

Chapter 4: Potential facilities

What is the existing inventory?

Burien, Highline School District, SeaTac, Seattle, King County, and other public and private agencies have amassed an impressive amount of acreage that includes every conceivable kind of parkland within or directly adjacent to Burien city limits including nature conservancy’s, wildlife corridors and habitats, trail systems, athletic sites, and indoor facilities - **see Appendix B for a detailed inventory of each park and facility.**

Agency	Acres
City of Burien	349.70
Other adjacent public parks in Seattle, SeaTac, Des Moines	304.29
Highline School District*	40.70
Private land ownership in Burien	10.00
Private facilities in Burien	237.70
Total	942.39

* Portion of school properties devoted to outdoor recreation.

Almost every kind of park, recreation, and open space activity is presently provided by these public and private agencies combined within or directly adjacent to Burien city limits including picnicking, swimming beaches, hiking and multipurpose trails, youth and adult recreational courts and fields, arts center, indoor swimming pool, community centers, meeting rooms, and a performing theater.

What additional facilities are possible?

While Burien and other public, nonprofit, and private agencies have assembled a significant inventory of lands and facilities, there is still a need to improve, enhance, and add to the facilities inventory. The following proposals are based on the results of environmental inventories, field analysis, demand analysis, workshop planning sessions, and the surveys of youth and resident households. The proposals outline the vision developed for open space, trails, and parks within Burien for the next 20 years.

The proposals are CONCEPTUAL, in some instances, subject to further study and coordination with public and private participants that may modify the eventual project particulars.

The proposals are described in reference to a site or property that may provide a major type of open space, trail, or park activity. Any particular site or property may include one or all of the described plan features. The proposals in each section describe the improvements that will be accomplished under each major type of plan element.

See **Appendix E** for a listing of all existing parks and possible park projects and **Chapter 5** for a description of the current condition of each Burien park property along with possible future improvements.

Resource conservancies

Resource conservancies protect, preserve, and conserve lands that have environmental features of critical area significance (floodplains and landslide hazard), ecological importance (shoreslines, wetlands and watersheds), forestland (old growth, woodland cover, and prime productive), farmland (heritage and prime productive), wildlife habitat (threatened and endangered species), and open space to Burien.

Vision

Resource conservancies may be realized through:

- Acquisition of development rights and/or title of resource lands that would otherwise be developed for other rural or urban land uses.
- Provision for public access and interpretive use that would not be possible if the lands remained in private ownership without such provisions.

