

# Renton Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan Inclusive Engagement

How to go beyond translated meetings and surveys towards **Inclusive Engagement?**

## Public Engagement



### What is a Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan?

- Vision and goals
- + Current and Future Needs and Community Preferences
- + Implementation and Investment Strategies

= Approach for Projects and Funding of Parks, Recreation Facilities, and Natural Areas

## Recruit, Train, Support



**Renton's Inclusion Task Force (2023)**  
Network of community liaisons who represent their communities and connect members with City programs, services and planning efforts.

- Recruited five Community Conversation leaders from Task Force
- Each leader received training, support, materials and a small stipend
- Supporting materials (see handouts) were available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese languages
- Conversation participants received vouchers for use at Renton Recreation Facilities

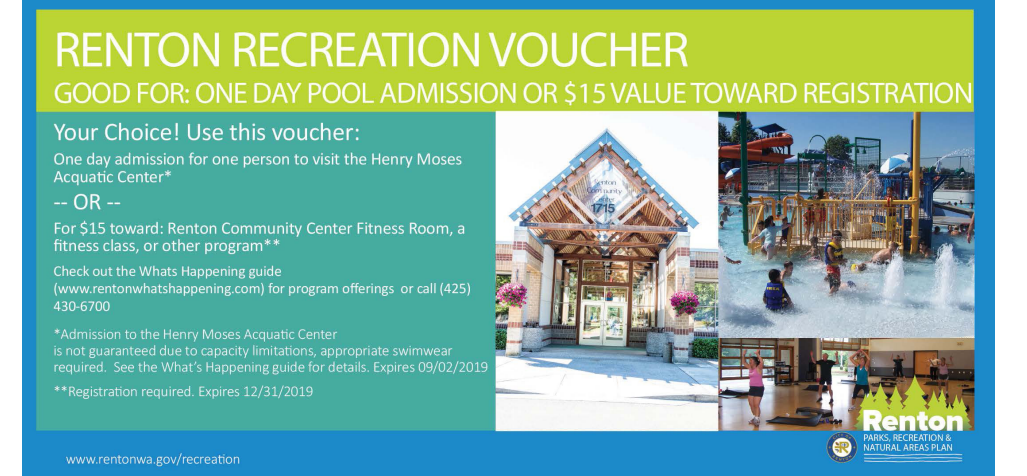
### Inclusive Outreach Conversation Leader's Guide

**OUTREACH ROUND #1**

Thank you for leading community conversations for Renton's Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan. Your work is important to ensuring that a diverse representation of Renton community members is involved in shaping the future of parks, recreation and natural areas in our city.

This is your step-by-step guide to helping community members provide input about the future of parks, recreation and natural areas in Renton.

- 1. REVIEW**  
Please review the contents of the toolkit and read this guide before your meeting or activity.
- 2. INTRODUCE**  
Introduce yourself, your role and the purpose of the activity.
- 3. DESCRIBE**  
Briefly describe the Renton Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan process and how community members can provide input.
- 4. DISTRIBUTE AND DISCUSS**  
Distribute the worksheets and conduct the activity.
- 5. COLLECT RESPONSES AND COMPLETE REPORT**  
Tally the number of responses for each image. Complete the reporting form and input your report online.
- 6. PROMOTE**  
Encourage participants to continue participating and to invite their friends and family to participate by visiting the project website to learn about upcoming events and placing their ideas on the interactive map.



## Round 1 Conversations



10 Community Conversations with 99 Participants

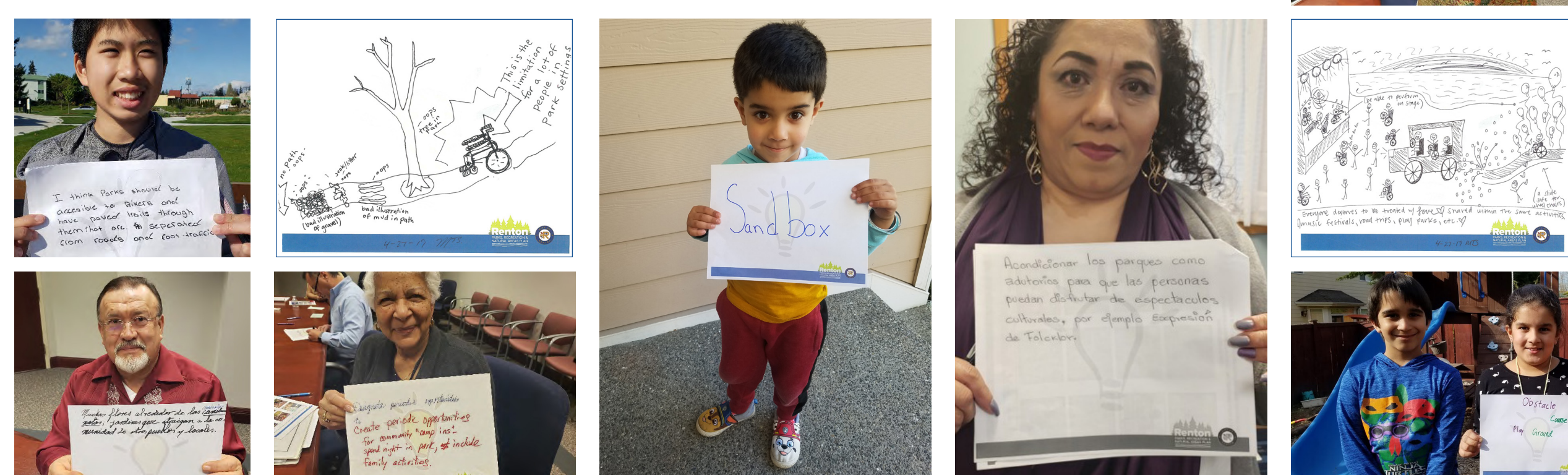
### How do you use Parks/Nat Areas? Top Answers:

- Children's Play
- Gathering - Family/Friends
- Playing Sports
- Relaxing

### What's important to you when you recreate?

- Coming together with family
- Competing
- Having Peaceful Time
- Experiencing Arts & Culture
- A Place to go with Kids

### What's your Big Idea? Wide variety! Both specific and system-wide



## Round 2 Conversations

9 Community Conversations with 98 Participants



### What are Events you Enjoy Most?:

- City-Wide Events
- Culture and Arts
- Neighborhood Events
- Community Events

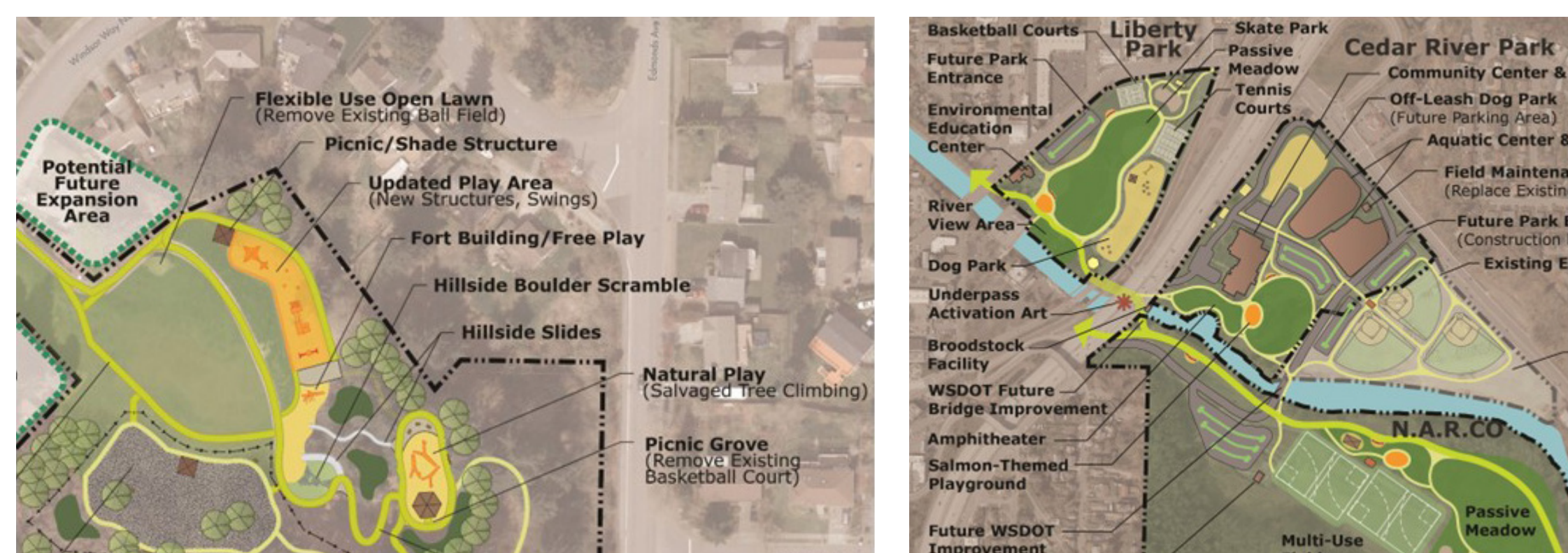
### Budget (\$10) Allocation?

- Improving Existing - \$6 (average allocation)
- New Parks - \$5
- Unique New Facility - \$4
- Close Trail Gaps - \$3
- Provide Natural Area Trails- \$3

## What Did We Learn?

### Priorities: Reinvest in Community Assets:

- Site Picnic and Play Areas Together
- Provide Playground Variety
- Upgrade and Build New Fields
- Improve Space for City-wide & Cultural Events



### Inclusive Engagement

- Diversity Programs cannot be one-time Initiatives
- Partner with Existing Trusted Leaders
- Meet People Where They Are
- Recognize that each Community Group has their own Needs and Priorities
- There is always more to be done in the process of community outreach and engagement



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