



Mission

To enhance the quality of life for communities by providing environmentally sound stewardship of regional and rural parks, trails, natural areas, forest lands, and recreational facilities, supported by partnerships and entrepreneurial initiatives

Vision

The King County Parks and Recreation Division envisions a diverse, equitable, and accessible system consisting of regional and rural parks, an interconnected network of regional trails, healthy natural areas and forests, and world-class recreation facilities. The system's assets contribute to the health, well-being, and enjoyment of the regional population and rural, unincorporated communities. Through sustainable operations, strategic investments, and citizen participation, the division preserves, protects, maintains, and enhances public lands and recreation facilities. King County residents value the system for conserving environmental quality and scenic beauty; offering social, educational and recreational opportunities; and for its contribution to the economic health of the region. King County residents are actively involved in the stewardship of their public open space and recreation heritage.

Values

- *Regional and Rural Service:* Provide park and recreation assets that serve the county-wide population, as well as communities in rural unincorporated King County
- *Safety:* Ensure that parks, trails and recreation facilities are safe for all users
- *Partnerships:* Pursue partnerships with public, private, and non-profit entities that leverage public dollars, enhance public recreation opportunities, and involve King County residents in the stewardship of King County's open space and recreation assets
- *Entrepreneurial:* Generate revenue and contribute to the financial sustainability of agency operations
- *Conservation:* Protect and enhance the ecological values of open space assets, including fish and wildlife habitat, native biodiversity, critical areas, and air and water quality
- *Equity:* Strive to provide public open spaces and recreation opportunities that maximize accessibility and are equitably distributed
- *Efficiency:* Maximize the value of public dollars through sensible cost reduction strategies while respecting best environmental management practices