

A photograph of a suburban street. On the left, there are houses with dark roofs and white siding, partially obscured by large green bushes. A utility pole with multiple power lines stands in the middle of the street. On the right, there are tall evergreen trees and some trees with autumn-colored leaves. Several cars are parked along the right side of the road. The sky is overcast.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

II. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Community Development Element provides a framework for new development and redevelopment, addresses natural features and historic preservation and intends to encourage community and civic engagement through events and placemaking. The Element is meant to address the goals of retaining Fircrest's distinctive residential form and creating gathering places and cultural opportunities for people of diverse backgrounds. It addresses the vision of respect for the natural environment. It is also intended to help carry out the vision of keeping Fircrest a safe, healthy, friendly, and attractive city in the future.

This Element is complementary to other elements of the Comprehensive Plan where specific aspects of community development are addressed. For example, Fircrest's locations for various uses are addressed primarily in the Land Use Element. The Community Development Element focuses more closely on design goals and historic resource opportunities and challenges for the community over a 20-year planning horizon.

STATE AND REGIONAL PLANNING CONTEXT

The Community Development element of this Comprehensive Plan is an optional element under the Growth Management Act. However, some of the policies established in this section do meet state and regional goals. For example, this Element contains goals and policies that foster climate resiliency, a new requirement being implemented in the GMA, and are consistent with Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs).

LOCAL PLANNING CONTEXT

As identified in the community survey, Visioning and Council workshop outreach events, community members value Fircrest's family-friendly nature, existing residential architectural scale, and its greenery and parks. This Element establishes goals and policies in recognition of these values and to better implement the Plan's Vision. The goals and policies include topics like community and urban design, urban forests and landscaping, community events and capacity building.

GOALS AND POLICIES

The following goals represent the general direction of the City related to community development and design, while the policies provide more detail about the steps needed to meet the intent of each goal.

People and Public Places

Community cohesiveness develops in many ways: it can come from a shared vision for the community or can be developed using public places for interaction. Successful public places have the following qualities: accessibility, comfort or image, activity, a welcoming feeling, and sociability. Accessibility means having good links from surrounding areas, by foot, bike, transit, or other means. It also means visual accessibility. The comfort and image come from several characteristics, including a perception of safety, cleanliness, and availability of seating, both formal and informal.



Identifying features, such as a fountain, artwork, or a unique building, may also enhance image. Activity may be a natural outcome from a collection of uses or may be programmed through music presentations, performing arts, or other endeavors. People typically feel welcome at public places that provide basic features, such as lighting, shelter, and play areas for children, along with spaces for meetings or other gatherings. Sociability is when a space becomes a place sensitive to diverse cultural context for people to go or to meet, usually because it has elements of the first four qualities. These public spaces can be made more visually interesting by incorporating local art and greenery.

Goal CD-1: Facilitate the success of public places that foster community cohesiveness by ensuring well-designed and distinctive spaces that support activity and community interaction for disadvantaged groups.

Policy CD-1.1

Provide community gathering places in recreation facilities and park sites, like Fircrest Park, Whittier Park, and the Gene Goodwin Tot Lot, throughout the city and encourage development of new community gathering places, especially in underserved areas of the community. Future redevelopment of Fircrest's mixed-use neighborhoods, especially those located in the Form-Based Code area, should explore opportunities for establishing new gathering places.

Policy CD-1.2

Preserve, develop, and enhance informal community gathering places, such as plazas, spaces within parks, and mixed-use centers that include local cafes and coffee shops with comfortable outdoor seating or all-season parklets. Future planning, especially for neighborhoods located on Regents Boulevard or within the Form-Based Code area, should explore opportunities for establishing new informal gathering places. This can be accomplished by:

- Requiring/providing seating opportunities with multi-seasonal amenities, such as canopies or other cover from the elements and heating during periods of cooler temperatures.
- Encouraging installation of art or water features.
- Installing outdoor plantings and other landscape features.
- Providing visual access to sites.
- Providing for active uses in the space.
- Promoting public-private partnerships and implementing incentives where appropriate to create public places, such as plazas in combination with outdoor cafes.
- In areas regulated by the City's form-based code, redevelopment proposals should establish green streets, squares, and other open spaces consistent with the adopted regulating plan.



Espresso Yourself, a Local Business Utilizing Parklets to Create a Sense of Place

Policy CD-1.3

Design and manage public places to encourage high levels of activity by including:

- Multiple entrances.
- Flexible spaces.
- Linear urban parks.
- Focal points that create activity throughout the space.
- A signature attraction that provides a compelling identity.

