

# Virtual Public Meeting

## Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan

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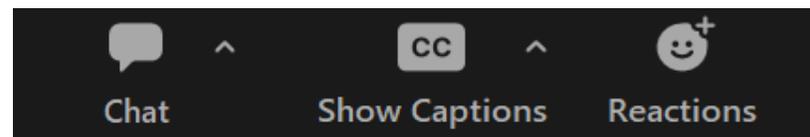
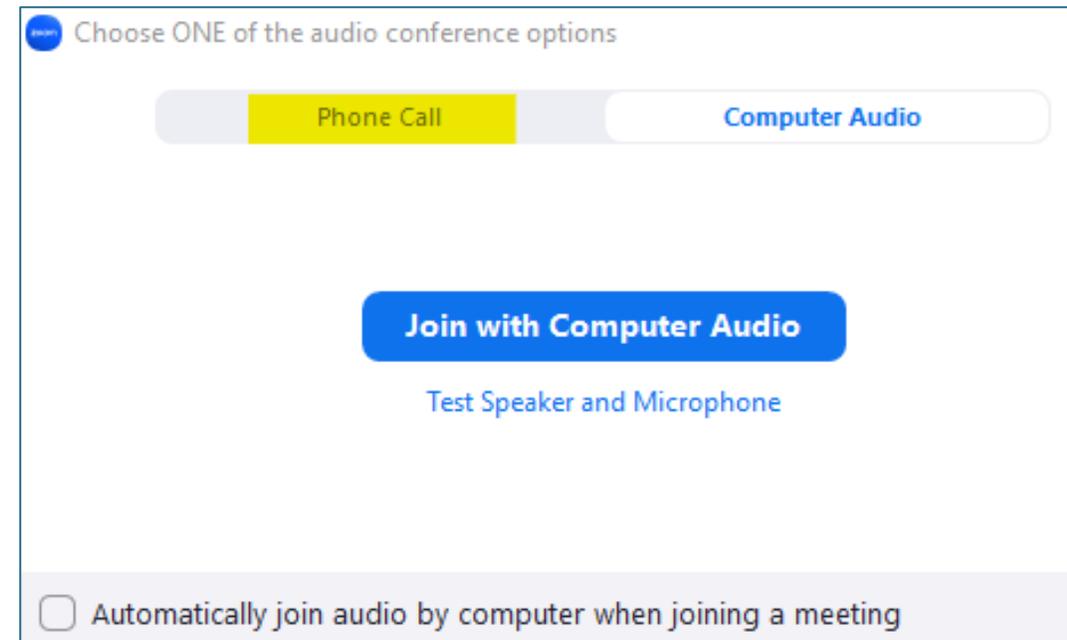
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# We'll start soon.

While you're waiting...

- Make sure your audio is working. If your computer doesn't have a mic, you can call in on your phone.
- Find the chat box! That's the way to ask questions.



# Public Meeting Overview

Welcome & Introduction

Meeting Structure & Purpose

Short presentation & live polling

Break-out discussions (2 topics, 15 minutes each)

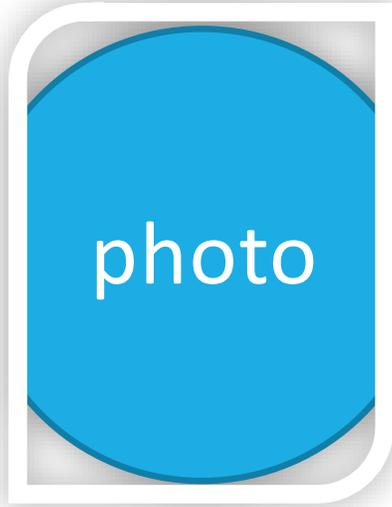
Brief reporting from groups

Recap, next steps & closing comments

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# Introduction



**Chris Hoffman**  
Consor



**Steve Duh**  
Conservation Technix



**Anjali Myer**  
City of Sammamish



**Janie Walzer**  
City of Sammamish



**Shelby Perrault**  
City of Sammamish

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# About Tonight's Meeting

We are early in the planning process



Tonight will supplement the other feedback and outreach



Topics for tonight from community survey and Parks & Recreation Commission



Live polling to connect with you



Other ways to engage at the end of meeting



The background of the slide is a scenic photograph of a large body of water, likely a lake or bay, with rolling hills and mountains in the distance under a clear sky. The water is calm, reflecting the light. On the left side, there are some buildings and trees along the shore. On the right side, there are more trees and a small structure. The overall tone is peaceful and natural.

## Parks & Recreation Vision & Mission

Sammamish's Parks and Recreation system is an integral part of our healthy and sustainable community by connecting people to nature, play and culture.

Sammamish's Parks and Recreation system contributes to the quality of life for the community by creating a legacy of diverse and quality parks, exceptional recreation programs and protected natural resources.

*Parks, Recreation & Facilities 2018 PROS Plan*

# What is the PROS Plan?

## Planning Forward

The PROS Plan is a 6-year guide for managing and enhancing parks, open space, trails, and recreation opportunities for the Sammamish community.

