

## INTRODUCTION

The Bainbridge Island Park & Recreation District was formed in 1965.

In 2004 island voters approved converting the District to the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District (Park District or District) to ensure a continuous source of funding and give the District the ability to make long range plans for parks, facilities and programs. The last Comprehensive Plan for Park, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) was completed by the District in 2014.

This 2020 Comprehensive Plan updates and builds on the previous 2014 Comprehensive Plan. It assesses community sentiment through surveys and public meetings, inventories current parks, open space, trails, facilities, and recreation programs. It determines the goals and objectives for the community through a level-of-service (LOS) process based on current and projected populations that relates to local priorities and opportunities.

This updated plan will be used for 2020-2026 WA State RCO grant cycles and relies on population forecasts for Growth Management purposes. The choices that confront the Park District at the present time are varied and numerous with the potential to alter the character and quality of open space, trails, park facilities, and recreation programs and services. This document outlines the choices that are available and the means for implementing preferred actions found to be of most benefit to Bainbridge Island residents.