- Multi-seasonal attractions.
- Active management of space and activities.
- Way-finding signage and directions to other City landmarks.



The Hanover Fircrest Proposal Calls for a Mixed-Use Space within the Four Corners Countywide Center at 19th Street and Mildred Street West.



Policy CD-1.4

Design and build Fircrest's public buildings and indoor/outdoor facilities to enhance their function as community gathering places. The Recreation Center at Fircrest Park, replaced in 2020, is an example of a public facility designed to be a community gathering place.

Policy CD-1.5

Incorporate and provide opportunities for art in and around public buildings and facilities to contribute to the regional legacy of the Pacific Northwest. Encourage developers to incorporate art as design elements or features of new development, such as for lighting, rails, walls, and benches, as well as the placement of significant art.

NEW Policy CD-1.6

Encourage collaboration between local or Indigenous artists and developers to create public art that respects, recognizes, and elevates Tribal or coast Salish art and voices.

NEW Policy CD-1.7

Strengthen existing businesses to protect them from incompatible neighbors and displacement using public financing where appropriate. Make information and technical assistance available for business expansion and job creation.

NEW Policy CD-1.8

Contribute to economic growth in areas with lower access to opportunity. Support the contributions of culturally and ethnically diverse communities in fostering local businesses, both in the existing downtown core and the new Four Corners Regional Center.

NEW Policy CD-1.9

Actively participate in the Four Corners/Thriving Communities program with the City of University Place, City of Tacoma, Pierce Transit, and Tacoma Housing Authority to develop a consistent vision for the 19th and Mildred regional center.

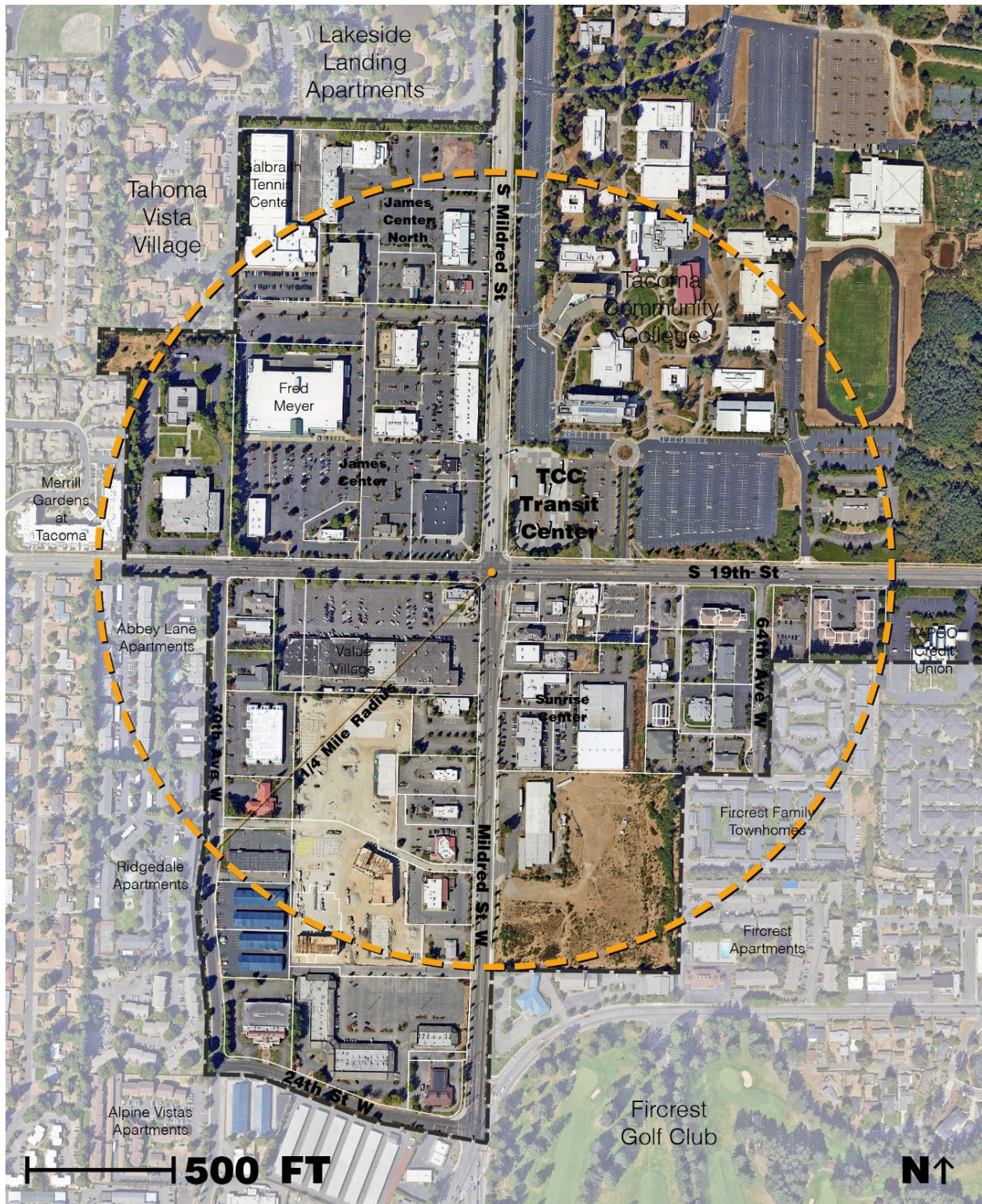
THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Help us plan for the area around S. 19th and Mildred.

