

NORTH BEND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

January 28, 2026, 6:30pm
North Bend City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA

This meeting will be held in-person at City Hall.

A Teams meeting link may be set up, upon request, should a member of the public or Parks Commission wish to attend remotely. Contact Principal Planner Mike McCarty at planning@northbendwa.gov to request a Teams link to attend the meeting remotely.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, Opportunity for Public Comment
2. Minutes of November 20, 2025 Parks Commission Meeting
3. Update on Ballarat Plaza Planning (see attached conceptual plan)
 - a. Opposition from local merchants to prior full-street closure plaza proposal.
 - b. Alternative now being proposed by consultant Site Workshop for one-way Woonerf (curbless shared street/plaza).
 - c. Proposal incorporates parking on the east side (gas station), one-way drive area with curb-ramp entry to distinguish from typical road, added seating areas on west side, and raised crosswalk crossing to train depot. Plaza can then be closed for events.
 - d. Seeking feedback from Parks Commission to staff and consultant.
4. Scoping for updates to Comprehensive Plan Parks Element in 2026 (Mike McCarty)
 - a. See staff memo and Parks Element docket request list from Snoqualmie Tribe, including initial staff response.
 - b. Draft amendments to be presented to Parks Commission at March – May meetings.
5. Downtown Wayfinding Signage Partnership with Downtown Foundation (Caitlin Hepworth)
 - a. See attached memo for further information.
6. Progress on Field-work plan /divy up for Park/Trail Wayfinding Signage needs investigations by Parks Commissioners? (Mike McCarty, group)
 - a. Check-in only.
 - b. See attached email for further information.
 - c. More thorough review at March Parks Commission meeting.
7. Follow-up on Trash Can Spelling Correction Stickers (Tim Talevich)

Agenda sent to: Parks Commissioners, Mayor, City Administrator, City Clerk, CED Director, Principal Planner, Senior Planner, Public Works Parks Lead

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of Nov. 20, 2025

Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

The meeting was an in-person meeting at North Bend City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Brian Duncan, Matt Miller, Minna Rudd, Eyleen Eusebio and Tim Talevich. Absent: Eric Thompson and Kyle Braun.
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty

Minutes of the Sept. 24, 2025 Parks Commission Meeting

Commission Chair Rudd made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Duncan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Draft 2025 Annual Report of the Parks Commission Activities and Tentative 2026 Parks Commission Work Program

The Commission reviewed a list (provided in the agenda) of projects that were worked on in 2025. This list included input on city trails, the cycle mobility plan, shoreline access, a dog park, wayfinding signage and more. A full report of accomplishments will be presented to the City Council by Commission Chair Rudd at the council's Jan. 6 meeting (following the meeting, rescheduled to the January 20 meeting).

Regarding the 2026 Tentative Work Program, the Commission reviewed a list provided in the agenda, covering 12 areas. These included further work on the Bike North Bend Plan, Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan, a wayfaring signage plan, a potential partnership with King County for a dog park at Tanner Landing Park, trail improvements and more. The Commission will also hold its annual tour of park facilities and will staff public outreach tables at the annual North Bend Block Party and summer market. The Commission will also consider uses for the annual Small Parks Improvement funds.

A motion to approve the report of 2025 activities and 2026 work projects was made by Commissioner Talevich; seconded by Commissioner Miller; and unanimously approved.

Potential Dog Park at Tanner Landing

Mike McCarty reported that discussions have taken place between North Bend and King County regarding an off-leash dog park at King County Tanner Landing Park. An off-leash area has been high on the list of desired projects in public surveys. McCarty said King County was interested in a pop-up situation vs. a permanent dog area. A potential site in the park has been identified as best for this use. Questions remain about maintenance,

with possibly a volunteer group playing a role. McCarty indicated further discussion would take place with the county over this project.

Wayfinding Signage Plan

The Commission has been considering a plan for better, more consistent signage within the city for local trails and parks. Each Commission member will review a particular neighborhood and come up with recommendations. City staff could create an interactive GIS map for further review and comment. Attending commissioners chose their preferred areas to review on a map presented by McCarty. More work on this project will come in the spring, after instructions are clarified and the weather is better.

