

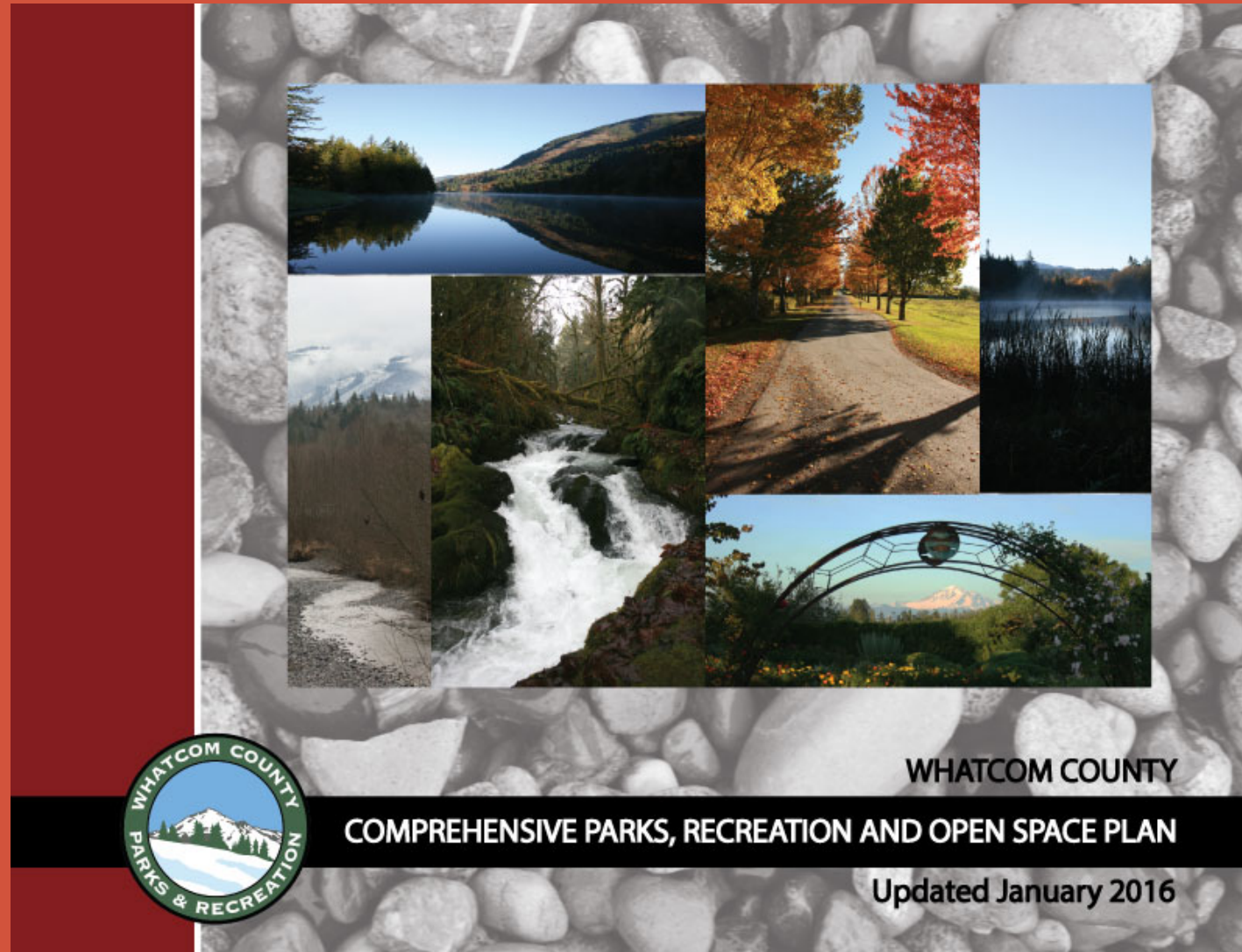
2022 COMPREHENSIVE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