The Four Corners area (at S. 19th and Mildred) is expecting a Link light rail station and new housing is already on the horizon. While this will bring exciting opportunities, we also know that rapid growth and change can be challenging.

Share your vision and ideas for the Four Corners in this survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4CornersPC>

Logos at the bottom include: Pierce Transit, University Place, Sound Transit, The City of Fircrest, Tacoma Housing Authority, Tacoma Community College, WSP, Metro Parks, and SEPA.



Fircrest is Part of a Four Corners Area Working with its Neighbors to Achieve a Transit-Oriented Development. Sound Transit Proposes a Light Rail Station at the TCC Station by 2041.

Events and Community Building

Community cohesiveness can also be nurtured by community events, which provide an opportunity to help foster people's interest in getting to know the diverse cultures of the community and their neighbors and form friendships and collaborative networks. These events can also enhance awareness of diversity, cultural traditions, and Fircrest's heritage throughout the community. By providing or supporting community events, such as Fircrest Fun Days, the community Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Car Show, as well as a variety of other public activities, the City serves as a conduit supporting these interactions and possible community building outcomes that can support a myriad of other objectives from disaster preparedness to economic vitality.



Goal CD-2: Promote activities and events that enliven public spaces, build community, and enrich the lives of Fircrest residents.

Policy CD-2.1

Provide links and support access to public spaces to encourage their use through such means as:

- Providing safe, shaded, and convenient pedestrian walkways.
- Providing bikeways.
- Developing nearby transit stops and other transit-supportive facilities.
- Designing for visual access to and from the site.
- Redeveloping arterials into complete streets.

Policy CD-2.2

Encourage and support a wide variety of community festivals or events, such as Fircrest Fun Days or the community Tree Lighting Ceremony, reflecting the diversity, heritage, and cultural traditions of the Fircrest community.

Policy CD-2.3

Facilitate the continued development and support of a diverse set of inter-generational recreational and cultural programs and organizations that celebrate Fircrest's heritage and cultural diversity, such as visual and performing arts, and an active parks and recreation program.

Policy CD-2.4

Facilitate the development of a farmers' market, community gardens, and school gardens that increase residents' access to fresh produce and other healthy food, support local and regional agriculture, and increase community interaction.



A Focal Point of Fircrest is the Time and Temperature Sign Along Regents Boulevard

Entrances and Landmarks

People orient themselves with certain features that include unique public views, defined entries, and landmarks. These features also can set apart one community from another and are part of what defines the uniqueness of a place. Preserving key features like the Time and Temperature Clock, hanging baskets, and creating new ones can help define Fircrest and its neighborhoods.

Goal CD-3: Preserve and enhance key features and create new ones that can help define Fircrest and its neighborhoods.

Policy CD-3.1

Identify and establish distinctive gateways or entryways into the city, support neighborhood efforts to identify and maintain unique neighborhood entryways, and emphasize these locations with design elements, such as landscaping, signage, art, or monuments. Develop and enhance current gateway features at key entry points to the community, i.e., the intersections of Regents Boulevard and Orchard Street, Regents Boulevard and Mildred Street, Emerson

and Orchard Street, Emerson Street and 67th Avenue West, 19th and Mildred Street, 19th and Alameda Avenue, and 19th and Orchard Street.

