

**2017 WORK PLAN
RIDGEFIELD PARKS BOARD**

- 1. Strategic planning**
 - Assess recommendations in Parks Master Plan.
 - Begin planning for next Parks Master Plan revision.

- 2. Sports field development**
 - Partner with City on Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex (RORC) planning and/or YMCA planning.
 - Partner with City and sports leagues to maintain Abrams sports fields due to intensive ongoing use.
 - Discuss potential for new developments: more full-size basketball courts, volleyball courts, lacrosse fields, multi-use fields, etc.

- 3. Property acquisitions for potential parks/trails**
 - Maintain involvement in property acquisitions for parks and trails/trail completion, especially neighborhood parks.
 - Receive monthly updates on preliminary plats for potential new park locations.

- 4. Park development**
 - Plan for new parks development by reviewing and re-prioritizing Parks Master Plan list in light of current/planned development.
 - Create flipbook for developers with innovative park ideas, utilizing presentations from board members.
 - Review proposed park and trail features in new developments.
 - Pursue opportunities for County partnership in park development, including RORC and trails.
 - Determine additional potential locations for covered picnic table opportunities, places for parties/rentals.

- 5. Trail, trailhead, and access coordination**
 - Review and re-priorize Parks Master Plan list of trails and locations, as well as potential citywide trail loop, in light of current and proposed development.

- Determine locations for trailheads and linkages. Create connections between existing trails, including Smythe Road connection and areas from Ridgefield High School to Refuge.
- Develop more detailed trail signage, route and wayfinding signage for parks/trails/facilities, and website/brochure to identify trails.
- Determine alternate trail opportunities, including mountain bike, water, fitness, and running/walking/biking, and educational trails.

6. Water access

- Develop waterfront park facility (possibly utilizing existing Port facilities and parks).
- Prioritize development of water trails and water access.
- Assist as needed with development of non-motorized boat launch.
- Work with Refuge to improve access and wayfinding.

7. Parks and trails maintenance

- Ensure parks and trails maintenance remains a City priority. Determine ways to keep parks and trails in good condition, maintaining good aesthetics and functionality.

8. Volunteer and community based action

- Create list of park projects that can utilize volunteers.

9. Fund development and grant writing

- Increase Parks Board participation in fund development and grant writing, particularly federal funding for urban refuge planning.

10. Community Networking and Relationship Building

- Continue relationship building across multiple organizations, including Ridgefield School Board, Planning Commission, Downtown Business Association, Main Street Program, Port of Ridgefield, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Washington Department of Transportation, Parks Foundation, Intertwine, and more.
- Continue working with Port of Ridgefield to develop potential parks and trails in commercial areas near I-5, as well as waterfront development/improvements and amenities along Lake River.

11. Interagency networking and relationship building

- Explore partnership opportunities with regional health care providers and services to promote wellness activities, healthy living and communications about the benefits of parks and recreation (ex. Kaiser Permanente funding for Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department's Walking Guide).