

**Bainbridge Island Metropolitan  
Park & Recreation District**

**Parkland Acquisition Committee**

**Parkland Acquisition Priorities and Decision Process**

**Priorities**

The following are based upon the BIMPRD PAC Priority Focus document and recent planning efforts, including BIMPRD Comprehensive Plan, COBI Open Space Study, Greening of Winslow Report, Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (in no specific order):

- Winslow Core – Land for parks in the Winslow core area; additions to existing parks may be considered as well as new sites; give priority to sites that will provide the opportunity to build a multi-generational community center at some time in the future
- Neighborhood Service Centers – Land for community parks in and adjacent to the three Neighborhood Service Centers (Island Center, Rolling Bay and Lynwood Center)
- Trail Connections – Recreational trail easements that connect existing parks, parks with neighborhoods, parks with schools, or trails and/or parks with the existing island trail network as shown on the COBI Non-Motorized Transportation Plan
- Existing Park Expansions – Opportunities to add to existing parks outside the Winslow Core or Neighborhood Service Centers; consider additions that will protect the park from encroachment or add significant recreational opportunities that are consistent with the current use and designation of the park
- Shoreline Access – Properties that provide access to shoreline in areas where no access exists, and expansion of shorelines where public access exists
- Unexpected Opportunities -- Properties that offer unusual opportunities for consideration by the Park District Board

**Decision Process**

- PAC conducts a public meeting to provide information on the Committee's priorities and process, and to receive public comment on parkland priorities and recommendations for acquisitions
- PAC solicits and receives nominations for acquisitions once per year
  1. Announces the priorities and process and provides the nomination form in the Bainbridge Review and the Islander
  2. Makes the priorities and process information and the nomination form available online (PAC page on BIMPRD website)
  3. Accepts nominations for a minimum 6-week period. PAC accepts nominations anytime following cut-off date for future consideration;
- PAC evaluates and prioritizes nominations based on established priorities and applying evaluation criteria as appropriate
- PAC conducts site visits
- PAC identifies top acquisition projects in executive session and takes proposals to Park District Board in executive session
- PAC conducts negotiations and arranges for backup materials (e.g. property surveys, appraisals, likely capital improvements)
- PAC votes in public meeting to make recommendation for acquisition to Park District Board