Miscellaneous Updates

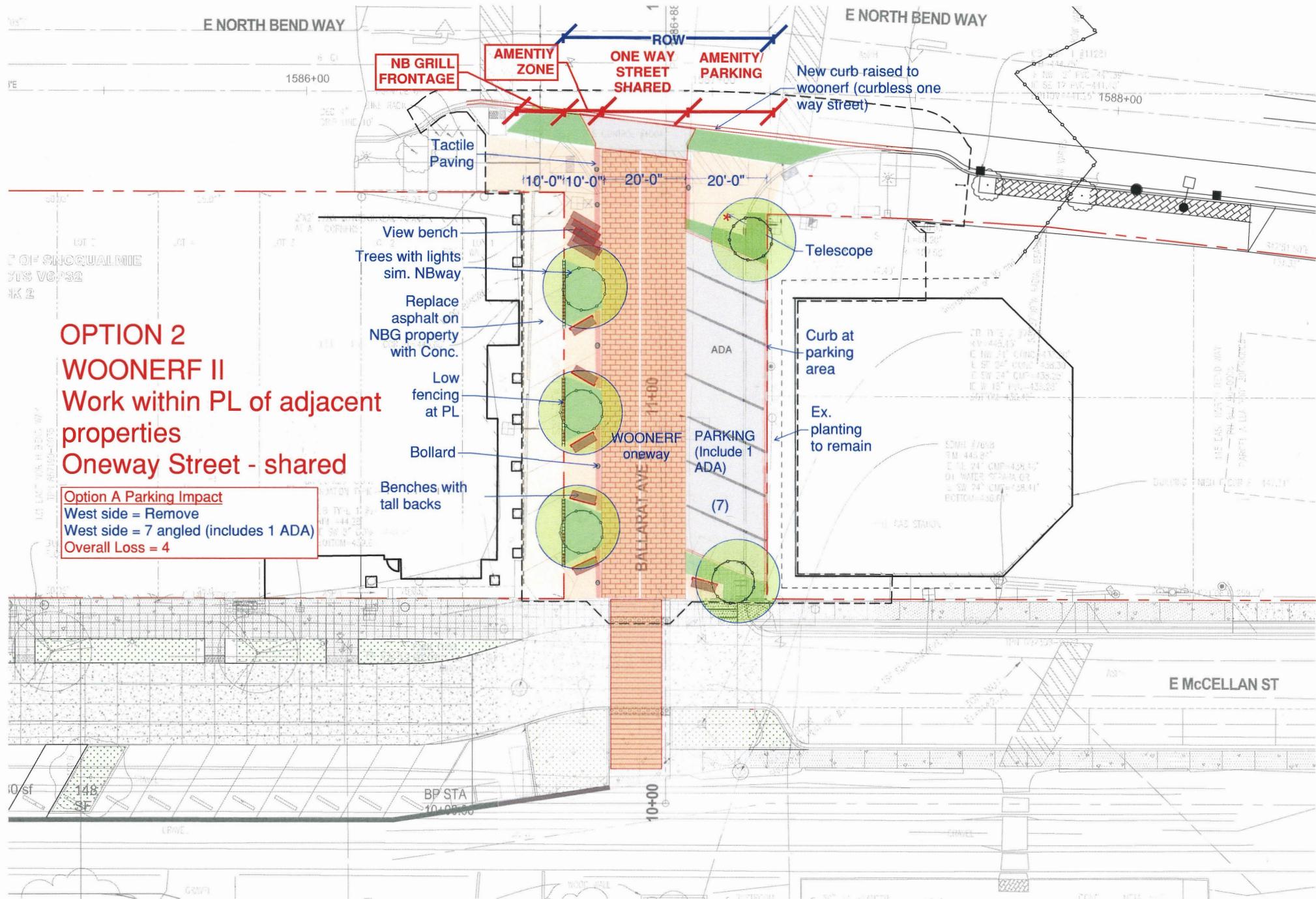
Commission members discussed updates on several topics, including:

- A plan to correct the spelling error on the new downtown garbage and recycling cans. Commissioner Talevich gave an update, showing a potential “patch” project to fix the problem. He is researching exact costs of the patches.
- The sand at the new outdoor volleyball area at Dahlgren Family Park may not be the correct type. Standard sand is lighter than what is in place there.
- A question was raised whether “sharrows” would be added on Orchard Street where the bike lanes were eliminated. McCarty said he would look into it.
- A volunteer appreciation event for city commissioners will take place Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the new downtown North Bend indoor golf center.
- The City Council will approve Parks Commission terms at its Dec. 2 meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich



MEMO

To: Parks Commission



Date: January 22, 2026

From: CED Planning Division

Prepared By: Mike McCarty, Planning Manager

Re: **Proposed 2026 Updates to the Parks Element**

Dear Parks Commission

This memo is to summarize proposed amendments to the Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan for review and recommendation in 2026 by the Parks Commission.

Amendments are proposed to address several items, as follows:

1. Dockets received from the Snoqualmie Tribe.

In October 2025 as a part of the annual docket process, the Snoqualmie Tribe submitted dockets on multiple elements of the North Bend Comprehensive Plan. Although there is insufficient staff time to open all of the Comprehensive Plan elements the Snoqualmie Tribe provided comments on, staff have recommended opening the Parks Element in 2026, and addressing selected comments the Snoqualmie Tribe has submitted on the Parks Element. A spreadsheet of the Tribe's comments on the Parks Element is attached, and includes a brief staff response to each. Please review the staff responses and at your meeting, provide any feedback regarding those responses, which will guide draft amendments to the Parks Element. For viewing the specific sections of the Parks Element referenced in the comments in this spreadsheet, here is a link to the [Parks Element](#).

2. Impact Fee Rate Study-Related Amendments

The City has contracted with financial consultant Bowman to prepare updated impact fee rate studies for transportation, park, and bicycle and pedestrian impact fees, to ensure that those rates implement and are consistent with the 2024 updates to the Comprehensive Plan and its respective capital facilities plans. Corresponding amendments to the Parks Element are necessary to:

- a. Remove existing project overlap between the Parks Capital Facilities Plan, Transportation Capital Facilities Plan (Transportation Element), and Bicycle and Pedestrian Mitigation Fee Report (which established the basis for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mitigation Fee implemented under NBMC 17.42) such that projects are more clearly attributable primarily to one impact fee rather than multiple.
- b. Within the Parks Element, develop a Trail Capital Facilities Plan separate from the Parks Capital Facilities Plan for projects principally funded by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mitigation Fee.
- c. Possibly develop a shared-use trail level of service standard (similar to the LOS Standards we have for other park facilities such as sports fields, park acreage, etc.)