**The Plan will include a vision for the parks & recreation system, to include:**

- Goals & actions
- Programs & capital investments
- Implementation strategies



# What is the PROS Plan?

## Planning Forward

The PROS Plan will guide investments to improve and enhance the park and recreation system:

- Is based on significant community input
- Includes assessments of parks & open spaces
- Includes project priorities
- Is the foundation for pursuing state & other grants





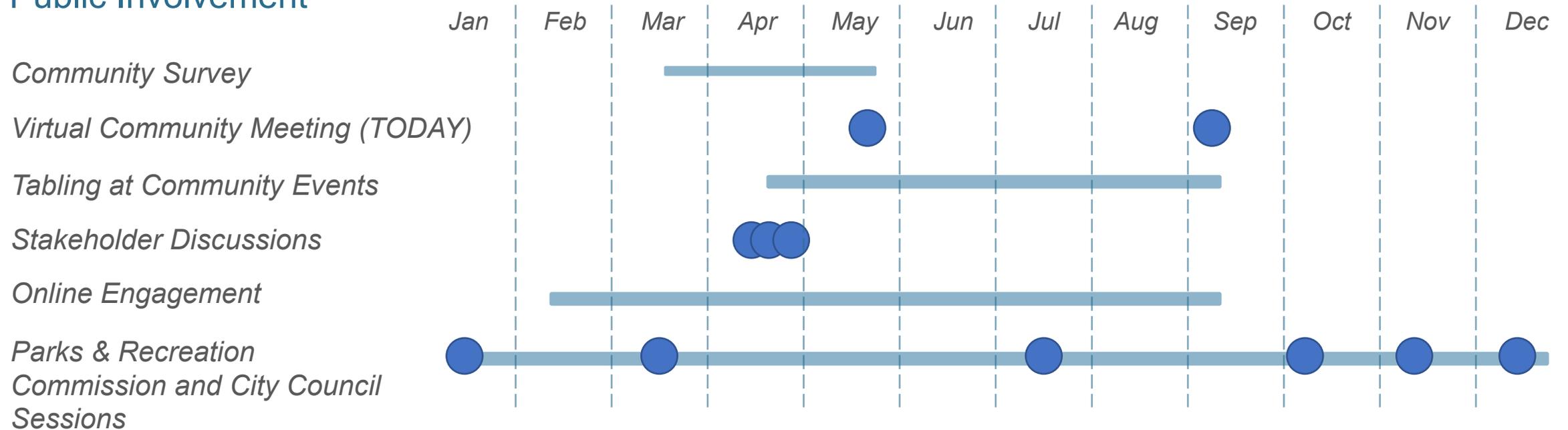
# Project Timeline

Jan 2023

Dec 2023



## Public Involvement



# About Your Park System



**15 Parks & 675 acres of parks & open space**



**11 Sport fields**



**7 Sport courts**



**20 miles of park trails**

# SAMMAMISH PARKS & RECREATION

SUMMER 2023



Volunteer Opportunities 5  
Sammamish Earth Day 6  
Youth Summer Camps 8-10

# About Your Park System



**3 Lakes**



**Community & Aquatic Center (operated by YMCA)**



**Dozens of special events**



**Reservable shelter space**







# An Evolving Park System

- Balancing active park space with natural open space and conservation
- Pressure on existing parks
- Opportunities to add park amenities to address changing uses and improve inclusion
- Expanding the trail system and connecting parks and other destinations



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# Live Polling Practice

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Which of these would be hardest to live without?

1. Chocolate
2. Music
3. Ice Cream
4. Your favorite drink
5. Your phone
6. Other

**This is just for practice...**





# Polling Question #1

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**What are your three favorite things about Sammamish parks and open space? (Select three)**

1. Trails in parks or linking parks
2. Space for gatherings, performances or art
3. Places for exercise
4. Covered areas for picnics or recreation
5. Indoor spaces (Community & Aquatic Center)
6. Access to water and lakes
7. Areas for sport fields and courts
8. Other



# What We've Heard So Far

## Survey Highlights

700+ responses

Four languages:

- Chinese
- English
- Hindi
- Spanish

# 97%

feel that local parks, recreation opportunities are important or essential to the quality of life.

