2011
COMPREHENSIVE PARK PLAN

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1.0 Introduction

The purpose of the Park Plan for the City of Normandy Park is to provide a statement of the City’s ongoing goals and objectives for the parks and recreation program for the City’s service area and to provide a description of the program and projects necessary to achieve those goals and objectives with the financial planning to support those programs and projects. The goals of the City’s Park and Recreational Programs are:

1. To determine present needs and desires for leisure and recreational activities in the City’s service area and to forecast future needs based on predictions of changing demographics in that service area.

2. To develop a system of parks and recreational facilities that will accommodate the identified needs of all age groups, including seniors and handicapped, and that can be used for a broad spectrum of recreational activities so that facilities are available to support various programs as interests and activities evolve in the community.

3. To accomplish these goals within the constraints imposed by the park property available to the City and the financial capability of the City and the Metropolitan Parks District in combination with other potential sources of funds.

In order to accomplish these goals, the City has established the following objectives:

A. Provide a data base of community interest information using existing survey data, input from individuals and groups in the community, Park Board study groups, and others sources to define community recreational needs.

B. Compare these needs with recreational standards and revise as necessary.

C. Compare existing park facilities and programs with present and future requirements and identify specific areas requiring action or attention.

D. Identify specific park projects to satisfy the defined requirements and prepare plans and development schedules.

E. Implement a program to accomplish these projects that is consistent with the time and financial resources available to the City.


The City of Normandy Park was incorporated in 1953 and consists primarily of single-family dwellings on residential lots varying in size from 7,200 square feet to several acres. The large lot size has helped maintain a scenic woodland quality. Park development has generally enhanced and preserved the wooded setting of the community while providing a variety of recreational outlets within the community.
This plan was developed in accordance with planning guidelines from the state’s Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. This Plan is a guide for capital investments in property, facility and programs for the planning period 2010-2015. It represents an effort to address maintenance, functionality, safety, aesthetics, and service standards for existing parks. Through its goals, the plan also addresses acquisition standards for future parks and provides a look at a plan for continued development of our park system and open spaces. It provides a prioritized list of park and recreation projects and should be used as a guide when developing citywide policy and documents affecting parks and recreation.

Figure 1

Increase in Park Area
City of Normandy Park:
Parks and Open Space Map

Parks/Open Space Locations:

1. Marine View Park
   Location: 20935 Marine View Dr.

2. Marvista Park
   Location: 19900 SW 4th Av.

3. Nature Trails Park
   Location: Marine View Dr./SW 8th Av.

4. Nlst Park
   Location: 242 SW Normandy Rd.

5. City Hall Park
   Location: 801 SW 174th St.

6. Wilson Park
   Location: 171st St./ SW 2nd Av.

7. Walker Creek Preserve
   Location: 168th St./ SW 2nd Av.

8. Brittany Park
   Location: Normandy Terrace/Brittany

9. Recreation Center
   Location: 801 SW 174th St.

10. Open Space
    Location: Sylvester Rd/SW 168th St.

Legend

- Creek
- Parks/Open Space
- Parcels
2.0 Description of the City and the City Service Area

City

The City of Normandy Park is located on Puget Sound directly west of the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. The limits of the City are First Avenue South on the east, Southwest 168th Street on the north, South 220th Street on the south, and Puget Sound on the west up to Southwest 19th Avenue (Figure 2).

City Service Area

The City service area is assumed to be the current City limits as shown on Figure 2. The current population of the City is approximately 6,600 people.

Comparison with NRPA Standards

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards recommend that the “core” system of parklands provide a total of 6.25 to 20.5 acres of developed open space per 1,000 population. NRPA standards are used for reference and planning purposes only. The Normandy Park system will provide 2.84 acres of parks per thousand for the assumed service area population.

Only 13 acres or 1.97 acres per thousand are developed as high maintenance park-playfield space. The majority of the remainder is composed of greenbelt/nature areas with trail systems suitable for walking, jogging and biking. The City Hall Park soccer fields are adequate for a service area population of 4,000 and the baseball fields for a population of 10,000. Based on this data, the Normandy Park system falls short of meeting NRPA guidelines. Addition and sizing of facilities to be added in the future should be based, in part, on the NRPA guidelines.