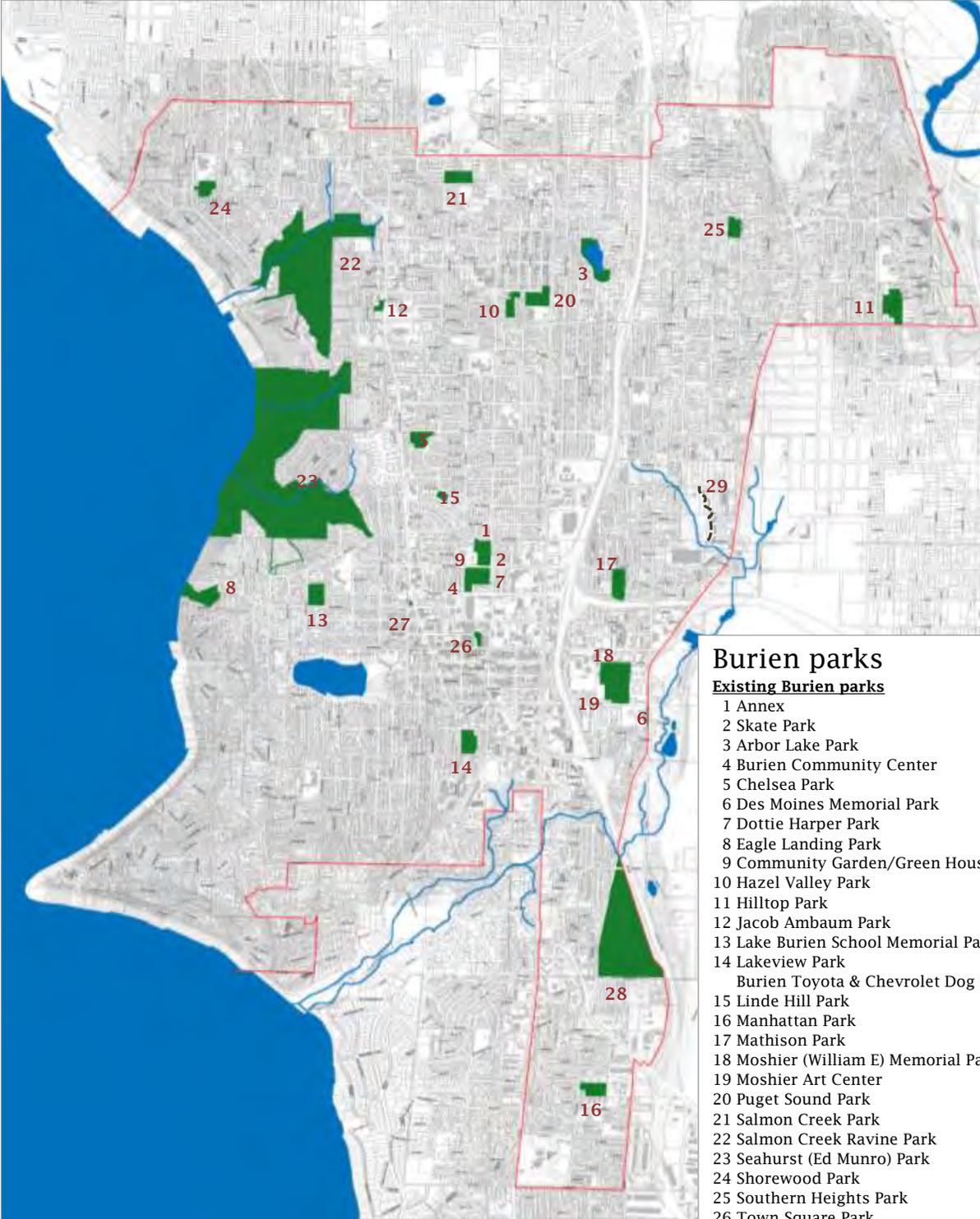
Resource conservancies - have significant multipurpose purpose including mixtures of shoreline, forestland, farmland, wildlife habitat, and open space of citywide significance (see Appendix E, page E-2 for detailed lists).

Existing resource conservancy acres	
Burien	317.51
Adjacent public parks in Seattle, SeaTac, Des Moines	298.29
Total existing conservancy acres	615.80
Possible resource conservancy acres	
Burien	na
Burien with Seattle, SeaTac, Des Moines	30.00
Total possible conservancy acres	30.00

*** Total site acreage may also provide for other resource or recreational activities.**

Environmental interpretive centers - provide educational exhibits and instructional classrooms and indoor/outdoor workshops of environmental, wildlife, and other nature oriented programs of interest to city residents (see Appendix E, page E-3 for detailed lists).

Existing interpretive centers	
Other public agencies in Burien	2
Total existing interpretive	2
Possible interpretive exhibits	
Burien	1
Total possible interpretive	1



- Burien parks**
- Existing Burien parks
- 1 Annex
 - 2 Skate Park
 - 3 Arbor Lake Park
 - 4 Burien Community Center
 - 5 Chelsea Park
 - 6 Des Moines Memorial Park
 - 7 Dottie Harper Park
 - 8 Eagle Landing Park
 - 9 Community Garden/Green House
 - 10 Hazel Valley Park
 - 11 Hilltop Park
 - 12 Jacob Ambaum Park
 - 13 Lake Burien School Memorial Park
 - 14 Lakeview Park
 - Burien Toyota & Chevrolet Dog Park
 - 15 Linde Hill Park
 - 16 Manhattan Park
 - 17 Mathison Park
 - 18 Moshier (William E) Memorial Park
 - 19 Moshier Art Center
 - 20 Puget Sound Park
 - 21 Salmon Creek Park
 - 22 Salmon Creek Ravine Park
 - 23 Seahurst (Ed Munro) Park
 - 24 Shorewood Park
 - 25 Southern Heights Park
 - 26 Town Square Park
 - 27 Triangle Park
 - 28 Walker Creek Wetlands
 - 29 Miller Creek Trail

Historical conservancies

Historical conservancies are properties that retain and preserve significant archaeological, historical, and cultural sites and facilities throughout Burien.

Generally, historical conservancy properties may be acquired or protected that conserve and provide interpretive access to significant Native American sites, original homesteads or prominent building sites, commercial or public buildings of unique architectural characteristics, locations of important industrial or resource oriented activities, and other culturally important areas.

