

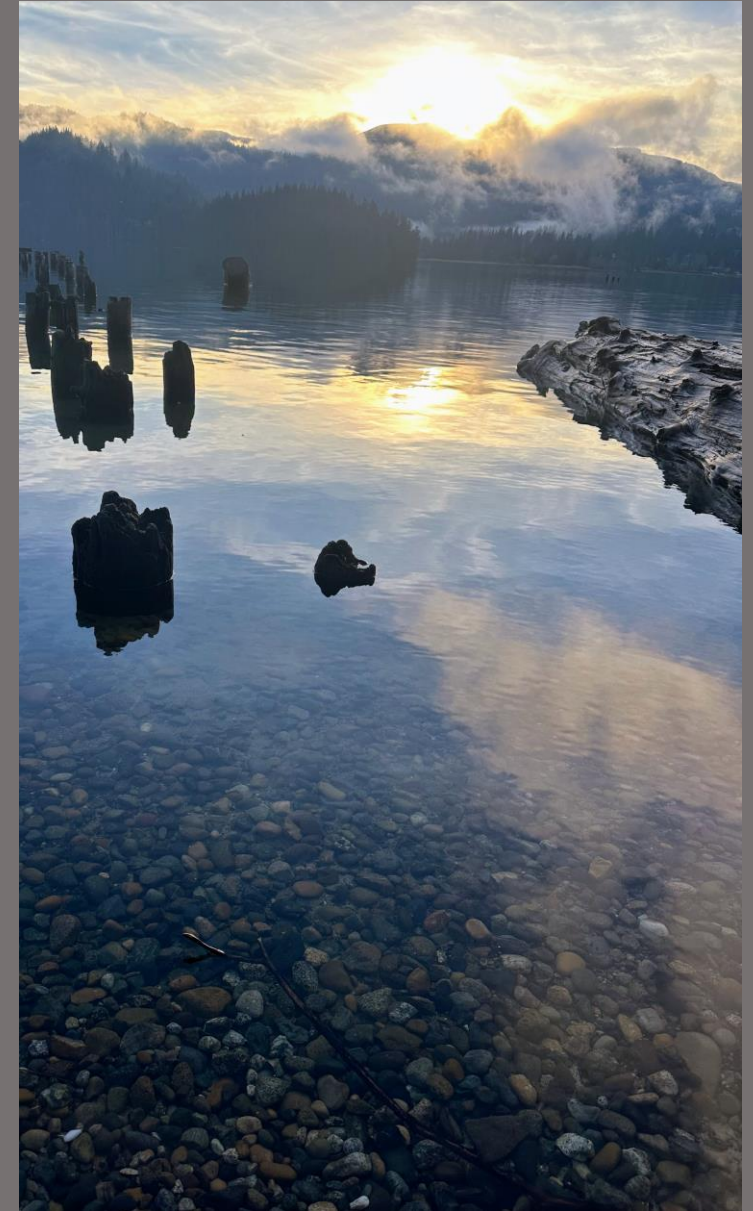


# Parks & Recreation

April 11, 2023 - Bi-annual presentation  
Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee

# Presentation Goals

- Review Recent Efforts Since Last Bi-annual Presentation
- Review Current Activities including Major Projects/Key Initiatives
- Look ahead through 2023/2024



# Initial Efforts

- Focusing on Staff Cohesion
- Improving Staff Capacity
- Facilitated all-staff gatherings
  - December 2022 and March 2023
- Filling vacant positions
  - Parks Design and Development Manager – March 6
  - Repair Maintenance III – April 10
  - Extra-help – Orientation – April 19th
  - Parks Project Manager – Starts May 1
  - Parks Supervisor – Reviewing applications
  - Others: Outside Maintenance Coordinator, Accountant I



Photo: Silver Lake Work Party, Creed Gaines, Repair Maintenance III

# Current Activities

- Priority capital projects and initiatives (ongoing and soon to commence)
- Integrating new staff positions
- laying groundwork for future activities



Photo: Hovander Park Water Line Repair, Rick Jacoby, RM III



Photo Credit: Squires Lake, Sean Duling, Repair Maintenance III

# Priority Projects

- Ongoing

- Plantation Range Lead Clean-up
- Plantation Range HVAC Completion/Opening of Indoor Range
- Silver Lake Park, Maple Creek Campground Shower and Restroom
- Lake Whatcom Parks/EH 1 Trail
- CPRS Renewal