3.0 Community Recreational Needs

The identification and assessment of the recreational needs and desires within the City’s service area is the subject of a continuing effort by the Park Board, the Metropolitan Parks District, City Council and City staff. The methods used to determine these needs include periodic surveys, public hearings, direct involvement of residents in planning committees for facilities and programs, and the ongoing comments by the public on existing parks and programs.

3.1 Community Needs Survey: SightLines 2030

Surveys of the community’s recreational needs have been made in 1972, 1980, 1989, and most recently in 2009. See SightLines 2030 Program Executive Summary.
3.2 Comparison of Needs and Facilities

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4.0 Planning Process and Community Involvement

Considerable efforts have been made to encourage public participation during the development of this plan. The methods used have included periodic surveys, public hearings, workshops, and direct involvement of residents in planning committees for facilities and programs. Public surveys have been conducted over the past 30 years, the most recent occurring during the Normandy Park SightLines 2030 community visioning process, June - August 2009.

The City had made a concerted effort to keep the community aware of park programs and park planning and to seek public involvement. The City publishes and distributes a quarterly newsletter, The City Scene, to provide information on City affairs to members of the community. A copy of the newsletter is mailed to each household in the City and additional copies are distributed through the City offices. Occasionally, city parks are the focus of the City Scene.

The City also has a Park Board made up of volunteer citizens, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, whose charge is to provide a setting for promoting and encouraging recreation, education, and socialization that recognizes and meets the interests and needs of all ages and capabilities of the Normandy Park Community. The Park Board meets monthly to discuss city parks and collect citizen input for parks development. The comments collected over the course of those meetings have been incorporated into this Plan. The City Council Parks and Recreation Committee reviewed this document.

This comprehensive planning process does not end with the adoption of this plan. It is recommended that this plan be reviewed for potential amendments on an annual basis prior to the
completion of the annual operating budget process. This will assure that the Parks Improvement Plan remains consistent with City priorities and financing strategies.

5.0 Current Park and Recreation Inventory

The City of Normandy Park has 99 acres of parkland, all of which are open to the public. There are six major parks within the City, two of which are low intensity nature preserves. There is also one recreation center building, and several mini or pocket parks.

The City has conducted public surveys to identify public need and to develop a “vision” for future park development. The latest survey occurred in Summer 2009. Park specific needs were extracted from the survey results and are reflected in the Needs Analysis for each park in the Current Parks and Recreation Inventory above.

Data from this survey and previous surveys showed the preservation of greenbelts and wooded areas, and the availability of walking/hiking trails and bicycle/jogging paths to be the highest rated needs of our city. With one exception, the addition of intensive use areas, such as playfields and tennis courts, does not appear to be a citizen priority. The one exception is that several residents would like to see improved children’s play areas at Marvista Park, E.J. Nist Family Park, and probably at City Hall Park.

Additional needs can be seen in each section pursuant to each park.

The following inventory of parklands and facilities describe the facility and needs analysis for each park as expressed in public surveys, workshops, hearings and Park Board Meetings. The October 2007 public survey, September 2009 Sightlines 2030 survey and the May 2010 public hearing were of particular importance in developing the needs analysis.

5.1 City Hall Park - 801 SW 174th Street

**Type, Location and Description**
This 7.85-acre park is an active-use park. The park attracts users from surrounding communities who enjoy the park’s high quality baseball and soccer fields. The site was purchased from the Highline School District in 1987. The south building was remodeled and is now used as City Hall. The north building is used as the Normandy Park Recreation Center.

**Facility and Equipment**
Improvements include two outside basketball courts, a fenced children’s play area, a handicap accessible restroom outbuilding, benches, tables and playfields that can be configured into three baseball/softball fields or two soccer fields. It also includes a paved walking trail that meets the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards.


**Principle Recreational Uses**
Soccer, baseball/softball, children's play area, walking/jogging and basketball. Used by private organizations, sports leagues and the general public from the area and county.

**Needs Analysis**
The existing play equipment is outdated, has begun to deteriorate and is in need of replacement. Ballfields, basketball courts and paved walking paths are in need of repair. Additional parking is needed to accommodate facility users as parking lots frequently overflow onto residential neighborhood streets.

