



BELLEVUE PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES AT A GLANCE



MISSION

The mission of Bellevue Parks & Community Services is to build a healthy community through an integrated system of exceptional parks, open spaces, recreation, cultural arts and human services.

KEY COMPONENTS

- Over 2,700 acres of parks and open space
- 85 miles of trails
- 46 playgrounds
- 8,760 linear feet of waterfront
- 7 beach parks
- 5 community centers
- 32 athletic fields managed (27 city-owned and 5 school-owned)
- 2 blueberry farms
- 3 farm-fresh produce stands
- 100 community garden plots (P-patches)
- Oversight of the city's Cultural Diversity Program, Adult Probation Division, and the Human Services Division that allocates \$7.6 million every two years to agencies supporting Bellevue residents
- Over 35,000 people participate in recreation programs each year through Community Centers (North Bellevue, South Bellevue, Highland, Crossroads and Northwest Arts Center); Senior Programs; Bellevue Youth Theatre; Teen Services / Youth Link; Youth Sports; Skateparks – Highland Center Skate Park & Plaza, Lakemont, Crossroads Park; Wrap-Around Services; Bellevue Youth Court; Kelsey Creek Community Farm; and Day Camps
- More than 5,900 people volunteer annually to support a wide variety of programs and services throughout the department. In 2014, volunteer services were estimated to be worth more than \$2.8 million.

RECENT AWARDS

Accredited by CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies)

Recipient of 2005 National Gold Medal Award from the National Recreation and Park Association

Recognized for the last five years as one of "100 Best Communities for Young People" from America's Promise – the Alliance for Youth Today

LEED Gold Certification Award in 2015 for Bellevue Botanical Gardens, U.S. Green Building Council

Bellevue Diversity Initiative: 2015 National League of Cities Diversity Award

Spotlight Facility Award: Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center 2015 Washington Recreation and Park Association

Program Award of Excellence: EZRocks: Skate for the Cure Event, 2015 from Washington Recreation and Park Association

Spotlight Award Marketing: Zip Tour Promotional Campaign, 2015, Washington Recreation and Park Association

2015 PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES BY DIVISION

- Resource Management
 - * Manages over 800 acres of developed park land and 360,000 sq. ft. of parks facilities
- Natural Resources
 - * Lake to Lake Trail System
 - * Mercer Slough Nature Park
 - * Lewis Creek Visitor Center
 - * Agricultural and produce programs
 - * Greenbelts and street trees
 - * Forest Management
- Planning and Project Management-Recent projects include:
 - * New Bellevue Youth Theatre (2015)
 - * Hidden Valley Park - BGCB & COB partnership (2015)
 - * New Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center (2014)
 - * Bellevue Zip Tour (2014)
- Planning and Project Management-Current projects:
 - * Downtown Park: Complete the Circle, Inspiration Playground
 - * Meydenbauer Bay Park
 - * Surrey Downs Park
 - * Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan
- Enterprise
 - * Bellevue Golf Course (New Driving Range 2015)
 - * Crossroads Golf Course
 - * Robinswood House / Tennis Center
 - * Bellevue Aquatic Center
 - * Ballfield/Park Scheduling
- Recreation Programs
 - * Community Centers (North Bellevue, South Bellevue, Highland, Crossroads and Northwest Arts Center)
 - * Older Adult Programs
 - * Bellevue Youth Theatre
 - * Teen Services / Youth Link
 - * Youth Sports
 - * Ballfields (Bannerwood, Eastgate, Hidden Valley, Lakemont, Lewis Creek, Marymoor, Robinswood, Surrey Downs, Willburton)
 - * Skateparks – Highland Center Skate Park & Plaza, Lakemont, Crossroads Park
 - * Wrap-Around Services
 - * Bellevue Youth Court
 - * Kelsey Creek Community Farm
 - * Day Camps (Winter, Spring and Summer)
 - * TRACKS Outdoor Adventure Program
- Human Services
 - * Human Services Commission
 - * Home Repair Program
- Cultural Diversity
 - * Broad range of diversity outreach and events
 - * Implementation of Diversity Advantage Plan
 - * Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title VI of Civil Rights Act
- Adult Misdemeanor Probation
 - * Electronic Home Detention Program
 - * Probation Work Program