Policy CD-3.2

Encourage schools, religious facilities and other public or semi-public buildings to locate and design unique facilities to serve as community landmarks and to foster a sense of place.



The Newly-Repainted Wainwright Elementary School in 2024

Policy CD-3.3

Prohibit new billboards and other large signs and use design review for new signage to avoid visual clutter and ensure design standards are met.

Policy CD-3.4

Encourage and require, when practicable, underground installation of utility distribution lines, to allow for a more focused view of buildings, landscaping, and open space areas. Use of underground lines should be required, when practicable, in accordance with rate, tariffs, and franchise agreements and/or regulations applicable to the serving utility. The City should work with utility providers, residents, and developers to find ways of funding the undergrounding of existing utilities.

Buildings and Site Design

There is a high expectation for quality design in Fircrest, exhibited by local guidelines, form-based codes, and design standards. Commercial, multi-family, mixed-use, civic, and traditional residential design projects receive a higher level of scrutiny than detached single-family homes. Generally, these projects are reviewed at an administrative level using the City's adopted design standards and guidelines, which may apply to specific locations or to types of uses.

In 2000, the City adopted generalized design standards and guidelines that apply to commercial and other types of development. These were supplemented by detailed design standards and guidelines for multi-family development in 2015. In 2020, the City adopted a form-based code that applies to mixed-use zones located within the 19th and Mildred area, commonly referred to as the Four Corners regional center to support an anticipated transit village with future light-rail station. The City may consider expanding the scope of this code to apply to an expanded geographic area including nearby multi-family areas and portions of Regents Boulevard.

Goal CD-4: Adopt and implement form-based codes and design standards and guidelines that will achieve design excellence, desired urban form, and community design goals consistent with community members' preferred design parameters.

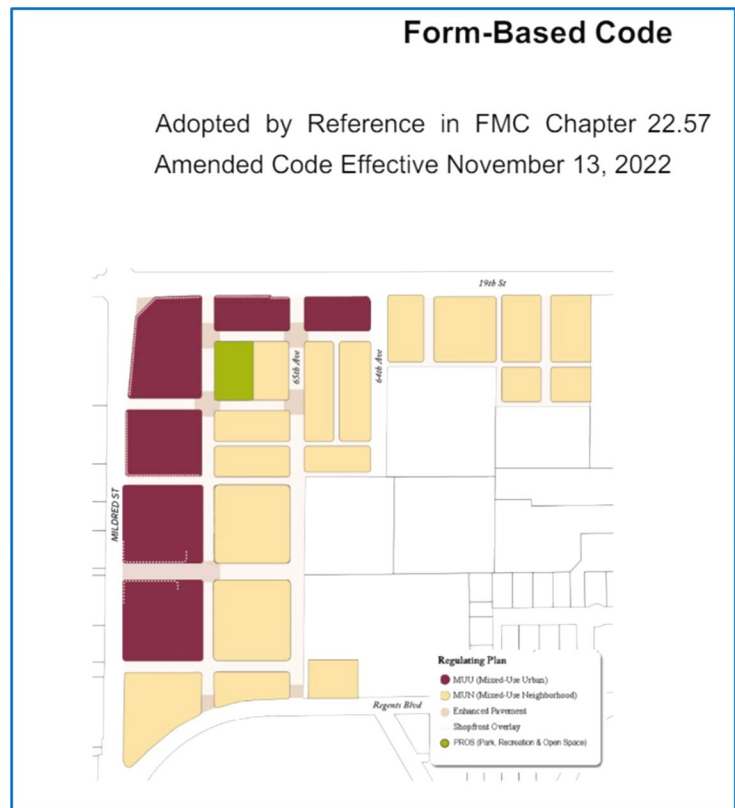
Policy CD-4.1

Implement the adopted Form-Based Codes and design standards and guidelines to guide development. Consider adopting additional form-based codes that would apply to Neighborhood Commercial areas on Regents Boulevard and the City's medium- to high-density multi-family areas to achieve unique, high-quality built environments in each area.

Policy CD-4.2

Apply form-based codes and design standards and guidelines through an administrative review process to help achieve or accomplish the following:

- Development that exhibits the highest standards of urban design, architecture, and landscaping at the transect scale of neighborhood, block, lot, and building.
- An increased focus on the design of the public realm - the public space defined by the exterior of buildings and the surrounding streets and open space.
- A human-scale design that creates a pleasant walking environment for all ages and abilities. Buildings should provide "eyes-on-the-street".
- Elements of design, proportion, rhythm, and massing that are desirable and appropriate for proposed structures and the site.
- Places and structures in the city that reflect the uniqueness of the community and provide meaning to its residents.
- Building scale and orientation that are appropriate to the site.