**The Park Board prioritized the needs of City Hall Park as follows:**

1. Upgrade play equipment and possibly relocating play equipment closer to the ball fields
2. Repair walking trail
3. Improve maintenance of restrooms
4. Replace current benches and install additional benches
5. Improve baseball infields
6. Upgrade basketball courts
7. Improve parking

**5.2 Normandy Park Recreation Center - 801 SW 174th Street**

**Type, Location and Description**
Adjacent to City Hall, building is used for recreation and rentals.

**Facilities and Equipment**
The Normandy Park Recreation Center includes an elementary school size gymnasium, meeting room, dance studio, restrooms, and storage.

**Principle Recreational Uses**
Current uses of the recreation center include basketball, volleyball, pickleball, preschool, recreation classes, and private rentals.

**Needs Analysis**
The facility requires general structural upgrades, refurbishment, energy efficient HVAC and windows. Plumbing and electrical systems are in need of replacement. Boiler has begun to fail and is the only source of heat for the building.

Consideration should be given to identify sites for City Hall and recreational facilities. There is a demand for additional indoor recreational space. Based on NRPA standards the Recreation Center is approximately ½ the size recommended for a community with a population of 6,500 – 7,000.
5.3 Marvista Park - SW 200th and 4th Avenue SW

Type, Location and Description
This park and playground has five acres of fully-developed land with grass, sidewalks, and landscaping (mostly level with some small slopes and mounds).

Facility and Equipment
This site includes children’s play equipment, community garden patches, a rose garden, a paved ADA accessible trail, benches and picnic tables, an ADA compliant restroom and a large gazebo that is used for band concerts and which can be rented for picnics. Public Works Department Maintenance Division offices are also located on the site and can be used for community meetings.

Principle Recreational Uses
Children play area, gardening, and picnicking and passive program activities. The “Concert-in-the-Park” concert series is held here.

Needs Analysis
New play equipment installed in 2008 has greatly increased use of Marvista Park. Requests for swings are frequently received from park users. The Pea Patch garden is also a popular feature of Marvista Park and there is a demand for additional gardening space. The available space within Marvista Park for the Public Works shop and yard is inadequate and should be relocated to another site.

The Park Board prioritized the needs of Marvista Park as follows:

1. Add swings
2. Upgrade restroom maintenance
3. Relocate Public Works shop
4. Add water feature
5. Replace fence
6. Expansion of Pea Patch
7. Increase aesthetics of Pea Patch with art work
8. Connect Marvista Park with Olympic View Pool and Marvista Elementary
9. Add merry-go-round
5.4 Marine View Park - Marine View Drive Southwest and SW 208th

Type, Location and Description
This park, located in an environmentally sensitive area, is the City’s only park that provides access to a salt-water beach.

The park, consisting of 27.37 acres of heavily wooded bluffs and ravines, is located between Marine View Drive and Puget Sound, south of 208th Street. The upper portion, adjacent to Marine View Drive, is level and presently, has gravel paths through the woods. The rest of the wooded portion of the property is a steep bluff and large ravine. Locations along the edge of this bluff provide an excellent view of Puget Sound. The beach is a combination of gravel and sand with a very gentle slope. The upper beach, between the base of the bluff and the high tide line, is quite narrow and may be fully covered by water in extreme high tides.

Improvements include a paved emergency access road and trail to connect the upper portion of the park with the wooden stair tower at the end of the road. The tower provides access to the beach. Other improvements include a gravel parking lot, other trails, interpretive signs and other facilities.

Facility and Equipment
Beach access tower, one portable toilet, four benches, two picnic tables, a paved walking trail, and a few primitive “adventure” trails.

Principle Recreational Uses
Walking, picnicking, and beachcombing.

Needs Analysis
The primary and immediate need for Marine View Park is an increased and ongoing vegetation management program to remove ivy and other invasive plants which are threatening the native trees and plants. Kiosk/interpretive signage is needed throughout the park to direct users to trails and park areas as well as provide information/education for park users.

