

AGENDA
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION
Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92140715051>

Call-in: (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 9921 4071 5051

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 4, 2025

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Pickleball Etiquette Discussion

b. Crescent Creek Master Plan

c. Property Management Plan - tx^waalqəł Conservation Area Ph. 4

d. National Fitness Campaign – Video & Discussion

V. PARKS DIVISION UPDATE – Parks Manager Jennifer Haro

VI. COMMISSIONER REPORTS & COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURN

Next Regular Meeting: Wed., September 3, 5:30pm

MINUTES
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, June 4, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
Civic Center Community Rooms

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Vice Chair Hanley Bonyngé called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Commissioners Kim Anderson, Guy Magnus, Stace Gordon and Andrew Peabody were present. Chair Louise Tieman and Commissioner Larry Johns were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 7th meeting were unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Park Volunteer Program

Commissioners discussed program options, including potentially using COGH staff to supervise and the benefit of changeable vs permanent “adopted by” signs.

B. Donation program Discussion

Updates were discussed regarding the donation program for the city, including potentially adding costs for future maintenance, as well as pushing other options than benches.

C. Parks Code

The idea of creating a separate Special Event Permit for non-park related events in the parks Code was discussed, as well as issues with walk-up music, Park use permit potential, and trail usage.

PARKS DIVISION UPDATES:

Parks Manager Jennifer Haro updated the commission about the progress of the new Doris Heritage Park/phase 1A of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex, as well as the Crescent Creek park masterplan, and general pickleball rules.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Scott Keely

Public Works Assistant- Parks



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks Commission
FROM: Jennifer Haro, Parks Manager
DATE: July 31, 2025
SUBJECT: Pickleball at Doris Heritage Park

Doris Heritage Park is open and is getting heavy use. We have had some feedback from pickleball users that a lot of people are not reading the etiquette/rules sign and there have been conflicts and frustrations with people staying on courts longer than is preferred.

The courts are meant to be true community courts, with room for all levels of play. However, sometimes, folks just want to hit the ball around with friends and family. Others are looking for competitive games.

Attached is a copy of the current rules/etiquette signs, along with a proposal from Anne Smith, former president of South Sound Pickleball Club, who is still very active with that group. Anne will speak about some of the issues with the current setup and a proposal to improve upon it.

Staff is asking parks commission to review the proposals and provide a recommendation about new signs.

Attachments: Current rules/etiquette sign
Proposal from Anne Smith
Proposal from Fran Conn

GENERAL COURT REMINDERS

- Lights go off at 10pm
- No bikes, skates, or wheeled toys
- No pets on the courts
- No alcohol or smoking
- No glass containers
- Courts cannot be reserved
- Courts are for recreational pickleball only – no leagues, tournaments, or paid instruction
- Court shoes only please – no sandals or bare feet
- Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult

**PLAY AT
YOUR OWN RISK**

DORIS HERITAGE PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS

Open daily from 6am to 10pm – All Players Welcome!



HOW OPEN PLAY WORKS

OPEN PLAY is in effect when players are waiting. This means players of all skill levels and ages** can join in, rotate into doubles games, and meet new people – no need for a partner or a reservation. It's social, flexible, and community-friendly. The City of Gig Harbor thanks the pickleball community for making all players feel welcome here.

** Families with younger children may wish to opt out from Open Play. You are encouraged to use Courts #3 and #6.

HOW ROTATION WORKS

“Play 2, Then Rotate” System

- Each player can play up to 2 consecutive games, win or lose.
- After 2 games, please rotate off to give others a turn.
- 2 new players from the paddle queue come in to take your place.
- During peak attendance, rotation may switch to 4-in, 4-out to reduce waiting times.

Paddle Queue

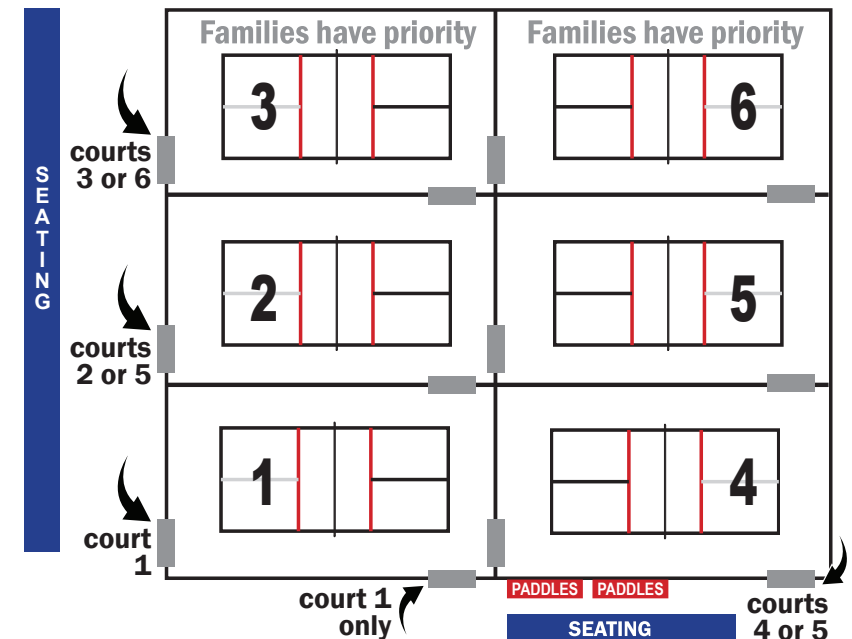
- Waiting players place paddles in the rack near Court #1.
- Paddles go left to right.
- Paddles on the left are up next.
- After you've left the court (after 2 games), place your paddle at the right end of the rack and kindly let the next 2 players know spots are open.
- Courts #4 and #5 may be used as challenge courts when things get busy. On a challenge court, the winning team may stay for up to 3 games max. New challengers rotate in to test their skills. It adds a bit of friendly competition and is open to all.

Private Games?

If there's no one waiting, feel free to enjoy a private game with friends.

Court Gates

Be courteous to other players by using the designated gate to access your court. If you have to cross an active court, always wait for the point to end.



PICKLEBALL ETIQUETTE & RULES

COURT USAGE



- Courts are open 6AM to 10PM
- Courts are free & open to the public
- All park rules and regulations apply
- Courts are not reservable
- No soccer, futsal, bikes scooters or skating
- No food or glass containers
- Pets are prohibited on the courts
- Shoes with non-marking soles only

PLAYING ETIQUETTE

- Show common courtesy & respect for all players & spectators
- No amplified music is allowed
- Wait for play to stop before asking permission to pass through a court in use
- Follow open play rules when players are waiting

OPEN PLAY RULES

- If courts are not full, groups and singles may play without rotation protocols
- Players are encouraged to break into two groups based on skill level – one or two courts are used by more competitive players and the rest are for recreation players

When courts are full and players are waiting to play:

- Courts may not be saved for a particular group when others are waiting
- Play will be limited to groups of four – no singles, individual practice or lessons
- Limit warm-up/rally to 5 minutes maximum
- All players waiting should be ready to enter courts as a group
- Waiting players should use the rack system or stacked paddles to establish an orderly waiting line for the next available court
- If fewer than 12 players are waiting, players may use a 2-in, 2-out rotation
- When 12 or more players are waiting, players must transition to a 4-in, 4-out rotation
- Players will play a single game to 11 points (win by 2) and then yield court to waiting players



We may need a few larger signs for “No bikes, skates, etc”

PICKLEBALL COURT GUIDELINES

Hours: 7 days per week • 6am-10pm • No reservations

Open Play • No League Play

Pickleball use only. No bikes, skates etc.