Vision

Historical conservancies may be realized through:

- Provisions for signing and interpretation subject to appropriate security measures and underlying property owner agreements.
- Provision for public access and interpretive use through agreements with underlying property owners or through purchase when it would not be possible if the properties remained in private ownership.
- Acquisition of title and/or development rights of properties that would otherwise be destroyed or developed for other land uses.

Historic conservancies - provide significant archaeological, cultural, or architectural conservancy potential in Burien (see Appendix E, page E-5 for detailed lists).

		Existing places of significance
Burien - Lake Burien School Memorial Park		1
Total existing sites		1
		Possible places of significance
Burien - Old Town district listings		1
Total possible sites		1

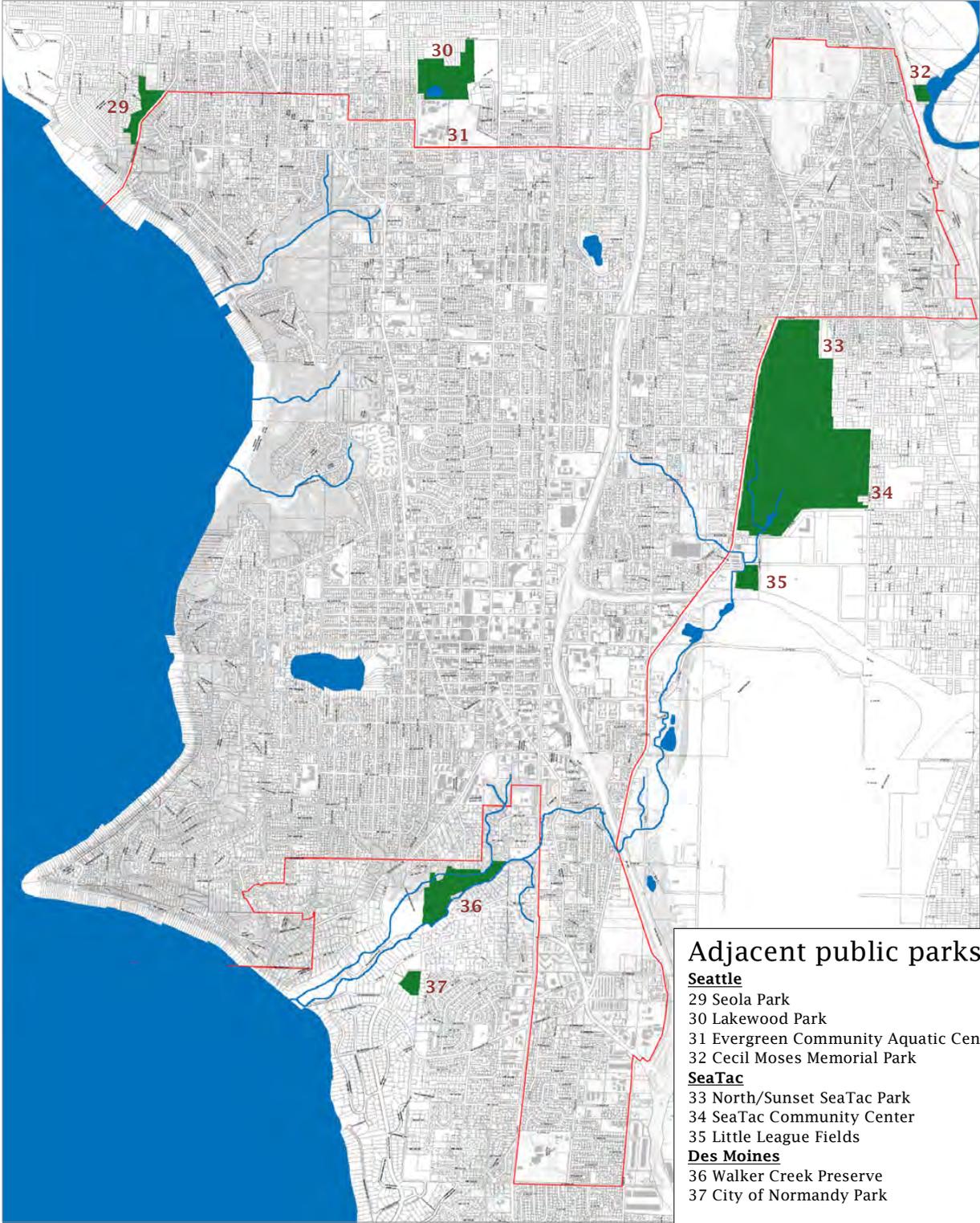
Resource parks

Resource parkland provides public access to significant environmental features including freshwater shorelines, woodlands, and scenic area access points in or adjacent to Burien that provide fishing, beach, and waterfront access activities.