The Park Board prioritized the needs of Marine View Park as follows:

1. Vegetation management
2. Replace kiosk/interpretive signs
3. Improve bluff overlook
4. Maintenance of stair tower
5. Restroom near stairs
6. Add benches along paved walkway
7. Improve secondary trails
8. Mixed use of rental facility (Heath property)
9. Add totem pole on bluff

5.5 Nature Trails Park - Southwest 191st and Marine View Drive SW

Type, Location and Description
This is a low intensity use nature park east of 8th Avenue Southwest and Marine View Drive between Southwest 191st and Channon Drive. It is in an environmentally sensitive area.

The Park has 19 acres of wooded terrain with a creek and small holding pond. Approximately 40 percent of the area is considered wetlands. A loop trail provides access from a small parking lot.

Facility and Equipment
Benches and an improved walking trail.

Principle Recreational Use
Trail walking, jogging, nature study, bicycling.

Needs Analysis
The primary and immediate need for Nature Trails Park, like Marine View Park, is an increased and ongoing vegetation management program to remove ivy and other invasive plants which are threatening the native trees and plants. Trail improvements and kiosk/interpretive signage is also needed throughout the park to direct users to trails and park areas as well as provide information/education for park users. An analysis of the wetland in Nature Trails Park is also needed to identify options for improving its function.

The Park Board prioritized the needs of Nature Trails as follows:

1. Vegetation management
2. Trail improvements
3. Wetland Inventory & improvements
4. Elevated walkway
5. Add benches
6. Improve signage
7. Place totem pole and three naturalist statues
5.6 E. J. Nist Property – 242 SW Normandy Rd

Type, Location and Description
This 5.6 acre park consists of approximately one half grassy field and one half forest. A portion of the park has a view of Puget Sound. The park improvements include a gravel trail that extends the length of the property, an unimproved soft trail through the wooded area, two picnic tables, and a portable toilet. The park had been the residence of E. J. Nist, who left the property to the City in his will for use as a children’s park.

Facility and Equipment
Walking Trails, a picnic table, and a portable toilet.

Principle Recreational Use
The park is used for walking, nature observations, picnicking, and the harvesting of apples, plums and blackberries.

Needs Analysis
The 2006 Master Plan for E.J. Nist Family Park, which was adopted by the City Council on April 11, 2006, calls for a phased approach to the development of the park.

Phase I involves the demolition of the house, carport, shed and well; the installation of new utilities, (water, sewer, and power), the rough grading of the new entry road and upper play area; construction of a picnic shelter; and removal of invasive plants and rehabilitation of the meadow grasses. In 2009 and 2010, improvements completed included:

- Demolition of the house, carport, shed and well;
- Installation of new utilities;
- Construction of a new entry road and parking area;
- Construction of walking trail improvements and the plaza for a picnic shelter (future phase).

Phase II of the master plan calls for additional rough grading, paving for the new car and pedestrian entrances, landscape walls for the play area and paths, play equipment and safety surfacing, and several other related items. Since the work in Phase I involved construction of the new entrance road and parking area, this work will not be part of Phase II.

Phase III of the master plan calls for some items that would only be needed if the park receives heavy use. Phase III includes another picnic shelter, an ADA restroom, landscape plantings, additional signage, and trail improvements.
The Park Board prioritized the needs of E.J. Nist Park as follows:

1. Add a handrail and remove existing white fence along Normandy Road sidewalk
2. Create amphitheater-style seating

5.7 Walker Preserve

Type, Location and Description
City greenbelt area extending from First Ave South and Southwest 168th to the Southwest Suburban Sewer treatment plant at Southwest 174th. Public access is from 2nd Avenue. Parking is at nearby Wilson Park on 2nd Ave. SW. and SW 171st Street.

Walker Preserve has approximately 30 acres of native woodlands. The steep Miller Creek ravine is to the north and the steep Walker creek ravine is to the south. The center of the Preserve is relatively level and has a rough trail.

Facility and Equipment
Signs, a bridge across Walker Creek, and a soft, relatively unimproved, loop trail system of slightly less than one mile.

Principle Recreational Uses
Passive use, hiking, nature observation.

Needs Analysis

The primary and immediate need for Walker Preserve is an increased and ongoing vegetation management program to remove ivy and other invasive plants which are threatening the native trees and plants. Replacement of the foot bridge at the entrance, trail improvements and kiosk/interpretive signage is also needed throughout the preserve to provide access to the preserve and direct users to trails as well as provide information/education for park users. Ongoing efforts to restore and improve Walker and Miller Creeks through the Miller-Walker Creek Basin Stewardship Program is also needed. Efforts to continue acquisition of land for expansion of Walker Preserve is also needed.

