

Anderson Island Park & Recreation District

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# **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District is to preserve open space, wildlife habitat and natural greenbelt, to provide recreational opportunities for island residents and visitors, and to build and maintain facilities for the benefit of the public.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Anderson Island Park & Recreation District was established by the voters of Anderson Island in May, 1968. Having recognized the need to act so that future generations could continue to enjoy the natural flora and fauna, scenic vistas, solitude and opportunities for outdoor recreation valued by island residents and property owners, and faced with the challenge to preserve the island's iconic one-room schoolhouse, a committee of islanders petitioned Pierce County for the right to form a Park and Recreation District.

The Anderson Island Vision Statement, adopted as part of the Anderson and Ketron Islands Community Plan (2009), states in part: "The island contains well planned public infrastructure and services to support a diversity of residents' needs including safe walking areas, recreational opportunities, parks and open space." The Anderson Island Park & Recreation District was conceived and created by the citizens of the island in anticipation of fulfilling this vision.

Surveys of Anderson Island residents, as well as public input at planning workshops hosted by the District and by Pierce County Planning and Land Services, have consistently verified the desire of the community to preserve its rural character. This is most clearly expressed in Objective 28 of the Community Plan, namely "encourage acquisition and retention of open space through the use of a variety of strategies." This is supported by Principle 28.1, "Coordinate with local land trusts and public agencies to promote acquisition of high priority parcels on Anderson Island." Again, the District is the public agency best positioned to implement this policy.

This Comprehensive Plan, adopted by Resolution 2021-3 of the District's Board of Commissioners, is intended for use as a guide and tool for planning and directing the activities of the District so that it will achieve optimal success in accomplishing the missions enumerated above.

#### **GOALS**

## Conservation and Open Space

- The District should persevere in its efforts to preserve as much habitat, open space and greenbelt as possible, so that islanders may continue to enjoy the benefits of natural scenery and wildlife.
- Walking, hiking and nature-viewing should be supported by developing a network of walking trails within all parks and between parks.
- The District is committed to public education in the area of flora and fauna through workshops, summer youth camps and the placement of interpretive signs.
- The District will cooperate with other organizations and agencies, as well as private property owners to promote conservation and protection of major scenic and environmental assets such as the lakes, shorelines and creeks.

# 2. Athletics and Recreation

- The District should encourage athletics, especially for young people, and provide both financial and administrative support for community efforts to promote sports. The District should provide scholarships to assist young people to participate in sports and sponsor athletic clinics whenever feasible.
- Athletic facilities should be maintained and upgraded as needed.
- Facilities for off-leash dog exercising, bicycling, orienteering and similar low- impact recreational activities should be developed and maintained.
- The District should, independently or with the participation and cooperation of other agencies, construct, facilitate, or enhance increased public salt water access including parking for activities such as picnicking, launching of human powered water craft and boat launching.

# 3. Historic Preservation

The District will continue to assign a high priority to
documenting and maintaining historic structures within its
jurisdiction. Major cultural assets currently owned by the
District include the Old Schoolhouse and the Jacobs Homestead
Site. The District will cooperate with the Anderson Island
Historical Society and other agencies as appropriate to promote
public awareness and appreciation of such assets.

# 4. Community Activities, Communications and Volunteer Support

- The District's commissioners will cooperate with individuals and organizations to support worthwhile community activities and facilities.
- The District should maintain a policy of regular reports to the community, as well as maintain a website and a presence in other online media.
- The District should encourage the creation of a 501C(3)
  organization devoted to coordinating volunteer participation,
  fundraising, and soliciting public input for park planning.

# **INVENTORY**

At the time of adoption of this plan (2021), the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District includes the properties listed below:

#### 1. Andy's Park

Originally a 120-acre bequest of Andrew Anderson (1895-1975), this park was expanded with the 50-acre addition of Windy Pete's farm, purchased with the support of Pierce County Conservation Futures funding in 1994. It is located in the geographical center of the island, at the intersection of Eckenstam-Johnson Road and Sandberg Road. It features approximately two miles of walking trails, including three footbridges over creeks, as well as Freddy's Off-Leash Dog Park, with over an acre of mowed and fenced exercise space for pets and their owners, picnic tables and a covered shelter.

At the west end of the park is a two-acre, 1320-foot-long corridor donated by Delbert and Jan Deweyert in 2009 to provide a trail link to the Marine Park.

Also included in this park are approximately 2000 feet of frontage on Schoolhouse Creek, presently being restored by volunteers and funds from South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Fund grants. Situated in a lovely grove along the creek is Charlie's Creekside Park, a spot where visitors can sit and enjoy the music of the babbling brook and, hopefully, watch returning salmon on their way up the creek to spawn.







