

## Open Space Series Introduction

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Open space can enhance natural and scenic resources, property values and recreation. As communities continue to grow, open space corridors should be preserved throughout the developed region. This series includes photos of several different types of open space. While viewing these photos you may choose to consider how the following keywords apply to each photo. Then, consider how these keywords may apply to similar, present and future open spaces within your community.

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### Open Space Definition:

Any land or area, the preservation of which in its present use would: (1) conserve and enhance natural or scenic resources; or (2) protect streams or water supply; or (3) promote conservation of soils, wetlands, beaches, or tidal marshes; or (4) enhance the value to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations, or sanctuaries; or (5) enhance recreation opportunities.  
*(Redmond, Washington)*

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### Keywords:

beaches, conserve natural resources, conserving soils, enhance land value, fields, green infrastructure, increase recreational opportunities, marshes, natural landscapes, nature preservation, parks, protect streams or water supply, providing openness within urban areas and high-density developments, rural character, trails, wetlands