5.1. Summary of Other Public Agency Facilities

5.1.1 Overview

Within the South Kitsap region there are three primary agencies that provide recreational opportunities for area residents. The three primary public agencies are Kitsap County, the South Kitsap School District, and the Port of Bremerton. Any serious park planning document must consider the type of services that each entity provides in order to weave together a comprehensive provisions of recreational services that the citizens expect. In addition to balancing services, working together can provide for a more efficient and effective use of citizen tax dollars. The goals and policies within this chapter will encourage and propose goals and strategies that the City works closely with other public agencies in a synergistic and cooperative manner to meet the expressed goals of this document. A complete inventory of the facilities provided by other public agencies is available through Appendix D.

5.2 Other Agency Facilities

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To complement the municipal facilities, there are two schools within the city limits. Cedar Heights Junior High School is located in the Southern portion of the City. Cedar Heights Junior High facilities include a gymnasium, sports field, track, football field, and baseball diamond. Typically, use of these resources is generally limited to students during prescribed times in alignment with school hours, but the opportunities for joint use of the facilities in off hours is available through cooperative agreement. South Kitsap High School is the other main facility, located in the eastern half of the city. The High School's facilities are modern and complete and consist of a gymnasium, sports field, track, football field, baseball diamond, soccer field, lighted tennis courts, and an Olympic size...
indoor swimming pool. The public has access to the tennis courts and swimming pool when not in use for school functions and the remaining campus may be similarly available for public use through cooperative agreements.

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT

At a site located in the Retsil neighborhood at the corner of Olney Avenue, Kitsap County has developed the Veteran's Memorial Park. Facilities within this park include a softball diamond, two soccer fields, and a playground. Also, the County has developed the South Kitsap Regional park which is at the corner of Lund Ave and Jackson Street. Although within the city Limits, the County Parks and Recreation Department also runs the Givens Community Center. The Givens Center (pictured above) was formerly a school and has many rooms for meetings, daycare and group events both with daily use and long term commercial leases.
PORT OF BREMERTON

The City of Port Orchard and the Port of Bremerton continues to have a close symbiotic relationship in the downtown marina area. The Port of Bremerton operates a large marina within the city limits that provide recreational boaters a place to moor their vessels and refuel when necessary. The facility has 341 permanent moorage spaces and fifty transient moorage spaces. In addition the Port run marina, the Port of Bremerton owns and maintains a parking facility for use by residents utilizing the City owned saltwater marine boat launch. The City and the Port interact in a cooperative manner to co-manage the Port Orchard waterfront in an efficient process that is beneficial to all the citizens of South Kitsap, and maximizes the use of joint resources.

The Port of Bremerton has also created a community park with a gazebo, boardwalk, and children play structures that is well served by the public. The Marina Park offers a unique waterfront setting for a variety of community events. The facility includes a covered performance area, covered seating, restrooms, public beach access and a large grassy area for events.

The Port has installed 1,400 feet of sidewalk and boardwalk directly adjacent to the shoreline.

5.3. Other Public Agency Parks & Facilities Vision

Each public agency that provides recreation services will have its’ own vision that sets lofty goals as to how accomplish servicing the needs of their wards. Whether it is the South Kitsap School District, Kitsap County Parks District or the Port of Bremerton each has specific visions for their organizations. Their individual capital facility plans and projects are coordinated with the City of Port Orchard.

5.4. Other Public Agency Goals and Policies

GOAL 5.3.1: Create a cohesive network of parks that satisfies the needs of area residents for recreational opportunities

POLICIES:

1. Work closely with all area agencies and develop a mutual agreement of what the needs are, not only for the city of Port Orchard, but also the Port Orchard Urban Growth area and south Kitsap region.

2. Maximize the public’s dollar by coordination with other public agencies to minimize overlaps and service duplications.