Vision

Resource parks may be realized through:

- Acquisition of resource parklands that would otherwise be developed for other land uses.
- Provision of public access and use of natural features that would not be possible if the lands remained in private ownership.



- Conservation for public access and use of unique and available natural features that visually define and separate developing urban areas.

Waterfront sites - provide access through easements, land use agreements, or acquisitions to significant fresh and saltwater beaches and shorelines (see Appendix E, page E-5 for detailed lists).

Existing waterfront access sites	
Burien	2
Adjacent public parks in Seattle, Des Moines	2
Total existing waterfront access	4
Possible waterfront access sites	
Burien	1
Adjacent public parks in Seattle, SeaTac	2
Total possible waterfront access	3

Picnicking areas - provide informal activity areas often in association with natural areas including play areas, playgrounds, and other neighborhood park features (see Appendix E, page E-7 for detailed lists).

Existing picnic tables	
Burien	69
Adjacent public parks in Seattle, SeaTac	30
Total existing picnic tables	99
Possible picnic tables	
Burien	11
Burien with Highline School District	4
Total possible picnic tables	15

Group picnic shelters - provide day use group picnicking facilities often in association with other park features including waterfronts, play areas, playgrounds, fields, and courts (see Appendix E, page E-8 for detailed lists).

Existing group picnic shelters	
Burien	3
Adjacent public parks in Seattle, SeaTac	3
Total existing picnic shelters	6

Multipurpose trails and bike routes

Park trails - link environmental assets, park and recreational facilities, and community centers. Park trails may be developed as dirt or gravel or bark surfaced routes on interior alignments through environmental features. Portions of the system within the more densely developed areas, however, may be developed as sidewalks or boardwalks with urban streetscape furnishings and amenities (see Appendix E, page E-8 for detailed lists).

Vision

Park trails may be realized by providing recreational trail opportunities in the city that:

- Access natural features that may not be available otherwise.
- Link open spaces and other conservation areas into a greenway system.
- Serve persons with varied physical abilities and skills.
- Establish high visibility and volume pedestrian routes through the most developed urban areas and park sites.
- Where practical, expand the park system to connect with public properties.
- Where practical, expand roadway corridors to provide recreational and commuter trail opportunities.

	Existing park trail miles
Burien	13.37
Adjacent public parks in Seattle, SeaTac, Des Moines	4.60
Total existing park trail miles	17.97

Multipurpose trails - connect major environmental assets, park and recreational facilities, community centers, and historical features in Burien. Generally, multipurpose trails may be developed to provide for several modes of recreational and commuters use where appropriate. The trails generally follow utility right-of-way and public road corridors but may be relocated onto public and/or private property where owners approve (see Appendix E, page E-11 for detailed lists).