- d. Remove completed projects from the Parks Capital Facilities Plan, so that the estimated cost of those projects is not included in attributable impact fee rates.

3. Urban tree canopy coverage evaluation.

RCW 36.70a.070 was amended in 2023 through House Bill 1181 to require that Comprehensive Plan Parks Elements include an evaluation of tree canopy coverage within the urban growth area. The City had a tree canopy inventory and assessment prepared in 2023 by Planit Geo, and summary information from this inventory needs to be added to the Parks Element consistent with this legislation.

4. Potential Updates based on completion of the Bike North Bend Plan.

The Bike North Bend Plan is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2026 with recommendations for both policies and capital improvements to the city's bike network. Corresponding policy amendments/additions, and revisions to the Parks/Trails Capital Facilities Plan and Trail and Bicycle Route Map (figure 8.2) in the Parks Element will then follow to implement these recommendations.

Review process ahead:

Staff will work to prepare amendments to the Parks Element based on the above, and will bring you draft updates for review and discussion at Parks Commission meetings through Spring 2026. Staff will request an initial recommendation from the Parks Commission sometime around April or May. With the draft initial recommendation from the Parks Commission, staff will then schedule a public hearing jointly with the Parks Commission and Planning Commission. Following any amendments based on public comment and Parks Commission and Planning Commission direction, we will then schedule a final joint Planning Commission and Parks Commission meeting for a recommendation of approval, likely in June.



Chapter	Section, Page	Snoqualmie Tribe Comments - 2024 Comp Plan Development	Current Comp Plan Text	Snoqualmie Tribe Comments - 2025 Comp Plan	North Bend Staff Response/Recommendation to Planning Commission
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element		<p>General Comment. On January 24th, 2022, the Snoqualmie Tribe held a Government-to-Government meeting with the City of North Bend, introducing the Upper Snoqualmie Resilient River Corridor Management Plan ("Resilient Corridor Plan" or "RCP"). In addition to Tribal and City elected leaders, various City planning staff attended this meeting, at which it was agreed that the City and Tribe would work together to achieve the vision put forth in the Resilient Corridor Plan—a vision of what could be. The Resilient Corridor Plan includes suggestions for where to start to take the steps needed to get to a more connected, more resilient river corridor over time, and was created in part to be incorporated into subsequent planning documents, which is something that other jurisdictions such as King County are already doing. While we are disappointed that the draft North Bend Comp Plan Parks Element fails to incorporate or even mention the RCP, we recognize that this is still a draft and therefore there is still time. The Middle Fork and South Fork Snoqualmie Rivers, their tributaries, and the floodplains of these streams overlap with City of North Bend's Parks, and we request that the City look again at how to incorporate the recommendations within the RCP to increase resiliency of the river, floodplains, and community that relies on these resources.</p>	<p>E. 4 Open Space Needs Assessment, Page 20.</p> <p>The City should work to acquire additional key open space properties, particularly along shorelines, for protection of wildlife habitat, flood reduction, and open space preservation, consistent with the Environment Element and Shoreline Element of the North Bend Comprehensive Plan, King County's Middle Fork and South Fork Capital Investment Strategies, and the principles of the Snoqualmie Tribe's Upper Snoqualmie Resilient River Corridor Management Plan.</p>	<p>Please add a policy to this section to reflect a commitment to acquire new and protect existing land to increase resiliency of the river, its floodplains, and community that relies on these resources.</p>	<p>Staff recommend addressing this comment as a part of a 2026 update to the Parks and Open Space Element. This may be added as a new policy under Goal 2.</p>
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	C. 2 City of North Bend Areas and Facilities, Page 6	<p>Meadowbrook Farm Park. The Tribe is concerned that this area has been promoted for tourism but has neglected to adequately consider the ongoing human-wildlife conflicts with. This is a real issue that needs to be addressed through standard sequencing of avoidance, potentially followed by minimization, with mitigation for unavoidable impacts as a last resort. Additionally, there is no mention of the Tribe and its connection to this land, which is currently a park. The</p>	<p>Meadowbrook Farm is a part of the original Snoqualmie Prairie, referred to as baqwab wab in Lushootseed, which was maintained for thousands of years by the Snoqualmie people, and remains of high cultural importance to the Snoqualmie Tribe today. In the late 1800's, it was a thriving hop ranch and was later used for vegetable crops and dairy farming through the 1960's. Meadowbrook Farm is</p>	<p>We recognize that the previous comment was partially addressed, however baq^wab is misspelled and there is still no discussion of mitigation sequencing with regards to tourism and human-wildlife conflicts.</p> <p>Please also add a discussion of the Tribe's restoration efforts within Meadowbrook to restore both</p>	<p>City will correct all spelling errors.</p> <p>Staff recommend adding a statement regarding habitat enhancement and prairie restoration efforts conducted at Meadowbrook Farm by the Snoqualmie Tribe, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, and other partners.</p> <p>Staff recommend adding a statement regarding the need to update the Meadowbrook Farm Master Plan in association with partner organizations including but not limited to the City of Snoqualmie, Snoqualmie Tribe, King County, and Si View Metropolitan Park District.</p>



