



Kirkland Potential Annexation

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Frequently Asked Questions—Parks, Recreation, Human and Community Services

Since 2006, the Kirkland City Council has been carefully studying the annexation of the Finn Hill, North Juanita and Kingsgate neighborhoods, known as Kirkland's Potential Annexation Area (PAA). Throughout the City's analysis of the potential annexation, the City Council has endeavored to meet the intent of the Growth Management Act, evaluate financial impacts of annexation and provide public participation opportunities for those impacted should annexation occur.

The annexation process is guided by a series of strict events. In April 2009, the City Council initiated the annexation process by declaring its intent to hold an election in November. In June, the City presented its annexation proposal to the Washington State Boundary Review Board for King County which was approved. Following several public meetings, the City Council adopted zoning regulations in July for the PAA that define land use designations, identify allowed uses within each zone and regulate such things as building height and setbacks.

The purpose of this Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) handout is to address questions and concerns the City has heard from current City and PAA residents about parks, recreation, human and community services.

Core services for parks, recreation, human and community are similar between the City of Kirkland and King County. The City and County are responsible for the stewardship of public recreation assets such as parks, trails and open spaces within their respective geographical areas. Both agencies either provide or contract for human service programs that serve the vulnerable populations of the community. The City's Parks and Community Services Department offers athletic (sports) and learning programs for youth, adults and families.

Will the City be responsible for County parks if annexation occurs?

There are nine parks in the potential annexation area that are currently owned and maintained by King County, including:

- 132nd Square Park
- Edith Moulton Park
- Juanita Heights Park
- Juanita Triangle Park
- Juanita Woodlands Park
- Kingsgate Park
- Windsor Vista Park
- East Norway Hill Park (a portion)
- Big Finn Hill Park (a regional park currently funded by a King County levy)



For annexation information, go to www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/annexation.

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O.O. Denny Park is owned by the City of Seattle and maintained by the Finn Hill Park & Recreation District (www.finnhillparks.net) and no change in ownership or maintenance is anticipated at this time. The City of Kirkland owns South Norway Hill Park in the Kingsgate neighborhood.

For information about current King County funding for parks go to <http://www.kingcounty.gov> and search "2009 parks funding."

What does the City offer in the area of public parks?

Kirkland has 40 parks totaling approximately 502 acres, including 19 neighborhood parks and 5 community parks. To view an online map of City parks, go to the City website at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us.

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What does the City offer in the area of recreation for youth, adults and older adults?

The City offers year-round recreation, sports and learning programs for youth, adults, families and older adults. Most of Kirkland's programs are offered at variable rates for residents and non-residents. Residents of the PAA currently pay non-resident rates. If the annexation is approved, PAA residents would pay the resident rates. City special events are held throughout the year. For current recreation programs, classes and events, go to www.kirklandparks.net.

What does the City offer in the area of human and community services?

Human and community services are provided by the City's Parks & Community Services Department. The Community Services Division is responsible for Youth and Family Services programs, which include staff support to the Kirkland Youth Council, Human Services Advisory Committee, and the Kirkland Senior Council. The City owns and operates the Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB) and the Peter Kirk Community Center (formerly the Kirkland Senior Center). Human services are provided through contracts with various non-profit agencies. For a current list of agencies, go to www.ci.kirkland.wa.us and search "Human Services."

Kirkland's Proposed Annexation Area

