

# Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update

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# Mission & Goals



## Vision

Clark County Parks & Recreation strengthens a high quality of life for the entire community.

## Mission

Provide an interconnected system of parks, trails, recreation facilities and natural areas that support diverse recreation, environmental stewardship and economic development.

**Goals** are followed by objectives with specific tasks that relate to policies, procedures, practices and projects (CFP) that direct future resources toward achieving the mission of parks, recreation and open space in Clark County.

# Inputs: Plan Recommendations & CFP



Parks Advisory Board can support the planning process by prioritizing the direction of efforts and allocation of existing and future resources to meet the demands for parks' blueprint for the future.

# Public Wish List

## Public Input: "Wish List"

Acquisition	Development	Addition/Improvement	Operational/Staffing
trails	trails	trailhead parking	partnerships
trail connections	trail connections	trail restrooms	security patrols
regional park land	GCPD parks	specialized trails*	year-round restrooms
walk-to parks	off leash areas	drinking fountains	more trash pick-up
soccer fields	sports fields	off-leash areas	partnership for grants
sports fields	water access	all-weather sports fields	regional park fees
water access	disc golf courses	wayfinding system**	P&R collaboration
Off-leash w/ water access	pickle ball courts	dog waste stations	enable volunteers
BMX park/pump track	tennis courts	community gardens	remove invasive species
indoor swimming pool	water splash pads	RV overnight - sports	partner w/ state & fed
outdoor swimming pool	swim/lap pool	picnic shelters	no surplus of park lands
community center	regional aquatic facility	volleyball courts	school collaboration
bank fishing access	regional sports complex	BBQ grills	add grounds keepers
conservation lands	playgrounds	swing sets	add trail planner
	rails to trails	special needs play areas	add park planner
	BMX park/ pump track	lighting for trail running	sports org coordinator
	camp sites, yurts, RVs	sidewalks/paths to parks	community center partnerships
	parking for local parks	benches along trails	P&R dept. combination
	playgrounds for disabled kids	plant more trees	wildlife conservation
	natural play areas	crosswalks near parks	early opening for boat launches
	RC***model vehicles & aircraft	overnight camping	
		skateboarding sites	



# Recreation Trends

Walking and trail use is the highest ranked outdoor recreational activity for the majority of WA residents.

Top five amenities being added by P&R providers in next 3 years:

- Dog parks
- Splash play areas
- Trails
- Park structures, and
- Playgrounds



# LOS: GCPD/UUA Park Acquisitions

<b>Projected Future Neighborhood Parks</b>	<b>existing parks</b>	<b>2014 Need 4.6-2 acres</b>
<b>PARK DISTRICT 5 - county only portion</b>	10	3-6.7
<b>PARK DISTRICT 6</b>	4	4.4-10.1
<b>PARK DISTRICT 7 - county only portion</b>	7	3.1-7.2
<b>PARK DISTRICT 8</b>	7	2.3-5.4
<b>PARK DISTRICT 9</b>	8	4.8-11
<b>PARK DISTRICT 10</b>	6	2.4-5.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>20-46</b>

To reach the adopted standard of 2 acres/1,000 persons for neighborhood park land additional acreage is needed in each PIF District. Future land acquisitions may target a range of 2-5 acres for each NH park.

# LOS: GCPD/UUA Park Acquisitions

<b>Projected Future Community Parks</b>	<b>existing parks</b>	<b>2014 Need 30-20 acres</b>
<b>PARK DISTRICT 5 - <i>county only portion</i></b>	2	1.3-2
<b>PARK DISTRICT 6</b>	2	0
<b>PARK DISTRICT 7 - <i>county only portion</i></b>	1	1.6-2.5
<b>PARK DISTRICT 8</b>	1	.4-.6
<b>PARK DISTRICT 9</b>	4	0
<b>PARK DISTRICT 10</b>	1	.9-1.3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4.3-6.4</b>

To reach the adopted standard of 3 acres/1,000 persons for community park land additional acreage is needed in most PIF Districts. Future land acquisitions may target a range of 20-30 acres for each community park.