		<p>Tribe has been actively involved in restoration activities in the broader Meadowbrook area and has used funding to enhance native vegetation and improve riparian conditions on Kimball Creek. The Tribe has also secured funding to begin a native prairie restoration pilot project at multiple sites in the area, including Meadowbrook Farm.</p>	<p>owned by the Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie, and is managed by the Si View Metropolitan Park District.</p> <p>...</p> <p>The 460-acre property offers passive recreational opportunities, including nature appreciation, trails, environmental interpretation and native habitat protection. The fields on the property are also used for recreational and community events that require large spaces. A 2,400 square foot Interpretive Center building is located on the property, providing meeting space for public and private events, classes and the like. Meadowbrook Farm is part of a wildlife corridor in the Upper Snoqualmie Valley connecting numerous protected lands surrounding the City, and supports a diversity of habitats. Elk herds use many of the habitats on the site and are routinely seen grazing on Meadowbrook Farm. They are a popular attraction with local residents and visitors to the area. Wildlife habitats and habitat values on Meadowbrook Farm are further described in the Meadowbrook Farm Master Plan.</p>	<p>Kimball Creek and the prairie ecosystem that has been lost due to post-settlement land uses.</p> <p>The Tribe seeks to update the Meadowbrook Farm Master Plan, which was adopted by the Cities in 1999 and updated without the Tribe in 2013. We would like the City of North Bend to work with the Tribe to facilitate this. The Tribe has also provided consistent comments that Meadowbrook should be restored as a natural space, rather than developed as an event space and tourism destination. This should be reflected in this description in the Comp Plan and long-term planning for the area.</p>	
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	C. 2 City of North Bend Areas and Facilities, Page 8	<p>Tollgate Farm Park. This site holds cultural significance to the Tribe, as it is part of the larger village complex (baqʷab), and several cultural resources have been found here. The Tribe has worked with the Si View Metropolitan Parks District on numerous occasions. At least 3-4 cultural investigations took place at this location, and at least 5 cultural resource reports were generated because of these discussions.</p>	<p>Tollgate Farm is adjacent to Meadowbrook Farm and preserves important agriculture, wildlife, open space, archeological and historic resources. Like Meadowbrook Farm, this site holds cultural significance to the Snoqualmie Tribe. It was a part of the larger village complex associated with the original Snoqualmie Prairie (baq wab).</p>	<p>Please check the spelling of the, Snoqualmie Tribe, which is spelled baqʷab in this section and throughout this element.</p> <p>This Tribe's revegetation efforts should also be discussed alongside the Mountains to Sound Greenway.</p>	<p>City will correct all spelling errors.</p> <p>As a part of 2026 Parks Element amendments, staff recommend adding language to this section noting restoration efforts by the city, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, and Snoqualmie Tribe.</p>
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	C. 6 King County Areas and Facilities, Page 10	<p>Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area. The increase in access to this area has created conflicts with wildlife and has caused additional degradation issues. The Tribe believes addressing this is important.</p>	<p>This is a 645-acre area owned by King County, located about 5 miles east of North Bend within the Middle Fork Valley. As a natural area, the site is managed to protect natural systems, maintain and enhance wildlife habitat and</p>	<p>Suggest amending to add statement to the end of the description: <i>“However, more focus is needed to understand and mitigate the environmental and cultural impacts of increased tourism. In particular, the impacts of increased degradation”</i></p>	<p>Staff do not recommend addressing this amendment, as the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area is described here just in the context of a basic inventory of surrounding park and open space resources managed by other agencies. It is not within North Bend's jurisdiction or planning authority.</p> <p>Suggestions concerning planning and management of this area should be directed to King County.</p>



			corridors, preserve scenic areas, and provide for low-impact public recreation. King County and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust are developing significant public access improvements within this area, including trailheads, day-use sites and river access points.	<i>and conflicts with wildlife need further study and management."</i>	
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	C. 6 King County Areas and Facilities, Page 11	Three Forks Natural Area. There is no mention about the cultural significance this area and the wildlife holds for the Tribe. This is part of the larger village complex (baqʷab) and served as a gathering area for hop pickers and harvesters – many of whom were Snoqualmie people. Oftentimes, this was the only area in which the Snoqualmie people could visit with their relatives.	Three Forks Natural Area was a part of the original larger village complex associated with the Snoqualmie Prairie (baqwab) and holds cultural significance to the Snoqualmie Tribe. It served as a gathering area for hop pickers and harvesters, many of whom were Snoqualmie people, and oftentimes, this was the only area in which the Snoqualmie people could visit with their relatives. Parking for river access is provided at the intersection of Reinig Road and 428th Ave. SE.	Please correct the spelling of baqwab to baqʷab. Parking at Three Forks is an ongoing issue for adjacent landowners, the flow of traffic, and the Tribe, as there currently is not sufficient space for the level of use, which results in cars parked on both sides of the road. Please amend this to include a discussion of ongoing parking issues and needs.	City will correct all spelling errors. Staff do not recommend addressing the suggested amendment concerning parking, as the Three Forks Natural Area is described here just in the context of a basic inventory of surrounding park and open space resources managed by other agencies. It is not within North Bend's jurisdiction or planning authority. Suggestions concerning planning and management of this area should be directed to King County.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	C. 10 Other Regional Areas and Facilities, Page 13	Campbell Global Timber Lands. The amount of acreage should be reduced by 12,000 to reflect the Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Forest.	Campbell Global owns approximately 86,000 acres of working forestland along the western edge of the Cascade Range just north of the Three Forks Natural Area. This land was previously known as the Weyerhaeuser Snoqualmie Tree Farm. It includes two major rivers (North Fork Snoqualmie and Tolt), numerous smaller rivers and streams, more than 500 acres of lakes and ponds, more than 6,000 acres of riparian areas, and 4,000 acres of wetlands. Recreation access is allowed via permit from Campbell Global. https://sqrecreation.com/	Please check the total acreage and update to reflect recent land sales.	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	E.2 Trails System Needs Assessment, Page 18	It would be beneficial to prioritize the marking of these existing additional trail opportunities to before any new trails are proposed or designed.	In addition to City construction projects, significant additional trail opportunities can be met by developing and/or signing existing trails found along the public roads, on dikes, and on publicly owned, abandoned railroad rights-of-way. Please refer to the Trail Plan Map, Figure 8-2.	Please amend this to explicitly state that prior to constructing new trails, the City should prioritize maintaining and utilizing existing trails. Additionally, if trails are unused or non-functioning, the City should consider closing them and restoring the land.	Staff do not recommend addressing this comment. Trails should be developed consistent with public demand, and as needed to address missing links in the overall network. Maintenance of the City's trail network is required for any and all trails developed and operated by the city. Many other policies throughout this Element address ensuring that trail and park improvements consider wildlife habitat and other critical area needs. Policy 3.7 addresses unsanctioned or illegally constructed trails.



Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	E.2 Trails System Needs Assessment, Page 19	Please consider adding "and responsibly" at the end of the last sentence.	The City should actively pursue bridging "missing links" of the trail system wherever possible and appropriate	Please amend to state: "The City should actively pursue bridging "missing links" of the trail system wherever possible, and appropriate, and responsible "	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	Goal 1, Page 26	We recommend placing an emphasis on stewarding the land as appropriate for balanced resource considerations, not just on providing access and use.	Goal 1. Preserve and enhance the visual and physical accessibility of significant natural resources having scenic and public recreational value, while also preserving and enhancing critical habitat for fish and wildlife. 1.4 Ensure the historic, ecological, social, agricultural and recreational values of Tollgate Farm and Meadowbrook Farm are appropriately protected and enhanced through the implementation of the plans developed for those Parks.	Additional language is still needed in this goal and policy to address tribal values and stewardship.	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	Goal 3, Page 28		3.6 Establish a pedestrian and bicycle network connected to a greenway system which links commercial areas, neighborhoods, parks and public lands and facilities, and regional trails.	Suggest editing this goal to state: "Establish a pedestrian and bicycle network connected to a greenway system which links commercial areas, neighborhoods, parks and public lands and facilities, and regional trails, <i>while avoiding and reducing negative impacts on critical habitat and corridors for fish and wildlife.</i> "	Staff do not recommend addressing this comment in the context of keeping policies simple. Any future bicycle and pedestrian facilities will need to comply with critical area requirements, and this language addition just makes the policy wordier.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	Goal 3, Page 28	3.6. We are requesting that a goal be added to engage in meaningful consultation with tribes on the acquisition, restoration priorities, and development of signage.	a. Prioritize funding to implement the Trail Plan Map shown in Exhibit 3. As funding and opportunities permit, protect critical trail linkages and design, construct and/or enhance trail segments identified in the Trails Plan. b. Develop links between off-road and on-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities to provide an interconnecting system of trails. c. Design portions of the trail system to accommodate a variety of non-motorized users, including pedestrians, road and mountain bicycles, equestrians, rollerblades, wheelchair users, strollers and others, recognizing that not all trails will accommodate all users.	Please add the policy: "Engage in meaningful consultation with tribes on land acquisition, restoration priorities, and development of signage for open spaces and parks."	Staff don't recommend adding this policy under Goal 3. Tribal consultation with regard to park and open space planning is separately addressed specifically by Goal 5 and Goal 6 and their underlying policies.



			<p>d. Create and implement development regulations that require that all new development provide connections, or payments in lieu, to the City's bicycle/walkway trails system.</p> <p>e. Create and implement development regulations that require that new residential developments provide for construction of new trails as identified on the Trail Plan Map as a part of the development's recreational and common space requirements.</p> <p>f. Pursue obtaining trail easements from owners of existing developed lots located within trail corridors identified on the Trail Plan Map for construction of missing trail linkages.</p> <p>g. Promote separated walkways and bikeways within new residential developments that can be linked to existing or proposed trails or walkways.</p>		
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	Goal 6, Page 30	Goal 6. In order to enhance and inform others about the historic and cultural heritage of the North Bend area please consider adding language to the signs that include (rather than erase) the Tribe. This signage should always be designed in consultation with the Tribe, and with the Tribe's consent. Also, trees that are culturally modified should be protected.	6.2 Work with the Snoqualmie Tribe to preserve and promote interpretation of significant cultural and historic sites and acknowledge the importance of Tribal history as an important part of the Snoqualmie Valley's history. Consult with the Tribe on any interpretive signage or messaging relating to Tribal history or culture.	Please also add language about protecting critical cultural resources (CCRs), which include culturally modified trees.	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element. This may be addressed as a new policy under Goal 6.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	Goal 6, Page 30		6.1 a. Develop an interpretive kiosk or signs for key sites, including South Fork area, old Tanner Mill site, Tollgate Farm, Meadowbrook Farm, and other points of scenic and historic interest in order to enhance visitor experience and promote the City's built and natural history.	Modify to state: <i>"Develop an interpretive kiosk or signs for key sites, in consultation with the Snoqualmie Tribe, including South Fork area, old Tanner Mill site, Tollgate Farm, Meadowbrook Farm, and other points of scenic, cultural, and historic interest in order to enhance visitor experience and promote the City's built and natural history and to teach about responsible recreation and environmental stewardship."</i>	Staff don't recommend addressing this comment, for the sake of policy simplicity. Tribal consultation for interpretative signage is addressed in 6.2, and the suggested policy as amended is too long and wordy.



Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	Goal 6, Page 30		6.3 Promote a mutually supportive relationship between historic and cultural preservation and economic development as appropriate.	Recommend rewording to state "Promote a mutually supportive relationship between historic and cultural preservation and economic development as appropriate that considers and minimizes impacts on marginalized populations and cultural resources."	Staff don't recommend addressing this comment, for the sake of policy simplicity. Policies for equity considerations for all land use decisions are provided in the Equity section (section M) of the Sustainability Element. Cultural resource protection concerning park and recreation planning is separately addressed under Goal 6 and its underlying policies.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	Goal 6, Page 30		6.4 Incorporate the preservation of sites and structures of historic, cultural, and archeological significance as a part of the aesthetic and environmental consideration in site design and subdivision plan reviews.	Please make a stronger commitment to preservation: "Incorporate the preservation of Preserve sites of and structures of historic, cultural, and archeological significance as a part of the aesthetic and environmental consideration in site design and subdivision plan reviews."	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	Goal 7, Page 30	Goal 7.1. Please include Tribes in this discussion. Also, please specify native plants here. Open corridors can lead to the movement and spread of invasive plants.	7.1 Protect and enhance important wildlife corridors within North Bend and its Urban Growth Area, in coordination with the state, county and Snoqualmie Tribe, to create a network of wildlife corridors which link habitat areas together to encourage the natural movement of plant and animal species. Focus habitat protection efforts on areas that: include a diversity of habitat types, enhance the value of existing protected areas, or have been identified by the City and King County as critical areas. a. Encourage protection of habitat corridors along the South and Middle Forks of the Snoqualmie River and adjacent streams to facilitate the movement of wildlife and maintain suitable fish and wildlife habitat. b. Encourage private and public organizations to help complete the wildlife corridor between the Protected Areas shown on Exhibit 8-3. c. Plan and implement habitat enhancement projects with native trees and shrubs within fish and wildlife habitat areas.	This comment was partially addressed, please amend this goal to state: "7.1 Protect and enhance important wildlife corridors within North Bend and its Urban Growth Area, in coordination with the state, county and Snoqualmie Tribe, to create a network of wildlife corridors which link habitat areas together to encourage the natural movement of native plant and animal species"	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element.



Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	Goal 7, Page 30	Goal 7.2. We strongly encourage providing onsite mitigation language here.	7.2 Encourage community involvement and education in the creation, enhancement, management, interpretation and enjoyment of wildlife habitat areas.	Please modify to include protection: "Encourage community involvement and education in the creation, <i>protection</i> , enhancement, management, interpretation and enjoyment of wildlife habitat areas."	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element. However, policy is getting pretty long and wordy. Consider how to simplify with amendments, maybe breaking idea into multiple policies.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	H.2 Project Descriptions, Page 23	Meadowbrook Farm baqwab Prairie Loop Trail. The Tribe withholds comments on this at this time on any projects proposed or included in the Master Site Plan because the Tribe was not involved in the development of the plan. The Tribe requests this be updated once it is in the Intergovernmental Land Transfer Agreement and the Master Site Plan is updated. It is also important to use the correct spelling of baqwab in the Plan. The word "Baqwab" is incorrect.	Meadowbrook Farm (Baqwab) Praire Loop Trail: An 8-foot wide paved pedestrian trail (with crushed stone and boardwalks within critical areas) will complete a loop with the existing Boalch Trail, connecting from the Interpretive Center north along SR-202 and through the Camas Meadow to Centennial Fields Park, with a spur trail connecting to Snoqualmie Middle School. The project would be a joint project with the City of Snoqualmie, and would include habitat enhancement and interpretive and wildlife safety signage. Estimate \$1,200,000.	Please see previous comment regarding Meadowbrook and address here as well.	Not sure what this comment is requesting. Spelling corrections will be addressed.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	H.2 Project Descriptions, Page 23	Meadowbrook Farm Elk Viewing Area and Swing Rock (iyi?du?ad) Interpretive Site. The Tribe is concerned about trash accumulation in these two areas when people park their cars. We recommend adding a trash receptacle to both locations to help mitigate this.	Meadowbrook Farm Elk Viewing Area and Swing Rock Interpretive Site: The site of the original Meadowbrook Barn, adjacent to the Swing Rock west of SR-202 and just south of the city limit line between North Bend and Snoqualmie, is anticipated as an area for elk viewing and interpretation of the Swing Rock, a location of great significance in the origin story of the Snoqualmie Tribe, and interpretation of the history of the Meadowbrook Dairy Farm. The project is anticipated as a joint project of the Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie, the Snoqualmie Tribe, and the Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association. Improvements anticipated include a small parking area, elk viewing platform (likely atop the old silo foundation), a trailhead crossing under SR-202 through a reconstructed cattle underpass, interpretive signage, and native landscape improvements. Additional facility planning and a	Please include the Lushootseed name of Swing Rock, iyi?du?ad. This section also needs to discuss the need for a trash management plan to better manage the impact of tourism and recreation.	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element.



