



## PROJECT BACKGROUND

Much has happened in Sultan since the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted in 2004. Sultan's population growth has resulted in an increased use of community parks and recreational facilities, which will likely continue over the foreseeable future. Increased demand means new challenges and opportunities.

In an effort to provide quality parks and recreational opportunities for today's residents as well as for future generations, the City initiated a planning process in conjunction with the overall update of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The community has many ideas for improving parks and recreational opportunities in Sultan including:

- Providing a balance of active and passive activities within our parks: For instance, should a new sports field be located off Basin Road?
- Park management and maintenance responsibilities and costs: How much are we willing to pay to build new parks and maintain the ones we have?
- Providing trail connectivity: Are there enough trails and do they connect neighborhoods, schools, business center and recreational facilities?
- Providing reasonable park access to all users: Does our parks system offer something for all ages and types of park users?

This update considers today's and tomorrow's needs and will result in a community-driven Plan that has broad-based support and is implementable over the 20 year plan horizon. It will identify the anticipated types of activities and the population characteristics that the City's parks and recreation will serve. In addition, the Plan will identify the estimated cost to achieve the community's vision.

This community effort has begun in earnest and to help navigate through the big-picture policy questions, a series of "small group meetings" have and will continue to occur. These meetings offer the public an opportunity to discuss and share ideas regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. All small group materials are posted on the City's website. The Plan will provide clear and implementable policies and actions that will bring life to the vision.

**BECOME INVOLVED:** The ultimate success of this community effort depends upon your interest and involvement. There will be many opportunities for your involvement throughout this planning process. To help you stay up to date on this effort, we encourage you to periodically visit our dedicated website at "[http://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/City\\_Hall/City\\_Departments/Community\\_Development/](http://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/City_Hall/City_Departments/Community_Development/)" which provides important information, updates, and public involvement opportunities.

Please stay involved in Sultan's Parks and Recreation opportunities. For more information about the update to your Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Connie Dunn 360-793-1114 or Deborah Knight, 360-793-1164 or visit City of Sultan website: [www.ci.sultan.wa.us](http://www.ci.sultan.wa.us)