Play at your own risk

Proper court or soft-soled shoes required

Children 8 and under (**what age?**) must be adult-supervised

No Alcoholic Beverages, Pets, Smoking

No unauthorized paid athletic services (**when busy? need guidelines for instructors?**)

PLAYERS NOT HAVING FUN SHOULD REMOVE THEMSELVES FROM THE PREMISES

WHEN COURTS **ARE FULL**

Use one of the paddle holders to queue up for play

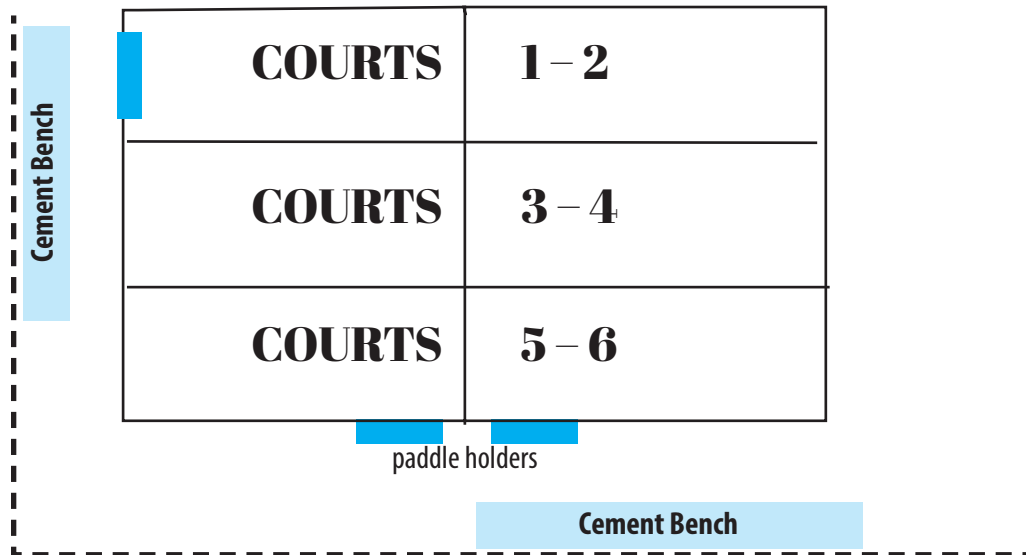
Players are encouraged to play with those of the same skill level

When possible consider these guidelines:

Courts 1–2: advanced players

Courts 3-4: intermediate players

Courts 5-6: recreation players



**PLEASE LEAVE THE COURT AS YOU FOUND IT, OR BETTER
THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR THANKS YOU**

BOCCE BALL

<https:// bocce.org/rules-of-bocce/>
(url for complete rules)

Four balls per team (1,2 or 4 players)

Begin: Player tosses pallina past center line.

Take turns tossing ball with goal to get it closest to the pallina.

Points awarded according to balls closest to the pallina.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks Commission

FROM: Jennifer Haro, Parks Manager

DATE: July 31, 2025

SUBJECT: Crescent Creek Park Master Plan Update

The city has been working with HBB Landscape Architecture on the master plan for Crescent Creek Park since 2023. The project took a one-year hiatus when a group of residents asked city council to give them time to create a plan for the redevelopment of the Masonic Lodge, which is considered a part of the park. The residents presented their ideas to council in July of 2024. While there is no available budget for the project, council accepted their ideas and asked that the park master plan assume that the Lodge will be remodeled in coming up with a master plan.

The planning efforts restarted at the beginning of 2025. Three concepts were developed. All included the Masonic Lodge. After public feedback, city council decided to pursue the concept that would be most cost-effective – Concept 1. They also asked the consultant to include a concept that removed the Masonic Lodge. The attached presentation includes three concepts without the Lodge.

The Crescent Creek Community Advisory Committee (CAC) discussed the options at a meeting on July 23. They preferred Concept 1, with the Lodge, and Concept 2a, which would have a pavilion or shelter of some sort, with gardens and gathering spaces.

At the August parks commission meeting, staff is seeking the parks commissions input for development of a final preferred alternative.

Attachments:
Crescent Creek Park CAC Presentation from 7/23/2005

Crescent Creek Park Master Planning

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 23, 2025



Concept Alternative 1 – Enhance Existing



Concept Alternative 2 – Centralized Courts



Concept Alternative 3 – Maximize Accessibility



Open House #2 – What we heard

382
responses

78% live within a few miles of the park

22% live outside the city but visit often

97% have visited the park



Open House #2 – What we heard

Generally Supported:

- Playground expansion
- Nature play (keep the sandbox)
- Trails – soft surface and paved
- Keeping natural character
- Expanding parking
- More restrooms
- Cost efficiency

Discussion / Concerns:

- Parking versus open space
(less walls and grading, more wildlife corridors, more informal use, less overall impact)
- Moving the field
(cost efficiency and less overall impact versus needing to rebuild it anyway)
- Basketball court
(both for and against having a court and/or size of the court; is there opportunity for multi-use)
- Masonic lodge
(how much parking is needed and proximity to the Lodge entrance, overall cost)