#### 2. Andrew Anderson Marine Park

The original 37 acres of this park were also donated by Andrew Anderson, one of the founding members of the District, in 1975. It includes a spectacular sheltered cove of approximately four acres at high tide, protected by a natural spit some 800 feet in length. Pedestrian access to the park was provided through 20 acres acquired through donation and a 1987 ALEA grant, and close to one mile of trails have been developed from the parking lot located on Clausen Road. The 12 acres immediately to the south of the park, including a substantial portion of the cove and 550 feet of beach, were acquired through a Conservation Futures Grant in 1997; an additional 21 acres to the north were added in 2007, also with Conservation Futures funding.







#### 3. Cammon Field and Trail

This Park comprises 40 acres fronting on Camus Road and is the site of Anderson Island Elementary School and the Multipurpose Room, plus Cammon Athletic Field, a walking/running track, and a covered play area with a basketball court.

The north 20 acres of the park contain the Jane Cammon Trail, nearly two miles of walking and bicycling trails. The property was donated by Pierce County in 1968. An additional 36 acres bordering on the west has been leased from Pierce County to expand the Jane Cammon Trail and provide a link to Montalvo Park.





#### 4. Lowell Johnson Park

Five acres on Lake Florence were purchased by the District in 1970 for a swimming hole. An additional 60 ft. wide strip, 1.2 acres, was acquired from Pierce County in recent years. The park has 335 feet of shoreline, with two swimming beaches, swim floats, picnic areas and a volleyball court. Restroom facilities were completed in 2009.



#### 5. Montalvo Park

In 2008, Steve Montalvo donated five acres on 94th Street for a park honoring his parents, Rudy and Agnes Montalvo. Parking and a picnic area have been developed, along with a horseshoe pit for recreation. A trail developed on land leased from Pierce County connects it with the Jane Cammon Trail.



#### 6. Tom's Park

Tom's Park, nearly 11 acres with 520 feet of waterfront located on a peninsula on Lake Florence, was the gift of the Seto family in 2009. Restrictions designed to protect a now long-vanished eagles' nest limited development for a decade until 2019, when the District received permission to develop rough trails on the property. Development is still underway, but the park currently has two trails that lead to waterfront viewing spots. Future development on one of the trails will allow lake access for off-leash dogs.



#### 7. Wide Awake Hollow

When the Anderson Island School District was closed in 1968, the 7½ acres on which the Old Schoolhouse was located were donated to the newly formed Park & Recreation District. Included in this park are the historic one-room schoolhouse, Wide Awake Hollow, several out-buildings, a playground and picnic area, a tennis and pickleball court, and Tom White Park. The Old Schoolhouse is currently leased to a non-profit organization which maintains an active exercise facility there. Across the road, Tom White Park has several hundred feet of walking trails as well as 500 feet of creek frontage on Schoolhouse Creek, where incubators for Chum Salmon have been established and maintained by the District. A one-acre parcel adjacent to the west border of the park was acquired via donation in 2020.





#### 8. Jacobs Point

Jacobs Point Park & Wildlife Refuge is located on approximately 100 upland and tideland acres projecting into Oro Bay. The acquisition was accomplished in 2012 and 2016 through grants from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, Pierce County Conservation Futures, the Nisqually Land Trust and a gift from Young Life. A trail system of about 4 miles has been developed, including an elevated walkway which crosses a wetland, interpretive signs, six scenic viewing areas with picnic tables, and stairs to access the nearly 1 mile of unspoiled beach. A solar-powered composting toilet was installed in 2014 to complete the initial development of the park. With assistance from soldiers from Joint Base Lewis McChord and island volunteers, additional trails have been added to include the site of the Historic Anderson Island Brickyard and complete a loop back to the trail head.







#### 9. Idie Ulsh Park

Idie Ulsh Park, located across Eckenstam-Johnson Road to the north of The Old Schoolhouse, was acquired in 2017 through grants from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and Ducks Unlimited. The Park honors Idie Ulsh, a prominent conservationist and lepidopterist, to whose family the property had belonged for over 100 years. The Park includes 16 forested acres and 660 feet of frontage on Schoolhouse Creek. A trail system with a raised walkway crossing wetlands has been developed.



#### 10. St. Anne's Park

A gift from the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia in 1998, St. Anne's Park comprises 24 acres and 1200 high-bank front feet on Nisqually Reach, on the southwest side of the island. There is currently no access to this property other than from the water. In the future, the District plans to explore the feasibility of obtaining access from Eckenstam-Johnson Road and developing walking trails.

