

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department - Common Acronyms		
Acronym	Full Name	Brief Description
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	Program to make new and existing facilities readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.
CAF	Cost Adjustment Factor (PIF)	Discount for taxes and fees currently paid by new homeowners towards park acquisition and development within the park impact fee formula.
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant	Units of local government receive federal funds through the State. The funds help develop and preserve affordable housing and provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities. The funds also help to create and retain jobs. The requirements of 24 CFR 570.486 must be followed.
CFP	Capital Facilities Plan	A required component of the comprehensive plan dealing with proposed projects and services and their related costs.
CP	Community Park	Urban Park Type, typically 20+ acres, serving residents within a 3 mile radius area. Common amenities typically include walking paths, themed play areas, open lawns, benches, shelters, picnic tables, play courts, & sport fields. Parking and restrooms are needed due to the larger service area.
DOC - WA	Washington State Department of Commerce	The Department of Commerce strengthens communities and works to grow Washington's economy. Grant programs support local projects.
GIS	Geographic Information Systems	A computer application used to store, view, and analyze geographical information. Maps are an important function of the system.
GMA	Growth Management Act	State law that requires the fastest growing counties in the state to construct comprehensive plans (<i>see RCW 36.70A</i>).
ILA	Interlocal Agreement	An agreement between local public agencies in the interest of sharing resources for their mutual benefit.
I-UNA	Improved Urban Natural Area	This is a proposed new category to include improved natural areas for passive recreation that may include trails, benches, and picnic tables.
LOS	Level of Service	A method of measuring and defining the type and quality of a particular public service.
M & O	Maintenance and Operations	The various activities commonly undertaken to maintain and operate park and recreation facilities
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	A document describing a bilateral or multilateral agreement between parties
NH	Neighborhood Park	Urban Park Type, typically 2-5 acres, service area = 1/2 mile radius. Common amenities include walking paths, play areas, open lawns, benches, picnic tables and sport courts. This is a walk to destination to serve the local community and do not typically include supportive facilities such as restrooms and parking. Some high use areas may warrant expanded amenities and support services where community parks are not available or in higher density land use areas.
NRPA	National Recreation and Parks Association	NRPA is the leading advocacy organization dedicated to the advancement of public parks and recreation opportunities.
OFM	Washington State Office of Financial Management	State office that officially provides the County and City population projections that as a minimum must be used in growth management planning.
Park AC	Park Acreage	Number of acres per type of park. For example the current level of service is Park Ac / 1000 residents.
PC	Planning Commission	A group of people appointed by the city council to administer planning and land use regulations for the jurisdiction.
PIF	Park Impact Fee	A fee levied on the developer of a single or multi-family residential unit as compensation for the expected effect of that development on the provision of park, trails and open space (<i>RCW 82.02</i>) .
PIF District	Park Impact Fee District	A defined area in which park impact fees are collected and expended to provided urban park and open space services.
PRAC	Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission	A collection of city appointed citizen and agency representatives who advise the city council and board of commissioners on matters related to the provision of park & recreation services.
RCO	Recreation & Conservation Office	An executive branch state agency that serves five boards; it implements policies and programs established by the boards, the Legislature, and the Governor; and it administers state and federal grant programs for recreation and habitat conservation.
RCW	Revised Code of Washington	The most recent edition, in a consolidated form, of all laws of the state of a general and permanent nature (https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/)
REET	Real Estate Excise Tax	A tax on all sales of real estate, measured by the full selling price, including the amount of any liens, mortgages and other debts given to secure the purchase, at a pre-determined rate, subject to state law.
REET-C	City Real Estate Excise Tax	Real Estate Excise Tax collected within the city limits
REET-R	Regional Real Estate Excise Tax	Real Estate Excise Tax collected outside city limits and urban growth areas.
REET-U	Urban Unincorporated Real Estate Excise Tax	Real Estate Excise Tax collected outside the Vancouver City limits, but within the Vancouver Urban Area
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RG PK	Regional Park	recreational activities, including sport fields, extensive trail systems and large picnic areas. Amenities vary by site. Location examples include Vancouver Lake Regional Park and Frenchman's Bar within the City of Vancouver boundaries.

SEPA	State Environmental Policy Act	Washington State Environmental Policy Act which requires that the environmental impacts of a proposed action be considered, analyzed, and, if necessary, mitigated prior to enactment.
UC	Urban Center (Proposed new category)	Mixed use, high density residential, commercial/industrial area that includes plazas, civic squares and public areas.
UGA	Urban Growth Area	Areas established as part of the growth management process to allow for the efficient provision of urban levels of governmental services and where urban growth will be encouraged.
UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	The line designating the extent of the urban growth area.
UNA	Urban Natural Area	Any parcel or area of land or water that is essentially unimproved and devoted to an open space use such as preservation of natural resources, outdoor recreation not requiring development, or public health and safety - i.e.. flood control. Also known as Urban Open Space (UOS).
UUA	Urban Unincorporated Area	The area within the Vancouver Urban Growth Area that is outside of the City limits.
VPRCS	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department	City of Vancouver, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department name.
VMC	Vancouver Municipal Code	A codification of the General Ordinances of the City of Vancouver
WAC	Washington Administrative Code	Laws adopted by state agencies to implement state legislation.

NOTES:

Dense Urban Center Park Types will be added when available.

Some of the 'typical' amenities of current park types may change, including themed structures, hybrid NH/CP, etc.