Open House #2 – What we heard

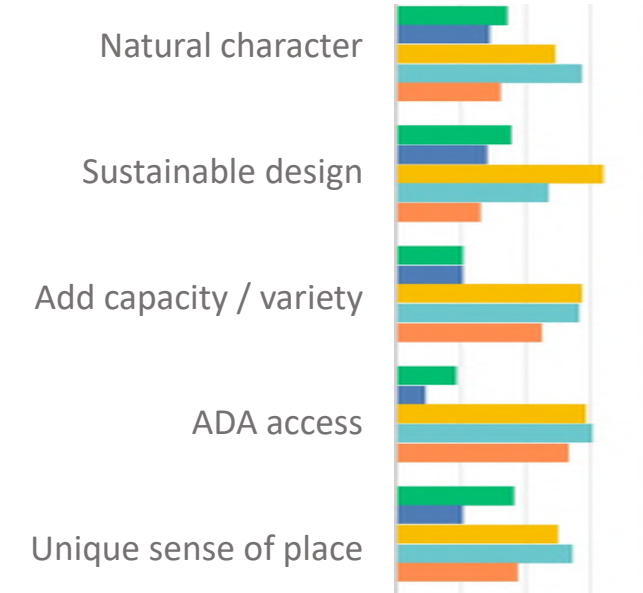
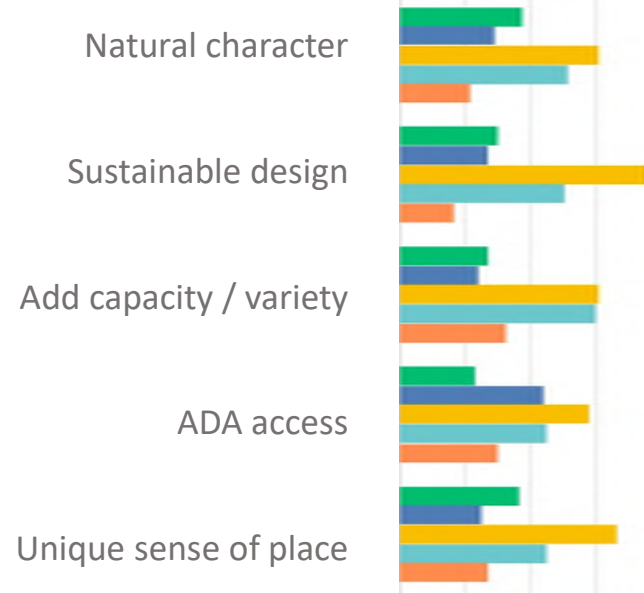
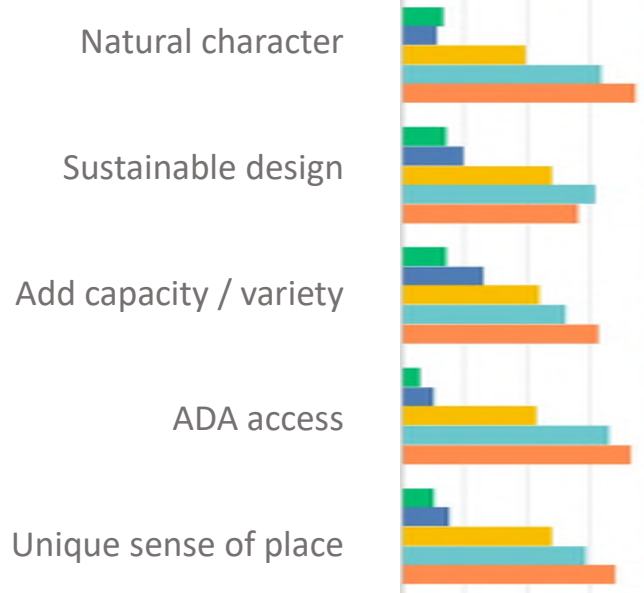
Concept Alternative 1



Concept Alternative 2



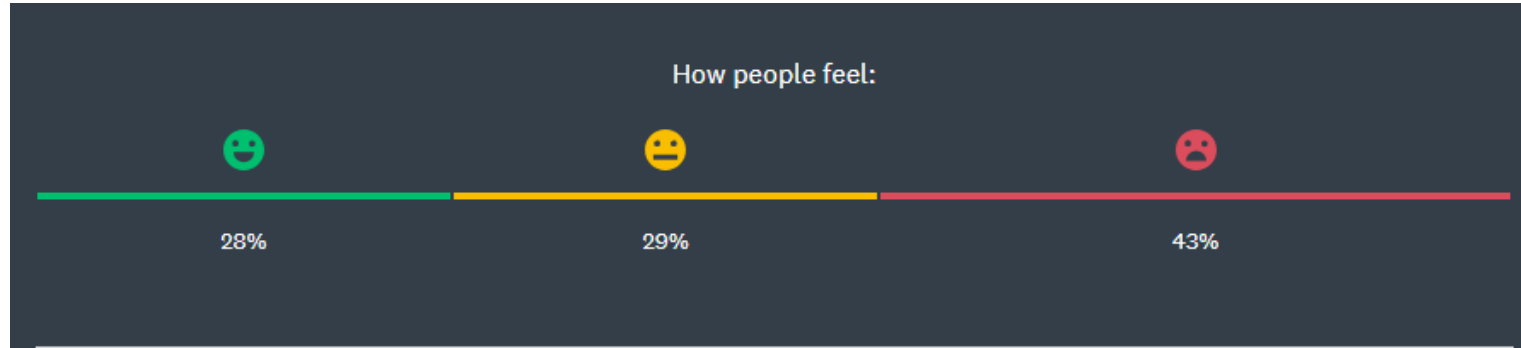
Concept Alternative 3



■ Does not support goal at all
 ■ Does not support goal well
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Kind of supports goal
 ■ Absolutely supports goal

Open House #2 – What we heard

Masonic Lodge



Positive

“I support the remodel and look forward to seeing it used as a community events space. The Lodge should be preserved.”

“Keep it! We need community space. And history should be preserved.”



Neutral

“A little pricey. How would this venue bring in funding, would like to see proposed financials.”

“Would be nice to have an event space if it is affordable and versatile”



Negative

“This cost is too high and would be a waste of public funds. The building should be torn down.”

“I rather see it removed and a new structure designed for community use using NW architecture.”

Open House #2 – What we heard



Program Element	# Comments Support	# Comments Opposed
Restrooms (expanded)	11	0
Parking (expanded)	86	32
Sand volleyball (expanded)	38	15
Tennis/pickleball (expanded)	24	10
Picnicking (more shelters)	15	1
Open lawn (keep/ expanded)	16	5
Native plant garden (keep)	23	3
Playground (expanded)	20	2
Basketball (keep/ expanded)	26	2
Baseball (keep/ don't move)	13	13
Masonic lodge (improve)	54	82

**55 survey takers think it is a great idea to have some kind of indoor event space but not at this cost and/or had other questions regarding funding sources, not included in the counts above.*

Council Direction – Alternative 1

- Keep existing basketball court
- Keep existing native garden
- Shift the pedestrian crossing
- Determine parking need



Parking Study

	EXISTING PROGRAM	NEW/EXPANDED PROGRAM	MASONIC LODGE
PARKING STALLS	49*	25*	54**
TOTAL AVERAGE NEED		74	128
TOTAL MAXIMUM NEED (accommodates overlapping field use)		87	141
TOTAL MINIMUM NEED (about half of average)		40	94