The Park Board prioritized the needs of Walker Preserve as follows:

1. Vegetation management
2. Reconstruct foot bridge
3. Maintain trails and fence
4. Remove old tank
5. Connect to other parks
5.8 Beaconsfield on the Sound

Type, Location and Description
City conservation area along Puget Sound coast, which includes one of the last major undeveloped feeder bluffs along the mainland of Central Puget Sound and approximately 800’ of beach. The property is located north of Marine View Park and public access is currently limited due to private property ownership surrounding the City-owned property.

Beaconsfield on the Sound has approximately 3.0 acres of feeder bluff and beach. The portion of the marine nearshore provides valuable foraging habitat and refugia for seven species of salmonids, including threatened Chinook, from several watersheds.

Facility and Equipment
None.

Principle Recreational Uses
Passive use, hiking, nature observation.

Needs Analysis
Acquiring and restoring the bluff is a priority project for WRIA 9 (Project NS-11) and the City of Normandy Park, because feeder bluffs provide sediments that maintain salmonid habitat. The restoration project is also the only beach restoration project in the Puget Sound Nearshore Restoration Project’s portfolio. Public access to Beaconsfield on the Sound will provide passive recreation opportunities in an area with unmet needs as well as scenic resources and educational/interpretive opportunities. The beachfront is a proposed paddling stop-over site on the Cascadia Marine Trail.

Mini-Parks, Signs, Plantings and Parks in General

There are landscaped mini-parks throughout the City, and there are rustic, hanging, wooden Normandy Park signs along First Avenue. The small area surrounding the hanging signs are landscaped with shrubs and rocks. The locations of these mini-parks and signs are as follows:
Type, Location and Description
1. Brittany Park is a small park at the intersection of Normandy Terrace and Brittany Drive SW. The park has a bench and a historic fountain.
2. There is a small park at the intersection of SW 171st and 2nd Ave. SW. The park has a small, rustic wooden structure which used to protect a hanging wooden map of the city.
3. There is a median strip planting of trees and shrubs near the intersection of 6th Place SW and SW 181st Place.
4. There is a small park at the intersection of SW Channon Drive and Edgecliff Dr. SW.
5. There is a small park at the intersection of Marine View Dr. SW and Riviera Place. The park has a bench.
6. Grace N and T.A. Wilson Parks is a one-half acre park at the intersection of 171st Pl and 2nd Ave. SW. This grassy park with shade trees has one bench, a sign, wooden fencing, and a small parking area.
7. Hanging wood sign at SW 171st and First Avenue South.
8. Hanging wood sign at Normandy Road and First Avenue South.
9. Hanging wood sign at Normandy Park Drive First Avenue South.
10. Hanging wood sign at SW 200th and First Avenue South.
11. Hanging wood sign at SW 202nd and First Avenue South.
12. Hanging wood sign at SW 208th and First Avenue South.
13. Hanging wood sign at SW 216th and First Avenue South. This area also has a grass strip along 216th.
14. Hanging wood sign at Sylvester Road and 10th Avenue South.

Principle Recreational Uses
The mini-parks and hanging signs have an aesthetic appeal that enhances the pastoral quality of Normandy Park.

Needs Analysis
Increased maintenance of landscaping and signage is needed throughout the park system. The fountain in Brittany Park is in need of restoration as the concrete basin is cracked and worn.

The Park Board prioritized the needs of the Mini-Parks, signage and all parks in general, as follows:

1. Park connectivity/signage
2. Maintain and improve “welcome” signs
3. Website for park development
4. Flora survey
5. Restore Brittany fountain
6. Add a picnic bench at Brittany Park
7. Provide opportunities for additional volunteer gardening

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6.0  Goals, Objectives and Policies

Goal:  Develop a system of parks, walking trails and recreation facilities that are financially sustainable, meet public recreation needs, and incorporate and enhance the natural environment.

Objective 1
Maintain an updated and financially viable plan for meeting park and recreation needs.

