



**RIDGEFIELD PARKS BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, August 12, 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

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III. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the May 13, 2026 Meeting**

IV. PRESENTATION

- 1. 2026 RCO WWRP Local Parks Grant Proposal and Presentation**

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VI. STAFF REPORTS

VII. FROM THE BOARD

VIII. ADJOURN

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: August 12, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approval of Minutes from the May 13, 2026 Meeting

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

STAFF CONTACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 5.13.26 Park Board Minutes



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2026**

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

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

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**

Present:

Chair Brigid Taylor
Vice Chair Sandy Schill
Board Member Beth Bicknell
Board Member Alex Earl
Board Member John Rafanelli
Board Member Elianna Galvan

Absent:

Board Member Jessica Pace

- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

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III. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the March 11, 2026 Meeting**

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2026 Parks Board Meeting.

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Board Member Rafanelli

SECONDER: Board Member Earl

AYES: Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Schill, Board Member Bicknell, Board Member Earl, Board Member Rafanelli, Board Member Galvan

IV. PRESENTATION

1. 2026 RCO WWRP Local Parks Grant Proposal and Presentation

Corey Crownhart presented an overview of the City's 2026 grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for an inclusive-design playground at Horn's Corner Park. The project is the next phase of the park's 2022 approved Master Plan and aims to provide accessible opportunities for children and families of all ages and abilities. The presentation was only informational and included the project's purpose, community benefits, and the upcoming RCO presentation.

2. 2026 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan - Overview of Scope of Work

Corey Crownhart provided an overview of the upcoming 2026 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update. The update will evaluate existing parks, trails, and recreation facilities; assess current and future community needs; identify system gaps; and establish priorities for future investments. The planning process will include community engagement, recreation programming, trail connectivity, asset preservation, and long-term financial sustainability.

V. BUSINESS

1. Motion - Approval of 2026 Parks Board Work Plan Quarter 1 Report - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

A motion was made and passed to approve the 2026 Parks Board Work Plan Quarter 1 Report.

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

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VII. STAFF REPORTS

Corey Crownhart reminded Parks Board members there would be no meeting in July.

VIII. FROM THE BOARD

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Kim Strickler, Parks Board Clerk

Brigid Taylor, Chair

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: August 12, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: 2026 RCO WWRP Local Parks Grant Proposal and Presentation

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Horn's Corner Park has an approved Master Plan, which was reviewed and approved by the Parks Board and City Council in 2022. The plan established the long-term vision for developing Horn's Corner into a community park that serves Ridgefield's growing population and provides expanded access to high-quality recreation opportunities.

The City is finalizing a 2026 grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Local Parks category for the Horn's Corner Inclusive-Design Playground project. This application represents the next step in advancing the approved Master Plan and helping move the park from concept toward implementation.

The proposed project would add an inclusive-design playground that supports children and families of varying ages, abilities, and mobility levels. This agenda item is informational only and provides Parks Board with an overview of the grant application, project purpose, community benefit, and upcoming RCO presentation. No action is requested.

STAFF CONTACT: Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. RCO-26-1445-HornsCornerInclusivePlayground-20260805

Horn's Corner Inclusive Playground

RCO WWRP-Local Parks | Project: 26-1445

Sponsor: City of Ridgefield, WA | August 2026



Introduction

Grant Proposal Overview

- Inclusive Design Playground Addition to Horn's Corner Park
- \$500,000 Request (\$1,075,000 Project Budget)
- Projected Completion Date: 12/31/2028
- Project Focus: Accessibility and User Experience

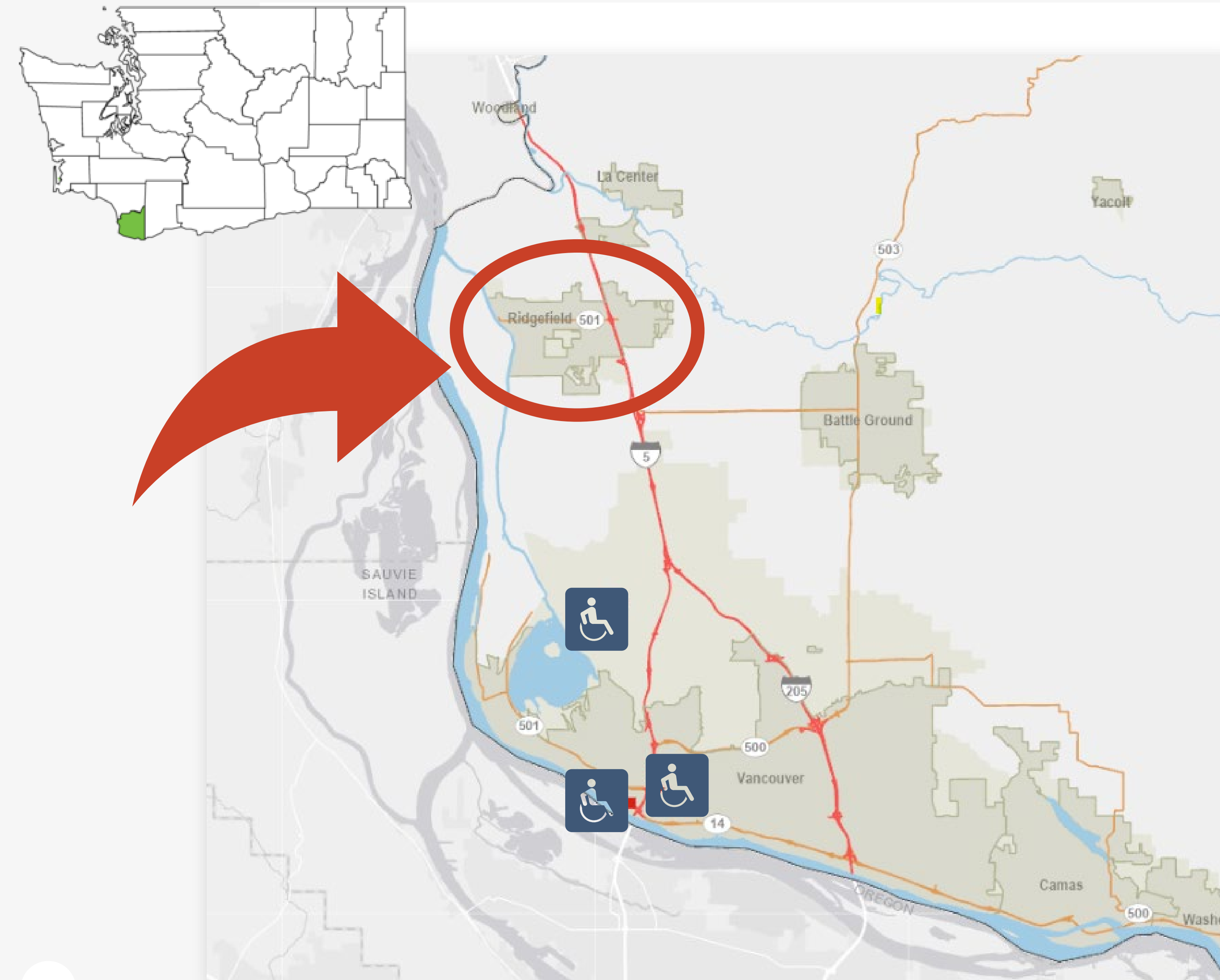
Recreational Opportunities

- Expanded access for children of all abilities
- Social connection and cooperative play
- First inclusive design playground in North Clark County
- Therapeutic and developmental benefits
- Design Certified as National Demonstration Site for Inclusive Playground Design.



