



**RIDGEFIELD PARKS BOARD  
MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026  
RACC - Columbia Assembly Room  
510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642**

**I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM**

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anyone requesting to speak to the Board regarding all items not subject to a specific Public Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and limit comments to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the January 14, 2026 Meeting**

**IV. BUSINESS**

- 1. Discussion - Parks Revenue Program Update - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager**
- 2. Discussion - State of the City Update - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager**

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**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

**VII. FROM THE BOARD**

**VIII. ADJOURN**

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD  
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**MEETING DATE:** March 11, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM NAME:** Approval of Minutes from the January 14, 2026 Meeting

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**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:**

**STAFF CONTACT:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 1.14.26 Parks Board Minutes



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON  
PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 14, 2026**

**Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM**

**I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM**

**1. Flag Salute**

**2. Roll Call**

<p><b>Present:</b> Chair Brigid Taylor Vice Chair Sandy Schill Board Member Beth Bicknell Board Member Alex Earl Board Member John Rafanelli Board Member Jessica Pace Board Member Elianna Galvan</p> <p><b>Absent:</b></p>
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**3. Oath of Office - Sandy Schill (Position 6)**

**4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Brigid Taylor was nominated for Parks Board Chair. A motion was made and passed to accept Brigid Taylor as Parks Board Chair.

<p><b>RESULT:</b>       <b>ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)</b></p> <p><b>MOVER:</b>        Member Rafanelli</p> <p><b>SECONDER:</b>    Vice Chair Schill</p> <p><b>AYES:</b>         Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Schill, Board Member Bicknell, Board Member Earl, Board Member Rafanelli, Board Member Pace, Board Member Galvan</p>
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Sandy Schill was nominated for Parks Board Vice-Chair. A motion was made and passed to accept Sandy Schill as Parks Board Vice-Chair.

<p><b>RESULT:</b>       <b>ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)</b></p> <p><b>MOVER:</b>        Member Pace</p> <p><b>SECONDER:</b>    Member Earl</p> <p><b>AYES:</b>         Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Schill, Board Member Bicknell, Board Member Earl, Board Member Rafanelli, Board Member Pace, Board Member Galvan</p>
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**5. Late changes to the agenda**

None.

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**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2025 Meeting**

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2026 Parks Board meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Member Rafanelli
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Member Pace
<b>AYES:</b>	Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Schill, Board Member Bicknell, Board Member Earl, Board Member Rafanelli, Board Member Pace, Board Member Galvan

**IV. BUSINESS**

**1. Consideration of Approval - 2025 Parks Board Work Plan Annual Report - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager**

A motion was made and passed to accept the Parks Board Work Plan for 2025 with the revision of adding Members Bicknell and Galvan to the member list.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Member Pace
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Member Rafanelli
<b>AYES:</b>	Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Schill, Board Member Bicknell, Board Member Earl, Board Member Rafanelli, Board Member Pace, Board Member Galvan

**2. Consideration of Recommendation - 2026 Parks Board Work Plan - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager**

A motion was made and passed to recommend the proposed 2026 Parks Board Work Plan to City Council.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vice-Chair Schill
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Member Pace
<b>AYES:</b>	Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Schill, Board Member Bicknell, Board Member Earl, Board Member Rafanelli, Board Member Pace, Board Member Galvan

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**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

Corey reported Storybook Hollow park construction is nearing completion, and the Ridgefield Community and Recreation Center is breaking ground in 2026. There will not be a Parks Board meeting in April for

spring break.

**VII. FROM THE BOARD**

**VIII. ADJOURN**

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Kim Strickler, Parks Board Clerk

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Brigid Taylor, Chair

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD  
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**MEETING DATE:** March 11, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM NAME:** Discussion - Parks Revenue Program Update

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**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:**

The adopted 2025 Budget allocated funding to develop philanthropic funding pathways for the Ridgefield Community and Recreation Center (RCRC) and the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex (RORC) through implementation of a Parks Revenue Program developed in partnership with capital fundraising consultants. The purpose of this effort is to strategically leverage the fundraising capacity of these assets to support construction and future operations of the RCRC while strengthening long-term maintenance and capital reinvestment at the RORC.