Vision

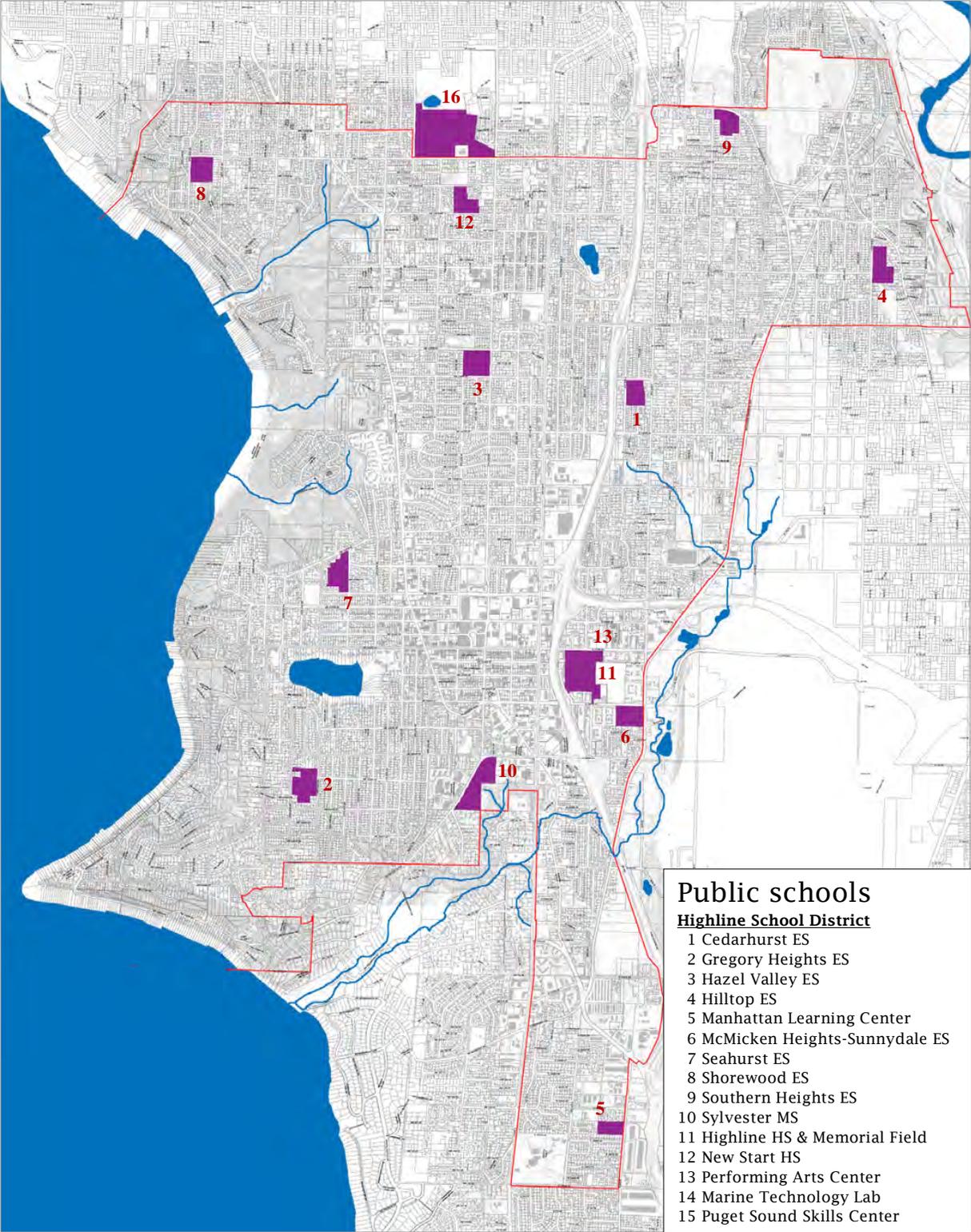
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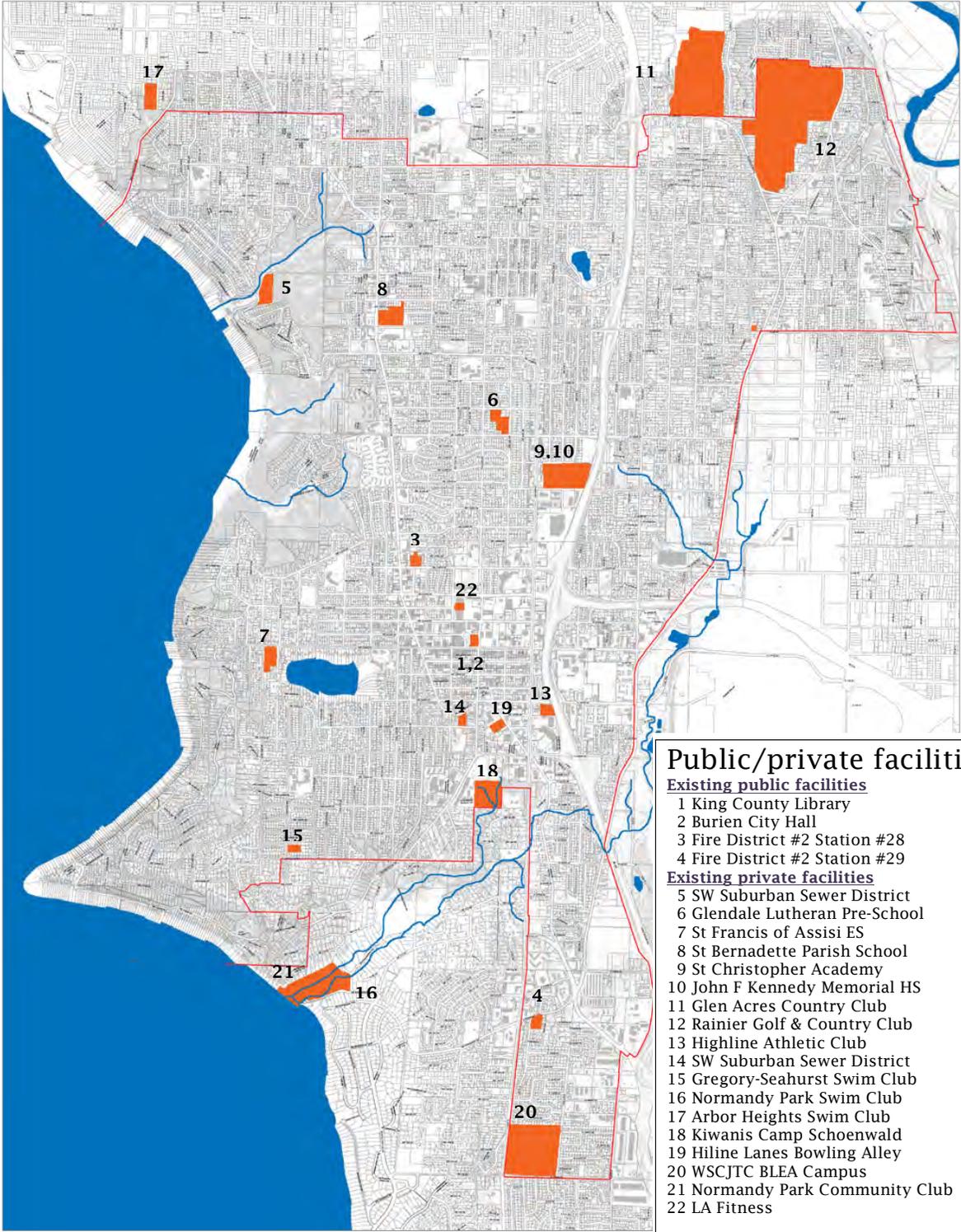
- Conserve natural features.
- Define urban identities.
- Link community facilities.
- Serve persons with varied physical abilities and skills.
- Promote commuter and other more functional transportation methods.