* Based on maximum occupancy of each programmatic element divided by 2.5

** Based on City of Gig Harbor code requirements

Revised Concept 1

w/ Masonic Lodge Adaptive Reuse

Average parking needed = 128

Minimum parking needed = 94

Parking provided (approx.) = 91



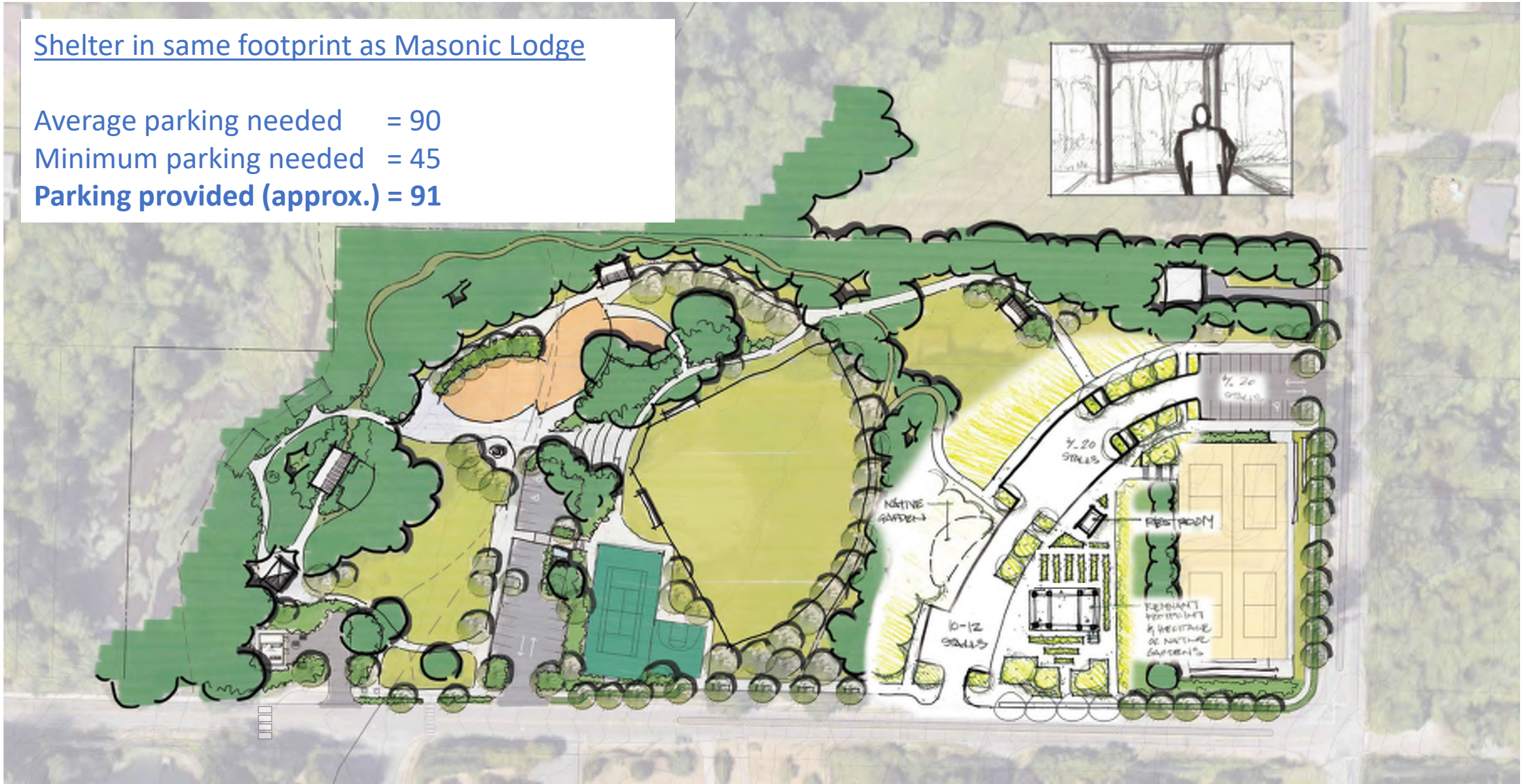
Revised Concept 2a

Shelter in same footprint as Masonic Lodge

Average parking needed = 90

Minimum parking needed = 45

Parking provided (approx.) = 91



Revised Concept 2b

Open lawn w/out Masonic Lodge

Average parking needed = 74

Maximum parking needed = 87

Minimum parking needed = 40

Parking provided (approx.) = 86



Revised Concept 3a

Relocated Parking w/out Masonic Lodge

Average parking needed = 74

Maximum parking needed = 87

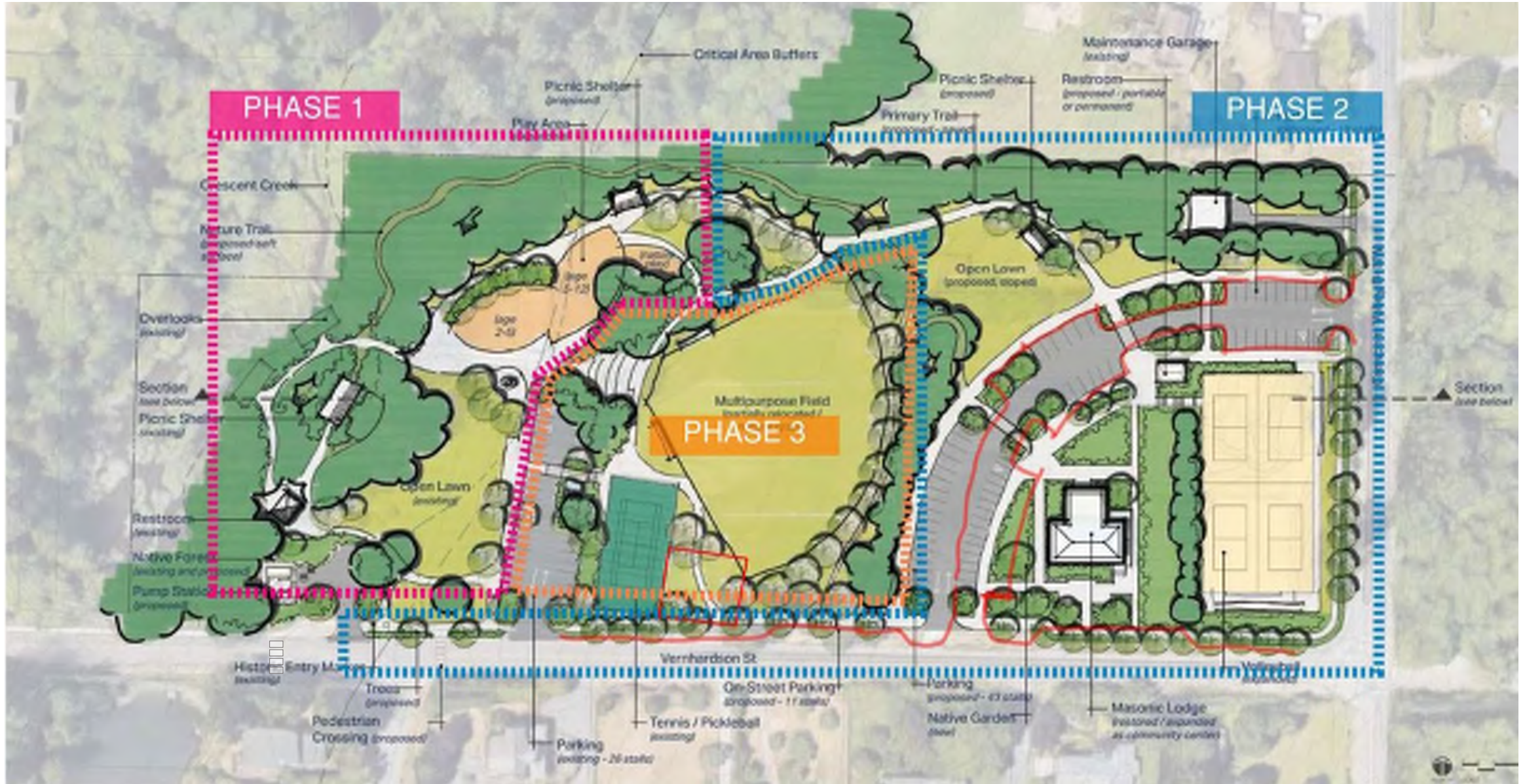
Minimum parking needed = 40

Parking provided (approx.) = 87



Align driveway w/ 31st Ave Ct.