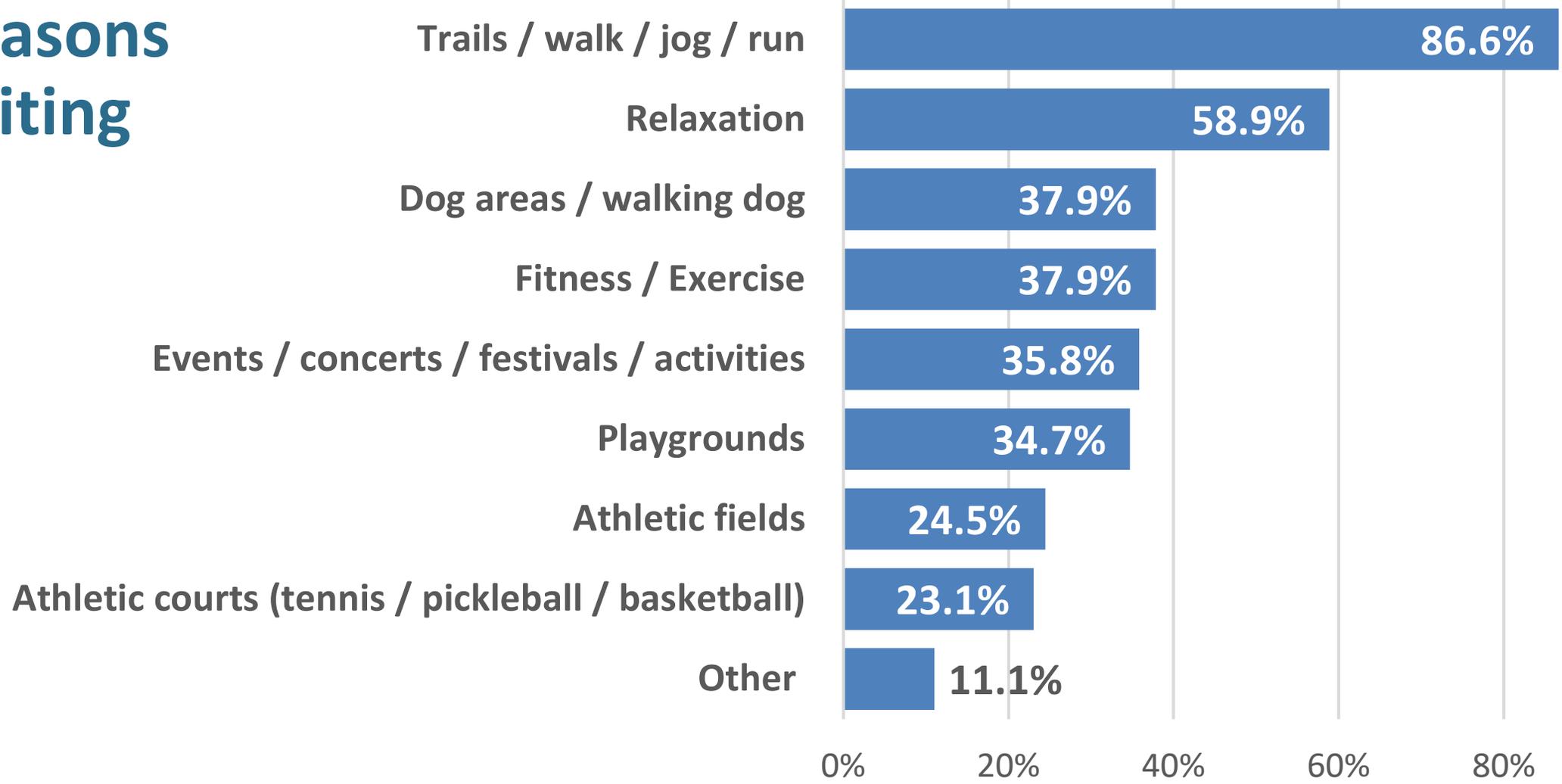
# 51%

Stated their usage of parks increased during the COVID-19 pandemic.



# What We've Heard So Far

## Top reasons for visiting





# What We've Heard So Far

## Amenities - Greatest Need

- Walking & hiking trails
- Restrooms in parks
- Providing lifeguards at Pine Lake Beach in the summer
- More community events during the year, such as Concerts in the Park
- All-abilities, inclusive playgrounds and inclusive programming or events

**85%**

visit parks or facilities monthly.

**52%**

visit parks or facilities at least once a week.



# What We've Heard So Far

## Priority Improvements

- Maintaining existing parks and amenities to extend their useful life
- Expanding trail opportunities and connections
- Upgrading and adding new amenities and features within existing parks





# Polling Question #2

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**What are your top two priorities to improve, enhance, or expand our park and recreation system? (Select two)**

1. Improve access to park (sidewalks, trail connections, safe routes to parks)
2. Provide more indoor space for activities and classes run by programming partners
3. Connect and expand trails by buying additional land or easements or using road rights-of-way
4. Improve and expand water access options to Lake Sammamish by buying additional waterfront property
5. Expand the variety of recreational options, such as climbing walls, pickleball, bike skills/pump track, disc golf, etc.
6. Add additional outdoor covered areas, such as picnic shelters or shade canopies over playgrounds
7. Other



