

# Advice on Equity Analysis Requirement for Master Plans

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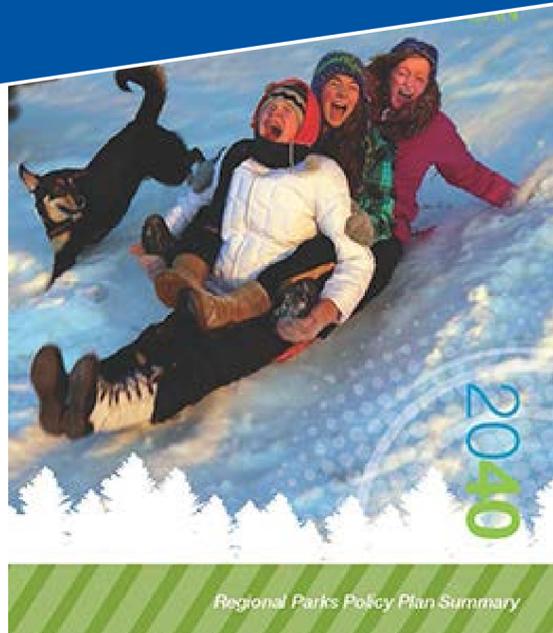
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# What informs park & trail equity work

## Policy Documents

- Thrive MSP 2040
- 2040 Regional Parks Plan
- Thrive Lens Analysis



## Stakeholder Advice

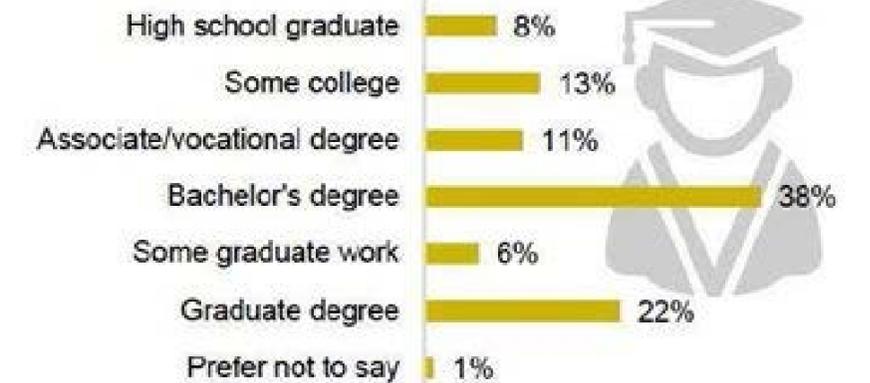
- Equity Advisory Committee input (see next slide) 2017-2019
- MPOSC, implementing agencies
- Focus groups