Phasing Plan



Next Steps..

- Parks Commission review of Concept Options
- City Council review of Concept Options
- Develop Master Plan
- Cost estimating – by phase
- CAC review of Preferred Master Plan
- Open House #3 – September 18th, 2025

tx^waalqəł Conservation Area Phase IV Property Management Plan



August 2025

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Introduction

In 2022, the City of Gig Harbor acquired eight properties to be set aside for conservation purposes. The properties were acquired in three phases. With consultation from the Puyallup Tribe, Gig Harbor Land Conservation Fund, Gig Harbor Parks Commission, and City Council, the properties were named tx^waalqəł Conservation Area. tx^waalqəł was the name of the village that originally encompassed this area and was partially located on the Phase 1 property along North Creek. The area was home to a band of the Puyallup Tribe known as the sx^wəbabč, or Swiftwater People. Assistance in purchasing the properties came from Pierce County Conservation Futures, the Puyallup Tribe, and the Gig Harbor Land Conservation Fund.

This property management plan covers Phase 4 of the tx^waalqəł Conservation Area. Phases 1 & 2 were covered under a plan adopted in 2023. Phase 3, a 5.15 acre property, is separated from the others by a major road, Harborview Drive, does not have the same critical areas and fish habitat, and was not funded using Conservation Futures funds.

The city, with assistance from Great Peninsula Conservancy, acquired Phase 4 of tx^waalqəł Conservation Area, north of Phases 1 and 2, in August of 2024. The conservation area will be protected, preserved, and maintained in perpetuity, in accordance with agreements with Pierce County Conservation Futures.

Property Overview

The tx^waalqəł Conservation Area Phase 4 contains 11.41 acres and is listed in Table 1 below. The property contains sensitive areas, including three acres of wetlands, steep slopes, and approximately 500 lineal feet of a salmon-bearing stream, North Creek, which is also known locally as Donkey Creek. The property is bordered on the west by property owned by Tacoma Power. The Tacoma Power parcels are 100 feet wide and contain powerlines that start at Lake Cushman in Mason County and supply power to the City of Tacoma. Tacoma Power allowed the City of Gig Harbor to construct the Cushman Trail along the length of their property. This popular multimodal trail extends from Borgen Boulevard, north of the tx^waalqəł Conservation Area, for 6.2 miles and ends outside of city limits. The trail is 16 feet wide with 4-foot gravel shoulders.

On the east side of the property is Burnham Drive. The intersection where Harborview Drive merges to become Burnham Drive is adjacent to the property. This is a very busy thoroughfare in Gig Harbor connecting downtown to the shopping, housing and amenities at Gig Harbor North.

North Creek runs through this phase of the conservation area as it heads south through other phases of the conservation property, crosses under Harborview Drive and North Harborview Drive, eventually emptying into Gig Harbor Bay near Austin Estuary. According to a 2018 survey conducted by Wild Fish Conservancy, biologists found much of North Creek to be intact with a healthy streamside forest compared to elsewhere in the area. The stream provides conditions that are considered good salmon habitat, including pools, riffles, spawning gravels, shade, and large woody debris. Juvenile coho and cutthroat trout have been documented by Wild Fish Conservancy, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has identified chum and steelhead in the stream.

The existing trees and plants, for the most part, are part of a dynamic, resilient, and healthy native forest that needs minimal management. Small numbers of invasive species are present, including English ivy, holly, and Himalayan blackberry. There are also some cultivated plants near the former homesite, including large rhododendron and other domestic plants. The invasive species tend to be closer to Harborview Drive and the Cushman Trail and are not extensive. The mature trees and undergrowth provide shade for North Creek.

Table 1: Conservation Properties by Phase

Phase	Name	Parcel Number(s)	Date Acquired	Acreage
1	Lyons Property	0221061108	4/28/2022	11.50
2	Shaw/Warren/Peschek	0221061000 0221061113 0221062100 0221061070 0221061071 0221061044	10/28/2022	5.42 2.76 2.82 9.90 1.32 1.65
3	Haub Property	0221061107	8/23/2022	5.15
4	Brooks Property	0221061081	8/27/2024	11.41
			Total	51.93 acres

Land Use History

The property was historically home to tx^waalqəł, a village of the sx^wəbabč band of the Puyallup Tribe. tx^waalqəł means “a place where game exists,” and was inhabited by the sx^wəbabč for many years without disturbance from European settlers. In 1840, Gig Harbor was “discovered” by members of the Wilkes Expedition. The first European settlers came in 1867. By 1915, the sx^wəbabč inhabitants were forced to relocate to the Puyallup Reservation in order to make room for European arrivals. The property was then used for logging. A large mill was located at the mouth of North Creek, on what is now Austin Park.

The first three phases of the Conservation Area were part of the Burnham Homestead, claimed by Dr. Alfred Burnham in 1884. This property lies just north of that area, but was used for logging.

A home was built on the property in approximately 1957. The former owner reported that the residence burned down prior to 1980. The home wreckage was removed, but the foundation remains. There is also some debris, including metal drums, remaining at the property. The drums and foundation will need to be removed for liability reasons before public access can be opened to the site.



Remains of house foundation and chimney, February 2025

In addition to the house, there is a driveway culvert on the property that has been washed out, but is partially blocking the stream. It is covered by dense brush and is hard to access, but is listed in Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife fish passage maps as a partial barrier to fish passage.



Culvert under former driveway. Driveway and culvert are both washed out and form a partial stream blockage. Photo courtesy WDFW.

Conservation Priorities

The conservation goals and priorities are the same for both Phases 1 and 2 of the tx^waalqəł Conservation Area.

1. Archaeological and Historic Landmark Sites

The tx^waalqəł Conservation Area was a significant part of tx^waalqəł, the main village site of the sx^wəbabč, the Native American band living in this area for time immemorial until the mid-1850s.

This particular site, along with previous phases, would have been vital to every day tribal life and has a high likelihood of archaeological findings/cultural resources. Similarly,

entities including WA State Parks GIS, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USDA, WA DAHP, and Pierce County consider this property “High Risk” in terms of the likelihood of archeological/historical findings and significance.