1.Need-Local Priorities

Gaps in Access, Opportunity or Service Delivery – Proximity to Similar Inclusive-Design Facilities



Clark County Inclusive-Design Playgrounds

Ester Short Park

- Vancouver, WA – 15 Mile Drive
- Vancouver Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services

Marshall Park

- Vancouver, WA – 14 Mile Drive
- Vancouver Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services

Felida Community Park

- Clark County, WA – 10.5 Mile Drive
- Clark County Parks

1.Need: Local Priorities

Current and Anticipated Use – Community Demographics and Population Growth

Ridgefield's Rapid Growth

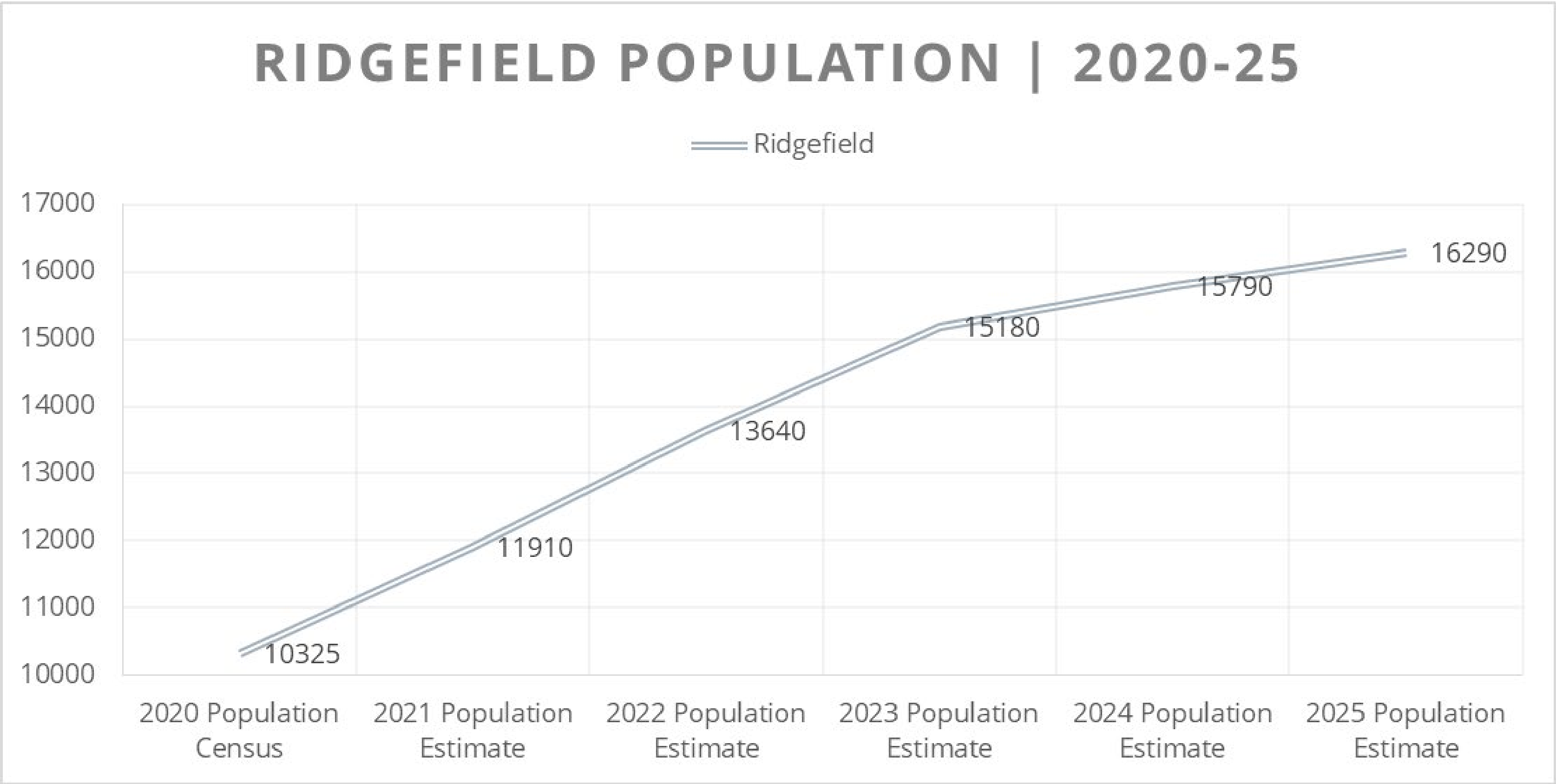
Ridgefield is one of Washington's fastest growing cities, increasing from 6,100 residents in 2014 to 16,290 in 2024 and outpacing the growth of Clark County, one of the state's fastest growing counties. (2024 ACS 5-year)



