

# PREAMBLE

**Seattle's population is expected to increase by 120,000 people over the next 20 years. Seattle Parks and Recreation needs to continue to provide recreation opportunities for our changing population while also providing opportunities to contemplate and build community, preserve and enhance forest habitat, tree canopy and water quality. Stronger access and exposure to our environment is needed in order to build a sense of responsibility and promote stewardship of these lands with the next generation.**

**The Supplemental Use Guidelines will minimize the adverse impacts of proposed uses in Natural Areas and Greenbelts, and their surrounding environment, while providing access, opportunity and sustainability.**

# PURPOSE

**The purpose of the Supplemental Use Guidelines is to provide a transparent tool to evaluate use proposals in Parks' classified Natural Areas and Greenbelts. This tool will include a check list of criteria that will allow for low-intensity, passive and active recreation activities while minimizing adverse impacts on the environment.**