The Puyallup Tribe has confirmed that this parcel is on the Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records (WISAARD) database, the state's digital repository for architectural and archaeological resources and reports. Past exploitation and destruction of burial sites have made the protection of these sites a top priority to local tribes. These sites are of the highest importance to the Tribe and are protected by Tribal, State, and Federal Law.

To date, it is believed that the integrity of the archeological and historical elements has been largely preserved on this site. This is extremely rare and unique for the area. Conservation of the proposed property will assist in the protection and preservation of non-renewable Tribal Cultural Resources and assure their benefit to past, present, and future Tribal History.

2. Critical Salmon Habitat

The tx^waalqəł Conservation Area is characterized by a uniquely undeveloped, fully functioning streamside forest, through which North Creek passes. . The property contains almost 500 feet of North Creek, forested riparian buffer on both sides of the creek, and more than three acres of wetlands identified by Pierce County mapping. The Wild Fish Conservancy identifies this area as supporting a surprisingly healthy habitat vital to salmonids. Juvenile coho salmon and Coastal Cutthroat Trout (priority fish species) were documented in abundance during a 2018 survey. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) also documented both Chum Salmon and ESA-listed Puget Sound Steelhead Trout within this reach of North Creek. West Sound Partners for Ecosystem Recovery's 2020 East Kitsap Steelhead Recovery Plan classifies North Creek as a Tier 3 Drainage in the Curley Creek-Frontal Colvos Passage subwatershed.

This property provides spawning and rearing habitat, critical for the successful reproduction, and growth of salmon and trout. Downstream, the "Donkey Creek Coop Egg Rearing Incubator” is operated by the Gig Harbor Commercial Fishermens' Club with the support of the WDFW and is intended to increase the population of chum salmon.

This property expands a large area of critical habitat found within the tx^waalqəł Estuary. The City daylighted Donkey Creek under North Harborview Drive in 2005 and significantly improved fish passage. The City plans to daylight the extremely obstructive culvert under Harborview Drive in the coming years, which will greatly improve fish passage through this important area and should boost the fish population.

3. Trails and Corridors

The unique location of this parcel provides important opportunities for passive recreation opportunities and wildlife connectivity.

The acquisition of this phase of tx^waalqəł Conservation Area furthers the city's PROS plan goals.

Provide a diversified park system that preserves and enhances significant environmental resources and facilitates the protection of threatened species, preservation habitat, and retention of migration corridors that are unique and important to local wildlife.

-Goal 2: City of Gig Harbor 2022 PROS Plan

Develop a high quality system of park trails and corridors that provide alternative transportation options and low impact recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities in coordination with the city's Active Transportation Plan.

-Goal 3: City of Gig Harbor 2022 PROS Plan

The Cushman Trail was recently extended to the south in unincorporated Pierce County to connect with the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and the Scott Pierson Trail into Tacoma. To the north, the city and its partners plan to extend the trail to link up with the Key Peninsula and, eventually, trails in Kitsap County.

A limited number of other low-impact interpretive trails will be created for public benefit and to protect sensitive areas, including the loop trail accessed from the northern portion of Phase 2.

These properties constitute a critical wildlife corridor from Gig Harbor Bay to spawning areas in North Creek. Priority species present in Gig Harbor (Bald Eagle, Osprey, Purple Martin, Great Blue Heron, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, and Cutthroat Trout) need streams, wetlands, shorelines, etc. for breeding, foraging, and travel. Other upland mammals use North Creek as a source of drinking water. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife has identified estuaries and mature forests as priority habitats, both key features of the conservation area.

Long-term Management Goals

Public Access

Passive public access is a priority for the long-term management of the tx^waalqəł Conservation Area. While the area is accessible now via the loop trail on Phase 2, access is not formalized, nor is it listed on the city's trail inventory. The bridge on Phase 2 was deemed not safe for pedestrians in a 2024 inspection by Pierce County.

Since the Phase 2 bridge was not deemed safe and the driveway is washed out on Phase 4, it will become a longer-term goal to install a pedestrian access bridge to connect the trail system to Harborview Drive. That will consist of a pedestrian bridge either at the current location on Phase 2, or at the site of the former driveway on Phase 4, which has a smaller distance to span.

A spur trail will be developed from the Phase 2 loop trail to the old homesite. This trail will be natural surface. This work will take place after the foundation is mitigated and the debris is removed. Signage will be added to direct walkers.

In addition to the trails and signage, benches will be placed along the trails where appropriate.

Any work done will be coordinated with the Puyallup Tribe, and an inadvertent discovery plan and procedures for unanticipated discovery of cultural resources or remains will follow that plan. A contractor or city staff will notify the Tribe and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) if resources or remains are discovered. Interested Tribes will also be invited to observe ground-disturbing work on the sites.

Educational Signage

The city will work with the Puyallup Tribe and the Harbor History Museum to create educational signage about the Tribe's history and cultural influences in the area. Signage will also identify native plants with their Twulshootseed names.

Stream Protection

The biggest planned impact to stream health is removal of the culvert conveying North Creek under Harborview Drive. It will be replaced with a bridge. As of August 2025, design is at 60 percent. It is intended to provide a trail under the bridge that will connect with the Cushman-Harborview Connection. The culvert has been identified as a fish passage barrier, impeding fish access to 1.8 miles of stream with good spawning and rearing habitat, according to Wild Fish Conservancy.

There is also a partially blocking culvert where the driveway to the former home used to be. It is mostly overgrown and hard to access, but crews should be able to access the culvert, break it up and carry it out.

To further protect North Creek, the city will work with volunteers and hired crews to remove invasive plants in the conservation area.

Maintenance and Monitoring

The city will monitor the trails and public access points for potential management problems at least once quarterly, exceeding the national Land Trust Alliance’s Standards and Practices. Potential problems include dumping, safety hazards, spread of invasive species, trespassing, encroachment, or encampments. The city will promptly respond to any complaints or notifications about such issues.

Staff will photograph key parts of the conservation area every three years to monitor forest and stream conditions.