- The use of high-quality and durable materials, as well as innovative building techniques and designs.
- The use of environmentally friendly design and building techniques, such as LEED, for the construction or rehabilitation of structures.
- Minimization of negative impacts, such as glare or unsightly views of parking.
- Incorporation of historic features whenever possible.
- A design that fits with the context of the site, one that is sensitive to its surroundings and reflective of natural features and existing design and scale.

Policy CD-4.3

Design and build Fircrest's civic buildings in a superior way and with high-quality materials to serve as innovative and sustainable models for the community.

Policy CD-4.4

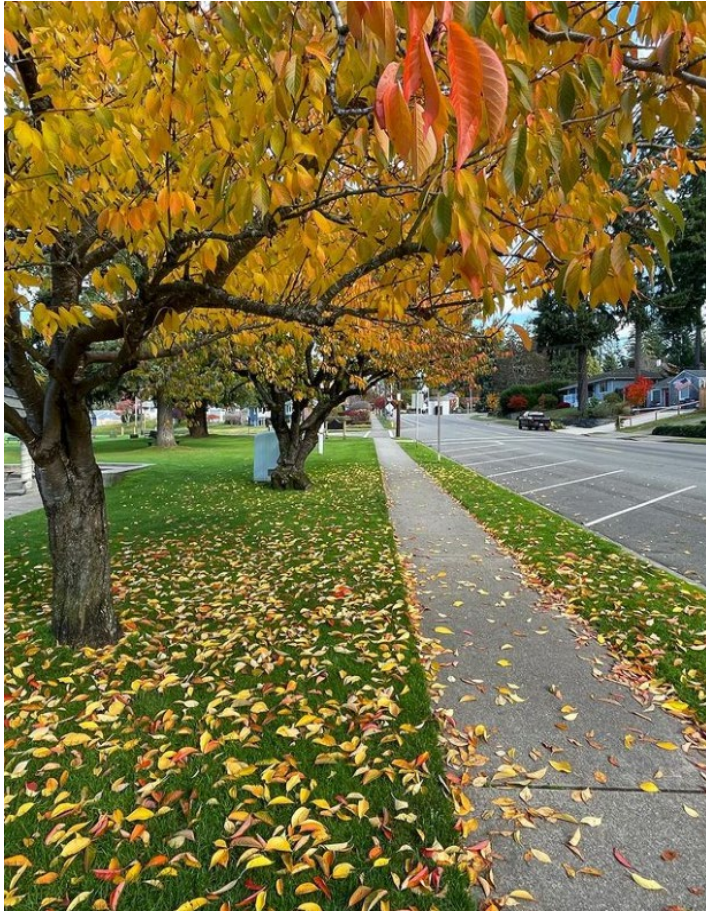
Encourage the use of building and site design techniques consistent with the National Crime Prevention's Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) guidelines to:

- Distinguish between publicly accessible open space and private open space.
- Provide vandal-resistant construction.
- Provide opportunities for residents and workers to view spaces and observe activities nearby.
- Reduce or eliminate "unclaimed" areas, such as unmaintained easements between fence lines and street or trail right-of-way.

Policy CD-4.5

Foster the natural environment and maintain and enhance the green nature of the city, while integrating healthy built environments through techniques such as:

- Encouraging thoughtful landscape and building design that minimizes impacts on natural systems.
- Using innovations in public projects that improve natural systems.
- Preserving and enhancing key areas of open space.
- Requiring the preservation, maintenance and installation of new street trees and other vegetation in accordance with the City's design standards and guidelines, and landscaping requirements.
- Incentivizing high performing energy and environmental standards for new development.
- Encouraging green stormwater and low impact development infrastructure to manage stormwater and help prevent flooding during large precipitation events.

Policy CD-4.6

Encourage design and installation of landscaping that:

- Creates a sense of place.
- Retains and enhances existing green nature.
- Preserves and utilizes native trees and plants.
- Enhances water and air quality.
- Minimizes water consumption.
- Provides aesthetic value.
- Creates spaces for recreation.
- Unifies site design.
- Softens or disguises less aesthetically pleasing features of a site.
- Provides buffers for transitions between uses or helps protect natural features.