# Priority Projects

- Plantation Range Lead Cleanup
  - Expedited Settlement Agreement - ESA (Sept. 2022)
  - BMPs to prevent erosion and movement of lead
  - Interagency Agreement - IAA (January 2023)
  - \$700,000 from Ecology to perform site characterization
  - RFP released with responses due by April 18<sup>th</sup>; estimate field activities will commence in May, completion June
  - Agreed Order (under review, likely to council in April)



Photo : Plantation Range, Hi-Power Range BMPs

# Priority Projects

## - Plantation Range HVAC Completion/Opening of Indoor Range

- Project 98% complete
- Due to need to address design modifications, additional funding authorization is being requested (on Finance Committee agenda for 4/11)
- With approval, estimated certification of the system and opening of the Indoor Rifle Range is now estimated in June timeframe



Photo: Indoor Range HVAC System Progress Photos

# Priority Projects

## - Silver Lake Camp Maple Creek Shower and Restroom

- Operating Permit has been issued by the State Department of Health
- Final step is issuance of an Occupancy Permit by PDS, inspection scheduled for Wed. April 12th
- Pending issuance of permit, scheduled to be open by Friday, April 14th





# Priority Projects

- Lake Whatcom Park/EH 1 Trail
- 4.2 miles hiking trail upon completing connecting the Hertz Trail and the Chanterelle Trail
- 3 miles rough cut in 2022 before work window stoppage
- SBR on 4/11 council agenda to complete project (contractor to complete items originally proposed to be performed by Parks staff)
- With approval work will commence in June to be open in October



# Priority Projects

- Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space plan Renewal

- Two-phase approach proposed
- Phase I – Expedited update to current CPROS plan using in-house resources to be eligible for 2024 RCO grant cycle
- Phase II – Following anticipated renewal in spring 2024, begin working on consultant-supported update



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# Priority Projects

- Upcoming

- '22 - Stimpson Family Nature Reserve Parking Lot
- '22 - Lighthouse Marine Park Roof and Siding
- '22 - Lookout Mountain – Road Repair Feasibility
- '22 - Parks Administration HVAC Replacement
- '23 - Silver Lake Park – Cedar Campground Shower & Restroom
- '23 – Bellingham Senior Activity Center HVAC
- '23 - Silver Lake Park – Lodge Roof Replacement
- '23 - Hovander Barn Paintworks
- '23 – SLP/Hovander Residence Demolitions

