



Capital Funding Request

American Lake Park ADA Improvements

Capital Funding Request: The City is requesting \$250,000 toward ADA access improvements at American Lake Park (ALP). Since incorporation, Lakewood has worked to create more equitable access to parks. This project will significantly advance this work by providing a new ADA ramp to the shoreline and boat launch area for all Lakewood residents to access and enjoy the waterfront. The improvements will also provide easier access to the restrooms and picnic shelters. To watch a short video on this project, [click here](#).

Project Description: The name Lakewood implies a city of lakes – and that is true, however there is limited public access to most of the freshwater lakes in our community. Some of the other lakes in the city may have a small space to stand and view the water. ALP and Harry Todd Park provide ample public access to freshwater shoreline and a variety of aquatic public amenities, such as beaches, swimming areas, public docks, etc. Unfortunately, ALP does not currently provide pedestrian ADA access to the shoreline and boat launch area. This makes it difficult for people with physical or mobility impairments, parents with strollers, and older adults to safely access the waterfront areas. The community around ALP has higher than State and Pierce County average rates of person with disabilities, persons of color, persons with veteran status, and ranks high (7/10) for exposures to environmental health disparities on the Washington State Department of Health's Environmental Health Disparities Map.¹

When completed, this project will provide new opportunities for all people to enjoy the many activities associated with the waterfront, including a new pedestrian ADA access to the shoreline and boat launch areas.

Additional project elements include: interpretative signs and educational events that help increase the public's awareness of the history, legacy and ecological importance of this site; adding a new entry plaza; a new restroom; a new picnic shelter; and replacing the aging and unsafe infrastructure, including new bulkheads and a retaining wall. In 2020, the City invested \$396,000 in to ALP. This project improved the parking lot area adding six ADA parking stalls and an ADA compliant sidewalk along the road as well as to the existing restroom.



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¹ Min, Esther, et al. "The Washington State Environmental Health Disparities Map: Comparing environmental health risk factors across Communities." *University of Washington Department of Environmental & Health Sciences* (2019) p.12.

Community Information			
	Lake City (721.08)	Pierce County	Washington State
Persons with a disability under 65 years of age	23.2%	9.8%	8.8%
Persons of Color	34.9%	26.6%	24%
Black or African American	12.0%	6.6%	3.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%
Asian	7.6%	6.2%	8.4%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.5%	0.6%
Some other race	1.5%	3.0%	4.3%
Two or more races	13.5%	8.0%	5.7%
Hispanic/Latino	14.3%	10.6%	12.5%
Median household income	\$54,113	\$67,868	\$70,116
Veterans	25.6%	9.5%	7%
<i>Data sources:</i> 2015, 2017, 2018 American Communities Survey (ACS), US Census Bureau and RCO Map			

Funding Sources	
City resources (SWM, REET)	\$250,000
WWRP	\$500,000
ALEA	\$500,000
State Capital Budget	\$250,000
Total Project Cost	\$1,500,000