# Hearing from You

## Big Questions to Ponder

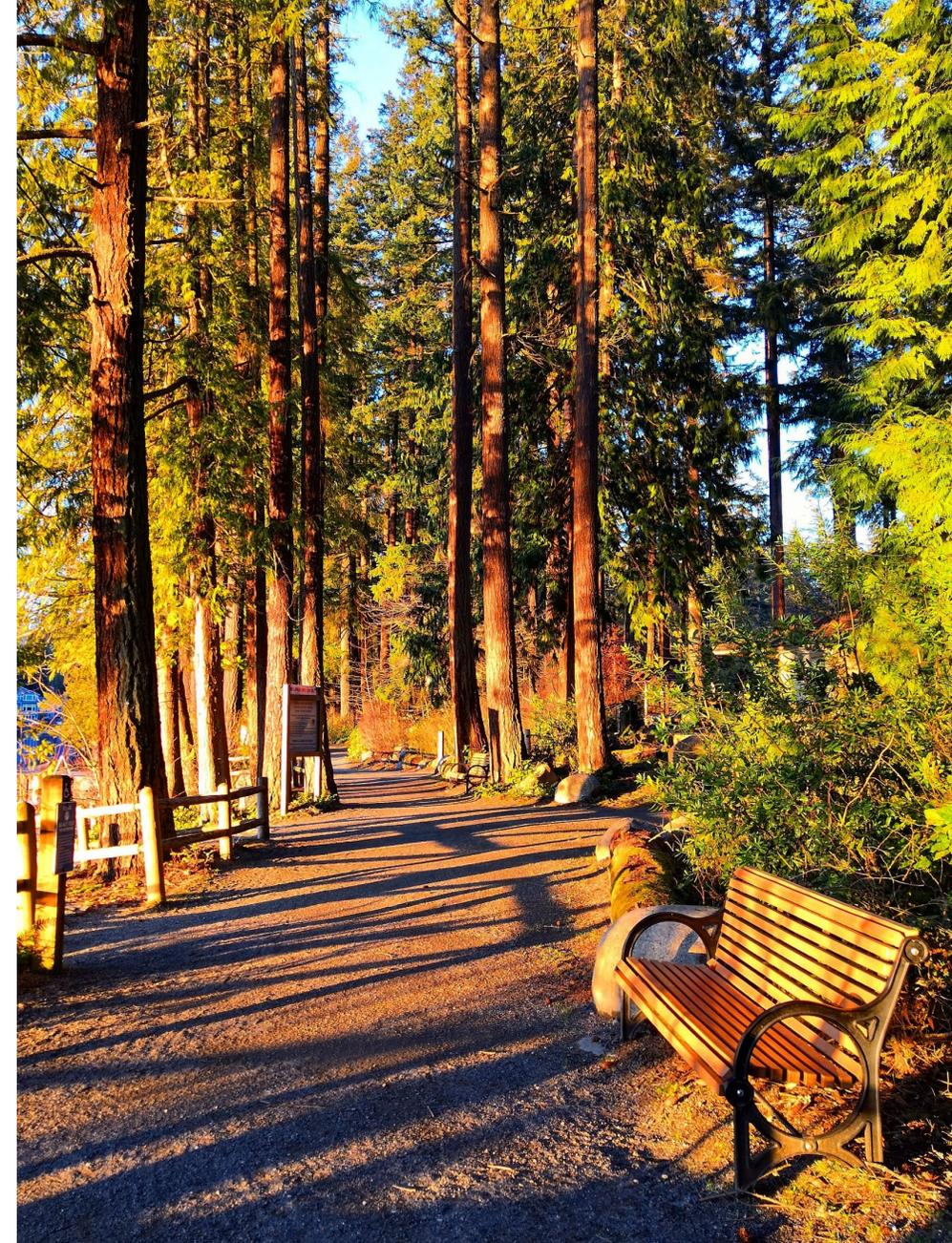
- What are the strengths of the Sammamish parks and recreation system? What are key areas for improvements?
- How do we meet community needs for parks and recreation services now and into the future?
- Where should we focus our efforts and resources?



# Parks & Trails

## Great Progress, But More to Do

- Acquired 4 parks & additional open space – added over 65 acres since 2018
- Opened Big Rock Park (Central)



# Parks & Trails

## Great Progress, But More to Do

- Beaton Hill Park
- Big Rock Park (South)
- The Notch Property
- Klahanie Park
- Inglewood Middle School Fields



# Coming Soon...



# Expanding the Trails System

- Walking, running, biking top activities  
– trails top amenity
- Expanding & connecting existing trails top priority
- Topography challenges from plateau to East Lake Sammamish Trail
- Bike lanes, safety improvements & wayfinding





# Hearing from You

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## Break-Out Room Questions

- What’s working well with the Sammamish park and trail system?
- What could the City be doing better?
- What gaps need to be filled in the trail system? What destinations connected?