#### 11. Walking Trails at NLT Property

The District is partnering with the Nisqually Land Trust to develop parking and low-impact walking trails on property the Trust has acquired near St. Anne's Park at the south end of the island. There is currently no established completion date for that project.

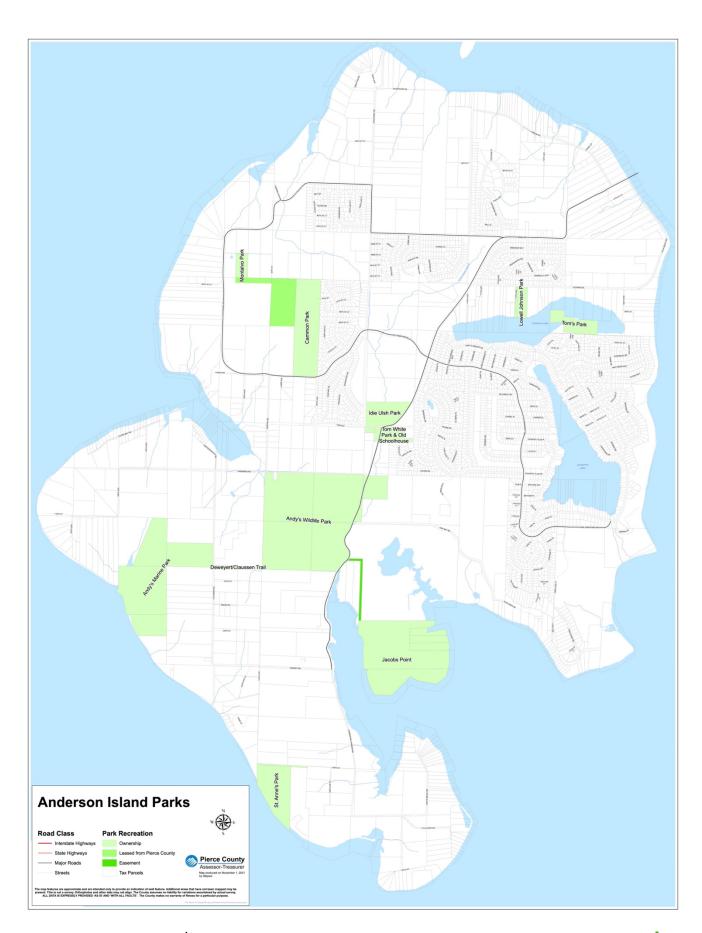
#### 12. County Easements

The District has acquired a license from the Pierce County Planning & Public Works for the use of County Right-of-way at three locations on Anderson Island for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of Park and Recreation Facilities. The main objective is to provide residents of Anderson Island access to the Puget Sound.

The first of these is located at the end of Otso Point Road where plans are being developed to construct a set of stairs to the beach for the launching of small watercraft such as canoes and kayaks.

The second location is at the junction of Larson Road and Eckenstam-Johnson Road, referred to as Johnsons Landing. This spot is for viewing of Eagle Island, walking the beach, accessing the Sound for island dogs and their owners and possible launching small craft by way of steep steps. We have upgraded the existing steps, installed a small parking area, constructed new fencing, replaced existing stairs and added two picnic tables. Due to the location and size of this area we are limiting the amount of time to 3 hours per visit.

The third easement at Brant and Claussen, due to wetland issues, we have not made any plans to develop this area.



#### SHORT TERM AND ONGOING OBJECTIVES

# Preservation and Open Space

- Continue to restore native vegetation and improve salmon habitat along Schoolhouse Creek in Andy's Wildlife Park.
- 2. Assess flora for native plant ID opportunities and create interpretive signs for Idie Ulsh Park.

# Athletics and Recreation

- 1. Develop recreational opportunities at Montalvo Park.
- 2. Sponsor and support youth athletics through athletic program partnerships and potential revival of the Anderson Island Athletic Association.
- 3. Create and manage a Youth Activities Scholarship Program to connect island youth to recreation opportunities, awarding scholarships that cover registration and travel fees to attend programs on and off the island. (2022, and beyond if possible)
- 4. Develop saltwater access and parking at Otso Point and Johnsons Landing.
- 5. Continue to sponsor a summer nature camp for children.
- 6. Continue to make the Old Schoolhouse available as a site for an exercise facility.

#### Historic Preservation

- 1. Maintain the Old School House and grounds to the greatest extent feasible.
- 2. Restore and maintain the chimney at the Jacobs Homestead Site.

