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Dear Mayor Cindy Ryu and Shoreline City Council,

I would like to share the park and open space data that I have collected from city comprehensive plans and King County GIS data for 20 cities in the Puget Sound area. This data is provided on the attached pages in the form of bar graphs comparing the city park and open space acres per capita and supports the Lake Forest Park (LFP) and Shoreline residents' feelings of park space shortages particularly in LFP and north and eastern parts of Shoreline.

The graphs on page 2 detail the number of acres of parks and open spaces lands per 1000 residents for 20 cities that surround Lake Washington with population greater than 10,000. The acres on Graph 1 compares only the park acres owned and managed by the city and Graph 2 compares total park and open space acres (city parks plus county and state parks located within or on city borders). I felt that parks, no matter which government entity owned and operated them, served the city's residents as a park or open space and therefore should be included. I did not include school district property because schools are not obligated to provide citizens with parks and open space lands and they can dispense of their property at will. The data for the 2 graphs is provided in the table on page 3.

In Graph 1, Shoreline and LFP are amongst the **bottom 25%** for city parks and open space acres per capita. In Graph 2, Shoreline and LFP are **at the bottom** for total public park and open space acres per capita (city plus county and state lands). Of the 20 cities, LFP has the **lowest** number of park and open space acres per capita.

As a citizen of Shoreline, I feel that Shoreline must continue to add to the city park and open space lands. The addition of park and open spaces is important for healthy city growth and is in keeping with the City's Comprehensive Plan Framework Goals and Park and Open space goals.

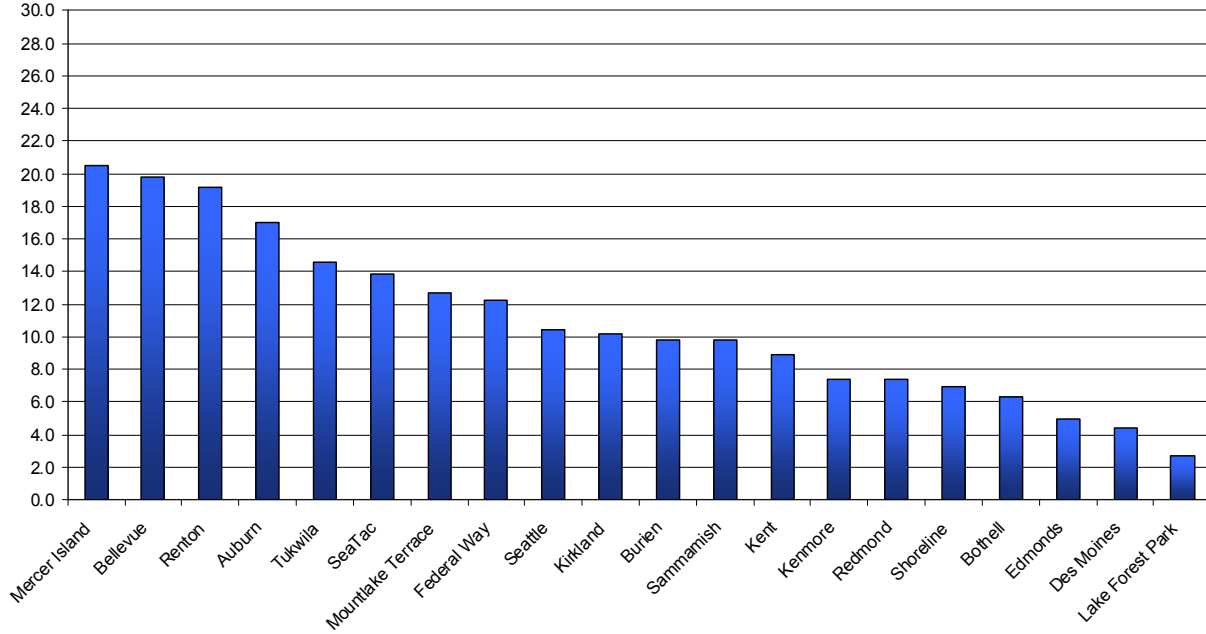
Since LFP and Shoreline share a city border and experience similar park and open space shortages, Shoreline and LFP should work together to increase the park and open space lands, give priority to those areas under served by neighborhood and community parks, and leverage good strategies from other cities for solving park and open space LOS issues.