# GCPD Park Developments

## GCPD: NH Park **Development** Targets

### PIF Districts

Priority Rank by LOS	Qty	GCPD Parks (undeveloped)
Park District #6	0	n/a
Park District #10	2	Kozy Kamp, Salmon Ck Com. Club
Park District #7	2	Kelley Meadows, Tower Crest
Park District #9	1	Sorenson
Park District #5	1	Otto Brown
Park District #8	0	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	

PIF Development funding is available in Districts #7 and #9 for one NH park each in 2016.



# GCPD Park Developments

## GCPD: Community Park **Development** Targets

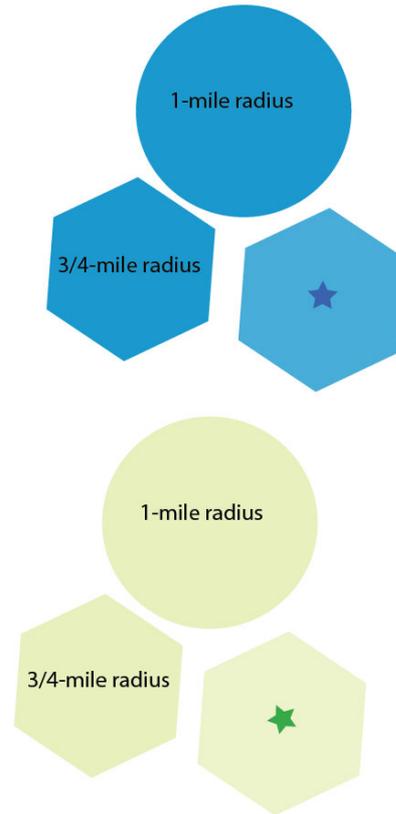
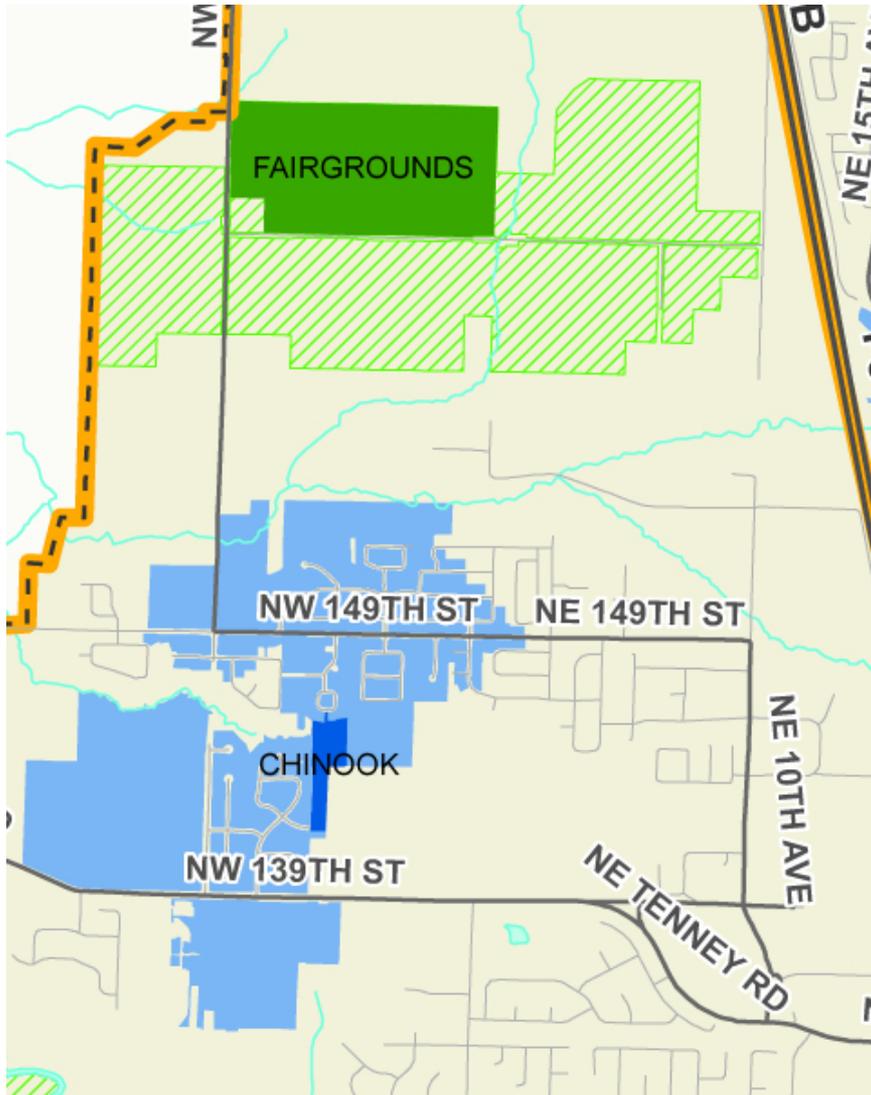
### PIF Districts

