



**Budget Advisory Committee
Adopted Priorities and Values
FY 2020-21**



Priorities:

- Equity, inclusion, and accessibility
- Employee physical and emotional safety
- Maintenance of assets
- Positive, affordable, and relevant experiences that promote the well-being of **all** Portlanders
- Financial sustainability
- Climate resiliency

Values Statement:

- We believe that Portland's system of parks, recreation facilities, natural areas, and urban tree canopy is an indispensable part of the infrastructure of the City. This system is essential to the well-being of all Portlanders and is as important as water, sewers, streets, and electricity. Our focus is on enhancing positive and mitigating negative impacts to Indigenous people, Black people, immigrants and refugees, people of color, and people with disabilities. Our parks and recreation system contributes to the vitality, resiliency, and health of Portland and the surrounding metropolitan area.

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We believe:

- Portland cannot be a great city without a great parks and recreation system that is equitably distributed and accessible to all. We recognize that the fulfillment of these ideals must consider socio-economic and displacement impacts.
- A strong parks and recreation system builds a strong and healthy community by providing facilities and experiences that enrich lives through connections to the natural world, parks, community spaces, and each other.
- Access to recreational programs, natural areas, and green spaces promotes physical and mental health and reduces costs associated with obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and other illnesses. Participation in recreational sports builds confidence, capacity for teamwork, and a positive body image.
- Arts and culture programs activate public spaces, turning underutilized and unsafe areas into spaces full of visitors from all parts of the city and tourists from all parts of the world. These programs transform our public spaces, build and reinforce our sense of community, and improve the well-being and livability of surrounding neighborhoods.
- Natural areas and the urban canopy improve air and water quality, provide important wildlife habitat, and offer an essential respite from an increasingly dense urban environment.
- The parks and recreation system has a positive economic impact on the City, supporting tourism and providing quality jobs, workforce development, and stability for hundreds of employees and their families.