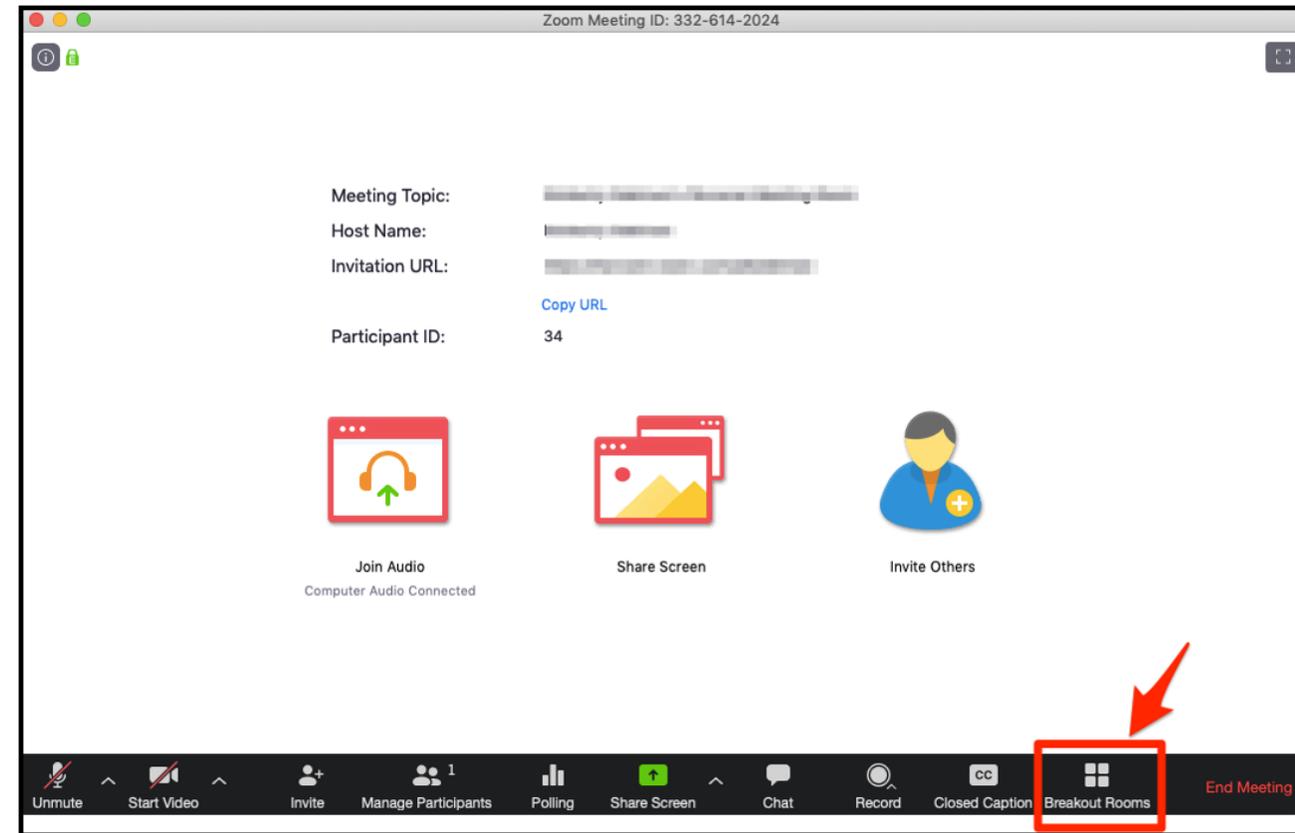
# Break-Out Rooms

## Overview

## Purpose

## Process

## Ground rules



Breakout Rooms



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**Breakout Room 1**



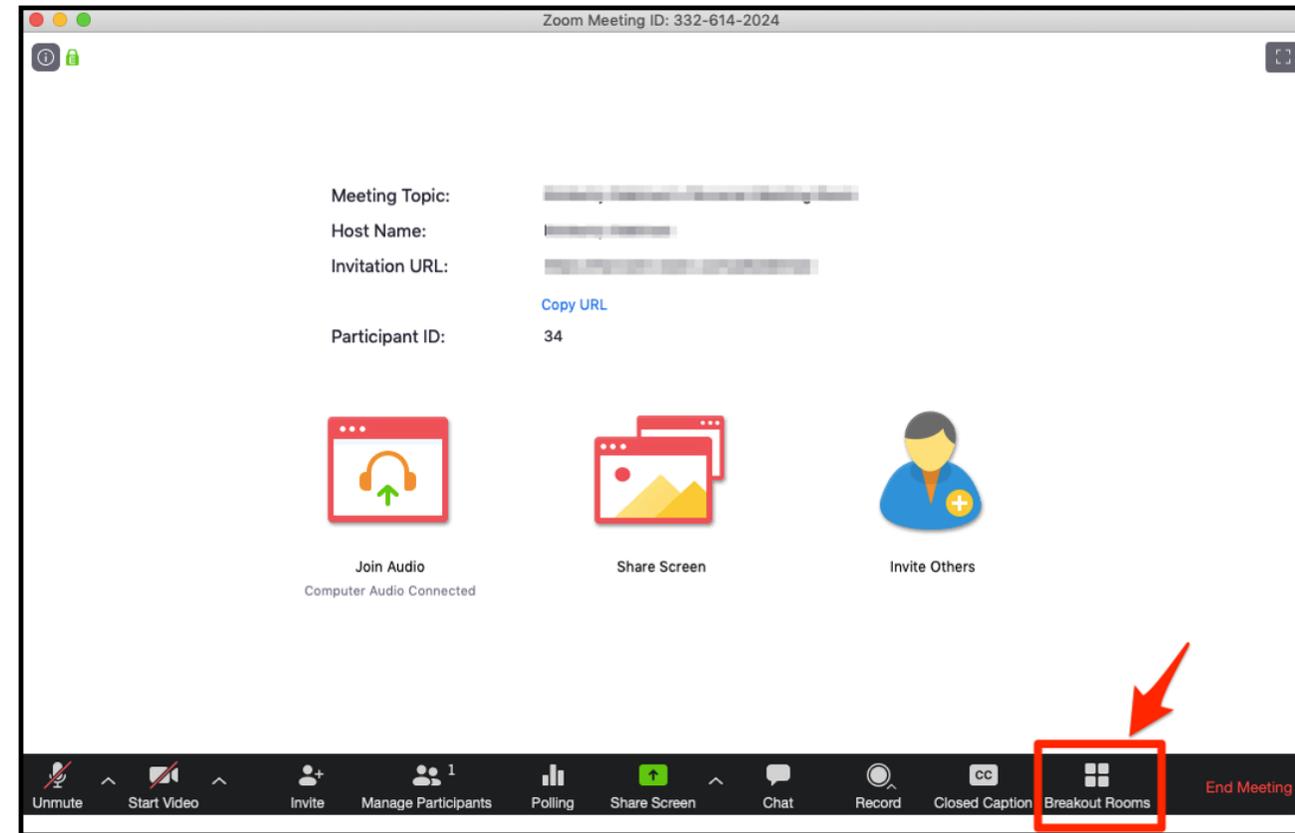
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# Break-Out Rooms