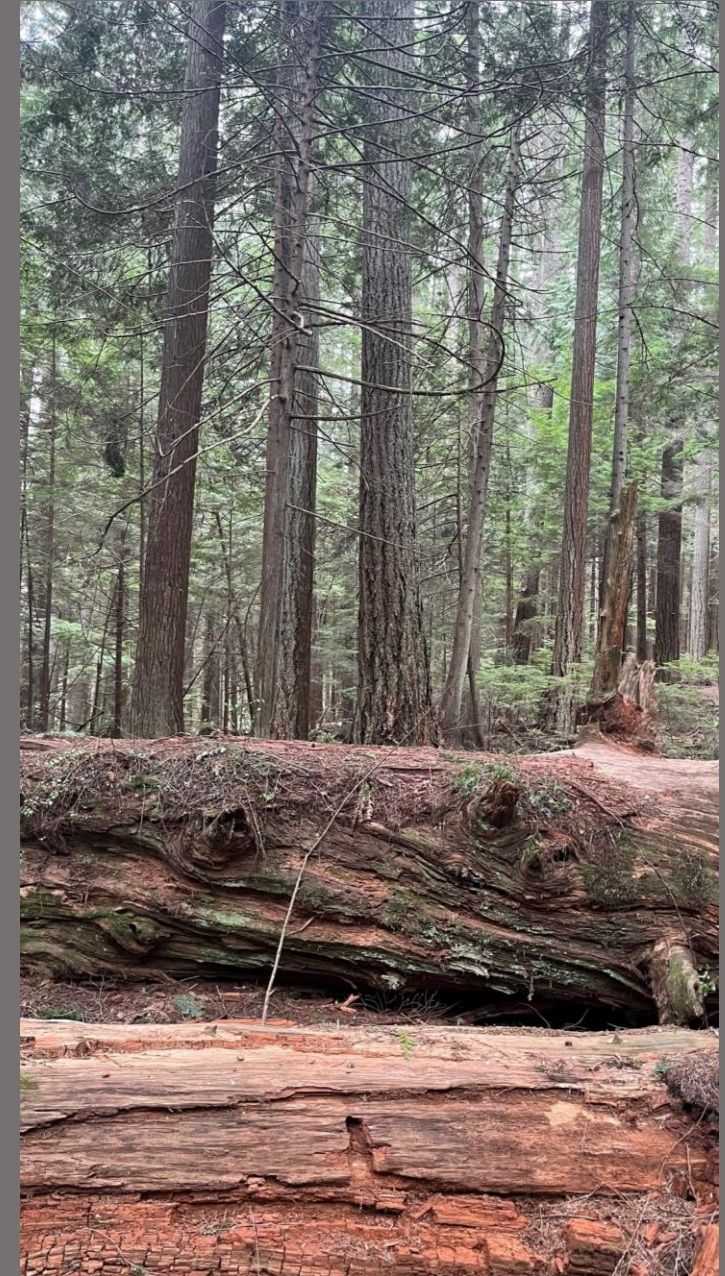


Photo: Stimpson Family Nature Reserve

# Priority Projects

## - Other Key Efforts

- Forest management plan
- Canyon Lake Community Forest – access
- Nessel Farm – property acquisition to support access
- Shared-use and multi-modal trail planning



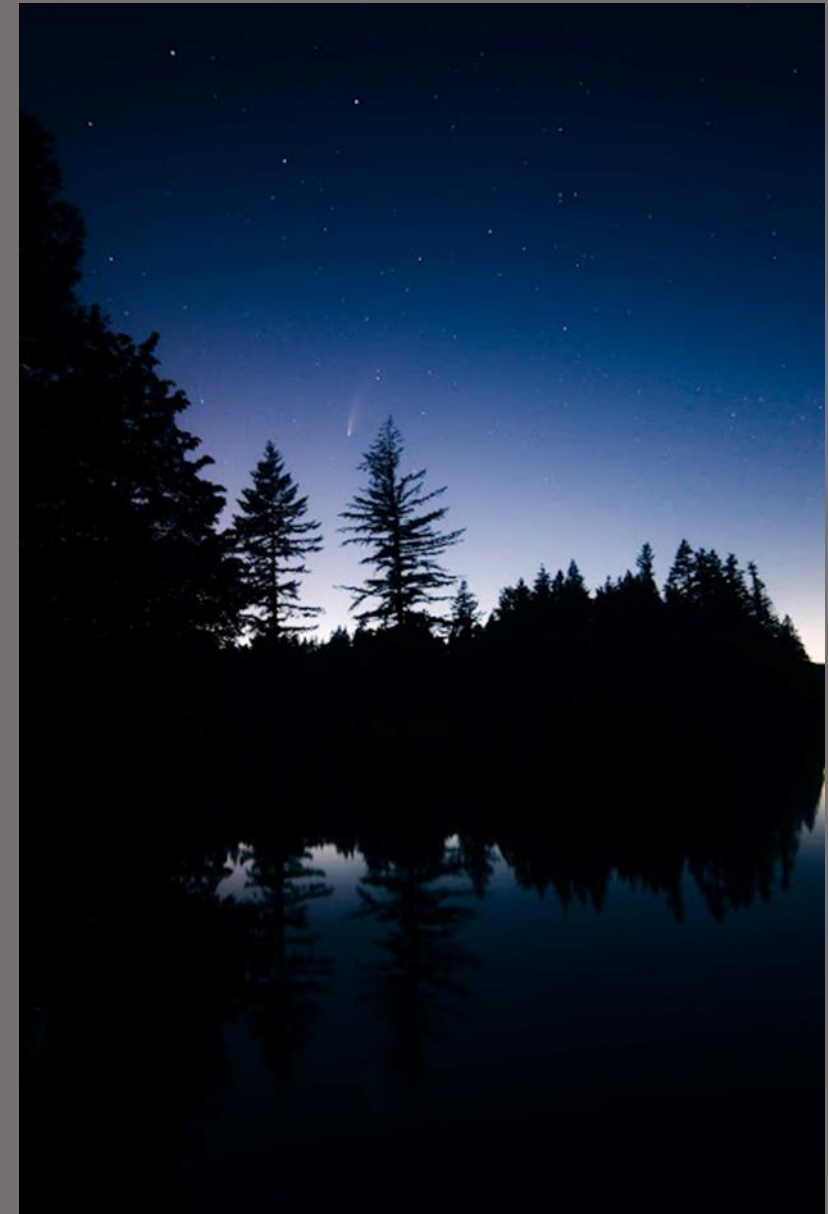
Photo Credit: Canyon Lake, Shannon Batdorf, Administrative Supervisor



Photo Credit: Nessel Farm Barn, Brandon Stolzenburg, Maintenance & Construction Supervisor

# Looking Forward

- Confluence of inputs leading to mid-biennium requests
  - Filling capacity gaps in response to community needs
  - Strengthening Dept. effectiveness and responsiveness with staff input
- Re-examining our planning processes and community engagement strategies





# Thank You

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