Project Implementation Plan and Timeline

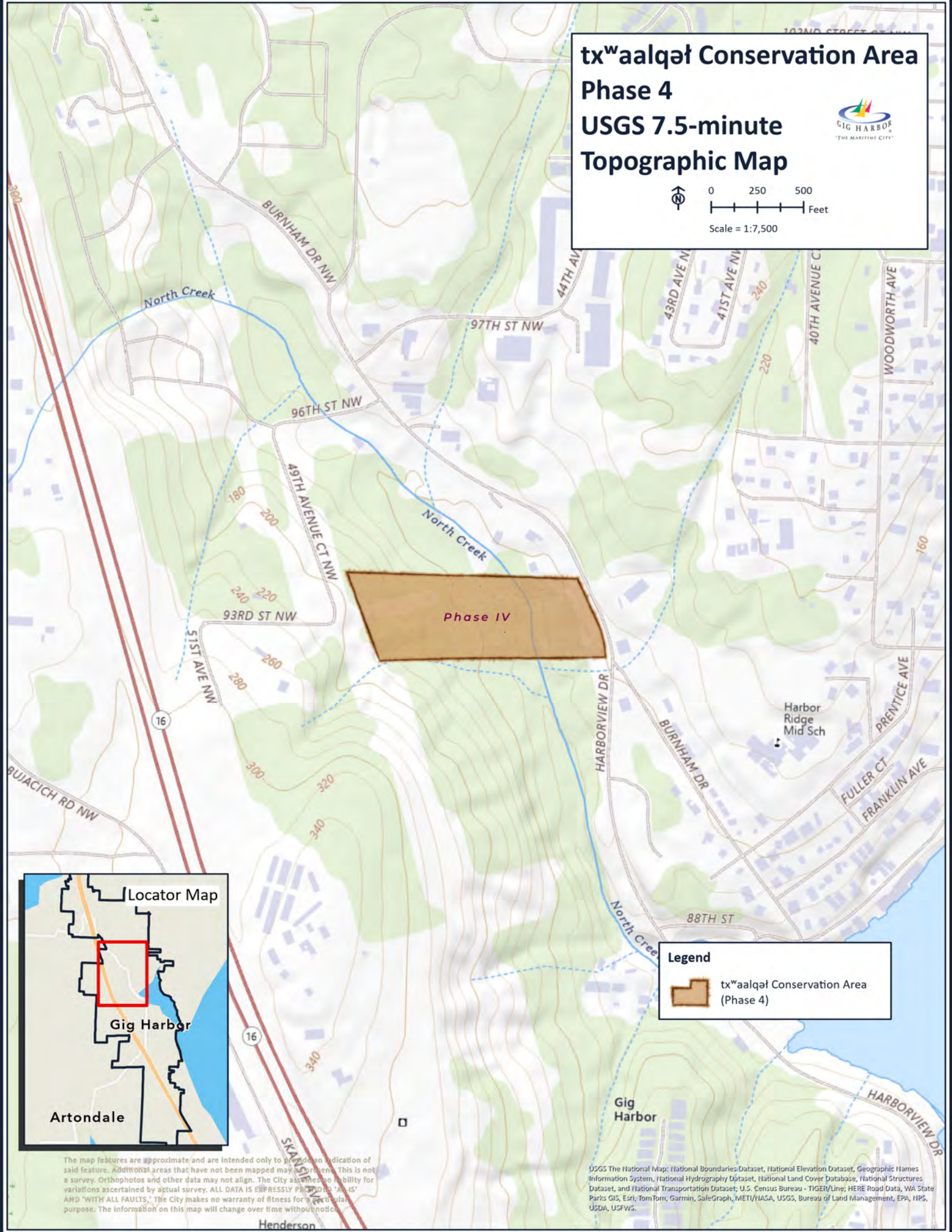
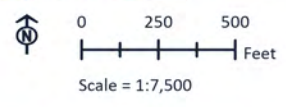
Project	Project elements	Timeline	Budget	Funding Source
House foundation and debris removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction 	2027	\$20,000	REET
Driveway Culvert Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitting Removal 	2027	\$10,000	REET
Spur trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connection between Phase 2 loop trail & Phase 4 old homesite 	2027	\$15,000	General fund
Trail signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayfinding & educational signage 	2027	\$5,000	General fund
Invasive species removal	Volunteer events may be used for this, such as Parks Appreciation Day.	Ongoing	\$10,000	General fund
Trail maintenance		Ongoing	\$1000/year	General fund
Maintenance & monitoring		Ongoing		General fund

Activities Allowed on Conservation Properties


Activities allowed on the tx^waalqəł Conservation Area will be limited to:

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- Passive recreation
 - Walking/hiking
 - Horses not allowed
 - No off-leash dogs
 - No motorized vehicles
 - Biking not allowed, except on adjacent Cushman Trail
 - Wildlife Viewing
 - Installation of features that support passive recreation
 - Educational signs
 - Wayfinding or directional signs
 - Benches
 - Trails and necessary structures; boardwalks, pedestrian bridges, retaining walls, with appropriate permits.
 - Invasive plant removal
 - Trail maintenance
 - Removal of diseased, danger, and/or hazard trees determined to pose an imminent threat or danger to public health or safety, or to public or private property, or serious environmental degradation may be removed or limbed, with the tree left onsite. Trees removed will be replanted at a 3:1 ratio in accordance with the City of Gig Harbor's Urban Forestry Management Plan, adopted in 2023.
 - Tree planting to create new understory, where appropriate, including as part of possible future tree donation program.

tx^waalqəł Conservation Area Phase 4 USGS 7.5-minute Topographic Map



Legend

-  tx^waalqəł Conservation Area (Phase 4)

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tx^waalqəł Conservation Area Phase 4 Parcel Map