Staff will brief the Parks Board on work completed to date, present forthcoming milestones, and discuss how this program positions the City to diversify revenue streams and strengthen the long term financial sustainability of the parks and recreation system.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. PB20260311-RCRC-Captial-Campaign-Update



COMMUNITY AND  
RECREATION CENTER



— RIDGEFIELD

# Built on Connection

Ridgefield has always been **defined by Connection** – neighbors who know one another, families who invest in their community, and a shared belief in our future.

**Yet today**, we lack a dedicated indoor space where people of all ages can gather, stay active, learn, and build connections, year-round.

# Community Needs



## Families & Youth

Families leave Ridgefield for everyday programs – swimming, sports, enrichment – that should exist in our community.



## Seniors

Older adults deserve safe, year-round spaces to stay active and connected without leaving the city.



## Community Groups

Local groups need flexible space to gather, celebrate, and strengthen community life.



## Economic Vitality

A community center keeps activity – and investment – in Ridgefield, supporting jobs and local business



# A place to learn, to play, to connect **and to belong.**

The next chapter in  
Ridgefield's enduring  
commitment to  
shared spaces and  
community pride.

This is a generational investment...



It's the infrastructure of belonging  
- **where neighbors become community.**



**PROGRAM LEGEND**

- ASSEMBLY
- CIRCULATION
- COMMUNITY
- FITNESS
- KITCHEN
- MECH
- OFFICE
- RESTROOM

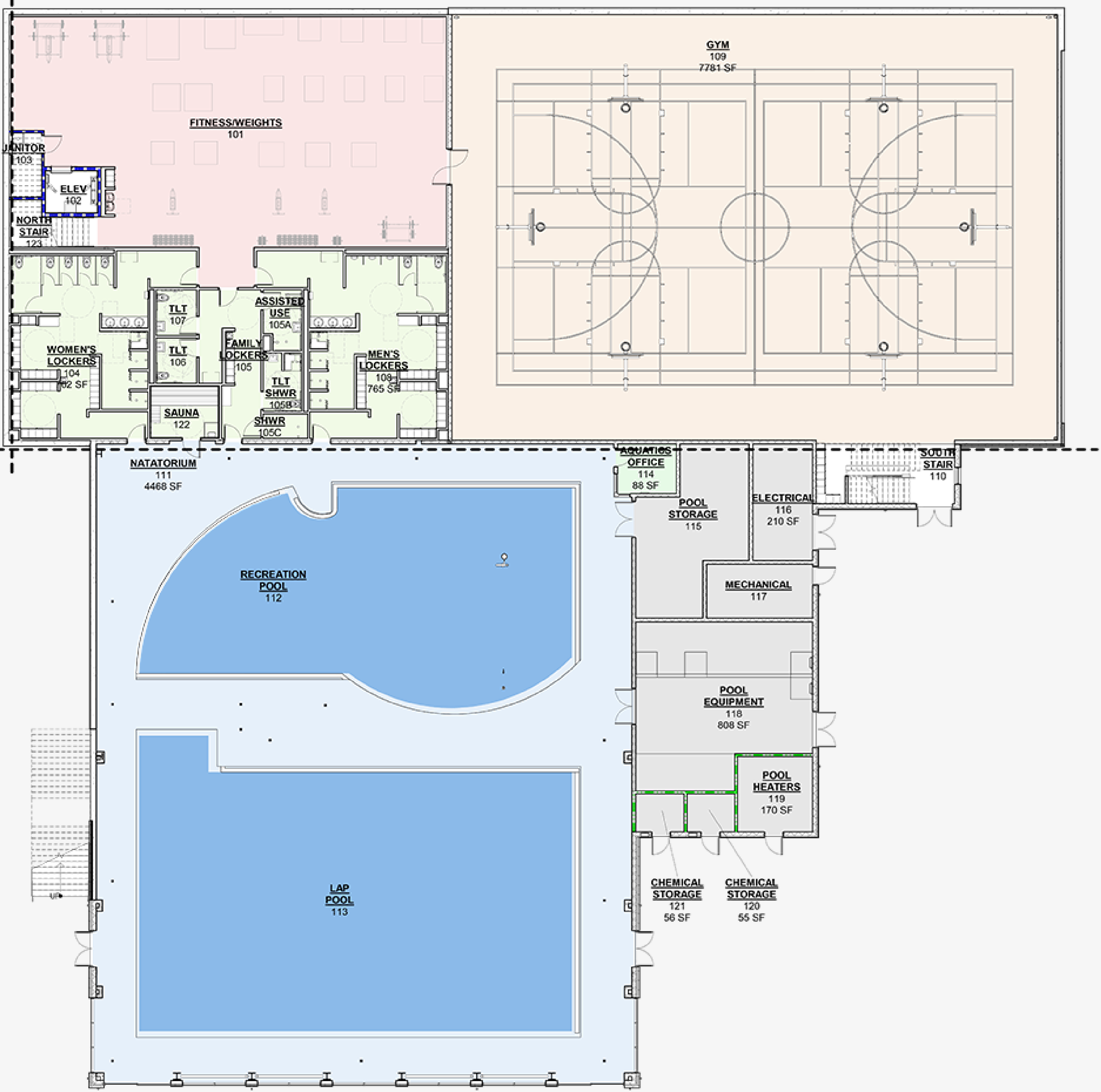


# Ground Level



**PROGRAM LEGEND**

- CIRCULATION
- FITNESS
- GYM
- MECH
- NATATORIUM
- OFFICE
- POOL
- RESTROOM



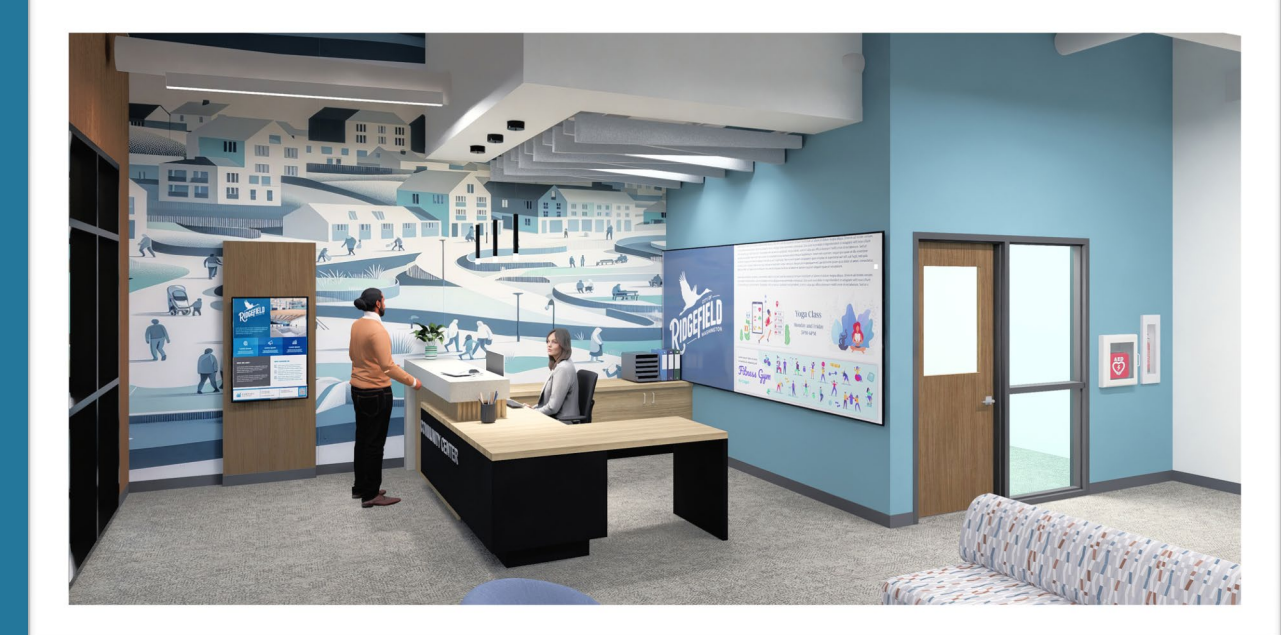
# Aquatics and Fitness Level

# Exterior

Ridgefield Community & Recreation Center



# Aquatics & Pool Wing



# Community Center Wing



# Recreation & Health Wing



# Gymnasium & Sports Courts



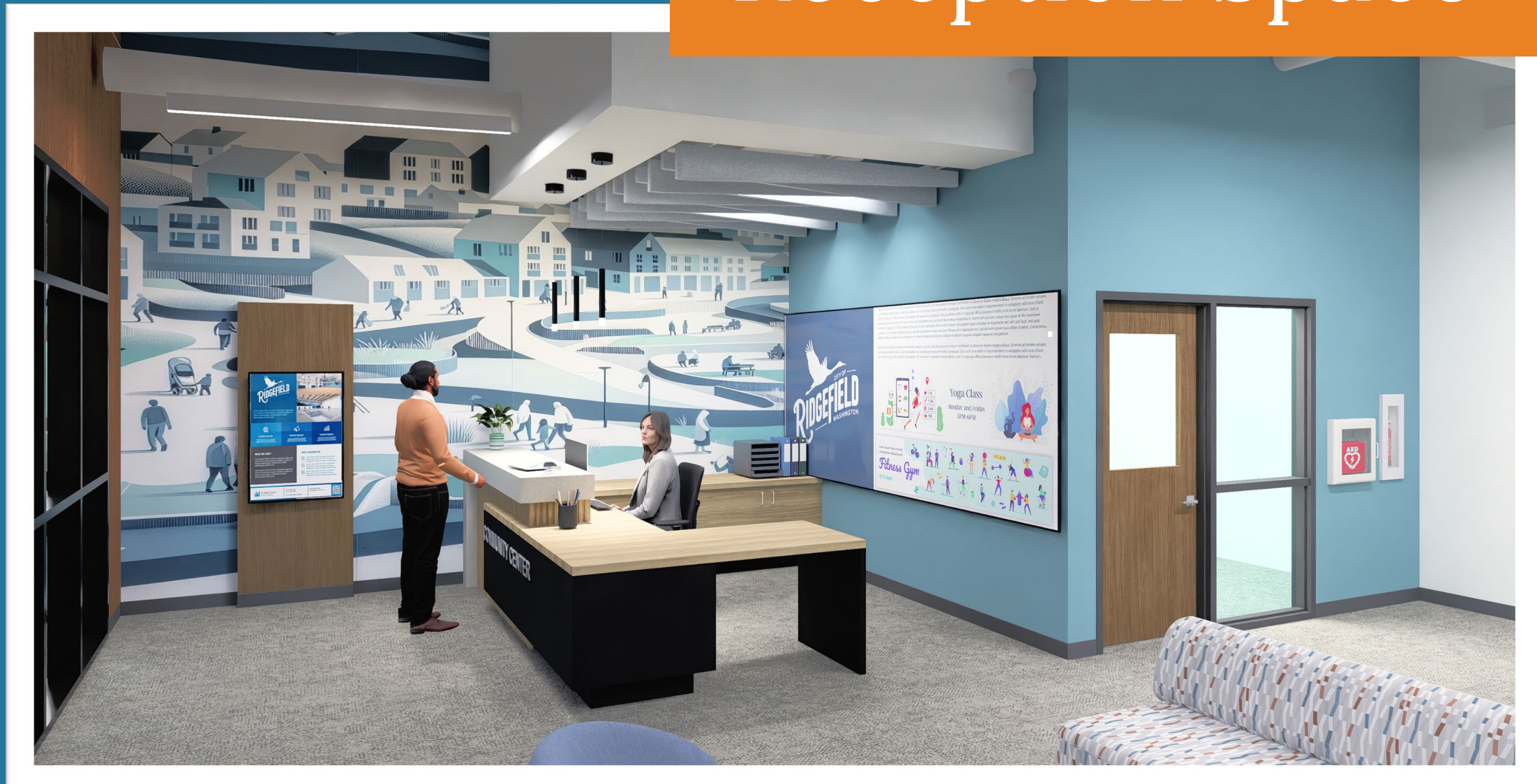
Childcare Space



Teen Center Space



Reception Space



Commercial/Teaching Kitchen





# Contact Us

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Parks, Trails, and Recreation Division*

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# Thank You

The City of Ridgefield, Washington

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD  
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**MEETING DATE:** March 11, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM NAME:** Discussion - State of the City Update

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**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:**

The annual State of the City event will be held on March 17 and provides an opportunity to highlight current priorities and engage directly with community members. The Parks Board will host a dedicated table to share information, showcase current initiatives, and connect with residents regarding ongoing and future parks projects.