Whatcom County Parks & Recreation

February 23th, 2021

CPROS PLAN

- Identifies priorities, needs, desires and trends of the community and informs other planning efforts
- Requirement by State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to qualify for State and Federal grant funding-BFP, L&WCF, NOVA, WWRP
- Plan has a 6-year life for grant purposes- 3 grant cycles
- 2022 CPROS plan updates the 2016 CPROS plan and used to inform County's Comprehensive Plan



CPROS PLAN REQUIREMENTS

RCO Required Planning Elements

1. Goals and Objectives
2. Inventory of Existing Facilities
3. Public Involvement (multiple options)
4. Demand and Need Analysis
5. Capital Improvement Plan
6. Council Adoption

CPROS PROCESS

- Review of previous plans
- Use of GIS and graphics
- Parks Commission- advisory committee
- Public involvement
 - Parks Commission standing agenda item and plan approval
 - On-line survey March – May 2021
 - Customer service survey of park users
 - User groups, stakeholders and friends outreach (virtual meetings)
- Council Work Sessions February and November 2021
- SEPA Review November 2021
- Council public hearing and adoption December 2021
- Certification and submittal to RCO January 2022

2016 CPROS PLAN

- Secured \$1,295,000 in grants for acquisition and development
- Acquired Aiston Preserve Public Access Easement in partnership with the Lummi Island Heritage Trust
- Assigned custodianship of the Glacier Cemetery
- Initiated major capital improvements at Silver Lake Park
- Added 7 miles of multi use, 4 miles of mountain bike trails, renovated 1 mile of existing trails, developed Chanterelle Overlook, and decommissioned 2.5 miles of non-sanctioned user-built trails
- Replaced two existing playgrounds, restored historic structures, upgraded cabins, improved accessibility, added restrooms and parking

South Fork Park

- 30 vehicle spaces
 - 20 single unit vehicles
 - 10 equestrian trailer spaces
- Total Project Cost: \$445,000



Samish Park Playground

- Complies with CPSC playground safety guidelines
- ADA Accessible
- Total Project Cost: \$50,000



Semiahmoo Restroom & Multi-purpose Bldg.

- Flexible rental space
 - Concessions
 - Meeting space
- Total Project Cost: \$20,000



Lummi Island Beach Access



- Beach access improvement
- Structural repairs
- Improved Park Signage
- Total improvement cost: \$91,000

Maple Creek Park

- Steel construction
- Protected from flood damage
- Total Project Cost: \$115,000



Lighthouse Marine Park

- 7,500 SF boardwalk reconstruction
- Durable composite decking & siding
- Improved Accessibility and user safety
- Meets CPSC playground safety guidelines
- Total Project Cost: \$325,000



Nesset Farm Building Stabilization



- Historic preservation
- Funding donated by Nesset Foundation
- Total project cost: \$185,000

Lake Whatcom Park / Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve Trail Construction



- 6.2 miles of new hiking trails
- 4.3 miles of new mountain bike trails
- 1.1 miles of trail renovation
- 2.5 miles of restoration of unsanctioned trail
- Total Project Cost: \$355,000

Silver Lake Cabin Remodel



- Interior remodel & update
 - Flooring, Cabinets, electrical upgrades, appliances and interior finishes
- Total Project Cost: \$20,000

Silver Lake Park



- Main road and parking reconstruction
- Parking improvements
- Maple Creek Campground reconstruction
- Red Mt. Shower & Restroom (currently under construction)
- Total Project Cost: \$2,920,000



Park Planning Initiatives



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN FOREST PRESERVE AND LAKE WHATCOM PARK RECREATIONAL TRAIL PLAN



June 2016

supportive + balanced + flexible + simple + responsive

Birch Bay Community Park Master Plan Report

Whatcom County Department of Parks & Recreation



Robert W. Droll, Landscape Architect, PS

April, 2017

NEXT STEPS & QUESTIONS

1. Inventory of existing facilities
2. Partnership & friends group meetings (virtual)
3. 6-20 Year CIP Update
4. Community outreach / survey (on-line)
5. Finalize CPROSP
6. Parks Commission/NR/Planning Commission Presentations
7. Complete SEPA / Environmental Assessment
8. Council approves CPROSP by resolution
9. RCO reviews / approves CPROSP