16,290 Residents

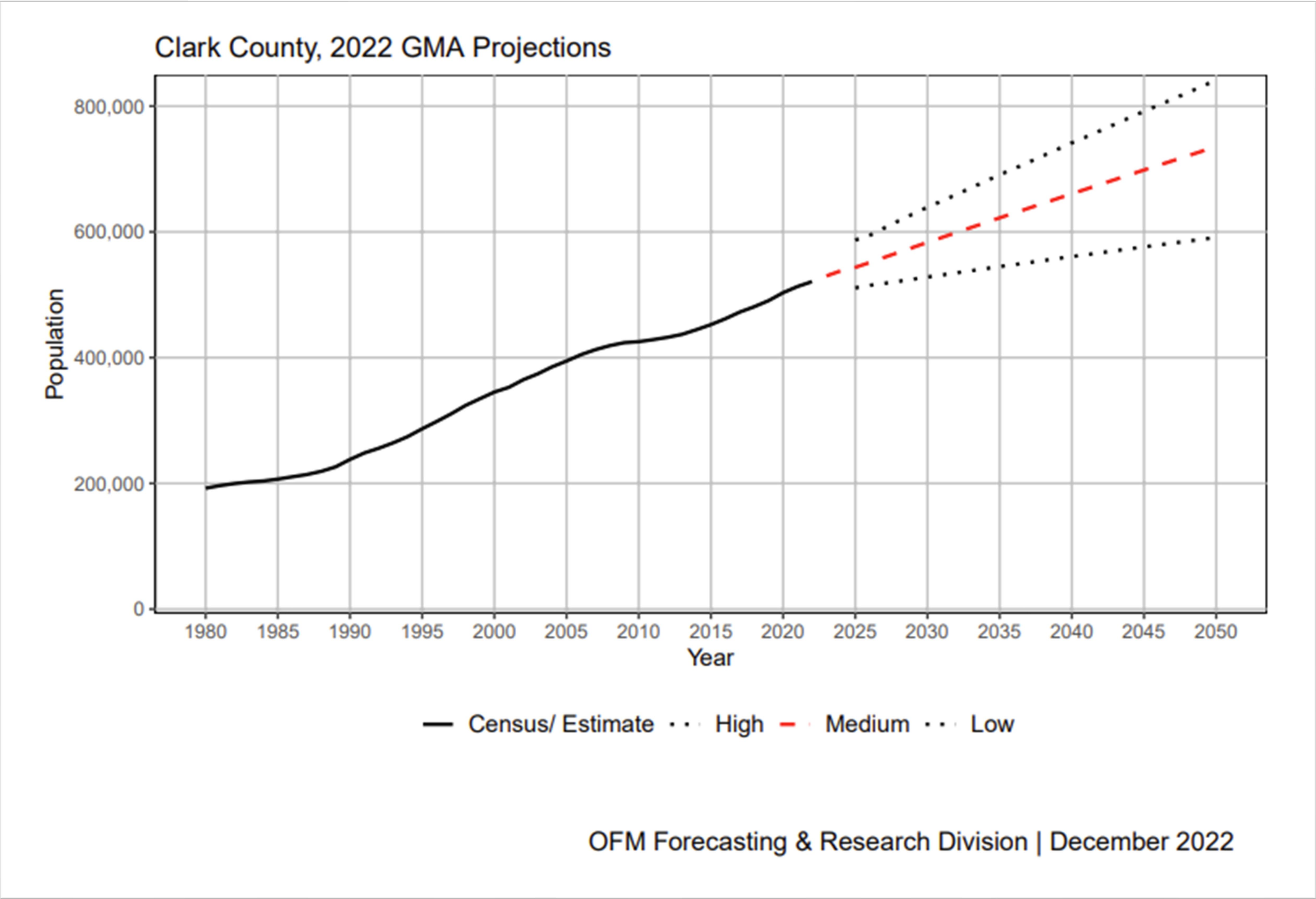


36.62% Since 2020



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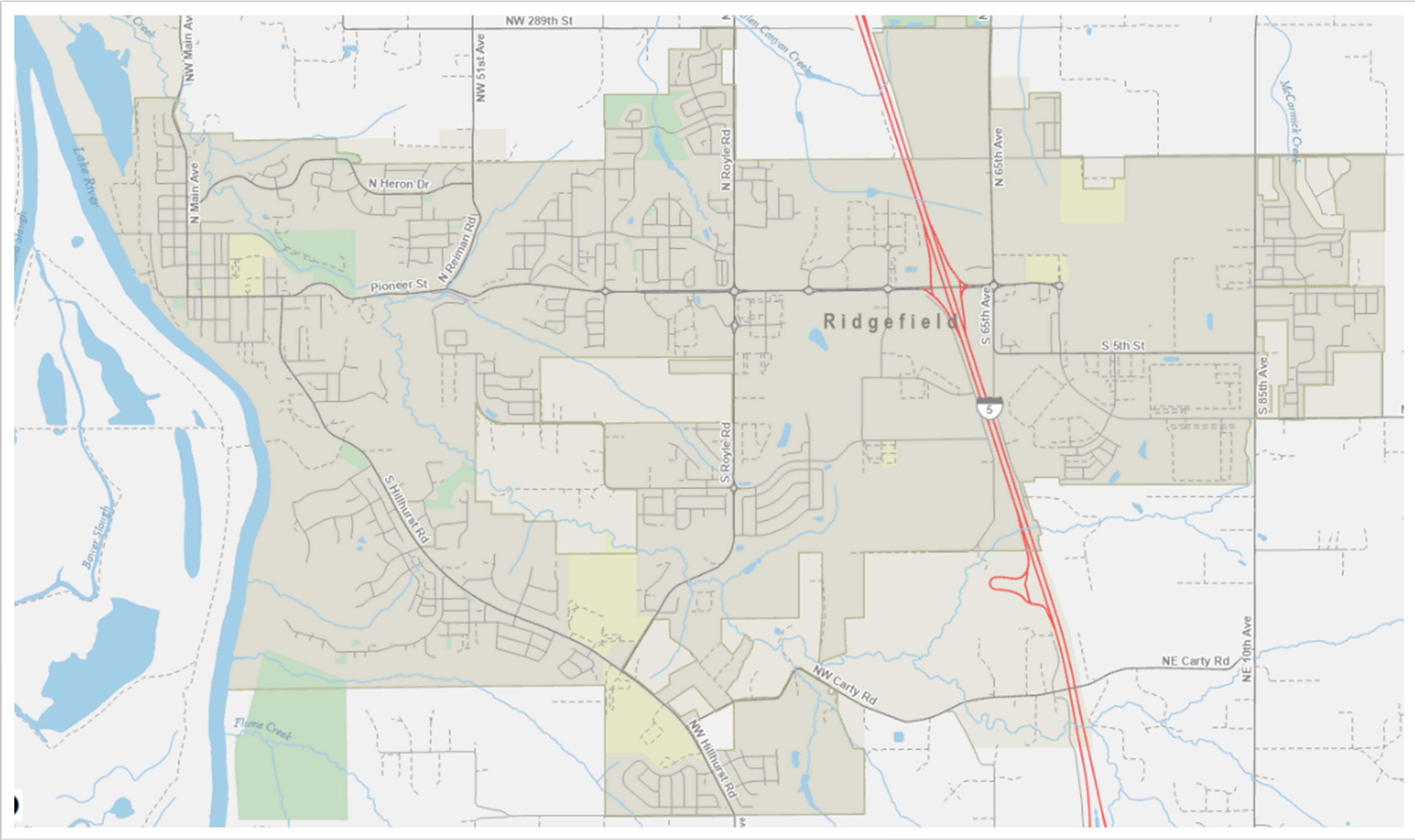


Projections for More Growth

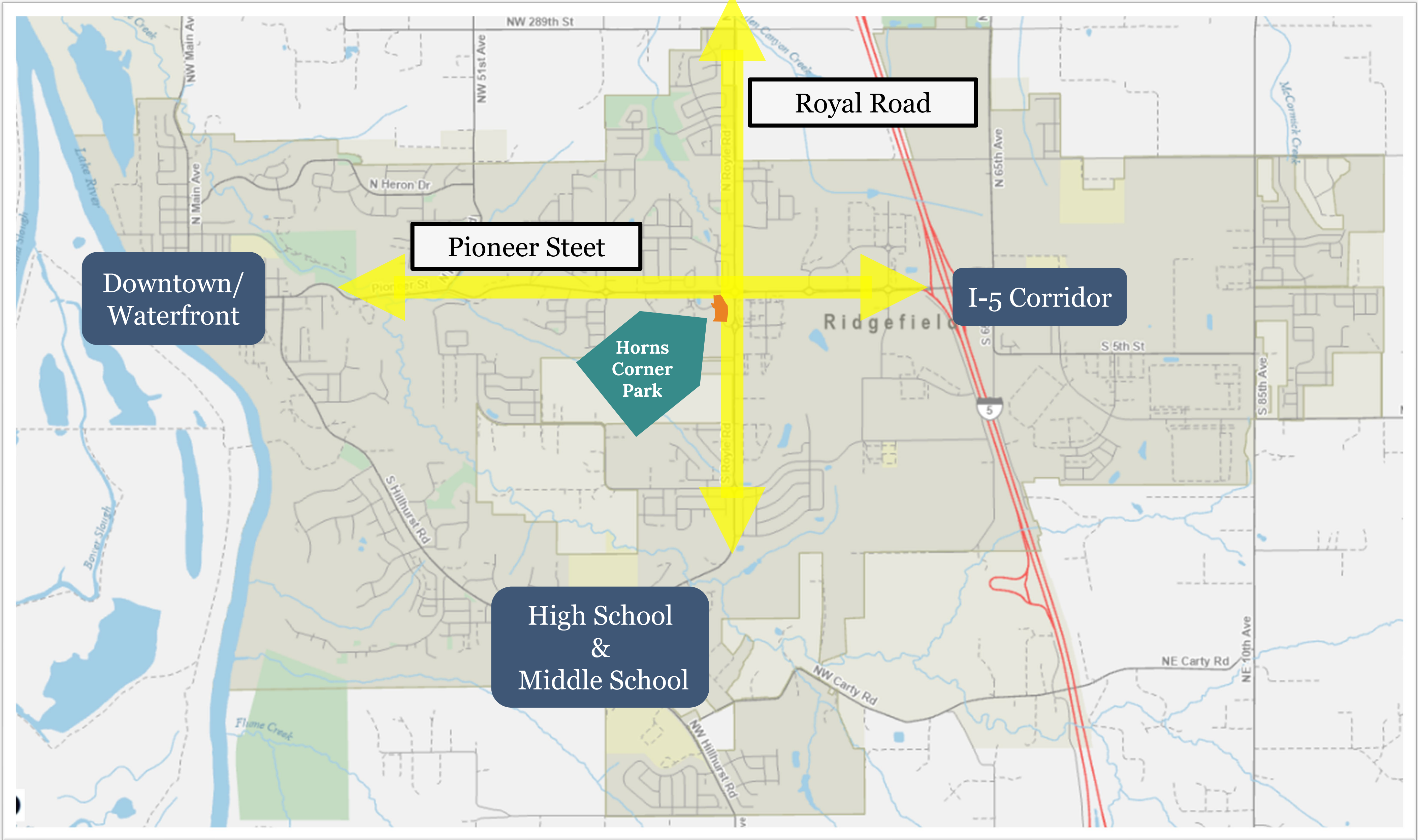
Clark County is projected to add 100,000–300,000 residents by 2050.

This continued growth will increase demand for public services, community infrastructure, parks, recreation opportunities, and other amenities that support quality of life.