# Community Activities, Communications and Volunteer Support

- 1. Continue to maintain and develop the District's website.
- 2. Continue to maintain an online / social media presence.
- 3. Support the Community Club and the Historical Society in efforts to maintain their historic buildings.

#### LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES

# Preservation and Open Space

- 1. Acquire the remaining Ulsh family property north of Idie Ulsh Park to form a Central Park and preserve the headwaters of Schoolhouse Creek.
- 2. Assess feasibility, solicit community feedback, and acquire easements to enable public access to St. Anne's Park.
- 3. Promote native flora education through projects like:
  - a. Seasonal surveys of parks for specimen ID
  - b. Install of interpretive signs
  - c. Create programs in partnership with other organizations about native plant conservation.
- 4. Promote wildlife watching, conservation, and education opportunities through projects such as:
  - d. Designate or install bird nesting habitats and platforms in appropriate locations
  - e. Install bird blinds for observation (Andy's Wildlife and Andy's Marine Parks)
  - f. Pursue conservation programs in partnership with organizations like Tahoma Audubon and the Nisqually Land Trust.
  - g. Install wildlife behavior interpretive signs
  - h. Promote educational programs that connect the community to local wildlife
- 5. Construct raised trails for wet areas at the Marine Park and Andy's Park
- 6. Construct a viewing platform overlooking the estuary at Andy's Wildlife Park
- 7. Develop additional trails as needed in various Parks.
- 8. Accept donations of both tidelands and upland property as they become available.

# Athletics and Recreation

- 1. Develop salt water access for beach walks, picnicking and possible boat launching.
- Pursue acquisition of a facility for multi-purpose use, including
  possibly an expanded exercise facility, public space to pursue arts &
  crafts, Park Board office & meeting space, and Park Board storage
  and supply.
- 3. Assess feasibility and pursue location /partnerships to construct a skate park for island youth.
- 4. Develop additional recreation activities for both adults and children.
- 5. Develop a covered shelter at Andrew Anderson Marine Park.
- 6. Develop improved restroom facilities at Wide Awake Hollow.
- 7. Develop self-sustaining composting toilet at Andrew Anderson Marine Park, near the newly constructed covered shelter.
- 8. Improve usability of covered play area at Cammon Field.
- 9. Resurface and upgrade the tennis court at the Old Schoolhouse.

#### Historic Preservation

- 1. Repaint and restore windows at the Old Schoolhouse.
- 2. Pursue a partnership with the Evergreen State College Department of Archaeology to conduct a survey of archaeologic resources on Jacobs Point.

# Community Activities, Communications and Volunteer Support

- 1. Form a Friends of the Parks organization to coordinate volunteer activities and fundraising.
- 2. Engage the Riviera Community Club Board Members about island parks and potential areas of collaboration to support the community's needs.

#### **FUNDING SOURCES AND OTHER RESOURCES**

#### **Current State**

The Park and Recreation District receives revenue from:

- Property Taxes collected exclusively from Anderson Island properties. The current operating levy is \$.50 per \$1,000 of property value, giving the District an operating revenue of between \$130,000-\$150,000 per year. These funds form the backbone of our annual budget, paying for park maintenance, general improvements, and our operations. This operating levy will come up for public vote again in 2023.
- Donations for special projects. Periodically, the District has conducted large fundraising campaigns to finance a special project, like the restrooms at the Swimming Hole which raised more than \$15,000 for construction, and Schoolhouse Creek Restoration which has raised over \$18,000 since 2007.
- **General Donations.** Donation income is limited, on average \$500 a year.
- **Grants.** Where possible, the District applies for grants to fund projects. Most grants range from \$1,000-\$6,000 for targeted use, though we have received larger grants over the years for youth programs (\$16,000 in 2021) and property acquisition.
- Special levies or bonds presented to the voters for large capital projects. We have never utilized this option, but should we need to build a large capital expense, this is an avenue for funding.

Maintenance of park facilities is mostly accomplished by a Park Maintenance Contractor, currently Goodin Homes Inc.

There are no paid staff, and the District relies heavily on volunteer work from the Commissioners and others to apply for grants and to get special projects done.

The District will continue to rely on volunteers to accomplish the specific projects outlined in this plan. The District will pursue grants and work with

non-profit conservation groups to acquire property identified as significant for conservation or public use. A special levy or bond issue will be presented to the voters for any large capital projects, for example if expanded community facilities are needed.

