



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Planning Commission

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**Date:** August 25, 2021

**Subject:** Required Updates to the Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation Element

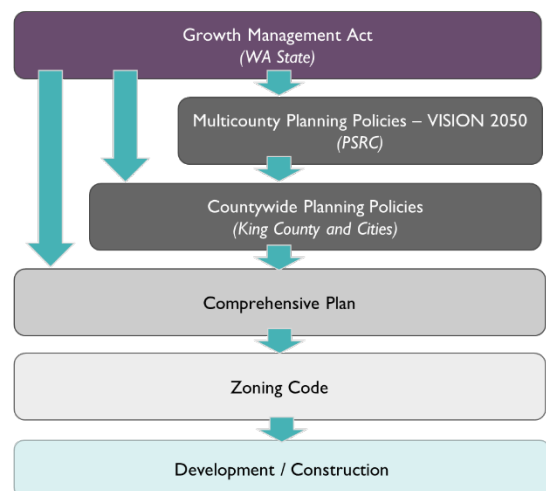
### OVERVIEW

Staff will provide an overview of the required updates to the Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation (PARCC) element of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan. These updates are arising from state, regional, and county mandates.

### BACKGROUND

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires all planning done under the GMA to be consistent both within plan documents and across plan documents. This means that when there are changes to state law or binding regional or countywide policies, the Redmond Comprehensive Plan must be updated for consistency.

In addition, the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office requires updating the Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) plan every six years. Redmond’s version, the PARCC plan will need to be updated by March 1, 2023. The PROS plan is the same as our PARCC plan.



## **REQUIRED PARCC ELEMENT UPDATES**

The Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation Element helps achieve Redmond's vision for the future by helping to maintain the community's high quality of life, and meeting the City's recreational, social and cultural needs for a diverse population with changing interests and needs.

At a high level, required updates to the PARCC element implement, and are consistent with, the Capital Facilities element as it relates to park and recreation facilities. Updates include:

- a. Estimates of park and recreation demand for a ten-year period
- b. An evaluation of facilities and service needs
- c. An evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting park and recreation demand.
- d. Policies for locating community facilities and services, including civic places like parks, schools, and other public spaces, in centers and near transit, with consideration for climate change, economic, social and health impacts.

The PARCC element is coordinated with the Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture & Conservation Plan (PARCC Plan), which provides specific implementation strategies to carry out these policies. The PARCC Plan is updated every six years to comply with requirements for funding from the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) with the next update due in 2023.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will incorporate required updates into the first draft of the updated PARCC element. Discussions related to parks and recreation will be held with boards and commissions, stakeholders, and the community during fall 2021 to explore policy options and alternatives. The Planning Commission will see how required updates are incorporated when it reviews policy options and alternatives for the PARCC Element and again when it reviews the draft PARCC element.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Staff Presentation