			site plan are needed with cost estimates before this facility can formally be placed in the 6-year capital facilities plan.		
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	H.2 Project Descriptions, Page 24	South Fork Snoqualmie River Pedestrian Bridge Left Bank Levee Trail, & Pedestrian Bridge at Bendigo Boulevard N. Additional bridges over large rivers should be avoided, and are likely to be difficult to permit. Please review this component for consistency with the Resilient Corridor Plan and need for climate resiliency. Additionally, this section should be corrected throughout to "levee" (not "levy") for consistency.	Design work will occur in 2023, funded by a King County Rivers Grant, to set back the left bank between Bendigo Boulevard S. and W. North Bend Way. The design will incorporate a 12-foot wide multi-use asphalt pedestrian trail atop the levy. The design should include pedestrian access off the levy down to the river. Estimate of \$2,000,000 for trail portion (not including levy setback) and river access improvements.	"levy" is still misspelled.	The city will correct all spelling errors.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	H.2 Project Descriptions, Page 23	Spray Park Feature. The City should verify that a summertime spray park of this nature, which would likely occur when Snoqualmie River flows are at seasonal lows, is in keeping with City's environmental values, water conservation ordinance, and budget. The City already pays for water mitigation for withdrawals at various times of the year, a situation brought on in large part due to excessive diversions and aquifer withdrawals for out-of-stream uses.	A spray park feature should be installed at a park for summer water play. The feature could be a simple conventional spray park, or an accessible water fountain where people can get wet. The specific park has yet to be determined, but could be located at the Si View Community Park, Dahlgren Family Park, William H. Taylor Park, or Si View Community Park Eastern Expansion. The cost could be shared with the Si View Metropolitan Park District if included in the aquatics center bond. Estimate \$1,600,000.	Please describe what water conservation measures will be in place for this park to not negatively impact in-stream flows.	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element. Staff recommend adding a notation to this sentence calling for incorporation of appropriate water conservation measures with such a facility. Any potential amendment should be simple high-level language. Facility planning will occur at a later date, and the Comprehensive Plan does not need to describe specific operational measures for such features.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	B.3. Wildlife Habitat, Page 5		Early settlers described much of the floodplain as "prairie." This large open area was maintained by Native Americans in order to perpetuate certain edible plant species such as camas and berries. Fire was used to remove invading shrubs and trees. Today, what remains of the former prairies are largely farm fields, bisected by roads and highways. These transportation corridors are significant barriers for wildlife movement."	This should be reworded to remove the reference to "early settlers" as this information came from the Snoqualmie Tribe. Please specifically mention the Snoqualmie Tribe and add that the floodplains of the Snoqualmie are highly significant to the Tribe and amend to state: <i>"Early settlers-Native Americans, including the Snoqualmie Tribe, who has lived and tended to the valley since time immemorial, described much of the floodplain as "prairie." The Snoqualmie River floodplain was and continues to be highly significant to the tribe, and to the function of the Snoqualmie River. This large open</i>	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element.



				area was maintained by Native Americans in order to perpetuate certain edible plant species such as camas and berries. Fire was used to remove invading shrubs and trees. Today, what remains of the former prairies are largely farm fields, bisected by roads and highways. These transportation corridors are significant barriers for wildlife movement."	
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	C.10 Other Regional Areas and Facilities, Snoqualmie Falls, Page 13		Snoqualmie Falls: Snoqualmie Falls is reported to be the second largest tourist destination in the state (Snoqualmie Valley Visitor's Guide, 2000) drawing 1.2 million visitors a year. Snoqualmie Falls itself has a 268foot drop, which is 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls. There is a trail to the base of the Falls that is open to the public.	The Snoqualmie Tribe needs to be discussed in this section as the Snoqualmie Falls is a sacred site. This section should also mention that the property around the falls was re-acquired by the Snoqualmie Tribe. Please see the Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Land Movement materials for reference: https://snoqualmietribe.us/history-shared-sacred-snoqualmie-falls/	Staff recommend addressing this comment in a 2026 update to the Parks Element.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	Goal 4, Page 29		Goal 4: Develop quality recreational opportunities that meet the needs of a diverse population.	Should reword to state: "Develop quality <i>sustainable and responsible</i> recreational opportunities that meet the needs of a diverse population, <i>while protecting natural and cultural resources</i> "	Staff do not recommend addressing this comment. The language of a goal in particular should be direct, high-level, and simple. Protecting cultural resources is addressed under Goal 6 and its underlying policies. Protecting wildlife habitat areas is addressed under Goal 7 and its underlying policies.
Chapter 7: Parks and Open Space Element	General			Ensure consistent spelling of baq ^w ab and other Lushootseed words throughout section.	The city will correct all spelling errors.

MEMO

To: Parks Commission



Date: 1/22/2026

From: Planning Division

Prepared By: Caitlin Hepworth, Associate Planner

Re: Wayfinding Signage and Partnership with Downtown Foundation

Dear Parks Commission

The City of North Bend is partnering with the Downtown Foundation to develop wayfinding signage in the Downtown Commercial (DC) zone to strengthen navigation, visibility, and economic vitality. Wayfinding signage is intended to serve both current residents as well as visitors to ensure access to businesses, attractions, community experiences, and public events. The project will include both printed and digital signage. This memo describes the deliverables and timeline for the proposed wayfinding signage.