    Policy 1.1. The Parks Improvement Program contained within this document shall be updated annually in conjunction with the City’s overall Six Year Capital Improvement Plan, the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan and the annual City budget process.

    Policy 1.2. The Parks Improvement Plan shall be incorporated into the City’s Comprehensive Plan during the next update process.

    Policy 1.3. The City shall establish criteria for the acquisition of new parkland and incorporate those criteria into the next Comprehensive Parks Plan update.

Objective 2
Enhance and maintain existing parks to provide a greater level of public enjoyment.

    Policy 2.1. Park design shall be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) when feasible.

    Policy 2.2. Restrooms and other convenience features shall be incorporated into the design and development of “destination parks”.

    Policy 2.3. High priority of funding shall be accorded projects that incorporate walking trails or eliminate a safety hazard.

    Policy 2.4. The cost of operation and maintenance shall be considered when enhancing parks.

    Policy 2.5. Ensure adequate annual funding for general and preventative maintenance of existing parks.

    Policy 2.6. Utilize supervised volunteers whenever appropriate.

Objective 3
Open undeveloped parks in a safe, timely and fiscally responsible manner.

    Policy 3.1. High priority of available funding shall be accorded to projects that result in the elimination of a safety hazard or the opening of a new park.

    Policy 3.2. After acquiring new parkland, the City shall implement a plan for opening the park to the public within five years.
Policy 3.3. Operation and maintenance costs associated with the opening of new parks shall be considered during project design and the annual budget process.

Policy 3.4. Utilize supervised volunteers whenever appropriate.

Objective 4
Park design shall protect and improve the functions of the natural environment and strike a balance between public use and preservation.

Policy 4.1. Park design shall incorporate features that enhance the existing environment and educate users of the presence and functions of environmental amenities.


Policy 4.3. Park development and management shall, where appropriate, incorporate natural resource conservation, restoration, and preservation.
7.0 **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

A phased program for capital improvements has been developed and addresses improvements for 2008-2013. Projects will be reviewed on an annual basis and may be adjusted depending upon availability of funding, labor and shifting priorities.

**Agency/Department:** City of Normandy Park  
801 SW 174th Street  
Normandy Park, WA 98166  
206-248-7603

**Date of Adoption:** June 8, 2010  
**Resolution Number:** 829  
**Completed by:** Park Board

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Appendix A

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen Comments from May 2010 Open House
The number of citizen comments is designated in ( ) . If there is no number, then only one response was recorded.

City Hall Park

- No cell towers due to preschool/youth activities (5)
- Additional parking needed (2)
- Play equipment is old and deteriorating – update needed (2)
- Outside basketball hoops/net need improvement
- New trash cans an improvement!
- South side vegetation needs pruning/take down dead trees
- Continue native plantings to encourage wildlife (keep dead trees)
- Erect concession stand – use as a rental for sports groups
- More bathroom maintenance
- Cyclone fence needs replacing
- Add senior citizen exercise equipment (keep off-limits to kids)
- Good job of maintaining park – it looks good.
- Install sports turf (artificial) – mark it for lacrosse/soccer. No maintenance required and could be a revenue generator.
- Move City Hall to 200th and expand current City Hall Park (more fields); charge fees for use

Normandy Park Recreation Center

- The recreation center is too small and not available for anyone to use except taekwondo and dance.

Marvista Park

- Replacement of the chain link fence with a more aesthetic fence—suggestion was for iron fence and gates
- An expansion of the pea patch
- Replace the Public Works office with a recreation area, exp: a skate park
- Make a continuous triangle between Marvista School, Marvista Park and Olympic View Pool;
- Post signs regarding pet rules and play area rules;
- Some people want basketball or pickle ball courts, and some are opposed.
Marine View Park

- Vegetation management (6) – remove invasive plants and ivy; replant with natives to maintain slopes, vistas, and “natural feel” to park.
- Improve bluff sound overlook – picnic shelter (4); view deck; large totem pole
- Clean up/remove/move large compost & yard waste pile (3)
- Restroom – keep it clean or build a new one (3)
- No cell towers in the park (2)
- Heath property – create a rental facility (2); create a botanical garden (2)
- Maintain trails – in slippery areas; families really love them (2)
- Install Tom Deschner Memorial plaque
- Expand publicly-owned beach
- Restore coastal forest
- Leave park with minimal changes to keep the essence of the park
- Develop interpretive guide and maps – include trail system; include info on Shell Midden – what to look for etc. (see also 5.8 “Park Connectedness”)