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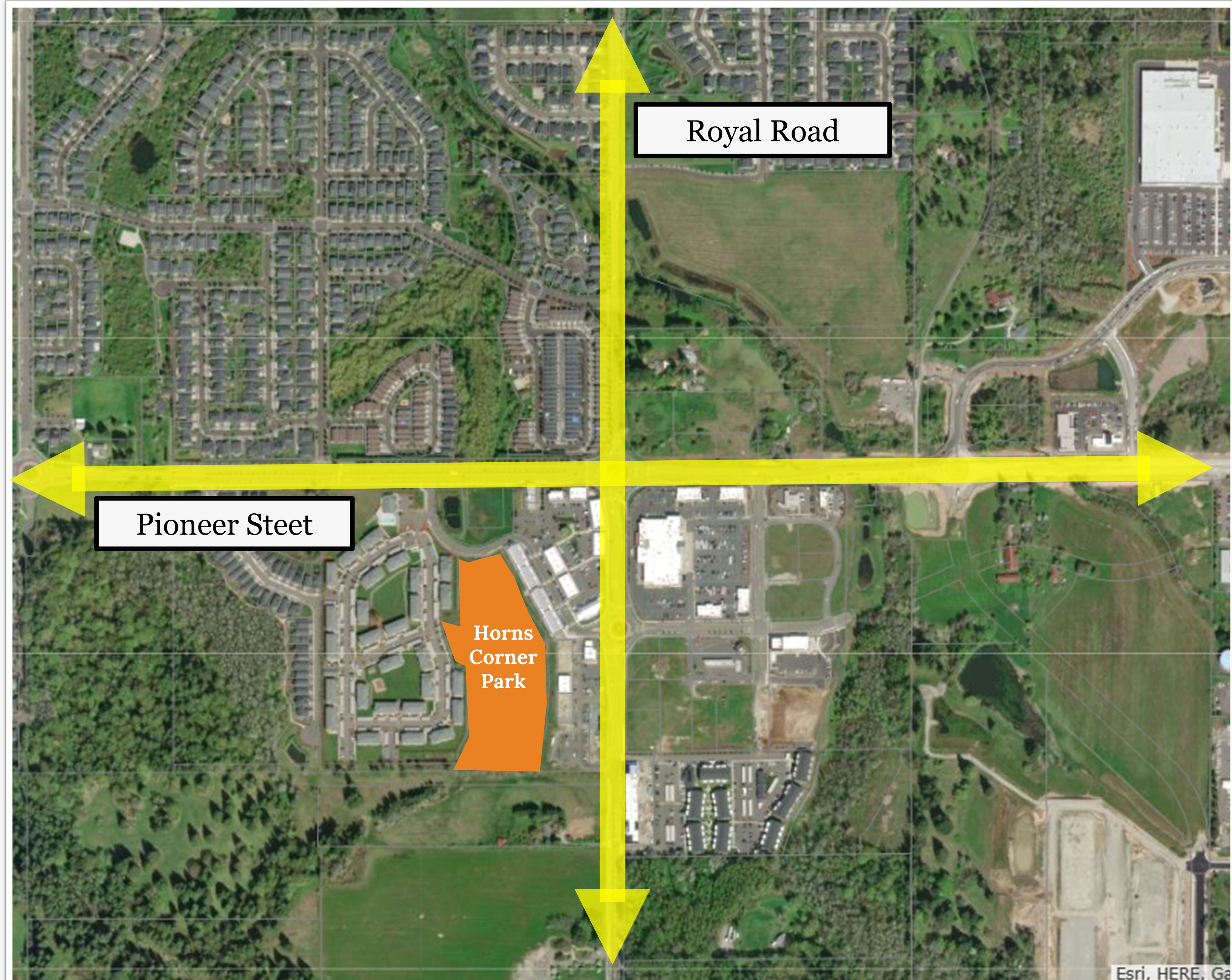


1.Need-Local Priorities

Identified Need

The Hub of North County

- Health Care Network
- Childcare Services
- Grocery Stores
- Local Businesses
- Housing Density
- Nearby Recreation

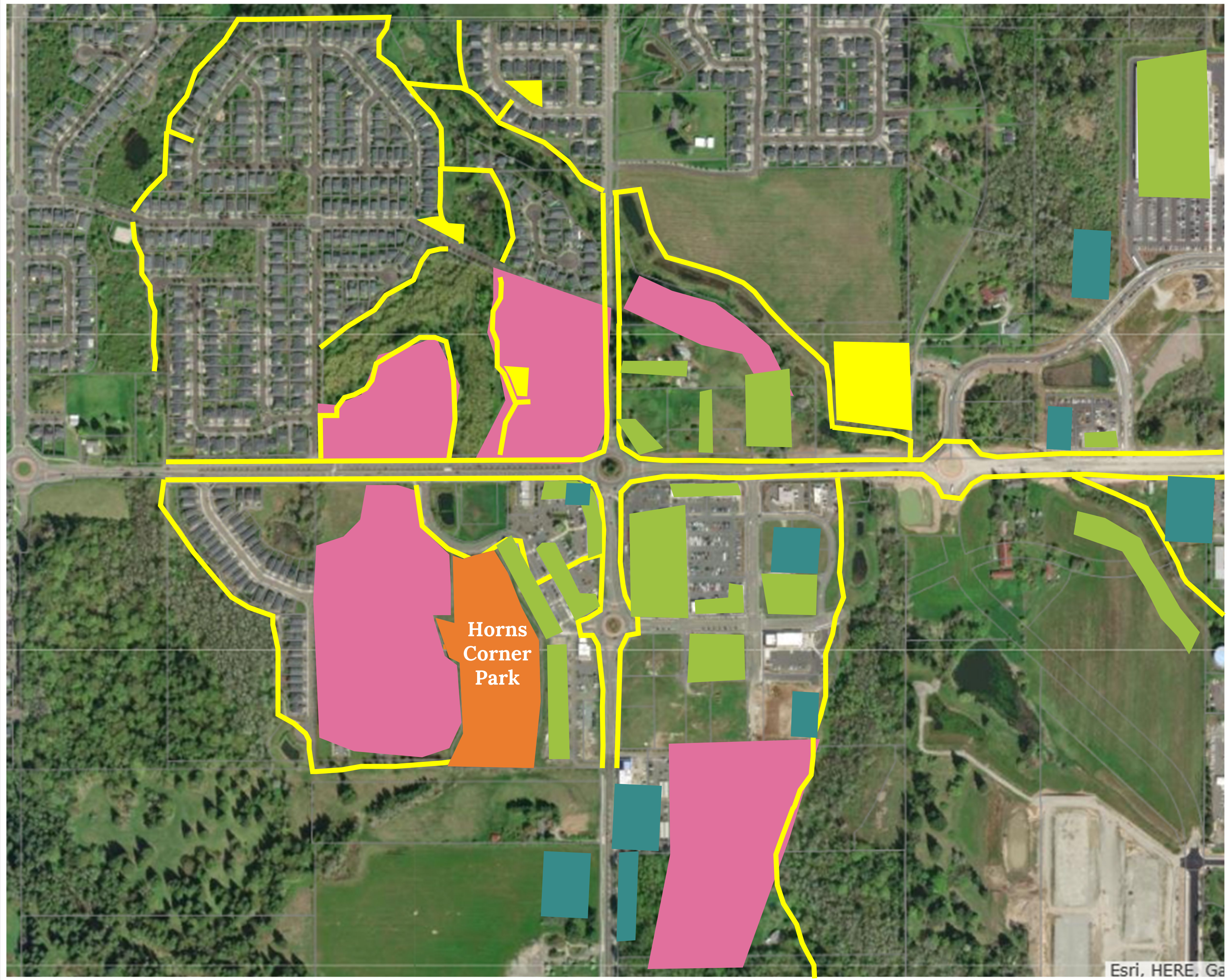


1.Need-Local Priorities

Inventory & Conditions of Recreation

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1.Need-Local Priorities

Alignment with Parks, Recreation, and Opens Spaces (PROS) Plan

Planning Alignment

PROS Plan Goals (Page 22)

- Goal 5.2: Design and maintain parks and facilities to offer universal accessibility for residents of all physical capabilities, skill levels and age as appropriate; in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design.