Priority Rank by LOS	Qty	GCPD Parks (undeveloped)
Park District #7	1	Curtin Creek
Park District #6	0	n/a
Park District #8	1	Pleasant Valley
Park District #5	0	n/a
park District #10	0	n/a
Parks District #9	0	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	

Sufficient PIF development funding is not available in Districts #7 and #9 for a community park.



# Build-out for Equity



PIF District “build-out” analyses was conducted to examine LOS relative to geographic equity.

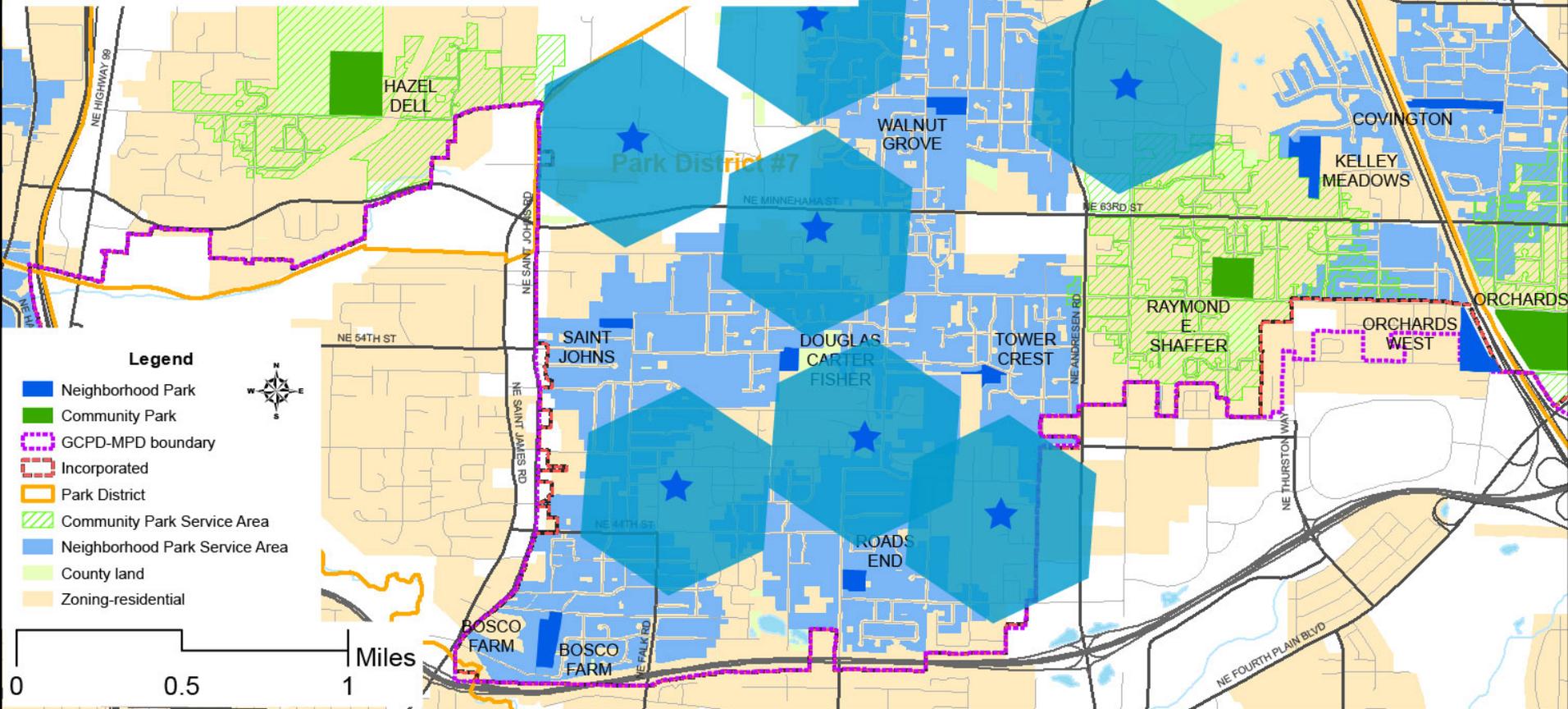
# “Build-out” for Equity

## Clark County PIF Districts Park Build-out Assessment

2 Comm. parks  
8 NH parks

### PIF District 7 Need Assessment

Projected Future Community Parks		2014 Need	2020 Need	2035 Need
	parks	30-20 acres	30-20 acres	30-20 acres
<b>PARK DISTRICT 7 - Shared PIF District</b>		1	1.6-2.5	1.7-2.6
	parks	4.6-2 acres	4.6-2 acres	4.6-2acres
<b>PARK DISTRICT 7 - county only portion</b>		7	3.1-7.2	3.4-7.9
	parks	4.4-10.2		



# Trail Priority Projects

## Target Key Gaps

### Regional

- Chelatchie Prairie RR Trail
- Salmon Creek Greenway Trail
- Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail
- Lake to Lake Trail & Green Mtn connection

### GCPD / Local

- Curtin Creek Trail acquisition
- LaLonde Creek Greenway and Trail alignment acquisition
- Cougar Creek Greenway and Trail alignment acquisition
- Whipple Creek Trail / Salmon Creek Trail



# Recreation Facilities



GCPD Sports Fields: 35 out of 41 have been built. Six more to meet promise of MPD levy.



Sports Field Assessment Study: updated from 2004



Off-leash Areas – assess distribution and seek new site(s)

Disc Golf – implement Frenchmans Bar partnership

Mtn Biking &/or BMX – embrace user groups and seek facilities



Equestrian facility – connection with trail system



Community Rec Center – feasibility study to assess location, rev/ex, partnerships, etc.



# Regional Park System

## Priority Projects

Maintain existing park value and infrastructure through improvements and major repairs.

Acquire public access connections to Green Mountain Regional Park.

Develop Lower Daybreak Phase 1 improvements

Design plans for future:

- Brush Prairie

- Camp Lewisville (Camp Hope)

- Camp Currie

- Lacamas Park (trail system)

- Green Mountain

# Conservation & Open Space

## Acquisition

Collaborate and support Legacy Lands program and conservation lands.

## Restoration

Support and foster restoration on natural park lands, greenways and sensitive landscapes.

## Planning

Coordinate with Legacy Lands in master planning for greenway connection/acquisition and management plans.

# Funding the Future

## Capital Facilities Plan

- Existing revenue sources will not cover future planned expenses
- PIF requires “public share” and will not cover current or future needs alone.
- Grants “could” cover \$.5M / biennial cycle...
- How much should REET funding contribute to future?
- Can existing staffing capacity accomplish CFP?
- Should General Fund help Parks more?

# Goals / Recommendations

## Goals:

1. **Embrace a balanced strategy for achieving a comprehensive parks system.**
2. **Ensure equity and access to parks, trails and facilities for a healthy community.**
  - **Accessibility**
  - **Parks**
  - **Trail System**
  - **Water Access**
  - **Urban walkability**
3. **Provide recreational opportunities for the entire community.**
4. **Be responsible, effective stewards of public lands and finances.**
5. **Preserve our historic and cultural heritage.**
6. **Maintain and enhance parks and recreation facilities.**
7. **Serve the community and develop a dynamic, effective organization.**
8. **Seek adequate funding to meet community needs.**
9. **Forge strong public, private and non-profit partnerships.**
10. **Promote and market the county's parks system.**

# Policies, Practices & Projects

## Plan Recommendation Categories: Urban & Regional System

Policies

Procedures

Practices

Projects:

### Capital Facilities Plan Categories under both Urban & Regional System

Acquisition	Development	Addition/Improvement/Repair	Planning
regional parks	GCPD parks	regional system	regional park MPs
urban parks	regional parks - phases	UUA system	
trail alignments	special facilities	trail system	
special facilities	regional trails		
	GCPD trails		
	trails in parks		