Participants include local jurisdictions, state agencies, federal parks, not-for-profit organizations, individuals, corporations, and business organizations.

With a long history of cooperation between the City and Sumner School District, there have been significant successes to benefit parks and recreation. As financial resources become scarcer, the need to collaborate and coordinate these services will increase. Regional collaborative efforts like

Forever Green will become more important. Potential opportunities for expanding intergovernmental programs for parks and recreation include:

- increasing programs with the school district for shared space, programs, maintenance and services;
- expanding the interlocal agreements to include other school districts such as Dieringer;
- participating in programs like Forever Green to encourage and develop collaborative endeavors;
- seeking funding that supports interagency planning and development activities;
- coordinating park planning and development with surrounding jurisdictions to minimize duplication of specialized facilities, equipment, and programs;
- collaborating with education providers in the planning, provision, and marketing of continuing education, recreational learning, and recreation programs; and
- involving other jurisdictions and agencies in the update of the *Parks and Open Space Plan*.

## Open Space

### Open Space Inventory—Existing

Open space exists in many forms within the current plan area. Among the major types are the following:

- **Parks and “Greens.”** These are the variety of community, regional, and specialty parks, which exist or could exist under the parks plan.
- **Building setbacks and yards.** Almost all zones require separations between buildings and streets. In addition to controlling density, these areas provide habitat, recreation, and vegetation. Certain properties, called “Estate Properties” have attracted interest and concern because they are perceived as being particularly important for these values. Estate properties are typically large lots, often historic, with large expansive yards.
- **Street corridors.** These areas occupy about 10% of the City’s corporate limits and may include street trees, boulevard medians, and planting strips; in addition to undeveloped streets.
- **Tree-covered hillsides.** Located to the east and west of the City, these areas form a backdrop for the City, provide habitat, and protect water sources.
- **Rivers and streams.** Areas along rivers and streams are protected by the City’s *Shoreline Master Program* and critical areas regulations, which require buffers along the water’s edge. These areas provide habitat, education and recreation opportunities, and flood control.
- **Wetlands.** Located in many areas of town, wetlands provide habitat, groundwater recharge, and flood storage. Wetlands are protected by the City, State of Washington, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- **Agriculture lands.** These lands can provide open space and rural character, flood control, groundwater recharge, economic activity, and habitat. The roll of agricultural land within the City limits has diminished significantly within the past decade. Long-term commercially viable farmland should be located outside the City where rural zoning and other protections can apply.

- **Vacant land.** Often taken for granted, these areas provide open space character, habitat, and groundwater recharge. They are not protected as long-term open space unless purchased or otherwise prevented from development.

### **Open Space Improvements**

The items listed below give the improvements or actions that were adopted in the *2000 Parks and Open Space Plan*.

- Develop and implement an urban forestry program.
- Promote street trees and quality and pedestrian-oriented streets.
- Require and promote quality landscaping, open spaces, common and private spaces, and protection of existing significant vegetation in new development.
- Protect and enhance rivers and stream corridors.
- Acquire future park land.
- Protect, through a variety of means, the hillsides surrounding the city.
- Implement a trail program along the rivers.
- Implement innovative zoning and land development control techniques to protect open spaces.
- Encourage wetland banking programs.
- Work with other jurisdictions to protect farmlands.
- Seek and acquire locations for small “pocket” parks, particularly in downtown.
- Establish an open space impact fee.
- Plant and improve areas along the freeway.

### **Orton Junction Expansion Area**

The Orton Junction expansion area is not currently within city limits, and the City does not own or operate any parks or recreational facilities in the area. The nearest park is Riverside Park, owned by Pierce County and located less than 1 mile south of the Orton Junction expansion area along the Puyallup River. The 50-acre park is open seasonally from March–December and includes four disc-golf courses and a BMX track.

### **East Hill Reduction Area**

The City does not currently own or operate any parks or recreation facilities within the East Hill reduction area. The reduction area is buffered from the eastern city limits by several large tracts of forested open space, currently designated by the City for public/private utility use. The nearest City parks to the reduction area are the Sumner Meadows Golf Links and Riverbend Park. Lake Tapps, which offers boating activities as well as the Tapps Island Golf Course, is also in close proximity to the reduction area, approximately 2 miles to the east.

## 3.14.2 Impacts

### Impacts Common to All Alternatives

Under all alternatives, the population of the current plan area is anticipated to grow during the planning period. Increases in population would result in an increased demand for parks and recreational facilities. Impacts on these facilities would be proportionate to the amount of population increase, and each alternative would result in some LOS deficiencies if additional parks and recreation resources are not acquired. A detailed analysis of parks and recreation impacts for each individual alternative is provided below.