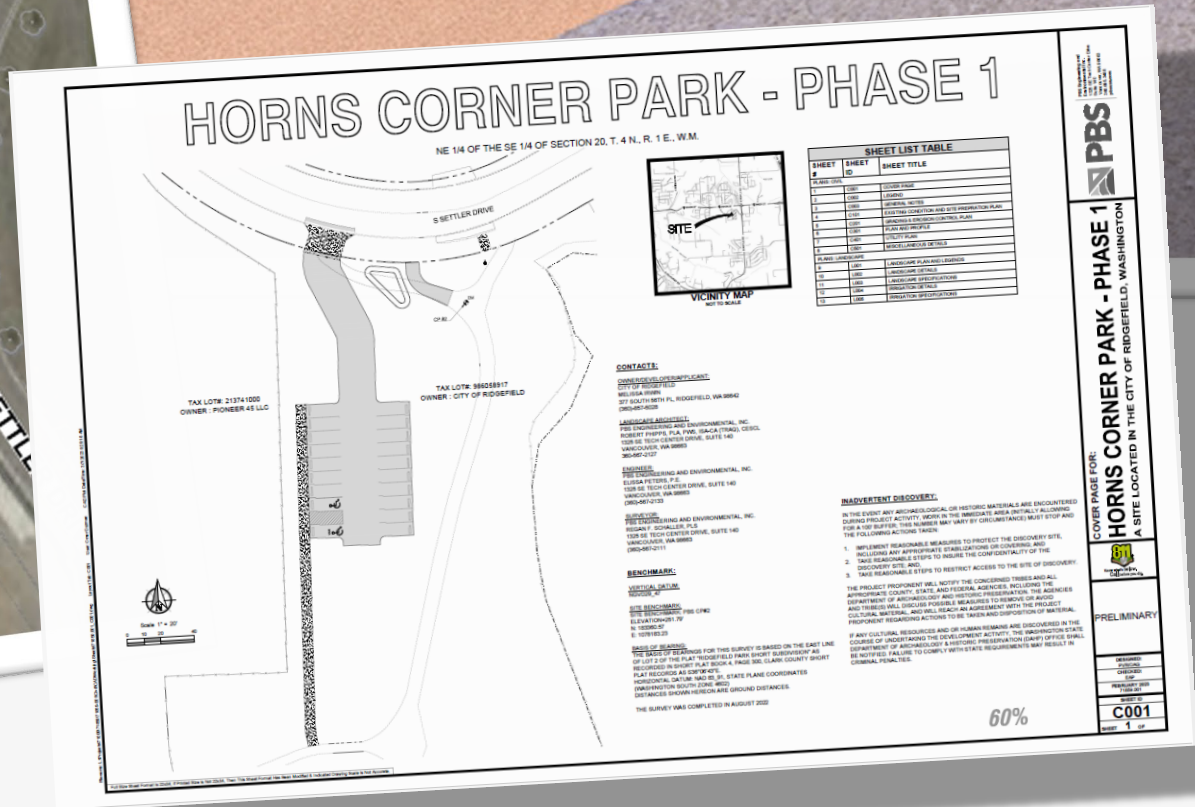
City Engineering Standards

- Parks, trails, and recreation infrastructure engineering standards were adopted by the city in 2025. These standards require all community park playground facilities to adhere to the NRPA design recommendations for inclusive-design.



2. Project Scope

Overview



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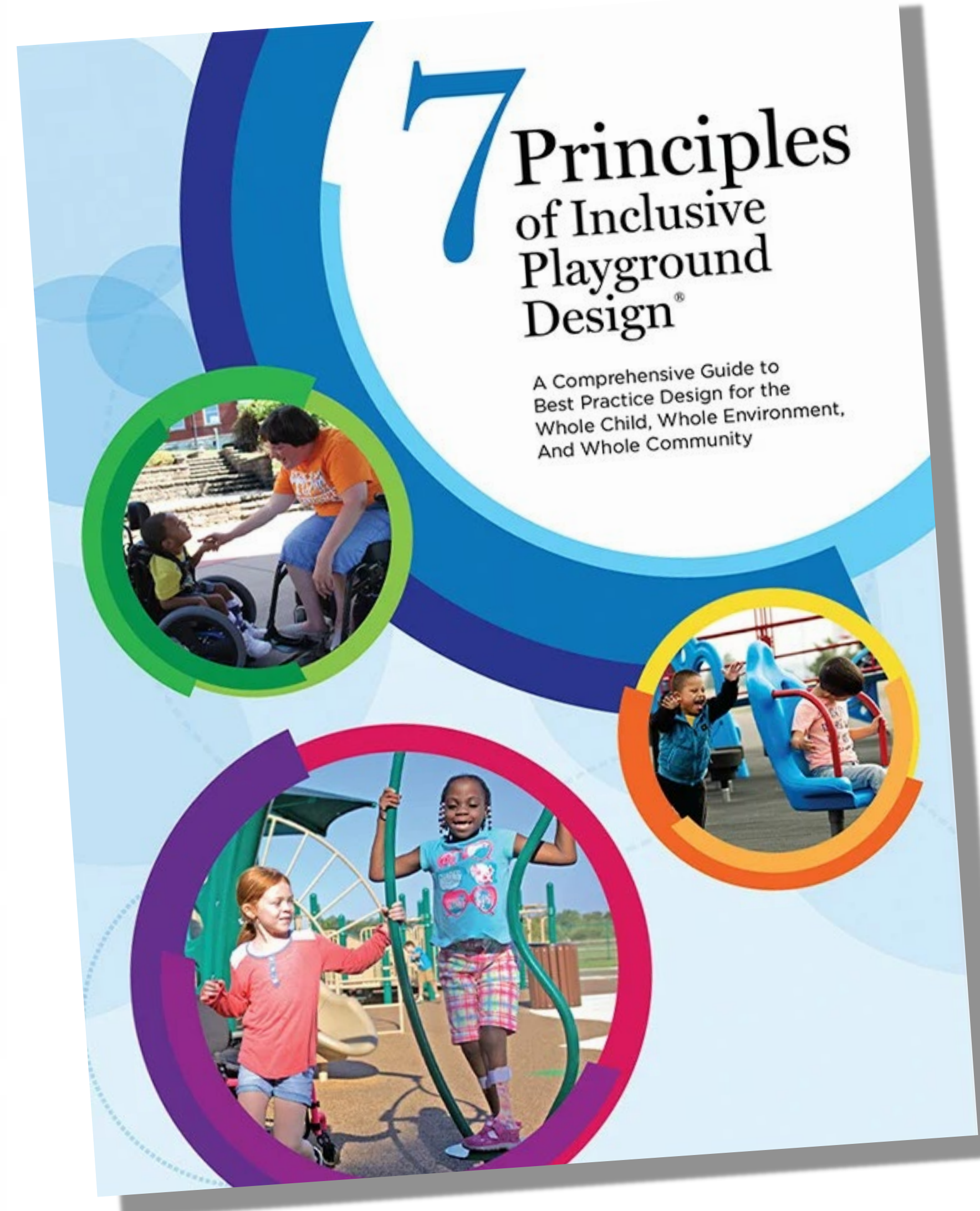
Existing Natural & Built Features



2. Project Scope

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- 1 be **FAIR**
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- 3 be **SMART**
- 4 be **INDEPENDENT**
- 5 be **SAFE**
- 6 be **ACTIVE**
- 7 be **COMFORTABLE**



PLAYCORE
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CORE
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1a Accessible Routes & Safety Surfacing

