



PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE SUPPORTING ANALYSIS

Book 5



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Introduction

Background information for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Book may be found in the document entitled “Park & Recreation Master Plan” (Appendix G), set to be adopted in 2024. The Park and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) includes goals and policies, an analysis of existing park and recreation facilities in Arlington and the surrounding community, public involvement and other processes used to develop the recommendations, forecasts to determine current and future demands and needs, proposals in line with the 20-year vision for Arlington, and an overview of the existing finances and prospective finances. The proposals are related to resource conservancies or open spaces, resource parks, trails, athletic parks, community facilities, special use facilities for special uses such as plazas, and support facilities such as for maintenance and administration.

The PRMP includes proposals for Arlington’s parks, recreation, and open space system which are summarized below in Table 1. The PRMP notes that the proposals are conceptual and for some proposal studies and coordination are required.

Table 1: Park & Recreation Master Plan Proposed Facilities

Plan Element	Proposed Facility
Conservancies	Portage Creek Corridor: Conserve and enhance the riparian habitat along Portage Creek from that flows north through Arlington High School then west through and around Portage Creek Wildlife Area to the Stillaguamish River.
	March Corridor: Conserve and enhance the riparian habitat along March Creek that flows west from SR-9 to the Stillaguamish River.
	Middle Fork Quilceda Creek Corridor: Conserve and enhance the riparian habitat along the Middle Fork of the Quilceda Creek that flows north through Gleneagle Golf Course then south along SR-9 and through a series of irrigation canals.
Resource Parks – Waterfront Access	Extend riverfront trail network from Country Charm Park through this site and then to Post Middle School to increase access to waterfront.
Resource Parks - Campsites	Develop a seasonal campground for dry camping for tents and RVs.
Resource Parks – Picnic Facilities	Country Charm Park: Install picnic tables and shelter
	High Clover Park: Install picnic tables and shelter
Trails – Multipurpose Trails	188th Street Connector Extension: Extend trail from Centennial Trail east to SR-9 Trail.

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	<p>Airport Trail Extensions: Extend spurs to connect the Airport Trail to residential neighborhoods and employment centers on 1) 180th Street NE west to J Rudy York Memorial Park – 0.7 miles, 2) 173rd Place NE – 0.5 miles, 3) 43rd Avenue NE – 0.5 miles, 4) 51st Avenue NE, - 0.5 miles and 5) 59th Avenue NE – 0.4 miles. Add airport observation site along trail.</p>
	<p>Stormwater Park Trail/Dike Road: Extend the perimeter trail west onto Dike Road north along the Stillaguamish River.</p>
	<p>River Crest Trail Extension: Extend the trail west from SR-9 to Portage Creek Wildlife Area along Portage Creek.</p>
	<p>Zimmerman Hill Extension: Extend the trail south alongside SR-9 to Pioneer Elementary School and a connection to 188th Street Connector Extension.</p>
	<p>Riverfront Trail: Improve and extend trail from Country Charm Park along Stillaguamish River from Alcazar Avenue west under SR-530 to the Centennial Trail and Haller Park.</p>
	<p>Post Middle School Trail: Develop trail from Eagle Creek Elementary School through Post Middle School then down the slope to the Stillaguamish River and north to connect with Country Charm Park Trail.</p>
	<p>Gilman Avenue Trail: Develop trail from Centennial Trail east along Gilman Avenue to connect with Kruger-Portage Creek Trail at Terrace Park.</p>
	<p>First Street/Haller Middle Trail: Develop trail from Centennial Trail at Legion Park east past Haller Middle School to Kruger-Portage Trail on Stillaguamish Avenue.</p>
	<p>SR-531/172nd Street NE Trail: Extend Airport Trail east on 172nd Street NE to SR-9.</p>
	<p>59th Avenue Trail: Develop trail from Dike Road south on 59th Avenue (Kraetz Road) to Portage Creek Wildlife Area trailhead.</p>
	<p>Smokey Point Boulevard Trail: Develop trail from SR-530/Pioneer Highway south on Smokey Point Boulevard to 188th Street (Bjorn Road) then east to Airport Trail at Airport Boulevard.</p>
	<p>63rd Avenue Trail: Develop trail from Cemetery Road south on 62nd Drive NE then 63rd Avenue NE extended south across SR-530/172nd Street NE into the employment district.</p>

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	174th Avenue Trail: Develop trail from 204th Street NE south on 174th Avenue NE to 191st Place NE and 67th Avenue NE. SR-9 Trail: Develop trail on SR-9 from Centennial Trail south to SR-531/172nd Street NE. 89th Avenue Trail: Develop trail from SR-9 east to 182nd Street NE then south on 89th Avenue NE to 172nd Street and SR-531. 169th Street Trail: Develop trail from 43rd Avenue NE east on 169th Street NE through the employment district to 63rd Avenue Trail.
Athletic Parks – Playground/Play Facilities	Children’s playground for ages 5-12 designed with natural materials to compliment the park’s attributes. High Clover Park: Children's play area for ages 5-12 Smokey Point Park: Children's playground for ages 2-5; Children’s playground for ages 5-12
Athletic Parks – Skateboard Dots and Pump Tracks	Forest Trail Park: Install skateboard dot in park activity area High Clover Park: Install skateboard dot in park activity area J Rudy Memorial Park: Install skateboard dot in park activity area Jensen Park: Install skateboard dot and pump track in park activity area Terrace Park: Install skateboard dot in park activity area The Rockery Park: Install skateboard dot in park activity area
Athletic Parks – Sport Courts	Bill Quake Memorial Park: Install sport court in park activity area High Clover Park: Install sport court in park activity area Jensen Park: Install sport court in park activity area Wedgewood Park: Install sport court in park activity area
Athletic Parks – Athletic Fields	Country Charm Park: Multipurpose rectangular fields with baseball diamonds in corners
Community Facilities	No proposed facilities
Special Use Facilities – Special Event Spaces	Country Charm Park: Develop large open fields suitable for major events Smokey Point Park: Entry plaza with water fountains with shade trellis and seat walls; Gazebo/performance stage facing grass lawn; 2 playgrounds for age 2-5 and 5-1; Synthetic turf play

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	mounds; Concession and restrooms; 31 on-street and 2 handicap stalls on 178th Place NE; 6 off-street parking and 3 handicap stalls Food Truck Court: 8-12 mobile food trucks; 2,500 square foot event kitchen; 30+ outdoor dining spaces; Precast concrete restroom facility; Playground area with aviation related play structures
Special Use Facilities – Community Gardens	High Clover Park: Install pea path garden plots and supporting improvements Country Charm Park: Install larger garden plots and supporting improvements
Special Use Facilities – Dog Parks	Country Charm Park: Designate open field for limited off-leash exercise area; Install fenced areas with separation for small and large dogs; Install splash pond, water fountain, exercise equipment amenities for dogs; Install benches, covered seating area, water fountain, pooper-scooper for dog owners

The 2024 Arlington PRMP is incorporated into the City of Arlington Comprehensive Plan by reference and therefore serves as the background report for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Book.