Nature Trails Park

- Rebuild water overflow system for better wetland area (2)
- Commission totem pole/unique entry (2)
- Commission statues for important Naturalists. Suggestions include Aristotle, Darwin, James Lovelock, Rachel Carson
- Improve signage for both ends of path leading to SW 192nd
- More benches
- Acquire land, when possible to maintain buffer around edges.
- Remove only dead trees that pose hazards
- No cell towers in the park

E.J. Nist Family Park

- Replace the White Wooden fence (4)

The “White Fence” has been along Normandy Road for many years. Neighbors find it a landmark of the park. The Maintenance Department has spent much time and money attempting to keep it an upright standing structure. As it stands currently, the fence just defines the boarder of the park. It does nothing to prevent a slip down the slope.

Is there need for any fence?
If safety is the concern, could a chain link be the better solution?
Can a “white fence” be built just for the cosmetic reasons?
• Small botanical garden or Japanese meditation garden.
• Enhance the “upper wetland” to attract native wildlife. (i.e. frogs, salamander, song birds). (Is there an upper wetland area at Nist? The lower area is certainly damp and swampy at times.)
• Keep website updated regarding the construction activities and projected completion date.
• Circulate Notices in the neighborhood of significant happenings in the Nist Park. Any significant change or additional structure proposed to any of our parks, a notification sign (much like a “land use” sign) should be placed to inform those who regularly use the park, but may not necessarily have received notice regarding the proposed activity in the park.
• Connect Manhattan Village to the Nist Park.
• Using the existing terrain to build an Amphitheatre.
  ▪ Does not have to be a big theatre.
  ▪ Terracing the land vs. building an actual structure.
  ▪ Takes in the view (Reminiscent of the “Gorge”).
  ▪ The “New” Music in the park Venue?

Walker Preserve

• Connect this park with a trail (also for bikes?) to 13th Ave (and “Cove” area) (5); connect to 1st Ave. S
• Interpretive signs (2)
• Fix the bridge
• Keep it in a natural state
• No cell towers in the preserve

Mini-Parks, Signs, Plantings and Parks in General

Brittany Park:
• Make a flower/garden spot (2)
• Add benches; picnic table (arbors with fountain?)
• Landscape with more natives for less maintenance including: Wild Bleeding heart, Native Iris, Evergreen Huckleberry

Parks-in General:
• Be purposeful in creating a “park system” or “park connectedness” (8) which includes:
  a) Connecting dead-end streets north of QFC to the park system
  b) Connect 8th Ave downhill by Beverly Lane with stairs/path
  c) Trail lanes on streets (where possible)
     (See also: Connecting Walker’s to the Cove Area in section 5.7)
• No cell towers (3)
• Create a skateboard park (3)
• Enhance/improve entrances at 200th and QFC (2)
• Landscape/utilize pocket areas (2) i.e. Marine View Dr and Normandy Terrace
  Marine View Dr and Riviera Pl SW, entrance at SW 171st.
• Art in each park
• Hanging baskets along 1st Ave S.
• Pooper Scooper signage reminding patrons to clean up after pets
• Develop a city walking club; city fun runs; talks and walks on native vegetation; new paths within greenbelts.
• A systematic effort in maintaining the park system. This includes:
  a) A professional flora survey for Nature Trails and Marine View Parks
  b) The survey being laid out on a grid system so that sections can be easily labeled for restoration and costs projected to attain it.
  c) The survey data being posted on the city website and a method implemented for the public to make monetary donations towards restoration.
  d) A possible yearly fundraiser event for our parks.
  e) A review of the working arrangements and expectations between the Metropolitan Park District, the City Council Parks Subcommittee and the N.P Park Board. This should be scheduled for Fall 2010.
# City of Normandy Park Facility Standards

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**Estimated Population:**
- 2010: 1,500
- 2015: 2,000

**Notes:**
- School sports inventory and community center space discounted by 75% based on actual time available to the community.
- School playgrounds, picnic pavilions, and outdoor basketball courts discounted by 50% based on actual time available to the community.