Staff will provide the Board with an overview of the event structure, key themes, and the materials that will be available at the Parks Board table. The objective is to ensure Board members are aligned on messaging, understand the purpose of the outreach, and are prepared to effectively engage with the community during the event.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2026SOTC-ParksBoardTalkingPoints
2. 2026 SOTC Parks Boards

# **Parks Board – State of the City Cheat Sheet**

## **Core message to share with residents:**

*Ridgefield Parks: Where neighbors become community.*

### **Three Key Messages**

#### **Planning guides growth.**

Ridgefield is growing quickly. The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan ensures parks and trails grow intentionally alongside neighborhoods so access to open space and recreation is preserved.

#### **The 2020 PROS Plan has shaped the system today.**

Strategic park acquisition areas and trail corridors were identified in the plan guiding where parks and trails are located and how neighborhoods connect across the city.

#### **The 2026 PROS Plan update will guide the next decade.**

The City is beginning the update process this year with community engagement to determine future park priorities, recreation needs, and trail connections.

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### **Quick Talking Points**

**Role of the Parks Board** – Advisory body to City Council on parks, trails, and recreation planning; Heps gather community feedback and guide long-term priorities.

**Why planning matters** – Ensures parks and trail grows within the city rather than after development; Maintains our community vision for connected outdoor spaces.

**What the PROS Plan does** – Identifies future needs and guides decisions on land acquisition, park/trail locations, and what amenities to building in our system.

**What residents may see next** – 2026 PROS Plan update is our big project this year. Residents will see community surveys, open houses and other ways to share their perspectives.

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### **Projects People May Ask About**

**Ridgefield Community & Recreation Center** – Future indoor recreation facility with aquatics, fitness, and community spaces. Ground breaking expected in 2026 with opening in 2028.

**Storybook Hollow Park** – Ribbon Cutting on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Park is open for public use. It is an example of how planning leads to unique community assets. The Master Plan adopted by Parks Board in 2024 led to this park.

**Horns Corner Park** – Inclusive-Design Playground is on the way. We are seeking funding to build the city's first truly inclusive design playground that integrates the needs of the disability community into our outdoor spaces.

**Trail Connectivity** – The 2026 PROS Plan will help identify and continue to place priority on Trail Connectivity. Specifically, the connection from 35<sup>th</sup> Roundabout to Downtown remains a key priority.

# PARKS & RECREATION PLANNING

SHAPED BY PARKS. CONNECTED THROUGH TRAILS.

## WHY PLANNING MATTERS

### GROWTH REQUIRES INTENTION

Ridgefield is growing - in residents, schools, businesses, and neighborhoods. Growth is not the challenge. Unplanned Growth is.

The PROS Plan ensures parks and trails grow with it - protecting access to open spaces, strengthening neighborhoods, and preserving the character that makes Ridgefield feel like home.

Planning allows growth without losing what matters.



## WHAT THE PROS PLAN DOES

### A LONG-RANGE FRAMEWORK

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS) Plan guides:

- Where future parks are needed
- How trails connect across neighborhoods
- Equitable access throughout the city
- Intentional Recreational Programming
- Responsible Public Investment

It aligns parks and recreation with community needs and values.

## WHAT'S THE OUTCOME

### GROWTH THAT STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY

The result is more than expansion - it's integration.

- Continuity instead of fragmentation
- Access instead of gaps
- Connectivity instead of isolation
- Investment instead of reaction

Ridgefield grows, parks and trails strengthen neighborhoods, support daily life, and reinforce the shared spaces that bring people together.