The Roy H. Murphy Community Center Includes Thoughtful Street Trees and Landscaping



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Note the Rich Landscaping Along the Traffic Island.*

Street and Pathway Linkages

Streets can be more than just a means of getting from one point to another. They can define how the city is viewed as one passes through and create a sense of uniqueness. Elements of street design, such as width, provisions for transit or bikes, pavement treatments, and street-side vegetation, affect the quality of a traveler's trip and sense of place. These design elements also can affect the behavior of motorists, such as their speed, their decisions to yield or take the right-of-way, and the degree of attention that is paid to pedestrians, bicycles, and other vehicles. Linear urban parks that incorporate pathways and complement the street system can create a park-like setting for the community. Indeed, this is not a new concept – it is something that the original developers of Regents Park attempted to do in 1925.

Goal CD-5: Design streets to distinguish Fircrest from neighboring communities.

Policy CD-5.1

Promote the conversion of arterial streets originally designed primarily to move motor vehicles quickly to complete streets that support safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities, within uniquely

designed corridors that are visually differentiated from arterial streets in adjacent cities. Coordinate with Tacoma and University Place in redesigning arterials shared with Fircrest when opportunities arise for complete street conversions, such as in the Form-Based Code area. Complete streets in Fircrest may include a mix of design elements including sidewalks, bike lanes, special bus lanes, comfortable and accessible public transportation stops, frequent and safe crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, narrower travel lanes, curbside parking, and other traffic calming elements.

Policy CD-5.2

Design complete streets that result in active urban streets, accessible public spaces, and safe and convenient linkages for all users, especially within the Form-Based Code area and along Regents Boulevard.

Policy CD-5.3

Use distinctive design elements to create unique identities for mixed-use areas to link the Regents Boulevard Downtown Core to the Four Corners Regional Center through:

- Specially designed landscape.
- Unique crosswalk treatments and frequent crosswalks.
- Sidewalk design that supports a mix of commercial, residential, and other uses and activities such as outdoor café service.
- Placemaking materials and accessories, such as seating and wayfinding elements.
- Art elements.
- Pedestrian-scale lighting.

Policy CD-5.4

Prioritize historically underserved communities while designing and creating trails, urban linear parks, sidewalks, bikeways, and paths to increase physical activity and connectivity for people throughout the City and to its regional center by providing safe, direct, or convenient links between the following:

- Residential neighborhoods.
- Schools.
- Parks, open spaces, greenbelts, and recreation facilities.
- Employment centers.
- Shopping and service destinations.
- Civic buildings and spaces.

Urban Forest Management

An urban forest refers to the natural and planted vegetation in an urban area—both public and private. A community's urban forest is comprised not just of trees and other vegetation in parks but also trees and other native and drought-tolerant landscaping that line the roadways and vegetation on private property. A well-managed, healthy urban forest provides green infrastructure that:

- Provides opportunities to develop neighborhood and community partnerships that benefit the participants physically, sociologically, and psychologically.

- Can lessen the impacts of drought, tree diseases, insect pests, construction, storm damage and stormwater runoff.
- Benefits the entire community economically, aesthetically, and ecologically.
- Supports the conservation, protection, and enhancement of Fircrest's watershed and the Puget Sound, and promotes the health of fish habitat.
- Has a positive effect on surrounding businesses and residences and people's sense of place and well-being.



Goal CD-6: Plan, manage, and preserve a healthy urban forest that increases carbon sequestration in Fircrest and reflects community urban design goals by establishing effective programs, practices, landscaping standards, and guidelines.

Policy CD-6.1

Require landscaping with a drought-tolerant native plant component (trees, shrubs, and groundcovers) to be installed with new construction and substantial alterations of existing structures, parking areas, streets, and sidewalks.

Policy CD-6.2

Require landscaping to comply with applicable City standards and guidelines for plant retention, selection, installation, and maintenance. These standards are intended to maintain existing trees when practicable, better ensure that plants survive and thrive, minimize conflicts with infrastructure, and in some cases provide a substantial visual screen or buffer.

Policy CD-6.3

Complete an Urban Tree Canopy Report to catalogue existing assets for tree management. Use the report data as a basis to modify development standards for tree removal during development. Track and manage tree removal and replanting using GIS software.

Policy CD-6.4

Apply for grants that protect the natural environment and preserve the existing urban tree canopy.