# District Growth Opportunities

If the District wanted to expand services to be more in alignment with other park districts, it would require hiring employees, either part-time or full-time. This includes:

- Year-round or seasonal in-house recreational programs for youth, like extended day camps, athletics, or educational events
- Monthly and/or special educational events for the community at large
- Rangers to help enforce rules, monitor park access, or assist visitors
- Administrative staff to coordinate operations and programs

The current operating budget covers park maintenance but could not sustain the above items. The biggest hurdle for the District to expand services or increase the volume of projects executed will be reliable income expansion.

An increase in the operating budget may occur:

- As population and therefore tax base grows.
- If voters choose to increase the operations levy. Communities in our area pay between \$.45-\$.60/\$1000 for their park district levy, putting the District in the median of the range.
- If the programs created are self-funding through fees collected.

As the District considers long-term plans, the question of staffing will continue to be assessed.

#### **APPENDIX A: PARK USE CODE**

# Anderson Island Park & Recreation District

# PARK USE CODE

#### Governing Public Use of Property Owned and/or Operated by:

Anderson Island Park & Recreation District

**Approved:** by Resolution 2010-1 on February 17, 2010, and adopted revisions in Resolution 2013-5 on April 17, 2013; Resolution 2014-1 on April 16, 2014; Resolution 2015-3; and Resolution 2016-1 on January 20, 2016.

These Rules and Regulations are intended to assure the public that the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District (hereinafter called AIPRD), located in Pierce County Washington, will operate and maintain recreation lands and facilities in a safe and attractive condition for the use and enjoyment of all members of the public without discrimination.

These rules and regulations shall apply to all property owned and/or operated by the AIPRD including Andy's Wildlife Park (including the off-leash dog exercise area), Andrew Anderson Marine Park, Cammon Field and Trail (New School), Montalvo Park, The Old Schoolhouse (Wide Awake Hollow), Tom White Park, Lowell Johnson Park (The Ol' Swimming Hole), Saint Anne's Woods, and any additional properties the AIPRD shall acquire and designate as parks.

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#### Section 1: Definitions

- 1. "Anderson Island Park & Recreation District" shall mean the area included within the boundaries of Anderson Island within unincorporated Pierce County for the purpose of taxing property within said boundaries for maintenance and operation of the area parks property and facilities (hereafter called AIPRD).
- 2. "Anderson Island Park & Recreation District Board" shall mean the governing body of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District made up of elected or appointed Commissioners (hereafter called the AIPRD Board of Commissioners).
- 3. **"Camping"** shall mean erecting a tent or shelter or arranging bedding, or both, or parking a recreational vehicle or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight.
- 4. "Commissioner" shall mean any of the duly elected or appointed Anderson Island Park & Recreation District Commissioners, and/or their duly authorized agents or designees.

- 5. **"Motor Vehicle"** means any self-propelled device capable of being moved upon a road, and in, upon, or by which any persons or property may be transported or drawn, and includes, but is not limited to, automobiles, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, motor scooters, four-wheel drive vehicles, all terrain vehicles ATVs) and snowmobiles, whether or not they can legally be operated upon the public highways.
- 6. **"Park"** means and includes all AIPRD grounds and associated drives and parking areas; trails, athletic fields, play grounds and beaches; play, recreation, historic and restroom/dressing room structures within property boundaries, owned or operated by the AIPRD, and under the management and control of the AIPRD Board.
- 7. **"Permit"** means written authorization or permission issued by the AIPRD Board to a group or organization desiring to use AIPRD property for a specific purpose (special event) in advance of that event.
- 8. **"Person"** shall mean all individuals, firms, partnerships, corporations, clubs, and all associations or combinations of persons whether acting for themselves or by means of an agent, servant, or employee.
- 9. **"Special Event"** shall mean a group recreation activity in or on AIPRD property, sponsored or organized by an individual or organization that requires reserving park areas, planning, facilities, staffing, or other services beyond the level normally provided at AIPRD property to ensure public welfare and safety, and facility or environmental protection.
- 10. **"Trail"** means any path or track designed for use by pedestrians, bicycles, or equestrians, and which is not of sufficient width, nor designed to permit its use by standard passenger automobiles; or other rights-of-way specifically designated and posted for non-vehicular use.

#### Section 2: Access and Hours of Operation

Any person, except persons specifically authorized by the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District Board, or other persons authorized by law, shall be prohibited from entering, going upon or remaining upon any property outside the established hours of operation; or property that has been designated and posted by the AIPRD as a "no admittance" or "closed to use" or "no trespassing" area.

- 1. The established **hours of operation for AIPRD parks are daily 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.**, year-round, unless otherwise posted.
- 2. No overnight parking or camping is permitted on AIPRD property, except by permit as provided in Section 17 (Park Use Scheduling, Permits and Fees) of these rules.