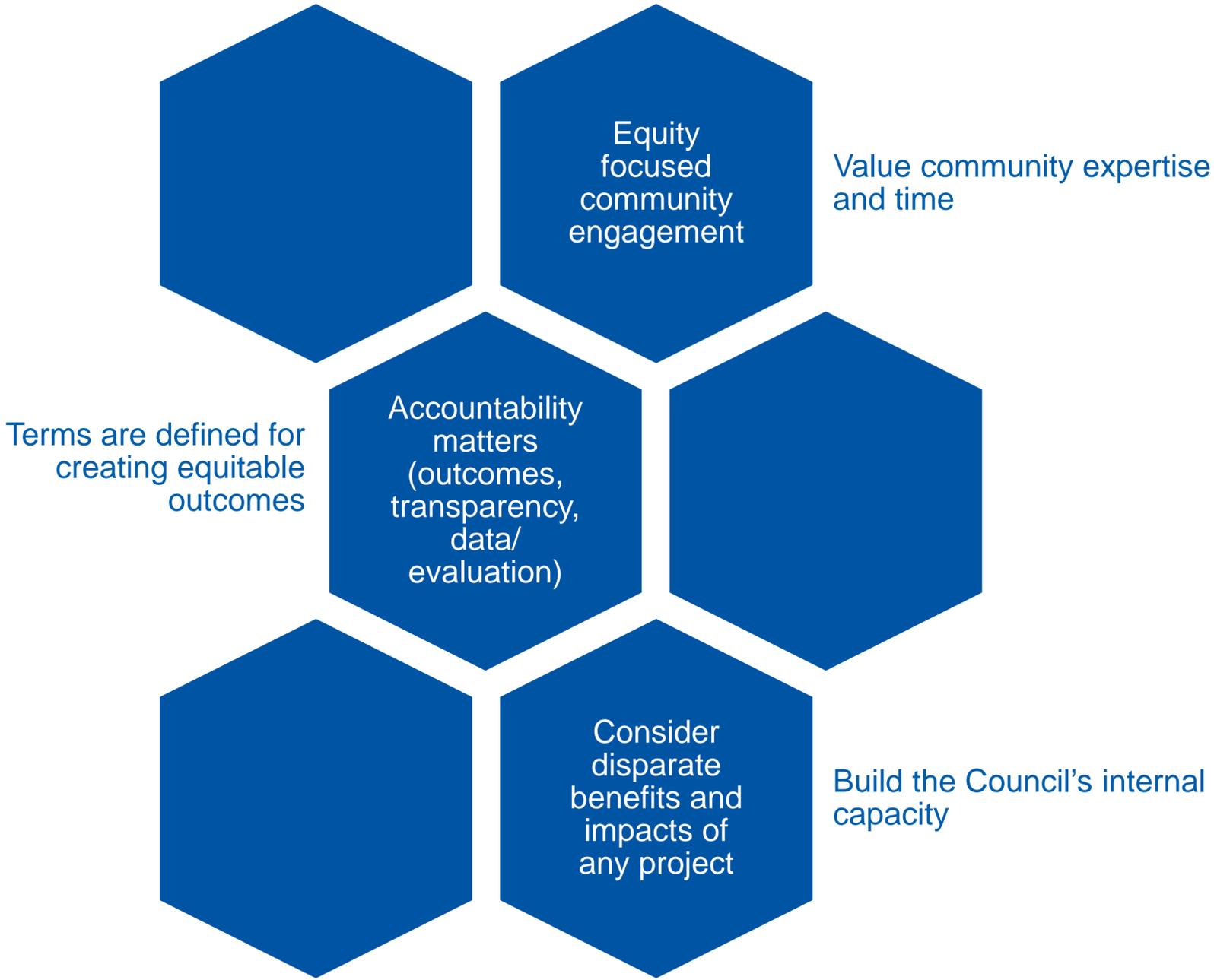
## Parks Research

- 2016 Visitor Study
- 2014 Communities of Color Study
- Equity Toolkit Map

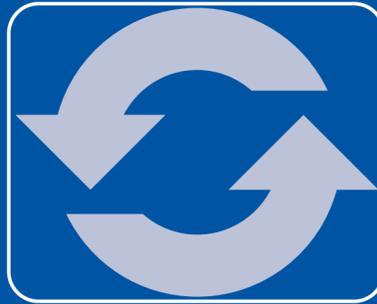
### Education



# Guiding Advice from Equity Advisory Committee Used in Met Council Parks



# What's next: Why we're here tonight



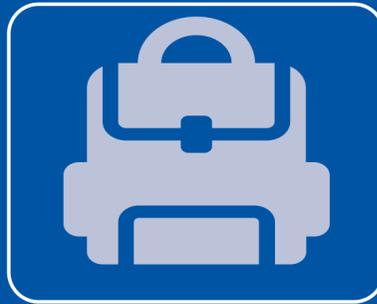
## Equity toolkit (implemented)

- A set of questions used for funding requests annually or biannually
- Increase equity in ongoing funding decisions



## Equity grant program (implemented, new)

- Applied for by agencies, a targeted funding specifically for equity
- Spur increased attention to equity, expand equity through decision-making process, capital expenditures



## Programming and public engagement (implemented)

- Parks Ambassador and Agencies' operations and programming
- Creates a more equitable park/trail system through ongoing efforts to connect people to parks



## Equity analysis requirement for master plans (tonight's topic)

- Guidance and expectations for planners to follow for each master plan or update
- Build equity into long-range planning

# Park and Trail Master Plan Characteristics

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# Step 1: Advising on hopes

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- Identify hopes: What would an equitable regional park and trail system look like?