	Existing multipurpose trail miles
Burien	8.09
Total existing multipurpose miles	8.09

	Possible multipurpose trail miles
Burien	0.71
Total possible multipurpose miles	0.71

Bicycle touring and commuter routes - access major environmental assets, park and recreational facilities, historical features, scenic corridors and vistas, and other features of interest to experienced bicycle touring





enthusiasts throughout Burien - see the Burien Bike/Ped Plan and Transportation Master Plan for non-motorized transportation proposals. Biking roadways and linking routes may be designated or developed for on-road bicycle touring using shoulder expansions, lanes, markings, or other signage designations (see Appendix E, page E-12 for detailed lists).

Existing on-road biking trail miles	
Burien	2.39
Existing on-road biking miles	2.39
Possible on-road biking trail miles	
Burien	35.92
Total possible on-road biking miles	35.92

Off-leash dog trails, areas, and park enclosures - provide access to select and appropriate environmental assets, park, and recreational facilities throughout Burien. To the extent practical and possible, off-leash dog areas may be distributed geographically throughout the city (see Appendix E, page E-14 for detailed lists).

Vision

Dog areas may provide:

- For designated on and off-leash access to scenic areas and other features of interest.
- For off-leash dog areas for social and exercise activities.
- For dogs of all size and training levels.
- For extended use duration.

Existing off-leash dog park acres	
Burien	1.25
Adjacent public parks in Kent	34.00
Existing off-leash dog park acres	35.25
Possible off-leash dog area	
Burien	2.00
Total possible off-leash dog area	2.00

Athletic parks

Playgrounds, recreational courts, and grassy field facilities developed on a local basis provide pickup games, youth sports, and leagues of interest to neighborhood children and families. These local park improvements may be combined with picnic shelters and tables, trail systems, natural areas, local schools, and other facilities to create an accessible neighborhood service system in Burien.

More competitive athletic court and field facilities may be developed on a regional or citywide basis to provide for the highest quality competitive playing standards and requirements. The competitive regional recreational

area complexes provide field activities that satisfy the largest number of organized and older age recreational league participants including soccer, football, rugby, lacrosse, softball, and baseball.

Vision

Local or neighborhood recreational areas with playground, courts, and field vision will:

- Provide flexible, informal playgrounds and areas.
- Suited to younger age and local neighborhood game activities.
- In sites convenient to neighborhood youth and families.
- At sites that co-locate with elementary schools and facilities.

