PORT ORCHARD CITY PARKS PLAN

CHAPTER 6. PRIVATE PARKS & FACILITIES

6.1. Private Parks & Facilities Vision

"Provide independent communities with places for age appropriate recreation and exercise"

6.2. Summary of Private Parks & Facilities

Private recreation facilities are an important component of any city’s ability to provide recreation for its residents. Private recreation facilities, whether required by code and development regulations or provided voluntarily as an amenity, can create safe and convenient places to recreate.

Multiple different private entities provide park and open space facilities in City of Port Orchard, including private pocket parks as a component of a large residential complex, or additional privately owned and maintained facilities for local recreation. Each of these is a vital facility for meeting the parks, recreation and open space needs of the citizens of Port Orchard.

“People who cannot find time for recreation are obliged sooner or later to find time for illness.”
6.3. Recreational Inventory

PRIVATE PLAY AREAS

1. Orchard Pt. Apartments
   - pool
   - spa
   - recreation room
   - two tanning rooms
   - exercise room
   - T.V. room
   - Big toy & bench

2. Cedar Heights Apartments
   - a playground with a jungle gym which includes a slide, hang bar, and a bench

3. Heritage Apartments
   - basketball hoop
   - A jungle gym which includes a slide, sliding pole, and bars

4. Orchard on the Green Apartments
   - indoor pool
   - saunas
   - Jacuzzi
   - billiards room
   - exercise room
   - tennis court
   - two playgrounds which contain a jungle gym with a slide and swings

5. Fourplex at 1436 Dwight St.
   - playground containing a jungle gym with a slide and two swings

6. Arbor Terrace Apartments
   - pool
   - two big toys with slides

7. Sedgwick Townhomes
   - Children’s play set, walking trail
8. McCormick Woods

Mary McCormick Park:
- one tennis court
- two picnic tables
- one badminton court
- one paddle ball court
- one horseshoe pit
- large sports field
- trail system

Deer Park:
- two picnic tables
- one play structure
- one tennis court
- one half-court basketball
- one ball field

9. McCormick Woods North (The Ridge)
- two multi-use pocket parks
- play area with play structure
- one half-court basketball
- three picnic tables

In 2009 the City annexed a large portion of the McCormick Woods development to be absorbed within the City municipal boundaries. McCormick Woods is a self contained residential development that contains a private golf course, large areas of open space, miles of trails and numerous parks. The recreational facilities listed above are owned and are maintained by the McCormick Woods Home Owners Association.

In addition to the existing facilities mentioned above, the McCormick Woods area has not reached full build-out. As new subdivisions are developed, the designs are proposed to include pocket parks and additional community parks to meet the recreation goals of the overall design for the sub-area. The result of the buildout of McCormick Woods will be development of multiple smaller parks that will provide recreational opportunities for the residents of each community and the public in general.
6.4. Private Parks & Facilities Goals and Policies

GOAL 6.4.1 Encourage new developments to include convenient and safe recreation facilities.

POLICIES:

1. Consider incentives and other reward based ordinances to encourage new development to include private recreational facilities.
2. Consider recommendations that promote inclusion of recreational facilities within private developments.
3. Coordinate and cooperate with other organizations, land trusts and private landowners to help provide and maintain parks and recreation facilities.
4. Pursue alternative financing of acquisition and development of park and open space land through private donation, partnerships, foundations, and grant sources.

GOAL 6.4.2 Insure that proposed private parks and recreation areas are appropriate to the maturity levels of the primary users.

POLICY:

1. Maximize resources by forming partnerships with non-profit and private recreation providers to deliver recreation services.