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FYI and for the record Thanks

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**To:** susan rasmussen  
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**Subject:** Re: Per Dept. of Commerce; Parks element technically not required

Great work Susān! Once again staff is wrong The councilors continue to say they just want what is absolutely required by the GMA, in the 2016 Comp Plan, and nothing more Hopefully, they mean it

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Per Dept. of Commerce, "Technically NOT required to have a parks element in the comprehensive plan per RCW 36.70A.070 (9)

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Hi, Susan.

Technically, a city or county is NOT required to have a parks element in their comprehensive plan under the Growth Management Act. This is because of language in state statute (See RCW 36.70A.070(9)), which states:

Grey 1, 2002, be adopted concurrent with the scheduled update provided in RCW 36 70A 130. Requirements to incorporate any such new or amended elements shall be null and void until funds sufficient to cover applicable local government costs are appropriated and distributed by the state at least two years before local government must update comprehensive plans as required in RCW 36 70A 130

However, if a city or county were to include a parks and recreation element in their comprehensive plan, we would suggest that it be consistent with the provisions in RCW 36 70A.070(8)

8) A park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to park and recreation facilities. The element shall include: (a) Estimates of park and recreation demand for at least a ten-year period; (b) an evaluation of facilities and service needs;

and (c) an evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting park and recreational demand.

Many communities have done that. And they are working to meet the RCO (recreation and conservation office) planning requirements in order to be eligible for RCO grants. Commerce Growth Management Services webpage contains more information on parks and recreation planning.

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/Services/localgovernment/GrowthManagement/Growth-Management-Planning-Topics/Pages/Parks-Open-Space-and-Recreation.aspx>

I hope that is helpful. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Joyce

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**From:** susan rasmussen [<mailto:sprazz@outlook.com>]

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**Subject:**

Hello,

I have a question. Is a county required to write a parks element in their comprehensive plan update? If yes, how extensive does it have to be? Do you have a good example to pass along?

Thank you,

Susan Rasmussen

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