## Section 3: Protection of Property and Natural Surroundings

No person shall while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District:

- 1. Willfully mutilate, injure, deface or destroy any guidepost, notice, sign or enclosure;
- 2. Climb any tree or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, fountains, railing, fences, or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes;
- 3. Cut, break or mark upon any building, bridge, wall, fountain, hedge, or other structure;
- 4. Appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any historical ruin or any object of antiquity, or otherwise harm any work for the protection or ornamentation of any park or parkway;
- 5. Enter or break into any locked restroom or any other building or structure;
- 6. Remove, damage or destroy any equipment, tools or materials;
- 7. Climb upon, cut, break, injure, destroy, take or remove any tree, shrub, timber, plant or natural object;
- 8. Remove any earth, boulders, gravel or sand, without written permission of the AIPRD Commissioners.

### Section 4: Protection of Wildlife

No person shall while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District:

- 1. Hunt, pursue, trap, kill, injure or molest any wildlife, terrestrial or aquatic, or disturb their habitats;
- 2. Take any fish from waters of any park, except in conformity with the rules and regulations of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife; additionally, no fishing of any kind is allowed in Andy's Marine Park. Shellfish harvesting is not allowed in any park.
- 3. Permit any domesticated animal, where allowed, to be unleashed or un-tethered at any time, except as provided in Section11 (Pets and other Domesticated Animals) of these rules;

### Section 5: Fires

No person shall while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District:

- 1. Build or maintain any fire in any property except in areas designated for such purposes and in structures such as fire pits and fireplaces provided for such use;
- 2. Build or maintain an open fire during an officially declared "burn ban" affecting Anderson Island;

- 3. Leave a fire unattended, or permit a fire to spread or extend beyond the approved containment structure.
- 4. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of barbecues or other portable stoves in such place and manner as not to create a hazard.

#### Section 6: Firearms and other Weapons Restricted

It is unlawful for any person while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District to:

 Possess a firearm with a cartridge in any portion of the mechanism in a park, or discharge across, in or into any park a firearm, air or gas weapon, or any device capable of injuring or killing any person or animal or damaging or destroying any public or private property;

All laws, rules and regulations of the State of Washington relating to WAC 332-52-145 Fire Arms and Target Shooting, and Chapter 9.41 RCW, FIREARMS AND DANGEROUS WEAPONS are also applicable and will be enforced.

### Section 7: Fireworks Prohibited

It is unlawful for any person while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District to:

 Possess, discharge, set off or cause to be discharged in or into any park, any firecracker, torpedo, rocket, firework, explosive or other substance potentially harmful to the life or safety of persons or property. Legal fireworks as part of a permitted function which are licensed and in compliance with State regulations may be discharged in a manner meeting all safety requirements if authorized by the Anderson Island Park Board or designee and if handled by a licensed professional;

## Section 8: Intoxicating Beverages and Illegal Drugs Prohibited

No person shall while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District:

- 1. Have in their possession an intoxicating liquor or alcohol;
- 2. Sell, use or have in their possession any drug or narcotic, the sale, use or possession of which is prohibited by state law.

## Section 9: Personal Conduct

No person shall while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District:

- 1. Be under the influence of intoxicants or illegal drugs;
- 2. Engage in any violent, abusive, loud, vulgar, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct;
- 3. Disturb or annoy park patrons;
- 4. Prevent any other person from entering or leaving, or making full use of the park through the use of force, threats or any other means;
- 5. Interfere with, or in any manner hinder any AIPRD official or their agents in the performance of their official duties;
- 6. Use a powered public address system, amplified music speaker system, sound-emitting electronic equipment including electrical speakers, radio, phonographs, television, or other such equipment, at a volume which emits sound beyond the immediate individual that may disturb other park patrons;
- 7. Engage in any activity that is potentially hazardous to public safety or park property, or incompatible with park property use as designated and posted by the AIPRD;
- 8. Play games or participate in activities in a manner and/or location that may subject people or personal property, park resources or facilities to risk, injury, or damage.

#### Section 10: Peddling and Soliciting Prohibited

No person shall while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District:

- 1. Engage in commercial solicitation, or sell, rent or peddle any services, goods, wares, merchandise, liquids, or edibles for human consumption, except by concession or written permission granted by the AIPRD Board of Commissioners;
- 2. Post signs, posters, advertising, decoration, notices or anything similar;
- 3. Hold or participate in any religious or political meeting or other assembly, or distribute literature without first obtaining permission from the AIPRD Board of Commissioners.