Regards,

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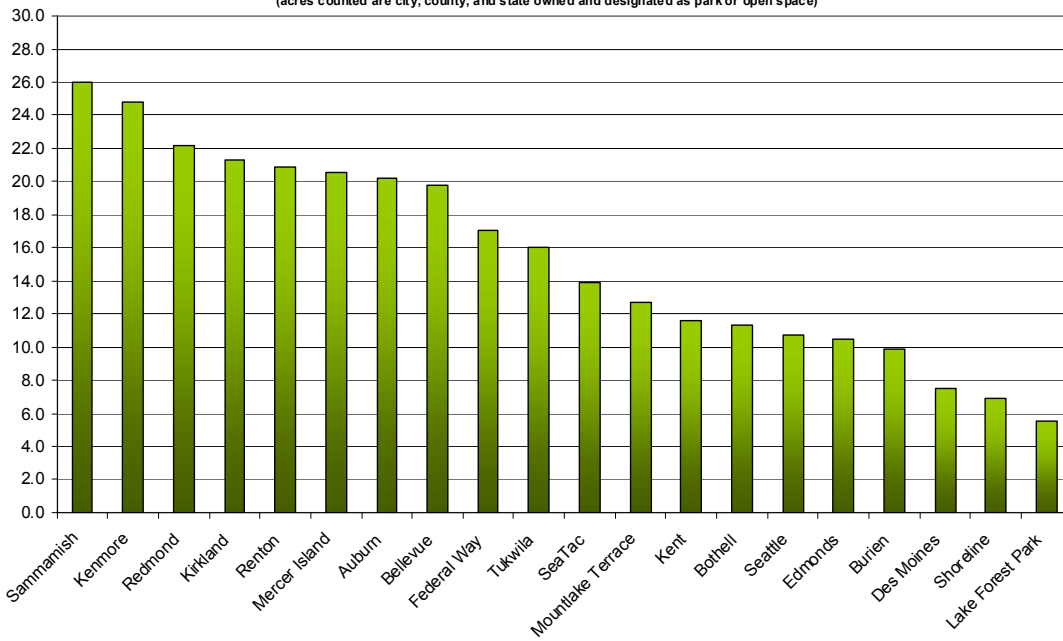
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**Graph 1. Acres of City Parks & Open Spaces per 1000, Select cities > population 10,000**  
 Cities surrounding Lake Washington, City only parks and open space



**Graph 2. Total Parks & Open Space per 1000 residents, Cities in the Puget Sound surrounding Seattle with Population > 10,000**

(acres counted are city, county, and state owned and designated as park or open space)



City Park Acres, counted: Data for graph 1 and 2.

City	2007 estimated Population	City Acres (sq miles)	Pop Density (sq miles)	City Park & Open space (acres)	Acres of City Parks/open space per 1000 people	County Parks (acres) within or next to	State Park Land Acres within or next to city limits	Total Public Land Open/park space per 1000 residents
Auburn	48886	21.3	2295.1	829.0	17.0	157.75	0	20.2
Bellevue	118100	33.9	3483.8	2343.0	19.8	0	0	19.8
Bothell	32238	12.1	2664.3	202.0	6.3	163.6	0	11.3
Burien	31410	13.2	2379.5	307.0	9.8	4.58	0	9.9
Des Moines	29090	6.3	4617.5	127.8	4.4	0	91.48	7.5
Edmonds	40760	18.4	2215.2	202.0	5.0	228	0	10.5
Federal Way	87390	21.1	4141.7	1068.0	12.2	11.2	404	17.0
Kenmore	19940	6.3	3165.1	148.0	7.4	28.66	318	24.8
Kent	86660	28.3	3062.2	770.3	8.9	238.8	0	11.6
Kirkland	47890	11.0	4353.6	490.0	10.2	47.12	482	21.3
Lake Forest Park	12770	3.7	3489.1	35.0	2.7	35	0	5.5
Mercer Island	22380	13.1	1708.4	458.0	20.5	0	0	20.5
Mountlake Terrace	20362	4.1	4966.3	258.0	12.7	0	0	12.7
Redmond	50680	16.6	3053.0	376.0	7.4	748	0	22.2
Renton	60290	22.3	2703.6	1157.0	19.2	100.16	0	20.9
Sammamish	40260	18.3	2200.0	394.7	9.8	651.7	0	26.0
SeaTac	25530	12.6	2026.2	354.0	13.9	0	0	13.9
Seattle	586200	142.5	4113.7	6074.0	10.4	206.78	0	10.7
Shoreline	53190	11.7	4546.2	369.0	6.9	0	0	6.9
Tukwila	18000	9.1	1978.0	263.0	14.6	25.6	0	16.0

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