### Impacts Specific to the UGA Expansion (Orton Junction) Alternative

Under the UGA Expansion Alternative, the projected population for the current plan area would total 16,459 in 2030. By applying adopted LOS standards to this increase in population, the following facility categories would experience LOS deficiencies unless additional parks and recreation facilities are acquired:

**Table 3.14-6. Parks and Recreation Level of Service Deficiencies—UGA Expansion Alternative**

Activity	Required Level of Service	Existing Number	2030 Level of Service	Additional Facilities Required
Softball	1/2,000	7	1/2,351	1.2
Soccer Fields	1/2,000	3	1/5,486	5.2
Basketball Courts	1/1,000	13	1/1,266	3.5
Volleyball Courts	1/5,000	2	1/8,230	1.3
Community Parks	1 acre/1,000	9 acres	1 acre/1,829	7.5 acres
Urban Trails	0.95 mile/1,000	None	0	15.6 miles
Picnic Shelter/ Gazebo	1/8,500	1	1/16,459	0.9
Picnic Tables	1/250	18	1/914	47.8
Children's Play Areas	1/1,700	5	1/3,292	4.7
Regional Park	1 acre/710	11 acres	1 acre/1,496	12.2 acres

### Impacts Specific to the UGA Modification Alternative

Under the UGA Modification Alternative, the projected population for the current plan area would total 14,706 in 2030. By applying adopted LOS standards to this increase in population, the following facility categories would experience LOS deficiencies unless additional parks and recreation facilities are acquired:

**Table 3.14-7. Parks and Recreation Level of Service Deficiencies—UGA Modification Alternative**

Activity	Required Level of Service	Existing Number	2030 Level of Service	Additional Facilities Required
Softball	1/2,000	7	1/2,101	0.4
Soccer Fields	1/2,000	3	1/4,902	4.4
Basketball Courts	1/1,000	13	1/1,131	1.7
Volleyball Courts	1/5,000	2	1/7,353	0.9
Community Parks	1 acre/1,000	9 acres	1 acre/1,634	5.7 acres
Urban Trails	0.95 mile/1,000	None	0	14.0 miles
Picnic Shelter/ Gazebo	1/8,500	1	1/14,706	0.7
Picnic Tables	1/250	18	1/817	40.8
Children's Play Areas	1/1,700	5	1/2,941	3.7
Regional Park	1 acre/710	11 acres	1 acre/1,337	9.7 acres

### Impacts Specific to the No Action Alternative

Under the No Action Alternative, no changes would be made to the City's UGA boundaries, and the 2030 combined City and UGA population would be 15,495. The following facility categories would experience LOS deficiencies unless additional parks and recreation facilities are acquired.

**Table 3.14-8. Parks and Recreation Level of Service Deficiencies—No Action Alternative**

Activity	Required LOS	Existing Number	2030 Level of Service	Additional Facilities Required
Softball	1/2,000	7	1/2,214	0.7
Soccer Fields	1/2,000	3	1/5,165	4.7
Basketball Courts	1/1,000	13	1/1,192	2.5
Volleyball Courts	1/5,000	2	1/7,748	1.1
Community Parks	1 acre/1,000	9 acres	1 acre/1,722	6.5 acres
Urban Trails	0.95 mile/1,000	None	0	14.7 miles
Picnic Shelter/ Gazebo	1/8,500	1	1/15,495	0.8
Picnic Tables	1/250	18	1/861	44.0
Children's Play Areas	1/1,700	5	1/3,099	4.1
Regional Park	1 acre/710	11 acres	1 acre/1,409	10.8 acres

## 3.14.3 Mitigation Measures

### Incorporated Plan Features

- The City Comprehensive Plan contains a Parks and Open Space Element including goals and policies guiding parks and recreation services and facilities. A See applicable regulations and commitments regarding how the City could update the element in the future under any of the alternatives.

## Applicable Regulations and Commitments

- RCW 36.70A.070(8), adopted in 2002, requires that cities planning under the Growth Management Act, prepare Parks and Recreation Elements. The implementation of this RCW provision was held in abeyance until such time as adequate funding and time was provided by the state to local jurisdictions. The City Comprehensive Plan includes a Parks and Open Space Element that partially complies with these provisions of the RCW. Should the requirement be funded by the state, the City would need to update and revise the *Parks and Open Space Plan*.
- The City could regularly update the *Parks and Open Space Plan* in order to remain current for planning, design, and grant purposes. This review could include review of the LOS standards for future growth.
- The City could regularly update its park and trail impact fee ordinance to help ensure that park infrastructure keeps pace with development.

