

As an outcome of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Update, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) is undertaking a review of several district policies and procedures. Following a public input and review process, any proposed changes to the policies and procedures will be taken to the THPRD Board of Directors (Board) for adoption if policy changes are needed. If procedural changes are warranted, staff will seek feedback from the Board prior to the general manager’s approval of the changes. Information about the different topic areas under review can be found on the district’s website at www.thprd.org/complan.

<p>Overview</p>	<p>The purpose of the Parks Functional Plan (PFP) is to help implement several goals from the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District’s (THPRD) 2013 Strategic Plan/Service and Financial Sustainability Analysis. These goals set forth THPRD’s approach to providing, developing, and maintaining park sites for its patrons. This PFP outlines how THPRD will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acquire land for new parks 2. Prioritize park development 3. Design, construct, and maintain parks
<p>Current THPRD Guidance</p>	<p>Several goals and themes identified in THPRD’s 2013 Comprehensive Plan Update relate to how THPRD provides and maintains park lands for its patrons as follows:</p> <p>Goal 1: Provide quality neighborhood and community parks that are readily accessible to residents throughout the district’s service area.</p> <p>Goal 2: Provide quality sports and recreation facilities and programs for park district residents and workers of all ages, cultural backgrounds, abilities, and income levels.</p> <p>Goal 3: Operate and maintain parks in an efficient, safe, and cost-effective manner, while maintaining high standards.</p> <p>Goal 4: Acquire, conserve, and enhance natural areas and open spaces within the district.</p> <p>Goal 5: Develop and maintain a core system of regional trails, complemented by an interconnected system of community and neighborhood trails, to provide a variety of recreational opportunities such as walking, biking, and jogging.</p> <p>Goal 6: Provide value and efficient service delivery for taxpayers, patrons, and others who help fund park district activities.</p> <p>Goal 7: Effectively communicate information about park district goals, policies, programs, and facilities among district residents, customers, staff, district advisory committees, the district Board, partnering agencies, and other groups.</p> <p>Goal 8: Incorporate principles of environmental and financial sustainability into the design, operation, improvement, maintenance, and funding of park district program and facilities.</p>

Reason for Review	<p>The 2006 Comprehensive Plan recommended prescriptive standards for park lands, such as minimum sizes and locational criteria. An outcome of THPRD’s 2013 Comprehensive Plan Update process and the 2013 Strategic Plan/Service and Financial Sustainability Analysis was a call for a review of the standards and guidelines used to ensure residents are provided with quality park lands. This review included how THPRD acquires land for parks; how it develops or enhances park sites; and how it maintains and operates park sites. In 2018, the district also updated the Geo-Referenced Amenities Standards Process® (GRASP®) Inventory to include new parks, improvements to existing parks, and future park sites.</p>
Key Elements of the Parks Functional Plan	<p>As part of the PFP’s development, a new methodology and approach for the provision of parks is being utilized. This approach, a “composite-values methodology,” is an outcome of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Update and considers a park’s individual components, such as a play area, ball field, or community garden; the quality of these components; comforts and conveniences, such as benches, restrooms, and landscaping; overall design; aesthetics and ambience; and walkability from adjacent neighborhoods. This new approach will help THPRD:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve overall neighborhood level of service (LOS) to the residents it serves 2. Improve walkable access to parks and park components 3. Establish criteria for how land is acquired for parks 4. Create prioritization criteria for park development and maintenance <p>This Plan consists of four primary sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Existing Conditions 2. Future Conditions 3. Achieving Success 4. Success Monitoring <p>Finally, the PFP also includes new information based on THPRD Board and Advisory Committee feedback, and community engagement survey results on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Resources • Health Benefits of Parks and Recreation • Art Strategy • Safe Routes to Parks • Dog Parks
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