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Looking to the west from Battle Ground's Main Street

Proactive Planning Shapes a Bright Future for Battle Ground

Safeguarding livability and public safety is central to our work at the City of Battle Ground. The city has partnered with the community to review and update its strategic plans; we want to share the results of those efforts. Proactive planning ensures that city resources and infrastructure support a safe and livable community today and well into the future.

Land Use Plan

The Land Use Plan focuses on the layout of the city - it provides a blueprint for expansion and zoning designations that shapes future residential and employment growth. The plan supports the community's vision for a revitalized downtown area, interconnected trails, neighborhood identity, parks and recreation resources, and employment opportunities.

Transportation System Plan

The transportation plan addresses current deficiencies as well as the future expansion and zoning designations outlined in the updated Land Use Plan. It considers all modes of transportation and all facilities including sidewalks, multi-use trails, city streets, and the state highways that bisect our city.

New sub-category plans being developed - a Road Safety Plan and a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan - further support safe and efficient travel in our community.

Water & Sewer System Plans

The city's water and sewer plans assess the systems' current capabilities and set a timetable for infrastructure and operational improvements to meet the demands of future growth.

The city's existing water system is well equipped with capacity to serve current customers and new development through 2030. The updated plan identifies specific strategies and actions to increase capacity, ensuring we can serve the demands of growth through 2040.

The Sewer Plan is developed in coordination with the Discovery Clean Water Alliance who owns and operates the portion of the system located outside the city. Planned system capacity supports current demand and new growth through 2035.

No Shelf-Time for these Plans

Final adoption of a plan is just the beginning - plans are active, living documents. Strategies are continually evaluated to ensure goals are met, and plans are adaptable in response to external conditions such as new legislation or regulatory requirements. Most importantly, plans are on a constant cycle of renewal, looking ahead to serve the community for generations to come.

Visit **www.cityofbg.org/PlanningforBG** to view individual plans and to learn more about long-range planning.



The Economic Advantage

Individual plans provide the basis for setting and collecting fees that pay for new growth. Developers pay traffic, park, and fire impact fees as well as water, sewer and stormwater system development charges to offset the development's impact on system capacity.

Planning ahead for maintenance of existing utility systems ensures safe and reliable delivery of services. Utility rates can be structured well ahead of time based on long-range planning, eliminating steep and unexpected increases.

Transportation infrastructure improvements are expensive. The city relies on state and federal grants to fund major improvement projects. Formal plans substantiate the need and demonstrate the city's preparedness and commitment - key factors in successful grant bidding.

Planning for Parks, Trails and Recreational Resources

Connect to our online open house and tell us what's important to you

Parks and recreational opportunities are highly valued in our community. Last October, 592 residents participated in an initial survey about parks and recreational resources in Battle Ground. Nearly every respondent expressed that these resources are essential to quality of life.

The survey was the first step in updating the city's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. A new plan will identify a vision for Battle Ground parks, open spaces and trails for the next 20 years.

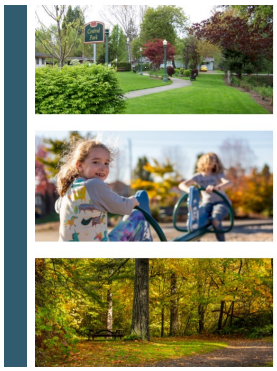
Respondents envisioned a variety of improvements - more walking and biking trails, additional picnic shelters, updating playgrounds so that children of all abilities can enjoy and benefit from them, and many more.

We invite you to participate in an online open house where you can view more survey results and prioritize which projects and programs are most important to you.

You'll have the opportunity to view our existing network of parks and trails, and provide input on park improvements, trail connections, and where additional parks or open space may be desired.

Connect to our Parks, Trails and Recreational Resources Open House, available through February 28, via the QR Code below or at **www.cityofbg.org/PlanningforParks**.

We encourage your participation. Your input will inform a new Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan and shape the future of parks and recreational opportunities in Battle Ground.



Use this QR Code to join our online Open House and tell us what park and recreation amenities are most important to you.

Meet Your New City Council

The Battle Ground City Council welcomed new members at its first meeting of 2022 and selected who among its seven members would serve as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Elected in November to serve a 4-year term of office (2022 - 2025) are Troy McCoy, Tricia Davis, Adrian Cortes and Cherish DesRochers.

They join councilmembers Shane Bowman, Shauna Walters and Philip Johnson who are currently serving the third of their 4-year terms of office (2020 - 2023).

The council selected Philip Johnson to serve as Mayor for the next two-year years, and Cherish DesRochers to serve as Deputy Mayor. The Mayor's duties include presiding at council meetings and serving as the ceremonial representative of the council. The Deputy Mayor serves in that capacity should the Mayor be absent.

City councilmembers are elected at-large by voters. The council is responsible for the legislative function of the city such as establishing policy, passing local ordinances, approving budget appropriations, and developing an overall vision for the city.

Under the city's council-manager form of government, the council appoints a city manager to implement its policies, serve as advisor, and oversee administrative operations.

Meetings of the city council are held the first and third Monday of each month and are always open to the public. Meetings are live streamed and recorded for viewing at any time.

Visit **www.cityofbg.org/Council** to learn more about the city council, to view their meeting calendar and agendas, and to view live and recorded meetings.



From left to right: Councilmembers Shauna Walters, Adrian Cortes, Tricia Davis, Troy McCoy, Cherish DesRochers and Philip Johnson. Not pictured: Councilmember Shane Bowman.

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