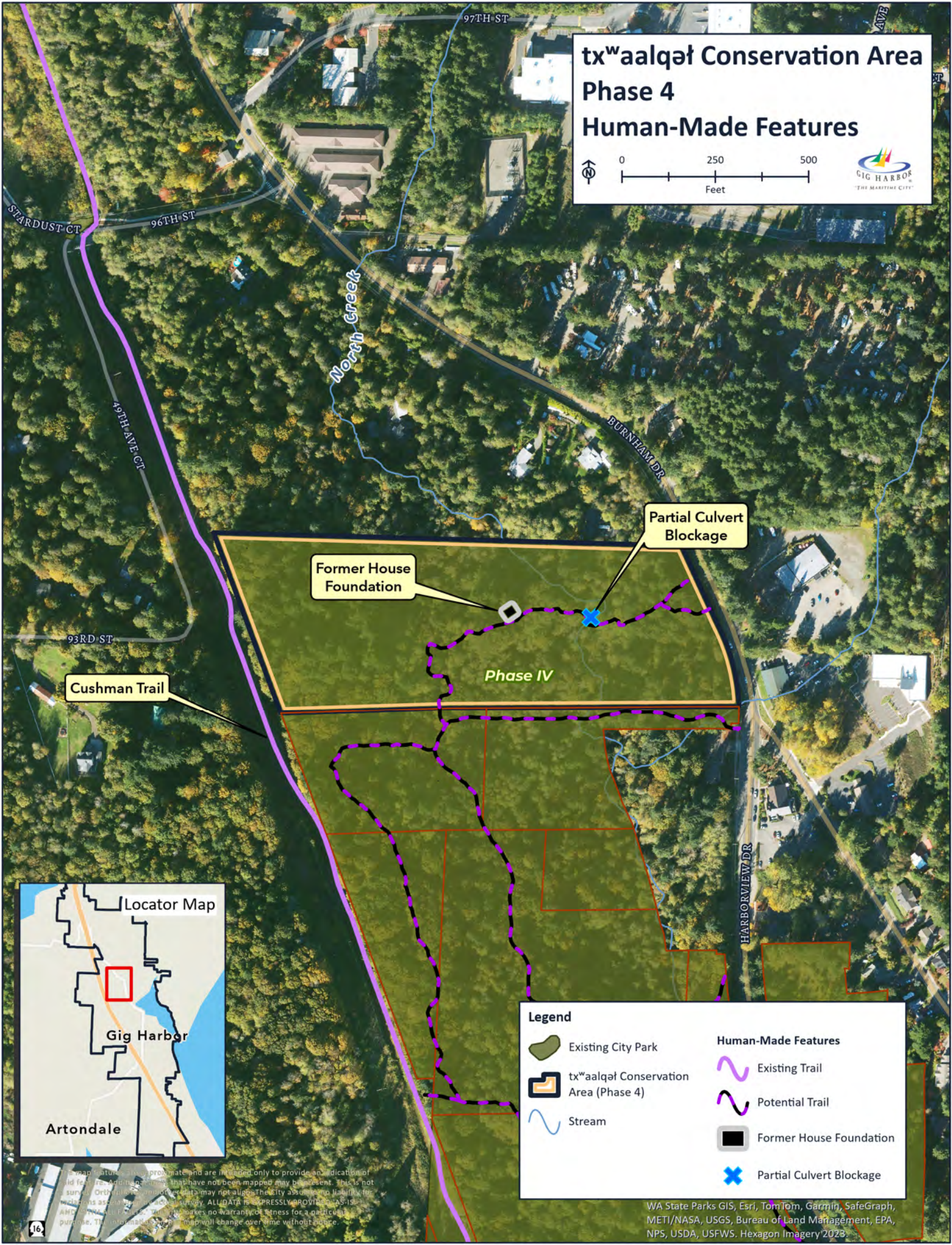


Legend

- Parcel Boundary
- Existing City Park
- tx^waalqəł Conservation Area (Phase 4)

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tx^waalqəł Conservation Area Phase 4 Human-Made Features



Former House Foundation

Partial Culvert Blockage

Cushman Trail

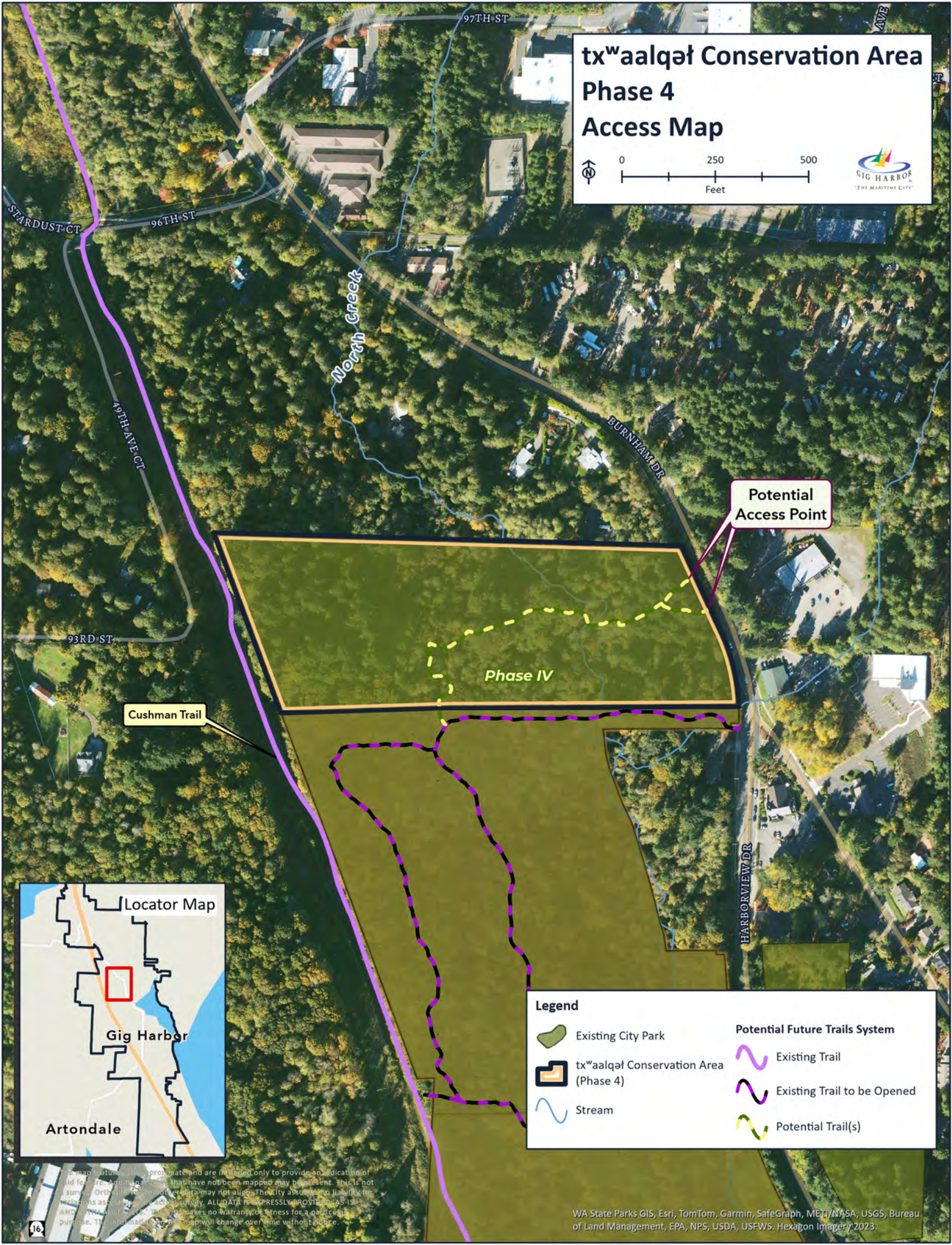
Phase IV



Legend		Human-Made Features	
	Existing City Park		Existing Trail
	tx ^w aalqəł Conservation Area (Phase 4)		Potential Trail
	Stream		Former House Foundation
			Partial Culvert Blockage

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tx^waalqəł Conservation Area Phase 4 Access Map



Potential
Access Point

Phase IV

Cushman Trail



Legend	
	Existing City Park
	tx ^w aalqəł Conservation Area (Phase 4)
	Stream
	Existing Trail
	Existing Trail to be Opened
	Potential Trail(s)

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks Commission
FROM: Jennifer Haro, Parks Manager
DATE: July 31, 2025
SUBJECT: National Fitness Campaign

The city has been approached at least a few years in a row about the National Fitness Campaign, which seeks partnerships for building fitness courts throughout the United States. Th fitness courts encourage workouts in public spaces. They offer grants to install them in parks, and often have a cost to the jurisdiction that is much less than if it were paid for in full by the jurisdiction.



The fitness courts can also have a public art element, if the city chooses to engage a local artist.

They are about the size of a tennis court.

At the August meeting, staff is asking if this is something the parks commission would like to pursue in a future budget. If so, which park(s) would be a good candidate for something like this?

There is a short [3-minute video](#) about fitness courts and the National Fitness Campaign that can be viewed to get an idea about the courts.