1b Music & Sound

1a

Horn's Corner Park Playground | 118698-01-Opt 2
Ridgefield, WA



1b

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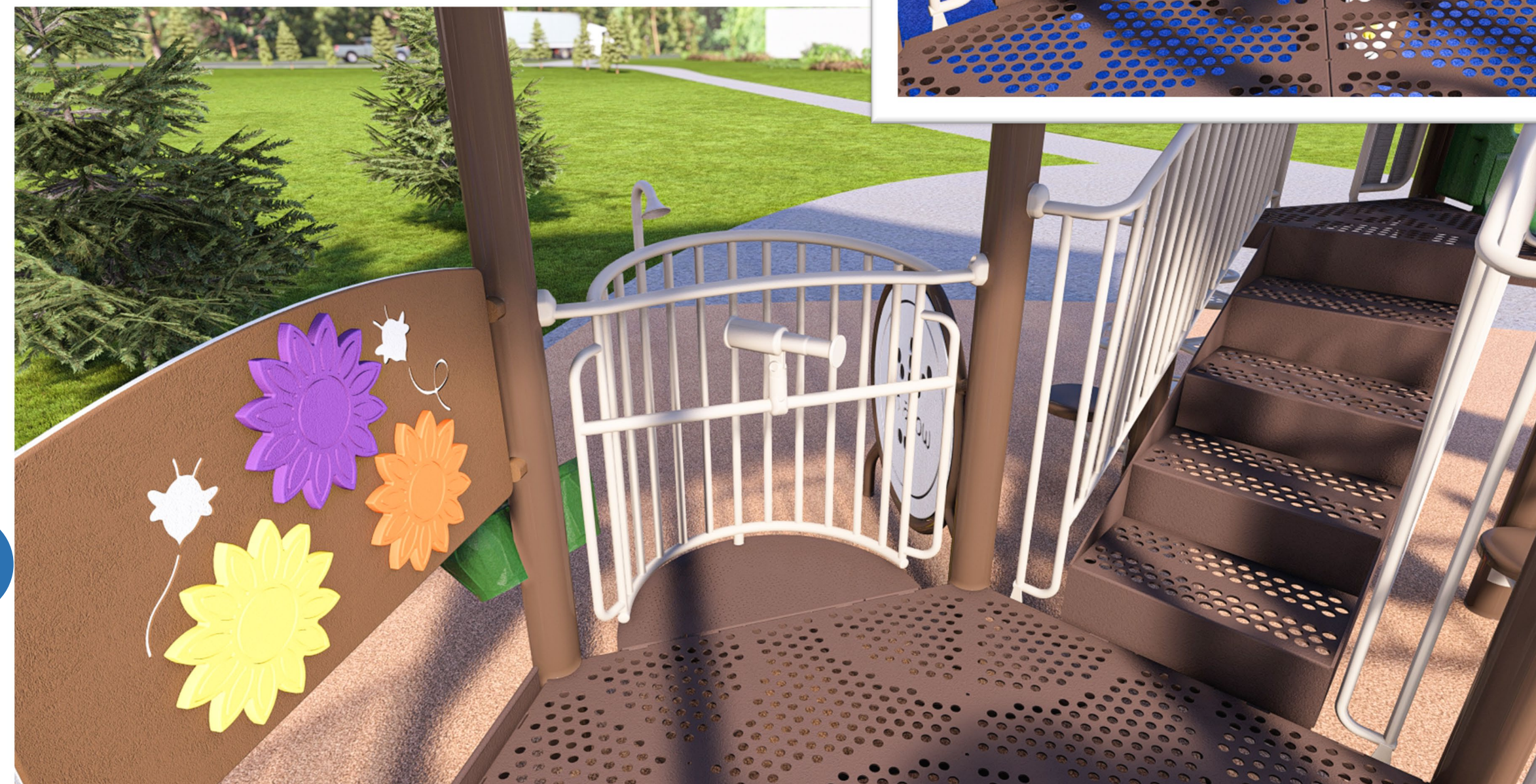
2a Dramatic Play Elements

2b Opportunities for Expressive & Receptive Language

2b



2a



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3a Looping Patterns

3b Jump-In Points

3c Defined Activity Settings

3b



3c



3a



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4a Ramp Access

4b Slides w/Slide Transfers

4c Motion Activities w/Inclusive Features



4b



4a



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5a Cozy Spots

5b Seating & Areas for Adult Supervision



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6a Graduated Levels of Physical Challenge

6b Accessible Upper Body Events

6c Cooperative Play

6a



6b



6c



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7a Half Activities Panels

7b Shade



7a

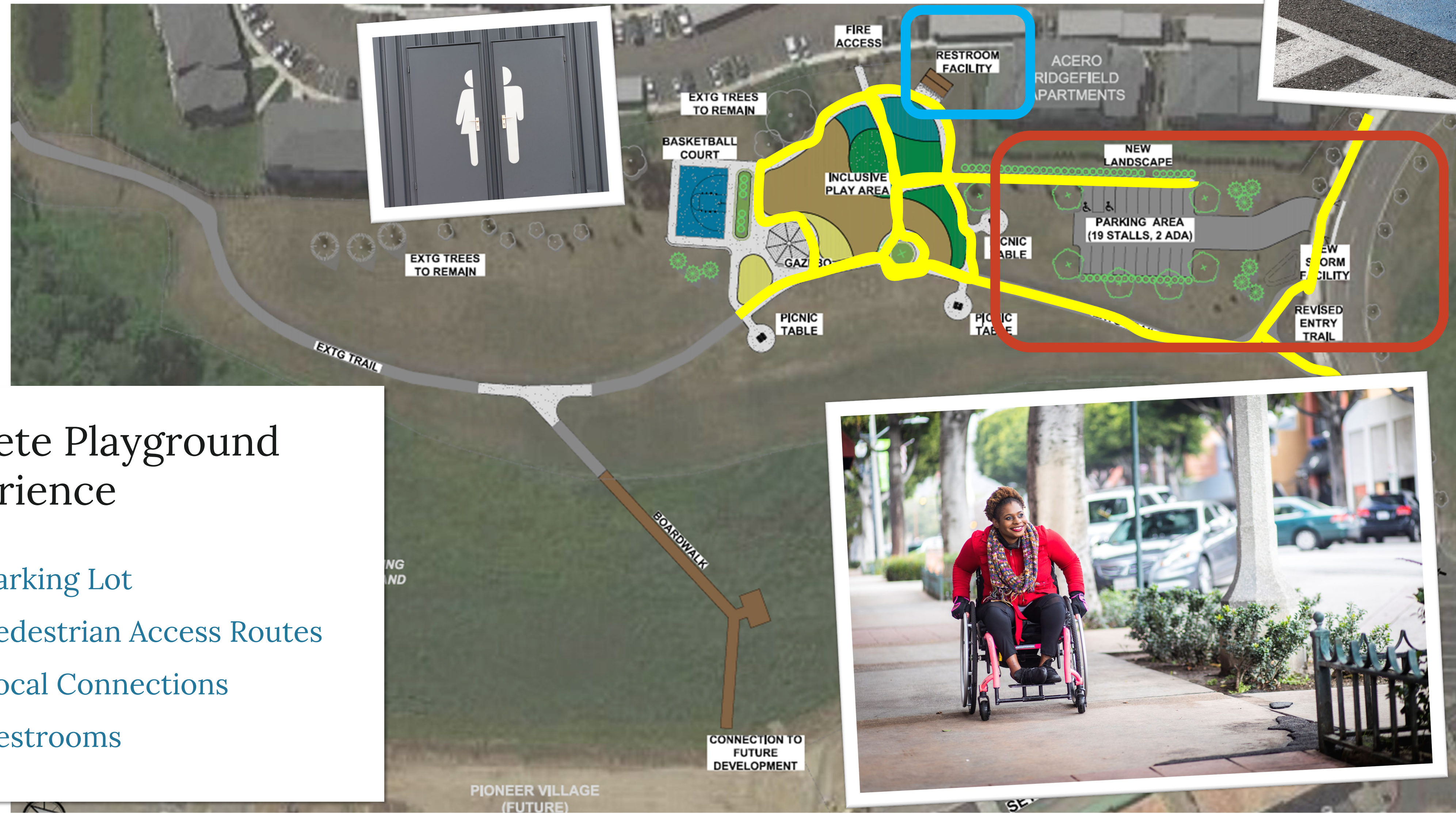


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Supporting Amenities – Pedestrian Access, Parking, and Restrooms