## Process

- 15 minutes for each break-out room
- Facilitator leads discussion and recognizes speakers – raise your hand if you want to talk
- At end of each session, the facilitator will summarize the discussion with you and provide a high-level report to the entire group



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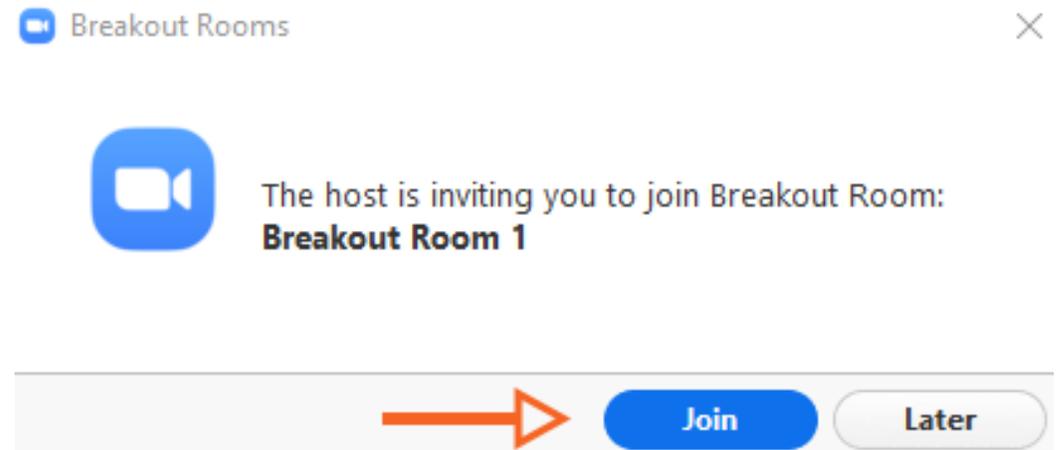
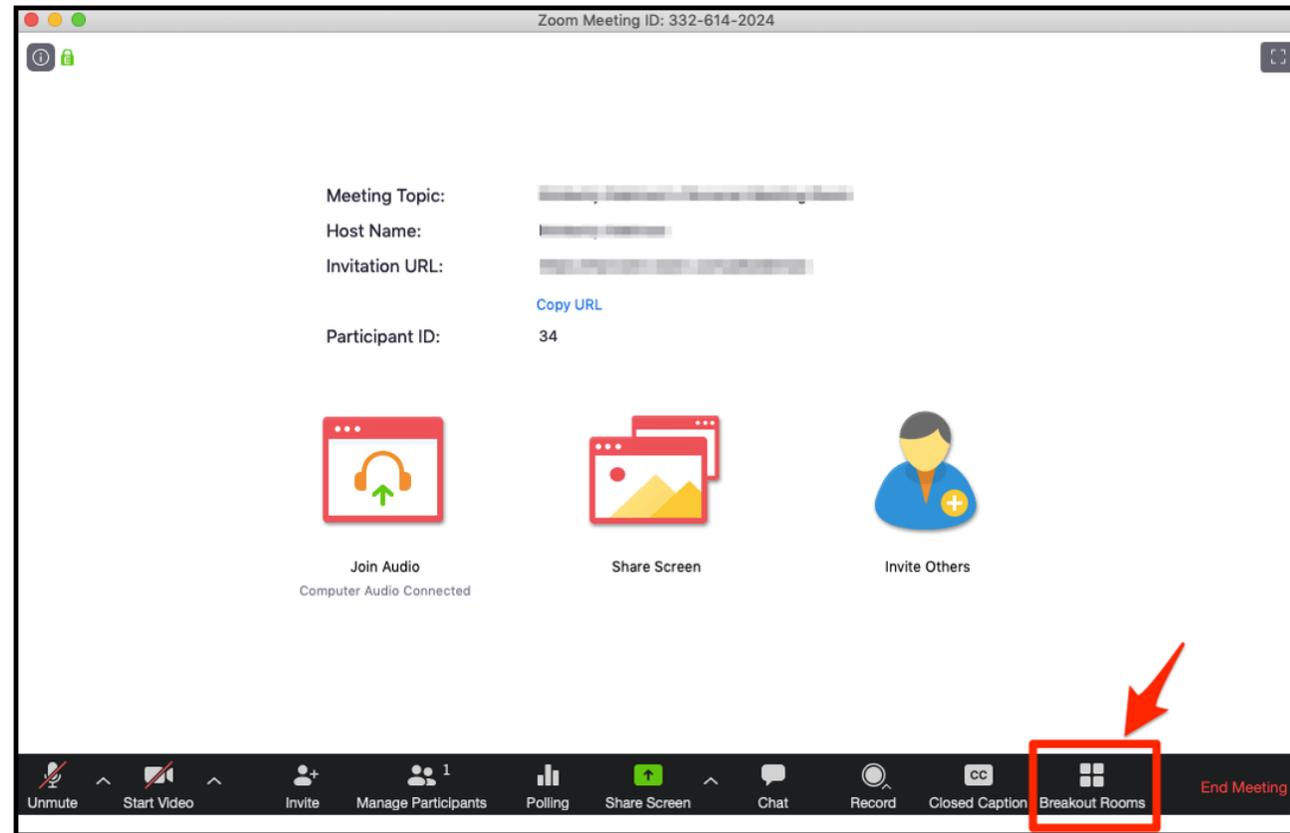
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# Break-Out Rooms