Regional recreational areas vision will:

- Provide the highest quality competitive play athletic facilities.
- Of the highest capacity playing improvement designs.
- Within convenient proximity to organized adult and older age recreational league playing populations.
- At sites that do not disrupt adjacent land uses.
- At sites that co-locate with schools and/or utilize other major public facilities.

The regional strategy will alleviate overcrowding on smaller, more local park and elementary school fields so local sites can be used for younger age league participant games, practice sessions, and neighborhood pickup games (see Appendix E, page E-15 for detailed lists).

Existing outdoor playground facilities

Burien	12
Adjacent public parks in Seattle, SeaTac	2
Highline School District	18
Private facilities in Burien	4
Total existing playgrounds	34

Skateboard court and BMX facilities - include skateboard courts with bars, ramps, jumps, and other equipment designed expressly for a wide range of skills and skate and bike equipment (see Appendix E, page E-17 for detailed lists).

Existing skateboard courts

Burien	1
Adjacent public parks in SeaTac	1
Total existing skateboard/BMX facilities	2

Basketball courts - include multiuse and designated half and full courts located in conjunction with playgrounds, picnic areas, and other neighborhood park features (see Appendix E, page E-17 for detailed lists).

Existing basketball courts

Burien	3.0
Adjacent public parks in SeaTac	0.5
Highline School District	12.5
Total existing basketball courts	16.0

Possible basketball courts

Burien	0.5
Total possible basketball courts	0.5

Tennis courts - include multiuse and designated courts located in conjunction with playgrounds, picnic areas, and other neighborhood or community park features (see Appendix E, page E-18 for detailed lists).

Existing outdoor tennis courts

Burien	2
Adjacent public parks in Seattle, SeaTac	9
Highline School District	4
Private facilities in Burien	12
Total existing tennis courts	27

Youth soccer fields - support local neighborhood play for pickup games, youth clinics, and some youth leagues (see Appendix E, page E-18 for detailed lists).

Existing soccer practice fields

Burien	1
Highline School District	9
Total existing practice fields	10

Possible soccer practice fields

Burien	1
Total possible practice fields	1

Regulation soccer fields - support competition and tournament play for youth and adult leagues (see Appendix E, page E-21 for detailed lists).

Existing competition soccer fields

Burien	2
Adjacent public parks in SeaTac	4
Highline School District	3
Private facilities in Burien	1
Total existing competition fields	10

Possible competition soccer fields

Burien with WA CJTC/BLEA limited access	1
Total possible competition fields	1

Football fields - support competition and tournament play for youth and adult leagues (see Appendix E, page E-21 for detailed lists).

Existing football fields	
Adjacent public parks in SeaTac	1
Highline School District	3
Total existing football fields	4

Field and track facilities - support physical conditioning and competitive events for youth and adult leagues (see Appendix E, page E-21 for detailed lists).

Existing track miles	
Adjacent public parks in SeaTac	0.25
Highline School District	0.75
Total existing track miles	1.00
Possible track miles	
Burien with WA CJTC/BLEA limited access	0.25
Total possible track miles	0.25

Youth baseball fields - support local neighborhood play and youth-oriented practice, clinics, and youth league teams (see Appendix E, page E-22 for detailed lists).

Existing baseball/softball practice fields	
Highline School District	12
Private facilities in Burien	na
Total existing practice fields	12

Competition baseball and softball fields - provide competition and tournament play for youth and adult teams (see Appendix E, page E-22 for detailed lists).

Existing competition baseball/softball fields	
Burien	5
Adjacent public parks in SeaTac	7
Highline School District	2
Private facilities in Burien	6
Total existing competition fields	20

Community/recreation centers

Community centers provide a variety of indoor activities for children, youth, teens, adults, seniors, and special populations on a year-round basis throughout and/or centrally accessible to Burien residents for day and evening use. The facilities may be developed within a market oriented service

concept that protects the specialized investments that have already been made in these facilities by the school district, county, and private organizations.

Vision

Community and recreation center vision may:

- Provide a variety of indoor activities.
- Within a convenient and serviceable proximity to using populations.
- Within a facility and services concept that recognizes and supports the investments that have already made in existing park district, county, and school facilities and programs.
- In cooperative ventures with other interested and participating public and private agencies.

Swimming pools - provide instruction, recreation, and competition activities for youth and adult activities and leagues (see Appendix E, page E-24 for detailed lists).

