

# GOALS

- ▶ Create a unified, coordinated, and accessible park system.
- ▶ Develop parks, public spaces, and programs that engage and inspire.
- ▶ Develop brand recognition for quality services (signage, PR).
- ▶ Continue to build the city's tree canopy.
- ▶ Establish a national reputation for best practices and the creative use of resources.
- ▶ Be renowned for our responsiveness to community needs and interests.
- ▶ Continue building a team of dedicated, talented and committed employees who are proud to make Providence parks exceptional.
- ▶ Increase biodiversity and ecological habitat as an integral part of parks design.

# PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- ▶ Create safe, healthy, welcoming spaces that meet the needs of Providence's distinct and diverse neighborhoods.
- ▶ Provide enhanced outdoor recreation opportunities by developing innovative, sustainable and responsive parks, facilities, amenities and programs.
- ▶ Develop facilities and programs appropriate for multiple generations of residents including those interested in traditional sports and those interested in alternative forms of recreation.
- ▶ Connect children and families to nature and strengthen communities through our shared spaces that inspire.



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ▶ Parks promote health and connectivity in the community and enhance quality of life.
- ▶ All Providence residents should have recreational opportunities and access to exceptional facilities for traditional and non-traditional sports.
- ▶ Everyone, including residents and staff, should feel safe, welcome, and appreciated in Parks facilities and programs.
- ▶ Quality parks provide spaces where children are valued, supported, and challenged.
- ▶ Parks should promote a variety of inspiring and creative experiences that include healthy risk-taking, free and open play, teambuilding, connection to nature, and performing and visual arts.
- ▶ Parks are drivers of economic development and vitality in the community.
- ▶ Parks Department staff will provide prompt, courteous, and effective service, emphasizing problem solving, inclusivity, and creativity.
- ▶ The sustainability of parks and facilities is based on continual assessment and evaluation combined with adaption, innovation, partnering, and advocacy.
- ▶ We promote sustainability and climate resiliency in parks through creative design and use of resources and materials (repurposing, recycling, revitalizing) and practicing climate positive design.
- ▶ Parks inspire people to live active and healthy lives and to push themselves to excel as individuals and as teams.