## Ground rules

- There are no right or wrong answers; we're interested in your honest, candid opinions and ideas.
- One person speaks at a time. This will allow all of us to be heard by each other.
- It is important to tell YOUR thoughts, not what you think others will think, or what you think others want to hear.
- It's OK to disagree but be respectful of the opinions of others.





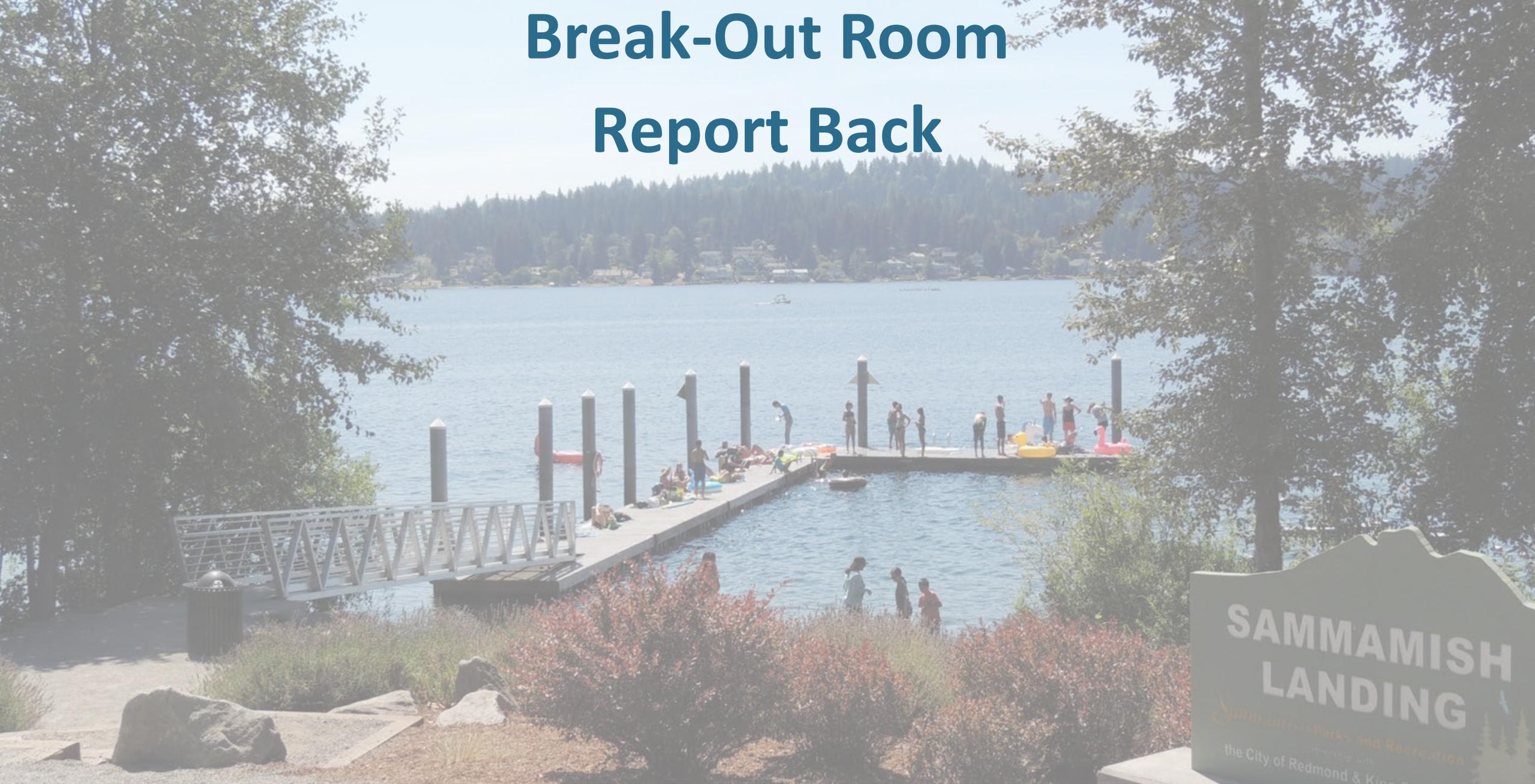
# Break-Out Rooms

## Topics

- 1. Parks & Trails
- 2. Upgrading & Expanding Recreational Uses



# Break-Out Room Report Back



# Upgrading & Expanding Recreational Uses

## Playground Replacement & Additions

- Several existing playgrounds built by similar manufacturers for a similar style of play, mainly intended for 2-5 year olds and 5-10 year olds.
- Typical replacement cycle is based on play equipment age and condition
- Four of the nine playgrounds in the parks system are nearing the end of their useful life and will need to be replaced within 10 years.