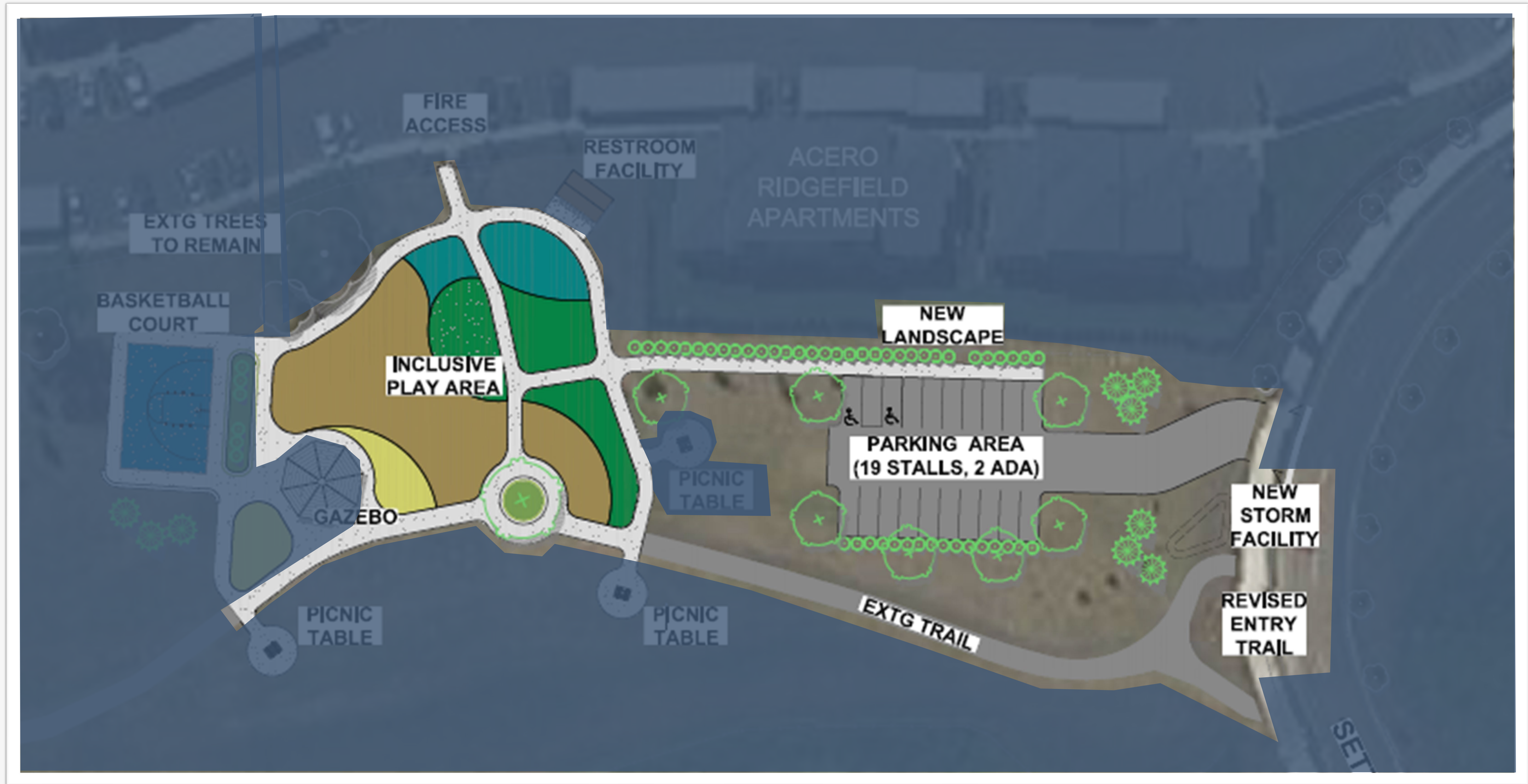
Complete Playground Experience

- Parking Lot
- Pedestrian Access Routes
- Local Connections
- Restrooms



5. Project Design-Fit

Horn's Corner Park Master Plan – RCO WWRP Proposal Site Plan



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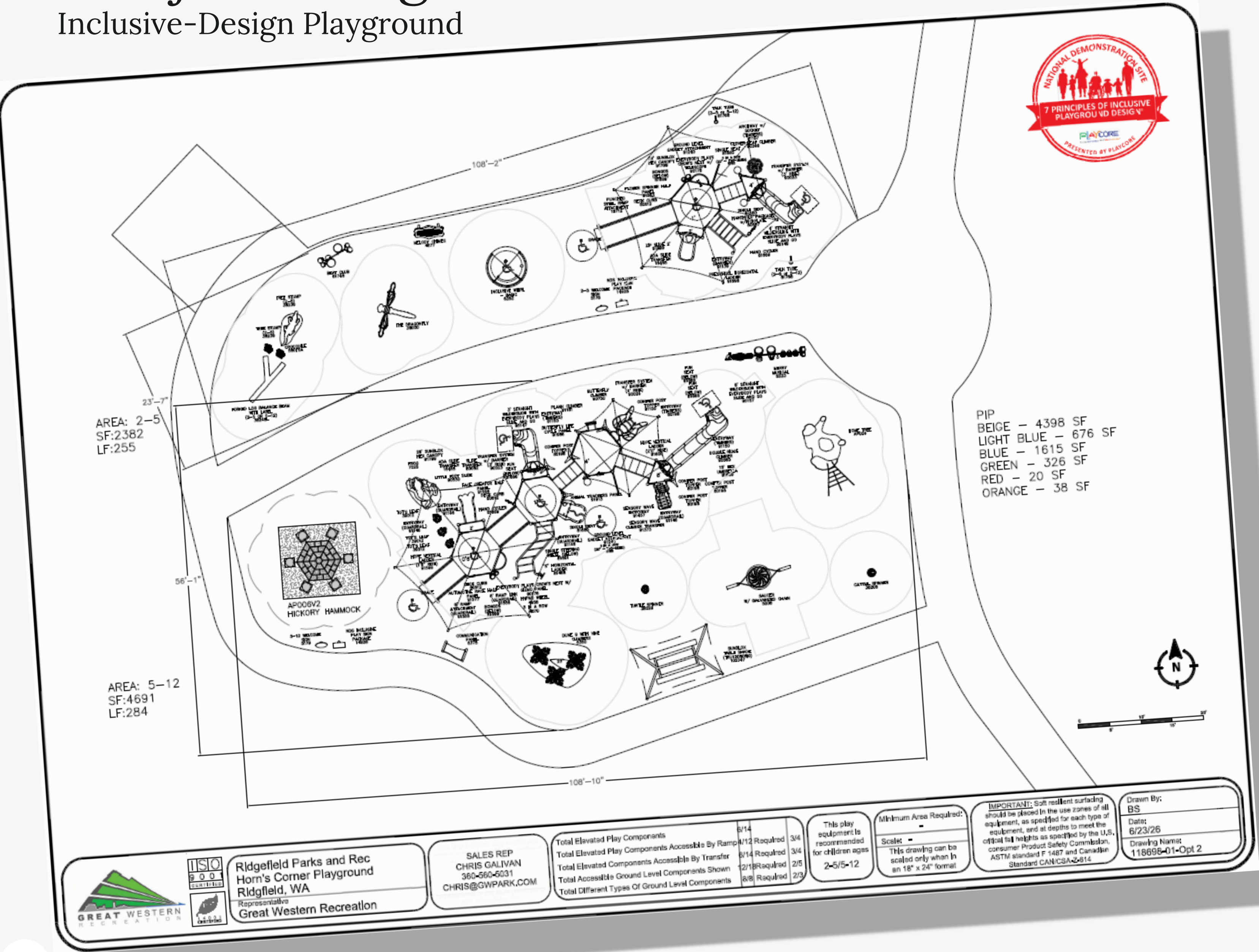
Inclusive-Design Playground

National Demonstration Site Certified

- The City partnered with PlayCore and local organizations to ensure the design reflects community needs and supports inclusive recreation.

A Destination for All

- Accessible pathways, diverse play experiences, and gathering spaces create a welcoming destination for families throughout Ridgefield and the region.