This GIS Aerial Captures Much of Fircrest's Existing Urban Tree Canopy

Streetscape Landscaping

Street trees and other landscaping treatments are essential for creating beauty and improving the quality of life within neighborhood commercial and commercial mixed-use centers, residential neighborhood settings, and other areas of a community. Benefits include providing shade and cooling effects, providing a sense of enclosure, providing definition and scale to the street, protection from wind; separation from vehicular traffic, and reducing airborne dust and pollutants.





Many opportunities exist for street tree planting and other landscaping treatments in existing neighborhoods and areas undergoing redevelopment in Fircrest. The most favorable locations in terms of making a positive visual and functional impact are within sidewalks and planting strips to enhance the streetscape environment—and within traffic medians to reinforce traffic calming measures.

Goal CD-7: Achieve community and urban design goals through the preservation, installation and maintenance of street trees and other landscaping in accordance with the City's adopted street tree list, landscape regulations, and [applicable design standards and guidelines](#).

Policy CD-7.1

Periodically review and update, as needed, the City's adopted street tree list and associated landscape design standards and guidelines to ensure that they reflect current science as to tree selection, installation, and maintenance.

3. STREETScape DESIGN FOR PEDESTRIAN ZONE

Tree Name	Size (HxW)	Notable Features	Attributes	Image
Sentinel Crabapple (Malus 'Sentinel')	20'x20'	White fragrant flower	Bright red fruit	
Witchhazel (Hamamelis virginiana, H. mollis): T	20'x15'	Fragrant late winter flower	Open airy growth	
Star Magnolia (Magnolia stellata): T	20'x15'	White spring flowers	Slow growth	
Butterfly Magnolia (Magnolia 'butterfly')	20'x20'	Yellow flowers	Aromatic blooms	



The City's Pacific Northwest Climate Allows Heritage Evergreen Trees to Thrive

Residential Design

Today, factors such as an aging population, changes in family size and composition, changing housing needs, and regional housing supply shortages are influencing changes in the social and economic residential fabric. These changes could greatly influence the residential urban design of Fircrest's community. As such, it is important that the City guide future residential development and design in a manner that will be compatible with, and build upon, the assets of existing neighborhood design.

Goal CC-8: Support residential infill development and redevelopment that responds to local preference and demand for innovative, high-quality housing that is sensitive to surrounding residential areas, and that supports community design goals and objectives.

Policy CD-8.1

Periodically review and update form-based codes, design standards and guidelines, and other zoning provisions that apply to mixed-use development, multi-family redevelopment, and single-family infill housing to assess their effectiveness in accomplishing design objectives and community design goals, and to assess the extent to which they successfully respond to neighborhood compatibility issues and concerns.

Policy CD-8.2

Consider expanding the applicability of its form-based codes to medium- and high-density multi-family zones to better ensure a high-quality public realm, design excellence, and neighborhood compatibility.



Fircrest Park Offers Ample Shade

3. DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

3. DESIGN STANDARDS & GUIDELINES FOR SMALL LOT DEVELOPMENTS

Residential design standards and guidelines within this section apply to two types of residential development; 1) small lot developments, and 2) multi-family developments. The standards and corresponding design guidelines are organized by design elements described in Chapter 2, Section D.

A. SMALL LOT DEVELOPMENTS

Small lot developments are single-family residential projects on “small lots.” Small lot single-family development encourages diversity in the size of dwelling units by promoting and preserving smaller homes on smaller lots (see **Figure 3A-1**). Small lot developments may include a mix of attached and detached units provided the number of attached units does not exceed one-third of the total units within a project.

Four design elements for small-lot development are listed below. Each element includes specific approval standard(s) and corresponding design guidelines to ensure that small-lot projects meet the City’s design expectations.



Historic Resources

Historic resources offer a way to connect with the City’s past and provide a sense of continuity and permanence. Those resources represent development patterns and places associated with Fircrest’s notable persons and community events. The historic fabric, together with unique qualities of new development patterns, helps define the essence of a community. It is essential to preserve some historic resources to maintain the aspects of Fircrest that the community loves and to continue to honor its past. Adaptive reuse of historic structures also helps reduce the need to obtain additional resources for new building construction.

Fircrest has a rich history but very few “surviving” historic structures and identified cultural and archaeological sites. Nonetheless, the community takes pride in its shared heritage and history. The City of Fircrest has maintained photographs and other historic records that date back to the beginnings of the community in 1907, well before its incorporation in 1925. Public projects can help foster this connection and build community awareness by incorporating elements of Fircrest’s history into design features.