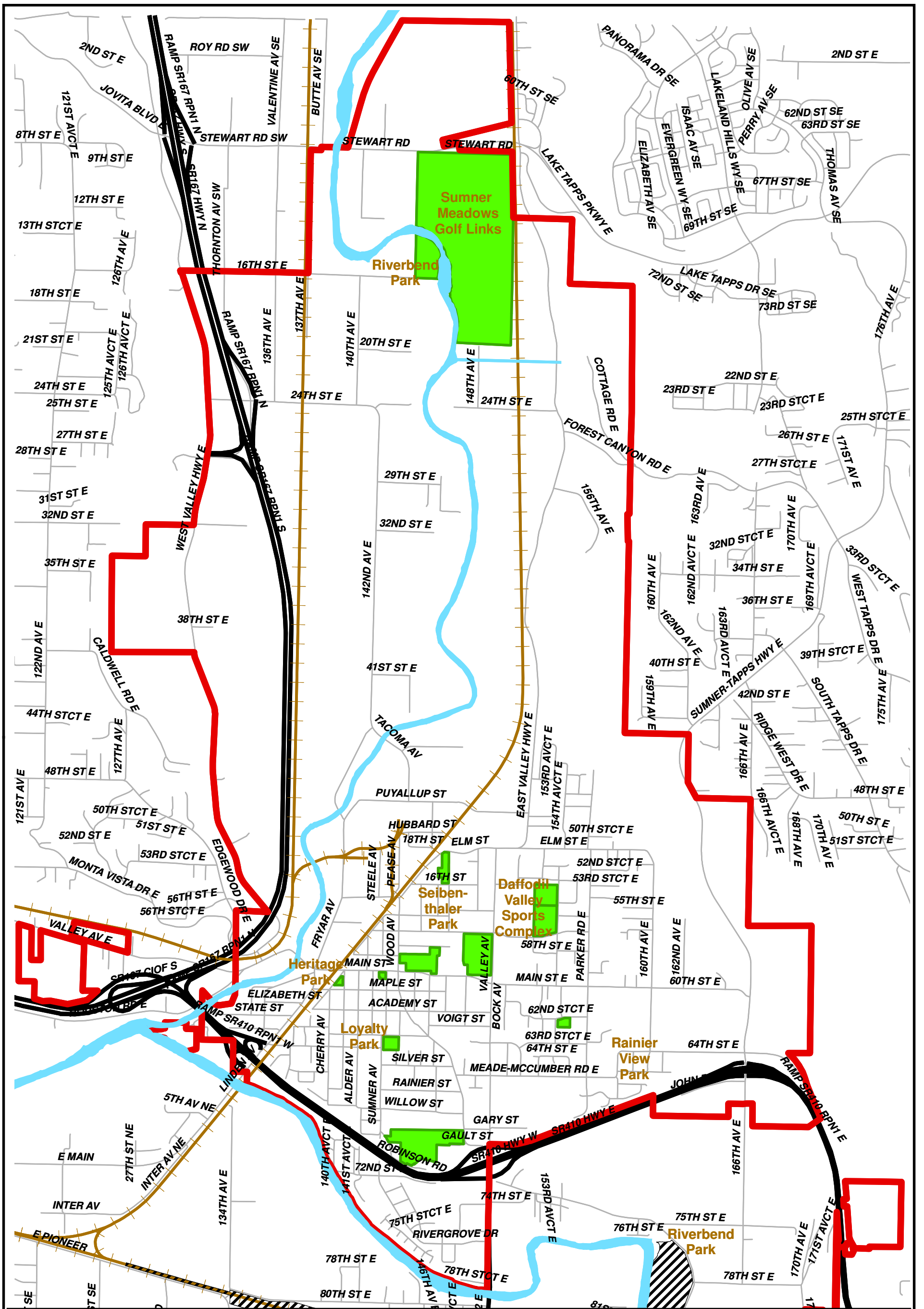
## Other Potential Mitigation Measures

- The City could pursue more aggressive grant and bond financing for parks and trails projects.
- The City could develop a policy and corresponding program to protect estate properties from development.
- The City could voluntarily revise the *Parks and Open Space Plan* to comply with RCW 36.70A.070(8).

### 3.14.4 Significant Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

With the increase in population and urbanization of Pierce County under any of the alternatives, there would be a greater demand for parks, recreational facilities, and programs. Under all alternatives, population increases would result in LOS deficiencies for softball fields, soccer fields, basketball courts, volleyball courts, community parks, urban trails, picnic shelters, picnic tables, children's play areas, and regional parks. It would be necessary for the City to either acquire additional parks and recreation resources or expand current facilities to meet its adopted LOS standards. With application of mitigation measures, impacts can be mitigated to be less than significant.