Existing swimming pool square footage	
Adjacent public parks in Seattle, Des Moines	4,800
Private facilities in Burien	14,200
Total existing indoor pool square feet	19,000

Physical conditioning facilities - provide instruction, aerobics, condition training activities for youth and adults (see Appendix E, page E-24 for detailed lists).

Existing physical conditioning square feet	
Adjacent public parks in SeaTac	2,000
Highline School District	2,400
Private facilities in Burien	10,000
Total existing conditioning square feet	14,400
Possible physical conditioning square feet	
Burien	4,500
Total possible conditioning square feet	4,500

Youth gymnasiums - provide multipurpose space that includes instruction, recreation, and competition volleyball and basketball activities for youth activities and leagues (see Appendix E, page E-25 for detailed lists).

Existing youth gymnasium square footage	
Highline School District	64,000
Private facilities in Burien	8,000
Total existing youth gym square feet	72,000
Possible youth gymnasium square footage	
Burien	8,000
Total possible youth gym square feet	8,000

Regulation gymnasiums - provide instruction, recreation, and competition volleyball and basketball activities for youth and adult activities and leagues (see Appendix E, page E-25 for detailed lists).

Existing regulation gymnasium square feet	
Adjacent public parks in SeaTac	12,000
Highline School District	56,000
Private facilities in Burien	42,000
Total existing regulation gym square feet	110,000
Possible competition gymnasium square feet	
Burien	12,000
Total possible regulation gym square feet	12,000

Meeting facilities - support multipurpose nutrition and health programs, recreational and social activities, and other supporting services for adults, seniors, special populations, and other community members and organizations (see Appendix E, page E-26 for detailed lists).

Existing classroom and meeting room square feet	
Burien	5,900
Adjacent public parks in SeaTac	8,000
Highline School District	18,000
Other public agencies in Burien	6,800
Private facilities in Burien	12,000
Total existing meeting room square feet	50,700

Regionally oriented meeting halls - support large gatherings, celebrations, stage, and theater productions for youth, adults, and other community members and organizations (see Appendix E, page E-28 for detailed lists).

Existing large meeting, auditorium, and theater square feet	
Burien	7,158
Highline School District	12,000
Other public agency in Buren	12,000
Total existing meeting room square feet	71,278
Possible large meeting square feet	
Highline School District PAC Addition	4,000
Total possible square feet	4,000

Youth, teen, and senior facilities - provide classes, lounges, fitness, athletics, and other spaces for children, youth, teens, senior, and special populations (see Appendix E, page E-28 for detailed lists).

Existing youth, teen, senior center square feet

Burien	6,000
Adjacent public parks in SeaTac	2,000
Existing youth center square feet	8,000
Possible youth, teen, and senior center square feet	
Burien	6,000
Total possible center square feet	6,000

Special use facilities

Special use facilities - provide special activities for the general population on a limited or special event occasion and/or for special interest populations.

Vision

Special use facilities may:

- Provide specialized facilities for the general population for a special event or activity.
- For specialized user group interests able and willing to pay user fees and charges or donate labor, operation, and other services.
- In a manner that is cost effective.
- Equitable in regards to those activities that accommodate the general population.

Arts center - provides classroom, equipment, materials, and other aids where community members may learn and create pottery, ceramics, and other artworks (see Appendix E, page E-29 for detailed lists).

Existing arts center

Burien	13,200
Existing arts center square feet	13,200

Community gardens - provide gardens or pea-patches where volunteer gardeners may grow vegetables, ornamental plants or flowers, or other green enhancements (see Appendix E, page E-29 for detailed lists).

Existing community gardens

Burien - community garden to be relocated	1
Total existing community gardens	1

Support facilities

Support facilities - provide maintenance yard, plant nursery, and administrative activities necessary to support park, recreation, and open space programs and facilities.

Vision

Support facilities may:

- Provide facilities necessary to service parks, recreation, and open space programs and activities for the general population.
- In a manner that is cost effective.

Restroom facilities - support parks and recreational facilities within the city park system (see Appendix E, page E-29 for detailed lists).

Existing restroom facility fixtures	
Burien	38
Adjacent public parks in Seattle, SeaTac	14
Total existing restroom fixtures	52
Possible restroom facility fixtures	
Burien	16
Total possible restroom fixtures	16

Administration space - support parks and recreational facilities within the city park system (see Appendix E, page E-31 for detailed lists).

Existing operational facility square footage	
Burien	9,000
Total existing square footage	9,000
Possible operational facility square footage	
Burien	5,000
Total possible square footage	5,000