Goal CD-9: Support the preservation and active use of cultural and historic resources to enhance Fircrest’s quality of life, economic vibrancy, and environmental stewardship.

Policy CD-9.1

Encourage and incentivize the preservation, restoration, and appropriate adaptive reuse of historic properties to serve as tangible reminders of the area's history and cultural roots. Utilize the SEPA review process to consider mitigating impacts of demolishing historical buildings to salvage historic components such as doors or windows.

Policy CD-9.2

Incorporate features, such as interpretive signage and other elements reflecting original historic designs into park projects, transportation projects and buildings on historic sites, when feasible, as a means of commemorating past events, persons of note, and city history.

Policy CD-9.3

Actively pursue grant funding to create a historic registry of properties within the City along with a GIS layer database. Establish an ongoing process of identification, documentation, and evaluation of historic properties' historical and cultural significance and the extent to which it has maintained its integrity. Property evaluation forms, deed documents, news articles, and other information may all be used to evaluate a property. Maintain and update the historic property inventory as new information arises to guide planning and decision making, as well as to provide reference and research material for use by the community.

Policy CD-9.4

Encourage nomination of historic resources that appear to meet Historic Landmark criteria by individuals, community groups, and public officials. A Historic Landmark designation is the most common method to identify which historic and cultural resources to protect. Designation of a property can occur at four levels: local, county, state, or national. Pierce County, the State of Washington, and the United States – through the United States National Park Service (Secretary of the Interior) – all maintain registers of Historic Landmarks. The City of Fircrest has not established a local historic landmark register.

Policy CD-9.5

Encourage restoration and maintenance of historic properties through code flexibility, fee reductions, and other regulatory and financial incentives. Incentives actively encourage both preservation of existing structures and restoration of structures to resemble the original style and setting more closely. Historic resources reflect a use of certain materials, an architectural style, or an attention to detail.

Policy CD-9.6

Protect Historic Landmarks and significant archaeological resources from the adverse impacts of development, demolition, or inappropriate modification.

Policy CD-9.7

Mitigate unavoidable and adverse impacts to the following by methods such as documentation of the original site or structure, interpretive signage, or other appropriate techniques:

- Landmark or archaeological sites; and
- Properties proposed to be demolished or significantly altered that are eligible for landmark designation or are of sufficient age and meet a portion of the other criteria for landmark designation.

Policy CD-9.8

Share survey and inventory information with Pierce County, the State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, federal agencies, the public, historical societies, museums, and other appropriate entities. Use technical assistance from other agencies as appropriate.

Policy CD-9.9

Support efforts by residents, property owners, cultural organizations, public agencies, and school districts to support the development of a more active historic preservation program, including:

- Brochures and plaques.
- Online information.
- Educational efforts to foster public awareness of Fircrest's history.
- Time capsules at public facilities.
- Awareness and outreach during Fircrest's centennial celebration in 2025.



Small Businesses Located in the Regents Boulevard Commercial Area

Community Life

Community life can be influenced over time by how well a community supports its residents - in terms of supporting educational opportunities, the provision of care facilities, public

participation, and sensitive pricing of fees and charges for services offered to those who may have limited physical, mental, or financial abilities.

Goal CD-10: Encourage programs and practices that foster a sense of community and enrich residents' lives.

Policy CD-10.1

Coordinate with Tacoma and University Place School Districts and Tacoma Community College to ensure that Fircrest residents are provided High-quality, diverse, and satisfying educational opportunities. Continuing education programs for adults should be encouraged as well as educational programs for college students and children.

Policy CD-10.2

Encourage the establishment of high-quality childcare and adult care facilities/adult family homes and ensure locally focused essential services are equitable and available for working households. Prioritize locating childcare facilities that offer after school care in the vicinity of schools to increase the safety of children.

Policy CD-10.3

Create city programs that encourage and facilitate the sharing of the talents, skills, and abilities of Fircrest's residents with other members of the Fircrest community.

Policy CD-10.4

Encourage new residents to participate in Fircrest's community life and to fully integrate into the community.

Policy CD-10.5

Consider the special requirements of small children, the elderly, disabled persons, and other potentially disadvantaged persons when making decisions concerning utility fees and rates, licensing fees, park and recreation programs and fees, facility projects, City programs, development projects, and other matters that may affect the quality of life in Fircrest for those who may have limited physical, mental, or financial ability.



The Fircrest Parks and Recreation Department Promotes Many Summer Youth Activities



Many Long-Time Families Donated Generously to Support the Construction of the New Community Center

