



Lynnwood Equitable Parks Planning Project

Background—

Lynnwood was one of six communities selected for the Resilient Park Access Grant: a two-year pilot project hosted by The National Parks and Recreation Association to center equitable practices into traditional park processes.

Building Relationships with Diverse Communities—

To connect to racially and socio-economically diverse communities, Mithun relied on the existing relationships that Refugee and Immigrant Services NW (RISNW) has with community groups in the city. RISNW hosted focus group meetings with questions and maps created by Mithun and City of Lynnwood Parks Department. The following communities were represented by the focus groups: Afghan, African-American, African (Refugee and Immigrant), Cambodian, COFA (The Compact of Free Association: Communities from the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated

States of Micronesia), Latinx, Ukrainian, Russian and Vietnamese. ParksLOVE also conducted several targeted and general surveys, engagement activities, a community fair, and an all abilities focus group aimed to gain feedback from Lynnwood residents on how parks can better support a range of different abilities.

Community Priorities Inform the Capital Parks Plan—

A paid, community co-design group gathered in a series of meetings to discuss inclusion, equitable access, health and environmental resilience to ultimately guide indexing for a project prioritization framework.

Strengthening Relationships with Community Leaders—

The future goal and outcome of ParksLOVE is to continue developing relationships with Lynnwood community leaders to ensure equitable planning practices which will better serve Lynnwood's BIPOC communities.

PROJECT—

ParksLOVE: Lynnwood Capital Park Plan
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