#### Section 11: Pets and Other Domestic Animals

Dogs, other pets, horses and domestic animals are generally prohibited upon and within properties of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District, with the following exceptions:

- 1. Service animals, including guide or signal dogs or other animals individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability are permitted in all parks and facilities, as are dogs used by law enforcement or other public safety personnel.
- 2. Cammon Park
  - a. Dogs are allowed on leash or tether, and must be under control by the owner or handler at all times;
  - b. Owner or handler must not allow their dog to bite, molest, or otherwise annoy or disturb the peace and tranquility of the park or other park visitors;
  - c. Owner is liable for damage or injury inflicted by their dog(s);
  - d. Owner or handler is responsible for cleaning up their animals' waste deposits, and must have the equipment necessary to do so in their possession;
- 3. Andy's Wildlife Park Off-Leash Dog Exercise Area
  - a. Dogs exhibiting dangerous or aggressive behavior, puppies under four (4) months of age, female dogs in heat, and unattended dogs are not allowed;
  - b. Other dogs are allowed off leash or tether, but must be under control by the owner or handler at all times;
  - c. Choke or pinch collars must also be removed while dogs are off leash.
  - d. Dogs must be on leash or tether when outside the off-leash area;
  - e. Owner or handler must carry a leash for each and every dog they bring into the off-leash area;
  - f. Owner or handler must not allow their dog to bite, molest, or otherwise annoy or disturb other park visitors;
  - g. Owner is liable for damage or injury inflicted by their dog(s);
  - h. Owner or handler is responsible for cleaning up their animals' waste deposits, and must have the equipment necessary to do so in their possession;
  - i. Use of the off-leash area is at the user's own risk.

## Section 12: Camping

Camping upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District is by permit only, and as provided for in Section 17.

## Section 13: Swimming, Bathing and Wading

No person shall while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District:

- 1. Swim, bathe, or wade except at such times and places as may be provided or designated for such purpose;
- 2. Leave a child unaccompanied by an adult in or near a lake, watercourse or Puget Sound;
- 3. Appear in a complete or partially nude or naked condition.

## Section 14: Littering and Polluting Prohibited

No person shall while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District:

- 1. Leave, deposit, drop, or scatter bottles, broken glass, ashes, waste paper, cans, or other rubbish, except in a garbage can or other receptacle designated for such purposes;
- 2. Deposit any household or commercial garbage, refuse, waste, or rubbish, which is brought as such from any private property, in any garbage can or other receptacle designed for such purpose;
- 3. Drain or dump refuse or waste from any trailer, camper, motor home, automobile, or other vehicle;
- 4. Clean fish or other food, or wash any clothing or other articles for personal or household use, or any dog or other animal;
- 5. Clean or wash any automobile or other vehicle;
- 6. Pollute, or in any way contaminate by dumping or otherwise depositing any waste or refuse of any nature, kind, or description, including human or animal waste, so it may enter into any stream, lake or other body of water running in, through or adjacent to any AIPRD property.

## Section 15: Use of Motor-Driven Vehicles

No person shall while upon or within property of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District:

- Operate a motorized vehicle on other than paved or graveled roadways and parking areas
  intended for such purpose. "Paved or graveled roadways" as used in this sub-section does
  not include paved ways designated for the exclusive use of pedestrians, bicycles, wheelchairs
  or other vehicles used to provide reasonable accommodation under the ADA Act (except for
  service vehicles);
- 2. Park or leave standing a motorized vehicle in any AIPRD area, except where the operator is using the area for a designated recreation purpose and the vehicle is parked in a designated parking area;
- 3. Park, leave standing, or abandon a vehicle on any AIPRD property after closing time, except as provided for with an Overnight Parking Permit issued by the AIPRD Board.
  - a. Any vehicle found parked in violation of subsection 2 or 3 of this section may be towed and impounded at the owner's or operator's expense.

#### Section 16: Use of Non-Motorized Vehicle

Non-motorized vehicles, including cycles, scooters, rollerblades, and skateboards, but excluding wheelchairs, are generally prohibited upon and within properties of the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District, with the following exceptions:

- 1. Street-legal cycles may operate on all roadway and parking surfaces approved for motorized vehicles, and in accordance with the rules for motorized vehicles (see section 15);
- 2. Human-powered cycles are prohibited on all trails within the AIPRD with the exception of the Jane Cammon Walking and Bicycle Trail with the following restrictions:
  - a. Persons operating non-motorized cycles on this trail must
  - i. Ride to the right of the trail;
  - ii. Obey all trail signage;
  - iii. Yield to pedestrians;
  - iv. Slow down, make presence known well in advance, and use courtesy and caution when approaching or overtaking hikers or other cyclists;

- v. Observe a maximum trail speed of 10 miles per hour;
- vi. Dismount and walk in congested areas and posted walk zones;
- vii. Wear an approved helmet;
- viii. Keep the cycle on the established trail surface.