# Upgrading & Expanding Recreational Uses

## Playground Replacement & Additions

- Existing playgrounds offer similar experiences
- Future decisions: replace with similar structures or explore the options of replacing with more inclusive and/or interactive structures



East Sammamish Park



Ebright Park



Pine Lake Park

# Traditional



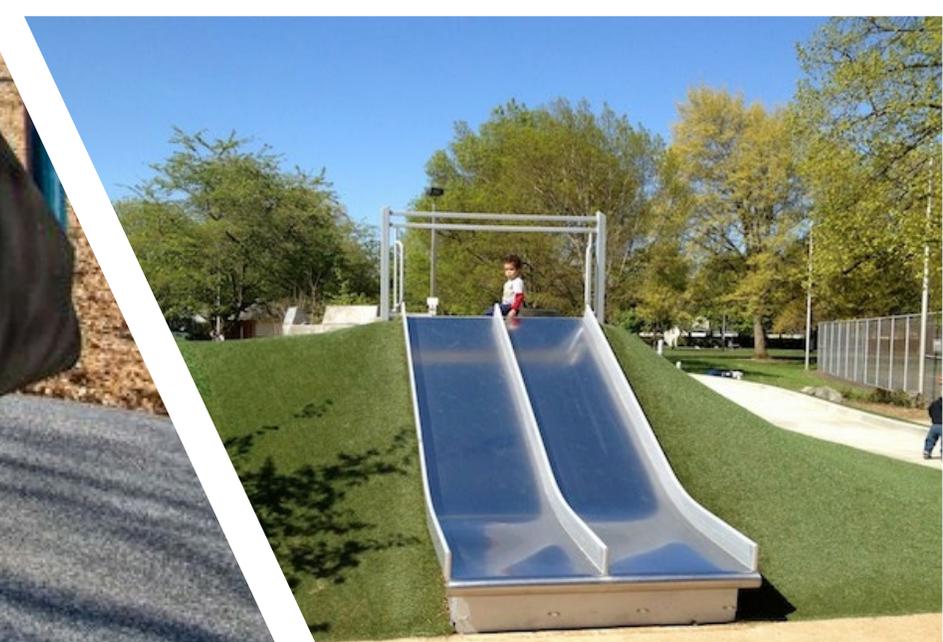
# Body Movement - Kinetic



# Nature-based Play



# Inclusive – All Abilities



# Inclusive – All Ages



# Active Recreation



# Hearing from You

## Break-Out Room Questions

- What kinds of activities would you like to see more of?
- What's one new idea for expanding the range of recreational experiences?
- What would you do differently, if anything?



# Break-Out Room Report Back



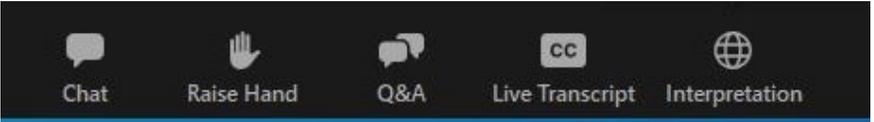


# Dream Big!

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Please share your big idea for the Sammamish parks and recreation system.

Use the chat function to share ideas.





# Next Steps

## Take the Community Survey

- Use your phone to follow the QR codes to the survey  
(Closes tomorrow, May 26<sup>th</sup>)



Chinese



English



Hindi



Spanish

# Next Steps

## Share More Thoughts

- Use the chat function to provide additional comments now
- Visit City website
- Watch for PROS Plan info at community events
- 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting early fall
- Ongoing discussions with Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council

## Track the Project

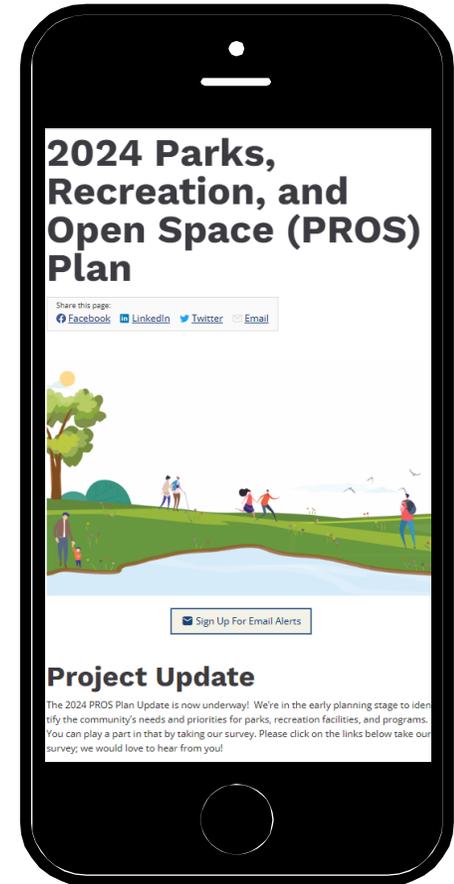
Visit the City website for updates and ways to stay involved.

## Stay in Touch

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Parks and Recreation

THANK YOU!

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& Open Space  
(PROS) Plan