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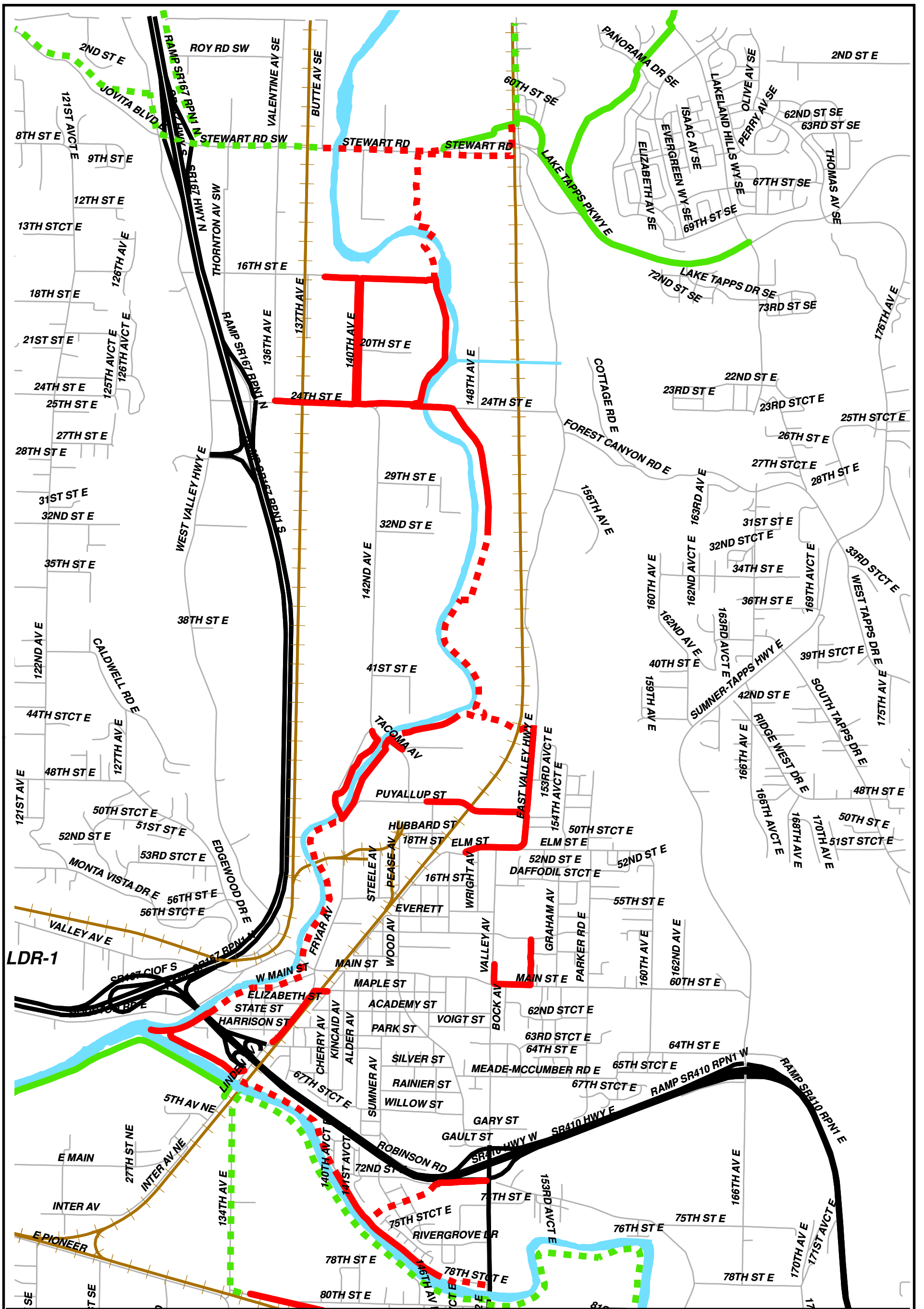


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**LEGEND:**

- Sumner Parks and Recreation Areas
- Pierce County Parks

**Figure 3.14-1 Park Inventory Map**



**Comprehensive Plan Update and Amendments  
Environmental Impact Statement**

**Figure 3.14-2 Sumner Trail System**



**DISCLAIMER:**  
This Map is Intended for  
Planning Purposes Only.  
  
Source: City of Sumner  
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**LEGEND:**

- Other Cities, Existing Trail
- - - Other Cities, Proposed Trail
- Sumner, Existing Trail
- - - Sumner, Proposed Trail