## Section 17: Park Special Use Authorization, Scheduling, and Fees

Anderson Island Park & Recreation District facilities are operated and maintained for the public's use and enjoyment. These facilities are generally available without reservations or fees to individual persons or groups for activities and events consistent with the rules and regulations of the AIPRD. However, the Anderson Island Park and Recreation District reserves the right to establish and impose fees as deemed appropriate.

Special uses of AIPRD properties and facilities not otherwise allowed by the general rules and regulations for park use may be authorized by the Board of Commissioners on a case by case basis by permit or contract with the requesting party. Special uses may include, but are not limited to overnight use, reserved use for profit and nonprofit special events, and commercial use of facilities consistent with AIPRD policy and goals. A use, participation or rental fee and/or damage deposit may be charged by the District in instances where special use may result in additional expenses to the District for administration, utilities, maintenance, upkeep, supervision or security.

The Anderson Island Park & Recreation District will require an agreement to indemnify the District against all loss or damages arising from or out of a special use permit or contract. As a condition of special use, the District may also require a surety bond or liability insurance with the District named as an additional insured party.

To be considered, a request for park special use must be submitted in writing to the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District Board of Commissioners at 11407 Old Brolin Place, Anderson Island, WA 98303, no less than 45 calendar days prior to the beginning date of the planned event or activity.

## Section 18: Rules and Regulations Promulgation

The Anderson Island Park & Recreation District is a duly formed and authorized municipal corporation as defined in RCW 36.69.130. The District has the power to, among other things, make and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of property, facilities or equipment and the conduct of persons thereon, and to make or establish charges, fees, rates, rentals and the like for the use of facilities (including recreational facilities) or for participation.

## Section 19: Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with these rules and regulations, or with any other federal, state or local law, rule or regulation applicable under the circumstances, shall subject the person so failing to submit to ejection from any property, and possible prosecution by the civil authority having jurisdiction. Violations of rules or regulations adopted by a park and recreation district for the preservation of order, control of traffic, protection of life or property, or for the regulation of the use of park property constitute misdemeanors in accordance with RCW 36.69.180.

## Section 20: Laws and Regulation

Anderson Island Park & Recreation District rules and regulations are designed to be consistent with federal, state or local law, rule or regulation. Any rule or regulation that is inconsistent with federal, state or local law or found to be otherwise void shall not affect the application of all other valid rules and regulations. Patrons are ultimately responsible to ensure that their conduct is within the law of whichever civil authority has jurisdiction, regardless of compliance with AIPRD property rules and regulations.

## **APPENDIX B: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

As a Park & Recreation District defined by Washington State RCW Chapter 36.69, the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District is staffed entirely by unpaid volunteers, and funded by voter-approved levies and donations. Since its inception in 1968, interaction with the community has provided the District with its vision, motivation, and sustenance. Besides holding open monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners, the Commissioners make occasional presentations at other island gatherings, such as the Anderson Island Association and the Anderson Island Citizens Advisory Board. At this time, public input is solicited regarding the District's current and future projects and acquisitions.

Since the District's 2010 Comprehensive Plan, engagement has consisted of:

- A 2016 survey of islanders requesting input for island parks. In this survey, results of which are presented in Table C-1, islanders were asked to indicate their support for a number of projects under consideration and asked to provide additional comments or suggestions.
- A 2020 online survey of islanders requesting input specifically on Lowell Johnson Park. This survey was conducted to ascertain the community's concern about overcrowding, rules enforcement, and potential access restrictions. The results are presented in Table C-2.
- Ongoing social media and online interaction through the District's Facebook page, website, and online blog. This forum became significantly more active in 2018 and has since provided an invaluable feedback and community dialog platform, allowing for community updates, feedback, and communication of events and park news.

Efforts to formulate an updated Comprehensive Plan resumed with:

- A first draft of the Comprehensive Plan was approved on November 3, 2021
- An Open House on November 6, 2021 to present and discuss the plan, advertised in the *Island Sounder* newspaper for October and November 2021, as well as announcements on the District's blog and social media.
- Overwhelming community support was expressed at both meetings, with no negative comments on any aspect of the plan.
- This draft plan was adopted by AIPRD Resolution 2021-3 of the Board of Commissioners on November 17, 2021.