**RIDGEFIELD PARKS: WHERE NEIGHBORS BECOME COMMUNITY.**

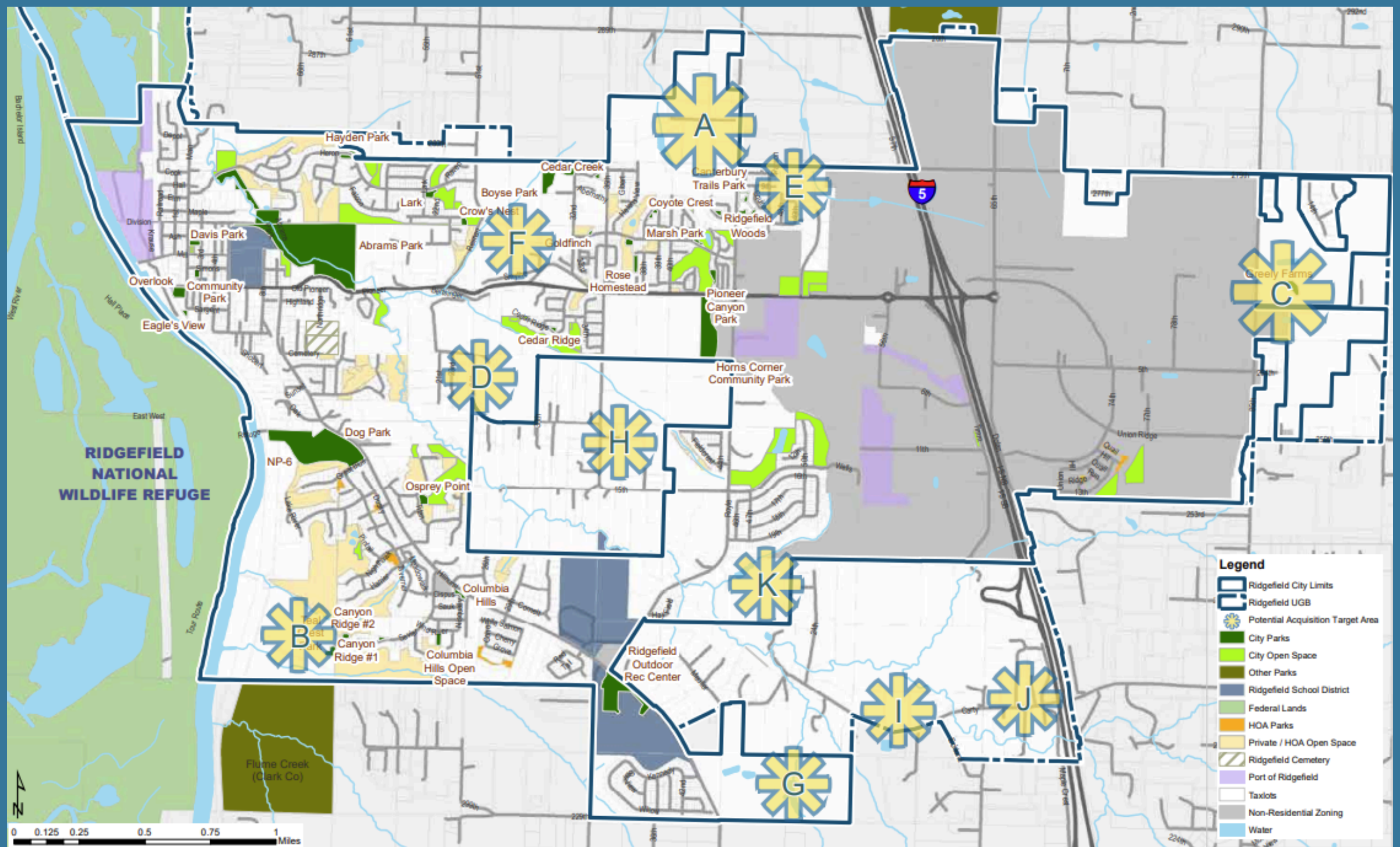
# THE 2020 PROS PLAN IN ACTION

A VISION THAT GUIDED GROWTH

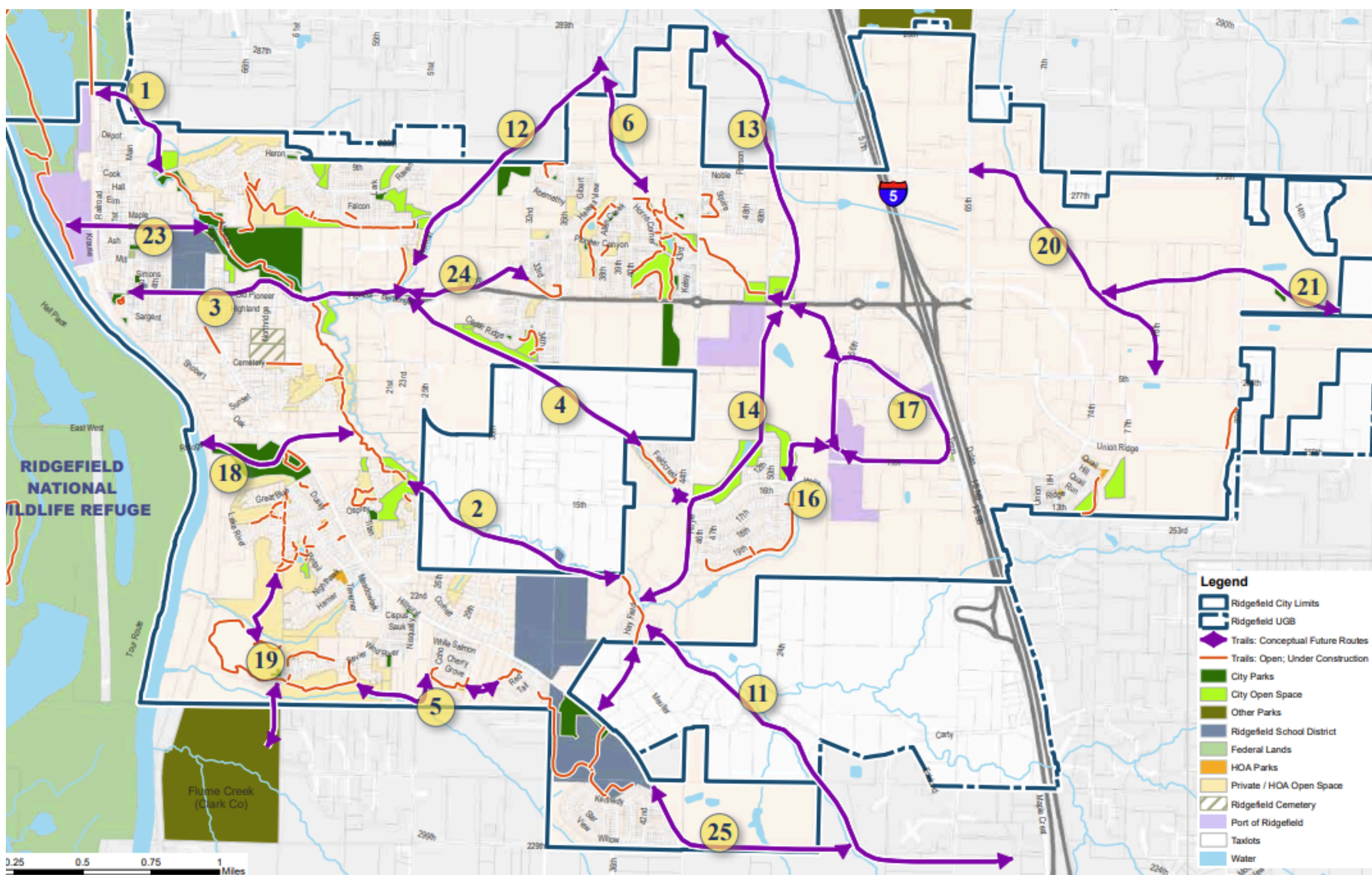
## STRATEGIC PARK ACQUISITION

Targeted park areas to increase:

- Equitable neighborhood access
- Integration with new development
- Unique amenities such as Splash Pad, Pump Track, Etc.



## TRAIL CONNECTIVITY & CORRIDOR PLANNING



Mapped trail routes strengthen:

- Neighborhood connections
- Safe routes to schools
- Access to downtown and destinations
- Creates connected and cohesive communities

**RIDGEFIELD PARKS: WHERE NEIGHBORS BECOME COMMUNITY.**

# THE NEXT CHAPTER

## UPDATING THE 2026 PROS PLAN



### PUBLIC DRIVEN VISION COMMUNITY-GUIDED PLANNING

Before priorities are set, we are engaging the community to understand how parks and trails should evolve alongside continued growth. The next decade of decisions begins with public input.

### ENGAGEMENT IN 2026

#### LISTENING ACROSS THE CITY

Opportunities to participate include:

- Citywide open houses
- Online survey through Ridgefield Roundtable
- Parks Board and City Council discussions
- Stakeholder and neighborhood outreach
- Public review of the draft plan



### WHAT'S INCLUDED DEFINING THE NEXT GENERATION

The 2026 PROS Plan will:

- Reassess Park and trail needs
- Refine connectivity strategy
- Explore Recreational Program Offerings
- Identify gaps in access and equity
- Establish updated investment priorities
- Align parks and trails with projected growth



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