Wayfinding Signage Scope of Work

Printed Signage Scope

Printed signs will include a permanent kiosk with a printed map documenting place of interest, including but not limited to shops, restaurants, recreation areas, and cultural landmarks. The kiosk will be placed in a visible, centralized location which has not yet been determined. A-frame signs, or sandwich board signs, are also proposed to be developed and will be placed in high-traffic destinations during special events to draw additional visitors.

Digital Signage Scope

Digital wayfinding maps will additionally be developed that will provide for live updates on local events and new small businesses. Digital maps will be available through QR codes that are posted throughout town, including on the permanent kiosk. The digital map will be continuously monitored for relevant updates.

Anticipated Timeline

January 2026

- Sign Contract / Project Kickoff
- Begin media design for maps
- Coordinate with sign vendor to develop A-frame and kiosk signage
- Proxi software subscription and setup

February 2026

- Finalize designs for A-frame inserts and kiosk signs
- Business outreach and education

- Order signage

March 2026

- Production and installation of A-frame and kiosk signs
- Marketing and promotion campaign with Snoqualmie Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Coordination with King County for placement at trailheads

April 2026

- Kiosk sign installed and A-frame signs in use; ready for spring and summer visitors and community events.

Project Status

The City is currently in the contract review process with the Downtown Foundation. It is anticipated that the City will approve the contact no later than January 31, 2026.

Next Steps by Staff

The following are the anticipated next steps on the project:

- Coordinate contract approval with Mayor Miller and the City Administrator
- Update City of North Bend branding to incorporate into signage.
- Kickoff project with Proxi for software subscription to operate and maintain the digital map
- Develop a cohesive design for A-frame and kiosk signage
- Business outreach to confirm business listings, hours of operation, and bringing awareness to the overall project.

From: [Mike McCarty](#)
To: [Parks Commission](#)
Cc: [Caitlin Hepworth](#); [Eileen Eusebio](#); [James Henderson](#)
Subject: Wayfinding Signage Field Assignment
Date: Monday, November 24, 2025 9:59:00 AM
Attachments: [4402_001.pdf](#)
[CP2024_BikePedTrails_Fig7_2.pdf](#)

Parks Commission,

Thank you for a good meeting Thursday. This email is to follow up on our discussion on divvying up areas of the city for field work for determining pedestrian and bicycle wayfinding signage needs. The intent of this work is to develop a framework of recommendations that can then go into a wayfinding signage plan, which we could present to the City Council in the future for considering funding.

Your Districts (see attached map that generally shows these areas):

1. Eyleen – Northwest North Bend. (white/uncolored).
 - a. Everything west of the South Fork Snoqualmie River and north of the Outlet mall.
 - b. Includes Snoqualmie Valley Trail, Meadowbrook Farm, Tollgate Farm, and the South Fork levy trails north of Bendigo Boulevard S.
2. Eric – Silver Creek Area (green).
3. Kyle – Core North Bend (orange).
 - a. Everything east of the South Fork Snoqualmie River south of and including the Snoqualmie Valley Trail to the Mt. Si Road.
 - b. Includes downtown, Old Si View neighborhood, Si View Park, Torguson Park and North Bend Way to the Mt. Si Road.
4. Tim – Si View/Maloney Grove Area south of and including Cedar Falls Way (purple).
 - a. Extends from Cedar Falls Way south to the South Fork Snoqualmie River.
 - b. Includes New Si View neighborhood Cedar Falls Neighborhood, Sunrise View neighborhood, and Maloney Grove Ave. SE, and the South Fork levy.
5. Minna – Bendigo and Exit 31 area (yellow).
 - a. Everything southwest of the South Fork Snoqualmie River along the Bendigo Boulevard corridor including the outlet mall and south.
6. Brian – South/central North Bend (pink).
 - a. Extends from an artificial north/south line at the cemetery on E North Bend Way and the west end of the Opstad Elementary east to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail crossing of SE North Bend Way, between the Middle Fork and South Fork Snoqualmie Rivers.
 - b. Includes E. North Bend Way east of the cemetery, Stilson Avenue SE, 436th Ave SE, the Mt. Si Road (within City limits), and South Fork Landing Park south of exit 32.
7. Matt – East North Bend (blue).

- a. Everything east of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail crossing of SE North Bend Way.

Your Assignment (should you wish to rise to the challenge!):

1. Conduct the inventory in your districts, but feel free to overlap into other districts. There's nothing territorial here – were all working to get good information!
2. Go out preferably on a bike or on foot to get the full user experience, and gather the following information:
 - a. Note the location of any existing wayfinding signs. Key information includes:
 - i. What is it?
 - ii. where is it?
 - iii. What does it look like (a photo could be useful).
 - b. Note where wayfinding signs are not present but could be useful. Those could include:
 - i. Trail junctions.
 - ii. Key intersections that you would take to get to a major bike/pedestrian destination (including downtown, major trailheads, parks, public restrooms, shoreline access points, etc.)
 - iii. Note what a proposed sign should point to.
 - iv. (As a note, signs would need to be placed where they don't obstruct a sidewalk or the visibility of other signs or key road features, so there needs to be reasonable room to place the sign).
3. Once we have an interactive map set up, I will send you a link to that, and you can make your notations on the map.

Timeframe:

Work on this at your convenience throughout the winter and early spring. Lets plan to come back to discuss our results at our March 25 Parks Commission meeting.

Sincerely,
Mike

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Comprehensive Plan 2024 Trail and Bicycle Route Map Figure 7.2