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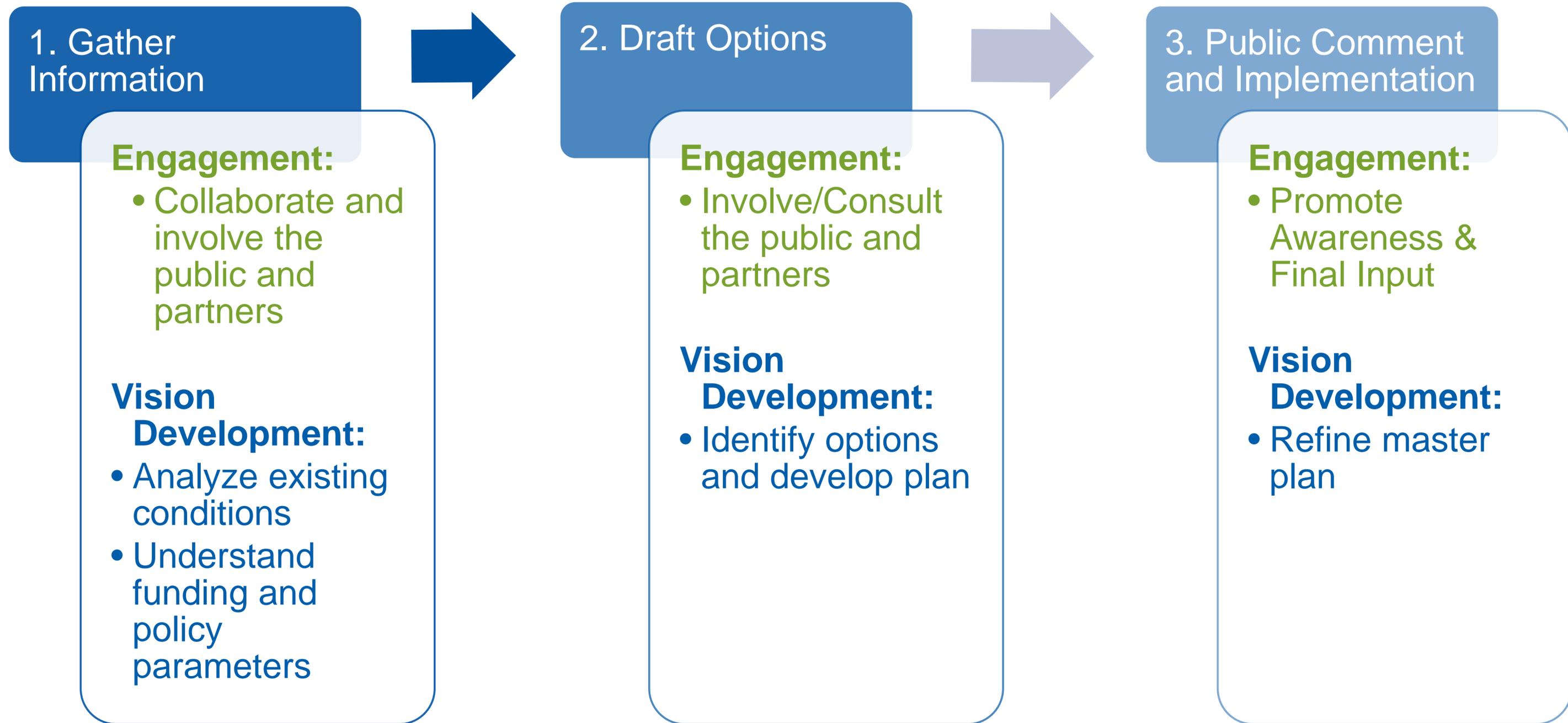
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# Agency Master Planning Process



# Step 2: Hopes/themes applied to MP context

## 2. Apply hopes to MP

- **Guiding question:** To build an equitable regional park and trail system, what questions should master plans address?

# Equity Analysis Requirement Process

Prior work  
2014-2019

Collaborate  
July - October

Shaping  
/refining  
November - December

Approval/  
Piloting  
February - March