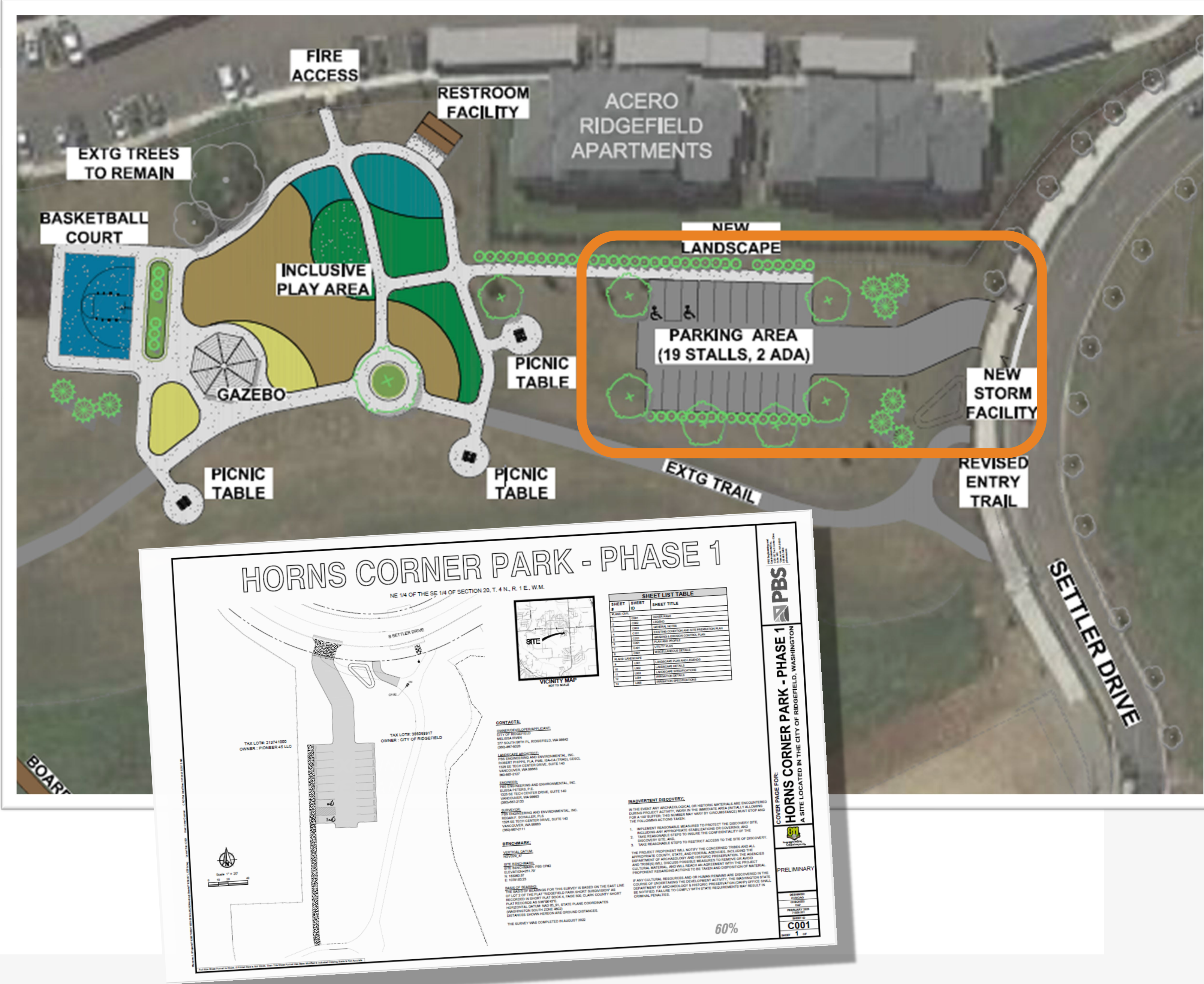


5. Project Design-Fit

Pedestrian Access, Parking, & Restroom

Plan Set In-Hand

- The City has parking plans ready to support the parks
- The City recognizes that parking is essential to provide safe, convenient access to the playground for families and visitors.



5. Project Design-Fit

Horn's Corner Park Master Plan – Future Phases to Support Park

Outdoor Sports Court



Permanent Restrooms



Wetlands Boardwalk



Outdoor Pavilion



6. Project Design-Budget

Project Budget Overview

Summary

- Total Est. AA&E - \$95,000
 - 9% (20.00% Max)
- RCO WWRP Request - \$500,000
 - 47% of overall project
- PlayCore Grant - \$200,000
 - 47% of overall project
- COR General Fund - \$375,000
 - 35% of overall project

Categroy	Work Type	
Cultural Resources		
	Cultural Resources	\$ 8,000
General Site Improvements		
	Develop circulation paths or access routes	\$ 48,000
	Install lighting (general security)	\$ 3,600
	Install signs/kiosks	\$ 3,400
	Install furnishings	\$ 9,000
	Landscaping improvements	\$ 25,000
Parking and Roads		
	Parking development	\$ 128,200
Permits		
	Obtain permits	\$ 10,000
Play Areas		
	Playground development	\$ 654,800
Site Preparation		
	General site preparation	\$ 90,000
Sub-Total		\$ 980,000
AA&E		\$ 95,000
Total Estimate For Worksite		\$ 1,075,000

7 & 8. Project Engagement

Methods and Community Influence

Engaged Board & Council

- Convened a combined special work session to gather direction and shape the public survey.

Expanded Public Awareness

- Shared project information, timelines, and participation opportunities through Ridgefield Roundtable.

Collected Communitywide Input

- Launched an online survey to capture needs, values, concerns, and recreation preferences.

Hosted In-Person Engagement

- Facilitated public open houses to present project concepts, answer questions, and gather direct feedback.

Conducted Targeted Outreach

- Met directly with key park users and interest groups through phone and video meetings to better understand specific needs.



9. Project Engagement

Partnerships

Community-Based Collaborations

- The City is coordinating with local partners that serve families, youth, recreation users, and the Ridgefield community.

Design Informed by Lived Experience

- Peace NW has provided input to help ensure the playground meets the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Stronger Long-Term Outcomes

- Partnerships strengthen project planning, build community support, and help ensure the playground is a meaningful, well used public amenity.



9. Project Engagement

Partnerships



PlayCore Partnership

- Collaboration with PlayCore provides access to nationally recognized expertise in inclusive playground design and evaluation.

Industry-Wide Impact

- As a National Demonstration Site, the playground will help inform future inclusive playground projects across the country.

Community Benefit

- Ridgefield families gain access to a thoughtfully designed playground that welcomes children of all abilities to play together.

10. Sustainability

Ecological Factors

Reduces Site Impacts

- Incorporates drainage and surface improvements to manage runoff, limit erosion, and support the transition from passive use to more active recreation.

Enhances the Natural Setting

- Uses native planting where possible to preserve the park's character, support habitat value, and soften the playground's integration into existing landscape.

Supports Long-Term Stewardship

- Aligns playground improvements with the park's Resource Management Plan to protect existing assets, plan for maintenance needs, and respond to future community growth.



10. Sustainability

Social Factors



Greater Social Connectivity in Ridgefield

Healthy Lifestyles

- Promotes healthy lifestyles through physical activity and social/cultural connections.

Inclusivity & Belonging

- Promotes inclusivity for individuals with disabilities and their families.

Access & Connection

- Improvements to access on trail promotes greater connectivity between neighbors and amenities critical to civic life.

10. Sustainability

Economic Factors

Driving Smart Growth

Local Development

- Adds a high-quality inclusive playground that strengthens the park as a regional destination for families and visitors.

Activity Opportunities

- Creates a welcoming space that can support community events, youth programs, and family-focused activities for all generations.

Economic Vitality

- Invests in modern, accessible amenities that improve quality of life, support community growth, and help attract residents, visitors, and businesses.



11. Cost Efficiencies

Stewardship of Funds



Stretching Public Dollars

Leveraging Multiple Funding Sources

- Combines local appropriations, grant support, donations, and in-kind contributions to reduce reliance on single funding source.

Maximizes Community Investment

- Uses volunteer support and partnership to stretch public dollars and increase the overall value of the project.

Economic Vitality

- Incorporates durable materials and design choices that minimize further construction, repair, and maintenance expenses.



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